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The Cup of Cold Water.

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Henry Green was a reformed man. He had been a most abandoned drunkard and, in the years of his sad decadence, had shamefully wronged and abused his family. But, in a lucid moment, he perceived, with startling distinctness, the precipice, upon the very brink of which he was standing, and started back therefrom.

For his suffering wife and children, the waste places became green again, and the desert blossomed as the rose. After a long, long night of weeping, the sun came forth, and his smile brought light and gladness to their spirits. The husband and father was a man once more, with the heart of a man. He turned no longer away from them in debasing self-indulgence, but towards them in thoughtful affection.

How quickly is perceived a change for the better in everything appertaining to the inebriate's family, when the head of it abandons his sin and folly, and returns to his affection and duty. All this change was apparent in the family of Henry Green. They had suffered even to the deprivation of every comfort; but of these one and another were now restored, until every part of their humble dwelling seemed to smile again. How happy they were.