

A DRINK FROM A DIPPER.

The Beverage That a Tourist Found in a West Virginia Tavern.

I spent a few days in the mountains of West Virginia, where I did most of my traveling on foot. I was on the road bright and early one day, having started without my breakfast with the expectation of a good meal at a town four or five miles ahead. I must have missed my way, for after a two hours jaunt I had not reached my destination. I came to a cross-roads, and a tavern. The whole scene was like what we imagine the scene was where the true knight found the Sleeping Beauty in the wood. There was no breeze; there was no sound of any sort. The tavern roof was thick with green moss; the tavern door and windows were closed, stained, cracked and, like every other part of the building, so long in use, and so long without paint that they seemed to have been built of cork rather than of wood. The well house had rotted and fallen into a mound of rotting timber encircling the well; the shaft had become a tangle of old disordered beams between which a few young trees and a jungle of bushes had forced their way. The old signpost stood erect, but the sign itself was used to cover the cellar door.

I must have had a wild craving for food and drink, or a supernatural instinct to lead me to find on that forbidding door, but I did so. And moreover I kept on pounding and pounding against all reason and all hope. Presently a groaning, wheezing noise overhead warned me that a rusted hinge was turning. I saw that some one within was straining a stubborn shutter, and presently it flew open.

"What do you want?" the man who had opened the window growled down at me. "Want something to eat," said I. "Well," the man, an old, white-haired, yellow-skinned fellow in worn clothes, replied, "you can't get nothin' here, an' you had better clear out."

"I'd be much obliged for anything," said I, "a bit of bread or—"

"Now, thar ain't no use yer stan'ing thar an' arguin'," the tavern-keeper answered, "clar out and let me be."

I was in earnest, and infernally hungry. He was closing the shutter. I threw all the feeling I could master into my voice. "Hold on," said I, "I want to get in. I want to speak to you. I'll give you a dollar if you'll come down and let me in."

The shutter banged, and I stood there ignorant of the effect of what I had said. I moved away to get a full view of the tavern. Soon there was a lumbering noise, indoors that told me I had disturbed the old mountaineer, if nothing more. In an instant the lower half of the old-fashioned double door swung inward, and the tavern-keeper's voice gruffly bade me to "Come in." I didn't half like that. I bent double, and saw nothing but absolute darkness ahead.

"Open the door," said I, when I stood up inside the room. "No, I won't said he, as he moved heavily away into the thickness of the darkness. While he walked away from me I hastily told him of my hunger and of my loss of way. He snapped out a few words to the effect that I couldn't get anything to eat, and I'd better "git long." I got accustomed to the darkness. I saw the faint outlines of a table, a stool, and a counter, the top of which was about even with my chin.

"Got anything to drink?" I asked. "Mebbe," said my host. "Sell me a drink!" "Dunno why I should," said the man; "I hain't sold no one nothing' for nigh on to six years, and then before that for nigh on to two years. 'Fore that I used to sell more'n you ever see."

I said nothing. I saw it did no good to say anything. "Thar," said the old fellow, lifting a big vicker-colored, dust-coated demijohn upon the bar, and removing the cork from its neck. I waited for a glass. "Gotta glass?" I asked, presently. "Hain't that good enough for yer?" "Yes; but I'd spill half of it, if I tried to drink out of it." It weighed twenty-five pounds, and its mouth was a foot higher than mine.

"Take the dipper," said the tavern-keeper. "Where is it?" I asked. "Round, I guess," he answered; "it used to be, somewheres." I clambered and poked about, and accidentally hit the dipper with my foot. It was coated with dust. I said so.

"By—," said my host; "thought you wanted to drink. What air you, anyhow? King of Peewee, and get to have a chayney teacup? Reckon you'd better drink out'n that thar dipper, else git long. Fust drink'll wash it out good enough."

was hard work to get it, and the old man demanded "two shillings" for it.

Tropical Fruits.

The quantity of tropical fruit consumed in this city is constantly increasing. We are beginning to receive in market some of the choice varieties of oranges and bananas, while mangoes, sapodillas, star apples, chirimoyas, or custard apples, soursops, mamees, pomegranates, bread fruit, and occasionally guavas and fresh coconuts are included in the lists of the fruit stalls.

Mangoes from Jamaica are among the most delicious of these rare fruits. They are pear-shaped, with a thick golden, red-checked rind and an orange colored pulp. A large pit like a peach-stone takes up half the fruit, and contains a bitter kernel. The specimens of this fruit brought to market are said by those who have eaten it in South America and Jamaica to be excellent. It is ripe, and those that ripen after they are picked are devoid of flavor and worthless. It is consequently a perishable cargo, and fully 20 per cent. of those brought to this market spoil before they reach the country. The sweet mango is the species usually seen here. There is a slightly acid kind sometimes sold, which is very pleasant to the taste. In selecting mangoes, choose those that are hard and firm; the thick, leathery rind retains its shape long after the fruit is soft, and is considered spoiled. Fresh mangoes are worth from 50 cents to \$1 a dozen.

The sweet mangoes put up at Bombay are a famous East India delicacy, and a popular accompaniment of curries in England. Though seldom used in this country, they should not be confounded with pickled muskmelons, which are called mangoes by New England housekeepers.

The sapodilla is a brown fruit, the size and shape of a large plum. It is served for dessert, and is extremely juicy. The variety brought here from Jamaica is the misero of South America. It has several stones like watermelons, and its taste is of a cloving sweetness. Ripe sapodillas are offered in our markets in fair condition at 40 to 50 cents a dozen. Canned sapodillas from Nassau are 30 cents a can.

An enthusiast, speaking of the fruits of the Antilles, calls the custard apple the "spiritualized strawberry." The rind when ripe is a grayish-green, and the snow-white pulp resembles in appearance a firm custard, and is thickly set with black seeds. It is described as a happy mixture of sweetness and acid. The sweetsop is spoken of by travelers as a fruit having "the flavor of perfumed cream; frosted with sugar." The guanabana or soursop is slightly acid, and is considered by coolies the most delicious of all fruit—an opinion which few Americans who have eaten it in Jamaica and elsewhere are ready to endorse. It is popularly served in the West Indies soaked in wine. The only fruit in the United States of the same family as the chirimoyas, sweetsop and soursop, is the pawpaw of the Mississippi valley. Custard apples and soursops are sold in our markets, but they are the most difficult of all fruits to transport, and specimens which answer the description of persons who have resided in the tropics are rarely seen. Custard apples can be bought for from 10 to 20 cents apiece, and soursops from 20 to 40 cents. A few lots of chirimoyas have reached this country in fine order, but were brought in refrigerators. The camito or star apple is of the same family as the sapodilla. It is a favorite fruit of Cuba, though its peculiar taste, or lack of taste, rarely pleases anyone who is not accustomed to it. Its pink and white flesh, however, is very pretty. Star apples are 40 to 50 cents a dozen.

The hard red mamee is the variety of this fruit of tenest brought to our market. It is gray streaked with red, and when cut is a rich yellow, and gives forth a fragrant, nagnolia-like odor. It is used in Cuba as a preserve, and though sometimes eaten raw, is too hard to be easily digested. The soft mamee is sweet and wholesome, and is a favorite dessert fruit. Mamees are from 10 to 15 cents apiece.

The guava, a tiny species of pomegranate, is unfortunately a most perishable fruit. A few specimens have come in refrigerators, but they are offered in our markets. They are small, pear-shaped, canary-colored and pink inside, and extremely fragrant and luscious. The jelly, which is so well-known to connoisseurs, is sold in pint boxes at 25 cents, and in larger packages at \$1. Canned guavas are 30 cents a can.

The red and yellow bananas are not different species. All bananas are naturally yellow and are made red by grafting. The effect of the graft runs out in seven years, when we have sometimes bananas that are red, spotted or streaked with yellow. There are over forty or fifty varieties of this fruit. The little guineos or fig bananas is not unknown to our fruit stores. It is not over a finger long, and is one of the finest species. It is delightful in odor and taste, and sells in our markets, despite its small size, at \$1 a dozen. The plantain and banana are of the same family. The Oriental Christians searching for the Garden of Eden believed that the banana was the forbidden fruit, and named it the "tree of paradise," though the "forbidden fruit" sold in Paris fruit stalls and in our markets is a species of orange, the grape shaddock. It is of no special value, is acid, and is kept more for display than for anything else. The legend says it was good till Eve tasted it, but it has been bad since. The deep depressions near the stem of the fruit like the mark of teeth are supposed to be the origin of this claim. The mandarin oranges are a small species of fruit with a dark-colored perfumed rind hardly thicker than brown paper. The tangerine is a variety of mandarin. It is the thinnest-skinned species of orange known. Mandarin and tangerine oranges which are in market during the winter months, are sold from 75 cents to \$1 a dozen. The seedless St. Michael oranges are brought from the Azores, and though common in England, are seldom seen in this country. They are a small, light-colored fruit, with scarcely any seeds, and are excellent in flavor. In this city they bring from 50 cents to 75 cents a dozen.

Fresh coconuts or the immature coconuts picked when they are half

ripe, are the favorite food and beverage of the tropics. They are occasionally brought to this market, but a large proportion spoil before they arrive. The stem and green cup at the base dropping off is the external indication that they have ripened. The natives use a huge knife called a machete, as large as a butcher's cleaver, to open the nut, which they strike on the stem. A hole is thus made through the husk and shell, and the soft pulp of the nut is scooped out, and placed in a goblet. The milk, which at this stage is as clear as spring water, is poured over the pulp, and it is thus served to guests with orange flowers in the goblets. It is declared by most people who have eaten it, to be the most delicious of this well-known palm fruit, which the Ceylonese believe will not grow out of the sound of the human voice. "The Indian will be indolent," says the South American proverb, "so long as the derado fish floats in the river or the coconut palm yields its fruit."

Sporting Notes.

Aranza, Mr. P. Lorillard's recent purchase, is at Ranocous Farm, Burlington county, N. J.

Mill Boy's record in the eastern circuit is 2.26, but so far he has only obtained second place.

Maud 8 will make her first appearance this season at Toledo on Tuesday, trotting against time.

September 6, 7, 8 and 9 is claimed by Mr. A. R. Ladd for the fall trotting meeting at New Hunting.

It is probable that Mr. Lorillard will send Aranza to England in time for the Newmarket meeting in October.

Some yachtsmen in California have exchanged the time-honored navy blue shirt for the red flannel of the fire laddie.

The directors of the Delaware county fair have selected the last week in September as the date of holding their fair.

Edward Trickett and Harry Kelley took up their quarters at Reed's stock farm, on the banks of Saratoga Lake, June 13.

There has been appropriated for the two meetings of the Monmouth Park racing association \$40,000. The first meeting will take place July 2, 4, 7, 8 and 9. The second August 15, 16, 18 and 20.

The final game for the college championship will take place on the 26th between Yale and Amherst. Yale has yet two games to play, and has the best chance of winning, as Hartford and Princeton are tied.

Lizzie S. equalled the best time on record—1:02, made by Mollie Brown, 2 years, 97 pounds, at Springfield, Ill., June 17, 1880—in a five furlong race at St. Louis, Mo., June, 1880. Knight Pempalar was second.

Tidal Wave, Samuel Ecker's 5-year-old bay gelding, by Intruder out of Anna Travis, carrying 112 pounds, on June 4 ran a mile at St. Louis, Mo., in 1:43. It was done in a match in which he beat 1:45 to win.

On Wednesday last Mr. W. Vanderbilt entertained the members of the Gentlemen's Driving Park at Morrisania with an exhibition trot with his double team, Small Hopes and Lysander, wagon and team weighing 4157 his first quarter was made in .34 and the half mile in 1:08.

Bowdoin college is likely to be represented on the water again. The crew, through the Lake George regatta association, has determined to challenge the Columbia, the University of Pennsylvania and the Princeton college crews to row a four-oared shell race at Lake George in July.

S. Phillips Piqua, Ohio, sold to D. Woodmansee, for Commodore N. W. Kittington, St. Paul, Minn., bay mare Lady Rolfe, 6 years, by Tom Rolfe, dam by Ryslyk's Hambletonian. Price said to be \$10,000. She trotted a half mile in 1:07 and has a record of 2:22, made at 5 years at Louisville last fall.

The b. c. Getaway (3), by Enquirer, dam by Colossus, out of Horkaway's dam, Rurica, carrying 95 pounds, won 1 1/2 mile heat at St. Louis, Mo., June 10, in 1:57, 1:57 1/2. Pacific (5), 115 pounds, won the second heat. These are the three fastest and best heats ever run at the distance.

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Sealed proposals will be received by the undersigned until the 25th day of June 1881, at 12 o'clock noon for the sprinkling of the streets of the city of Omaha, from 9th to 16th street, and north, and south, of each cross street to alleys between 9th and 16th streets and Douglas street between 12th and 16th street. The contract to be made when the waterworks company supply water in such quantities as to be opened at the regular meeting of the city council on Tuesday, June 28th, 1881. The council reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Said bids must be accompanied by the name of proposed surety under the usual conditions. Envelopes containing said proposals shall be marked, 'Proposals for sprinkling streets in the city of Omaha,' and delivered to the undersigned not later than the time above specified.

J. J. L. C. JEWETT, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

J. M. Stanton (full name unknown) Harriet Henn and Mary Shillock, non-resident defendants, will take notice that Milton Hendrix, of the county of Douglas, in the State of Nebraska, did on the 27th day of May, 1881, file his petition in the District Court of the State of Nebraska within and for the said county of Douglas, against the said J. M. Stanton, Harriet Henn and Mary Shillock, implored that the said Milton Hendrix, Joseph S. McCormick, Matthew T. Patrick and John N. Patrick defendants, setting forth that by virtue of a deed issued by the treasurer of said county, he has an interest in the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section nine, (9) township fifteen (15), range thirteen (13) e, in said Douglas county; that you and each of said defendants claim to have some interest in said land, and praying that he may be adjudged to have an indefeasible title to said premises; but that if his title should be held invalid, he may be decreed to have a lien on said land, that it may be sold to satisfy the same, and that you and each of you be forever debarred from setting up or asserting any right or claim thereto. And the said J. M. Stanton, Harriet Henn and Mary Shillock are hereby notified that they are required to appear and answer said petition on or before the first day of August, 1881. MILTON HENDRIX, By CLARKSON & HUNT, his attorneys. Dated Omaha, June 23, 1881. w44td

NOTICE.

To Builders and Contractors: Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the Board of Trustees of School District No. 1, of Cuming county, Nebraska, until 2 o'clock a. m. of the 25th day of June, A. D. 1881, for erection of a school house in the town of West Point, in said School District, during the present year, the same to be built and the material used in the construction thereof, to be in accordance with the plans and specifications thereof, on file with the Director of the Board of Trustees of said School District, and which plans and specifications may be seen at the furniture store of Louis Eley, in said town of West Point, Charles Driscoll, architect, in the city of Omaha, Neb. The said Board of Trustees hereby reserve the right to reject any and all bids received. Address, J. W. Folsome, Director. w44td

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