

box. I threw in a piece of silver. Then they passed the word along, that if any one wanted to sign the pledge, they should come forward. So my friend and I walked up and signed the articles, got our certificates, and started for home. And I have kept the pledge ever since. I came mighty near breaking it, however, the next morning. My coppers were hot. I wanted my bit-
 ters, and I made a bee-line for the corner grog-
 gery, a rum-hole, in which I was no stranger, for I had freshened the nip there many a time. I went up, took hold of the door, and had got about half in, when it seemed as if somebody took hold of me with both hands around the waist, and held me, whispering in my ear at the same time, "Don't go in! don't go in!" as plain as ever I heard any thing in my life. And I actually turned round, and looked—but there was no one there. But I took *Mr. Nobody's advice*, shut the door, kept my pledge, and have been glad of it only once, and that is all the time ever since. For it has kept me from a drunkard's grave and a drunkard's hell. It has caused me to be respected, enabled me to use my knowledge instead of abusing it.

I suffered a good deal at first, as a result of breaking off my bad habit. But I was the gainer in the end. I went to sea sober, soon had a good chest of clothes, was respected wherever I went, soon became an officer, had better food and pay, and a better place to live in than a dark, damp fore-castle. Aye, more, I walked steadily aft, until I became a captain myself, and escaped the dirty work that drunkards are often forced to do on board a vessel. But more than all, and better than all, I have learned to love the Lord Jesus Christ, become a member of his body, the Church, and am this day on my way to the kingdom of heaven, into which, as a drunkard, I never could enter. Glory to God in the highest! I am on my journey home!"—*New York National Temperance Advocate.*

TOBACCO SMOKING.

It is not one of the pleasing signs of the times, that this practice has become in use among boys who have scarcely passed beyond their school days; and so numerous are the instances in which small boys may be seen without any seeming shame, smoking pipes in the open street, that it is often difficult to resist the inclination to administer a little reasonable correction. The use of the tobacco pipe before the bodily functions have been developed, stops and dwarfs the growth. It leads to idleness, and is in fact too many instances a sort of connecting link

with dishonesty, and habits of drinking. In these days we need to increase the intellectual and bodily strength of our youth; we therefore beg of the masters of schools, of the fathers, mothers, and others who have charge of boys, to have no hesitation about the matter, but to put out the pipes of the small boys at once.—*Builder.*

A SENSIBLE LANDLORD.

A cotemporary says a little incident transpired some weeks ago, at one of the Frankfort hotels, which is worthy of notice. A little girl entered the bar-room, and in pitiful tones, told the bar-keeper that her mother had sent her there to get eight cents. "Eight cents?" said the bar-keeper. "Yes sir." "What does your mother want of eight cents? I don't owe her anything?" "Well," said the child, "father spends all his money here for rum, and we have had nothing to eat to-day. Mother wants to buy a loaf of bread." A loafer suggested to the keeper to kick the brat out. "No," said the bar-keeper, "I'll give her mother the money, and if her father comes back again, I'll kick him out."—*Methodist Recorder.*

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