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Reach all makers and dealers in Harness in Ontario, over 600, and over 600 more in the North West and Eastern Provinces, by advertising in THE HARNESS BANNER.

THE BANNER IS A CHEAP ADVERTISER, as you only pay for its being sent to Harness men.

None receiving THE HARNESS BANNER will be called upon to pay for it. It is ALWAYS PAID FOR IN ADVANCE.

Mr. Black's advertisement is worth noticing as he has had long and varied experience as a Collar Maker. He is a pusher.

S. A. Buckle is one of Port Hope's energetic manufacturers. His Fly Nets and Shoe Laces are famous for their excellence and deserve extensive patronage.

The Port Hope Oiled Clothing Works are, besides the beauty of the town, assisting to make it one of the most attractive places in the Dominion. Their energy and probity secures their success.

Harness makers who are interested in learning where they can obtain their "trimming" and all full supplies, at reasonable rates, will be pleased to see the announcement of Spriggs & Buchanan on the last page. The vast experience of these practical men, and their facilities for knowing what any customer may need, and keeping supplies in stock, will account for their success.

Several firms infringed the "Triumph" Trace Buckle by using its Tongue and Bail in the "Double Grip." Two of these firms have now purchased the shop right to use these in the "Double Grip." See that all "Double Grips" are marked Pat. '89, or you are liable to prosecution. Coleman's "Double Grip," however, now have other improved designs, being registered, which makes them far superior. Still they are not to be compared with the "Triumph" (Triple Grip), and are not more than five cents cheaper. Some Jobbers are interested in not supplying Coleman's manufactures. Ask others for them, it will pay you, or write V. A. COLEMAN, Port Hope.

STRANDED.

S. R. WRIGHT.

Are you disappointed Ella?"

"Disappointed! Oh Nelson!"

The tone and accompanying look perhaps more than the words satisfied Nelson Armitage that his young wife was pleased with the appointments of their new home. They were standing now in their pretty dining room with its crimson carpeted floor and dainty lace curtained window when Mrs. Armitage's attention was arrested by the sight of an exquisitely etched decanter and wine glasses on the polished oak side board. Taking one of the glasses by its slender stem she held it up as she laughingly said:—"This is another of the wedding presents that could very properly be labeled "for ornamental purposes only." An almost imperceptible shade of annoyance passed over Mr. Armitage's face, but he made answer in gentle but decisive tones: "There will be no need whatever to label that glassware, Ella." I purchased it for service as well as for ornament."

"You purchased it, and for service, why Nelson whatever can you mean, surely our home will not be other than a temperance one?"

"Of course it will be a temperance home dear but not fanatically so."

I am afraid I do not understand you at all Nelson, "and the look of troubled wonderment deepened in the truthful eyes—"A temperance home but not fanatically so," she repeated again half under her breath. "Must it be not one thing or the other, either a temperance home and that implies the complete banishment of everything in the form of an intoxicant or, or the reverse!"

"I am very sorry dear we cannot think the same on this question," tenderly responded Nelson Armitage, for he saw his wife was troubled and hurt over the matter. "Perhaps it is better we understand each other at once. You know," he continued in somewhat rapid tones, as if wishing to hurry through with a distasteful subject, "the house I represent believes in treating, although they never said so in as many words, it is an established fact nevertheless; good solid church members too they are, all three of them. Last year the rivalry between the travellers as to who would report the largest sales reached white heat. I had the honor of coming out a long way ahead, and never did as much treating in my life. Why it was only yesterday I asked the firm for ten dollars for treating purposes during this our "opening" week. I got it and no questions asked, and I accept their silence as an endorsement. My salary was raised three hundred dollars at the new year showing they appreciate the work done. I had hoped to have invited to our home some of my customers who will be in the city this week and expected that glassware to be in requisition; nor did it occur to me that I would meet with any opposition from my wife," he added in somewhat aggrieved tones.

"Oh Nelson can it be possible my life has given forth such an uncertain sound?"

on the temperance question that you thought I could sanction the treating of others to that which may enkindle unconquerable appetite in them and through which they may be forever lost." For an instant tears veiled the brightness of the brown eyes, but controlling herself, Mrs. Armitage continued in pleading tones. "Won't you promise dear you will never use those glasses for that purpose, and I will make the most inviting chocolate, the most tempting cake, anything, only, not that other plan."

Nelson Armitage looked into the sweet face of his wife with its intensity of longing so visible, wavered in his decision for an instant, then half laughingly said, "Well Ella dear we will take the cake and chocolate and this will be the seal of the compact," and quietly he snapped the frail glasses in two.

Ella Armitage thankful for one victory achieved, but knowing well there was a greater conflict ahead, with the skill of a general marshalled all her forces and commenced the attack. She entreated her husband with a concentration of earnestness to give up the dangerous habit of treating. Then with the eloquence that is born of the knowledge that our all is at stake, our life here, our future hereafter, she pleaded, yea, agonized for a promise that he himself would never touch liquor again, for she knew if he treated others he must be a like participant. Too womanly to charge him with the fact which there was no undoing, that had she known of this before their marriage matters might have been different, but with marvellous tact and earnestness, she pleaded and argued, then wept at the apparent hopelessness of the effort.

Nelson Armitage loving his young wife most tenderly, most devotedly, thought he was proving his love for her by not yielding; knowing well the luxuriant home he took her from, and wishing to surround her in a like manner with every comfort and really thinking his habit of treating had helped him in his business, was immovable.

Mrs. Armitage noting this, then begged for a year's trial of her plan, but even this was denied, and after two hours had elapsed, all the ground she had gained was the promise that at the end of two years he would join the ranks of the non-treating army. Then thought Nelson Armitage our home and furniture will be clear of debt, and if I must accept a subordinate position and lower salary because my sales are so behind previous years can better afford to do so.

Anxiously, tremblingly, fearfully, Ella Armitage looked forward to the completion of the two years specified. Not that she doubted her husband keeping his word; she knew a promise was held by him as a most sacred and binding obligation, but if—it could not be so terrible—if he should not be able, for as the months passed she could not blind her eyes to the fact that it was gaining on him. There had been some terrible Friday evenings, the blackness of which she thought was photographed on her life there to remain forever, when her husband had returned a little later than usual, his step a trifle unsteady, his