A BOY'S TEMPTATIONS.

Professor Henry Drummond, of Glasgow, says: "You have heard of the old castle that was taken by a single gun. The attacking force had only one gun, and seemed hopeless to try to take the castle; but one soldier said, 'I will show you how you can take the castle,' and he pointed the cannon to one spot and fired, and went on all day, never moving the cannon. About nightfall there were a few grains of sand knocked off the wall. He did the same thing the next and the next. By-and-by the stones began to come away, and by steadily working his gun for one week he made a hole in that castle big enough for the army to walk through. Now with a single gun firing away at every boy's life, the devil is trying to get in at one opening. Temptation is the practice of the soul, and if you never have any temptation you will never have any practice. A boy that attends fifty drills in a year is a much better soldier than the one that drills twice. Do not quarrel with your temptations; set yourself resolutely to face them.

DEMORALIZING THE YOUNG.

A boy entered a saloon with pop-corn. The bar-tender offered to buy the corn if the little fellow would take his pay in drink. The boy refused, saying that he used his money to buy bread and clothes for himself and little sister. The saloon-keeper bought some corn, and the boy started on his way to the door. The keeper of the den called the boy back, and gave him a glass of whiskey mixed with sugar and water, saying that it was good for colds. The boy pronounced it good and went away. Then this fiend in human shape said: "The Prohibition cranks are injuring us, and, unless we continue making customers out of the young, they will soon have them all on their side. If that boy keeps selling corn on this side of the river, it won't be three weeks till he will buy drinks of me. They learn easy when young," and he laughed heartily. Then the monster went on to enumerate the many boys he had taught to drink. One was a six-year-old son of a widow, whom he taught to drink from spite.—*Golden Rule.*

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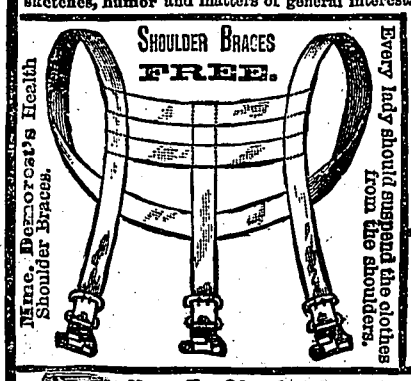

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