



OPTICAL EFFECTS OF WHISKY.

We have had a good deal of bother with the Baron Von Katzenjammer whom we imported from Germany at a great expense, in order that he might translate into "steam-beer" English the famous poem of the Kaiser's "Mensch und Gott." The Baron got speedily acclimated (as the Yankees spell the word), but he fell into the mistake of imagining that he could stow away as much "forty-rod" (in gallons) under his belt as he was accustomed to do of lager in the Vaterland. The above is a thumb-nail sketch of the scene that he witnessed after looking, for an unusually long period, on the "wine when it was red." As he affectionately hugged a lamp post, he was heard to remark solemnly: "Loish o' beobles und wagguns on der sdreet. Maybe it vas ein broeshion. I vill wait und it pass bymbly." He was loaded and will be discharged—that is to say, "fired."

HUMILETS.

THE HORNET believes that it has never read anything better in the way of portrait-painting with pen and ink than the following sketch of a typical female snob—U. S. variety. It is from the pen of an English lady visitor to the World's Fair: "Mrs. Potter Palmer leads 'Sassiety' here, and her husband, a millionaire many times over, keeps a drinking bar and hotel, otherwise known as the 'Palmer House.' Mrs. Palmer is a lady with the (here) usual white hair, who dresses regularly in purple velvet, and wears diamonds at breakfast. Her style is founded on that of the Duchess, dear to the heart of the readers of novelettes. She has a retinue of 20 devoted females, and she stalks through the buildings followed by this crowd of strangely-attired creatures. It is the funniest sight in the world to see her receive at the Women's Reception Room in the Fair. She sits upon an ivory chair ornamented with cow's hoofs, trophies of some relations in the slaughter-yards, I presume. The chair is upon a dais, and her court group round her, then she hastily extends the tips of her fingers to those who have fought into the front rank, and after a few minutes she rises and languidly draws through her nose, 'I dew grawnt no more audientzes to-dai,' and so sails away with her 15 yards of purple velvet train and her famous pearls. 'Oh, ain't she elegant and lovely,' cries the crowd."

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