Scene 1st. - The bottle is brought out for the first time: The husband induces his wife "Just to take a Drink"
Scene 2d. – He is discharged from his employment for drunkenness: They pawn their clothes to supply the bottle.
Scene 3d. — An execution sweeps off the greater part of their furniture: They comfort themselves with the bottle.
Scene 4th. — Unable to obtain employment they are driven by poverty into the streets to Beg, and by this means they still supply the bottle.
Scene 5th. — Cold, Misery and Want destroy their youngest child: They console themselves with the bottle.
Scene 6th. — Fearful quarrels and brutal violence are the natural consequences of the Frequent use of the bottle.
Scene 7th. — The husband, in a state of furious drunkenness, kills his wife with the Instrument of all their misery.
Scene 8th. — The bottle has done its work — It has destroyed the infant and the mother,
It has brought the son and the daughter to vice and to the streets, and has left the
Father a hopeless maniac.