

HURRAH FOR PROHIBITION!

The temperance folks are walking up,
And rousing all the nation,
To put the liquor traffic down,
And drive it from creation.
The stills and drinking dens are doomed
To lawful demolition;
For all good men are going in
For legal prohibition.
Hurrah! hurrah! hurrah!
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For all good men are going in
For legal prohibition.

We've tried persuasion long enough
No use to try it longer;
It will not stop the traffic, and
We must have something stronger.
The heartless fiends who make and sell
The beverage of perdition,
Must have their "breathing holes
of hell!"
Shut up by prohibition.
Hurrah! hurrah! hurrah!
Hurrah! hurrah! hurrah!
Must have their "breathing holes
of hell!"
Shut up by prohibition.

Too long King Alcohol has reigned,
All hiseral ussion scorning;
Too long his murderous savages
Have filled the land with mourning.
Rumsellers care not for our prayers
Or tears, or admonition;
But there's a power can make them quake—
'Tis legal prohibition;
Hurrah! hurrah! hurrah!
Hurrah! hurrah! hurrah!
But there's a power can make them quake—
'Tis legal prohibition.

No scoffs of foes, doubts of friends
Shall weaken our endeavour,
To brand the traffic with disgrace,
And wipe it out for ever!
Right on shall go the noble work,
Until its full completion;
We'll "fight it out upon the line"
Of total prohibition.
Hurrah! hurrah! hurrah!
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Of total prohibition.

MY WIFE'S BRIDAL TOUR.

When I married my second wife she was dreadful set about going off on a bridal tour. I told her she had better wait six months or a year and I'd try to go with her, and she said she'd rather go alone—when women was traveling, a man was an out-and-out humbug. So I gave her seventy-five cents and told her to go and have a good time. I never begrudge money when my wife's happiness is concerned. My first wife never could complain of not going anywhere, for I am dreadful fierce to go off on a good time myself, I don't pretend to say how many times I took her out to see the sights; and there was no end to the free lectures I let her go to. The neighbors used to say: "It beats all how the Skinners do go!"
When the circus was in Brunkville the agent gave my wife a complimentary ticket. I not only sold that ticket for my wife, but gave her half the money. I don't boast of it; but I only mention it to show how much I thought of her happiness.
I don't think any man ought to get married until he can consider her happiness second to his own. John Wise, a neighbor of mine, did thusly, and when I got married I concluded to do likewise.
But the plan didn't work in the case of my second wife. No—I should say not. I broached the subject kindly.
'Matilda,' said I, 'I suppose you are aware that I am your lord and master?'
'Not much, you ain't,' said she.
'Mrs Skinner,' said I, 'you are fearfully disorganized. You are cranky. —and I brandished my new sixty cent umbrella wildly around her.
She took the umbrella away from me and locked me up in the clothes-press.
I am quick to draw an inference, and the inference I drew here was that I was not a success as a reorganizer of women.
After this, I changed my tactics. I let her have her own way; and the plan from the first worked like a charm. It is the best way of managing a wife that I know of.
Of course, this is between you and me, it's a secret worth knowing.
So when my wife said she was bound to go off on a wedding tour any how, I cordially assented.
'Go, Matilda,' said I, 'and stay as long as you want to, then if you feel as though

you would like to stay a little longer, stay, my dear,'
She told me to stop talking, and go up stairs and get her flannel night-cap, and that bag of pennyroyal for her Aunt Abigail. My wife is a smart woman.
She was a Baxter—and the Baxters are a very smart family, indeed. Her mother, who is going on eighty can fry more slapjacks now than half of these primp up town girls who rattle on the piano or walk the streets with their furbelows and fixings, pretending to get mad if a young chap looks at them pretty hard but getting mad in earnest if you take no notice of them at all.

Ah! girls ain't what they used to be when I was young, and the fellows are worse still. When I went courting, for instance, I never thought of staying till after ten o'clock, and only twice a week. Now they go seven nights in the week and cry there ain't eight. Then they write touching notes to each other during the day—Dear George: Do you love me as much as you did at a quarter to twelve last night? Say you do dearest, and it will give me courage to go down and tackle them cold beams left over from yesterday.

Well, well! I suppose they enjoy them selves, and it ain't for us old folks whose hearts have got a little calloused by long wear, to interfere. Let them get together and court if they like it—and I think they do. I was forty-seven when I courted my present wife, but it seemed just as pipe to sit on a little cricket at her feet, and let her smooth my hair as it did thirty years ago.

As I said before, my wife was a smart woman; but she couldn't be anything else and be a Baxter. She used to give lectures on woman's rights, and in one place where she lectured a big college conferred the title L L D, upon her.

But she wouldn't take it.
'No, gentlemen,' said she, 'give it to the poor.' She was always just so claritable. She gave her boys permission to go barefooted all winter, and insisted on it so much in her kind way that the boys could not refuse.

She fairly dotes upon my children, and I have seen her many a time go for their trousers pockets after they had gone to sleep, and take out their pennies and put them in her bureau drawer—
for fear they might lose them.

I started to tell you all about my wife's bridal tour, but the fact is I never could find out much about it myself. I believe she had a good time. She came back improved in health, and I found out before she had been in the house twenty-four hours that she had gained strength also.
—I don't say how I found out. I simply say I found out.
In conclusion, I would say to all young men, marry your second wife first, and keep out of debt by all means, even if you have to borrow the money to do it.
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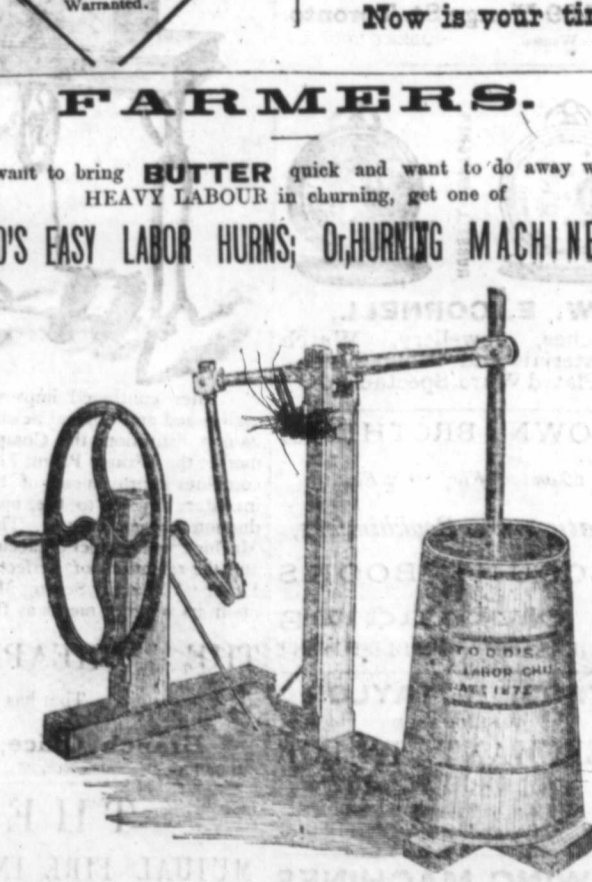
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