

I go to prepare a place for you.

John xiv. 2.

TASTE NOT.

WHEN you see a drunken man staggering, followed by his little boy, you say, Poor little boy to have such a father! Poor father to be such a slave to so terrible a habit! But he did not look nor act this way all at once? He did not drink gin and whiskey and rum at first. O no! These are the

beer must be a very nourishing drink. When you hear how barley is prepared for beer, you can judge whether that is true.

The barley is first steeped or wet with water, and then spread on the floor till it *sprouts*. Of course this means that the barley is beginning to grow: the sprouts are new barley coming out. Therefore the sprouts must be the life of the barley, the real substance of it. But this substance is not put into the

Touch not, taste not, handle

not.—Col. ii. 21.

WINE IS A MOCKER,
STRONG DRINK IS RAGING;
AND WHOSOEVER IS
DECEIVED THEREBY
IS NOT WISE.

Prov. xx. 1



No drunkard shall inherit the
kingdom of God.—1 Cor. vi. 10.

drunkard's X Y Z, He began with the A B C of the Drunkard's alphabet:—

A-le. B-eer. C-ider.

Now, boys, listen carefully,—beware of the drunkards' A B C, for they lead down to the X Y Z. People will tell you that these three things won't hurt you, but will make you strong. I will tell you some facts about beer, and you can see for yourselves whether there is anything in it to make you strong.

You know that beer is made from barley, and barley in its self is very nourishing, so some people say that

beer, but is called "culms," and is given to the *cattle*! What is left of the barley is the sugary part, and is called "malt." But even this sugar which would help to make fat is destroyed in the brewing, and turned into an evil spirit which makes men babble foolishly, as Solomon says in the Bible. The grains which are left when the malt is brewed are given to the *cattle*; so the *cattle* gets all the solids from the barley, and the beer-drinkers get the slops. —*Selected.*

Be not among winebibbers.

Proverbs xxiii. 20.

In the way of righteousness is life.

Proverbs xii. 28.