

reference to the new Liquor law, which makes such publication a hollow mockery or a criminal offence. The Bangor House, one of the leading hotels in the city of that name, keeps up the head-line, 'Wine list,' and publishes beneath it the sadly suggestive line, 'We would if we could.'

There is a story of two Irishmen who bought a little barrel of whiskey in partnership to trade with on the Derby day. They agreed that neither should drink without paying. On the way one drank a glass and paid his partner threepence. They kept up this alternation until, when they reached the Downs, the whiskey was all gone, and they had honestly paid for every drink, and were bewildered to find that they had only threepence between them.

William Yardly, of Darlaston, known throughout the Midlands as the 'Prince of Cocktrainers,' and setters, is in custody at Willenhall, charged with having caused the death of Richard Hadley, another cock-trainer. The men were rivals, and at a recent main Yardley's birds were beaten. Recently Yardley and Hadley quarrelled and fought in a public-house, and Yardley, it is alleged, struck Hadley furiously behind the ear. Hadley fell and died without speaking. Yardley subsequently surrendered.

#### LAGER BEER.

It seems, according to a newspaper writer, that lager beer was introduced into the United States only thirty years ago. That was about the time the great German immigration was beginning, and our Teutonic friends brought along with them their good Gumbinus, and certainly he has been a welcome guest.

The history of beer carries us back to the old Egyptians, who are said to have invented it, as they did many other things, including some of our religious practices. They were a remarkable people, and doubtless Moses learned much from them. Our modern beer, however, dates back only to the time of Charlemagne, when hops were first cultivated in Europe. The monks were the brewers of the Middle Ages, as they also were the great agriculturists, and they kept the secret of its manufacture for a long period, enjoying the exclusive privilege of concocting a liquor which has now become a favorite drink of the civilized world, and out of whose brewing vast fortunes have been made, so that in England the social consequence, with abundant wealth to sustain the position.

As early as the fourteenth century Bavaria was celebrated for its beer, and now it makes an article of a quality not excelled in Germany. A century later Saxon breweries became well known, but the English—next to the Germans, and, of late, ourselves, the great beer drinkers—did not begin to manufacture the beverage until later. In 1624, however, they were making beer from hops. The trouble with the English beer is that it is too heavy and too heady, and therefore a recent temperance advocate in England urges the popularization of the German lager, a much lighter and more innocent potation.

So important is beer brewing in Germany that there has been established at Nuremberg a school of brewers where all the mysteries of the art are taught, and it is a very useful institution, more useful in fact than some more pretentious colleges; for good brewers, like good cooks, are a blessing to the race, and though it may be necessary that they should be born and not made, yet nothing commendable is done except after training.

It is really a fortunate circumstance that Lager beer is growing to be so popular a drink with us. If it shall drive out whiskey and other strong drinks, it will do more for temperance than a regiment of Goughs and Murphys could accomplish, for it is well suited to our nervous and sensitive people, while whiskey, once known as the national beverage, and still so largely consumed at the West and South, is the worst drink men consume.—American Paper.

can get upward of twenty thousand dollars, as Webb did, for swimming over, he had better go by the steamboat. But if people get in the habit of swimming the Channel—which is about twenty-eight miles wide—we shall perhaps get rid of the great bore, the reference to Leander and Lord Byron and the Hellespont when swimmers are discussed, though we shall still have those horrid South Sea Islanders who swim around outgoing ships for the first or second day of the voyage like so many sharks.

#### ENGLISH FOREIGN CATTLE TRADE.

The Live Stock Journal of Aug. 3rd says:—"For a few weeks there was an apparent lull in the importations of fresh meat and live stock from the United States, Canada, and the Continent. During the past few days, however, a considerable improvement has taken place in the American beef trade. Last week three steamers arrived at Liverpool with 3,035 quarters of beef and 150 carcasses of sheep, while other ships landed 290 head of cattle and 10 horses. On Tuesday last the Allan steamship Caspian brought a number of horses, and the Dominion steamer Texas 200 head of Canadian cattle and 830 sheep in first-class condition. On Wednesday 160 head of live-oxen in good order were landed at Liverpool by the Lake Champlain, from Quebec."

#### THE STAGE-STUCK PRINTER.

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A very bad rider who possessed enormously large feet was lately seen, to the astonishment of every one, riding a horse which, though quiet in harness, was difficult to manage in connection with a saddle. The animal's meek behaviour was eventually explained by a looker-on, who remarked, "He evidently thinks he is between the shafts!"

"They say the bluffs are mighty high on the south side of the Danube," remarked one of the party who were about to drink at a saloon counter this morning. A thirsty check-guerilla seized the opportunity to rug in: "High bluffs eh? Why, they ain't nothin' to what I seen the other night. Why, I see Jim Orndoff plank \$250 on king high, and get away with the pot. Watcha thing o' that for a bluff?"

'One of the western papers,' it is reported by the New York Herald, 'says a promising young prima donna who sang at a Chicago concert the other evening was introduced to the audience by a Mr. Chew. Now, if the young lady had any regard for herself or her hearers, she would never have made her appearance on the stage with a Chew to back her.' She probably flatters herself that by a well Chewson introduction she may expectorate higher than otherwise.

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