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CRANKS—AND CRANKS.

"There are people, here and there who are cranky on the temperance question—people who have gone off on a tangent and can't think of anything else, just as there are men who are half-cracked on the tariff question, or the money question, or on anti-imperialism. Some minds are so constituted that they can't be stirred by any great question without becoming a little bit warped by the heat of their convictions. But that doesn't lessen the importance of the question, does it? There are women in this world, so I have heard, who carry the question of clothes to an absurd and ridiculous extreme. They live, move and have their being in fashion plates. They think of nothing else. But that doesn't prove that we all ought to abandon clothing in toto, does it? Neither does the fact that an hysterical woman or an emotional man occasionally gets carried away by temperance enthusiasm argue that the rest of us should shut our eyes to the evils of intemperance, or allow the dive-keepers and brewery interests to run our municipal, state and national politics.

STOCK ARGUMENTS.

You say whiskey will let a man alone if he will let whiskey alone. But it is a lie. I can show you a dozen men among my acquaintances who have been made wretched and unhappy by whiskey, though they never drank a drop of it as a beverage in their whole lives. I have seen and so have you—fathers and mothers' heart broken by drunken sons; I know of a cryman driven from his church, his life wrecked by an inebriate wife; you have seen families degraded and brought to poverty, children robbed of food and care, wives sent to the wash-tub, sisters disgraced and shamed, all by whiskey—and they never tasted the stuff. And yet you tell me that whiskey will let a man alone. A man cannot make a beast of himself without doing some damage to society, and society owes it to itself to protect itself from that which makes men beasts.

NOBODY'S BUSINESS.

Isn't it somebody's business if you choose to die of smallpox or cholera? Doesn't the community take prompt steps to prevent you, if possible, from spreading either disease? Can you go out into the street and commit suicide slowly and deliberately before a crowd of people? It is somebody's business, and it is society's business that you do not rob it of your worth by killing your soul and mind and body with alcohol. The talk about 'meddlesome Matties', the injunctions to 'mind your own business', come with very poor grace from a set of men who are ruining the business of a large portion of the community every day in the year.

PLAY WITH FIRE.

The state licenses men to sell the stuff, our 'best people' keep it on their sideboards, and some highly respectable citizens always carry a good supply of cloves in their waistcoat pockets. It's a mysterious thing, isn't it?

And yet, I believe the temperance cause is advancing. My pet temperance society, or my particular hobby may not be the instrument chosen by God for this great work, but, surely, there is a stronger sentiment for sobriety and temperance in this country to-day than ever before. In good society men are not expected to drink unless they so desire. In business men are decidedly expected not to drink, and every year sees the list of employments extended in which

drinking is prohibited by unentimental corporations and employers. The temperance idea grows. A young man does not have to believe sound common-sense, good business, and ordinary decency will finally open the eyes of the people who are not particularly concerned about the world's spiritual affairs. Let's hasten the day." Johnstone Murray, in Rain's Horn.

Chamberlain's Hope for South Africa.

London, Nov. 19.—Colonial Secretary Chamberlain received a great ovation at Birmingham, where a farewell banquet on the occasion of his departure for South Africa was given in his honor. Members of all parties joined in the demonstration. Mr. Chamberlain was accompanied by his wife and his son, Austin Chamberlain.

Responding to a tremendously enthusiastic welcome, the colonial secretary paid an affectionate tribute to his wife (who was Miss Mary Estlin of Salem, Mass.), who, he declared, "had sustained him by her courage and cheered him by her sympathy. He had found in her his best and truest counsellor." Referring to his approaching trip, he said it was to be a matter of business and not a mere parade. He could not expect that all the bitterness in South Africa would die out, but he could say this for the government, that it would relieve all suffering.

He said he was bound on a venture, with a possibility of failure. The government's desire is to make South Africa one united nation, united in heart as well as in name. Greater differences have been healed, Canada being an instance. High Commissioner Milner still retains the confidence of the government, Mr. Chamberlain said, and expressed the hope of seeing the representatives of every political section in South Africa, by which he could learn more in three days than in a month's study of despatches. He said he believed he would be met half-way, and would gain the friendship of the King's new Boer subjects.

After Mr. Chamberlain's speech, a torchlight procession and a fireworks display were made. The streets were packed with thousands of people, who at one point broke through the barrier, causing slight injuries to a few persons.

Thousands of Women Are Kept in Suffering and Many Die Owing to False Treatment.

Thousands of women are kept in sickness for months and years owing to false treatment and the use of worthless medicines, and we are inclined to believe that Milton thought of this class of almost dying women when he said:

"The angelic guards ascended, mute and sad."
 The common sense treatment of today for weak, run-down and suffering women, is Pain's Celery Compound. This marvelous medicine is spoken of in every part of the civilized world, and men and women of all classes find a new life from its use. A glorious example of the curing powers of the great compound comes from Winnipeg, Man.; Mrs. H. Harbour writes as follows:

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DON'T.

Don't spare the rod if you expect to be obeyed.
 Don't trouble about trouble that doesn't trouble you.
 Don't expect to find uniformity of opinion on any subject.
 Don't condemn a thing until its inefficiency has been proved.
 Don't be ungentle—look at the faults of a lady with closed eyes.
 Don't get discouraged because you are unable to understand everything.
 Don't try to force in a knowledge of man—he always has an open gate of his own.
 Don't hit a man when he's down—it's sadder to throw rocks at him when he's up a tree.
 Don't marry for money, but always for love—but if a good girl has money there's no harm in trying to love her.
 Don't spread an ill report about your neighbor unless you're positive it is true—and don't flaunt it if he's bigger than you.

Women Rule a Town.

HADDAM, Conn., Nov. 15.—Kansas has had a varied experience in the management of the State's affairs, but none has been so remarkable as the city government of this place, which is the first city in the United States to elect by a direct vote of the people a full city ticket composed entirely of women.

Haddam is located in the centre of the great wheat belt, and the surrounding country is dotted with fine houses and barns, which bespeak for it much prosperity. The city enjoys a fine country trade, and the present incumbents who manage the government of the city have made it a model place in which to live.

The mayor of the city is Mrs. E. N. Veder, a woman of strong personality and highly respected. She manages the office with entire satisfaction. The Council is composed entirely of women, and during their term of office have done much to beautify the place, having improved the walks, driveways and city parks.

Mrs. Fannie Leibel is Police Judge and holds court in her parlor. She has a nice home and a family, but her household cares do not interfere with her official duties.

TRURO, Nov. 19.—Morton McNatt was sentenced this afternoon by Judge Townsend to twenty years imprisonment for the attempted murder of his wife. He was also sentenced to five years for shooting and wounding Mrs. Hamilton. Both terms are to run concurrently. McNatt will be taken to Dorchester to-morrow morning.

In the case of Thomas McNatt who sued the Western Assurance Company for loss by fire in 1901 which the company contested on the plea of misrepresentation by McNatt of the value of the buildings insured, a jury today declared that McNatt's valuation was not materially incorrect, the difference being \$955 against \$2,000. McNatt's insurance was for \$700 and the company's adjusters placed the loss at \$900, although the buildings were entirely destroyed nothing remaining except the cellar and cellar walls.

BOSTON, Nov. 19.—George A. Perry, who is in Cambridge jail charged with the murder of Miss Agnes McPhee and Clara A. Morton, has found an earnest defender in Rev. Dr. Drew, his pastor, who at a meeting to-night declared that a written confession of Perry would shortly be before the public. He also said that Lizzie Carter, Perry's sweetheart, who testified against him in the hearing Monday, was with Perry when he received one of the watches alleged to have been taken from one of the murdered girls, from a certain man. The colored people promised to raise money to assist in Perry's defence.

The primary reason for deciding to continue the case Tuesday is the fact that by letting the case go over until February the government is spared the necessity of presenting its evidence in the lower court. The action of Tuesday would undoubtedly not have been taken had not Perry been held Monday for the grand jury in Somerville on the charge of murdering Miss McPhee. This was sufficient to bring Perry in a formal way before the jury and this body at its session in February may consider any and all charges which have been and which may be made against Perry. If the government decides to place the evidence in the motion case before the grand jury and that body registers a true bill alleging murder, then the charge against the defendant would be dismissed and he would be tried on the indictment. If there is no indictment reported against Perry in the Morton affair then the young man will be dismissed on Feb. 16.

The probability is that the McPhee and Morton cases before the grand jury and then if two indictments are reported, place Perry on trial on what it considers the stronger case.

HOUSTON, Tex., Nov. 13.—J. E. Miller, a prominent real-estate dealer of this city, is lying at the Houston Infirmary, the victim of an attack by rats. While asleep at his home he was awakened by a sharp pain in the head. Next he felt a nip on his cheek, and finally a sharp pain in the neck directly over the jugular vein. A deluge of blood aroused him to his danger.

Compressing the wound with his hand, he arose and lit a match. In the corner of his room the gleaming eyes of an immense rat met his gaze, while others scampered away. A physician was summoned at once. Mr. Miller fainted from the loss of blood, and only by strenuous work was the flow stopped.

At the hospital he was reported to be in a serious condition, but with the chances favorable to his recovery. Rats had never been seen in the house before, and the family are at a loss to account for the invasion.

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—Wm. C. Mahoney, 53 years old, said to be a member of a wealthy Boston family and a graduate of Harvard, has committed suicide in this city because a woman who had refused to marry him and had caused his arrest twice recently for persisting in his intentions, had declared her purpose of marrying another. The woman, whose home is said to be in Paris, was employed in this city as a designer. Mahoney called upon her, entered a violent protest against her intended marriage, and then poisoned himself in her presence.

BOSTON, Nov. 19.—William C. Mahoney, referred to as having committed suicide in New York, was known by many in the Bay District of Boston. He was the son of John Mahoney, of Waverley, N. Y., owner of a leather manufacturing establishment at that place, with offices in New York City. His mother has apartments in this city. Accord-ing Mahoney's relatives here, he had been paying attention for two years to a young French woman engaged in costume designing in New York.

Restores The Dying.

CHICAGO, Nov. 13.—A new discovery in relation to the prolonging of human life has just been announced by Prof. Jacques Loeb of the University of Chicago, who is preparing to take a position at the University of California.

Salt and water, the "elixir of life" discovered by Dr. Loeb two years ago to be efficient in making turtles' hearts beat again with rhythmic throbs, has been found to be a powerful restorative for dying animals, and the scientist is a step nearer toward the goal of prolonging human life indefinitely.

The experiments of which Dr. Loeb told his class were made by Asst. Prof. Edward P. Lyons in the laboratories at the university. While Lyons' experiments were carried on with the idea of ascertaining the properties of solutions of sodium and calcium as a life restorer, the announcements made by a Russian specialist some time ago regarding experiments made with the heart of a dead child are said to have been the immediate motive.

It is stated that the regular heartbeat after death and the regular heartbeat kept up temporarily by immersing it in a solution of salts, argued Dr. Lyons, "why cannot the heart of warm-blooded animals be restored by an injection of salts into the veins if done when the animal is at the point of death?"

LONDON, Nov. 20.—The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Wellington, N. Z., cables that the eight survivors of the steamer *Eligamite* who were rescued from a raft by the British survey steamer *Penguin* admit that while their minds were unaltered by drinking the blood of their companions. The correspondent adds that the story of the survivors has caused a feeling of horror in Wellington, their action being regarded as inexcusable, as the raft was only four days and a half afloat.

INCREASED WAGES.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 17.—The Pennsylvania railroad company announced an increase of 10 per cent in the wages of all employees of the company east of Pittsburgh and Erie and now earning less than \$200 a month. The advance became operative Nov. 1.

This increase, which was decided upon at a meeting of the directors will, it is estimated, affect about 93,000 employees. The various division superintendents were notified of the directors' action and notices announcing the advance were immediately posted.

The cost of the increase to the company will be heavy. Estimating the average wage rate per month at \$60 a man the additional expense to the company would be \$354,000 a month, or about \$4,250,000 a year.

First Vice Pres. Fugh said the advance was due to the increased business of the company and also to the fact that living is at present more expensive than heretofore. He also said that many employees had not had their wages adjusted for some time and as they had worked faithfully for the interests of the company it was considered only just that they should receive some substantial recognition of their services.

Robert Pitearn, assistant of Pres. Cassatt, said the announcement of the advance was entirely voluntary.

JERSEY CITY, Nov. 14.—Just as the words: "I do" pronounced you man and wife" were about to be pronounced Monday night by Justice of the Peace Edward Markley, in his office at Jersey City, a constable put a sudden stop to the marriage by announcing he had a warrant for the arrest of the bridegroom.

The bride fell in a faint and there was a great commotion among the friends who had been invited to witness the ceremony. The bridegroom took the interruption coolly and went to Police Headquarters with the constable, while the bride was taken weeping to her home by her friends.

The bridegroom is Wabslaw Bergovich, twenty six years old, of No. 551 Henderson street. He is a car inspector for the Erie Railroad Company. The bride is Miss May Marinaska, twenty years old, who lives in the same house with Bergovich. The warrant for the man's arrest was issued Nov. 8 on complaint of Miss Antonia Wyzanski, of No. 565 Grove street. The complainant, who is about twenty years old, alleges breach of promise of marriage.

PLINT, Mich., Nov. 15.—About the time of the breaking out of the rebellion Porter Earle and Miss Orilla Cressy were united in marriage at Orangeville, Mich. Soon after the young husband enlisted in the army, and after his term as a volunteer expired he joined the regular army and rose to the rank of first lieutenant. During the war he wrote his wife regularly, but after the war, when the regiment was ordered to Texas, his letters ceased, and finally news reached his wife that he was dead.

Soon afterward Mrs. Earle moved to Portland, Ore., and a few years later was married to Andrew J. Spicer, superintendent of the street car works at that place. He died twelve years ago and his widow, accompanied by their son, Leon Spicer, returned to Michigan, coming to Plint seven years ago.

A few weeks ago Mrs. Spicer heard, through a sister living at Decatur, in this State, that her first husband was still alive and immediately communicated with him at the Soldiers Home at Grand Rapids. He was overjoyed to learn that his wife was alive, and a happy meeting took place at Decatur. He will take up his residence with his wife in a few days.

HAVANA, Nov. 19.—The cigar makers in all city factories went out to-day, and it is estimated that a total of 30,000 employees are now on strike. Several demonstrations made by the strikers led to the arrest of the strikers, but the disturbances were not of a serious character.

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