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The Same... Old Sarsaparilla.

That's Ayer's. The same old sarsaparilla as it was made and sold by Dr. J. C. Ayer 50 years ago. In the laboratory it is different. There modern appliances lend speed to skill and experience. But the sarsaparilla is the same old sarsaparilla that made the record—50 years of cures. Why don't we better it? Well, we're much in the condition of the Bishop and the raspery: "Doubtless," he said, "God might have made a better berry. But doubtless, also, He never did." Why don't we better the sarsaparilla? We can't. We are using the same old plant that cured the Indians and the Spaniards. It has not been bettered. And since we make sarsaparilla compound out of sarsaparilla plant, we see no way of improvement. Of course, if we were making some secret chemical compound we might... But we're not. We're making the same old sarsaparilla to cure the same old diseases. You can tell it's the same old sarsaparilla because it works the same old cures. It's the sovereign blood purifier, and—*it's Ayer's.*

The Power of The Cross.

SAVED BY TATTOO OF THE SAVIOUR

Rev. Thomas Needham Tells How a Tattoo of the Saviour on The Cross Saved His Life From Cannibals On A South Sea Island.

The revival at the Baptist tabernacle, conducted by Rev. Thomas Needham, continues with increasing interest. Mr. Needham is a preacher of unusual power and drives his gospel truths straight home. He is not in the least sensational. Much interest was manifested in the meeting last night.

When Mr. Needham was drawing his sermon to a close last evening he said that during the day he had a member of the congregation a story and the gentleman requested him to tell it in his sermon. Mr. Needham said it was this:

"Many years ago a more had been placed on a vessel and the great ship set sail. But the captain took a dislike to the boy because of his religion and treated him badly.

"Finally he had the lad tied down and tattooed upon his arm the cross with the Saviour on it. When the ship reached South America the captain had the lad placed on a rocky island and left him there. He was soon captured by the cannibals and carried into the interior. The savages surrounded him and prepared for a feast. The women tore his garments from him and made ready to kill him, but when the savages saw the cross upon his arm they were frightened and after consultation ordered that he put on his clothes and remain among them. For eleven months he dwelt among these cannibals until he succeeded in effecting an escape.

"And that lad," added Mr. Needham, "is the one who stands before you, and if any man wants to see the cross upon my arm he can do so if he will call at my room in the Yborborough house."

The speaker then made a beautiful application of this remarkable incident—(Religious Press-Visitor.)

Nearly all women are good, but few are great.

"To tell the truth, no mother has lived with the foot in the grave writes Mrs. Eugene Stann, brother of No. 10 Walker Ave., Houston, Texas, in a letter to Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y.

"With a most thankful heart I will tell you about the wonderful cure effected in my case. She has been a perfect wreck for seven long years and spent hundreds of dollars without benefit. After trying of your wonderful remedies I wrote to you. My mother has taken six bottles of the 'Golden Medical Discovery,' and six of the 'Favorite Prescription,' and is now perfectly cured. Please receive the hearty thanks and blessings from my father and seven children for saving the life of dear mother. May God bless you and your institution, is the wish of your friend.

Tens of thousands of women have found complete and permanent relief from obstinate and seemingly incurable disease by using the wonderful remedies referred to above. The 'Golden Medical Discovery' is the only scientific medicine prepared for that purpose by an eminent physician and specialist in that particular field of practice. For weak and nervous women these two medicines taken conjointly constitute the most marvellously successful course of treatment known to the medical profession.

For months in years Dr. Pierce has been chief consulting physician to the Louisville Hotel and Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y., at the head of a splendid staff of associate specialists, graduates of the leading medical universities of America and Europe.

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Strong Drink.

THE DRUNKARD'S SERMON.

Addressed to Two Young Men Before a Bar. (New Orleans Picayune.)

It was growing late. The tide of humanity that earlier in the evening had ebbed and flowed through the streets of the great city had swept onward, leaving the strange and almost appalling sense of desolation that comes when the noises of the town are hushed. The electric lights flared unnoted on the corners, the street cars passed at farther intervals, now and then a night worker hurried by, his foot steps ringing out loud and clear in the stillness. In front of a saloon, whose lights shone out bright and rudely across the pavement, stood a tramp, unshorn, ragged, dirty, disgusting. He watched with envious eyes the men who passed in and out through the swinging doors, and then turned his eyes toward two young fellows in evening dress, who were coming down the street toward him. They had been drinking deeply, and they stopped before the saloon door and looked curiously at him. "By Jove," said one, "think of having a thirst like that and not the price of an extinguisher in your pocket! Bouts old Tanalsin all to pieces, eh? Liquor, liquor everywhere, and not a drop to drink!" He ran his hand in his pocket and produced the tramp a dime, but before it could be accepted the other young fellow interposed. "Say," he said, "let's do the good Samaritan and set Hubs up to a good drink." The other hilariously assented, and the tramp slouched into the saloon at the heels of the two gilded youths. The barkeeper set before them glasses and liquors, and with a hand that shook the tramp poured out a brimming glass and raised it to his lips. "Stop," cried one of the young men, drunkenly; "make us a speech. It is poor liquor that does not unloose a man's tongue." The tramp hastily swallowed down the drink, and as the rich liquor coursed through his parched and straitened throat, he stood before them with a grace and dignity that all his rags and dirt could not obscure. "Gentlemen," he said, "I look tonight at you and at myself, and I sometimes look upon the picture of my lost youth. This bloated face was once as young and handsome as yours. This shuffling figure once walked as proudly as yours, a man in a world of men. I, too, once had home, and friends, and position. I had a wife as beautiful as an artist's dream, and I dropped the priceless pearl of her honor and respect in the wine-cup, and, Clootri-like, saw it dissolve, and quaffed it down in the burning draught. I had children as sweet and lovely as flowers of spring, and I saw them fade and die under the blighting curse of a drunkard's father. I had a home where love lit the flame upon the altar and ministered before it, and I put out the holy fire, and darkness and desolation reigned in its stead. I had aspirations and ambitions that soared as high as the morning star, and I broke and bruised their beautiful wings, and at last, strangled them that I might be tortured with their cries no more. Today I am a husband without a wife, a father without a child, a tramp with no home to call his own, a man in whom every good impulse is dead. All, all swallowed up in the maelstrom of drink." The tramp ceased speaking. The glass fell from his nerveless fingers and shattered into a thousand fragments on the floor. The swinging doors pushed open and shut to again, and when the little group about the bar looked up the tramp was gone.

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That Little Game.

SATISFYING CONSCIENCE.

She Would Willingly Forgive Him If He Would Give Some Money To The Missionary Cause.

"John!"

"Yes, dear."

"Is that you? You needn't take so much trouble to come in quietly; I've been awake these three mortal hours. Do you know what time it is?"

"I should say about a quarter after three."

"A pretty time for you to be getting home isn't it? Where have you been?"

"Over at Mr. Fraley's."

"Over at Mr. Fraley's? I suppose you mean that respectable 'Bill' Fraley. Who else was there?"

"Well, my dear, since it interests you so deeply, the other members of the party were Dr. Barton, Mr. Newkirk and Colonel Hall."

"A nice set of ruffians! What were you doing?"

"Having a social little chat. The time slipped."

"What else did you do?"

"Part of the time we played cards."

"Part of the time? By that I suppose you mean that there was five minutes when you came and before you left that you weren't playing?"

Acquiescent silence from the direction of John.

"What game were you playing?"

"Elizabeth, it was a game familiarly known as draw poker. Now, may I hope that you are satisfied? I'd like to go to sleep."

A brief period of regular breathing followed, then, in a loud whisper:

"John!"

"Huh?"

"Wake up. Did you win or lose?"

"Won, I guess."

More silence. This time John clearly got to sleep. A tag at his elbow brought him to his senses.

"John, how much did you win?"

"Dunno. Give me rest—go to sleep!"

"But about how much?"

John sighed. As nearly as I can remember, about \$12.

"Now, aren't you ashamed? Outrageous! I never would have thought such a thing in the world. Why John—"

"What did you want me to do—lose?"

"There's no need trying to treat the matter flippantly. You can just go right back and return every cent of that money to the gentlemen you won it from."

"But they've gone to bed."

"Then the first thing tomorrow morning."

John explained the involved characters of the pecuniary relationships in which it was possible, he said, for every man to be a debtor to every one of his opponents. A return of the spoils was out of the question. The argument seemed satisfactory for several minutes. Then the prosecution reopened.

"I'll forgive you on one condition."

"And never mention the subject again?"

"Yes."

"Name the condition."

"That you give me \$10 of that money for our missionary society, and every cent of the rest of it for some new clothes for yourself."

Ten minutes later to do for the missionary society. Don't you think so, John?—Chicago Times Herald.

Consumption Positively Cured.

Mr. R. B. Groves, merchant, of Chilhowie, Va., certifies that he had consumption, was given up to die, sought all medical treatment that money could procure, tried all cough remedies he could hear of, but got no relief, spent many nights sitting up in a chair, was induced to try Dr. King's New Discovery, and was cured by use of two bottles. For past three years has been attending to business, and says Dr. King's New Discovery is the greatest remedy ever made as it has done so much for him and also for others in his community. Dr. King's Discovery is guaranteed for Coughs, Colds and Consumption. It doesn't fail. Trial bottles free at W. M. Cohen's Drug Store.

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Mr. W. M. Dixon, a well known merchant of Pleasant Ridge, Fulton Co., Pa., has a little girl who is frequently threatened with croup, but when the first symptoms appear, his wife gives her Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which always affords prompt relief. The 25 cent 50 cent sizes.

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They that will not be consoled cannot be helped.

An Uncertain Disease.

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Bees For Sale.

HE HAD SEEN 'EM BEFORE.

How a Farmer Unwillingly Contributed Shoes For a Tramp.

As I sat on the veranda with the farmer after supper I asked him if he was not greatly bothered by tramps, and his reply was:

"Wall, a good many of 'em come along and want a bite to eat, and some of 'em are pretty sassy, but only one man of 'em ever served me a real mean trick."

"Poison your dog?" I queried.

"It was meaner than that. We was eatin' dinner one day in the spring when a hive of bees started to swarm. I'd been expectin' 'em and had a new hive ready. When bees swarm they will light on most anything handy—a limb, a bush or even the pump. Just as the bees began to pour out of the hive and circle around, along comes a tramp up the path to ask for sunthin' to eat. The queen bee settled down on his old hat, and the hull swarm followed her. In two minutes that tramp's head and shoulders was covered by bees, and I yells to him for heaven's sake not to try to fight 'em off or he'd be stung to death."

"He must have been terror-stricken," I said.

"Not a bit of it, sir. He was as cool as a cucumber; and when I told him he'd have to stand in a smudge till the bees was killed off he just laughed. When they'd all settled down on him and I was going to start a smudge he sez:

"'Old man, what d'ye consider this swarm of bees with in cold cash?'

"'About \$5,' sez I.

"'Ar'ye willin' to give three?' sez he.

"'What for?' sez I.

"'B'cause you'll either pay me \$3 or I'll walk off with the business and sell out to somebody else!'

"And you had to buy him off?" I asked.

"That's where the meanness come in," replied the farmer. "Them bees was my property, and I wasn't buyin' what was my own. He offered to take \$2, but I couldn't see how he could get away with 'em and refused to come down. Then he starts off. I reckoned the bees would get angry and sting him to death but nuthin' happened. He just walked into the road and down the hill, and he carried them bees seven miles and sold 'em for a new pair of shoes."

"And he wasn't stung?"

"Not once, sir. The bees seemed to like the smell of 'em, and he paddled along the road as grand as you please. As far tramps, I've had 'em lie dead and set fire to straw stacks, but I ain't feelin' hard toward anybody but the feller who walked off with the bees."

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She Was His Wife.

AND A REAL BEAUTY.

She Was Offered To Any One Who Would Walk Up and Kiss Her.

A clever trick was worked by Walter Redmond and his wife yesterday morning at Union Station, by which several traveling men were duped out of their money. At the end of a long seat in the waiting room was a pretty and modest-looking young woman attired in a Salvation Army uniform. She was very intent upon a paper which she was reading, and paid little attention to the crowd of traveling men standing near her.

Aside from the crowd was a well-dressed young man who was walking back and forth by the new stand puffing away at a fragrant cigar. Finally a number of the traveling men remarked upon the beauty of the little Salvation Army worker. All eyes were fixed on the little woman, and she received many compliments. The prosperous-looking young man who had been walking near the group of drummers drew near to the crowd. He, too, was struck with the appearance of the woman.

"I'll give any one of you fellows \$15 if you kiss that girl," said he.

Those in the crowd took the dare. One spoke up, however, and said to the stranger who had offered the money, "I'll bet you \$20 that you can't kiss her."

The stranger hesitated for several seconds, and then said:

"I'll just take that bet."

The money was put up and the stranger, who had given his name as Walter Redmond, walked over toward the little woman in uniform, and after bowing profoundly took a seat by her side.

At first the woman seemed to be very indignant and the traveling man thought he had the \$20 won. A minute later, however, Redmond's arm stole around the woman's waist. The spectators then began to open their eyes wide. One of them said: "That fellow has a whole lot of influence over that girl. It may be that he is a hypocrite." Redmond talked for probably two minutes and then kissed the woman.

Redmond walked over to the stakeholder and received the money. He then started from the depot. The little woman quickly arose from her seat and taking his arm walked to Ninth and Broadway, where the couple took an East Broadway car. Redmond is tall and handsome. His wife is a blonde and is exceptionally pretty.

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