

Temperance.

ENGLAND'S GREATEST ENEMY

O for a word to lay thee low,
Thou fruitful source of crime and woe,
Old England's greatest, deadliest foe;
The dragon red, the monster fell,
The very masterpiece of hell;
What tongue can half its horrors tell?
The accursed drink!

We ring the dirge for numbers slain,
Who ne'er to joy shall raise again,
But only to remorse and pain;
Ah! would you ask the reason why
Low in dishonored graves they lie?
"Alas!" we answer with a sigh,
"The accursed drink!"

The fire upon the prairie vast
Fanned fiercely by the tempest's blast,
Has o'er the landscape ruin cast;
And what is it that fanned the flame
Of lust, and passion, sin and shame?
On it, on it we lay the blame—
The accursed drink!

Wouldst know what costs our country's curse?
A heavy drain 'tis on our purse!
In all the bible take a verse,
On a golden pillar rear—
Sovereigns—four thousand—every year,
For every verse—the price how dear
Of the accursed drink!

O never let us touch the thing!
The cup with its envomed sting,
Away, away forever fling!
On! fellow soldiers, to the fight,
As in our glorious Captain's sight,
And battle bravely for the right.
Put on the helpful badge of blue;
Keep to your purpose brave and true,
And hope its downfall yet to view—
The accursed drink!

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HYPNOTIC SUGGESTION AS A CURE IN CASES OF MORAL BREAKDOWN.

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During recent years the energetic researches of eminent foreign physicians have attracted the attention of the medical faculty to the great future which may possibly await the science popularly known as Mesmerism, but more correctly termed Hypnotism. Dr. Liébeault, of Nancy, conducts his treatment almost as a matter of routine. Dr. C. Lloyd Tuckey, of London, is a

disciple of his, and has recently published in *The Lancet* a most interesting article, giving the results of ten cases selected from a list of one hundred patients whom he has treated by hypnotism and suggestion. The cases include insomnia, dipsomania, chronic diarrhoea, and other diseases.

Mr Tooth's most important experiment at Croydon the other day, was the following: He selected a boy who was manifestly very subject to his influence, threw him into the hypnotic state, and said to him, "When you wake you are to forget that there is such a thing as the letter 'e.'" He then roused the boy and told him to write the day of the month on a blackboard; the boy took the chalk in hand and rapidly wrote "Sptmbr, th twnty-ighth." Mr. Tooth then put him into the hypnotic state again and said to him, "When you wake next time you are to remember the letter 'e'"; he then roused the boy and asked him to look at the blackboard, when the boy immediately remarked, in the most ingenuous way, "Why, all the e's are gone." "This," said Mr. Tooth, "is an exact illustration of the result which I have achieved in dealing with an inebriate. I uproot the love of drink from his mind as I would uproot a weed in my garden, and he has as completely forgotten his love of whiskey as this boy forgot the letter 'e.' In one or two cases which I have had to deal with, of exceptionally bad inebriates, I have said to them, "When you wake up, if you drink any spirits they are to make you sick." I have then roused them, and they have gone away without knowing anything of what I had told them, and on attempting to drink whiskey, or any other spirits, have immediately vomited."

Nothing is more distressing to social reformers than the utter breakdown of will which characterises some whom they are most anxious to save. It is surely as legitimate a mode of cure to influence an inebriate by hypnotic suggestions as to prevent him from obtaining the drink by placing him under lock and key.—*Christian World*.

In January, 1886, Russia closed 90,000 liquor shops.

"NICE little corner beerhouse, good drinking neighborhood; suit young couple." So reads an advertisement in a provincial paper.

THE governor of Canterbury gaol, who has had acquaintance in his official capacity with 20,000 prisoners, says he has never met with a prisoner who was a teetotaler.

A SUBSCRIPTION list has been opened in Ireland to commemorate the centenary of Father Mathew. It is proposed in addition to erecting a statue of the Apostle of Temperance, to set on foot a national crusade against intemperance.