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BY DORA READE GOODALE.

When the icy snow is deep,
Covering the frozen land,
Do the little flowerets peep
To be crushed by Winter's hand?

No, they wait for brighter days,
Wait for bees and butterflies;
Then their dainty heads they raise
To the sunny, sunny skies.

When the cruel north winds sigh,
When 'tis cold with wind and rain,
Do the birdies homward fly
Only to go back again?

No, they wait for spring to come,
Wait for gladsome sun and shower;
Then they seek their northern home,
Seek its leafy, fragrant bowers.

Trustful as the birds and flowers,
Tho' our spring of joy be late,
Tho' we long for brighter hours,
We must ever learn to wait.

Grains of Gold.

Diligence is a fair fortune, and industry a good estate.

If you act with a view to praise only, you deserve none.

It is astonishing how keen stupid people are in discovering effronts.

Good will, like a good name, is got by many actions lost by one.

Books are embalmed minds. Fame is a flower upon a dead man's heart.

All good thoughts, words and actions are from the celestial world.—*Zendayesta.*

A man who can be flattered is not necessarily a fool, but you can always make one of him.

The human heart, like a well, if utterly closed in from the world, is sure to generate an air of death.

Charity under divine impulse may relieve suffering, charity under divine suffering may prevent it.

There is nothing so easy as to be wise for others; a species of prodigality, for such wisdom is wasted.

Advice is like snow, the softer it falls, the longer it dwells upon, and the deeper it sinks into the mind.

Trust him who praises all; him less who censures all; and least him who is coldly indifferent to all.

If you are not satisfied with the necessaries of life, see if you can satisfy yourself by repining for luxuries.

All the blows we strike should be for a purpose; every nail driven should be a rivet in the machine of the universe.

He is happy whose circumstances suit his temper; but he is more excellent who can suit his temper to any circumstances.

Wise men are instructed by reason; men of less understanding, by experience; the most ignorant, by necessity, and beasts by nature.

The brevity of human live is recognized in the abstract by all men; and yet most of them act as if it would last forever.

A dandy's occupation is to show his clothes, which, if they could but walk, might save him the labor and do the work as well as himself.

We can conceive of nothing so little or ridiculous as pride. It is a mixture of insensibility and ill-nature, and it is hard to say which has the largest share.

Great errors are often connected with elevated sentiments, but in order to understand this we must ourselves possess greatness of soul.

The single effort by which we stop short in the down-hill path to perdition is, itself, a greater exertion of virtue than a hundred acts of justice.

Statesmen and enthusiasts, who by their speeches incite men to noble deeds, are divinely inspired, and possessed by the Divinity.—*Plato.*

Those who outlive their incomes by splendor in dress or equipage are well said to resemble a town on fire—which shines by that which destroys it.

Good spirits are often taken for good nature; yet nothing differs more, insensibility being generally the source of the former, and sensibility of the latter.

The effect of water poured on the root of a tree is seen aloft in the branches and fruit; so in the next world are seen the effects of good deeds performed here.

EXTRAORDINARY FASHION IN CIGARS.—A taste for tobacco, in some form or other, seems to extend over the whole habitable globe. In this respect it matters not whether nations are civilized or uncivilized; and, however completely they may differ from each other in everything else, they all agree in a fondness for the "weed." In the mode, however, of indulging in the luxury, there is the greatest diversity, and nowhere is this more strikingly manifested than in the Philippine Islands. It is not till evening that the inhabitants of the higher class begin to stir; till that time they are occupied in eating, sleeping and smoking tobacco, which is nowhere more general than on the Island of Luzon; for children, before they can walk, begin to smoke cigars. The women carry their fondness for it to greater height than the men; for, not content with the usual small cigars, they have others made for them, which are a foot long and proportionately thick.—These are here called the women's cigar, and it is a most ludricous sight to see elegant ladies taking their evening walks with these burning brands in their small mouths.—*Tour of the World.*

THE social event of the year in California was the entertainment given by Senator William Sharon, of that State, at his magnificent summer seat, "Belmont," once the home of the millionaire Ralston. A special train from San Francisco conveyed guests to Belment station, where carriages were in waiting to receive them. The vicinity of the station was illuminated with bonfires, while along the avenue leading to "Belmont" Chinese lanterns were suspended. Over 1,200 guests were present. The entire place was one vast conservatory, filled with rear plants and redolent with the perfume from hundreds of bouquets. The *cartes de menu* were printed in guilt on heavy ribbed satin and those for the ladies were bordered with Valenciennes lace.

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The Paramount Question.

A LOCAL ISSUE.

Messrs. Editors:—The paramount and only question of vital importance before the citizens of Kent county this fall is the liquor question It is not necessary to prove that the licensed sale of intoxicating liquors is an evil and should be abolished, and as it has never been claimed as a blessing, the making of one wife a widow should be sufficient to banish it. If the friends of temperance think they will have an easy victory this fall they are woefully mistaken. Kent is to be the battle ground of the State. The liquor interests of Baltimore city cannot afford to lose Kent. They realize that if the outworks are carried the citadel must soon surrender, and if ever there was a time when the citizens of our good old county—not the voters only, but the wives and mothers and youth—should gird on their armor and go to work in downright, prayerful earnest, trusting in God, that time is now. I am assured of the powerful efforts that will be made by the enemies of our happiness and prosperity in the city to continue and fasten this evil upon us, and I am glad to know we have the sympathy and will have the effective co-operation of the best citizens of the metropolis in our struggle.

At this time I propose to write to but two points. First, the freeman's ballot. Second, the loss of revenue. The freeman's ballot is one of the most precious, honorable and powerful of all his possessions. It is his voice in the council of the nation, the part he takes in debating and deciding every important question of national, State or municipal policy. It is his concentrated manhood—the grand opportunity to make his individual virtue and intelligence a prominent factor in governmental and social policy, and yet, like the child playing with a priceless pearl, how often is it thrown away, or worse, used to damage? Surely none of my readers would sell their ballot for money—part with their manhood, their individual sovereignty for a little cash! Is there a man so base in all our county as to be pointed out as the man who sold his vote? And yet many who would scorn a bribe are influenced by other means to desecrate their ballot. The stale cry of "stick to your party" has perverted many a vote, bought many a vote, fostered the base and crushed the good. But local option is outside of party politics. Democrats, republicans, hard and soft money men, liberals, &c., can fraternize here; but there are other ways to buy and sell votes. The dealer says, "don't vote for local option; you take away my business." If the vote is gained, the price is personal friendship; the judgment, character, conscience and ballot are sold for personal friendship.—Friendship is put in one scale and the happiness and welfare of the community, the cry of the wife for her besotted husband, the mother for her debauched son, the children for their drunken father, all go down before the specious cry of friendship, and the voter sells his ballot. True friendship is grand, and it never demands the sacrifice of conscience and right. Fear of being unpopular buys many a vote. The power and will "to do right though the heavens fall" is bartered for a little popular favor. Voters of Kent, weigh carefully every motive offered to induce you to vote against local option. Scorn to be bought, no matter what the consideration. Let our ballots be intelligent and conscientious, as becometh freemen worthy to be free.

Second, revenue from license. A great hue and cry is made of the loss of revenue by suppressing licenses and consequent increase of direct taxation. I am reliably told that the costs to the county of a late riot at a camp-meeting will exceed $500, all caused by the licensed sale of one bottle of liquor. How many licenses will it take to pay that bill? And such things, although not so aggravated, are happening all over our county. The State receives about $149,400 from liquor licenses. The taxable basis of the State is about $478,468,280. Now, if all the revenue derived from liquor license is lost and had to be levied on this amount, it would only be 3½ per cent. on the $100. Now, a considerable portion of this will still be paid by hotels, eating houses, oyster saloons, &c., reducing the loss to say 2 per cent. Now a farm assessed at $10,000 would have an increase of tax of just $2. Who would have a whiskey shop next door for $2? And if not at our own doors surely we should not be instrumental in placing it at another's. But then wherever local option has been fairly tried it has lessened taxation from 15 to 20 cents on the $100, so that the $10,000 farm would pay from 15 to 20 cents less tax than it now does. Our taxes are very burdensome, and anything that promises to reduce them to this extent and at the same time make the county more prosperous and happy, without bringing one single evil, surely should be most carefully considered by every voter and is well worth trying. The profits on liquor are enormous; this alone is a heavy tax on the individual wealth of the county. Our county taxes are supposed to be spent for the good of the county. This heavy loss goes largely into the plethoric pockets of the manufacturers, to return never, but to be spent in pallatial residences and costly equipages. Then there is the tremendous loss to the county by the loss of labor, crused by whiskey, the ruin of many of our youth, the tremendous cost of our courts, almshouse, jail, &c., and the destruction of property, public and private, caused directly or indirectly by liquor, to say nothing of the desolate homes and of our youth and men gone down to drunkard's graves. But only in a pecuniary point of view we cannot afford to continue this agent for evil in our midst. I should like to give you some facts and figures showing the great pecuniary gain to the county by making the sale of liquor unlawful. In Woodbury, in Baltimore county, a town of 10,000 inhabitants, Wetheredsville, Lutherville, Powhattan, Mount Washington and Mount Vernon, all towns near Baltimore, not a drop of liquor is sold except sureptitiously, wonderfully increasing the wealth and prosperity of those places.

In my next, Messrs. Editors, I propose to show the charge to be false "that refusing license does not lessen the sale and use of liquor," at least as far as facts can prove any theory, and perhaps may examine the legal aspect of local option.

NOTITIA.

Strange Deathbed Scene.

HOW COMFORT WAS MINISTERED TO THE DYING WITH A TELEPHONE.

The Christian *Leader* in a recent issue, says:

When the Rev. E. G. Brooks, the late distinguished clergyman of Philadelphia, was lying near death, his doctor, J. W. White, obtained a telephone to divert him in his constant agony. On taking the telephone to his house, Mr. Brooks was found so weak and so distressed in his breathing that the physician was reluctant to try it, but the sick man insisted on the attempt. The wires were arranged between the sick man and the dining room down stairs. Dr. White proceeds: "When all was arranged, however, to the best of my ability, I placed one of the mouthpieces in his hand, and told him I would go down and test it, and if all necessary conditions had been met he could hear my voice, but that he would have to ask some one else to reply as he was to weak to attempt it. Taking the mouthpiece at the other end, I repeated:

"The Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isle be glad thereof."

"To my utter astonishment instantly came the response:

"Clouds and darkness are around about him; righteousness and judgment are the habitation of His throne."

It was the voice of Dr. Brooks, the tones clear and distinct, the intonation and emphasis perfect. I was amazed. But a moment after I had left him apparently too weak and too much oppressed to speak above a whisper. I was fairly startled. I could not be mistaken, but I could hardly believe the testimony of my ear. I repeated:

"O come let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker."

Again and as promptly as in the church service the doctor's voice responded:

"For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand."

I then repeated a verse from the grand old hymn of Pierpont:

"Not now on Zion's height alone
Thy favored whorshipper may dwell;
Nor where at sultry noon Thy Son
Sat weary, by the patriarch's well."

And, just as though it had been arranged beforehand, as promptly as though a set form were being followed, the voice from the bed of sickness took up the strain:

"From every place below the skies
The grateful song, the fervent prayer,
The incense of the heart may rise
To heaven and find acceptance there."

I next quoted the verse of the familiar hymn:

"O for a faith that will not shrink,
Though pressed by every foe—
That will not tremble on the brink
Of any earthly woe!"

And the doctor responded, quoting the last verse of the same hymn:

"Lord, give us such a faith as this
And then, whate'er may come,
We'll taste e'en here the hallowed bliss
Of an eternal home!"

I was anxious that the Doctor's strength, which was but weakness, should not be too far taxed, and I suggested that he had better allow some one else to speak for him, but he responded, "One thing more," and then, in slow, measured, distinct utterances—the tone of triumph unmistakable—he repeated the jubilant testimony of Paul:

"The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ."

A strange and solemn sensation stole over me. A few minutes before I had left Dr. Brooks, "sick unto death"—so weak, so oppressed, so distressed; laboring for breath; talking in disjointed utterances; but recently roused, as I had been told, from a sinking spell, which it was feared would have been his last. And now, in tones as clear, as distinct, as well enunciated as were ever heard from him in the pulpit when in health and yet minimized by that strange, weird, thrilling, telephonic modification—preserving all that is characteristic in the speech of an individual, and at the same time giving the impression of almost infinite distance—came the triumphant exclamation:

"Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our lord Jesus Christ."

I could but fancy, that, during my absence from his bedside, the silver cord had been loosed, the golden bowl broken and the exultant "Thanks be to God!" was the outburst of the freed spirit. And when I returned to his room and found him still in the flesh, I felt like one who unexpectedly meets one he thought dead.

A NEW WAY TO PAY OLD DEBTS.—A proposition has recently been made that the national debt can now be paid off by the imposition of an annual tax of $20 on "generals," $10 on "colonels," and $5 on "majors." There is no doubt of this. The enormous revenue that would accrue from such a source would in a very short time wipe out the entire debt. After this it could be applied to the settlement of the labor problem, as the fund would be sufficient to make a handsome distribution per capita for the whole country. It is a wonder that General Butler and Mr. Kearney have not thought of this before. It would be no use to impose a tax on any title below the rank of "major," for Captain Vance, the appointment clerk of the Treasury Department, says that so far as he can discover he is the only "captain" left, either of the Union or Confederate armies. This is sad, but in lieu of "captains," a tax might be laid on "judges." Even in the present dull times there are no less than two thousand "judges" in Washington alone, and the "generals" and "colonels" are simply countless.—Many of them would doubtless find it difficult to pay the tax, but sooner than part with the title they would manage to squeeze it out.—*Wash. Cor. Balto. Sun.*

DEATH OF A WOMAN AGED 117.—Mrs. Mary Wampler died at the Montgomery County Infirmary, at Dayton, Ohio, on the 19th ult It is claimed that she was 117 years old. The records of the infirmary show that she was admitted to that institution in 1837, and her age was then recorded at 76. She was probably the oldest person in the United States.

A SUBSCRIBER asks us what is good for warts on horses? We don't know; we never owned but one pair of horses—a wood horse and a clothes horse, and they were never troubled with warts.

LATE into bed and early to rise,
Is a dead sure way to fool the flies.

Drying Flowers in Sand.

The *Ladies' Floral Cabinet* recommends the preservation of flowers in sand, and gives the following plan of carrying out the advice: Take deep dishes or those of sufficient depth to allow flowers to be covered an inch deep with sand. Get the common white sand, such as is used for scouring purposes, cover the bottom of the dish with a layer about half an inch thick, and then lay on the flowers with the stem downward, holding them firmly in place while you sprinkle more sand over them, until all the places between the petals are filled and the flowers out of sight. A broad dish will accommodate quite a large number. Allow sufficient sand between; set the dish in a dry, warm place, where they will dry gradually, and at the end of a week pour off the sand and examine them. If there is any moisture in the sand it must be dried out before using again, or fresh sand may be poured over them. Some flowers will require weeks to dry, while others will become sufficiently dry in a week or ten days. By this simple process flowers, ferns, etc., are preserved in the proper shape, as well as in their natural color, which is far better than to press them in books. White flowers will not answer well for this purpose, nor any succulent plants, such as hyacinth or cactus. Such flowers as dahlias, pansies, carnations, pinks, sweet-william and gladiolus may be preserved for years.

Flowers nearly always begin to fade and droop after being kept for twenty hours in water; a few may be revived by substituting fresh, but all may be restored by use of hot water. For this purpose place the flowers in scalding water, deep enough to cover about one-third of the length of the stems. By the time this is cold the flowers will have become erect and fresh. Then cut off the sunken ends of the stems and put them into cold water.

Law of the Road.

First. Persons driving in opposite directions and meeting in the highway must turn to the right, as the law directs, and each must give sufficient room for the other to pass. If a collision should occur and it should satisfactorily appear that one had kept the centre of the road and had not given the other sufficient room to pass, the first would be responsible, civilly, for any damage resulting from his negligence, and also, criminally, for an assault and battery. If both parties should keep in the middle of the road both should be guilty of negligence, but neither could maintain a civil action against the other. Each would be guilty of a breach of the peace.

Second. When parties are traveling on the same road and the one behind comes up to his fellow, who refuses to let him pass and who purposely and maliciously retards his progress, the one behind must bide his time. He cannot take the law into his own hands and punish the man who causelessly kept him back, but he has a remedy at law by an action of damages. Or, if one comes up behind another and recklessly undertakes to pass him, and thereby inflicts damages upon the one in front, he is not only guilty of committing an assault and battery, but is responsible in damages to the party injured. A person in front has no right to keep one behind him back who desires to drive faster; if he does he is liable in civil damages, but the party in passing must not do it so as to inflict any injury upon the other.

THE REPORTER IS DISCHARGED.—Poor Hannah McFadden, her family to sadden, put on pantaloons and went out on a spree. Her husband, a sailor, and skilled is his tailor, so the clothing was good for a long jamboree. But a lady friend met her, and earnestly beset her, to know the full cause of the strange masquerade. Then came a policeman, who would not release one whom he had arrested for any amount. He collared poor Hannah, whose gorgeous bandanna was wet with the tears from repentance's fount. Judge Louderback called her, then o'er the coals hauled her, and ordered her never to do so again. Then sweetly kissed her, and kindly dismissed her, and told her he'd sentence to-morrow at ten.—*San Francisco Post.*

MR. BEECHER is creating great enthusiasm in San Francisco by his impassioned lectures, although the followers of Kearney are fighting him bitterly. His agent is a skilled showman who understands handling the old man. He first exhibited one of Brigham Young's discarded wives in San Francisco and afterwards conducted a dogshow, but it is universally agreed that he has struck a bonanza in the great enlighted Minister of the nineteenth century.

A GOOD name is best won by good deeds. There is no surer way of being well thought of than by observing well. "You have a little world around you," wrote Daniel Webster to an early friend; "fill it with good deeds, and you will fill it with your own glory."

A CITIZEN was arrested recently on a charge of shooting a neighbor's dog. His defence was that the animal was a nuisance, continually barking and biting, as was its nature to do. "Oh," said the Justice, "you shot the dog in self-defence?" "No!" was the rejoinder. "I shoots him in de head under de fence." He was acquitted.

JOHN HICKMAN, of Pennsylvania, was once waited upon by a temperance deputation to inquire as to his views on drinking. He said, "I am utterly opposed to any one drinking but myself. I like it and take a dram." They took him.

A MODERN philosopher thinks it a mistake to suppose women have stronger attachments than a man. A man is often attached to an old hat; but he asks, "who ever heard of a woman being attached to an old bonnet?"

IT would seem that the only way to secure an honest horse-race in this country is to turn the horses loose on the track, mob the pool-sellers, egg the judges, and throw the drivers over the fence.—*Detroit Free Press.*

"HOW GREEDY you are!" said one little girl to another, who had taken the best apple in the dish; "I was going to take that."

THE United States has railroads enough to make three continuous lines around the globe.