

THE DRUNKARD'S HOME.

What a different picture this is from that on the front page! And what is the cause of the difference? It is because one shows the family of a sober, honest, upright man, while the other represents the poor home and family of a drunkard, a man who loves strong drink more than his wife and child.



It is one of the saddest sights in the world to see a man inflamed with drink. It turns him from a loving husband and father into a raving beast. He does not know what he is doing, and often wounds and even kills those that in his sober senses he loves and cherishes. Anything that has such an evil effect must be wrong to touch or taste. That is why it is a sin, to use strong drink. It always leads to misery.

OPOSSUMS.

All opossums do not have pouches, but the Virginia opossum has. In Mexico there is a kind of opossum no bigger than a mouse, and it is bright red in color. Then they have striped opossums in Brazil. Opossums will suck the blood of chickens and birds, but will not eat the meat. They generally live on bugs and such things. An opossum uses its tail almost as much as its feet in climbing a tree. Sometimes, when the little opossums get tired of being shut up in their mother's pouch, they climb on her back; she then raises her tail, and they wrap their little tails around it and ride around on her back.

A little girl was trying to tell her mother how beautiful a certain lady could trill in singing, and said, "You ought to hear her gargle; she does it so sweetly!"