

*Chats with the Bartender*

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Well, well, how are you? It's good to see old friends. Feeling very thirsty? Nearly parched, eh? Yes, it is hot weather. Still on the same old drink, half and half!!! We have a good selection of fancy drinks. None of the fancy stuff for you, though, you don't relish a big head. That's common sense, Lonnor old man. How's life been rolling along? Pretty well the same? Nothing new at all? Oh, just pulled up by the Major on parade this morning. What was it? He could'n't figure out what was wrong, and asked for a suggestion.

You told him your clothes didn't fit, you were too thin!!! Well it isn't the « Booze » anyway. Half and half I should imagine would develop what is known as a good size corporation. But he said you were getting too fat!!! Did he guess the truth? He wasn't taking any chances, I suppose. One of your fellows was in here a short while ago, trying to explain the game of Baseball to a crowd of Imperials. Oh yes, you know him quite well. Wait till I tell you what he said and you'll guess who it is. It seems he was at a big Ball game somewhere down in the States, and he saw the Pitcher pitch a ball that stopped for two seconds in mid air on its way to the Plate, and then passed directly over it for a « Strike ». And he saw another Ball break in mid-air at a right-angle clean over the Plate.

That's all blarney, eh? I guess it is. But you have actually seen a marvellous ball bowled in a County Cricket Match? What! you saw Blythe of Kent bowl a ball that broke four times before it hit the wicket! Well I don't want to hold the greatest liar's competition. You're not lying, it's an absolute fact, is it? Oh beg pardon, no offence, of course you're not a liar, I'm sorry. Been up for Orderly Room lately? Three months not up yet? What do you mean? Oh the Col. told you that if you were before him within the next three months he would send you up the line. You were bound over for three months before weren't you? Yes? And up for office the next day? The Col immediately reminded you about being bound over, I'll bet. What! you just reminded him