



Temperance and Sentiment.

Among the difficulties which meet and oppose the advocates of temperance, none are more formidable than the fact of being wide-spread and ancient, and the romance and genial and witty sentiments which hover round the wine cup and garnish the goblet with a splendor not its own.

The stock subjects for poets and singers, from the earliest period of published literary and musical efforts, have been women and wine; and indeed in the classic period the gentlemen played the ladies on the lyre, and the ladies, in place of coldly assenting like our own, to a glass of port if we please, as if, sweet creatures, they had a sole indifference to it themselves, answered the challenge with "a hearty good health to you, sir," and indulged so very freely in the cheering bowl that it is not marvellous that the sex has been frequently associated with the vice.

Then, again, the system of drinking toasts so largely prevails in society that it requires a pretty large amount of moral courage to absolutely refuse to drink when a toast is proposed; but if refusal is disagreeable, incoherence is dangerous, for, at many entertainments, the mere mention of a friend's name at table, and this becomes one way of never forgetting one's friends, leads to another glass, until like Hood's victims, —

One pint, perhaps, he might have had; Nor been much out of his wits; The rock, in geologic phrase, He split upon, was — quartz.

In calling the ancients to account, however, for the part that they have taken in establishing the wine cup among the social lares, we are by no means prepared to lay the burden of blame at their door, nor do we wish to disturb the glow of the tender passions and quaffers of Canary, Burgundy and Sherry sack of the middle ages. No, we have a worse set of culprits in our own time and in our midst; for while the polished poets of Greece, Rome and England praised their more sparkling though less intoxicating fluids, in scholarly but not bewitching phrase, the poets and the people of Scotland have invented a set of phrases at once genial and homely, abounding in human sympathy, and rich in poetry with reference to their own all powerful Whiskey. Mark, then, a few of the things which you require of a Scotchman when you ask him to sign the pledge. "O' kindness," "a digester," "a cheerer," "a refresher," or "a dooch an' dorus," — he must turn a deaf ear; while he must learn to consider "the real thing" as a delusion, to treat "a bosom friend" as a serpent, and to despise the sparkling "mountain dew," "the simon pure," "the drapple," "the capple," and all the other pretty and social forms of words with which old John Barley-corn assails our ears.

We could extend our remarks to much greater length but we remember the blithe and its motto, and although an editor has the certain advantage of the last word, we rarely care to battle with a class much less a nationality. We have been rather inclined to comment upon this matter, however, on account of the attacks which have been made upon the classic bordering of the bill of fare at the grand temperance dinner at the "Victoria," and we think, in fairness to Messrs. McMillan and the ancient Greeks and Romans, we should hunt up a few more scape goats. We have, however, larger objects in view, upon which we may take occasion to amplify at some future time; for the present we have to express the strongest desire that the ladies will endeavor to dissociate themselves in all respects from wine; that future poets will seek to throw around sparkling water the radiant halo that now encircles wine; and that Scotchmen will expunge from their dictionaries those leaping convivial expressions which have tempted so many good men to perdition. Perhaps the Presses of the Curling Club and the Alderman for Queen's might bring this matter before their compatriots in this City.

A Romance of Real Life.

THE STORY OF SEVENTY-FIVE CLAIMS MILLIONS OF PROPERTY, AND GEORGE WASHINGTON FOR HIS FATHER.

GRAPHIC SKETCH OF HIS MOTHER'S CAREER.

A suit possessing a considerable amount of interest for the people of all America is occupying the United States Circuit Court of New York. It involves the heirship to the estate of the late Madame Jumel. The contest is for the possession of two tracts of land, one of ninety-four and the other of thirty-two acres, with the Harlem Heights residence; also certain property on Broadway and Liberty streets, New York City. The value of the estate, says a writer, may be enormous. The party in possession is one Nelson Chase, who claims that his wife was the daughter of Madame Jumel when she was a young girl, and that she was adopted by her father, George Washington, in 1792.

Those who did not already know the story of Madame Jumel's life, and the life of her daughter, will find it interesting. The life of Madame Jumel has indeed been seldom, if ever, the subject of a novel, and certainly no better than they should have been. Her nature, with all its weaknesses and follies, and her position in the development of the age, but has remained pretty much the same since the time of her death. Her life was a life of struggle and conflict, and she was a woman of great energy and determination.

HISTORICAL AMERICANS. As was of the most varied description. As related by Mr. Shaffer, Esq., or, as she is generally called, "Betsey," Bowen was the daughter of John and Phoebe Bowen of Providence, R. I. Her parents were a pious and respectable family, and she was a well-bred and accomplished young lady.

THE NEWS FROM NOVA SCOTIA. "A Passenger" writes to the Yarmouth Herald to say that late as the 19th inst., while the stage coach was descending a hill near Digby, en route for Yarmouth, the vehicle was upset and all the passengers pitched into the ditch. There were nine inside and six on top; the latter were strapped down under the load, which rendered them quite helpless as the insides. Although there were four ladies in the party, there wasn't a scream!

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SHIBET PINNACLE OF WORLDLY PROSPERITY.

At this time she was about 25 years of age, of great beauty, and what is marvellous in view of her education—possessed of a mental acuity which only adorned at death. Among her admirers or suspected admirers, at different periods in her life, were Gen. Washington, Gen. Barré, Joseph Bonaparte, Mr. Jumel and Aaron Burr. In 1804 she became acquainted with Jumel, and persuaded him to marry her. This was the commencement of her financial and social good fortune. Jumel, as is well known, was a French gentleman of ability and wealth, who, after various vicissitudes in his native country and elsewhere, embarked early in the century for New York, with about a dozen ships, arrived safely, became one of the earliest of our "merchant princes," and retired from business in 1812 with a large fortune.

THE BRIDGETOWN PRESS is responsible for the statement that it was the intention of the inhabitant of St. Croix Cove to thrust the corpse of the four men of the wrecked schooner "Bivalve" into the commonest box coffin, without even stripping the boots from their feet. The people of the locality, however, headed by Captain Travis Britton, one of the party, humbly interposed and had the bodies properly shrouded, placed in neat coffins and forwarded to their bereaved families on this side the Bay. All honor to the honest, manly Nova Scotians.

Attention is directed by the Citizen to the fact that the sub. "Ada" is expected at this port in a few days with a cargo of Gasoline. "We understand that the city Insurance Agents are considerably exercised over the matter. They say that on account of its inflammable nature its landing should not be permitted. It is deemed important that Gasoline should be excluded from insured buildings. We certainly think that there is any real danger connected with it, the owners of the cargo should have it stored in some building without the limits of the city."

THE HALIFAX CHRONICLE has at last discovered a grievance in no way connected with Confederation. It takes the lawyers to task for the low social tone that prevails among them, as especially exemplified in their conduct in open Court. The lecture notes of the recent case of factice by Messrs. Weather and Lynch. It declares that "the alteration was an illustration, very little exaggerated, of a social contact, with disgraceful regularity, at every sitting and term of the Supreme Court. The Bench has been formerly lax in enforcing a proper observance of professional etiquette and courtesy. Members of the Bar, who are well known, are in the habit of coming to the Court in the rule of professional decorum in addressing each other, without rebuke, or with the very mildest rebuke, from their Lawships. The Bar, however, is otherwise "low," according to the standard of the profession.

NOVA SCOTIA MATTERS. GLEANINGS FROM OUR EXCHANGES. The news from Nova Scotia is exciting. "A Passenger" writes to the Yarmouth Herald to say that late as the 19th inst., while the stage coach was descending a hill near Digby, en route for Yarmouth, the vehicle was upset and all the passengers pitched into the ditch.

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CHUBB'S CORNER AND ITS PATRONS.

Occasionally a long legged lawyer or a short editor will dash down the hill, as if for life, but its only to "catch the ball." Sometimes they succeed,—more times they don't. In the sunniest part of the day MANY A PLEASANT GROUP is gathered around Chubb's corner, or, in other words, the elegant hydrant at Gabel's. Here may be seen Justice Keens, Chairman of the local School Board, the most methodical and painstaking of our officials, and the best dressed gentleman in the City. Here Mr. Willis mingles with his constituents, to receive that inspiration which serves him for legislative deeds. Here Mr. Nowlin criticises the acts of Corporation and Sessions, and denounces the extravagance and all vices which he finds prevailing on all sides. Occasionally Mr. Reed, Mayor sealed, and Mr. Golding, Mayor in prospective, stand along with airy grace and nod. The massive form of Mr. J. S. Verner, agent for Glasier's tug boats, is a prominent feature of the corner, and Senator Glasier himself is frequently here to exchange information on political and lumber. The "Bard of War," the minstrel of Theodore, has a great attachment to the spot. Alderman Forbes, overflowing with animal spirits, frequently meets in the locality, laughing with his friends or expounding the principles on which Corporation improvements, especially in the Street Department, are being carried on. Alderman Glasier is seldom far away from the corner when there is anything exciting on the carpet. Mr. Lanegan, when in the City, Mr. Venning, Inspector of Fisheries, Mr. Chubb, himself, when business is rare and uninviting; the old citizens are home, near their firesides, reading the evening papers, for night air don't agree with them. Till nine o'clock a faint glare of light from the News Room illumines the neighborhood. Then

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LOCALS. Hon. Mr. Tilley. Mr. Tilley expects to leave for Ottawa on Saturday morning. Personal. Mr. S. Jennings, of Johnson & Co., Bangor, proprietors of the world renowned "Johnson's Liniment," is in the City. Quarantine Abandoned. Telegrams have been received in Halifax announcing that vessels sailing thence after January 19th will not be subjected to quarantine at Porto Rico. The Temperance Meeting last evening was very successful. Mr. Tilley's effort of over an hour was very able and met with great applause. Temperance Hall was filled, and the meeting was a great success. There will be another similar meeting on next Tuesday evening. Grand Sleight Party. There will be a great turn out of the youth, beauty and fashion of the city this evening. The Sleight Ride of the Season will then come off. It is understood that from fifty to sixty couples will go out to Claremont House, leaving the city at 7 or 7:30 p. m. The teams will consist of double sleighs, double sleighs, single sleighs, and, in fact, all varieties of sleighs; and the affair will prove one of the most enjoyable of the kind ever set on foot. Mr. Chris. Robertson furnishes many of the teams, but the probability is that the Livestock will be denuded of their most stylish turn-outs for the occasion. Another Runaway. This morning a little before eight o'clock, while the horse of Otis Small, Esq., of Small and Hatheway, was being driven by a boy, the animal took fright, and at the corner of Union and Charlotte streets started and ran down King st. Opposite the Waverly the lad was thrown from the sleigh, injuring his back somewhat. The animal dashed through the Market Square—down Water st. to Reed's Point—turned the corner in the same style,—and rushed up Prince William st. Opposite Barnes's Hotel he knocked a man down, and near Chubb's corner he was stopped by another man. The sleigh was badly broken, the horse traversing Prince William st. with only one shaft dangling at his side. One of his hind legs was out.

MARRIED. At St. Luke's Church, Hemmingsford, Quebec, on the 24th inst., by the Rev. John Davidson, Mr. JOSEPH WILLIAMS, of Newmarket, Mimico, New Brunswick, to Cecilia, Mary Elizabeth, youngest daughter of ADAMSON D. PARKER, of Hemmingsford. At Miramichi, the residence of the bride, a Wednesday, 24th January, by the Rev. James McAtee, Rector, assisted by Rev. B. Shaw, R. C. McFarlane, Esq., Canada, England, to ASHLEY T. JONES, of Miramichi, Quebec's County. DIED. On the 28th inst., in the 71st year of his age, after a long illness, which he bore with Christian resignation, Mr. ROBERT KERRY, a resident of this Province for fifty years, and universally respected. Burial on Friday last in Duke street, on Friday next, at 3 o'clock, p. m. On Tuesday, 28th inst., at Beach Hill, Kings County, Parish of Robbsey, MARY FRASER, in the 60th year of her age. Burial on Friday at Gouda Point, at 12 o'clock, when friends and acquaintances are requested to attend. At Campbellton, on the 19th inst., of consumption, Mr. ELIZABETH TAYLOR, in the 67th year of her age. Her end was peace. SPIES, PICKLES AND SAUCES.—Spies Pickles and Sauces of every kind for sale at the "BIDDINGTONS."

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BY TELEGRAPH.

From Ontario.

(Special Telegram to the Daily Tribune.)

Toronto, Jan. 31. The Government bill providing that Orders in Council appropriating a part of the Railway fund to any particular Railway must be submitted to the House, was carried unanimously last night.

Also Blake's bill to secure the further independence of Parliament.

The opposition objected to a division on either of these bills.

Small Pox appears to be on the increase in this city.

British and Foreign.

(Special Telegrams to the Daily Tribune.)

London, Jan. 30. Bruce, Home Secretary, has requested the Magistrates of Bolton to explain their inaction during the late

DILKE RIOTS.

Seventeen persons have been summoned to answer for participation in acts of wanton destruction.

St. Paul's Cathedral is being handsomely decorated for

THE OFFICIAL THANKSGIVING

in February, for the restoration of the health of the Prince of Wales.

The Common Council of the City of London are also engaged in the consideration of the subject of making preparations for Thanksgiving.

Paris, Jan. 30. Deputy Palladas announced in the Assembly he should contribute his salary to a voluntary fund for the payment of

THE WAR INDEMNITY

with the hope that French soil will soon be rid of the Germans.

Madrid, Jan. 30. A mass meeting of

THE RADICAL PARTY

is called for Friday next. The radicals are organizing an Electoral Committee

throughout the Province. It is intended to make a vigorous canvass of the Kingdom for the coming elections.

The Associated Press Despatch contains the following additional items:—

Sir Charles Dilke was married to-day at Chelsea to Miss Sheil.

The French Assembly passed a

MERCANTILES NAVY BILL.

To-morrow it discusses the abrogation of the commercial treaty.

General Cisy stated to the Assembly the siege of Paris would not be raised, owing to

THE PRESENCE OF BONAPARTISTS

and liberated Communists, who would create disorder. Many Bonapartists are arriving in Corsica, and a letter from Napoleon is expected.

It is stated that Picard will more for the consolidation of Republic and Orleansists; that

D'UMALE

be made Lieutenant General of France.

Havana, Jan. 30. The Spanish gunboat Astuto captured an

ENGLISH SCHOONER

and crew. The schooner was towed to Manzanillo.

Reported that the schooner had landed contraband of War on the Island when captured.

From Ottawa.

(Special Telegrams to the Daily Tribune.)

Ottawa, Jan. 31. In the Macleany murder case, the Jury last evening rendered a verdict of simple

acquittal.

In consequence of exaggerated reports of

SMALL POX

Mayor Martineau appointed two persons from each Ward to report at a public meeting held yesterday.

The number of cases they reported was 27, five of which are in the hospital.

Some cases of extraordinary desaturation have been found in families—some nearly perishing of starvation.

The friends of the Premier (John A.) intend haughting him in Kingston on his return from the West.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

PORT OF SAINT JOHN.

ARRIVED. Thursday, Jan. 30.—St. John New Brunswick, 935 tons, Capt. H. W. Chisholm, with 100 passengers. St. John, N. B., Kingston, New Haven, Eastbrook & Weston, 100 tons.

DEPARTED. Thursday, Jan. 30.—St. John, 900 tons, Capt. H. W. Chisholm, for New Brunswick, Kingston, New Haven, Eastbrook & Weston, 100 tons.

Foreign Ports. At New York, 20th inst. brig Royal Sovereign, 200 tons, Capt. H. W. Chisholm, with 100 passengers.

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