

ever eaten in mi life was cummin tew the surface ; and I du really believe that if mi wife hadn't pulled off mi butes just as she did, they wud hav cum thundering up tu.

O ! how sick I wuz ! It wuz 14 years ago, and I can taste it now. I never had so much experience in so short a time. If enny man should tell me that lager-beer was not intoxicating, I shud believe him ; but if he shud tell me that I wusn't drunk that nite, but that mi stummick wuz out ov order, I should ask him to state over in a few words jest how a man felt and acted when he wuz well set up. If I wusn't drunk that nite, I had some ov the most nateral simptoms that a man ever had and kep sober.

In the first place it was about 80 rods from where I drunk the lager-beer to mi house, and I was then over two hours on the road, and had a hole busted thru each one of my pantalunz neez, and didn't hav enny hat, and tried to open the door bi the bell-pull, and hickupped awfully, and saw everything in the room trying to get round on the back side of me ; and in sitting down in a chair, I didn't wait long enuff for it to get exactly under me, when it wuz going round, and I set down a little tu soon and missed the chair about 12 inches, and cudn't get up soon enough tew take the next wun that cum along ; and that aint awl, mi wife sed I wuz as drunk az a beest, and az I sed before, I began tu spin up things freely.

If lager-beer iz not intoxicating, it uzed me mitey mean, that I know. Still I hardly think lager-beer iz intoxicating, for I hav bin told so ; and I am probably the only man living who ever drunk enny when his liver was not plumb. I don't want tew say ennything agin a harmless temperance beverage, but if ever I drink enny more, it will be with mi hands tied behind me and mi mouth p'ed open. I don't think lager-beer is intoxicating, but if I remember rite, I think it tastes like a glass of soap-suds or a pickle had been put to soak in.

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