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THE FARMERSVILLE REPORTER.

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I feel the chill of death no more!
At length
I stand renewed in all my strength!
Beneath me I feel
The great earth stagger and reel,
As if the feet of a descending God
Upon its surface trod;
And like a pebble it rolled beneath his
heel!

This, O brave physician! this
Is the great palingenes is.
The angel (after the Prince drinks
again):

Touch the goblet no more!
It will make thy heart sore
To its very core!
Its perfume is the breath
Of the Angel of Death,
And the light that within it lies
Is the flash of his evil eyes.
Beware! O, beware!
For sickness, sorrow and care,
All are there!

Lucifer (disappearing while the
Prince is drinking):

Drink! drink!
And thy soul shall sink
Down into the dark abyss,
Into the infinite abyss,
From which no plummet nor rope
Ever drew up the silver sand of hope.
—Longfellow's Golden Legend.

Wine is a mocker, strong drink is
raging; who is deceived thereby
is not wiser—[Bible].

Who hath woe? who hath sorrow?
who hath contentions? who hath bab-
blings? who hath wounds without
cause? who hath redness of eyes?
They that tarry long at the wine; they
that go to seek mixed wine. Look not
upon the wine when it is red, when it
giveth its color in the cup, when it
moveth itself aright. At the last it
biteth like a serpent and stingeth like
an adder.—[Bible].

True, Paul said: "Take a little wine
for thy stomach's sake and thine after
infirmities." But he also said: "If
meat make my brother to offend I shall
eat no meat while the world standeth."

This last text must either go out
of the bible or the wine bottle off the
table; the text will not move so the
bottle must.

I have placed those passages before
you for your candid and impartial con-
sideration, and now, doctor, with all
due deference to your superior knowl-
edge, I shall speak plainly to you con-
cerning this very important discussion.

I admit that wine (and other fer-
mented liquors) may be useful as a
medicine in many cases, but I am en-
tirely opposed to its indiscriminate use
for such purposes (or any other). I
fear, indeed, I know, that in numerous
instances the patient avoids Scylla by
falling into Charybdis. He escapes
one trouble only to encounter a greater.
The appetite for strong drink is fre-
quently created by an injudicious con-
tinuance of the use of liquors for
medicinal purposes. This appetite is
the most terrible of all diseases; for it
ruins body, mind and soul; hence the
use of wine, even medicinally, is open
to serious objections. I doubt not that
mankind would be better without it.
The growing opinion is that if ever it
had a use it has outlived its usefulness,
medical men, such as yourself, to the
contrary notwithstanding. You tell
the public, in your poem, that wine

will kill the bacteria of typhoid fever.
Would you be so kind as to inform the
community what are the organisms
that produce "wine fever" and delirium
tremens, and what will kill them.

How is it that man may slake his
thirst at the crystal fount day after day
and year after year, for a whole life-
time and no appetite is formed, but if
he uses wine he becomes, eventually,
an unwieldy mass of corruption, with
all his nerve gone, his mind slanted,
his once god-like form transformed
almost to the image of a brute. And
in the face of all this you call wine a
"grateful boon!" And Why? Because
it kills all "reptiles," you say. But
then, my dear sir, it kills man, too. I
shall not "grant its use" and then I
have no fear of its "abuse."

The last four verses are so illusory
that it seems to me you must have
written them while making a crusade
upon bacteria in your own blood.

You wail out:—
"And worst of all coercive law
Enforcing man to live a child,
No longer free; a slave, a thing,
Forever in rebellion wild."

But the Christian poet exultantly ex-
claims:—
"He is the freeman whom the Truth
makes free."

This is a freedom which the law
cannot take from any one. Do you
complain because the law compels a
man to become a useful, or at least,
harmless citizen? In the making of
laws society only protects itself. No
law so far as I am aware, "enforces
man to live a child." How you ar-
rived at such a conclusion I cannot
determine.

To conclude, dear doctor, I sincerely
trust that when you again feel the
spirit of poetry upon you the optimist
may prevail over the pessimist, and
that as the kaleidoscopic views of
human life and passions pass in view
before you, this still small voice may
ever whisper in your heart the music
of that "harp of thousand strings,
spirits of just men made perfect."

I have the honor to be,
Your sincere friend,
VERITAS.

Additional Local.

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grass that he has seen in this section,
and fully up to anything that has been
grown in this section for some years
past. The grass will turn out fully
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township we find that the law in re-
gard to Noxious Weeds is very poorly
observed. The law makes it imperi-
tive on all owners or occupants of
land in any municipality to cut down
and destroy all Canada Thistles, Ox-eye
Daisies, Wild Oats, Rag Weed or Bur-
dock in time to prevent the ripening
of their seed. Also to cut and burn
all Black-knot found on Plum or Cher-
ry trees. It is the duty of the overseer
of highways to see that all such nox-
ious weeds are cut and destroyed on
the highways, and we have been re-
quested to warn them that they too
are liable for non-performance of their
duties. We hope that a word to the
wise will be sufficient.

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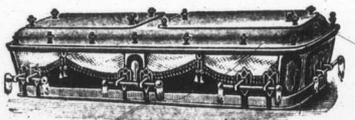
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