

party. The quantities taken by each may be seen on reference to the tables A. B.

The cup out of which they drank was an army regulation tin drinking cup, and is capable of containing six full ounces. After repeated inquiry and cross-examination, I am quite decided bumpers were the order of the day.

The orgie commenced at 5 o'clock, p.m., and ended with the finishing of the wine at 5.30.

The boy Thayer, to whose father the cup belonged, and from whom it had been borrowed some time previously, was not neglected, but received almost three-quarters of a cup, or about 4 ounces, at a moderate calculation. Mrs. Dunn, an invalid, was sent over about two-thirds of a breakfast cup full, and after sharing it in small quantities with the children, drained the remainder—the quantity may be computed at 4 ounces—of which the children had about two ounces between them, leaving the woman an equal amount.

William Hauky on leaving for his house in St. Alphonse street, took with him a small brandy flask (3 gills) containing about 8 ounces of the wine. On the street he met his nephew Andrew Lang, and gave him a "pull of the bottle." Lang says he took two swallows, or about two ounces. On arriving home, distant about two miles, he gave his wife and two children, (aged 9 and 3 years old) a drink. Soon after he complained of feeling unwell, and mentioned to his wife that he believed the liquor to have been poisoned. During the night he experienced the symptoms hereafter to be described. His wife had a drink of the wine the following morning. This woman was not attacked with any symptoms until the evening following the first dose. I may here mention, that probably the symptoms were warded off by liberal potations during the day.

The cases of Colchicum poisoning on record are not very numerous, in all, perhaps, not more than six or eight, that may be considered reliable.