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IS DRUNKENNESS A CRIME OR A DISEASE?

Atlanta Journal.

Is the drunkard a criminal? This is an interesting question which has been brought up by the New York state commission of prisons in its annual report. The commission reports some startling figures; out of 102,581 commitments for the year just closed, 28,519 of the persons committed were to jails and 3,615 to the penitentiary for the single offense of drunkenness. On these figures the commission bases some very pertinent remarks and recommends that the law should devise some other means for dealing with inebriates.

The commission argues that there is no element of malice in the offense of drunkenness, that habitual drunkenness results from mental weakness and that the treatment should be similar to other cases of aberration. There is a difference between the man who cannot control his appetite, argues the commission, and the man who wilfully and maliciously commits an offense against the person or property of another. The law should recognize the distinction, thinks the commission, and it so recommends.

The question which is thus raised is an interesting one, interesting not only in New York but everywhere, for drunkenness, whether a crime or a disease, is a problem with which every state and every city has to deal. There is something to be said on both sides of the question. On the one hand it is argued that the practice of sending the drunkard to jail, where he is confined and must associate with those who have wilfully and maliciously sinned against the law and their fellowman, depraves the drunkard, brands him as a criminal, takes away his self-respect and causes his family to suffer as a result of his inability to provide a living. Those who view drunkenness as a crime in that it is a self-indulgence that leads to the commission of crimes which would reduce his sense of responsibility.

The suggestion has been made that the prisoners who are committed for drunkenness be segregated from the other prisoners, just as, in New York and perhaps other states, the youthful prisoners are separated from the hardened criminals to avoid contamination.

The statement and recommendations of the New York commission seem worthy of consideration. Certainly it would seem that a first offender or even a man who falls by the way side occasionally, who, when sober, is hard-working and provident, minding his own business and caring for his family, ought not to be treated as a criminal. Yet to condone his offense may encourage its repetition.

It is a problem, which time and study may partially solve, but the menace of drunkenness to the community and the family, to morality and civilization, whether it be called crime or whether it be diagnosed disease, will remain as long as man is mortal, appetites strong and whiskey within reach.

THE OHIO CRIME

Paragon's Everything

Springfield Ohio, has just lynched a negro who was a murderer. Down here negro murderers are peaceably and lawfully hanged by the neck until dead. But in Ohio the whole town turns out and the burn them, shoot them full of lead, carry away the carcass and all the soldiers in the state cannot disperse the mob.

Springfield is not over a dozen miles from Urbana and Urbana is where about three years ago they lynched a negro and incidentally shot helpless white men rubber-necking.

The South gives it up. It yields the point and cheerfully confesses that when it comes to lawlessness and fiendishness it is not in it compared to the Buckeye state. A negro stands not half the show for his life, if he transgresses the law, at the North as he does at the South. And yet the brazen and conscienceless scribblers on Northern papers continually defame the South because once in awhile down here we take a black brute who has despoiled a defenseless woman and boil him in oil.

A Favorite Remedy for Babies.

Its pleasant taste and prompt cures have made Chamberlain's Cough Remedy a favorite with the mothers of small children. It quickly cures their coughs and colds and prevents any danger of pneumonia or other serious consequences. It not only cures croup, but when given as soon as the croupy cough appears will prevent the attack. For sale by M. L. Marsh.

"No," said Little Saphed, "no woman ever made a fool of me." "What was it?" asked Miss Pert.

What Is Life?

In the last analysis nobody knows, but we do know that it is under strict law. Abuse that law even slightly, pain results. Irregular living means derangement of the organs, resulting in constipation, headache or liver trouble. Dr. King's New Life Pills quickly readjusts this. It's gentle, yet thorough. Only 25 cents at all drug stores.

After a man tries of amusements he calls them follies.

Infammatory Rheumatism Cured.

William Shaffer, a brakeman of Denison, Ohio, was confined to his bed for several weeks with infammatory rheumatism. "I used many remedies," he says. "Finally I sent to McCaw's drug store for a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, at which time I was unable to use hand or foot, and in one week's time I was able to go to work as happy as a king."

TOOK THE OLD MAN'S ADVICE.

The proprietor of one of the principal firms in Birmingham had remarked that his head clerk, for whom he had a real liking, had for some reason fallen into a melancholy state, and though he tried his best, he could not find out what was the matter with the young man. One day, at last, the sufferer owned that he was in love.

"Well marry her," said the chief.

"Oh but," here the young man nearly broke down, "she belongs to one of the best families in the town—the parents will never consent."

"Fool!" Your position is good, your name honorable; they won't refuse. I will demand the girl for you. Does she love you?"

"Yes, but it's no use; her parents won't listen."

"Well then elope with her. Do I know the girl?"

"Yes, she will be at your ball next Tuesday."

"Now, listen to me," said the employer. "Leave the ball quietly with her. Joseph, my coachman, will wait for you at the door and drive you to the station. He will ask you no questions. When you are out of the way I will see the father and settle everything for you."

"Is that really your advice?" gleefully exclaimed the youth. "Do you want me to do it?"

"Yes, I command you to do it. Now cheer up."

The next day the clerk proposed the plan to his sweetheart, who made some objections at first, but, overcome by his reasons, she said at last:

"Well, if he really means it, I must obey."

What was the general stupefaction among the guests when the daughter was missing?

"Mad fool that I was," exclaimed the enraged parent, "it was my own daughter."

The next day he wrote: "Come back; all will be forgiven."

A. Sharpe—"A frog was trying to get up a slippery bank twelve feet high. In the first twelve hours he climbs eight feet, but in the next twelve hours he loses four feet. How long will he be in reaching the top?"

B. Flat, after much calculation, gives it up.

A. Sharp—"Why, having lost his four feet, how could he get to the top at all?"

It has been stated that Mr. Bristow really did not write the Bristow Report which received such a drubbing at the hands of Congressmen whom it misrepresents by innuendo or implication at least, being away sick. It is also stated that it was prepared under President Roosevelt's personal supervision.

A young man who weds an heiress knows the girl is well off.

MATRIMONIAL CATECHISM.

New York Times.

What is marriage?
Marriage is an institution for the blind.

Why do some people never marry?
Because they do not believe in divorce.

When a man thinks seriously of marriage, what happens?
He remains single.

Does a girl ever think of anything but marriage?
Only that, and how to get married.

Should a man marry a girl for her money?
No. But he should not let her become an old maid just because she's rich.

Is an engagement as good as marriage?
How may we tell when a courtship has progressed?
When the man takes to yawning in the girl's presence.

When two thin people become engaged, what happens?
They immediately grow very thick.

When a man has popped the question, is he finished?
No; he has yet to question Pop.

When asking papa, how should a young man act?
He should face papa manfully and never give him a chance at his back.

Why does a bride wear a veil?
So that she may conceal her satisfaction.

When a man marries, has he seen the end of trouble?
Yes, but it is usually the wrong end.

What is greater than a wife's love?
Her temper.

Do married women suffer in silence?
Yes; they all suffer when they may not talk.

When a man says he can manage his wife, what does he mean?
He means he can make her do anything she wants to.

It is possible for a married man to be a fool without knowing it?
Not if his wife is alive.

What is a mother in law?
See General Sherman's definition of war?

How did the western man solve the mother-in-law question?
When she came to spend the summer with him, he hired a Christian Scientist to come and give the old lady absent treatment.

Was it effective?
Yes; she went away and never came back.

Russians Flew to United States From Army Duty.

Of the 2,005 steerage passengers brought to New York by the steamer Graf Waldersee and landed at Ellis Island last week, 1,800 are Russian refugees, who fled to escape being pressed into the army.

According to some of those who came over, every possible ruse is being resorted to in order to get across the frontier and escape to this country.

Some have managed to escape the outpost, but the majority of those who have succeeded in getting out of the country accomplished their ends by means of bribery.

Most of the refugees crossed the frontier into Prussia and made their way to Hamburg, where they took ship.

An Ancient Dynasty.

In the formal declaration of war issued by the Mikado of Japan, he refers to himself as one whose ancestors "have occupied the throne from time immemorial." According to Japanese records, this is more than a mere figure of speech. Mutsuhito is the one hundred and twenty-second wearer of the crown, which his ancestors have borne without interruption since the year 600 B. C. That is to say, the founder of the dynasty was a contemporary of Nebuchadnezzar. The lineage of the most ancient royal house of Europe sinks into insignificance in comparison.

SCHOOL DISCIPLINE IN OLD DAYS

If the Child Was Whipped at School It Got Another at Home.

Raleigh Visitor.

About every quarter you may see where some New York school teacher enters special pleadings to his board of trustees for permission to spank some unruly boys in his school. Sometimes the trustees say yes and sometimes no. But the very fact that the matter is submitted to these officers at all is a guarantee that this trouble will continue. There used to be in this State a code of ethics for the adjustment of this particular matter, which is far better than the New York plan. We venture to say now, in this 20th century of culture and great progress, that the city is this good unwritten law has been overruled. The first Monday in August was when we used to start the school, after the crop was laid by, the wheat threshed and the turnips sowed. We were in a hurry to get off, for then we had to stop when fodder was ripe. So if the teacher did not give "fodder time" the boys of the family were out that much, for they always had to stop and pull fodder, whether school kept or not. When the dinner basket was all fixed, the books and slate—we had no tablets then—the last parting injunction was "If you get a whipping I'll give you another when you get home." This may sound a little harsh now, but that it was a trouble saver, both to the boys and to the teacher, does not admit of a doubt. It meant to the boy that there was no court of appeal, and at the same time it was a suggestion of the cooperation of teacher and parent, which is so necessary to the successful administration of a school. Nobody expects New York parents to do this, in fact, nobody expects parents anywhere to follow this barbarous (?) custom, but if there could be some suggestion of students that teachers are master of the situation, it would be better for schools and for teachers.

Tree That Lived Over 20 Centuries.

Atlanta Constitution.

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According to what science read on its prostrate trunk, this monster tree began its existence in 271. B. C. In 245 A. D. it passed through a great fire, and 105 years were consumed in healing the burn.

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A Labor Question

"What are you feeding to those dogs, my friend?" the professor asked.

"Corn, professor," the grizzled old farmer, who knew the learned gentleman by sight, replied.

"Are you feeding it wet or dry?"

"Dry."

"Don't you know if you feed it wet the hogs can digest it in one-half the time?"

The farmer gave him a quizzical look.

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