A Remarkable Entraph. The following remarkable epitaph is from a tombstone in one of the rural districts of Georgia:

"He kept a grocery in the woods Until by death surprised: His patrons always found his goods Just as he advertised;" —Atlanta Constitution.

Paper Horseshoes. The horses of German cavalry regiments are to be entirely shod with paper shoes, recent experiments as to their durability and lightness having proved very satisfactory.

Warmth for Comfort.

An old cat loves a sunny corner and a long nap, and this is natural and wise. The genial warmth of the ann Julls to rest, and while asleep, it may be curative to the cat's few aliments. Sorehess and stiffness come upon us suddenly and put the machinery of the body out of gest. St. Jacols Oll goes suddenly to work upon the trouble, and with its warmth, like warmth to the old cat, it fulls the pain to sleep, drives out the cold, softens the stiffneed muscles, inbricates the machiners, and in a abort time puts the whole body in good working order. Sore-mess and stiffnees are not much to cure by the use of St. Jacols Oll, but, if nogelected, they take the form of rhoumatism, which gives a great deal more pain. while asleep, it may be curative to the cat's

toes.

among the best farmers.

such purposes.

tic travel.

helping to bear the expense

ing in the building of roads when peti-

tioned by the property holders along

and adjacent to the road to be built,

these paying ten per cent. of the cost,

and the State the larger part of the re-

mainder, the county being taxed for a

small portion. This legislation is in

the right direction, and although it

may not be fixed on any fast lines by a

statute applicable everywhere, yet it

may be so modified by other States as

to suit circumstances so that farmers

may always expect State and county

assistance in their earnest efforts to

make good roads.

Good Ronds

It is now becoming evident that the

The Canadian Senate passed a bill mak-ing May 24 a perpetual holiday, to be known as Victoria Day.

There is a Class of People

Who are injured by the use of coffee. Re-cently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called Grain-O, made of pure grains, that takes the place of coffee. The most fieldcate stomach receives it without distross, and but few can tell it from coffee. It does not cost cover one-our-ter as much Re It does not cost over one-quarter as much Children may drink it with great benefit. J ets, and 25 ets, per package. Try it. Ask fo Grain-O.



"I have found Hood's Sarsaparilla an ex-cellent medicine. My little girl was afflicted with ecsema for seven years and took many kinds of medicine without relief. After taking a few bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla she was Mns. EMMA FRANKLIN, Honeoye, Get only Hood's because New York.

Hood's Sarsa-Is the best-in fact the One True Blood Purifier. Hood's Pills are the best after-dinner

Names That Have Changed. The original family name of a gentleman in this city, favorably known in connection with the United States Treasury, was John Francisco, which after change became John F. Cisco. English surnames suffer perhaps quite as much in the pronunciation by the English themselves as do foreign words. Take for instance the English pronunciation of Cholmondeley, Brougham, Haworth, Auchinleck, Mohun, and Cockburn, and notice how the edges are clipped off, becoming Chumley, Broom, Horth, Affleck, Moon, and Coburn. The common English surname Putnam is an abbreviation of Puttenham, and Snooks was formerly Seven Oaks. Perhaps if the battle of Seven Pines had been fought on English soil, it might have become ancient history under the name of Spines. Crowinshield is the word from which the comparatively common surname Groundsell is derived. You have only to arrive in Canada to find that St. John is Sinjohn .- New York Post.

Some one recalls the fact that Caleb Cushing would never wear a dress suit. as he said it made him feel uncomfortable.

HALL'S Vegetable Sicilian HAIR RENEWER



Plowing Young Clover are put in before the first of May they

It is always a mistake to plow the are apt to decay and not germinate. Sweet peas should be plauted first, clover seeded a year ago unless it is late enough for the plant to get into and they may be put in if the weather biossom. There is little plant food in is very warm in the latter part of the early watery growth. It lacks nu. April. Seasons vary in this climate, tritive value also, as is shown by its and one year seeds will germinate if rejection by all kinds of farm stock. planted as early as the middle of April, It is possible that by delaying plowing but it is always safe to wait till the until nearly June the clover will begin | first of May. In yards surrounded by high walls

to head out then, and it may be plowed under in time for a late crop of pota- and where the modern extension is But that is wasteful of the built, where the sun gets little chance, clover, as its manurial value after be- the best plants for borders are bego ing cut and fed is very nearly as great nias, fuchias and ferns. It is better to as that of the green herbage. It also buy these plants potted, as they dewastes fertility, for after the clover is velop quicker. Remove them from cut its second growth develops soil the pots, dig a hole in the earth and fortility much more rapidly than did set them in in the early evening. Do the first. This leaves, to make the not pack the earth too tight round most of the clover, only the alternative them. Water them well. If these of cutting two crops of clover the sec- plants do not blossom their foliage is ond year of growth, and plowing the decorative and inxuriant. There is not much use in trying to stubble in spring for corn or potato

grow flowering vines on the walls or ground, as is the general practice fences of city houses. For walls, fences and racks, where there is sufficient light and air, the best hardy vines are climbing roses, honevsuckles and the different varieties of clematis

farmers and others interested are beand convolvulus. ginning to move in the right direction Plants to be grown from seeds which to secure for themselves good roads. are prolific in flower are the mignon-In some States, especially the newer ette, portulacca, candy tuft and sweet ones, in order to guard against apalyssum. These are suitable for both propriations by their State Legisla-tures to railroads and other internal city and country gardens, and the improvements which may have only a Later in May, or the first of June, local value, the constitutions are plant balsam seeds, then plant them

framed to prohibit expenditures for successively for two or three weeks; then you will have blossoms all the In Wisconsin the prohibition seems time. Verbenas, heliotrope, monthly to include public roads of all kinds. roses, geraniums and pansies are all It is now proposed by some of the As desirable flowering plants for home gardens, and it is best to put them in semblymen, in order to meet the needs and demands of the farmers and others. as small potted plants instead of seeds. for good roads, to have the Constitu-May is the month for planting them. tion of the State so altered as to make Select pansies with a view to making an exception in the prohibition of an artistic color display. Nothing is more beautiful in a garden than a bed State expenditures in favor of "wagon roads designed to be used for free pubof tastefully-arranged pansies.

Salvia is a lovely garden plant, a lux-If this change should be made it will uriant grower and flowerer. It may be allow State appropriations for this purraised from seed or plants; the best repose, which will no doubt inaugurate a sults are from small, sturdy plants. new system of road making in this Set them out late in May. Set out State, that will, if wisely adjusted, soon verbena plants in the middle of May. lead to constructing good roads where-Select them with a view to color, so in the citizens are willing to join in the variety may be as large as possi-New Jersey has tried the plan of aid.

Bulbs of gladiolas and tuberoses may planted in succession from the middle of May to the first of August.

The first year you plant your gar-den watch closely conditions and results. The plants which grow the best should be renewed the following year. If a certain plant does not grow well in one part of your garden, try it in another next year. City gardens need more frequent watering than suburban ones, as the soil is not so deep. Add fresh composts when needed to keep out the weeds. Turn up the earth lightly round the roots often and the

It is said that the farmers in New blossoms.-Gilmore Clarke, Florist, in of view.-New York Journal. Jersey are enthusiastic in favor of ex-New York Journal. tending this system, which has been so successful in their own State.

WISE WORDS. In this connection it should be re membered that the cost of building Silence seldom makes a mistake. roads has been greatly reduced from what it once was, and from what it

To have a bad habit is to have a would be to the farmers if they should hard master. Some of our happiest moments

HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS. Brightening a Carpet.

When a carpet comes to be laid afresh, the colors are apt to look somewhat dingy and certainly not so bright as was expected. To remedy this use a pailful of warm water containing two or three tablespoonfuls of household ammonia and a soft flannel and two soft cloths for rubbing the carpet dry after it has been washed with the first flannel and water. This treatment will, when the carpet is quite dry, be found to give a most effectual renova-But it must be remembered tion. that certain greens will not bear ammonia: in such cases clear warm water will freshen and help the carpet very much .- New York Sun.

Preparing Chocolate,

preparing chocolate a paste should first be made. The proportion in making chocolate is one square of chocolate to one tablespoonful of hot water. This is stirred smooth in the double boiler, chafing dish, or whatever utensil is used for making it, and then the milk or milk and water added. The proportion of half water to the chocolate makes it more digestible. Allow one cup or one-half pint of liquid to the square of chocolate. The water is first added to the paste and well cooked. There is not the oiliness to the chocolate, and it is much more delicate if the milk is not cooked after being poured in, but merely allowed to become thoroughly hot. No scum arises on the chocolate when the paste is first made. The paste is convenient. It can be made and kept on hand, packed in a small china vessel, for two or three days,

and used when desired. The chocolate should be well beaten with an egg beater, the dish being placed on the back of the range if convenient, before serving. To give additional nourish ment the white or the yolk of an egg well beaten, can be stirred into the chocolate.-New York Times.

The Choice of Floor Coverings.

For housewives of moderate means with one servant, living in a small house or apartments, rooms can be kept clean with less labor if the floors or margins of them are stained and the centre covered with a rug, which can be lifted every few weeks and taken to the yard or roof and shaken and thoroughly brushed. A good Smyrna rug will stand hard wear for ten years-longer than the best carpet will present a respectable appearance, For bedrooms, whether for city or country, it has long 'been conceded that matting is the best, cheapest and most sanitary and artistic substitute. Good matting will give satisfaction for three years if turned once during that time and wiped once a month with a cloth wrung out of warm water containing a little soda.

It is more than possible, however that matting, which has so long held the field, will be superseded by a comparatively new material called "floor fibre." It is as flexible as the best Chinese matting, is neat and unobtrusive in design, comes in many soft colors, and can be sewed together and bound like carpet. It forms one of the best backgrounds for rugs, and, it is said, will be largely used for dadoes as well as for ceilings. For hammock, floor and piazza cushions it is cool, result will be sturdy and countless durable and unrivalled from any point

Recipes.

Stewed Cherries-Wash half pound of pitted cherries; then let them soak all night; covering them with cold water; in the morning put on to cook, and when nearly tender add one teacupful of granulated sugar; let sim-

A TEMPERANCE COLUMN.

THE DRINK EVIL MADE MANIFEST IN MANY WAYS.

Interesting Statistics Concerning the Use of Spirituous Liquers During Hard Times-Consumption of Beer Last Year as Compared With Previous Years.

I will, kind reader, your attention claim, To show how drink affects the human frame. It swells the liver to enormous size, And gives the toper jaundleed face and

eyes; The stomach also gets diseased by drink, Its coatings thicken and its foldings shrink; The gastric fluid soon its strength doth

lose, And billous topers solid food refuse, Till tremors strong their feeble members

Relax their nerves and lead to heart dis-

case. But most of all does drink affect the brain And often ends by making man insure. What would old Socrates and Plato say Could they return to enjoy the light of day And see us, Christians, Nature's glifts abuse, Indulge the beastly appetites, and lose, For yile indulgence, health and wealth and life.

Exchanging peace and happiness for strife?

Temperance and Hard Times Temperance and Hard Times. It is a trite saying that "there is no great loss without some small gain" and its truth is illustrated by some facts and figures which the American Grocer publishes in a recent issue. The loss in the case is due to hard times and the gain, according to the Grocer, is in the diminished consumption of all kinds of beverages, especially spiritu-ous ones. The Grocer is future about the of all kinds of Devorages, especially spiritu-ous ones. The Grocer's Euros show that 71,263,000 people used less spirits in 1996 than 58,680,000 did in 1887, the amounts being, respectively, for 1806, 71,051,877 gal-ions and 71,064,733 in 1887. About 11,000,-000 gallons are used annually in the arts, manufactures and medicine which heaves about 60,000,000 gallons for use as a bever-are.

age. There was a falling off, too, last year in the consumption of beer as compared with 1891 and 1872 equal to about one gallon per capita. In domestic wines there was a fall-ing off as compared with 1885 of about one-halt, though the population had meanwhile

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increased more than 12,500,000;	while in im-
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pared with 1893 more than 1,500	
The Grocer tabulates its result	a na follows:
Beer (domestic)	A539.662.857
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Beer (imported)	9,300,031
Whisky (exclusive of quantity	
used in arts)	270,000,000
Wines (domestic)	29,199,514
Wines (Imported)	20.530.020

Grand total. £861,603,832 Estimated cost in 1592 on the same basis. \$1,000,884,277 Estimated cost in 1891 on the same basis

\$334,813,814

The Grocer attributes these results to the bard timos which have, in its judgment, made the people more abstemious than for-meriy; and it cites the fast that there has been at the same time with the failing off in the consumption of arisent spirits a fail-ing off in the consumption of tea and coffee. It does not lay stress enough, however, we think, on the change in the popular estimate of drinking. While there is still a great consumption of ardent spirits, and a fairly good patronage of the unmerons "drunk consumption of ardent spirits, and a fairly good patronage of the numerous "drink cures" with which the country is dotted, it certainly is not as fashionable as it was twenty fears ago to drink to excess. Dur-ing the war and for some years thereafter it was scarcely considered disreputable for a gentleman to get drunk on occasion; but it certainly is so considered now. We find this view of the matter indoresd, substan-thally, by the Boston Transcript which re-produces most of the Grocer's article and says:

produces most of the Grocer's article and says: "Hard times may have a slight effect apon the drinking habits of the people and there are things, notably the bicycle, which gert a heneficent influence; but we beller that the habits of the people are vasily im-proved upon what they were only a few years ago, and immensely better than they were twenty-live or thirty years ago. The fact is, as it seems to us, that the trend of sentiment and of practice is toward absten-tion from intoxicants. There is still liquor shough and more than enough drink by our people, but it is as nothing to what they used to imbibe."

The Cause of Untold Misery.

The Cause of Untold Misery. The stream of horrible profits which drankards pour into the enormous reser-voir of the drink trade is a stream swollen by untold misery to the innocent, and a stream which everywhere leaves the slime of its overflow over devastated areas of so-clety. But, apart from drinkenness and all its ruinous incubus upon the woll-being of the country, the amount of hopeless

Nert Wins. The isvenilon of Alabastins marked a new or in wall coalings, and from the stand-port of the building owner was a most in-portant discovery. It has from a small be-the civilized world, The name "kaleonine" the civilized world, The name "kaleonine" the civilized world. The name "kaleonine" the civilized world. The name "kaleonine" the two the second of the second of the second the name, and attempting to all on the later name, and attempting to all on the later name, and attempting to all on the second second second second the second the name, the merits of the durable Alabasis phalane, the merits of the durable Alabasis in the second second second second with possible marking these goods and with possible marking of at the most but a few inter wins, and that manufacturers of first-icas the second of the second by the people. Cheese Region Customs. Merit Wins.

Cheese Region Customs In the "cheese regions" of Switzer land it is the custom to present to newly married couple a "register cheese." On this cheese the whole history of the family is carved, such as births, marriages, deaths and other incidents which it may be desired to make matters of record. Some of these old Swiss family cheese records are said to date back to the middle of the seventeenth century. At the agricul-tural fair annually held at Gressenay a great many cheese records have been exhibited which were known to be from 180 to 200 years old. The oldest that has yet been displayed belongs to a country 'squire living near Gressenay, who shows his family record carved on a cheese made in 1660.

Paris Pollce Drummers

A corps of police drummers is to be found in Paris. Its functions will be, when riots are apprehended, to supply to each Police Commissioner and Inspector a drummer or drummers. The beating by any of these men of the drums will be equivalent to the reading of the "riot act." They are to be taught by the drum major of the Republican Guard.

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Over 400,000 cured. Why not let No. To-Bac regulate or remove your desire for tobaccol Saves money, makes health and manhood. Cure guaranteed. 50 cents and \$1.00 at all druggists. The cinnamon tree has been successfully introduced into the Biscayne Bay region of

Shake Into Your Shoes

2 hake Into Your Shees Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder for the feet. It curves painful, evoluten, smarting feet, and in-stantly takes the sting out of corns and bun-lons. It's the greatest comfort discovery of the age. Allen's Foot-Ease makes tight-fit-ling or new shoes feet easy. It is a certain curve for seventing, callous and hot, tired, ach-ing feet. Try it to-day. Sold by all druggists and shoe storee, Ry mail for 25c, in stamps. Trial backare FREE. Address, Allen S, Olm-sted, Le Roy, N.Y.

When billons or costive, eat a Cascare candy cathartic; cure guaranteed; 10c., Sc.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children teching, softens the guns, reducing inflamma tion, allays pain, cures wind colle. 25c.a bottle

Fits permanently cured. No fits or pervous-ness after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer, Stirial bottle and treatise free Du. R. H. KLINE, Ltd., 301 Arch St., Phila., Pa.

M. L. Thompson & Co., Druggists, Couders port, Pa., say Hall's Catarrh Core is the bes and only sure cure for catarrh they ever sold Druggists sell it, 75c.

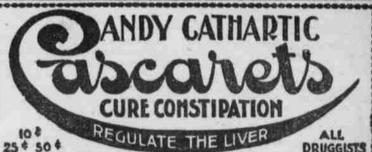
Just try a 10c. box of Cascarets, the fine liver and bowel regulator ever made.

I could not get along without Piso's Cure for Consumption. Italwayscures. -- Mrs. E. C. MOULTON, Needham, Mass., October 22, 1894.

If afflicted with sore eyes use Dr. Isaac Thomp son's Eye-water. Druggists sell at 25c, per bottle

TRADE MARS.





During 1896 only one passen killed for every 100,000,000 miles of travel. The number of railway employes killed uring the year was larger than usual, being 318.

A HEALTHY WIFE Is a Husband's Inspiration.

A sickly, half-dead-and-alive woman, specially when she is the mother of a family, is a damper to all joyousness in the home

1 sometimes marvelat the patience of some husbanda Ifawoman finds that her energies are flagging and that everything tires her. her sleep disturbed by horrible dreams and that she often wakes suddenly in the night with a

feeling of sufficiation and alarm, she must at once regain her strength.

It matters not where she lives, she can write a letter. Mrs. Pinkham, of Lynn, Mass., will reply promptly and without charge. The following shows the power of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, accom-

panied with a letter of advice: "Dear Mr. Pinkham:--I have suf-fered for over two years with falling, enlargement and ulceration of the womb, and this spring, being in such a weakened condition, caused me to flow for nearly six months. Some time ago, urged by friends, I wrote to wou for advice. After using the treatment

which you advised for a short time, that terrible flow topped. I am now gaining strength and flesh and have better

health I wish to say to all due years. P suffering women, do not suffer longer, when there is one so kind and willing

to aid you."-MRS. F. S. BENNETT, West phalia, Kans.

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News.

Home Gardens.



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Columbia Bicycles STANDARD OF SIOO TO ALL THE WORLD. HARTFORDS, next best,*60,*55,*50,*45 POPE MFG. CO., Hartford, Conn.

Catalogue free from any Columbia dealer; by mail for one 2 exist atenus.

undertake it alone. Machinery for digging, for scraping and for placing spent in air castles. the dirt for the road bed in place has If you are looking for trouble tell a been invented which works like a woman that her new wrap is unbecomcharm, under the operation of steam

ing. or horse power. Besides stone crushers and methods of handling the A woman's reason may not convince, but it often puts an end to the discuscrused stone have made all this work sion

Women seem to think that husbands Finally steam rollers have been con structed and successfully used, which will make the road solid and ready for never have any need to reform their WIVHH.

The man who goes out of office as pleasantly as he does in is a very rare use in a few days, leaving it as smooth as a race ground. All this machinery can be secured by the State or county individual.

When you are in trouble, people who call to sympathize are really after the at a comparatively small cost, and will enable them to build good roads at a fraction of what it would cost without particulars.

their use. With State or county A person under the firm persuasion ownership, these indispensable helps that he can command resources virtualcan be used anywhere. The ball seems to be starting to roll ly has them.

There are others, but people never in the right direction; let each one in find it out until they are married, and favor of good roads help to push, and it is too late. it will soon roll over the whole coun-

Talk what you will of taste, my friend, you will find two of a face as try and leave good roads everywhere in its track. oon as of a mind. It will be worth many millions of

Fortune's ladder has no top. No man has ever stopped climbing for gold and silver to us as a people to have good wagon roads everywhere over the country. want of another rung.

In some counties of Northern Ala-An egotist may be defined as a per bama, and in North Carolina where on who is so wrapped up in himself good roads have been made, farmers that he pays no attention to us.

now haul ten bales of cotton with the After a girl has heard some one say same team and with less trouble than they could haul two bales before the she has a sad face she always goes around trying to look sorrowful, roads were improved. Their voice is

Since a woman can't make her husnow for good roads, and so it will be band like her ideal, why not try to make her ideal like her husband, everywhere where a change has been made in the right direction .- Farm Give self power to move a mountain,

and it will put a big sign out on it to show who did it, as the house movers

In making home gardens in the yards of the city houses or in the The one who works the hardest receives the most blame. The idle, do-ing nothing, are responsible for nothgrounds of the suburban houses the first thing to do is to prepare the earth where the seeds, bulbs and potted ing There is such a thing as knowing too plants are to be planted.

The city yard is so shaped that it is always laid out in borders round the centre grass plot and in narrow beds

Failure of Aluminum.

running round the yard against the fence. All these beds should be filled to the depth of a foot with good earth. After various investigations and What is known as a rich garden mould tests of aluminum for mechanical puris the best. People make a great mis- poses, says the Engineering Magazine, take in thinking any earth is good aluminum bronze is found useless for enough for grass. You want as rich bearings, valves, etc., ou account of soil as for plants. Have the loam well the rapid wearing away, but has proved sodded and seeded and rolled. Keep the grass well watered. May, from the first to the last, is a good month to sod and seed the grass plot. The first weight is an object. Furniture made of week in April is the time to get the this material shows decidedly too litearth ready. Phosphates and other the reistance, requiring also frequent composts should be freely used. Roses repainting. Aluminum exhibits, furrequire strong fertilizers. All the termore, but slight resistance to sea arth in flower gardens should be light water, thus making it useless for the morning roll out and cut with biscuit walls of vessels. It is believed, howthrough easily. ever, that a ten per cent. aluminum

After the earth is all fertilized, bronze stands a fair chance of being spaded, mellowed and raked it must employed somewhat freely as soon as lie exposed to the influence of the sun the price of the articls can be reduced and air till it is thoroughly warm be-fore the seeds are planted. If seeds cast steel.

mer until the juice is rich; serve cold. Rice Omelet-One teacupful of

boiled rice, a pinch of salt, three eggs beaten separately and then together, and four tablespoonfuls of milk; have your skillet hot, with melted butter; pour the omelet in; as soon as it browns fold and serve at once on a hot platter.

Rye Breakfast Cake-One coffeecupful rye flour, one cupful wheat flour, two teaspoonfuls baking powder, half-teaspoonful of salt, half a cupful molasses, one cupful of sweet milk. Sift flour and yeast powder twice, then add the salt, milk and molasses; beat light and put in a greased pan; bake in a

hot oven thirty minutes. Gingerbread-One teacupful , of molasses, one teacupful of boiling water, three teacupfuls of flour, one tablespoonful of ginger, two table-spoonfuls of butter melted, one teaspoonful of soda dissolved in one tablespoonful of boiling water, added

to molasses; then butter, seasoning, boiling water, and lastly add the flour, sifting slowly in, and beat all hard: bake thirty minutes. Pionic Bisquits-Dissolve a half cake

of compressed yeast in one cupful of thin cream, add two cupfuls of warmed flour and beat very thoroughly. Put in a warm place until well risen, then add sufficient flour to make a very soft dough; divide into portions; roll each portion to about one-half inch thickness. Spread one sheet of dough with chopped figs or raisins, cover with the other; cut into biscuits of fancy shapes; allow them to rise until very light, then bake.

Maple Sugar Drops—Maple sugar drops are made by melting a pound of maple sugar with a cup of water and boiling the water until it is a creamy Let it cool when the syrup ball. reaches this stage, and when you can bear your finger in it begin stirring it. When it is about the consistency of lard, knead it on a marble board or a platter until it is an even, smooth fondant. Melt it by letting the bowl in a pan of boiling water, and drop it by

the spoonful on buttered tins. Raised Biscuits-Half a pint of tepid water, half a pint of milk (lukewarm), one teaspoonful of sugar, half a teaspoonful of sait, one tablespoonful of melted butter, one-quarter of a yeast cake dissolved in two-thirds of a cupful of tepid water, three pints of flour; sift the flour, add salt, sugar and yeast. Then gradually beat in the water and milk. It will make a stiff batter, and should be beaten ten minand bake.

The library of the late Secretary of the Treasury, William Windom, has been presented by his widow to the free library of Winona, Minn.

of the country, the amount of hopeless waste caused by the drinking habits of our poorer population is the main cause of pauperism and domoralization with which, for so many weary years, the best have struggled in vain. If there were no other and deeper grounds for temperance efforts, they would be amply justified by the im-mense prosperity which the working classes might achieve for themselves if they would divert into the clannels of useful trade the vastness of wealth—amounting according divert into the channels of useful trade the vastness of wealth—amounting, according to some calculations, to 269,000,000 a year— which they spend on an article of con-sumption which is not good but a needless stimulant, and which even in measures that are deemed moderate is to large multitudes of men a source not of strength, but of weakness; not of health, but of widespread anguish and disease.—Canon Farrar. Farrar

Why He Left the Trade. The following is taken from the Christ-

After four years connection, I have come

to these conclusions: 1. That it is had business, morally and physically, for those that engage is it. 2. I believe, from observation, that most crimes are the direct results of indulgence

In liquor. 3. 1 am convinced that more misery is caused by drink in the home than by any

other agency. 4. I believe and know that drink degrades in, and eventually brings him to the

5. No man can be a Christian and a pub-

Henn. 6. A liking for drink must lead to moral decay. This I know from observation. That the drinking customs of the people are to blame for nine-tenths of the commer-cial depression.—Thomas Stagpoole.

Moody on the Liquor Business. Moody on the Liquor Business. If you have rented property out for whisky you had better got out of the busi-ness quick. The man that lets his property for that is just as had as the man that passes the whisky over the bar. I believe the curse of God rests upon that business, and I believe the time has come when the clurch of God should come out and keep itself unspotted from it. We do not want to be allied to it or to anything else that is not be itimate or right. not legitimate or right.

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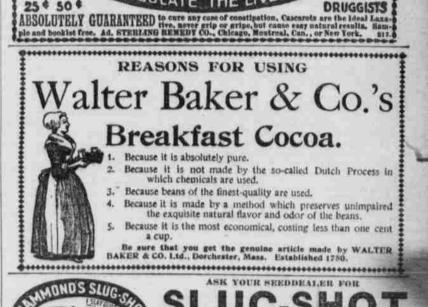
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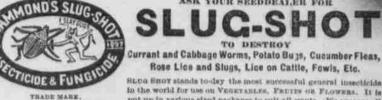
A valt sum worse than wasted. A temperance orator says that \$858,000,000 was expended for heer alone in the United States last year. Assuming that the population of the United States was 70,-606,000 in 1896, this would be more than \$12 per capita for every man, woman, and child in the United States, and we all know that there are lots of children in the United States who didn't have any beer at all last year.

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