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An Hour in a Bar-Room.

This is the subject of one of Irenæus Letters in the New York Observer. The venerable editor was compelled to go into a tavern at a railway station, while waiting for a train, to obtain food which he could not procure elsewhere. After detailing his observations and reflections as he ate his lunch in sight of the bar of this house, kept by an English woman, he concludes thus:

And there may be a meaner and lower business than this among the trades and traffics of the world we live in. But I do not know what it is. No other business in the world is attended by so large an amount of sin and misery. There is no traffic that is so utterly without apology, justification, or excuse. It does no good to anybody, and certainly does an immense amount of evil. The customers to whom the rumseller ministers are debased, and more so the more they trade, and so it comes to pass that the larger the business done the more evil is wrought. This bar-woman said she took in thirty dollars as the fruit of last evening's carouse. That she thought was doing well. There were probably half a dozen men; men of families, who spent five dollars each, and went home drunk. Follow them there. No ink is red enough to describe the scenes in the drunkard's house.

And such a mill is run in every village, near every railway station, in the midst of Christian churches, and school-houses and intelligent citizens, in a State where laws are made and executed for the protection of the people! And in each of these mills is hung up in full view a LICENSE from the State, by which it is made the right for a woman to deal out this ruinous stuff! The State allows it, takes pay for allowing it, itself sells the authority by which the citizen is authorized to poison his neighbor and fill the community with vice, poverty, and misery. It is wrong to license such a traffic. It is not only right, but also expedient and a duty to forbid it. It is the highest absurdity for a government of the people, existing for the good of the people, to enact laws by which ten thousand men in New York may be licensed to traffic in that which makes it necessary also for the same government to support prisons and poor-houses, hospitals and asylums, at a cost of uncounted millions of dollars raised by taxing the same people! And this is self-government.

Man's worst enemy is a man. He puts into his mouth not a pistol to blow his brains out, that were a short and simple mode of doing the naughty business; he puts into his mouth a liquid that drowns his reason, conscience, self-respect, capacity for business, love for his family, regard for his reputation, and finally reduces him to the lowest level on which humanity crawls. He may be a gentleman when he begins his downward course. Or he may have never been called by that pleasing name. It is all one with the tempter and the tempted. He drinks and he is damned. His hell begins in a barroom. His worm never dies. That fire is never quenched. Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no power in a great, intelligent, Christian State, to take this gigantic vice by the throat, and throttle it in the midst of its squalor and shame?

I am not one who thinks this thing ought to be left to cure itself. It never did that and never will. They who are not in its toils and fangs ought to make it hard for others to be destroyed.

Business Morality.

Religion bids men be honest, not because honesty is the best policy merely; be truthful, not because lying is unmanly only; be temperate not, because intemperate habits weaken the intellect and impair the vital energy, and, in short, put you outside the pale of society; but be all these from one supreme, absorbing motive, the fear you have of offending a loving God and of Christ which will alone make us true to man. Our religion will not be of that kind which displays deep emotion in the words of our lips, and then goes out to drive very hard bargains, if not to steal. And what do some men mean by this business morality? Surely not that God allows and winks at some recognized code of signals by which, if one man can over-reach another, it is all fair-play. Are the strict commandments of God to be admitted into the church and an expurgated and revised edition hung up in the court-house? Of many business transactions it may be said: "Everybody does, it;" but the Christian man will say: "So do not I because of the fear of God." And so, too, will this powerful motive, the fear of God, purify into a bright, honest, cheerful single-mindedness and considerate kindness, the reciprocal duties of employer and employed. The servant will not reason "My Lord delayeth his coming; I may do this trifling piece of commission, and no human eye will detect me." The landlord will not hardly press his tenant, though long accepted precedents still flourishing around him may invite his imitation. The workman will not "scamp his work, or waste the time of his employer. Why? "Because of the fear of God."—Sunday at Home.

Something Wrong in Birdland.

"I don't want to!" snapped Tweet.

"Why, my child! my child!" exclaimed Mother Bird in alarm, "can it be possible that a bird has learned to talk in that way?"

"Well, I don't want to take my flying-lesson to-morrow, and I think you might let me do as I please one day!"

"Why—why Tweet, I don't understand this at all," said Mother Bird with increasing alarm. "I don't unstand it at all. A bird saying, 'I don't want to take my flying-lesson!'"

"Well, I don't!" said surly Tweet, crowding down into the nest as if determined not to leave it again if she could help it.

"What does it mean!" thought Mother Bird. "Such a thing was never before heard of among birds. Where did she learn it? What could have put such an idea into her head? Why, I'm all of a tremble. This is the most shocking thing that ever disturbed the peace of a bird. It's worse than a cat, and I never could have supposed that anything could possibly be worse than a cat. And it's my Tweet—my Tweet, who says 'I don't want to.' O dear! I wish Father Bird would come home. I can't make it out at all."

And there sat Mother Bird all that long afternoon, thinking, worrying, her heart in a great flutter every moment because Tweet had said, "I don't want to."

When Father Bird came she slipped from the nest, and after a while, when they were alone, she told him all about how Tweet had acted, and what she had said.

Now, Father Bird had seen a great deal more of the world than Mother Bird, and catching a glimpse of a light print dress flitting about among the shrubbery of the garden near by, he felt sure that he had solved the problem at once. He spoke a few comforting words to Mother Bird, and then, without a word of the thought that was in his mind, he flew over to the roof of the house near by.

Very soon a sweet faced mother came to the door and called:—

"Come into the house, Nelly; it's too damp for you to be out any longer."

"I don't want too," replied the little girl whom Father Bird had seen walking in the garden. "It's nice out here, and I want to stay longer."

"Not to-night Nelly," said the mother, very kindly, but firmly.

"O, dear, I don't want to go in now, and I don't see why I can't do just as I please, for once."

"There!" said Father Bird as he flew home through the gathering twilight; "its just as I thought—Tweed has learned from this little girl to say 'I don't want to.' There's no telling how many more bad things that child may teach my birdies, and I must get them away from this place as soon as I can. I'll direct Tweet's flying-lesson to-morrow myself, and just as soon as the little ones can fly far enough we must go away from the little girl who teaches birdies to say, 'I don't want to' to a good mother; and this is the last year I will build a nest near a house where children live. My birdies must not be where they can learn the bad ways of boys and girls."

I wonder how Nelly would have felt that night if she could have known what you and I know, little reader, about the Bird family who lived in the big apple-tree near her home?—The Old Brewery.

A Puzzled Monkey.

The St. Louis gives an account of a lively monkey's perplexity over his own image. A number of the little creatures were at the fair grounds, where they amused every one by their antics and mischief. One of them was particularly lively, and soon became a great favorite with the bystanders. A gentleman in the crowd, happening to have a small mirror with him, passed it to the monkey. The animal's behavior on seeing his face reflected in the glass was very amusing. "He of course failed to recognize the reflection of himself, and took it for another monkey; and his anxiety to get hold of that monkey was what made the fun. He would look behind the glass and feel for it in such a comical way while he was looking in the glass that one could not help laughing. While the glass was close to his eye, he gradually bent over casually; and, noticing that the evanescent monkey was on his back apparently, he dropped the glass and made a sudden grab for him. When he didn't get him, he looked surprised, and commenced looking under the straw to see what had become of him. He was then seized with a luminous idea. He picked up the glass and ran to the topmost branch of the dead tree that is erected in the cage, and, climbing to the extreme end, again looked in the glass. It seemed he reasoned that in such a position the monkey could not get away. He felt for it, grabbed at it, and tried all sorts of strategy to capture it, notwithstanding repeated failures."

FIFTY MILES FOR A TESTAMENT.—Mr. J. S. Pierson, the Marine Agent of the New York Bible Society, found one stormy April noon a stalwart young German, dripping with wet, waiting at his office door. While working on a farm at Tarrytown he had seen a German Testament, which had been given to the owner on his voyage to this country, and noting the address of the Society on the label inside, he had taken the first rainy day to come to the city to get one for himself. He had started at four o'clock in the morning, and had walked the 25 miles in about ten hours. When Mr. Pierson learned the facts he gladly gave him a Bible instead of a Testament. The delight of the young German was great. He placed the new treasure in the dryest spot, and buttoning his jacket over it was about starting to walk back to Tarrytown, when Mr. Pierson again surprised him by giving him money to pay his fare on the railway. "How many of us," he pointedly asks, "would be willing to walk 50 miles in the rain for a New Testament?"—Illus. Chris. Weekly.

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