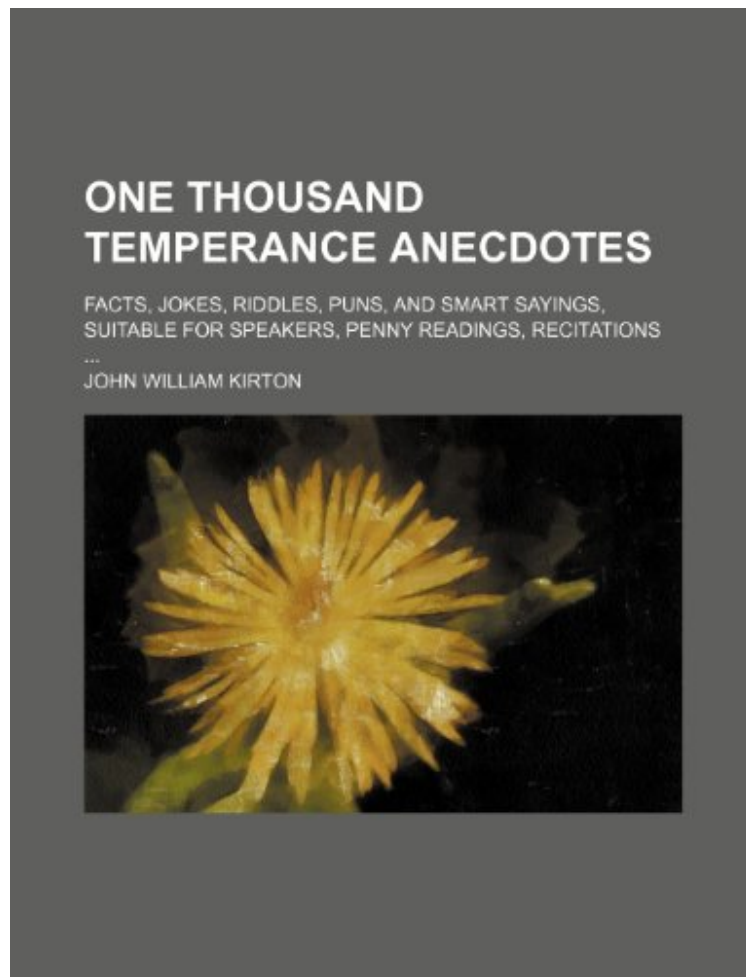


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outside; and it seemed to him as if the window panes were every moment accommodating a larger number of flattened noses. The poor man felt himself a prisoner, and listened with eagerness for any sound which gave hope or promise of deliverance; but it was not till after three mortal hours of his guest's comical captivity that the considerate host, who would not "disturb" his guest too early, entered the apartment, and thus became aware of the presence of the admiring crowd, who, it need scarcely be said, were quickly dispersed, to Father Mathew's ineffable relief.

Infant's Prayer Answered.--A drunkard who had run through his property, returned one night to his unfurnished home. He entered, and found his lovely wife and child, four years of age, sitting cold and cheerless, without a fire in the room. Morose and sullen, he seated himself without a word, for he could not speak, nor look upon them. At length the mother said--"Come, my child, it is time to go to bed." That little one knelt, as was her custom, by her mother's lap, and said her evening prayer. When she had finished, the child said--"Dear ma, may I offer one more prayer?" "Yes, yes, my sweet pet, pray!" and she lifted up her little hands and closed her eyes, and prayed--"O God, spare, oh, spare my dear papa!" That prayer was heard on earth--'t was heard in heaven. The responsive "amen" burst from the father's lips, and his heart was opened. Wife and child were both clasped to his bosom, and in penitence he said--"My child! you have saved your poor father from the drunkard's grave; I 'll sign the pledge." A Little Boy's Influence.--Being compelled, one bright summer's afternoon, to spend a few hours in a beautiful village, I directed my steps to a stile which crossed the...