

A CIRCUS elephant being taken ill at Lisburn, a dose of whiskey was administered with startling results. The drunken creature broke away, and started on its wild career, destroying gates and bursting open doors, to the alarm of man and animals.

GENERAL VON MOLTKE says that "beer is a far more dangerous enemy to Germany than all the armies of France." We may add that an invasion by a German army would be less harmful to America than is the German beer which has already flooded it.—*U. S. Exchange*.

THE Temperance Society of the Free Church of Scotland has only been three years in existence, yet it already includes 632 pledged ministers, and possesses a membership of 63,979. Considerable indignation is said to have been excited in Free Church circles by the recent publication of the names of the ministers who are pledged abstainers.

A MEETING has been held in Edinburgh to consider the prohibitory movement, at which a resolution was adopted affirming that it is high time to form a distinctive Temperance party on prohibition lines, and that no one having any interest whatever in the liquor traffic is fit to represent the people in Parliament.

THE best things in Mr. Spurgeon's John Ploughman talks have now been put in the form of proverbial sayings, and sent out in two volumes. One of the sayings on the subject of temperance is: "Many a child is hungry because the brewer is rich." "A lady asked a little boy why he did not come for cold victuals any more," "Because father has signed the pledge and we get hot victuals at home."

The Board of Trade statistics just published on the consumption of beer and spirits in the United Kingdom during nine months of this year, show that nearly one and a-half million gallons more beer was consumed than during the corresponding period of last year. There has been a great increase in the consumption of spirits which, however, is confined to England and Wales alone, Scotland actually showing a decrease.

APROPOS of the discussion in the Temperance Congress on the brewery shares of the Clergy Mutual Assurance Company, *The Manchester Guardian* says there are more than a score of clerical directors of this society who derive a portion of their incomes from the investment of £20,000 in the Worthington Brewery Company's debenture stock. It was stated recently in *The Pall Mall Gazette* that on the representation to them of the strong opinions entertained by many

of their members, on the subject the clerical directors had given instructions for the disposal of the brewery stock standing in their name.

THE *Christian Advocate* finds at the head of a certain New York daily newspaper the following text: "Moreover, thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them to be rulers." In the pages of the same paper it finds appeals to the people to vote for five rum-sellers for aldermen, and it suggests as a heading the more appropriate text, "When the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn." All this suggests that if newspapers would confine themselves to one side or the other, and either leave out the Scriptures or the advocacy of rum-sellers for office, the minds of their readers would be less liable to be confused on the subject of temperance.—*Congregationalist*.

Our Story.

ALL HE KNEW.*

BY JOHN HABBERTON, AUTHOR OF "HELEN'S BABIES," ETC.

CHAPTER VII.—(Continued).

Meanwhile, Sam Kimper went on, after the humble manner in which he had begun, to try to ring his family to his new standard of respectability. He introduced family prayers, much to the disgust of his son Tom and the amusement of his daughter Mary. The privacy of family affairs was not entirely respected by the Kimper family, for Sam soon heard remarks from street-loafers, as he passed along, which indicated that the devotional exercises of the family had been reported, evidently by his own children, and he heard quotations from some of his weak and halting prayers pass from mouth to mouth and elicit peals of coarse laughter.

Nevertheless he found some encouragement. His son Tom was not quite as much of a cub at home as he had been, and actually took to trying, in a desultory way, to find work, although his father's offer to teach him the trade which had been learned in the penitentiary was declined very sharply and without any thanks whatever. Billy, the younger boy, had an affectionate streak in his nature, which his father succeeded in touching to such an extent that complaints of Billy's truancy were nowhere near so numerous as they had been

*From *Lippincott's Magazine*. Philadelphia. \$3 a year. Lippincott & Co., Philadelphia.