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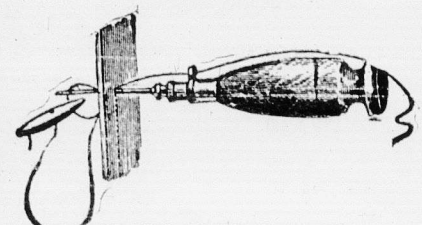
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### No Liquor Traffic in Iceland.

Iceland, about half the size of Missouri, has "no jail, no penitentiary; there is no court and only one policeman. Not a drop of alcoholic liquor is made on the island and its seventy-eight thousand people are total abstainers, since they will not permit any liquor to be imported. There is not an illiterate on the island, not a child ten years old unable to read, the system of the public schools being practically perfect. There are special seminaries and colleges, several good newspapers, and a printing establishment which every year publishes a number of excellent books on various lines." Such is the report brought by northern travellers of this incomparable and ideal land—Missouri Issue.

### Drink a Thief.

Drink is a great thief; robbing the God-given grain of all its nutritive properties; robbing the laborer of the fruits of his toil, and sending his children a-begging in the streets; robbing the body, robbing the mind, and leading many to exclaim when they discover their loss, "I remember a mass of things, but nothing distinctly, a quarrel this, but nothing wherefore." "O that men should put an enemy into their mouths to steal away their brains!" Drink is a daring robber, robbing the nation, the Church, the family. The presence among us of this powerful robber, this insidious thief, is being more fully recognized, his depredations are being more freely deplored, and the determination is being more widely and loudly expressed that he must be more closely watched, and his liberty more effectively curtailed.—Rev. John Pollock, in Every-body's Monthly.

### Causes of Drunkenness.

Very Rev. Alexander P. Doyle, of the Apostolic Mission House connected with the Catholic University of Washington, D. C., delivered a temperance lecture to more than 3,000 persons in St. Paul's Cathedral Sunday evening, says the Pittsburgh Dispatch. Every seat was filled and people stood in the aisles and the vestibule. The crowd was the largest since the cathedral was dedicated. The speaker said in part: There are three great causes of drunkenness in this country today. The saloon is one of them, and perhaps the greatest, and the so-called moderate drinker is another.

The Catholic church is putting up a strenuous fight against the drink evil by using all the resources of her power to antagonize the saloon and at the same time put in its place the substitutes for the saloon.

The American saloon, with all its accessories, including its peculiar political and social power, the outcome of our political life with its manhood suffrage, is a unique institution. It is quite true that liquor is sold the world over, and every nation has its place where refreshments are dispensed. These places differ as the characteristics of nations differ, for I suppose there is no place where human nature is so without disguise and free from restraints as in the drinking places of the world, and consequently no place where the characteristics come out in stronger relief.

The public-house has been erected in all civilized countries. There is a personality about the American saloon-keeper that differentiates him from his cousin in any other nation. His importance began with the era of large cities. After the war a peculiar conjunction of circumstances heaped the masses of the population together into cities. Thousands of loose, unattached elements who had no home life, and who had been accustomed to the wild scenes of camp and the roving excitement of a soldier's life, came home from the battle-

fields to earn a living for themselves. Simultaneously with this set in the immense tide of immigration.

The saloon often became the work-ingman's club. Its absolute freedom from all restraint made it the resting and lounging place of the homeless. It consequently became the germ center of lawlessness.

While it debauched some of the people with drunkenness and took from them that knowledge necessary for an intelligent ballot, it snapped its fingers at the law made for its restriction. It became the unscrupulous and conscienceless tyrant of American politics.

### A New Beverage.

There is a beverage going the rounds of society, says a Philadelphia paper, that is more insidious than any straight alcoholic drink ever offered across the bar, yet women of all ages drink it because the name sounds so inoffensive that they forget to ask about its ingredients, or even forget them after knowing its make-up. It is called tea-punch, and is no relation to the harmless summer beverage served on hot days on shady verandas where mortals.

The harmless variety is composed principally of lemon and orange juice with whatever other fruits and berries can be found, and a small quantity of freshly brewed tea to flavor the mixture. It is not only an ideal hot weather beverage, but is relished at social functions in the winter, and young girls need not be steered past such a punch. The society has a foundation of Russian tea—the whole thing is Russian, it is said, introduced by one of the peace envoys. At least half a dozen liqueurs, old rum and such, are added, and the mixture is made more deadly in its effects by being half-frozen.

### Drunkenness a Disease.

There is an army of men to whom any pronouncement against whiskey which did not carry healing in its message would be useless. These men were the social drinkers of a few years ago.

They have passed through the various stages of delusion that go with the drink habit. They have tried the moderate drinking experiment and found it a failure. They believed they could drink or let it alone. But they have tried times without number to let drink alone, and they have failed. They have made braver fights with their tyrant than many of those who condemn them would be capable of doing. But they failed because they were trying to conquer a physical disease with a weakened will.

The continued use of alcohol causes a diseased condition. The craving for drink is a symptom of the disease of inebriety. Disease is not cured by will power. It requires appropriate remedies.

Use every influence to prevent the young from beginning to drink. Use every argument to convince the moderate drinker of the danger of his example. But send the drunkard to a Keeley Institute.

### The Moderate Drinker.

That staunch old Scotchman, Doctor Arnot, gives a good illustration of the total abstinence question. You will find the world full of men who will tell you that "they are not obliged to sign away their liberty in order to keep on the safe side." They know what they have had enough; no danger of their becoming drunkards," and the like.

Doctor Arnot says: "True, you are not obliged; but her is a river we have to cross. It is broad and deep and rapid; whoever falls into it is sure to be drowned. Here is a narrow foot-bridge, a single timber extending across. He who is lithe of limb and steady of brain and nerve may step over it in safety. Yonder is a broad, strong bridge. Its foundations are solid rock. Its passages are wide; its balustrade is high and firm. All may cross it in perfect safety—the aged and feeble, the young and gay, the tottering wee ones. There is no danger there. Now, my friends, you say: 'I am not obliged to go yonder. Let them go there who cannot walk this timber.' True, true, you are not obliged, but as for you, we know that if we cross that timber, though we may go safely, many others who will attempt to follow us will surely perish. And we feel better to go by the bridge."

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