

Nasby's Reform.

A GREAT DRINKER BECOMES A TEETOTALER—HE TELLS THE TALE HIMSELF.

(Interview in Detroit Free Press.)

"I had been a hard drinker for thirty years and had lost my powers of intellectual and physical recuperation," said Mr. Looke, editor of the Toledo Blade.

"Up to about forty years of age I had been able to go to bed religiously drunk every night and attend to business with reasonable industry every day. When this crisis came of which I speak I was swallowing more than forty drinks - I estimate the quantity in gross at two gallons - of raw whisky every twenty-four hours.

"I couldn't work. Application was out of the question. I would be in bed until 11 o'clock in the morning, and on awakening used to contemplate my boots half an hour at a time with not enough energy to pull them on. I habitually drank five or six whiskeys before breakfast, and then at breakfast would take another nip, with a couple of soft-boiled eggs - no appetite or ambition. When I tried to write I couldn't make it go - brain sluggish, body enfeebled, and final distraction near at hand.

"Well, sir, I swore to get out of the work that my paper was demanding of me, but I'd keep putting it off, nerveless, hopeless, and - no, not hopeless. The last day came around and still I had not produced a line. Then I fully realized what a miserable victim I was. One morning while I lay in bed, staring as usual at my boots, I suddenly resolved that I would never drink another drop of alcohol. I dressed, went down to the office, told the business manager that I was ashamed of the manner in which I had failed to respond to his necessities, and added that he probably would not see me in the office again for three days. Didn't say a word to him about my resolution on the whisky question.

"All that day I smoked incessantly, spending most of the time on the docks walking bareheaded with my face against the breeze. The weather was warm, and I was full of fever; but I held out and about 11 o'clock went to bed. Next morning to my great surprise I was able to eat a small piece of porter-house steak - hadn't touched it at breakfast before in twenty years. That was a hopeful incident. At noon I ate a fair lunch. That was better. At night I stowed away a well man's dinner. That was best of all; for when a drunkard can eat you may conclude that he is not lost. In three days coffee began to taste good and solid food had a flavor that was delicious. My recovery was quick."

"Did not your craving for liquor continue for some time?"

"I think not. It was a moral as well as a physical overhauling in my case. That is the better condition to which I had come so soon, was a cause of more pleasure and exhilaration to me than any quantity of alcohol could make possible. I simply couldn't afford to put in peril that rationally happy condition."

"Do you never feel a desire to drink at this stage of the fight?"

"Possibly I do. At least and at most, along about 4 o'clock in the afternoon I feel a deep depression - not for want of a nip so much as because I am tired with work. The natural impulse then is to simulate, but I beat it down without great effort, and in a little while it passes.

"I am absolutely certain that if I were to take one drink I should take forty. Alcohol runs through my veins like quicksilver." "No. I do not believe I shall ever resume. I inherited a cast-iron constitution - ought to live thirty years in all, but I threw away thirty years by dissipation, and so I shall live to be only 100."

"I want to add to this my conviction that 'rum' is a disease, not a vice."

Attempted Kidnapping.

The village of St. Jerome, Que., is excited over an attempt few days ago of J. G. Rigney, a prominent New York broker, to kidnap his son, who, with his mother and sister is at present living in that village, the wife having separated from her husband three years ago. Rigney for a year or two has had detectives searching for his son but unsuccessfully, until a short time ago when a clue was obtained and he was summoned from New York. By advice of counsel a writ of habeas corpus was issued, ordering Mrs. Rigney to appear before a judge and show cause why the boy should not be given up to his father. The mother getting an inkling of the proceedings left Dorval, where she then was, and went to St. Jerome, where last week a detective found her. Rigney, disregarding the advice of his counsel, determined to take the law in his own hands, and drove from Montreal to St. Jerome with the intention of taking by force. Whilst making the attempt the villagers turned out to aid Mrs. Rigney, and he, fearing personal violence, jumped into the sleigh and returned to Montreal, where on learning that a warrant was to be taken out for his arrest he quickly left for New York. Mrs. Rigney belongs to one of the best families in New York.

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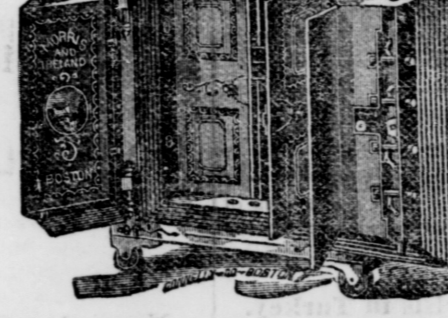
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