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### The Tear of Gratitude.

- There is a gem more pearly bright More dear to mercy's eye, Than love's sweet star, whose mellow light
- First cheers the evening sky, A liquid pearl that glitters where No sorrows now intrude ; A richer gem than monarchs wear,
- The tear of gratitude. But ne'er shall narrow love of self
- Invite the tribute forth, For can the sordid slave of pelf Appreciate its worth; But ye, who soothe the widow's wee,
- And give the orphan food, For you this liquid pearl shall flow, The tear of gratitude. Ye who but slake an infant's thirst
- In heavenly mercy's name, Or proffer penury a crust, The sweet reward may claim; Then while you rove life's sunny banks, With sweetest flowrets strewed, Still may you claim the widow's thanks,

# The orphan's graitude. Original.

For the Friend. To the People of North Carolina.

Occupying, how unworthily soever, the position of President of the State Council of Friends of Temperance in North Carolina, it is a duty which I owe to those who placed me there, to myself and to the sacred cause in which we are all heart and soul engaged, that I should, from time to time, give forth words of warning and theer to the brethren in all parts of the State.

It is well that the fainting heart of those who, upon the very outposts of temperance, are battling with a seemingly unconquerable for should be retreshed by the good news of victory that swells up from many a quarter of the we'll fought field-that the Councils whose members have fallen into a dangerous apathy, scarcely less fatal indeed than active opposition, should b spurred into new energy by the recital of the gallant blows that their colaborers are daily striking for 'Faith

Temperance and Charity." Never, perhaps, in the history of our State has there been such wide spread interest, such zeal and such encouraging hopefulness in the cause of Temperance as there is to-day .-Watchman what of the wight?-One hundred and one (Courcils in full operation, with a combined membership of nearly six thousand, are zealously at work. These are not but may be found as well by the roaring breakers of the coast, as amid the pure air of our fur clad mountains, and day by day and week by week the number is increasing.

There is another cause for congratulation which your attention is ester of the State the news reaches us that men of prominence, in their 1espective communities, are uniting themselves with our Order, and in many instances are becoming active worke s in the cause. When the electu e season opens in the autumn, there will be laborors in the field the citizens of North Carolina have of the gospel are recognizing the great truth that christianity has no such valuable assistant as the -temperance society, and they are work ing with us and for us: and the is only the beginning.

Truly the out-look is encouraging: "Lo! now the dawn breaks up the skies. Lean out your soul and listen !"

temperance. Where there are five prior pledges. thousand Friends of Temperance God's help, shall not relax. Even jurisdiction over an expelled

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"May never was the month of Love,

an earnest appeal to the members of joined us at all. Yet it is held that the medical profession in the State. it is not binding longer than the No class of the community have obliger is a member of the order. greater claims upon our affection Previous articles published in the and our gratitude than those whose lives are devoted to the effort to rewill not be considered presumptuous of the Knights of Jerico a very pop. to urge upon them the great importance of an inquiring into the life and habits of their patients before prescribing for them that dangerous remedy of ardent spirits. It is a medicine indeed-but a medicine upon whose after one hundred and fifty victims are daily sacrificed in the United States. Even in cases where alcoholic stimulant is recommended, if there be any substitute, claimed drunkard. Instances un- breach in his ranks and then march among as still who, if they do not Scotland, the malicious influences of speakably sad, have come under my on over Grogshops, Wholesale liquor believe that bit of proverbial wis- warlock and witches used to be kept a reclaimed inebriate bravely held out until a trifling illness a physician head upon the arena of warfare in find it so. prescribed a small dose of brandy. could be brought before the eyes of be wished" let us earnestly and stead- year upon which it is unadvisable frustrate the evil designs of the rolls the profession there would be a ily work, that we may hear the

A simple word to the inebriate: While good men all over the land are making such efforts in his behalf, will be not at least unite in the effort? "Who would be free himself

guage of mine can give.

must strike the blow." We appeal to him by all his better nature, by all his love for his home, his mother, his wife, his child, by the manhood which he outrages, by the all-giving lave of God Himself, to shake off the fetters of his degrading wice and enrol him self under our banner. Even as Moses said of old, may we repeat with all reverence, "Come thou with us and we will do thee good."

THEO. N. RAMSAY.

For the Friend. The Associate Feature.

This feature of our Order is of such vast importance that we not well afford to dispense with it confined to any section or sections, altogether, whatever may be the objections raised against it. ladies we must have with us in the Council. However, I set favor a separate organization for boys under fourteen years of age. Young boys cannot comprehend the necessury rules of Parliamentary Pracpecially directed. From every quar- tice that common decency exacts in a body or assembly of grown up men, and consequently the business becomes dull and irksome and they are apt to be influenced to an improper degree towards anything for thirty years past and they uniealculated to produce mirth or meriment, and besides they not being active members soon find their whose names are familiar in the young and restless spirit rising in completely discovered. mouths of our people-men whom rebellion against an order in which they are treated as mere ciphers. long delighted to honor. Ministers Let those little fellows have an organization of their own, electing their own officers and they will take a livelier interest init than their fathers do in the higher orders.

M would further recommend that there be yet another or perhaps two higher and more impressive degrees established by the Supreme Coun-

cil. That the Ritual for the same But do not imagine for one mo- be prepared with a special view to ment from what I have said that the rendering it solemn and deeply imenemy is lifting his head a whit the pressive. And that in those higher less defiantly, or that the necessity degrees the initiate pledges himself, for vigorous, united effort is any the | \* 1st, to a total abstinence from the less urging. Every year fifteen hun- use of that pernicious weed, tobacdred inebriates in North Carolina lie co, and to avoid that too common down in drunkards' graves and go evil, public profanity. This pledge their last account with to be taken in the same manner and fire from the accursed under the same construction as the More than one hundred pledge now in our Rituals. + 2nd, thousand families are each year left To a life-long confirmation in, and among us homeless and penuless, dedication of his best energies to by the agency of the arch-fiend-In- the principles involved in the two

there should be fifty thousand-an I. and II. degrees so as to denote declareshundred thousand. (Until not one a probation, we then thoroughly unwith its putrid breath the pure air. As the pledge or obligation stands A third pronounces, "Who marries band's mother meeting them at the ber, to take off her shoe and throw rum-shop in North Carolina poisons derstand the nature of each pledge. of heaven—until the smoke has ceas at present, it is religiously, logicaled to rise from one distillery in the ly and reasonably binding forever State) our efforts must not, and, by though to be sure we have no more within the narrow limits of this ad, "withdrawn finally" member of our

dress I cannot refrain from making order than over one who never FRIEND express the views of this writter upon this point.

The Degrees that I have mentionular and beautiful order, but being more expensive than necessary has on the 31st of December. never spread far beyond the limits

of wealthy communities. strength in this appeal which no lan- welcome "Well done thou good and faithful servent."

June 13th, 1871. \* This to be the 2d Degree above the + This to be the 8rd or confirmation De

## gree- Pledge binding for life. MISSISSIPPI.

· For the Friend.

The Cider Question. DEAR FRIEND :- I have read with close attention the articles upon the ciler question; as published through your columns, but as yet have seen nothing to throw light upon the subject sufficiently to convince my mind that the natural expressed juice of the apple is proscribed by

the pledge. The cider we make and call cider in the pine woods of South Missis sippi is not, strictly speaking, cider-Cider, strictly such, is of two kinds only, viz: Hard and sweet cider. It may be kept for months and years, no doubt. The expressed juice of the apple is not, either hard or sweet cider, and unaided will not become such; but after standing forty-eight hours will be unfitten to driuk, and forty-eight more will make first-rate vinegar. Can such be called cider within the purview of the pledge? I am of the opin- and they would do well to take

I know temperance men - who have been members of all temperance organizations in this country versally hold to the above opinions as the true temperance doctrine.-Let truth whatever it may be, be

Yours in F., T. and C., A FRIEND.

AURORA, Miss., June 13th, 1871.

# Selected.

Wedding-Day Superstitions.

In the olden days, June was held the most propitious month in th twelve for marriage, a happy result being rendered doubly certain if the ceremony was timed so as to take place at the full moon, or when the sun and moon were in conjunction. May is in these latter days a favorite marrying month, so that one's matrimonial superstition has gone the way all such fancies are doomed. sooner or later, to go; for May used to be as much avoided by persons about to marry as June was favored that merry month being supposed to be specially under the influence of malignant spirits delighting domestic discord. "The girls are all stark naught that wed in May," Then by medifying the pledges of the verdict of one old saw; another

From the marriages in may, All the bairns die and decay." in marriage minded folks, sings-

But rather April, wet by Kint.,
-For Love is full of showers. But if old sayings rule the world,

there would be no macrying at all, for a very old one avers that no man enters the hely state without repenting his rashness before the year is east and pain. It is hoped that it ed above are quite similar to those out; unless, indeed, everybody demer, to cheat the adage by wedding It was considered improper to

marry upon Imocents' Day, because The only omens we know of tend Let us build up an order that will it commemorated the slaughter of ing to encourage adventure in the answer all the wants of a faithful the children by Herod; and it was great lottery of life are the meeting hand-maiden to every denomination aqually wrong to wed upon St. of a wolf, or spider on the way to of christians. Let us organize an Joseph's Day. In fact, the whole church, and a cat sneezing within army of Christians and their allies season of Lent was declared sacred the bride's hearing on the day bewho will assail the works of this from the intruson of Hymen's devo- fore the wedding; but, fortunately, common enemy of mankind; like At- tees. "Marry in Lent, and you'll there are many ways insuring hapnold Winkelried, let us make a repent!" and there are good people py fortune. In the highlands of county, and his widow said, own observation. In one instance, houses, and Distilleries, until not dom to be prophetic, undoubtedly at bay by preventing any unlucky one of the whole clan dare show his think Lenten weeders deserve to dog passing between the couple on

d fence of his rights (?) Then let We may possibly be doing a ser- the bridegroom's shoe bore no latch-The patient drank and fell. True the rank and file of the Christian vice to some of our readers by in- et buckle. By using gray horses in the doctor was not responsible for religion in solid palanx, follow on forming them on the authority the bridal carriage, the same good his patient's weakness, but oh! how behind to crown our victory with of a manuscipt of the fifteenth con- purpose is effected. Swedish bridemuch misery a different prescription glory and honor to God. To this tury, quoted in 'The Book of Days," would have saved. If a single case end "a consummation devoutly to there are just thirty-wo days in the mary in their wedding garments, to for committing matrimony; the actual unlucky days being these : January 1st, 2d, 4th, 5th,7th, 10th, 15th. February 6th, 7th, 18th; March 1st, 6th, 18th; April 6th, 11th; May 5th 16th, 7th; June 7th, 15; July 5th 19th; August 15th, 19th; September 6th, 7th; October 6th; November 15th, 26th, and December 15th, 16th, 17th. As to which is the best

> day of the week, why-"Monday for wealth; Tuesday for health; Wednesday the best day of all. Thursday for crosses; Friday for losses; Saturday no luck at all."

Friday is generally considered an unlucky day in England; but France the country lasses look upon the first Friday in the month as peculiarly favorable, if not for the actual ceremony, at least for determining who will be one of the principal actors in it.

Young ladies should abstain from listening to any one, whose surname begins with the same letter as their

"To change the name and not the letter, Is a change for the worse and not for the

the precaution of placing their intials in conjunction with those of any admirer they incline to favor, and but in Sweden the damsel, ambitious ask, like Malvolio, "What should of ruling her lord as well as his house that alphabetical position portend?" for if, of the united initials, any triving to see him on the bridal word can be formed, they may be morning before he sees her; or, certain the owners of them will nev- failing in this, she has yet another er be happy together.

It is an unhappy omen for a wedonce been fixed. In Sweden it is bridegroom stands a the junction of cross roads, or beside a closed gate, upon his wedding morn. It is a bad sign if the bride fails to shed tears on the happy day, or if she indulges toilet is completed; but she leaves temptation. To meet a priest, dog, door, are alike ominous of future range themselves in another. unhappiness; and according to

any head but that to which the hon- for another bride by pouring a ketor is due. If a bridal party ven- tleful of hot water down the steps stream; should they be loot-banks enough to go down the water, either the bride, the grown, or one of the bridesmaids will infallably feed the fishes. Spite of the faith in there being lack in odd numbers, it is belief in the North of England that one of the wedding guests will die within a year; unless the party counts even.

their road to church, and taking care grooms sew garlic, olives and roseto enter into matrimony-namely, and sprites, and the attendants on seven in January, three each in Feb | the lady carry bouquets of the some nary, March, May and December; herbs in their hands, while the bride two each in April, June, July, Au- herself fills her pockets with bread, gust, September and November; which she dispenses to any poor and one in October, the best month | way farer she espies as she goes to church, every piece she gets rid of head. Manxmen find a pocketful of not heed her. salt equally officacious.

which she is to be carried to her fu- day-work. ture home, her father and mother, or other near relatives, hold a bed quilt up by its four corners in front of the bridal chair. Into this one of the bride's female cronies tosses, one by one, four bread caces (the gift of the bridegroom's family.) sending them high up in air; while the lady most concerned in the matter repeats without ceasing sentencesinvoking happiness upon herself and sponse to which the company assembled respond with the Chinese equivalent for "amen."

The Cornish well of St. Keyne "The quality-that man and wife,

Whose chance or choice attains, First of the sacred stream to drink,

Thereby the mastery gains;" can attain her wish by merely con-

believed much harm will ensue if a throwing stones after a newly-wed- rus was "Allelujiah to the Lamb." one hand -unglove I until beyond moon trip. In some parts of Kent the shoe throwing does not take cat, lizard or serpent on the way to place until after they have gone,

church-to look back, or to mount when the single ladies range themmany steps betore gaining the church | selves in one line, and the bachelors An old shoe is thrown as far as north country notions, it is courting the throwing strength permits, and kingdom of heaven.' misfortune to marry in green, or the ladies race after it, the winner while there is an open grave in the being rewarded by the assurance I had not become as a little childchurch yard, or to go in at one that she will be married before any no wedding-garment had I, and door and out at another. The of her rivals. She then throws the felt as though I would gladly call weather, too, has a good or bad in shoe at the gentlemen, the one she upon the rocks and hills to cover fluence upon affairs; happy is the hits laying the same pleasing uncbride that the sun shines on, and, of tion to his heart. Something like course, the converse is equally true. this is practiced, too, in Yorkshire Where the Scottish custom is fol- and Scotland. In Germany it used upon a glorious throne, sat the lowed of the newly wedded couple to be the rule for the bride, as she being welcomed home by the hus- was being conducted to her cham- but a stern, inflexible Judge! between the sickle and scythe will door, and the breaking of a current it among the guests who battled for ings. I stood as if riveted to the this liquor will probably be exportnever thrive;" while a poet com bun over he head of the bride be its possession, the successful he or spot; I knew that I had no share in ed and sold in America under some plimenting the month at the expense fore her toot crosses the threshold, she being held destined to be speed. the glorious home of the righteous, popular brand. Does any man deof what should be the ruling passion it is thought a very bad omen if the ily married and settled. In some but the thought of dwelling forever bun be by any mistake broken over places the threshold is kept warm in outer darkness, was agony be-tle.

NO. 9. as soon as the bride and bridegroom the gulf that seemed to open beneath cy being that become the fan my feet! No tongue can utter up another match will be made up, depths. or "flow on," and that it will not be very long before another wedding couple passes over the same ground. In Prussia the method adopted of

invoking blessings on a newly married pair used to be the more expensive one of smashing crockery against the door of the house in which they were domiciled. an angel of rescue to her wander-The breaking of a wedding ring

is an omen that its wearer will soon be a widow. A correspondent of Notes and Queries found this tancy current in Essex a few years ago. A man had been murdered in that thought I should soon lose him, for it may warn you, not to put off un-I broke my wedding ring the other til it is too late, the preparation for day ; and my sister, too, lost her the great last day-as until then I husband after breaking her ring. had done!" It is a sure sign !" Such notions are far more prevalent than one would suppose, and the school-mas HAIR,-Hairbrushes, however dirty ter will have to work hard and long may be washed and kept good for before they are entirely eradicated in our land .- Chambers' Journal.

## The Old Man's Dream.

On a bright afternoon in May two merry boys were at play on a lawn in front of an old homestead. Trees were in blossom, lilacs blooming, and everything looked bright and

averting a misfortune. The gift, old man with a bright-haired little one pint of boiling milk, then put however, is of no use to the receiv- girl beside bim. She was chatting through a cullender, and add a piece er, since, if he eats it, he thereby merrily, but the old man seemed to of butter size of an egg; when cold, brings the misfortune upon his own be hearing voices far away, and did stir in flour to make a stiff batter,

In China they have a curious cere- of their play, and looking wistfully dough, when this has risen mould mony, believed to be a never failing towards the house, proposed that into biscuits, and bake when light means of making a marriage turn they should coax grandtather to tell in a moderate oven. out well for the lady. When she them a story. They went together has taken her place in the sedan in and called the old man back from his

"Tell us a story, please," they pleaded.

"I am afraid I cannot," the old man answered, "but I can tell you a dream that I had long ago:" "That will answer just as well.

We like dreams," said the boys, as they seated themselves to listen. " It was just such an afternoon as

this, my children, many long years immediately in cold water. ago. I had been walking all day; and teeling very weary, threw myself on a bench to rest, in a rustic and get it; but do not ask for more. arbor near the house.

dreamed. I seemed to hear voices. at a little distance, and looking out, saw throngs of people who were pressing forward to a beautiful city sity (Canada) reports an excision of in the distance.

Palaces white and glistening could see, surrounded by gardens of speak quite intelligibly. rarest flowers. Silvery music floated through the air and beautiful forms robed in dazzling white, chance at the last moment, by put passed to and fro. Their heads ting her right foot before that of the gleamed with a brilliant coronalding to be put off when the day has man when they approach the alter, and they filled the air with songs of The lately revived custom of praise, and the burden of their cho-

ded couple for luck, is a very old "What does it mean?" I asked. one. In the Isle of Man the shoe is "Oh, sir,' said a little girl who was thrown after the bride and bride- passing, opening wide her blue eyes groom as they leave their respect- in wonder, 'do you not know ?ve abodes; but the ceremony is our King is coming. That city . 18. useful in gardens for exterminating herself by taking a last admiring generally performed elsewhere up- His home-He is King of heaven, the striped bug, squash bug, fleaglance at the looking glass after her on the departure of the hero and and earth. Those beautiful whiteheroine of the day for the honey- robed forms, are they who have bug with great avidity, and suffers come up through sorrow and suffering; they will now receive their re- this poisonous insect.

"I was sione-the jasper gates unclosed-the little one had entered in, and floating back to me, came in sweetest music-'Of such is the

"I stood aghast, for well I knew, me! But I too was called into the presence of the great Judge!

"Trembling I approached. Here, Saviour, not now as a loving Saviour,

"No words can express my feel-

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yand wards to tutt.

"Oh, the horror of blackness of

"The deep silence at last was broken by that single word. "Depart." Deeper and deeper, I seemed to be sinking; around, above, beneath me, floated echoes of that sound 'Depart!' "A gentle touch upon my forehead, and I awoke! My mother was bending over me, and seemed like

ing child. "With a cry of joy, I threw myself into her arms, and told my dream. It seems but yesterday, so ever present is ats memory, and always will be.

I tell it to you my children, hoping

To WASH BRUSHES FOR THE years, without the loss of stiffness, by putting a small bandful of soda into a pint jug of boiling water. When the soda is melted, pat in the brush and stir it about till clean. Rinse it in cold water, and dry in the sun or by the fire. The quicker t dries the harder the bristles will

TEA BISCUIT.-Boil three pots On the long shady piazza sat an toes, mash them, and pour on them and one teacup of yeast; when After a time the boys grew weary light, knead in flour to make a soft

> Better pay the carpenter for making flights of stairs in the barn, where needed, than a doctor for mending bones broken by using ladders. Things in daily use should be exactly adapted to the need.

> To remove ink spots, put the article stained over a warm flat-iron. stretch it well, then squeeze a few drops of lemon juice on it, and the spot will disappear at once. Wash

Know what a good day's work is, An unreasonable employer makes "Unconsciously I slept and discentented laborers. If they do well, tell them so; if not, reprove mildly but firmly.

Prof. Fenwick of McGill Univerthe entire tongue of a patient, who, after recovery, was still able to

MENDING TIN PANS .- Tell your ady readers to mend the tin pans with putty. It is very easily done, and much better than to throw them away. Put it on the outside; let it thoroughly dry, and they will never have to mend that place again. I have them that I have used for twenty-years.—Exchange.

The toad is a great destroyer of insects, and has been found very beetle, &c. It devours the potato no inconvenience from teeding on

Davy Crockett used to tell how he was once treed by a herd of prarie wolves, and how he rid himself of their unwelcome company: "I shot away all my amunition, and threw away my gun and knife among them, but it was no use. Finally, I thought I would try the effect of music, and begin to sing "Old Hundred," before I finished the first verse, every wolf put his fore paw to bis ears and gallopped off."

DEATH IN THE BOTTLE. -President Thiers of France has issued a circular to the soldiers of the French army informing them that the Communists have poisoned great quan: tities of the liquor in Paris. Now