

On the Pier at Queenstown.
So, there were they, all going home,
In their long gloves and heavy rings,
Chatter of Paris, Venice, Rome,
The Alps, and certain other things—
(Oh, Land, where they and I were born,
Somehow I loved them, half in scorn.)

And there she sat,—her cap of snow
No winter hat, but—her face
A gracious one, I thought, but low
In withering hands, there in her place,
And, ere they parted, she would
For one who—in the steerage—sailed.

And there in that poor crowd he sat:
(The widow's only son was he?)
I know him, for he wore his hat
Low on his brow that none might see,
Through the still haze of his eyes,
His heart shake at his mother's cries.

A young man, tall, with dark, curled hair,
The rose of Ireland in his cheek,
And something stately in his air,
And southern in his voice, to speak
The truth, he looked more proud than vain
Of blood the Armaida brought from Spain.

Rough men with burdens passed her way
With curses and not—her face
And stared. But still I heard her say,
Through many a sob, "My darling would
As from the old world, fading through
The mist, he floated towards the New!"

Then, when the boat had left the pier,
Where, with her head wrapped in her
cloak,
She sat and moved not, I could hear
Through, with his last look, she broke
Into a farewell chant of pain
For this green isle of sun and rain.

Mrs. S. M. PIATT.

EARLY STAGE OF INEBRIETY.

The Scientific American reproduces from the Journal of Inebriety are remarkable articles with the heading above. We commend this article to the attention of all, whether total abstainers or not. It presents views on the subject of "moderate" drinking that deserve special reflection, for there is, as everyone is aware, the most widespread misapprehension on that point.

The number of really moderate drinkers is much smaller than most people imagine. The man who drinks every day for the mere pleasure of drinking, even though never positively drunk, is to our mind a drunkard, and does himself serious injury both physically and mentally. We give the article in full and bespeak for it wide-spread and earnest perusal.

There are found in all parts of the country men and women who use alcohol regularly and in limited quantities. To the casual observer they go on for years in this state and are apparently no worse, and finally die at last of some common disease, leaving the reputation of having lived what the inebriate would call an "ideal life" of moderate drinking. Why they drink is not clear. If they have any reason, it is always sustained by their unbounded faith in capacity to abstain at any time at will. These cases are inebriates in every respect, except in the prominence and intensity of the symptoms. There is no difference between the chronic case of the lower type and the highly respectable, moderate drinker, except one of degree.

Both are suffering from a positive physical disease. In one case the inebriate is developed, in the other it is in the incipient stage. In the latter, from some obscure reason, the case never goes on to full development, but is always on the "border land" awaiting the action of some exciting cause, which may or may not be applied. A repelling and exciting cause, which builds up and neutralizes the injuries received from alcohol to a certain extent, it is not will power which makes the difference between the inebriate and moderate drinker. It is physiological and pathological conditions of the brain and nervous system, which the inebriate ascribes to will power. Alcohol cannot be used in moderation without grave injuries to the nerve centers.

The moderate drinker is always diseased, although to the non-expert there are no clear symptoms or coarse lesions that can be seen. A careful study will reveal physically an irritable condition of the heart, with stomach and digestive troubles, also changing and disordered functional activity of all the organs, at times. Psychically the disposition, habits, temper, and mental state slowly and gradually degenerate. A careful study will reveal physically an irritable condition of the heart, with stomach and digestive troubles, also changing and disordered functional activity of all the organs, at times. Psychically the disposition, habits, temper, and mental state slowly and gradually degenerate. A careful study will reveal physically an irritable condition of the heart, with stomach and digestive troubles, also changing and disordered functional activity of all the organs, at times. Psychically the disposition, habits, temper, and mental state slowly and gradually degenerate.

Not only a small percent of moderate drinkers sink into total death. The disease goes on to full development in a vast majority of cases. The boasted will power to stop at all times is powerless before its peculiar exciting cause. Those who never go beyond this moderate use have simply never been exposed to this peculiar exciting cause. The moderate use of spirits for a lifetime is a mere accident in the order of nature, and the ability to stop, resting in the will power, is a popular fallacy. A certain number of cases have signs of incipient phthisis, which may never burst into the full disease.

A small number of cases exposed to small pox, or any infectious diseases, never take it; but these are the rare exceptions, whose causes are unknown, from which no deductions can be drawn. Moderate drinking that does not go on to inebriety is also the exception. The chain of exciting causes that bring on these extreme stages may or may not be understood, but they always break out sooner or later in the history of the case. Practically the study of this early stage of inebriety is of the utmost value in the treatment. Here remedial measures can be made of the greatest avail in checking and preventing any farther progress of the disease. When inebriety is fully recognized as a diseased condition, requiring study and medical care, this prodromic period of moderate drinking will receive the attention it deserves.

In the meantime, as scientific men, we must continue to call attention to this early beginning of inebriety, so full of indications and hints of the march of

disease, whose progress and termination can often be predicted with positive certainty.—Journal of Inebriety.

THE MINES OF FRANCE.

The mineral wealth of France is very great and has not yet been drawn upon to any really large extent. Speaking of its coal-beds the Scientific American says: Two-thirds of the total yearly production of coal in France comes from the northern coal districts of Nord and Pas de Calais, and from the basin running southward through the Departments of the Loire, Rhone, Ardèche, and Gard, to the Gulf of Lyons. The production amounted to 21,000,000 tons in 1882, which is over one quarter that of this country, less than one-seventh that of Great Britain, and less than half the product of Germany. As early as the thirteenth century the coal mines of St. Etienne were known, but were not worked to any great extent until the revolution. The northern coal fields were discovered in 1847. The consumption of coal in France last year was about 10,000,000 more tons than she produced.

But if France be rich in coal, she is likewise so in iron. "Brown hematites are," says our contemporary, "found tolerably pure and free from phosphates. The oolitic ores are the most abundant, the main mines being in the Department of Meurthe et Moselle. According to R. P. Porter in the Tribune, there were 4,820,000 tons of iron ore consumed in 1882, of which 40 per cent was imported from Spain, Belgium, Germany, Italy, and Algeria. The principal iron manufacturing districts are the Nord group, the Loire and Rhone group, and the Moselle group. The Loire and Rhone district is the most extensive in France, containing the finest iron and steel works in the country—that of Crouzet. Forty years ago Crouzet was almost unknown, but now it is a live place, containing 30,000 people, all employed in one establishment. The works are the largest in the world carried on by one proprietor, with the exception of those of Herr Krupp. In 1882 France produced 2,033,000 tons of pig iron, 1,074,051 tons of wrought iron, and 454,053 tons of steel.

Copper, lead, tin and zinc are also found in France but not in large quantities. But the country is, however, rich in salt. The number of quarries is about 25,000, employing fully 100,000 men.

IMMORAL NEWS.

From the Boston Courier.
The question has been often enough discussed, but the terrible wave of crime which is sweeping over the country brings it up with renewed urgency, how far respectable papers can or should enter into the shocking details of offences. The daily press all over the land is literally crowded with minute accounts of the most horrible and revolting enormities, murder, theft, rape and offences which in decent society are hardly named. Headlines in column after column tell the same story over and over, so that even he who runs can scarcely help reading, however surely it may be against his will. In one of the New York dailies, one day last week, at the head of every column on the first page were headlines calling attention to a new and startling series of crimes.

The effect upon the rising generation, or for that matter upon the present generation, cannot but be harmful and degrading. The influence of the continued presentation of horrible offences produces an abnormal and morbid state of mind, while the harm that results from the blunting of all natural feeling of abhorrence, is in itself an evil that strong efforts should be made to avoid it. The fact is sufficiently well established in criminal psychology, moreover, that imitation is a powerful incentive to crime. Suicides follow suicides, murders tread upon each other's heels, while the more horrible and abnormal the offence, the more readily can it be imitated. A striking and terrible example of this was afforded at Birmingham, Alabama, last week, where the lynching of a negro for a fearful crime incited a weak-minded half-blind colored man to repeat the act.

From these reasons it follows that the newspapers, in their zeal to print whatever occurs and to appeal to every appetite, however unhealthful, are becoming the enemies of decency and order, and the abettors of crime and disorder. Just where the line should be drawn it is not, perhaps easy to say, but any right-minded editor who is honestly willing to make some sacrifices for the public good, is not likely to go very far astray in this matter if he acts up to his best judgment. Nor do we believe he would be the loser in the end, for surely the best feeling of the community is already revolting against having the entire press of the land turned into a series of Police Gazettes.

The Priest and the Surgeon.

Dupuytren was a famous surgeon, but brusque and unpublishable a voutance. One day he entered his house, and found installed in the ante-room an old priest, who had long been waiting his return. "What do you want of me?" growled Dupuytren. "I wish you to look at this," meekly replied the priest, taking of an old woman's cravat, which revealed upon the nape of his neck a hideous tumor.

Dupuytren looked at it. "You'll have to die of that," he coolly remarked. "Thanks, doctor," simply replied the priest, replacing his cravat. "I am much indebted to you for warning me, as I can prepare myself, as well as my poor parishioners, who love me very much."

The surgeon who was never astonished at great things, looked upon the priest, who received his sentence unmoved, with amazement, and added, "Come to-morrow at 3 o'clock to the Hotel Dieu and ask for me."

The priest was prompt. The surgeon

procured for him a special room in the hospital, and in a month's time the man came out cured. When leaving he took out a bank 30 francs in small change. "I am all I can offer you, doctor," he said; "I am here on foot from R—in order to save this."

The doctor looked at the money, smiled and drawing a handful of gold from his pocket, put it in the bag along with the bank notes, saying, "It is for the poor," and the priest went away.

A THRILLING ADVENTURE WITH A SHARK.

Alfetto, the Spanish diver, met with a remarkable adventure on the 22nd of September, and sank just inside the bar. The doctor looked at the money, smiled and drawing a handful of gold from his pocket, put it in the bag along with the bank notes, saying, "It is for the poor," and the priest went away.

"As you know, we had made our fourth descent, while my companion huddled into the vessel, I waited on the ground till he should attack the cords to draw something out. I was just about to signal to be drawn up for a moment's rest when I noticed a shadowy body moving at some distance above me and toward me. A moment later a fish had appeared, the very crustacean lay still upon the sand, and the cuttlefish scurried away as fast as they could. I was not thinking of danger, and my first thought was that it was the shadow of a passing boat. But suddenly a feeling of terror seized me; I felt inspired to flee from something. I saw that a large horror seemed grasping after me such as a child fancies when leaving a darkened room. By this time the shadow had come nearer and taken shape. It scarcely needed a glance to show me that it was a man-eater, and of the largest size. Had I signalled to be drawn up, I could do so to remain still until it left. 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