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The habit of drinking intoxicating drinks is not natural, but acquired. Children see their fathers and mothers, and friends drink certain liquors, and drink them in a manner which conveys the idea of their being pleasant and delightful. They find that the largest portions of these liquors are drunk on birthdays, and holidays, and at seasons when their parents wish to make themselves and their guests more comfortable than usual. The children see this; and as they attach a high value to the enjoyments of sense, what wonder if they watch the mugs and glasses every time they go to the lips of the guests, and what wonder if they give evident tokens of their desire to partake of the "nice drink."—The parents

and the visitors, good-natured souls! understand those looks and tokens, and one gives pretty little Caroline a drop of wine, and a second gives Master Alfred a sup of porter. The good mother, perhaps, (who, by the bye, is putting "just a tea-spoonful" of gin into baby's papp,) remonstrates, "Oh, Mr. Muggins, how can you think of giving that child so much porter! I declare you'll make the little fellow quite tipsy!" But the rejoinder is ready; "no, bless him, it will do him good;" and the remark from the aunt, "See how he sucks it in!" silences the mother. It causes the child to fancy it is very good—and induces the father to administer another small portion.—Thus the spirit of mortal ignorance