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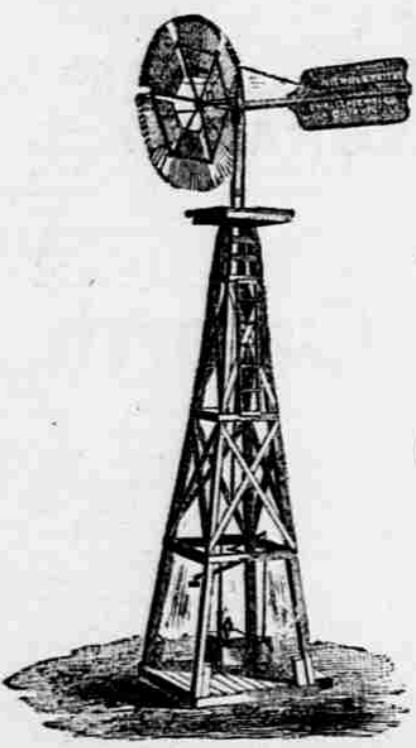
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Hard Drinking an Old English Habit.

(St. James' Gazette.)
As a matter of fact, there is nothing easier than to prove that hard drinking has been an essentially English habit since the dawn of our history. Shakespeare, who left off writing 270 years ago, paints a whole gallery of typical drunkards, and, by the mouth of Iago, claims the Englishman as far and away the most consummate toper in Europe.

In 1506 it is on record that Joice Rowe, abbot of Rumsey, one of the wealthiest convents in the kingdom, and tenanted mostly by noble dames, was accused before Bishop Fox of carousing habitually far on into the night with her nuns—a pretty strong proof that hard drinking was then a national vice.

Toward the end of the fourteenth century Chaucer represents all his low-class characters as jolly toppers. The miller can hardly sit his horse, and the cook tumbles off into the mire, in consequence of their potations. The wife of the miller of Benay does not go to bed without "her joly whistle wel ywet." In 1315 the noble dame Clementina Guildford, abbess of Rumsey, and the worthy predecessor of Joice Rowe, drinks herself to death.

Some generations earlier the author of the romance of Merlin describes the mother of his hero—a highly respectable young woman—as accompanying her neighbors to the ale-house, swilling there till long past midnight, taking a lusty share in a brawl, and then falling literally as well as figuratively into the claws of the demon, the whole thing taking place as quite a matter of course.

In the reign of Stephen comes Walter Map, the jovial archdeacon of Oxford, with his widely popular drinking songs. A century earlier the whole Saxon army spent the night before the battle of Hastings in pushing about the bowl.

And so we go back century by century; poets, annalists, statutes, and the canons of provincial councils all telling us that deep drinking was the rule all over Great Britain, up to the time when our ancestors could form no other ideas of Heaven than as a place where fierce bouts of fighting and bouts as fierce of drinking were the only occupations and enjoyments.

Mrs. Swisshelm's Black Knight.

(Chicago Times.)
Mrs. Swisshelm's account of her first meeting with her husband, at a country frolic, was as follows: "The host came and asked permission to introduce a gentleman, saying 'if you do not treat him well, I will never forgive you.' There was no need of this caution, for she presented a man whose presence made me feel that I was a very little girl and should have been at home. He was over six feet tall, well-formed and strongly built, with black hair and eyes, a long face, and heavy whiskers. He was handsomely dressed and his manner was that of a grave and reverend seigneur. A Russian count in a New York dining-room then, when counts were few, could not have seemed more foreign than this man in that village parlor, less than two miles from the place of his birth. * * * I next saw him on horseback, and this man of giant strength, in full suit of black, riding a large, spirited black horse, became my black knight."

On Nov. 13, 1836, they were married. He and his family were Methodists, she was a Covenanter. They lived at his mother's. Their married life was not happy, although in her account of this period she speaks of the intense love she bore the man whom she married. In 1837 a traveling artist stopped in Wilkingsburg and painted some portraits with crude materials gathered from a wagon shop. Mrs. Swisshelm took up the act. She met with some success and felt that she had found her vocation. But she unconsciously neglected her household duties, and her conscience began to trouble her. She felt that housekeeping was woman's sphere, and after a hard struggle put away her brushes, crucified her divine gift, and "spent my best years and powers cooking cabbage."

England, France and America.

(Eli Perkins' London Letter.)
The picture of the farms was always the same from Calais to Paris. Unlike England, the land in France is all cultivated. In England three-fourths of the land is in grass, the English do not raise one-half as much as they consume. With land worth \$300 an acre, they can buy food cheaper than they can raise it. In France three-fourths of the soil is in grain or vegetables. Trade channels are not fully opened between France and America, so France buys little American grain, and is self-sustaining. She imports little food. England imports nearly all her food. France is prosperous. She pays off her debt quickly. England is not prosperous. No one can afford to pay the big rents, and many fields are untilled. Her big debt weighs her to the ground.

France could live if all the rest of the world should be blotted out. England would go to destruction in two years if left to herself. To me the future of France looks bright, but the future of England looks dismal enough. As America grows older she will have more manufactures. When our country becomes perfectly civilized she will not sell a bale of cotton or fifty bushels of wheat and buy with the proceeds a brass clock from England or a Limoges vase from France. When we make our own brass and china ornaments in America England will be badly off. When her manufactures fail her she will be a beggar among nations. But even with no exportations of wine, or china, or brass, France could live within herself, for three-fourths of her soil is devoted to cereals.

The Force of Habit.

(Exchange.)
The force of habit is well illustrated in Morgan, the celebrated calculator of lives. A gentleman speaking of having lost so many friends (mentioning the number) in a certain space of time, Morgan coolly took down a book from his shelf and, running his finger down one of the columns of figures, said: "So you ought, sir, and three more."

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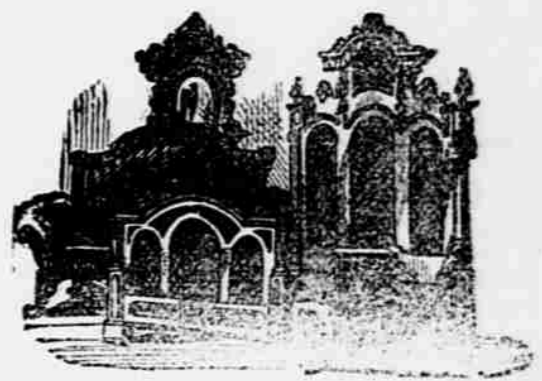
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