

An Old Woman's Callousness.

HER DAUGHTER LIES DYING AND SHE SNEERS AT HER.

A man named David Young, on making a visit to the home of his mother on Perth street, Brockville, on Wednesday last made a horrible discovery. His sister, Margaret, and a companion, Dena Derosa, were lying dead in their room, and his mother, though not dead, was unconscious. The chief of police, at once notified, visited the scene. In the little bedroom a horrible sight was presented. Lying on the floor, and with one foot still resting upon the bed, lay the dead body of Margaret Young, clad only in undergarment and nightdress. On the bed lay the girl Derosa, also dead. The latter's face was partly buried in the pillow, while the girl Young lay face upward. The faces of both were calm, and the bodies cold, indicating that death had taken place some time previously. On a table at the head of the bed was found a pint flask with a few drops of what is supposed to be whisky in the bottom, a small sponge and some other articles. Underneath the bed the neck of a small bottle covered with a white looking substance was found, and in the stand drawer a little bottle which seemed to contain a similar mixture. When the news of the discovery first reached the streets the deaths were attributed to asphyxia from coal gas. Enough has been learned since, however, to almost dissipate this theory, and the general opinion now is that death resulted from poison, but how administered remains a mystery. The reasons for this theory are plain. In the first place the appearance of the bodies do not indicate asphyxia; there is no discoloration of the features. In the second place had death resulted from coal gas it would be difficult to account for the survival of Mrs. Young, as she slept in the room where the stove stands, while the girls occupied the bedroom. It is reported that in a conversation between Mrs. Young, after recovering consciousness, and the chief of police, the old woman said that the girls came home about 10 o'clock Tuesday night and went to bed. They left the bedroom door open and during the night, her daughter cried: "Give me a drink of water, I'm dying!" "Devil a die," returned the old woman, and then got up and closed the door.—Toronto World.

Total Abstinence.

It is of infinite importance that leaders in society should be right upon great moral questions, and that their practice should be good models for those who look up to them and who will imitate them. It is a subject for congratulation that, among the first men in our Dominion, there are many who are conspicuous as total abstainers from strong drink. Mr. Blake, Sir Leonard Tilley, and the present Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba, are ready instances. A gratifying fact was brought out at a recent meeting of the Toronto University Temperance League, namely, that of the 400 undergraduates attending University College, 287 are members of the League; and of these 267 are pledged to total abstinence, the remaining 20 to moderation. Thus seven-tenths of the undergraduates are temperance men, and nine-tenths of these seven-tenths teetotalers. Nothing could be more hopeful for the future of the cause than the rallying to its support of the young men, who, by reason of advocacy and social position, are to be foremost in the coming days.—Canadian Statesman.

Useless Phrases

There are people who can say just what they want to without the addition or omission of a single word. The majority of people, however, are not gifted with this pleasing faculty. They talk about "seeing with their eyes." What else should they see with? They hear "with their own ears." Could they hear with ears not their own? They stand hours "on their feet." Do they want to stand on their hands? "What is the matter?" he asked of a thin young man named Anderson Pye. "I think the climate of Austin does not agree with me—have great trouble breathing with my lungs." "You would have a great deal more trouble breathing without your lungs," responded the doctor.—Texas Siftings.

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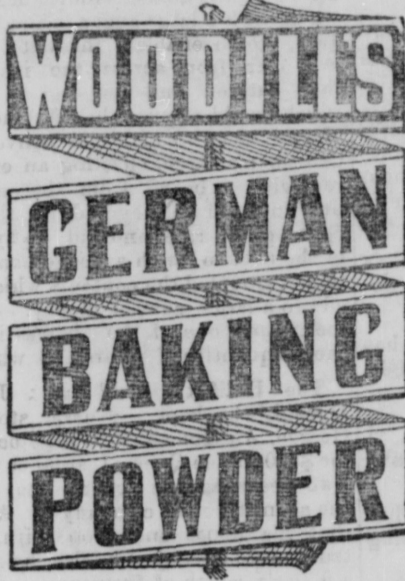
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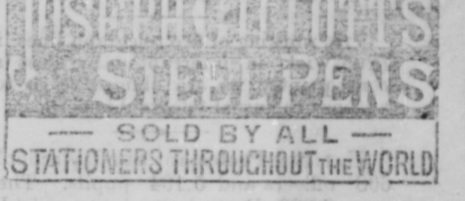
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