

VARIETIES.

HISTORY OF ALCOHOL

Alcohol was invented nine hundred and fifty years ago, by the son of a strange woman, Hagar, in Arabia. Ladies used it with a powder to paint themselves, that they might appear more beautiful; and this powder was called alcohol. During the reign of William and Mary an act was passed encouraging the manufacture of spirits. Soon after, intemperance prevailed to such an extent that the retailers, in intoxicating drinks put up signs in public places informing the people that they might get drunk for a penny, and have some straw to get sober on.

In the sixteenth century distilled Spirits spread over the continent of Europe. About this time it was introduced into the Colonies as the United States were then called. The first notice we have of its use in public life was among the laborers in the Hungarian mines, in the fifteenth century. In 1551 it was used by the English soldiers as a cordial.

The Genoese, afterwards, made it from grain, and sold it as a medicine in bottles, under the name of the water of life. Until the sixteenth century it had only been kept by apothecaries as medicine. During the reign of Henry VII, brandy was unknown in Ireland, and soon its alarming effect induced the government to pass a law prohibiting its manufacture.

About one hundred and twenty years ago it was used as a beverage, especially among the soldiers in the English colonies in North America, under the preposterous notion that it prevented sickness, and made men fearless on the field of battle. It was looked upon as a sovereign specific. Such was a brief sketch of the introduction of alcohol into society as a beverage. The history of it is written in the wretchedness, the tears, the groans, poverty and murder, of thousands. It has marched through the land with the tread of a giant, leaving the impress of its footsteps in the bones, sinews and life's blood, of the people.—YOUTH'S FRIEND.

BRIDGING THE ST. LAWRENCE.—The magnificent project of spanning the St. Lawrence river by a tubular bridge, similar to that erected over the Menai Straits by Stephenson, is likely to be one of the triumphs of modern science and mechanics. The following particulars in relation to the proposed bridge are furnished by a Canada paper:

The Bridge it is calculated will cost \$1,250,000; its greatest span, over the deep channel of the river, is to be 300 feet in length, and the carriage-way will be 100 feet above high water level. As the far-famed Britannia Bridge, over the Minas Straits, consisting of four spans—two in the centre being 400 feet each, and next the shores 250 feet each—it's carriage way being 102 feet above the high water line—only cost \$200,000 sterling, we take it granted the much increased estimated cost of the proposed bridge across the St. Lawrence is attributable to the great expense of constructing, over the land and shallow-water, the approaches to what may be called the bridge pier. It will be observed that the Britannia Bridge, from land to land, is only 1300 feet in length—or little over a quarter of a mile—while the St. Lawrence opposite Montreal, is nowhere less than two miles from shore to shore. It must also be borne in mind that, from the character of both shores of the St. Lawrence, immense embankments will be required, at either end of the bridge, to afford sufficiently gradual approaches, for railroad purpose, to the bridge track, 100 feet above that of the water. If our information prove correct respecting this projected bridge, when complete, it will not fail to act as an irresistible point of attraction to all intelligent travellers. As an object of interest, it will be inferior only to the mighty Falls of Niagara, in so far as Art must yield in grandeur to Nature; for it will far exceed, as a triumph of engineering, enterprise and skill, any work now existing.

The controversy about the authorship of the celebrated "Letters of Junius," has been revived. A pamphlet has recently appeared in England, in which the author, Mr. Ayret, says he has ascertained by unimpeachable and irrefutable evidence, that the veritable Junius, was Sir Thomas Rice, whose sister married the first Lord Lyttleton, and who was thus intimately connected with Thomas, the second Lord Lyttleton.

ANIMAL CUNNING.—A farmer in the north of England discovered that a fox came along a beam in the night to seize his poultry. He accordingly sawed the end of the beam nearly through, and in the night the fox fell into a place whence he could not escape. On going to him in the morning, the farmer found him stiff, and as he thought lifeless. Taking him out of the building, he threw him on the dung-hill, but in a short time Beyond opened his eyes, and seeing that all was safe and clear, galloped away to the mountain, showing more cunning than the man who ensnared him.

All knowledge, to be really useful must be gained by experience; and the best method to gaining this experience from personal practice, is to observe and reflect on the experience of others.

Why does the American flag present a true emblem of the divided parties of the United States?—Because the stars are the glory of the one, and the stripes the infamy of the other.

A mother having told her little son never to say *pay* at the table, but *gravy*, the next day he saw a large man going by, and exclaimed, "Mother, there goes a gravy man!"

GRASAH B.

NOTICE.

THE TENANTS OF THOMAS HEATH HAVILAND, Esq., Township Number 45 and 56 and other Lands in this Island, are requested to make immediate payment of the amount of Rent due by them to the Subscribers, who is duly authorized to receive and grant receipts for the same.

T. HEATH HAVILAND,
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Queen Square, Nov. 28, 1853.

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JAMES MORRIS.
Charlottetown, April 1, 1853.

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WILLIAM FORGAN.
12th April, 1853.

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