


## THE POWER OF A BAD HEART.

 SABBATH School teacher going one day to inquire after an absent scholar, went into a chandler's shop, where a man partly drunk was buying a piece of tobacco. The shop-keeper tore a leaf from an old Bible, and was about to wrap the tobacco up in it. "Excuse me, sir," said the man; I should be glad if you would put the tobacco in another piece of paper, for I cannot bear to see the Bible used so."

Such a remark from such a man surprised the bystanders, and the Sabbath School teacher asked how it was that he, who professed so much outward respect for the Word of God, was not trying to live according to its pure and holy precepts. "I know your meaning," said the lover of rum and tobacco; "I am sensible of what I am doing, and where I am going; I know it as well as you can tell me; but," he continued with terrible emphases, and bouncing his fist upon the counter, "*I love the liquor, and the liquor I will have.*"

In spite of conscience, in spite of the Bible, in spite of friends, in spite of every effort to save him, this man will go down to a drunkard's grave. The appetite for strong drink has got hold of him, and will drag him to ruin. Let the young men and the boys, for I am sorry to say there are such, who are just beginning to drink and to smoke, mark this well.—*Abst. Journal.*

## SELF-MADE MEN.

"I CAN'T do it."—Yes you can! Try—try *hard*—try *often*—and you will accomplish it. Yield to every discouraging circumstance, and you will do nothing worthy of a great mind. Try, and you will do wonders. You will

be astonished at yourself—your advancement in whatever you undertake. *I can't* has ruined many a man, has been the tomb of bright expectations and ardent hopes. Let "*I will try,*" be your motto, in whatever you undertake, and if you press onwards, you will steadily and surely accomplish your object, and come off victorious. *Try—keep trying*—and you are made for this world. Never be cast down by trifles. If a spider break its thread twenty times, he will mend it again. Make up your mind to do anything, and you will do it. Fear not, if trouble comes upon you: keep up your spirits though the day be a dark one. As an encouragement, to begin—to persevere—and to conquer—read the following list of "Self-made Men." George Abbott, (Archbishop of Canterbury) was the son of a clothier.

Adams, (astronomer—discoverer of the planet Neptune) son of a farmer.

Æsop was a slave.

Bloomfield, (the poet) was a shoemaker.

Bramah, (the celebrated engineer) was bred a carpenter.

Burns (the poet) was a shepherd.

Bunyan was a travelling tinker.

Cervantes, (author of Don Quixote, &c.) was a common soldier.

Columbus, (the discoverer of America) was a weaver.

Captain Cook (the great navigator) was, at the age of thirty, a common sailor.

Cromwell, (Protector of England) was the son of a brewer.

Thomas Cromwell, (Earl of Essex) was the son of a blacksmith.

Demosthenes, was the son of a cutler.

Dr. Farady, (one of the first philosophers of the day) was a bookbinder.

Dr. Franklin, (philosopher and