

Short Talks With The Boys.

BY M. QUAD.

'What's that?' 'Glas.' 'Well, what is glass?' 'Glas is that what the chemists call...'

Glas is molded, brown and red. The big sheets of plate glass you see in the store windows are mostly of English and French make.

It isn't so many hundred years ago that the houses of kings and emperors were without a pane of glass, and long enough after the substance was known, glass was made only for the nobility.

All the hard work on stained glass, such as flowers, birds and borders, is put on with the brush, and the glass is then baked like the other. Just what the preparations are the glass men will not tell you.

Do you know anything about ground glass? Did you ever wonder how the hanging baskets and beautiful scrolls displayed on the glass panels of front doors were placed there?

In the first place, all the glass received is plain. The first move with ground glass is to frost it. They were a good many years finding out how to do this, and a very simple thing gave them the clue.

When the glass has been frosted it is ready for the artist. He takes it to his bench and draws the pattern in crayon, thus making black and distinct lines which show through the glass.

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But for the common glass lamp-chimneys what would our immense wealth of kerosene oil amount to? It isn't so long ago that the first chimneys were made, and a manufacturer says that it was a greater invention, and prolific of more hard study, than any piece of complicated machinery.

The first bottles made would sell now for valuable relics. Even down to fifty years ago they were rough and uncouth, with no pretence to symmetry. It was the same with the first tumblers and goblets.

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A Good Illustration.

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When I am a man, I believe in the spirit of radicalism more than the virtue of it.

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