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When Does the Sin Commence.

To drink deeply, to be drunk, is a sin; this is undeniable. At what point does the taking of strong drink become a sin? The state in which the body is when not excited by a heating drink is its proper and natural state; drunkenness the state farthest removed from it. The state of drunkenness is a state of sin. At what state does it become a sin? We suppose a man perfectly sober, who has not tasted anything that can intoxicate, one glass excites him and to some extent disturbs the state of sobriety, and so far destroys it; another glass excites him still more, a third fires his eyes, loosens his tongue, inflames his passions; a fourth increases all this, a fifth makes him boisterous and partly insane; a sixth makes him madder, a seventh or eighth makes him stupid, senseless, degraded mass; his reason is prostrated and his faculties for a time destroyed. Every noble and generous principle within him withers and the image of God is polluted and defiled. This is some awfull sin; for drunkards shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

But where does the sin begin? At the first glass, at the first step towards complete intoxication, or at the sixth, seventh or eighth? Is not every step from the natural state of the system towards that of stupid intoxication an advance in sin, and a yielding to the unwearied tempter of the soul?

Spare Moments.

How many minutes have you to spare? Five, ten, fifteen? Much may be done with them. We have heard of a young man who read through a history of England while waiting for his meals at a boarding house. We have read of a mathematician, who is said to have composed a elaborate work when visiting with a friend, during the interval between the arrival when she first rose to take leave of her friends and the moment when she finished her last words.

The small stones fill up the crevices have almost as much to do with making the firm wall as the great rocks; so the wise use of spare moments contributes a little to building up in good proportions a man's mind.

Married Logic.

I married a widow who had a grown up step-daughter. My father visited my house very often, fell in love with my step-daughter and married her. So my father became my son-in-law, and my step-daughter became my mother, because she was my father's wife. Some time after my wife had a son. He was my father's brother-in-law, and my mother-in-law was the brother of my step-daughter. My father's wife (that is my step-daughter) also had a son; he was of course, my brother, and in the meantime my grand-child, for he was the son of my daughter. My wife was my grandmother, because she was my mother's mother. I was my wife's husband and grand-child at the same time, and as the husband of a person's grandmother is his grandfather, I was my own grandfather.

'You promised to pay that bill yesterday,' said an angry creditor to a debtor. 'Yes,' calmly replied the other; 'but to err is human, to forget, divine, and I forgot it.'

The Way to Treat Women.

What to do with our daughters:

Teach them self-reliance.

Teach them to make bread.

Teach them to make shirts.

Teach them not to wear false hair.

Teach them not to paint and powder.

Teach them to wear thick warm shoes.

Teach them how to wash an iron clothes.

Teach them how to make their own dresses.

Teach them how to cook a good meal.

Teach them to wear calico dresses—and do it like a queen.

Teach them to say no, and mean it.

Teach them how to darn stockings and sew on buttons.

Teach them to regard the morals, not the money, of beaux.

Give them a good, substancial common-school education.

Teach them that a good round rosy romp is worth fifty delicate consumptives.

Teach them to have nothing to do with dissolute young men.

Teach them accomplishments—music, painting—if you have time and money to do it with.

Teach them to cultivate a garden.

Teach them that God made them in his own image, and that no amount of tight lacing will improve the model.

Teach them that a good, steady mechanic, without a cent, is worth a dozen oil-painted loafers in broadcloth.

Teach them the essentials of life; truth, honesty, uprightness.

A young fellow, whose better half had just presented him with a bouncing pair of twins, attended church on Sunday. During the discourse, the clergyman looked at our innocent friend directly, and said in a rolling eloquence: 'Young man, you have an important responsibility thrust upon you.' The newly fledged father, supposing the preacher referred to his peculiar home event, considerably startled the audience by exclaiming, 'Yes, sir; I have two of them.'

The other day a crowd in attendance at a horse sale were greatly astonished to hear the auctioneer say: 'Gentlemen, I can't recommend the horse; he is blind in one eye.' The horse was soon knocked down to a citizen who had been greatly struck by the auctioneer's honesty, and after paying for the horse, he said: 'You were honest enough to tell me that this animal was blind in one eye. Is there any other defect?' 'Yes sir, there is. He is also blind in the other eye!' was the prompt reply.

'No one would take you for what you are,' said an old-fashioned gentleman a day or two ago to a would-be dandy, who had more hair than brains. 'Why?' asked the dandy. 'Because they can't see your ears.'

'Jenny, you said Sally kissed you, did you kiss her back?' 'No! I kissed her face.'

A tie vote. When both parties vote yes, and the preacher ties the knot.

A young woman in Rochester, N. Y. has sued for damages a man who kissed her. A man who can't kiss a woman without damaging her ought to pay for his awkwardness.

The sober man is the happiest man, and enjoys life the best.

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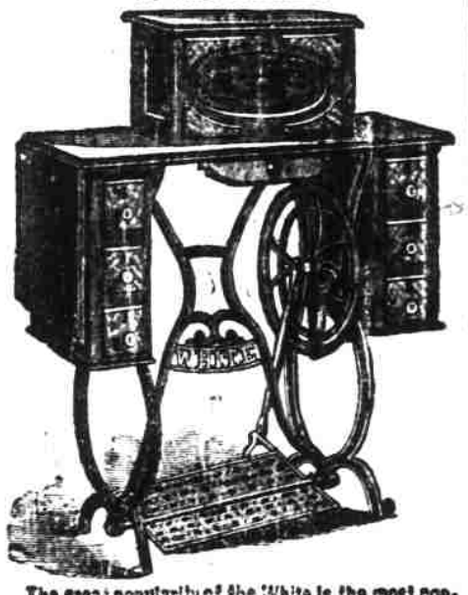

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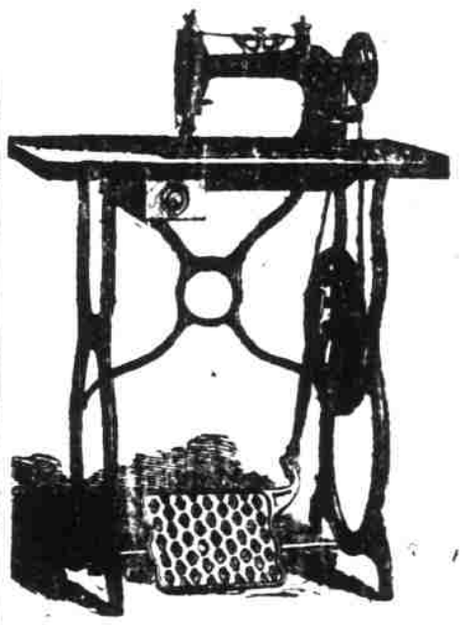

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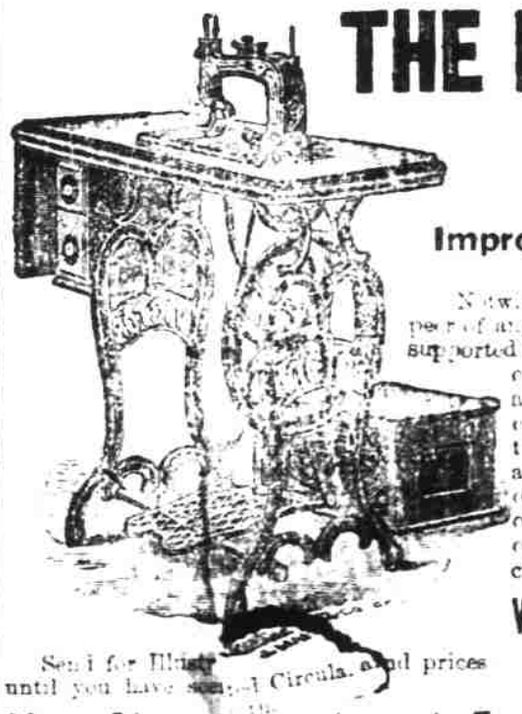

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