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A DESPERADO BROUGHT TO GRIEF.

On last Monday a scene occurred upon our streets the like of which, we hope with the HELP of all good men, never to witness again. One Charles Hill a saloon-keeping pest, who has through the winter, RUN a BROTHEL and low doggery in the edge of town, on last Monday upon having his doggery closed by the owner of the premises, avowed his intention of getting drunk and "spoiling" somebody before night. He therefore placed a pistol in his pocket and started for town and was soon noticed about the corners trying to fasten a quarrel upon a number of persons from the country. Along in the evening he found one young man much the worse for liquor, willing to indulge him and they were soon wallowing like hogs in the gutter before John A'Herns' saloon. No one to interfere or stop them, all fearing to be hurt by the brute, Hill, who was known to carry a pistol, and were they inclined to interfere they had no authority nor could any one be found who had, as the town Constable had gone east to visit his friends, with the firm conviction that the town was old enough to run itself in his absence. At length the boy Blake finding himself no match for the burly brute, Hill, ran into Seymour's Drug store for protection and was at once followed by Hill, who was met by Dr. Keeley and pushed out again. But seeing he was about to break the door sash, Dr. Keeley opened the door and allowed him to en-

ter, he then became so angry, that the Dr. finding more than muscular strength needed, went back to his office and got his revolver, and upon his return both he and Mr. Seymour succeeded in getting the huge brute out of doors. In the meantime Mr. Seymour had taken the Dr's revolver from his hand and stood with it against the counter, which Hill seeing, at once drew his pistol and snapped it at Seymour; Seymour then leveled and fired, but failed to bring down his game though it is said, grazed his ear, he leveled again but was prevented by Dr. Keeley from firing a second time. After hanging round the store for some minutes the desperado then started for another doggery kept by one Confrey in the edge of town, followed by a few citizens anxious to do the State service by arresting him, but by a display of his pistol he kept them all at bay till he reached his refuge. Late in the evening he was however, arrested by deputy Sheriff PEARRE and brought before Esq. Ketchum for examination and a full hearing, was bound in the sum of five hundred dollars, in default of which, he was sent to Pontiac jail, to await the spring term of court.

Thus ends another whisky episode which might have ended in a tragedy and the death of one of our best citizens. Had it happened so, then the people would have raised up in their might, taken the law into their own hands and made an entire cleaning out of those HELL HOLES where DAMNATION is now dealt out at ten cents a glass, in defiance to all authority. We have at this writing, five letters on our table, asking us to urge upon the people the necessity of a VIGILANCE committee who will take upon themselves the responsibility of doing the work that the law seems powerless to do. The writer's pledge themselves to head the committee if the people are ripe for it. But we counsel no such extremities unless a repetition of last Monday's work makes it a NECESSITY and then we do and will gladly make ONE, of such an association ourself.

WOMAN!

EDITOR STAR:—Will you allow me a space in your columns sufficient to answer a few of the sophisms of a contributor to your paper, under the very natural cognomen of DAISY WOODBINE? I commence badly by saying that Possession places all wo-

men on a level. The homely and the fair, after conquest, have no difference between them, except the act of preserving still our hearts. But what is commonly the case? A woman thinks she has nothing farther to do, than to be submissive, fond, mild, even tempered, and faithful. So far, indeed, she judges right, that these qualities should be the foundation of her character; they will secure our esteem; but valuable as they are, if not seasoned with the spice of humor and caprice, they will suffer the flames to languish, for want of air, and a certain weariness and languor to remain: mortal poison to the best constituted hearts.

Do you know, in fine, the reason why lovers are so soon tired of prosperity; and why women please so little, after having pleased so much? Because each of the parties has entertained opinions equally false. One imagines there is nothing more to be gained, and the other, nothing to give. Upon which the lover slackens his pursuit, and the fair neglects to exert herself; or at best confines her exertion within the province of substantial merit. They substitute reason and esteem for passion. Then farewell the quickening salt of love: adieu the wholesome gales of jealous altercation, which purge the stagnant lake of subsided affection.

But when I say that the dead calm of a fond commerce should be sometimes ruffled by breezes, you will not, I hope, imagine that I would have two lovers spend their lives in squabbling. Have you not known women, even among the most despicable of their sex, to govern with a rod of iron, and treat like vassals, those unfortunate persons who happened to fall under their power, rendering

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