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## MUSIC APPEALS TO ESKIMOS.

Voices Good and They Sing in Tune, According to Traveler in Regions of the North.

Music is one of the chief pleasures and accomplishments of the Eskimos. At the Labrador missions violins are used by them in the church choir, and brass bands are organized. In "Along the Labrador Coast" Dr. Townsend tells of an evening's entertainment with the Eskimos at Nain.

"For over an hour these natives sing to us," he says, "familiar music with Eskimo words—'Rock of Ages,' 'Holy Night,' interspersed with what I take to be secular songs. Their voices are harmonious and the singing is of a superior order. We return the compliment in the only way we can with a graphophone. It is indeed a terrible come-down to 'The Old Apple Tree' and 'Everybody Works But Father,' but the Eskimos seem to enjoy it, and greet the songs and their explanation by the interpreter with peals of laughter.

"A song in which a man beats his wife seems especially to amuse them. A Moravian brother told me that they had been unable to win the Eskimo from the wife-beating habit. Even the wives resent any interference on this score.

"An Irish jig makes them shake with joy, and I am sure they would dance were there room to stir."

### Terms for Inebriety.

According to Hotten, some of the terms denoting inebriety are as follows: Beery, bemused, boozey, bosky, corned, foggy, fou, fresh, hazy, elevated, kisky, lushy, moony, muggy, muzzy, on, screwed, stewed, tight and winy. In an intermediate class stand podgy, beargered, blued, cut, primed, lumpy, plowed, muddled, obfuscated, swikey, three sheets in the wind and topheavy. "But the acme," says the same authority, "is only obtained when the disguised individual 'can't see a hole in the ladder,' or when he is 'all mops and brooms,' or 'off his nut,' or 'with his main-brace well spilled,' or 'with the sun in his eyes,' or when he has 'lapped the gutter' and 'got the gravel rash,' or 'on the rantan,' or 'on the re-raw,' or when he is 'sewed up,' or 'regularly scampered.'"

### Cause of Baldness.

After considerable jocularity the pair turned to the pearty-pated stranger and one said: "My friend and I have been discussing the cause of baldness, but we can't seem to agree. Would you mind telling us what you regard as the real cause of baldness?" The stranger wheeled about, eyed his questioners fiercely and snorted: "Brain!"

### His Business Ability.

In the Adirondacks lives a man too lazy to work, but evidently of great business ability. One winter, when he was sitting around smoking, his family came so near starving that some of his neighbors, who could ill afford to help him, took up a collection and bought for the suffering family a barrel of flour, a barrel of pork and a load of wood. They were not considerate enough to cut the wood, but the business man knew how to manage. He hired some of his neighbors who had not contributed to his donation to cut the wood, and paid them with half of the pork and half the flour.—Lippincott's.

### How the "Toast" Originated.

The drinking to one's health is a very old custom, dating way down the ages. In the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries the favorite drinks were sack, canary, claret, sherry—to which were added honey, sugar, ginger and other spices. On the top of this mixture a piece of toasted bread was always floated. It was supposed to give the necessary flavor. Hence the idea of drinking a "toast." The word is used in reference to any sentiment proposed for a speech at a social gathering or banquet. In fact, the making of "toasts" is a very graceful art, worthy of cultivation.

### Hellish Fashions.

His satanic majesty touched a button and summoned his head imp. "What is all that noise in Factory street?"

"Your imperial majesty, it is the women mobbing the new corset factory. They are all demanding one of those new redhot, electric-charged corsets."

"Sufferin' souls!" gasped his majesty. "and I thought I had invented a new torment."

"The mistake was in forcing that French girl to wear one first. She made 'em all believe they are the very latest style."

"Saints above! and I thought I understood women. Well, well, now that I think of it, the plan works out better than I thought. Take 'em away from all the ladies but a few; see that they are advertised as the very latest fashion and I guess that will make those women who can't get 'em suffer all right, all right."—Puck.

Presently his followers came up with lanterns. On seeing the light the elephant attempted to rise, but in vain. The hunter then approached and fired a shot in its forehead, which put an end to its sufferings. Next morning the elephant was loaded, piecemeal on to a wagon by the servants and villagers and carted to the nearest government station for official certification.

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