

W. C. T. U. DEPARTMENT.

This story is told of a German who had just arrived in one of our western States. Seeing the name of Helfendstine over a saloon he read it slowly and painfully thus: "H-el, Hell-f-e-n-d-s-t, fenced-I-n-e, in-Hell fenced in."

THE DRINK HABIT IN ENGLAND.

The W. C. T. U. work in America seems a little discouraging sometimes when we think of the lot to be done and the comparatively little that has been accomplished, but let us at least be thankful that temperance has not become so prevalent here as in England. Nor is it likely to become so.

An American White Ribboner tells of a sad but interesting experience she had in London recently. One morning as she was hurrying to catch an omnibus she came near upsetting a tiny tot of eight years, carrying a pitcher. Upon investigation she found the vessel to contain ale, "arf bitter and 'arf mild," as the child said for the midday 'evenses, or lunch. It developed that the little maid went after the ale every day and enjoyed drinking it immensely. She said, "I likes to fetch hit, an I sees lots of buys and girls there and talks with 'em, an' gentlemen what gives me a penny to kiss 'em."

After that the lady decided to miss her omnibus and take a walk instead. Within an hour and a half she counted 47 children all under the age of twelve years coming in or leaving the public houses with jugs or pitchers. She went to numbers of the homes and in almost every one found the housewife setting the table and putting bread and cheese and ale on it for lunch. Their homes all reeked with beer and many of the children themselves seemed soaked with it.

At one house she attempted to engage a charwoman, offering to pay her a sixpence a day more than the usual price. The woman quickly asked if she furnished beer to her servants and on being told that she neither furnished nor allowed it to be used in her house the young mother drew herself up, placed her baby on the table, and with her arms akimbo on her hips said: "You won't suit me, ma'am. I refuse your situation."

9n Englishman, well known in the political and literary world, recently pointed to a child with a bottle in one hand and a pitcher of beer in the other and said: "Look you. Can you see there, as I do, the beginning of the decline of the British Empire?"

An old, old bill to prevent the sale of intoxicating drinks to children is again before parliament. Let us earnestly hope that this time it will be passed.

The W. C. T. U., of Philadelphia, Pa., has entered upon an active campaign for the enforcement of the law against pictures and exhibitions of an immoral nature.

Major Sylvester, Chief of Police of Washington, D. C., has decreed that in the future pictures of women in tights shall not be displayed on the bill boards.

Preachers and Actors.

Boston Advertiser.

The sermon of a Worcester clergyman, who indulged himself in a wholesale abuse of actors, has been more or less widely quoted in this State. Rev. O. E. Mallory probably thought that he was justified in generalizing as he did, but he would probably be one of the first to protest against an evident injustice if an actor should reply by denouncing all clergymen as hypocrites and knaves, merely on the ground that a few clergymen have been found to be such. There are bad actors and good actors, bad plays and good plays, just as there are bad clergymen and good clergymen. Some actors are intemperate. Some clergymen, even in Worcester, are intemperate. There are plays and there are churches which hurt rather than help society.

The work of the church in general, is far better than that of the stage; but to denounce everything connected with the stage as immoral and debasing shows ignorance rather than true piety.

If all man's weak spots were visible you would think he had the measles.

THE CHARLOTTE NATIONAL BANK

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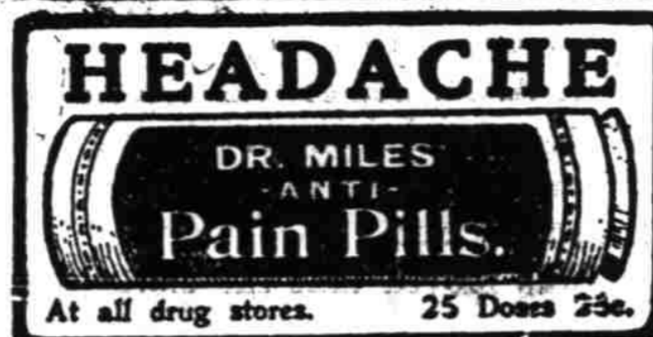
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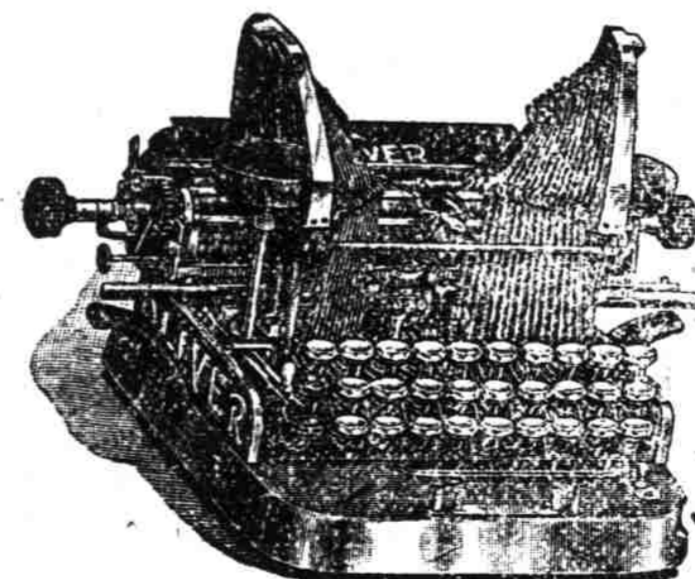
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