

TEMPERANCE COLUMN.

Here is a fact for the pessimist who believes the world is growing worse day by day and especially in great cities. Twelve years ago New York had a population of one million and there were ten thousand licensed drinking saloons. The population is now one and a half millions and the saloons number seven thousand, or the ratio has been reduced from one in 100 to one in 214. This means a diminution in crime and in poverty.

At the last Church Congress in England, Mr. Edwards, a colored man, declared that deception, fraud, and hypocrisy, dog the steps and inspire the traders in liquor to invade foreign shores and bombard native towns and villages with rum and gin which none of them would dare to retail in a European market. Instead of bringing useful goods to improve the condition of 700,000,000, they supply the vilest beverage that human depravity can distil. The rum trader has but one idea, to get rid of his rum. The number of tribes swept away though it never affects him, nor the murders committed. It is next to useless to send Bibles to Africa whilst this drink is allowed to flow without restriction. "Tell the merchants," said he, "they are not treating heathen nations as they would like to be treated themselves. The traffic enriching them is causing untold anguish among a people as helpless as children, and whose souls are as dear as their own in God's sight."

"Sing a Song of Sixpence." You all know this rhyme; but have you ever read what it is meant for? The four-and-twenty black birds represents the twenty-four hours. The bottom of the pie is the world, while the top crust is the sky that over-arches it. The opening of the pie is day-dawn, when the birds begin to sing, and surely such a sight is fit for a king. The king, who is represented as sitting in his parlor counting out his money, is the sun, while the gold pieces that slip through his fingers as he counts them are the golden sunshine. The queen, who sits in the dark kitchen is the moon, and the honey, with which she regales herself, is the moonlight. The industrious maid, who is in the garden at work before the king—the sun—has risen, is day-dawn, and the clothes she hangs out are the clouds, while the bird who so tragically ends the song by "nipping off her nose," is the hour of sunset. So we have the whole day, if not in a nut-shell, in a pie.

Renovate crepe by brushing it free from dust, then sprinkle freely with alcohol and roll over a clean broomstick handle, keeping a layer of newspaper between each fold of crepe, and let it lie until perfectly dry. Color white lace cream or ecru by dipping them into weak coffee or saffron water. Try a piece in the liquid until the right shade is found, using more or less water as is found necessary. Wash



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