

## \* This and That \*

### RESPECTABILIZING BAR-ROOMS.

There is an old adage, "Scrubbing a pig will never take the love of mud out of his heart." This we respectfully commend to those well-meaning people who think that by in some way respectabilizing the bar-room its harmfulness will be destroyed. We forget that it is the bar-room that creates conditions rather than that conditions cause the bar-room. Given a bar-room and frequenters, you will have debauchery in spite of all regulations. When, moreover, you have a bar-room for private gain, where the dispenser of intoxicants makes a profit upon every glass sold, and when it is a recognized fact that men only begin to spend their money freely when they have had too much, it is simply contrary to all reason to expect the bar-room business to be confined within decent bounds. The more rules and regulations are tried the more evident it becomes that the only solution of the bar-room problem is no bar-room. The bar-room profits do not today come from honest legitimate business done with men who have needs to be supplied; they are derived in a most despicable and dishonorable way from liquor supplied to men who do not need it, who would be better in every way without it, and who are not in full possession of their faculties when the transaction takes place. How, then is such a business to be made respectable? You may decorate your bar-room with plate-glass mirrors, and cut glass bottles, with paintings and frescoes; you may associate it with that hospitable and benevolent business of keeping hotel, but it remains a bar-room still, and instead of respectabilizing the bar-room, you only degrade that which you associate with it. — Pioneer.

### SETTLED FOR BOTH OF THEM.

Here is a bridge story: A young bride was recently invited to a bridge luncheon, and after spending a delightful afternoon was told by her hostess that she was in debt \$75. Unaware that she had been playing for money, she was horrified at the idea of having to ask her husband for the necessary amount. She mournfully confid-

### EVER TREAT YOU SO?

Coffee Acts the Jonah and Will Come Up.

A clergyman who pursues his noble calling in a country parish in Iowa, tells of his coffee experience:

"My wife and I used coffee regularly for breakfast, frequently for dinner and occasionally for supper—always the very best quality—package coffee never could find a place on our table.

"In the spring of 1896 my wife was taken with violent vomiting which we had great difficulty in stopping.

"It seemed to come from coffee drinking but we could not decide.

"In the following July, however, she was attacked a second time by the vomiting. I was away from home filling an appointment at the time, and on my return I found her very low; she had literally vomited herself to death, and it took some days to quiet the trouble and restore her stomach.

"I had also experienced the same trouble, but not so violently, and had relieved it, each time, by a resort to medicine.

"But my wife's second attack satisfied me that the use of coffee was at the bottom of our troubles, and so we stopped it forthwith and took on Postum Food Coffee. The old symptoms of disease disappeared and during the 9 years that we have been using Postum instead of coffee we have never had a recurrence of the vomiting. We never weary of Postum, to which we know we owe our good health. This is a simple statement of facts." Name given by Postum Company, Battle Creek, Mich.

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ed her woes to him, and he immediately wrote a check for \$76.50, and sent it to the hostess. The hostess, believing that a mistake had been made, informed him that he had sent \$1.50 too much. However he returned it with the curt statement that the \$75 settled the bridge score, and the balance was for his wife's luncheon.

Scribbles—What did the editor offer you for your poem?

Jingler—Fifty cents.

Scribbles—Fifty cents! Why, that was an insult. What did you say?

Jingler—Nothing. I pocketed the insult!—Chicago News.

Speaker Cannon is a great lover of green corn. He boards at the Arlington, and one day took one of his Illinois farmer constituents to dinner with him. Cannon made his dinner on green corn, eating seven ears. The farmer asked him how much he paid for board at the Arlington, and Cannon replied—"Six dollars a day."

"Well," said the farmer constituent, "Joe, don't you think it would be cheaper for you to board at a livery stable?"—San Francisco Call.

In the medical department of Columbia university there was a professor who had a very high opinion of himself; he also disliked to assist the students in any personal way, and was noted for propounding difficult questions during examination.

One day, after a lengthy lecture, one of the students, with a perplexed air, walked up to the professor and asked him to explain why his theory of a certain phenomenon should be accepted to the exclusion of all others, and also gave his reason for believing another theory to be the better. This question was a little too difficult for the lecturer to answer offhand, so, with a contemptuous look, he replied:

"My dear sir, are you aware that fools often ask questions that wise men can't answer?"

The undergraduate, with a semblance of a smile on his lips, replied:—

"Is that the reason, professor, why so many of us flunk at your exams?"—Philadelphia Ledger.

### LORD BEACONSFIELD'S INGENUITY.

How to write an appreciation of a book you have never read is a seemingly impossible task. Judging from the following story, however, which Mr. G. W. E. Russell tells in his 'Collections and Recollections,' it presented no difficulty to Lord Beaconsfield.

The famous statesman was asked on one occasion by a lady to read and say something nice about a book which had been written by a young protegee of hers. Beaconsfield replied with a groan:

"Ask me anything, dear lady, except this. I am an old man. Do not make me read your friend's romances."

"O, but he would be a great accession to the Tory party, and a civil word from you would secure him forever."

"Oh, well, then, give me a pen and a sheet of paper," and sitting down in the lady's drawing room he wrote:

"Dear Mrs. ——. I am sorry I cannot dine with you, but I am going down to Hughenden for a week. Would that my solitude could be peopled by the bright creations of Mr. —'s fancy."

### THE CAT.

A little girl wrote the following essay on a cat:

"The cat is a square quadruped, and, as is customary with square quadrupeds, has its legs at the four corners. If you want to please this animal you must stroke it on the back. If it is very much pleased it sets up its tail quite stiff, like a ruler, so that your hand cannot get any further. The cat is said to have nine lives, but in this country it seldom needs them all because of Christianity."—Rochester Post-Express.

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