

ONLY AN OUTCAST.

"Only an outcast!" a low voice said, With the curl of the lip and a toss of the head, As she haughtily passed her by. "Only an outcast! She's nothing on earth Fit neither to live nor die."

"Only an outcast!" and night has come; She is wending her way to her desolate home, To the rude cot over the stream. And colder the stars seem to shine than of yore, And colder the pathway than ever before, And fainter the moon's pale beam.

"Only an outcast!" Poor soul she goes, With her eyes full of tears and heart full of woes Alone in the fading night. Not a person to give her a cheerful word, And no faithful Christian's heart is stirred To show her the path of right

"Only an outcast!" an orphan child— A wanderer sad on a desert wild. Without either hope or fear. Once a mother's joy and a father's pride - Now hurried along in a fearful tale That only can end in death.

"Only an outcast!" in that dim eye Can be read that she fears—yet wishes—to die, And pass from beneath sin's blight. The past brings her nothing but sorrow and pain The present affords no relief from the stain, The future is black as night.

"Only an outcast!" what made her so? 'Twas whiskey that struck the first hard blow And made her an orphan child, And she toiled alone amid wait and shade, Till she fell in the trap wicked men had laid, And alas! she is now defiled.

"Only an outcast!" a Magdalene, An object of pity, unclean, unclean, Polluted without and within; Forsaken by all, by the pure and the true, Do you wonder that she should bid virtue adieu And travel the path of sin?

"Only an outcast!" rum led the way, And has brought her to what she is to-day— And it was legally sold The license was paid, he'd a right (?) to sell The dark and delusive essence of hell And barter virtue for gold!

"Only an outcast!" Society's bane— And naught can efface the indelible stain, Her sorrows she must endure. While those who effected her ruin and fall Are accepted and seen in society's hall As one with the good and the pure.

"Only an outcast!" Ah! who shall bear The weight of her sin and shame up there Before the Judge's face! The Lord well knows who caused the blight, Made the sun of a young life set in night, And we know the great Judge will do right And assign to each his place. -Bible Banner.

IN A SMOKING CAR.

"I saw a sad sight in a restaurant this morning," remarked the cracked wheat and oat-meal drummer to the attentive reporter. "A chap came in with an oblong object under his rusty coat which he had laid carefully on one of the lunch tables. He had evidently been on a prolonged debauch, for his eyes were glazed and blood-shot, his lips tremulous and his hands shaking like grape leaves in a gale.

"Waiter," he said, in a piteous tone, 'please bring me a glass of ice water with my pressed corn-beef.'

"The waiter, with some hesitation, brought the water and placed it beside the package. With many a false and

feeble motion the poor fellow finally succeeded in undoing the bundle. It contained nothing but a newly-baked brick!

"You don't call that pressed corn beef?" demanded the waiter; 'why it's nothing but a brick!'

"Probably it dropped from his hat," suggested a customer.

"Not pressed corn beef?" whimpered the wreck; 'why I picked it up for such. Strange that I should have been so deceived. Here, waiter, won't you kindly take this brick and exchange it for its weight in pressed corn beef?'

"That won't work," replied the waiter. "But it's a new brick," pleaded the inebriate.

"Here waiter," cried a kind-hearted listener, 'give this unfortunate man two glasses of good old ale. Heaven knows he needs it to soothe his tortured nerves.'

"The ale was brought. The wreck tried three times to raise the glass to his lips. Each attempt was a sad failure. Then he drew forth a faded pocket handkerchief, laid it around his neck with each hand holding an end, seized the glass with one hand, and by the aid of the handkerchief at last got it to his lips! The second glass he accomplished by the employment of both hands. Soon the ale began to calm his bewildered brain, and slowly his head sank to the table. He was asleep, but dreaming, and his murmurings were as follows:—

"O Minnie, my little wife, I am all down with my awful drink again. Forgive me only once more for the sake of our little boy. I mean to let it alone, but I am so weak. Minnie, my dear Minnie, once more forgiveness. Don't give me up until one more trial. I will swear it on the Bible never to drink a drop again. I had rather die without than live with it. Minnie, a kiss and smile from you will lift me back to manhood again."

"A gentleman who had just entered and was brushing back the tangled hair of the dreamer said, 'I knew this man when he used to give champagne suppers and his check was good for twenty-five thousand dollars!'

"And," added the drummer, "when it occurred to me that I had taken three social glasses that morning, and when I thought of my Minnie at home, I could not help a shudder."—Church and Home.

WORM LEECHES AND HUMAN LEECHES.

Take a leech; press all the blood out of it. Now, I will show you a trick of license economy:—I take a lancet, draw a scratch on my arm, and say to the leech—"Suck." It does. Just look at it. It is growing respectable—it is getting sleek, and smooth, and fat. When it is full it will let go. There is the difference between worm leeches and human leeches; a worm leech ceases sucking when he is full, while a human leech will continue to suck as long as there is any money in the pockets of the victims or until he is choked off.

I want to show you the statesmanship of license advocates.

I take the leech and squeeze it; two or three drops of blood come from its mouth and I swallow them, and say I have gained so much blood. Some boy will cry, "You are foolish. Every drop of that blood was in your body—the leech sucked it out of you. You have only got part of it back, and that part in a way that will do you more injury than good."

Liquor men come into your State and the law drops a scratch on your business life and sticks them on, and says "Suck." See them change their clothes! See them grow fat as they live on the business life of the city and country! When the year rolls around, the City Council inverts them and squeezes out of them 500 dollars and says: "Ha, ha! we have saved so much money to the city." But where did the liquor dealer get the money? He did not have it when he came here. He came into our State and, without giving a single thing of value—without building up society, without helping society—he has sucked from it thousands of dollars. He keeps the largest part and gives you a pittance to be allowed to continue. You take it and congratulate yourselves that you are dividing up with the spoiler of your homes, your prosperity, and your civilization!—John B. Finch.

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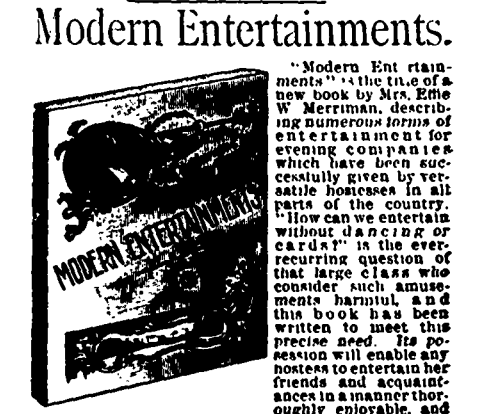
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