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our weakness was not unavoidable. Due foresight and energy would have placed us in a far better posi-In 1813 we had 750,000 men in arms, when our population was hitle more than half its present where Why are we now so lamentably behind , moder The fault is not with the nation, but with the ulers The want is a want of capacity. Incapacity reglected the warnings of 1853; incapacity presided over the plans of 1854; incapacity devised an exped-ition without a commissariat—a campaign without means of transport; incapacity despatched an inadevale force to attempt the capture of Sebastopol; inespecity provided no support at Malta, and prepared no army of reserve at home; incapacity forgot the winter clothing, furnished insufficient medical attendance, and made the hospitals charnels-houses of woe; incapacity caused the disbanding of the most valuable part of the militia at the moment when their services were of the most urgent importance; incapacity still présidés over our councils, damps our energies, disoranises our forces, and leaves us to drift on in increasng helplessness, while our enemy grows every day more formidable, and our position becomes more fraught with danger.

"THE PRINCE OF GOOD FELLOWS." (From the Buffalo Conservative.)

This is a title bestowed generally upon a stout rettleman, with a pinguid complexion, a plethoric fabit of body, a red face, and a loud laugh, whose chief business seem to be hanging about bar-rooms, trinking at other people's expense, and, in return, while broad stories, enacting fudicrous pautomimes, and entertaining circles of companions with such gosspand trifling as seems appropriate to the places he frequents. He is always an amiable man, sometimes ven a loveable one in many respects; but his convivial habits have long ago overcome all his better qualities, and now he devotes himself entirely to their ratification. The Prince of Good Fellows should pever be seen before twelve o'clock in the day, as up what time he is full of aches, sad, morose and neryous; talks vaguely of illness and death; contemplates his finger nails, sighs, rubs his eyes, and varus, and frequently gives utterance to the sentiment that this is a hard world to live in, which it undoubtedly is for him. During this depression he resorts to alco-molic stimulants to bring up his nerves, and by dint difrequent repetitions of the remedial agent and a fugal repast, eaten standing from the counter of some har, he succeeds in restoring a portion of the lost nervous energy, and begins to come out quite strong abalt the hour of meridian. At this time he presents the appearance of a jovini, pleasant, happy man, and n the superficial portion of his admirers deem him; some of them, indeed, going so far as to envy his lot and to wish they were as contented as he.

At dinner the Prince of Good Fellows is looked upon as the most desirable companion. He knows I the etiquette of the table, and never commits any heach of the unities of that place. He dresses a salad with exquisite taste, and cannot be deceived in wines. lie tells you the history of the olive-which he has accidentally stumbled upon in Chambers' Miscellany, w Household Words-and has a pleasant anecdote to Mall the ranses of conversation. The ladies fancy him very much, for he is respectful, concedes everything to them, and defers to their judgment. He does not take much wine while they are at table, and opens the door for their exit with infinite grace. Once they are gone he devotes himself to the decanters, and the roars of laughter that follow the ladies up stairs are provoked by a smart joke of his, which would not bear repetition in the drawing-room. Still, he is not vulgar, and a really coarse witticism actusily offends him; for he has delicate sensibilities, and his broad style of humor grows out of the wine wher than naturally from his taste. Later in the evening, when he joins the ladies above stairs, he is mentive and marked in his conduct towards them, tens their music, adjusts the piano stool, and if he res a middle-aged spinter, a plain or "slow" one, reglected and playing wall-flower, he is peculiarly attracted towards her, and bores himself perhaps in be effort to do her a kindness.

Sometimes the Prince of Good Fellows is a bachebr, but oftener he is a married man with several children. His wife is rarely seen in society, and her e is that of one out of health and muat pressed in spirits. Her dresses are usually of a bygone style, and, though neat, give evidence of a rigid conomy and many artifices to make the two ends meet. She takes the back streets and the less fregented side of the way as she walks abroad, and takes special care to avoid passing public places where she may meet the gaze of her husband's kiends. She walks rapidly, with her head down, and in winter draws her scanty shawl tightly about her shoulders, an ungloved hand showing through the opening in front. Occasionally she may be met coming from market with a little basket meagerly stocked; but her husband seldom dines at home, and she conomise in her table expenses, for he requires clean inen and neat garments, and their purse will not afford sumptions living. To see him in his prime and glory you must meet be Prince of Good Fellows at an evening party of young men, when supper, and wine, and cards, and bud talk, and merriment are the elements of the enlentainment. There he comes out strongest; there his good fellowship is most thoroughly developed; there he is in his element, and to see and hear him me would say, he was the happiest of men. The istes, the repartees, the mirth-moving narrations, the Wi and humor which abound, aided by brilliant lights, sparkling silver and glass, bright wines, cheerful countenances, and all the accessories of such a time, give an air of enjoyment and pleasure to the scene which may well fascinate the inexperienced and pass with them as real. But if they would know the solemn truth, if they would know how false and futile is all this mockery of happiness, let them tarry till the evening is spent, the lights out, the wine drunk up, the party dispersed. Let them follow the Prince d Good Fellows to his home. Let them listen to his half-drunken mutterings as he pursues his lonely way, and take heed of his self-accusations, his bitter reviling, his reproaches and vows of reformation. Let them enter with him the cheerless house, where wife and little ones are paying the penalty of his sin. Let them see the misery, those sins entail; the bitter pinching-want-that stares out from scanty beds, from broken furniture, from broken cupboards, from worn and tattered garments, from cheerless grates and wickless broken lamps .- Let them watch the smile that plays about the wan face of the poor, neglected,

web an inferiority be honourable? Will it be safe? almost heart-broken wife as she kisses the lips that so lately joined in the ribald laugh, the drunken chorus. Let them watch the dejection that settles upon the face of the Prince of Good Fellows as the excitement wears off and the sad bitter truth takes possession of his mind, and dragging down a helpless woman and innocent little children to a depth from which they can hardly hope to rise. Let them see the good fellow in the morning, as with shaky, nervons feebleness he attempts to attire himself for another day of "happiness;" see the efforts of the wife to make him smart and neat; hear the whispered words of entreaty as he parts from her upon the threshold and pledges whispered back. Let them see and hear all this, and then say if the saddest, poorest, thinnest, most'delusive of all shams is not that popular one, "the Prince of Good Fellows !"

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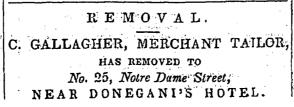
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