Note.—The following article has been widely published and is one of the most remarkable illustrations of the value of careful marshalling and analysis of facts in presenting a subject to the public.

LEVELERS.

The Mission of Whisky, Tobacco and Coffee.

The Creator made all things, we believe.

If so, He must have made these.

We know what He made food and water for, and air and sunshine, but why Whisky, Tobacco and Coffee?

They are here sure enough and each performing its work.

There must be some great plan behind it all; the thoughtful man seeks to understand something of that plan and thereby to judge these articles for their true worth.

Let us not say "bad" or "good" without taking testimony.

There are times and conditions when it certainly seems to the casual observer that these stimulant narcotics are real blessings.

Right there is the ambush that conceals a "killing" enemy.

One can slip into the habit of either whisky, tobacco or coffee easy enough, but to "untangle" is often a fearful struggle.

It seems plain that there are circumstances when the narcotic effect of these poisons is for the moment beneficial, but the fearful argument against them is that seldom ever does one find a steady user of either whisky, coffee or tobacco free from disease of some kind.

Certainly powerful elements in their effect on the human race.

It is a matter of daily history testified to by literally millions of people, that Whisky, Tobacco and Coffee are smiling, promising, beguiling friends on the start, but always false as hell itself in the end. Once they get firm hold enough to show their strength, they insist upon governing and drive the victim steadily towards ill health in some form; if permitted to continue to rule, they will not let up until physical and mental ruin sets in.

A man under that spell (and "under the spell" is correct), of any one of these drugs, frequently assures himself and his friends, "Why, I can leave off any time I want to. I did quit for a week just to show I could." It is a sure mark of the slave when one gets to that stage. He wiggled through a week fighting every day to break the spell, was finally whipped, and began his slavery all over again.

The slave (Coffee slave as well as Tobacco and Whisky) daily reviews his condition, sees perfectly plain the steady encroachments of disease, how the nerves get weaker day by day and demand the drug that seems to smile and offer relief for a few minutes and then leave the diseased condition plainer to view than ever and growing worse. Many times the Coffee slave realizes that he is between two fires. He feels bad if he leaves off, and a little worse if he drinks and allows the effect to wear off.

So it goes on from day to day. Every night the struggling victim promises himself that he will break the habit and next day when he feels a little bad (as he is quite sure to), breaks, not the habit, but his own resolution. It is nearly always a tough fight, with disaster ahead sure if the habit wins.

There have been hundreds of thousands of people driven to their graves through disease brought on by coffee drinking alone, and it is quite certain that more human misery is caused by coffee and tobacco than by whisky, for the two first are more widely used, and more hidden and insidious in the effect on nerves, heart and other vital organs, and are thus unsuspected until much of the dangerous work is done.

Now, Reader, what is your opinion as to the real use the Creator has for these things? Take a look at the question from this point of view.

There is a law of Nature and of Nature's God that things slowly evolve from lower planes to higher, a sturdy, steady and dignified advance toward more perfect things in both the Physical and Spiritual world. The ponderous tread of evolutionary development is fixed by the Infinite and will not be quickened out of natural law by any of man's methods.

Therefore we see many illustrations showing how nature checks too rapid advance. Illinois raises phenomenal crops of corn for two or three years. If she continued to do so every year her farmers would advance in wealth far beyond those of other sections or countries. So Nature interposes a bar every three or four years and brings on a "bad year."

Here we see the leveling influence at work.

A man is prosperous in his business for a number of years and grows rich. Then Nature sets the "leveling influence" at work on him. Some of his investments lose, he becomes luxurious and lazy. Perhaps it is whisky, tobacco, coffee, women, gambling, or some other form. The intent and purpose is to level him. Keep him from evolving too far ahead of the masses.

A nation becomes prosperous and great like ancient Rome. If no leveling influence set in she would dominate the world perhaps for all time. But Dame Nature sets her army of "levelers" at work. Luxury, over eating and drinking, licentiousness, waste and extravagance, indulgences of all kinds, then comes the wreck. Sure, Sure, Sure.

The law of the unit is the law of the mass. Man goes through the same process. Weakness (in childhood), gradual growth of strength, energy, thrift, probity, prosperity, wealth, comfort, ease, relaxation, self-indulgence, luxury, idleness, waste, debauchery, disease, and the wreck follows. The "levelers" are in the bushes along the pathway of every successful man and woman and they bag the majority.

Only now and then can a man stand out against these "levelers" and hold his fortune, fame and health to the end.

So the Creator has use for Whisky, Tobacco and Coffee to level down the successful ones and those who show signs of being successful, and keep them back in the race, so that the great "field" (the masses) may not be left too far behind.

And yet we must admit that same all wise Creator has placed it in the power of man to stand upright, clothed in the armor of a clean cut, steady mind and say unto himself, "I decline to exchange my birthright for a mess of potage.

"I will not deaden my senses, weaken my grip on affairs and keep myself cheap, common and behind in fortune and fame by drugging with whisky, tobacco or coffee; life is too short. It is hard enough to win the good things, without any sort of handicap, so a man is certainly a "fool trader" when he trades strength, health, money, and the good things that come with power, for the half-asleep condition of the "drugger" with the certainty of sickness and disease ahead."

It is a matter each individual must decide for himself. He can be a leader and semi-god if he will, or he can go along through life a drugged clown, a cheap "hewer of wood or carrier of water."

Certain it is that while the Great Father of us all does not seem to "mind" if some of His children are foolish and stupid, He seems to select others (perhaps those He intends for some special work) and allows them to be threshed and castigated most fearfully by these "levelers."

If a man tries flirting with these levelers awhile, and gets a few slaps as a hint, he had better take the hint or a good solid blow will follow.

When a man tries to live upright, clean, thrifty, sober, and undrugged, manifesting as near as he knows what the Creator intends he should, happiness, health and peace seem to come to him. Does it pay?

This article was written to set people thinking, to rouse the "God within," for every highly organized man and woman has times when they feel a something calling from within for them to press to the front and "be about the Father's business;" don't mistake it; the spark of the Infinite is there and it pays in every way, health, happiness, peace, and even worldly prosperity, to break off the habits and strip clean for the work cut out for us.

It has been the business of the writer to provide a practical and easy way for people to break away from the coffee habit and be assured of a return to health and all of the good things that brings, provided the abuse has not gone too far, and even then the cases where the body has been rebuilt on a basis of strength and health run into the thousands.

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THE PERFECT WOMAN.

A Japanese Folk Tale That Gives the Native Ideal.

In a current magazine Madame Calla J. Harrison relates the following Japanese folk-tale as illustrating the native ideal of perfect womanhood:

Kesa filled the eighteen requirements of a beautiful woman. Moreover, she was peerless in character as well. Before her and her lover-husband, Wataru, life seemingly had stretched a long, happy road. Unfortunately, they fell in debt to Morito, a neighboring samurai, whose evil eye fell upon Kesa, and he coveted her with all his soul. He wished Kesa for his wife, but while Wataru lived this could not be with honor. But an enemy's life was but a small hindrance—one stroke of the keen samurai sword and Kesa could be free. So, Morito reasoned and pressed this plan upon Kesa's old mother, who in turn pleaded with her daughter, till Kesa found herself between two fires, filial versus conjugal love and duty.

At last, after bitter weeping, she consented and plans were laid. On a certain night Wataru would return from a journey and after his bath would lie down on his own pallet among the sleeping ones in the family hall. Morito could easily find him, for his hair would be wet from the bath.

On the appointed night Morito crept through the hall, lit only by the andon's dim light. He found Wataru's place; his hair was wet and his face muffled in the covering. Hastily he spread down a napkin by the pillow, then with one sharp, swift stroke of his sword severed the sleeper's head. Gathering it up in the napkin, he fled. There was no pursuit, and when he had gained his own room in safety he sat down to gloat over his prize. As he turned the head to get a good view the sight froze him with horror, for it was the sweet, piteous face of Kesa. She had sent her husband from harm, cut off her hair and prepared it to imitate his and meekly lay down to die that she might be true to both ties—dying, she fulfilled her duties as a filial daughter, and a faithful wife. In those stern and cruel times, many women had done excellently, but Kesa outshone them all.

A dude preacher generally produces dead sermons. So. 44.

A BOSTON "CLUBMAN."

Arthur—How did you enjoy yourself at Harry's?

Theodore — Splendidly! Harry's such a fine conversationalist, don't you know. He never once through the whole evening indulged in frivolities for an instant—such things as the industrial question, the law of supply and demand, and things of that kind—but confined himself wholly to such improving topics as styles in hosiery, the manner of wearing neckties and creasing of trousers.—Boston Transcript.

SOUTHERN ✣ FARM ✣ NOTES.

TOPICS OF INTEREST TO THE PLANTER, STOCKMAN AND TRUCK GROWER.

Corn and Cotton Seed Meal For Cattle.

L. J. C., Gainesville, Fla.—Please give me the relative value of corn and cotton seed meal for fattening cattle, and also that of cotton seed and cotton seed meal.

In experiments made on the Tennessee station farm for several years past a ration consisting of two-thirds of cotton seed meal and one-third of corn meal has been fed with great success to beef cattle after the following method:

In the early stages of fattening beef cattle it is desirable to obtain as much growth as possible, therefore the grain ration consisted largely of cotton seed meal, a food stuff rich in protein, or muscle building elements, tending to produce rapid growth. As the feeding period advances the amount of cotton seed meal fed was gradually reduced, and at the end of three months the cattle were receiving two-thirds of corn meal and one-third of cotton seed meal. This ration was continued for the next sixty days and the cattle made uniform gains throughout the period of five months.

The cattle receiving this meal ration made about 2.4 pounds gain per day for the whole period, which is a very satisfactory gain. When cotton seed meal alone was fed the cattle only made a gain of 2.15 pounds per head per day. It is evident, therefore, that the addition of corn to the ration in the finishing period was a great advantage. Cotton seed meal fed by itself to beef cattle does not make as satisfactory a ration as when combined with a small amount of corn, for the reason that it is too one-sided a food, and therefore the cattle do not fatten as rapidly as is desirable. Of course, when cotton seed meal is cheap, say $20 a ton, and corn fifty to sixty cents a bushel, it is better policy to feed a larger amount of cotton seed meal, even though some waste results, than to purchase high-priced corn to go with it.

Cotton seed meal cannot be fed with satisfaction to beef cattle for long periods where large amounts are used—say as much as eight to twelve pounds per head per day—unless it is combined with silage or roots or some other succulent food.

If hulls are fed to cattle, the meal and hulls should be mixed in the proportion of about one to five, and the cattle should not receive more than six to eight pounds of cotton seed meal when on full feed. Where succulent roughness is used, from eight to twelve pounds can be fed with safety.

A ration containing cotton seed meal as the only concentrate should be increased very gradually, or else the digestive system of the cattle is likely to be deranged and they will be thrown off feed.

Cotton seed does not make a very satisfactory ration for beef cattle; it contains too much oil, and therefore is too laxative. If you can buy the cotton seed at from $8 to $10 a ton you can probably afford to feed them to beef cattle even with the disadvantage mentioned, provided some other form of dry roughness is used. If you can obtain as much as $15 a ton for cotton seed and buy cotton seed meal for $20 to $25, it is better to sell the seed to the oil mills and buy the meal.

When corn can be purchased for forty cents a bushel it will be profitable to feed a considerable quantity of it with cotton seed meal. It is impossible to give directions for some time in advance, because the crop season influences the prices of various concentrates, and one in order to be successful in feeding beef cattle must study local conditions very carefully and utilize the food stuff that is cheapest and best suited to his purpose.—Professor Soule.

Silage as a Companion Food.

One of the best ways to feed alfalfa hay is with silage, unless in a region where alfalfa is very cheap, a contingency that is not likely to arise in the Southeastern States, because the crop will hardly grow with the luxuriance characteristic of it in the West. Alfalfa hay in the Southeastern States, by reason of its higher price, is a foodstuff that must be utilized more carefully than in the West, where it can be fed in the most wasteful fashion and still give profitable returns. It is a great advantage to feed alfalfa or any other of the leguminous crops that may be substituted for a portion of the concentrates in a ration of the dairy cow with some such succulent and palatable food as silage. By chopping the alfalfa up, as practiced in our experiments, and sprinkling it over the silage with the meal fed, the whole ration was readily consumed. If the alfalfa hay was fed by itself, even in larger quantity, it would not be so completely consumed, and the waste would be much greater and its effectiveness in the ration reduced to that extent. In our judgment the gratifying results following the substitution of alfalfa and cowpea hay for a certain amount of concentrates were due in a large measure to the feeding of these crops with a fine quality of silage which is generally admitted to be the best form of roughness for the dairy cow. Of course, silage by itself is not so satisfactory as when fed in conjunction with a small amount of dry roughness.

Another peculiarity was noticed in these experiments, namely, that the ration containing the largest amount of protein was eaten with the greatest relish. In other words, the best results were obtained in the experiments of 1902 and 1903 when cotton seed meal was fed in conjunction with cowpea and alfalfa hay. It is difficult to give a satisfactory reason for this peculiarity, unless it is that the larger amount of protein acted as a tonic to the nerves and the system generally, and kept the animals in a more perfect condition of health. The other rations were also eaten with relish and the animals were in good condition throughout the experiment, but in both years the best results have been obtained from the high protein ration.

Grape Vines in the Back Yard.

There has been much interest manifested in the improvement of the back yard. Cleanliness, of course, comes first, and that is a matter of daily attention. Plants for the back yard ought to be of economic value. Hedge plants, without thorns, along the fence line or bordering the walk, serve a good purpose daily.

The pot, sweet and medicinal herbs, such as parsley, thyme, sage and rosemary, do well, and are convenient, in back yards.

Rose bushes as rose vines are thorny, and therefore not well suited to the part of the premises used for hanging and sunning household linen. Plant roses in the front yard.

Grape vines need a good foothold. They will climb freely. It is not the approved method of cultivating grapes, but for shade over the kitchen window or porch, a vigorous Concord or Delaware, or Catawba grape vine, answers the dual purpose of shade and of yielding grapes. Plant on the eastern side and train the vine around to the window or porch. The root in a sunny place, the vine will stand a western or northern exposure.

Scuppernong vines cover arbors. An arbor of rough construction, extending from the back door, say, toward the garden, with just one Scuppernong grape vine, will be green all summer and full of grapes in September. One vine will spread an indefinite number of feet, twenty, forty and more.

Grape vines feed on bone greedily. Every bone from the kitchen can be utilized by burying at the root of the vine. Sweepings from the yard make a rich mulch. Waste water from the kitchen is no longer waste water when applied to the grape vines.

Grape vines subjected to this primitive mode of treatment should first be cut away to two branches, trained up, and then two collateral branches allowed to each of the main branches.—G. T. D., in the Florida.

Seeding Sorghum and Cowpeas.

E. A., Hume, Va., writes: Please let me know what kind and how much sorghum to sow with cowpeas, and how many cowpeas to the acre, and the best time to sow?

We believe the Red Head sorghum to be one of the best varieties to sow for silage purposes. It is best sown in drills about three feet apart, using about eight to ten pounds of seed per acre. You may sow about a half bushel of peas with the sorghum. The most satisfactory way to do this is to use a two horse corn planter, filling one hopper with peas and one with sorghum. The plates for the respective hoppers should be adjusted so as to put the sorghum down every four or five inches and the peas about eight to ten inches apart in the drill row. By reversing on the rows the corn and peas are planted together. The peas should be planted the same as the sorghum and not later, as the sorghum grows rapidly and will overshadow the cowpeas and prevent their making a very satisfactory growth. We have never been able to get a large per cent. of peas in either our corn or sorghum for silage purposes. Fifteen per cent. is the largest amount ever obtained and the average has been between five and six. If you sow the corn and sorghum thinner and in wider drill rows, you will get a larger per cent. of peas, but this will so reduce the yield of the silage crop as to make the small amount of peas obtained unprofitable. It is better, in our judgment, to sow the cowpeas and soy beans by themselves and make into hay to be fed along with the silage or mixed with the crops as they are run into the silo. The Whippoorwill is undoubtedly one of the best varieties of peas to sow with sorghum for silage purposes.

Sharps and Flats.

An Austrian genius has made the discovery that celluloid, prepared in a special way, provides a material out of which hats and the most delicate flowers can be made. These hats are not only beautiful in themselves and can not be told from those made of the usual material, but will stand the most severe shower and look even better after than before. They are used to some extent in Germany, especially in Vienna.

The labors of the Irish Anti-Emigration Society, an organization formed last year, do not appear to have been attended with much success. The emigration from the south and west of Ireland, from which the outflow chiefly takes place, has shown no sign of diminishing. In 1900 the emigration through the port of Cork to the United States amounted to 27,105; in 1901, 22,450; in 1902, 23,440, and 1903, 24,412. For the eight month of the present year the figures are 18,512, while for the corresponding eight months of last year the return was 17,769.

Odds and Ends.

Women used their harpins a thousand years ago much in the same way as they do today. That, at least, is the impression one gets from the antiquities found during the last year at the Silchester (England) excavations. The most interesting discovery was the building which formed apparently the small altar, portions of capitals and bases, part of a large basin of Purbeck marble and some singular pieces of metal.

Cannibalism appears to be unknown among the lower animals in a state of nature. In India some instances of snakes devouring one another have been collected, but it has been pointed out that in every case cited the snakes were of different species. This, it is declared, is no more an act of cannibalism than the devouring of a field mouse by a rat. Unquestionable cannibalism was noted some years ago in a London menagerie, when a python ate another of its own kind, but this was under the unnatural conditions imposed by life in captivity.

The Woman Across the Sea.

O, her lips were red and her skin was brown,
This woman across the sea;
And her hair a glistening, sable crown,
This woman across the sea;
And she loved a man, aye, she loved a man,
As only a true Mestizo can,
But the frown of fate was on her plan,
This woman across the sea.

O, the days were long that he called her sweet,
This woman across the sea;
And she loved the dust at his very feet,
This woman across the sea;
For his skin was fair and his eyes were gray,
And he laughed in his careless, soldiery way,
And told her tales, as soldiers may,
This woman across the sea.

No priest came there to bless her love,
This woman across the sea;
She thought him true as the stars above,
This woman across the sea;
But he went away and she waited long,
And crooned to his child a mother-song,
And worked and toiled and thought no wrong,
This woman across the sea;

O, the man she loved forgot her name,
This woman across the sea;
Forgot her face, forgot her shame,
This woman across the sea;
For he mated with one of his fair-faced kind—
He's bound to her with ties that bind—
So he laughs at the one that he left behind,
This woman across the sea.
—Robert V. Carr, in St. Paul Dispatch.

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Girls in Successful Whale Hunt.

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Rocks.

The man of substance was proud to be mentioned in connection with so high an office, but he would not be a candidate.

"This rock," he exclaimed, pointing to a great granite bowlder, "shall fly from its firm base as soon as mine——"

Here the committee of notification withdrew, perceiving that their mission was hopeless.—Puck.

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SURE.

"What did Noah live on when the flood subsided and his provisions in the ark were exhausted?" asked a Sunday school teacher of her class.

"I know," squeaked a little girl after the others had given up.

"Well, what?" inquired the teacher.

"Dry land."—November Lippincott's

Pride makes the cross a crushing weight. So. 44.

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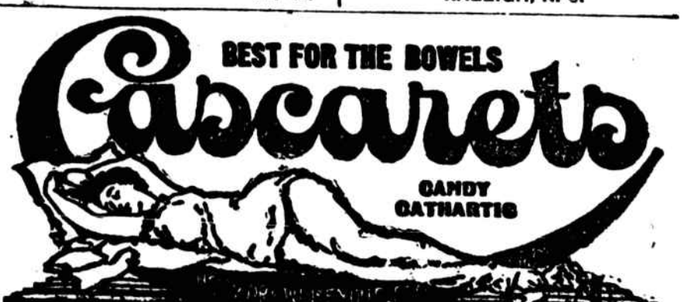

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The reason W. L. Douglas $3.50 shoes are the greatest sellers in the world is because of their excellent style, easy fitting and superior wearing qualities. If I could show you the difference between the shoes made in my factory and those of other makes and the high-grade leathers used, you would understand why W. L. Douglas $3.50 shoes cost more to make, why they hold their shape, fit better, wear longer, and are of greater intrinsic value than any other $3.50 shoe on the market to-day, and why the sales for the year ending July 1, 1904, were 980,248,040.00.

W. L. Douglas guarantees their value by stamping his name and price on the bottom. Look for it—take no substitute. Sold by shoe dealers everywhere.

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"I have worn W. L. Douglas $3.50 shoes for the last twelve years with absolute satisfaction. I find them superior in fit, comfort and wear to others costing from $3.00 to $7.00."—B. N. McCOY, Dept. Cont. U. S. Int. Revenue, Richmond, Va.

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W. L. DOUGLAS, Brockton, Massachusetts.