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POISONED BEER.

Here is the opinion of the London Scientific Review on beer as furnished to the London market. Beer-drinkers would do well to notice and take warning: "About five hundred persons die annually of delirium tremens in England alone, while a much larger number are attacked by the disease. Our most distinguished medical writers agree that about one third of the insanity in Great Britain may with certainty be ascribed to drinking, and we all know that the children of drunkards are very frequently idiotic. Quite recently out of three hundred idiots at Massachusetts, one hundred and forty five, or nearly half, were found to be the children of habitual drunkards. All these terrible effects are of course heightened considerably by the habitual use of poisoned beverages. In theory every kind of beer can be produced by the use of malt and hops alone; no other ingredients are required when the process of brewing is conducted by honest and clever men. But in reality what an endless list of injurious compounds have we not detected in the various beers, porters, and ales recently submitted to our investigation!—cream of tartar, alum green vitriol, small quantities of copper, sometimes lead, picric acid, occulus indicus, grains of paradise, coloring matter of various descriptions, quassia wood, and other cheaper and more hurtful bitters, together with the harmless, but needless compounds, liquorice, molasses, coriander, capsicum, caraway seeds, ginger, salt, malted horsebeans, etc. To this list, already far too long, we might still add the names of three plants *Ledum palustre, Myrica gale, Datura stramonium*, occasionally used to adulterate beer both at home and abroad.

FAMILY WINE DRINKING.

Dr. Day Superintendent of the York State Inebriate Asylum, recently delivered an address before the inmates of the institution, in which he stated that moderate drinking families, more than bar room or groggery, are the schools in which the fundamental principles of intemperance are taught—Among other things he said:

It is my firm belief that no family accustomed to the daily use of ardent spirits ever failed to plant the seeds of that fearful disease, which sooner or later produced a harvest of griefs. In every such family you may find the scroll of the prophet which was written within and without with "mourning, lamentation and woe." It is here that the tender organs of children are perverted and predisposed to habits of intemperance. From long observation I am convinced that one or more of the members of every wine drinking family become, sooner or later, drunkards. Drunkenness, in every instance is the simple failure of an attempt to drink moderately.

Charles Dickens says: "The wine-shops are the colleges and chapels of the poor in France. History, morals, politics, jurisprudence and literature, in iniquitous forms, are taught in these colleges and chapels, where professors of evil continually deliver those lessons, and where hymns are sung nightly to the demons of demoralization. In these haunts of the poor, theft is taught as the morality of property, falsehood as speech, and assassination as the justice of the people. It is in the wine shop the cabman is taught to think it heroic to shoot the middle class man who disputes his fare. It is in the wine shop the workman is taught to admire the man who stabs his faithless mistress. It is in the wine shop the down is pronounced of the employer who lowers the pay of the employed. The wine-shops breed, in a physical air of malaria and a moral pestilence of envy and vengeance, the men of crime and revolution. Hunger is proverbially a bad counselor, but drink is worse.

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In answer to a letter from the Secretary of the Sunday League of London. Mr. J. S. Mill writes: "I have repeatedly said at public meetings of the electors of Westminister that I should vote for the opening of places of instructive recreation, but in the present state of the public mind, not of theaters; for although, in my opinion theaters might be places of instructive recreation, I think it more wise and right not to offend the minds of so many worthy persons, against opening them on Sundays.

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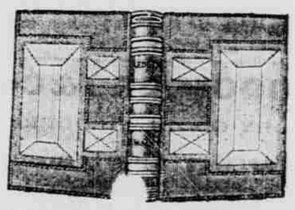

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