

THE HERALD.

JOSH BILLINGS ON BEER.

Why He Believes It Will Not Intoxicates—His Famous Beer Test Act.

I have finally come to the conclusion that lager beer as a beverage is not intoxicating.

I believe him to the full extent of my ability. I never drank but three glasses of lager in my life, and that made my head out-twist as the it was hung on the end of a string, but I was told that it was owing to my being out of place; and I guess that it was so, for I never billed over and I did when I got home that night.

My wife told me I was going to die, and I was afraid that I shouldn't, for it seemed as though everything I had ever eaten in my life was coming to the surface; and I believe that if my wife hadn't pulled off my boots just as she did, they would have come thundering up too.

Oh, how sick I was! 14 years ago, and I can taste it now.

I never had so much experience in so short a time.

If any man should tell me that lager beer was not intoxicating, I should believe him; but if he should tell me that I wasn't drunk that night but that my stomach was out of order, I should ask him to state over my head why he thought a man felt and acted when I was set up.

I wasn't drunk that night. I had some of the most moral stimulants that a man ever had and kept sober.

In the first place it was about 80 rods from where I drank the lager beer to my house, and I was just over two hours on the road, and a boat busted through each one of my pantaloons, and I didn't hev any hat, and tried to open the door by the bell-pull and hiccuped awfully and saw everything in the room trying to get round on the back side of me, and sitting down on a chair, I did not wait long enough for it to get exactly under me when I was going round, and I set down a little too soon and missed the chair about 12 inches, and couldn't get up soon enough to catch the next one when I was going round, and that ain't awl, my wife said I wuz as drunk as a beet, and as I sed before, I began to spin things up freely.

If lager beer is not intoxicating it used me most mighty mean, that I know.

Still I hardly think that lager beer is intoxicating, for I have been told so; and I am probably the only man living who ever drunk any when his liver was not plumb.

I don't want to say anything against a harmless temperance drink, but if ever I drink any more, it will be with my hands tied behind and my mouth pried open.

I don't think lager beer is intoxicating, but if I remember right, I think it tasted to me like a glass of soap suds that a pickle had been put tew soak in.

The seed of broom corn, which has hitherto been considered useless except for planting as an inferior article of food for cattle, has been discovered to be valuable as a bread-stuff.

Mules for Shipment. At Grand and Bishop streets, in Jersey City, is the largest mule ranch east of the Alleghenies, and the only yard where there is any exportation to foreign ports.

The great yard, in which is ample room for 10,000 mules, but which is generally occupied by 400 or 500, is divided into many smaller yards, each of which contains ranges of open sheds, water troughs, hay racks, great corn managers, and small animal pens.

From this yard between four and five thousand mules are annually shipped to the plantations of British, French and Dutch Guiana, and to Trinidad, Guadalupe, and other of the smaller West Indies.

The great mule breeding States are Illinois, Missouri, and Iowa, and the large, active beasts from these States are much prized on the sugar plantations of the West Indies, where they contrast favorably with the native mules, which are undersized and have little strength, and with the lazy, elephantine beasts imported from France.

In one division of the great Jersey City mule yard is a pen formed like a bottle with a long, slender neck. A dozen mules being let into this pen, they are driven two at a time into the narrow space at one end, where they can just squeeze themselves between the walls. Here they undergo the operation of roaching—that is, their manes are trimmed off with a pair of shears, until nothing remains but a line of short, thick bristles, extending along the back of the neck; and all the hair except a little tuft at the end is cut from their tails. This is done be-

cause the hair of a mule's mane and tail is very thin and of poor growth. After the roaching a door at the forward end of the narrow enclosure is opened, and the mule bounces out with a kick and a squeal, looking as smooth and clean as a man fresh from a barber's chair.

Mr. Bishop, one of the proprietors of the yard, says that although in Western and Southern cities, and as far north as Philadelphia, mules are very popular for purposes of heavy teaming, there is little demand for them in New York, and still less in Boston; and the demand for them, such as it is, in these cities, is decreasing rather than otherwise.

One of the Bishop Bros' herders, a bronzed frontiersman, whose face is shaded by a sombrero with a brim of the widest, and whose constant companion is a black-snake whip, that he can crack with a report like a pistol, relates many anecdotes of mules, with those habits and capabilities he is thoroughly conversant with.

"When you get out on the plains, you don't want nothing better'n a mule, and you can't do nothing better for plain's work. They can live on less, and lay themselves down to more honest work, than any critter of their size. Why, stranger, a mule kin run down a antelope, and I never see one of your long-legged American horses that could do that. Mustangs can do it sometimes, but a mule's the best. He wud be so very speedy, but he's got the bottom, and though the 'lope 'll get away from him at first, and perhaps hit himself clear out of the saddle, he'll tuckler him out, and fetch him in the end if he's kept on it a trail long enou, h.

"Mules ain't no slouches on the track sometimes, too. I remember a little white mule in Santa Fe, some years ago, that, for running, beat any horse in New Mexico. The owners there used to match their American horses against her; but she'd scoup 'em every time.

"Mules will live, too, on what a horse would starve before he'd touch. They'll grow fat on sage brush, and I've known 'em to live, and work for weeks, by chawing on each other's names and tails, wagon tongues, feed boxes, wagon sheets, and such. Oh, you bet a mule's tough. You don't want no better guard round camp in an Injun country than a herd of mules neither. They hate Injuns, and like a mule, and a red can't come within a mile of camp but what they get on easy, and like as not the'll stampeed if they ain't well corralled. A mule's mighty crafty about water, and you bet you hasn't got no call to get stuck in quicksand with a mule team, for they can smell 'em, and if you get a mule to set foot on quicksand you've got to fight for it.

"No, I don't consider mules so vicious as they're called. They do kick and bite and squeal sometimes, but it's only their play. If they're well broke and used kind, they'll do the square thing, and when you do get hold of a mule that's good and kind and willing to work, he is willing all through, and you've got a critter that'll do you better service and ask less for it than any other beast that you can name."—New York Sun.

"The Doors Have Been Open." When the Rev. Eben Halleck was settled in Plainfield it was his custom to collect his salary, for which every voter in the town was assessed. Calling upon Mr. D—, the blacksmith, one day, he said:

"I have a small bill against you." "And for what?" "For preaching," said Mr. H. "I heard none of your preaching." "The fault is your own," said Mr. H.; "the doors have been open, and you might have come in."

Not long after, as Mr. H. was one day passing the blacksmith shop, Mr. D—, calling him, said: "I have a small bill against you." "And for what?" said Mr. H. "For shoeing your horse." "I have had no horse shod here," said Mr. H. "The fault is your own," said Mr. D—; "the doors have been open, and you might have come in."

Mr. H. paid the bill.

Providence. Not long since a man stopped at the little window of a branch office in the "Hub," the inhabitant evidently of a little sphere of his own, outside of which he was lost in the mazes of life.

"Is this the telegraph office?" he asked hesitatingly. The young lady operator satisfied him of the fact.

"I want to telegraph," he proceeded, growing confidential. "I want to telegraph to my wife and tell her I missed her."

"You will have to write it on one of those blanks," said the operator, coolly; entirely unimpressed by the (to sender) exciting event.

"Oh, well. I guess you'd better write it. I can write" (evidently thinking it necessary to establish the fact before proceeding farther), "but" (flatteringly) "you can fix it up better than I can."

"Whom is the message going to?" asked the operator, as she armed herself with pen and blank.

"To—my wife—in Providence," he replied, with the most sublime innocence. The operator looked at him doubtfully.

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