

*necessity of certain qualities of the human race; still, they exist.**

What theoretically may appear to be "bad," is a necessary part of the composition of an individual or of a race. The mutual blending of "good" and "bad" is what forms the characters of all. Take the "bad" qualities from any one, and it would be impossible to imagine such a being. History has never produced a great character, in whom some (theoretically) "bad" traits did not exist, nay, even gave him the attribute "great."

English speaking people hold the first position among the races of the earth—not in spite of, but as a natural and logical sequence of their drinking habits.†

But for these habits Britons would be both mentally and physically a different people—what they would be it is impossible to say, but it is certain that they would not occupy the commanding position that they do.

* No training or breeding that we can bring to bear upon human nature, can materially alter it in this direction.

The nature of beast or plant may be improved by cultivation, but that of man being a gift of the gods, is unalterable.

No one can predict the disposition of an unborn child; no person is able to say in advance that such a child will be talented—the exception of the grand rule—or possibly a genius—above being talented. Therefore it is that human psyche is to-day the same that it was 3,000 years ago, that we love, hate, think after the same fashion as did by-gone people.

† In the eighteenth century the consumption of ale in England was about 1 quart per head of the population per day. It is now only 60 quarts per annum; but the difference in the quantity of that beverage consumed is more than made up by the increased use of stronger liquors.