Whisky Has No Equal as a Contrib ujor to Human Wee.

When Dr. Thomas J. Hillis asserts that whisky contains all the constitu-ent elements of food, he probably speaks from medical knowledge.

But when he states that whisky makes hundreds merry for every ten ift makes miserable he knows not

whereof he talks.
One drunkard may feel exceedingly merry, but he is sure to make every-body within his sphere of influence miserable. Where there is deep and consistent drinking there can be no

happiness.
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Mr. Hillis seems to think that all grunkards are hereditary drunkards and that they drink because they are unable to abstain from it. Generally speaking, we are an intemperate nation, but the intemperauce of 10 men in 20 is not hereditary. It is acquired. There are men who achieve drunkenness deliberately and periodically. Others have drunkenness thrust upon them.

The periodical drunkard is a prey to circumstances. If he happens to be a

The periodical drunkard is a prey to circumstances. If he happens to be a rich man, either joy or sorrow will arraign him at the bar. If he is a laboring man, he gets drunk on pay days, because the task of earning his money is over, and he seeks the relaxation which on penniless days he is unable to purchase.

But, whether a man be a periodical or a habitual drunkard, he la sure to

Dr. Hillis inveighs against ministers

Dr. Hillis inveighs against ministers and ultra temperate physicians who "assemble in a noral blockhouse, deaf to the bugle of common sense."

The excessive use of whisky has nothing to do with common sense. As a medicine it is a fine thing for snake bites. As a merriment producer it is a failure throughout the world. As a misery maker it is perfection.—New York Evening Journal.

EUROPE'S DRINKERS.

England Consumes Most Beer, While
Germany Leads in Spirits.
From the statistics of the board of
trade the following information may
be derived with regard to the beverages consumed in three of the principal
European countries—France, Germany.
England:

Frenchman drinks annually 141 A Frenchman drinks annually 141 bottles of wine, 30 bottles of beer and

1,000,000,000 gallons altogether, in Eng-land & amounts to only 2 bottles per head, or a total of but 16,000,000 gal-lons, while in Germany the consump-tion is a bottles per head, or an aggre-gate of 78,000,000 gallons. In other words, for every bottle consumed by an Englishman a German dright 416 and a Frenchman 70½ bottles of wine. and a Frenchman 70½ bottles of wine. It need not be assumed that the quantity of wine consumed in the United Kingdom will ever seriously affect our reputation as a beer druking nation; but, although our mode of living more nearly approaches that of the continent year by year, it does seem curlous that sven the German, who, with a similar climate, drinks twice as much spirit and three-fourths as much beer, also consumes over four times as much wine as the Englishman.—London Times

A VITAL QUESTION.

Drunkenness Is a Great and Over-ahadowing Evil.

There is today in the English speak-ing countries no such tremendous, far-reaching, vital question as that of drunkenness. In its implications and effects it overshadows all else. It lies at the center of all social and political mischief. It paralyzes energies in every direction. It buffles penal reform. It direction. It baffles penal reform. It obstructs political reform. It rears aloft a mass of evil inspired

ower, which at every sallent point threatens social and national advance, which gives to ignorance and vice a greater potency than intelligence and virtue can command, which deprives the poor of the advantages of modern progress, which debauches and deprogress which debauches and degrades millions, brutalizing and soddening them below the planes of healthy savagery and filling the centers of population with creatures whose condition almost excuses the immorality which renders them dangerous to their generation. Can any political organization be said to represent the best aspirations and the strongest needs of the people while this abiding source of misery, crime and poverty is allowed to spread and flourish?—New York Tribune.

Two Ladies of Fashion Meet.
A family living in a North Side flat welcomed a new housemaid last week. The girl had just come from Michigan, and ther appearance was prepossessing. Soon after her advent it was discovered that she was inclined to treat the family with a partonizing air.

covered that she was mined to the family with a patronizing air.

"Mary, you must do better, or I shall have to find some one to take your place," the mistress remarked the other moraing.

"I don't allow any one to speak to

place," the mistress remarked the other morning.
"I don't allow any one to speak to me that way," replied Mary, with a toss of her head. "I'm just as good as you are, and I want you to know 'k."

Mary founced out of the room and repurated in two minutes with the weekly paper from her town. 'Among the social items was the following:
"Miss Mary Hanson has gone to Chicago to spend the winter. Miss Hanson is an acknowledged belle in the leading circles of Sawdnat Creek."

Mary walted until her employer had had time to read the "personal," and then she said with withering scorn:
"As I have always been accustomed to going with the best in my town and as I don't believe you ever have your

of voice. Saturday Evening Post

name on the society page of the Sun-day papers I guess I can't afford to stay with you."

The North Side woman declared the domestic incident closed.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Usique Why of Identification.

The Snunterer happened to be in a prominent bank, where he saw an identification effected in the most unique way yet heard of. A young railroad man came hurrying in with a check to cash. He was not known in the bank except by one man, and he, of course, was out.

"Well, here's my railroad pass," said he, producing the transportation card made out in his name. "Will this do?" The cashier took it and compared the indorsement on the back with the

the indorsement on the back with the writing on the pass.

"That won't do you any good," said the owner. "All our passes are made out before we get them."

"I guess it's all right," said the cashier hesitatingly. "Haven't you something slee?"

ier hesitatingly. "Haven't you some-thing else?"
"Well." was the naswer after a mo-well." was the naswer after a mo-dentist's bill in my pocket, and you can compare it with the fillings in my geeth," and he displayed the latter in a broad grin, which secured for him the money.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Made His Bed.
On returning from the barn early one morning the old man found his wife in tears. Wha'cher cryin about, Melissy?"

be inquired. "'Nother-one-uv our darters-was stole las' night," she sobbed. "The redheaded un?" he asked la-

conically.
"Yes-pore Mag-she was the best

"Yes—pore Mug—she "Man."
"Bob Scuttles?"
"Uv course. Hasn't been no other-feller waitin on her. Ain't you goin to pursue after 'em an arrest 'lim?"
"Uv course not," he replied sternly.
"I'm not under obligations to help Bob Scuttles out uv no difficulty. Let him Scuttles out uv no difficulty. Let him go ahead and work out his sentence, same's I'ye been a-doin fur the las' 40 year."—New York Truth.

A "Knock-turn."
When J. A. MacNeill Whistler lived in Chelsea, his peculiarities soon made him a familiar figure even among the bargemen, who got to know him as the artist of their beloved Thames. One afternoon, while sauntering along the embankment, Whistler was confronted by a man who had one eve most efby a man who had one eye most ef-fectively blackened. The artist stoppectively blackened. The artist stop-ped and inguired. "What's the matter, my good fellow?" The man touched his last. "Oh, nothing, sir-merely a knock-turn in blue and green?"—San Francisco Wave.

A Long Way Afterthought.
"That was a pleasing afterthought of yours," remarked the old preacher who had listened to a sermon by one of his youngest brethren, "when you drew upon the analogies of nature to prove the immortality of the soul," "An afterthought?" said the younger

"An afterthought?" said the younger ciergyman in some "Aty". "Yes. You thought of if about 2,400 years after Socrates."—Chicago Trib-

In Bayaria each family on Easter In Bayaria each tamily on Easter Sunday brings to the churchward fire a wainut branch, which, after being partially burned, "is carried home to be laid on the hearth during tempests as a protection against lightning."

Africans and the Locometive.
The children of the desert were filled with awe when first the silence of the primeval solitude was broken by the putling of the steam engine. Down at the other end of the Cape to Cairo line the simple Matabele, when first confronted by a locomotive, were certain that the strange machine was worked by the labor of an indefinite number of oxen, which they assumed were shut up inside; hence, when the engine stopped, they gathered in turlous crowds, waiting to see the door open and the oxen come out, nor could they for many days be persuaded that the power of days be persuaded that the power of the locomotive could come from other

the locomotive could come from other than the strength of the ox.

The Arabs of the Sudan, more imaginative than the Matabele, saw in the fire horses of the rallway one of the Djinns of the "Arabiau Nights," harnessed by the magic of the infidel to the local ratio of care. The steam characteristic of care. the long train of cars. The steam en-gine was to them a living, sentient gine was to them a true, selections being. Of which belief there is curious evidence in the fact that on one occasion a shelk made an impassioned remonstrance against the cruelty of making so small an engine draw se huge a train.—Windsor Magazine.

James Whitcomb Bliey's Joke. James Whitcomb Riley and Nye were a peculiar pair. They were averlan-ingly playing practical jokes. I remember when we were riding to-

I remember when we were riding to-gether in the smoking compartment between Columbus and Cincinnati, Mr. Nye was a great smoker, and Mr. Illey did not dislike tobacco. An old farm-er came over to Mr. Nye and said:

"Are you Mr. Riley? I heard you was on the train. "No, I am not Mr. Riley. He is over

there."
"I knew his father, and I would like

"I knew his father, and I would like to speak with him."
"Oh, speak with him, yes. But he is deaf, and you want to speak loud."
So the farmer went over to him and said in a loud voice:
"Is this Mr. Riley?"
"Er—what?"
"Is this Mr. Riley?"

"Is this Mr. Riley?"
"What did you say?"
"Is this Mr. Riley?"
"Riley, yes."
"I knew your father."
"No bother."
"I knew your father."
"What?"
"I knew your father."

"I knew your father."
"Oh, so did I!"
And in a few moments the farmer seard him talking in an ordinary tone



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