

Reformation of William Wirt—A True Incident in his History.

The distinguished William Wirt, when six or seven months after his first marriage became addicted to intemperance, the effect of which operated strongly on the mind and health of his wife, and in a few months more she was numbered with the dead.

His wife, who was in a state of nervousness, was not able to attend to her usual duties, and she died in consequence of her illness.

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Great God! who left this with me? Who placed this on my face? No one knew. He dropped the glass, exclaiming: "Enough! enough!"

The retired instantly from the store, forgetting his thirst, but not his debase, the handkerchief or the lady, vowing, that if God gave him strength, never to touch, taste or handle intoxicating drinks.

To meet Miss Gamble was the hardest effort of his life. If he met her in her carriage or on foot, he popped around the nearest corner.

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Americans in Palestine.

Two years ago, an effort was made in a new line to ameliorate the condition of the inhabitants of Palestine. Seven Americans with improved ploughs and other tools, and American seeds, located upon a piece of land seven miles from Jerusalem, one mile from Bethlehem, and made preparation for farming after the American system.

Their location was in the valley of Artos, upon the very site of one of the gardens of Solomon.

Their friends in the city were much opposed to their going out there to reside, urging them, if they were determined to try to cultivate the soil, to keep their residence in the city for fear of the Arabs.

The operations, instead of exciting the jealousy of the Arabs, aroused them to a state of surprise, and the news of what Americans at Solomon's garden were doing, and what wonderful tools they were using, and how peaceable and quiet they were, never saying anything about their religion, flew on the wings of the wind, and visitors came to look and wonder, from far and near.

The rapid manner in which he heated his iron, and hammered out such a shape as he desired, was beyond the comprehension of the simple minded people.

One day the farm received a visit from twenty-five sheiks, who inspected all the tools and the way they were used, and the effect produced, and looked at the growing crops, so much beyond anything they had ever seen produced before, and then turned their heads together to consult upon the wonders they had witnessed.

It would have been dangerous now for any one to molest the American farmers, since they had all the sheiks and principal men in the country on their side, and anxious for their success and influence.

The English opinion of American power.—Some of the English press are so intensely hostile to everything American, that they will give to the United States the epithet of "Satan" for political influence or power.

A Good Joke.—The Richmond Examiner recently published an editorial article, in which the following passage occurred:

"The shooting of itinerant abolition school masters is frequently a creditable and laudable act, entitling a respectable southern man to at least a seat in the legislature, or a place in the common council."

What can be done by using hints.

Mrs. Hogan and her husband were neither willing to live upon the generosity of their neighbors, which they were by no means backward in soliciting.

One day Mrs. Hogan dropped into Mrs. Farnham's her next door neighbor, just as the lady was sitting down to supper.

Of course she was invited to sit down. "Your tea's very good," said she; "I wish Mr. Hogan were here. He's very fond of it, but he's very poor and can't afford to get it—it's so expensive."

This hint was considered rather a strong one, so Mrs. Farnham handed Mrs. Hogan, just as she was going, a pound parcel.

"Thank you," said Mrs. Hogan, "I'm glad to get the tea, but 'taint of much use with me."

A quart of milk was consigned to her chair. "Well," said she, "now if I had some sugar, we should be provided."

Mrs. Farnham procured a pound and gave it to her.

"Now," said Mrs. Hogan, "we shall stand a chance to have a good cup of tea. There's nothing relishes with tea like apple-pie, as Mrs. Hogan often says?"

This hint was strong enough to draw out the article desired.

"After all," said Mrs. Hogan, as she took the pie into her hands, "pie 'taint pie unless a body has cheese to eat with it. If there's anything else, it's cheese."

It was impossible to resist such an appeal as this. An ample slice having been placed in her possession, she paused for a moment as if considering whether there was not something else she might call for.

"These things are rather heavy, and I ain't so strong as I used to be. I don't know as I shall be able to get home."

Mrs. Farnham volunteered to send her son, John, to carry a part of the articles, an offer which Mrs. Hogan accepted without the least hesitation.

A BRIDEGROOM'S SPEECH.—The Health of the Bridegroom and Bride.—My friends, of myself at this most mystic hour I will say nothing.

Yes, I will repeat it—I am proud to repeat—chain me? When I look at that ring am I not reminded of the circle of domestic duties, a circle even and complete and without a flaw.

CONSULATE IN VENICE.—The talented author of "Reveries of a Bachelor," Mr. Donald G. Mitchell, more generally known as "The Marvel," finds the Consulate of Venice poorly suited to his taste or his pecuniary interest.

THE ANTI-SLAVERY COLLEGE.—The Rev. Professor Goodrich, of Yale College, declares that the members of the Faculty of that institution are a unit in opposition to slavery.

NEW USE OF SPIRITUALISM.—A woman in New York, named Susan A. Hubbard, was taken before a judge last week, charged with bigamy—having three or four husbands.

A down-east man thus huris his wit at the head of the medical faculty: "The baby is sick my dear." "It's all gone, sir—not a drop is left."

Reprobations on the U. S. Mint Disclosed.

Within the last few days, disclosure has come to light that extensive abstractions from the funds on deposit at the Philadelphia United States Mint have taken place, and of such a character as to involve the reputation of an honest official and irreproachable citizen.

Upon the chief weigh-clerk of the mint, Mr. J. Engle Negus, devolves the responsible duty of receiving, weighing and describing the bullion deposited, and of giving a receipt for the same, before it is melted.

Between the times of depositing and of melting, therefore, an opportunity was afforded to an evil disposed person, unless he was properly guarded, to abstract from the bullion committed to his care.

The chief weigh-clerk was noticed by one of his assistants to be frequently in the vault, (which he entered by means of a duplicate key,) for which there was no occasion, but his ostensible object might have been to secure currency specimens for preservation.

At length suspicion became so confirmed, that another clerk in the office, and finally a superior officer, was committed with on the subject.

Upon the arrival of the last California steamer, at which time, as is invariably the case, great quantities of bullion are forwarded from New York to Philadelphia, by the various express companies, &c., the treasurer arranged, after the chief weigh-clerk had made his deposits for the day, and weighed the same, to repeat the process of weighing, and a deficit amounting to \$1,400 was disclosed.

The guilty person, after being informed of the facts, immediately confessed his crime, acknowledging that his depredations had been continued for six months past, and that he had taken, altogether, \$14,000; but offered to make immediate restitution—which he was able to do, as he was possessed of considerable property.

This fact, in connection with his previous character, makes the present offence the more inexplicable. The offender took passage for Europe at the earliest opportunity, and sailed in the Washington last Saturday.—N. Y. Jour. of Commerce.

A CURE FOR BONE FELON.—A friend informs us that while suffering with a bone felon, 20 years ago, Dr. F. Lebaron, late the Apothecary General of the United States, advised him to fill a tumbler with soft soap and quicksilver mixed, and bind it tightly over the felon.

THE MAD STONE.—We were shown yesterday (22d June) one of those curious natural poison extractors known as the Mad Stone, of which there are several that we have heard of in different parts of Eastern Virginia.

ONE TOO MUCH AT ONCE.—Sir Edward Bulwer Lytton, in a lecture lately in England, gave the following history of his literary habits: Many persons seeing me so much engaged in active life, and as much about the world as if I had never been a student, have said to me: "When do you get the time to write all your books?"

IMPORTANT TO BANKS.—The Swedish papers bring accounts of a very important invention which has been laid before the Commissioners of Banking at Stockholm by a certain Count P. A. Sparre. The invention is two fold; he counterfeits with incredible exactness the bank notes in use, but prints others which he himself cannot imitate.

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WORLD'S BITE.—A witty clergyman had been lecturing one evening in a country village, on the subject of temperance, and as usual, after the lecture, the pledge was passed around for signatures.

"We don't bite at a bare hook," gruffly muttered one of the townsmen.

ANNEXATION OF SANDWICH ISLANDS.—A despatch has been received from Mr. Gregg, our Commissioner at the Sandwich Islands, that the native Government throws itself into the hands of the American party for protection from French, English and other foreign settlers.

Do to others as you would that they should do to you.

THE TALK OF ELECTION OF FRED DODGAS TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE MONROE DISTRICT, NEW YORK.

The talk of election of Fred. Douglass to the House of Representatives from the Monroe District, New York, will be attended with very considerable difficulties. The N. Y. Express points out some of them.

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FAMINE IN EGYPT.—It appears that those fearful visitations of death and famine, to which the people of Israel were so frequently subjected in ancient times, are still among the most serious of our modern afflictions.

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