

tress, the Ass took counsel with the Horse and the Ox, who advised him to Exterminate the Leeches by a Simple Plan which they explained, but he would not listen to them. He said he was afraid Prohibition would not Prohibit. At last when his Sufferings had become unbearable, a bright Idea occurred to the Ass. "Since I cannot prevail upon the Leeches to desist by wagging my Ears and switching my Tail," said he, "I will adopt the License System. I will permit them to Suck on condition that they render up to me a portion of the Blood." And when the Horse and the Ox saw this plan in operation, they declared that they never heard of anything quite so silly outside of Human Society!

MORAL.—The Licensing of the Liquor Traffic, as a Temperance measure, is the height of folly.