

Who Paid for the Furs?

A NEWSPAPER MAN'S NEW YEAR'S MEDITATION.

"I am going to swear off at New Year's, said a newspaper man, who does railroads and night police, as he dropped into one of Potter Palmer's cushioned seats in the rotunda of the hotel. Of course there was a laugh. There always is a laugh at a New Year's promise, and particularly that of a newspaper man. "No, boys; I've got some ideas on the business of tipping, and I'm going to give 'em to you. If any of you will print 'em you're welcome to do it. My proprietor is a drinker himself in a small way, and he might say he had not engaged me to write temperance lectures. But I tell you what I've been thinking about, and everybody ought to think about it. That's the cost. Now, I've got too much sense to take up the temperance racket from any sentimental idea, nor will I prate about the moralistic side of it. Leave that to the platform cranks and blue ribbon idiots. My standpoint is of practicality. What does the tipping cost? I have been a moderate drinker for twenty-five years. I don't think the habit is growing on me. I know I am in no danger of the gutter or tramping. My health is perfect, my mind clear and active, and, physically and mentally considered, my seven or eight drinks a day, or more on occasions, seem to have done me no harm. But I am shockingly poor." With this the newspaper man stretched his legs and looked at his friends, who were all his juniors. They hardly realized his poverty, for he was well dressed, and known to be a gentleman. "Fact," he said, "I am poor, and in debt. Of course, you know the craft does not get princely incomes, but they get enough to save from. The difficulty is not so much lack of income, as lack of prudence in saving it. Do you know what led me into this train of thought? I'll tell you. I went into one of the best saloons the other evening to get a cocktail. I was just a little shaky and needed it. I had just 25 cents. I got 10 cents change, and then I stood up against the rail and looked around. I saw pictures that were elegant. I saw mirrors reflecting and duplicating them. I saw the most magnificent cut glass and silverware. I saw wood-carvings, marble things, gorgeous tapestries, superb frescoes, and, speaking to a young man present, the barman said that it had cost nearly \$60,000 to supply this one place with these gorgeous things. I looked for the proprietor. He was not in just then, but his magnificent family sleigh stood outside. It bore tufted plumes and the horses wore Russian arches of silver gongs. The coachman wore a green coat, with great pot-metal discs for buttons, and a huge sealskin cap that cost more than mine. And then, as I looked, I began to think. I turned to the bar, and said inwardly, 'I'll put up the other ten cents and get a cocktail.' The young man who made it, attracted my attention. He was one of four who was dealing out the brain's poison. He was young, strong, stalwart. His dress was immaculate, his linen faultless, his hands soft and white; his whole appearance suggested the freshness of early spring. In his polished shirt gleamed a gorgeous diamond. Upon his little finger blazed another. I looked at this chap, and I began to reflect that I had spent my last ten cents, and would be compelled to borrow through the week. Then reflection went still further, and I asked myself how much of my poor salary went to keep up this style, and how much interest I had in those diamonds and furs and sleigh and bang-tailed horses. Then I began to look at the profits of the business, and remembered that there were sixty average drinks to the gallon of whiskey, and that the average bar whiskey cost \$3 a gallon. At fifteen cents a drink this diamond bedizened gentleman behind the bar took in \$9 for something that cost \$3, to say nothing of added water. And then I remembered how few of these gentlemen had a cent to spend on anything but their selfish pleasures; how they wore the finest of clothing; the costliest of underwear, silken and cashmere; how their shoes and boots cost from \$12 to \$20 a pair, and how I had to tramp around with soft patches. And the more I thought the madder I got; and I have made up my mind to leave no more of my money with these gentlemen who live so easily and luxuriously, and whose gorgeous livelihood costs them not an hour's worry. Others may and will order drinks, no doubt, but from me the saloons and their proprietors have got their last dollar. That is my Christmas lecture, boys. Try and profit by it."—Chicago News.

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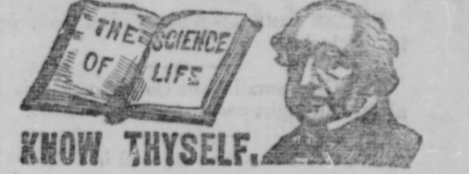
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