

A member of the medical staff in a London hospital being recently asked by a reporter of the Post... "It would be difficult to estimate the number, but it is unquestionably great. We sometimes find even children with drugged livers, due to the habit of giving infants gin to soothe them while teething. Drink is with us a source of much trouble. In the public houses were that we should have to close half our wards, or rather, we should be able to take twice as many patients!"

THE POET'S CORNER.

Something made of nothing, tasting very sweet; A most delicious compound, with ingredients complete; But if, on occasion, the heart and mind are sour, It has no great significance; it loses half its power. Something made of nothing, and never twice the same. Though 'tis known in every country where love has had a name; It is clearly meant for giving, though 'tis sometimes bought for selling. And, like coffee and potatoes, is not so good when cold. It oft appeared discord, when words have failed to please; Whether bestowed carelessly or given just to tease; For a laugh will often save one from doing something worse. And the lips that taste this sweetness are seldom heard to curse. 'Tis the strangest, oddest mixture, this something made of naught, Which is never seen nor handled, although 'tis often caught. Which will not spoil in keeping, whatever be the climate. For this something made of nothing will stand the test of time.

BEAUTIFUL JIM.

By JOHN STRANGE WINTER.

CHAPTER XIX.

The colonel, who was staying at a hotel in Walsbury had betaken himself away from the afternoon by the time Beautiful Jim returned to it, so for that night he could do nothing to promote the scheme he had prepared for getting Tommy Earle sent back to headquarters. Therefore he had to wait until 10 o'clock in the morning, when Col. Barnes arrived in barracks.

TEN DAYS' LEAVE.

As soon as Beautiful Jim had a spare hour to himself he went down to the Duke's Tail and asked for the landlord. He came to him, looking a little frightened.

CHAPTER XX.

"Thank you, sir," said Jim, gravely, "young Earle won't be able to go to the funeral—he's ill in bed, but of course the doctor will tell you about that. Still, you'll be in—fact, he's been ill and unlike himself ever since we came here. The place does not suit him physically or morally, and I am perfectly certain if he remains here he will go to the dogs, nothing else."

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this terrible affair is over, sir, I should like a few days' leave. I should indeed. "That is easily managed," returned the colonel, kindly—then he hesitated, stammered a little, opened his mouth as if to speak, and flushed scarlet under his bronzed skin. "I'm sure you'll understand my dear boy, the fact is—I thought perhaps, after all that has happened—the mistake of your arrest and all that, you might find it a little painful to— to remain here."

"Not a bit, sir," said Jim, promptly. "It will be painful to me ever to think about Owen, no matter what part of the world I might be in, for he was the best friend I ever had in my life; but about the matter of arresting me—well, the police thought they had a clew, and they were quite right to follow it up. I am not at all tender on that point, sir, I assure you; and besides, everybody who knows me, who knew what friends he and I were, would laugh outright at the idea that I could have murdered him."

"It is very good of you to meet me like this, sir," Jim said to his dead friend's father, when that old gentleman held out his hand before every one assembled in the ante-room and shook it heartily. "All I can do for my poor lad now is to stand by his friend," returned the old man, sadly.

"Thank you, sir," said Jim, gratefully. "I shall never forget that you did stand by me, never." And then they had to take their place and the sad procession started on its way to crawl at a foot's pace through the crowded streets, with arms raised, and the band playing the mournful strains of the "Dead March," while hundreds of eager heads were pressed forward to get a glimpse of Jim, as he paced first on the left of the gun carriage, and to point Jim out as "him as was took up for it, you know, but they couldn't prove naught against him." It was a painful hour, but Jim held his head up, high and straight, and bore himself like the brave, soldierly gentleman that he was.

"I'll never believe that he did it," cried a woman in the crowd at the grave side. "If he'd had a hand in sending the poor chap there, he could never have looked into the grave so sad and sorrowful as he did. No! I'll never believe it of him."

"Well, he's not clear of it yet, and won't be until something more is found out about it," was the answer of her companion.

"You shall, sir," said Mr. Brown, and immediately hurried away to carry Jim's wish into effect. In the course of a minute or two the bar maid appeared, evidently in almost as great a fright as she had been on the day of the inquest.

to do with him, that I'd seen how set against a marriage his people would be. "Tommy Earle was ordered to return to his place; also one of the senior subalterns came to relieve Beautiful Jim, who was to return to headquarters, and one Capt. Moore came to take up command of the detachment."

"And so when as Jim found himself once more in Blankhampton, the colonel told him that he could have ten days' leave at any time that he liked. Naturally enough, he replied that he would like to have it once, for in the course of his conversations with Tommy, he had elicited the fact that his father and sister had returned to England and were in truth at their town house at that very time."

"So he went back to his hotel and straight to bed, only because the room he got to sleep the nearer he would seem to morning and to her. And in the morning, ridiculously early, that is to say between 11 and 12, he started off to Hans place, and there, still, she was alone, and best of all, there was something in her face and manner as she rose to greet him which made Beautiful Jim forget all cretories and take her in his arms. "Oh, my darling, my darling!" he cried, "my own darling!"

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her, I've never seen her since the week I was in London before I met you." "But how could Stuart know?" she persisted. Beautiful Jim's face turned like a stone. "He knew that I had no hand in it—that I was absolutely innocent," he replied. "Don't ask me any more, darling. The subject is too painful to me, for you know all Owen was the best friend I ever had in all my life."

For some minutes Nancy stood looking at him, her sweet dove's eyes filled with a light such as he had never seen shining in their clear depths before. "I believe," she said, slowly, "that you know who committed that murder."

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ask you something, so I will leave you a few minutes before I go." This implied that her father was to invite the visitor to join them at that meal, a hint that was not lost upon him. "Well, Mr. Beresford," he said, as the door closed behind Nancy's retiring form, "you wanted to ask me something."

THE TEMPERANCE WORK. The priests of Montreal preached on Temperance on the last Sunday in the month. They forbade their parishioners to give liquors to callers on New Year's Day.

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RELIGIOUS. Interesting Paragraph. The churches of St. are increasing nearly the ministry. A Cedar Rapids, Ia. clergyman who is a member of the Christian Y. M. C. A. says: "The minister who, of ed the first sermon in and he is still of the cap is a good minister. Canterbury, N. church that was built not been shingled sin shingles then put on pins, and were faster page. When the first best Diarrel was advised ways to appoint mod hopricity. "Moderate alone, to enroll themselves in his Temperance League of the Cross. Rev Joseph Cook says: "High license glides the saloon, transforms the gin hole into the gin-palace, and so gives external respectability to the liquor traffic."

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During the last three months of 1888, there were 563 prosecutions of tarem keeper through Ont. Of the, 380 cases were convicted, 182 dismissed, and 14 withdrawn. In ten of the cases the accused absconded. By some want of tact an innocent liquor dealer in the Northwest allowed the police to seize about 150 gallons of whiskey while on route from (Gleicher to Revin. The innocent one was fined \$200 and his horses and wagons confiscated. It hardly pays to deal in whiskey up there. The stuff could have been sold for \$1,200.

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