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MISCELLANY. From Recollections of a Housekeeper. A TEMPERANCE LECTURE. It seems to me a dream, that I once cleansed and replenished a gin and brandy decanter every Saturday morning.

MISCELLANY. I know no how others may have felt, but my soul has often been wrung with anguish at the utter hopelessness of preventing any individual, who has betrayed a tendency to intemperance, from plunging daily further and further into a sin, when the means were spent out before him, leaving unchecked his vicious taste.

MISCELLANY. My Husband, like others, provided liquor for his sideboard, but only drank them as the complement which society demanded with his guests.

MISCELLANY. I had retired to my bedroom early one evening, when I heard Ingols enter, and ask the servant for the keys. She came up stairs, and I gave them to her in silence.

MISCELLANY. I asked my Husband's advice on what was to be done. He answered with a smile "You are a woman, and can manage these things better than I. Talk with Ingols on the subject. You know my detestation of this genteel tipping, but I have no authority over him."

MISCELLANY. As Ingols was visiting the sideboard as usual, and what seems to me an alarming symptom covering the lower part of the tumbler with his hand, I asked him, with a little hesitation, if he drank brandy for his health.

MISCELLANY. "I cannot say that I do," said he, smiling. "Will you take a little for your cousin?" "No, I thank you," said I; "I am afraid of it."

MISCELLANY. "You are not serious; I have been drinking a little several years." "Why do you drink it?" I asked. "Your mind is naturally active, your conversation agreeable, you have no mental or bodily suffering, and have a thousand rational modes of enjoyment; if you will only look into your own feelings, you will find a comorant settling over them, whose guilty cry is 'give, give!'"

MISCELLANY. "You are a sweet monitor, cousin Clara; I believe I must take a little brandy, if it is only to hear you scold so prettily." "Oh, Ingols," I answered, "do not; in mercy to yourself, treat this subject so lightly. Why society tolerates its abuse, I know not. I see already a look directed to that bottle when you are about to pour out libations to your incipient sensual desires, which speaks an awkward consciousness You are already screening the quantity you take. If you love my scolding, hear it plainly. Your manly and graceful form will soon begin to lose its firmness, your brilliant eyes shine with a drunkard's glassy inexpressiveness, and your mind,

MISCELLANY. moderate drinkers, favored perhaps by constitutional resistance, have been unscathed by the burning trial. But they will not escape, cousin William; they cannot escape His eyes who watches motives rather than deeds. They may be strong enough to carry into death the unrighteous banner of the drunkard without reeling, while others are falling on the right hand and on the left, but they lend the way to the destruction of others, and they must answer for it."

MISCELLANY. "My dear cousin," said Ingols, "you take this matter too seriously. You make a bugbear of a trifle."

"A trifle!" I exclaimed; call not that a trifle which rifies the mind and body of their best gifts. If I were permitted, I would go (not in the wildness of quixotism) but in the spirit of him who drove the profane from God's temple and destroy every implement like that before you, which attracts you and others from the simplicity of nature. They disgrace our houses, and often convert them into bacchanalian orgies. I had a friend once with William, young and lovely; such a one as your warm heart would have loved, and your discriminating mind appreciated. She received a shock from the early disappointment of her affections, pined, sickened, and dropped like a withering flower. Would to God she had died in the unstained paleness of her beauty! Tonics were recommended, and as medicine they were right. Her health was restored, and all would have been well, had they not been spread out among the wants and luxuries of life. Her sensual appetite increased. I sicken as I remember the miserable subterfuges that murred her fair character, first chilling the confidence of friends, and then by open exposure disgracing them. The enemy wrought subtle, baffled but not subdued by reproaches, by sarcasms, by entreaties, by the shunning eye of retreating friendship, by the agonizing appeals of a dying conscience. She died a drunkard. Her mother wept bitter tears than should ever fall over a daughter's grave, her sister's cheek paled with a sorrow sadder than grief; and her father I tremble while I say it, cursed his first born child."

MISCELLANY. Ingols had not tasted his draught while I was speaking but held it in his hand, and when I ceased, quietly placed it on the table and said, "Cousin, I have not the heart to drink this now, and will give it up if you please you."

MISCELLANY. "You are not angry, then," I said, eagerly. "Angry? no," he replied. "How can I be angry with a true friend, and a lady too?" with a low bow.

MISCELLANY. "Thank you," said I, "and now that I have gone thus far, may I proceed?" "Yes, cousin, I give you carte blanche."

MISCELLANY. "I shall do it by actions, not words." I said, with solemnly pledged myself in prayer to God that I will never again aid the cause of the destroying angel. But promise me (not that I claim any right over you but that of interest in your welfare) that you will abstain from ardent spirits, now in the sunshine of your youth, 'before the evil days come!'"

MISCELLANY. Ingols hesitated, reflected, and promised half earnestly, half jestingly. "On the following day no decanter was to be seen on my sideboard or table, and I carried the keys up stairs. Ingols was very amiable, and our week passed happily away. My husband returned and took no notice of the decanters.

MISCELLANY. I had retired to my bedroom early one evening, when I heard Ingols enter, and ask the servant for the keys. She came up stairs, and I gave them to her in silence. I heard her transfer them to him, and held my breath. He opened the door. I had anticipated every decanter. I heard the rattling of the keys as the doors closed, and a faintness came over me at my own danger. A half hour passed away, and Polly came back with a slip of paper, on which was written, "You have conquered, cousin. I thank you, and thank God."

MISCELLANY. I burst into tears, and sobbed as if my heart would break; nor was I relieved until my husband returned and said he loved me better for my moral courage.

MISCELLANY. THE HISPANISH-MEXICAN DISPUTE. MADRID, July 11. The Mexican negotiator, Señor Lafragua, is still in Madrid, and to-day he has an interview with Señor Pidal--a final one there is reason to think, and there can scarcely be a hope that it will have any good result. It is probably a last attempt at conciliation, and, if fruitless, it is to be expected that Señor Lafragua will avail himself of the opportunity to take his non-official leave of the stubborn Spanish Minister for Foreign Affairs. Perhaps, if Señor Pidal be sincere in his desire to avoid hostilities, he will adopt the last plan that now seems practicable, and send a commissioner to Mexico charged to propose an ultimatum to the comorant Government, and should that be rejected, to transmit to General Concha orders for immediate attack. This idea of sending an ultimatum is, however, peremptorily repudiated by the Correspondencia, which is well known to receive most of its inspirations from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The Semi-official sheet adds:

MISCELLANY. "Our Government occupies itself at this moment with the important Mexican question, and proofs will soon be seen that Spain is enduring only until she is wounded in her national honor. To this end it is said that two war steamers, the Ulooa and Pizarro, are about to sail from Cadiz for the Havana, taking out instructions for General Concha, and also conveying more troops and material of war for the expedition against Mexico, which Spain will inevitably undertake unless she receives full satisfaction from that Republic."

MISCELLANY. It is very easy to talk in this Bombastes vein of Spanish honor, which, of late years at least, has not always been preserved very bright and unscathed; but we are no longer in the days when every trifle was deemed sufficient ground for a war, affecting not only the nations immediately engaged, but others whose interests would suffer by it. Certain Spanish newspapers have for a long time past indulged in every species of threat and invective against Mexico, but no facts have been stated or proofs given, either by the press or by this Government, to show that there really are sufficient grounds for hostilities. It is unnecessary to enter again upon the facts of the case.

MISCELLANY. THE RUSSIAN MILLENIUM. In five years from the present date Russia will have attained the age of one thousand years, an event to be celebrated by the erection of a grand monument, for which a subscription has just been set on foot. The monument is to be built in the city of Novgorod, the capital of the first ruler of the empire, and voluntary contributions in aid of its erection will be received by government officials throughout the empire until 1862.

MISCELLANY. SALARIES IN HAYTI. The former salary of the Emperor of Hayti was \$150,000. It is now \$200,000, Haytian, the Haytian dollar being worth about six cents, which will make the Emperor's salary about \$12,000 American currency. The Empress has an allowance of \$6,000, and the Imperial family \$3,000, so that among them they all have \$21,000.

MISCELLANY. MAINE DISASTERS. The marine disasters for July are as follows:—Five ships, two bark, three brig, and eleven schooners, the total value amounting to about \$1,000,000. The number of vessels was not so large as the previous month, yet the value of the property lost is in excess of June about \$180,000. The loss of one vessel alone, the ship Samuel Willett, reached \$350,000; and another, the ship Carack, burnt at sea, \$230,000.

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