

one action the damages were set at \$74,000 : after a patient investigation of 5 days, examining sixty witnesses (forty of whom were introduced to disprove the truth of the libel,) with the benefit of some half-dozen eminent Lawyers, the case was decided in favor of Mr. Delavan, the Defendant, by the Judge awarding him six pence damages, throwing the costs upon the plaintiffs.

There seems but one conclusion which every unprejudiced mind can arrive at, viz : that among all the various liquors which have yet been manufactured, there is none so pure, healthful, and invigorating as the unadulterated crystal streams, which flow from nature's inexhaustible fountains.

POLICY OF TEMPERANCE.—An action was brought on Thursday in the Court of Queen's Bench on a policy of insurance for £2000 effected in the Asylum Assurance Company of London on the life of the Hon. G. H. Talbot, brother of the Earl of Shrovesbury, payment of which was resisted on the plea that at the time of effecting the policy Mr. Talbot was addicted to excessive drinking. Much evidence as to his habits having been given, and the fact that the office had charged 26s. per cent. above their usual rates on account of his irregular mode of living having been stated,—Lord Denman summed up, and the jury found for the defendants.

EFFECTS OF INTemperance.—An unfortunate woman was found dead on Saturday last, in a yard behind one of the uninhabited houses, near the ruins of the Masonic Hall in St. Paul street. It is supposed that she perished in a state of intoxication, as a bottle was discovered at her side, and that having become stupified from the effects of the liquor she had been drinking, and being unable to assist herself, that she was frozen to death in that condition. A Coroner's inquest was held upon the body, and the verdict rendered was, that she perished from "intoxication and exposure to the inclemency of the weather;" thus adding another to the list of the many wretched beings, who have already fallen victims to the ravages of that root of all evils, the degrading sin of intemperance.—*Montreal pup.*, Jan. 15

Society Improving.—This croaking has little significance to one who believes in the divinely ordained Regenerator of the world, and who compares, in the light of history, the present with past times. On these authorities, I maintain, that society can be improved. I might refer to the change produced among ourselves within a few years, by the exertions of good men for the suppression of intemperance, the very vice which seemed the most inveterate, and which, more than all others, spreads poverty and crime. But this moral revolution in our country sinks into nothing, when compared with the amazing and almost incredible work now in progress on the other side of the ocean. In the short space of two or three years, this vice of all ages has almost been rooted out. In a moral point of view, the Ireland of the past is vanished. A new Ireland has started into life. Millions of her population have taken the pledge of total abstinence, and instances of violating the pledge, are very, very rare. The great national anniversaries are now given to innocent pleasures. The excise on ardent spirits has now been diminished nearly half a million sterling. History records no revolution like this. It is the grand event of the present day. Father Mathew, the leader in this revolution, ranks far above the heroes and statesmen of

the times. We smile at the old legends of the early times; but here is something greater, and it is true. However we may question the claims of departed saints, she has a living saint, she has a living minister, if he may be judged from one work, who deserves to be canonized, and whose name should be placed in the calendar not far below Apostles. And is this an age in which to be sceptical as to radical changes in society, as to the recovery of the mass of men from ignorance and vice?—*Dr. Channing.*

Caught at Last.—There has been, for three or four weeks, a sot at the Catherine Market Sunday Temperance Meetings, who has kept up the negative of the Temperance argument, and has turned more good temperance preaching into ridicule than the whole host of his confederates, combined, could do without his assistance. In nose he was a very Bardolph—in humor a very Falstaff; and the most strenuous exertion of the lecturer could not always control his muscles going off in a guffaw, at the approach of this grotesque modern type of Silenus.

Well, this chap has been bagged. John Hawkins, who flies over the country, a host in himself, in the cause of temperance, has "surrounded" this apostle of Bacchus, and got his parole as a temperance prisoner. He gave in at the last meeting to John Hawkins, having thus apparently reserved his surrender till he could make it to a tall Sachem in the Temperance Tribe. Now will his logic be turned the other way—his wit and his gibes will be given to the aid of the cause he has so long opposed; and we doubt not he will prove one of the most successful preachers of temperance of the whole army. Thus, do the Washingtonians use their captured converts to make new ones.—*New-York Tattler.*

"What's that horse out of," said a fellow, with a view to quiz a farmer's boy, who was riding an old horse, which showed less blood than bones.

"Out of?"

"Yes, what's he out of—do you know?"

"Yes, I do."

"Well, what?"

"Out of oats?"

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