

THE LIFE BOAT.

CADET PLEDGE.—I do solemnly promise that I will not make, buy, sell, or use as a beverage, any Spirituous or Malt Liquors, Wine or Cider, and that I will abstain entirely from the use of Tobacco in any form, so long as I am a member of this Order, &c. &c.

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Havoc !

" Cry Havoc ! and let slip the dogs of war !"---SHAKESPEARE.

Does war make havoc of men? What then shall be said of RUM! We have read of battles and sieges, of wide spread conflagrations, and awful shipwrecks;—we have heard of plagues and fevers, of famines and of earthquakes, and our sympathies have been awakened. We have kindled into indignation at the atrocious ambition which sacrifices legions of men in the pursuit of its unhallowed aims; and before the angels of destruction, commissioned by the authority which feeble man may not dare to impugn, we have bowed in silent and sorrowful submission; but none of these causes have ever so affected us, as the steady and systematic decimation of our race, by the time hallowed and law sanctioned traffic in Alcoholic Liquors.

The sudden destruction of hundreds or thousands of men, by other causes, creates a national shudder; people stand aghast terror stricken, and if the waste of life may be charged home upon somebody, then woe to the

culprits for the concentrated execrations of millions will scathe him, or them, with the hot breath of a vengeance, more fearful than legal retribution. But mark this ridiculously impulsive inconsistency! People must not be blown up or sunk in racing Steamboats, to be sure not; people must not be crushed to death upon Railroads, through the bungling of Agents, no indeed; nor will they be guiltless whose wretched shell houses tumble about their occupants, burying them in the ruins, no, no! Yet these things only happen once in a while; thousands of Steamboats accomplish their trips without collision, explosion, or other disaster; the Rail Cars snort along with few accidents; and, most houses keep their foundations, why then this expenditure of fury? Why? Why, to be sure, because human life is the most precious jewel in God's universe! Very well, then it follows that any action which results in the waste of human life is the most flagitiously wicked that can