

Effects of Spirit Drinking.

Under this head we purpose to give, from time to time, a brief account of the murders, suicides, assaults, riots, accidents by land and water, scenes of misery and wretchedness, &c. that result from the use of intoxicating liquors—for the purpose of rousing the attention of the public to the dreadful and widely extended evils that arise from the manufacture, sale and use of these maddening poisons; and we shall feel obliged to any individual who will furnish us with well authenticated statements of facts under this head. As we are not in possession of any such domestic facts at the present time, we shall extract a few from the March number of the Albany Temperance Recorder:—

Leads to Murder.

1. A man named Watkins murdered a man named Case, at Ballston. Watkins was under the influence of liquor, having just left a bar.

2. John Carlin, executed at Jamaica for the murder of his wife, confessed on the gallows that he was drunk when he committed the deed.

3. A man named Crandall, at Lyme, Connecticut, ripped open the belly of a man named Odle. Both were drunk.

4. David Sherman, of Norwich, Connecticut, killed his wife and child in her arms with an axe. He was intoxicated, and on the gallows attributed the whole to liquor.

5. Thomas Sparks, First-street, Philadelphia, struck his wife, (who had an infant in her arms) with a club, and repeated his blows until she was dead; he was drunk. When the dead body was found, the infant was trying to obtain nourishment from her breast.

6. James M. Hardy, on board the ship Boston, in a fit of intoxication, stabbed two of his mess-mates while in their berths—they died in fifteen minutes. He stabbed the mate of the ship in the side, but not fatal.

7. A man named Toland stabbed a man in Philadelphia, corner of First and Market-street, and caused his death. Both drunk.

8. Justice Hummiston, of Hamden, a drunkard, killed his wife by beating.

9. A man named Shaw was shot by his father-in-law, named Larabee, in Clintonville, N. Y. Intemperance was the cause.

10. Thomas Hearty, of Troy, killed his wife with an axe. He was a drunkard.

11. A man named Wallis, a man of property, a drunkard, shot a man dead named Thomas, at Washington, N. C.

12. John Ferris, of Norfolk, Va., while intoxicated, killed his mother-in-law, Catherine Ryan, by stabbing her with a dagger.

13. John Brown, of South Kingston, intemperate; shot his wife with his pistol, and ran to a mill-pond and drowned himself.

Leads to Attempts to Murder.

14. A man named Atwell, at Lyme, Conn., when drunk, struck at his wife with a club, hit an infant on the head, who was in her arms, and which was not expected to survive.

15. Benj. Harper, of Milton, Pa., under the influence of liquor, attempted to murder his wife while she was confined to her bed. Her fear gave her strength and she fled, but became a maniac. Harper was found dead the next morning.

16. James M'Gaw, at Brewer, Maine, threw down an old man 75 years of age, jumped on him so as to break in his ribs, and his life is despaired of. M'Gaw was intoxicated.

17. Richard Henry, of Boston, attempted to kill his wife with a hatchet—struck her several times on the head and on the shoulders, and then jumped into a cistern, but was rescued and committed to prison.

Leads to Suicides, Accidents and Deaths.

18. Daniel Jerome, at Sandy Creek, in a drunken fit, drove his family out of doors, set fire to his house, and was burned with it.

19. Jacob Stever, a labourer, in Bell-Air, Md., entered a house in a state of intoxication, fell into the fire, and when found his head was burnt to a cinder.

20. Alanson Powel of Fairport, when intoxicated, threw himself into the canal and was drowned.

21. A man named Holmes, in a drunken fit, stabbed himself nine times with a shoe knife, and soon died.

22. David Odle cut his own throat in a state of intoxication, at Montreal, and soon died.

23. William Brown, of Vevay, Indiana, drove his family from his house, set his house on fire, seated himself with a jug of whiskey, and was consumed with it.

24. Jason Andrews broke into the distillery of H. Keyes, in Conneaut, Ohio, forced the bung from a barrel, and drank himself to death.

25. Henry Hutchings, in the sugar refinery in Duane-street, N. Y., being drunk, fell into a boiling vat of sugar.

26. Dennis M'Carthy, N.Y., intoxicated, jumped from a three story window.

27. Ruggles Hill, of Williamsburgh, intoxicated, killed himself by hanging.

28. Thomas Sewel, in a fit of intoxication, jumped from the steamboat *Wm Avery*, directly before the wheels, and was drowned.

29. Ann Brown, of Belleville, N. J., died at 37, Orange-street, N.Y. Verdict of the jury, death by intoxication.

30. Ellen Roberts, aged 17, found in the river, foot of Delancy-street, N.Y.; had been in a state of intoxication for several days.

31. Ludlow Squier, of Glen, intemperate, and had abandoned his family, committed suicide by hanging.

32. Elihu Horton, of Perry, committed suicide by hanging. Verdict of the jury, "intemperance."

33. William Stevens, of Phelps, in a fit of delirium tremens, drowned himself in the floom of a saw-mill.

Destroys Natural Affection.

34. James Hoduit, of New York, convicted of getting his wife drunk, abusing her and her child, and compelling her to prostitute herself for money.

35. A man named Powel, in New York, beat his wife and infant in her arms so cruelly that their lives were despaired of.

36. Jacob Insley, of Belvidere, N. J., when drunk, forced his daughter, aged 15, to submit to dishonour. He continued his incestuous intercourse for two years, threatening her with instant death if she betrayed him. The wife and mother was driven from the house, although sick, and her death hastened.

37. Robert Collins, of New York, convicted of beating and abusing his wife and children; his wife testified that he never abused them when he was sober.

Numbers 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 23 and 31 give additional and melancholy proof under this head.

Leads to crimes of various kinds.

At Cooperstown, N.Y., Lorenzo Mills and Huldah Lee, his sister, convicted of incest and arson in firing a barn; James M'Donald convicted of burglary in breaking open a distillery. All acknowledged that intemperance led them to their crimes.

39. Ransom Compton, a keeper of a grocery near Rochester, decoyed an artless country girl, an orphan, into his store, induced her to drink until she was intoxicated, and then he, with six or eight others, committed acts of brutality too horrid to be named; She was found on the bank of the canal next morning, nearly dead.