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DRINK IN DARKEST AFRICA.

Natives Brew Banana Beer and Are Fond of Palm Wine.

To the natives of Africa of the present time beer prepared from malt and hops is unknown, although bottled lager beer has reached Gerhard Rolfs, the well-known German traveller in Africa, even at the oasis of Kufra, in the Sahara.

Yet there exists, says the Philadelphia Press, no lack of intoxicating beverages among the sons of the dark continent. They are not required to wait for the firewater of the Europeans to be sent them. They understand how to prepare spirituous beverages of their own, and they also become intoxicated by the latter. This is only too frequently the case, as may be seen from the account of foreign travellers in Africa.

The Africans make wine and beer, but neither grape juice is used for the former nor malt extract for the latter. Palm trees of different kinds, bananas and millet furnish the raw materials. Palm wine is made from the sap oozing from the cut-off blossom stems of the oily palm tree and of the cocoa tree. It is a pleasant, refreshing beverage and sufficiently known. From the fruit of the banana tree a beverage is being made in Africa which they drink there as wine or beer.

Banana beer is chiefly used by the natives of Uganda, a country bordering on Lake Victoria. The people there are very fond of such beer, and when Emin Pasha went to Rubaga to meet King Mtesa he wrote in his diary: "This is a real beer trip; from village to village, or rather from beer pot to beer pot, we are marching on." In that country the manufacture of the banana beverage is extensively going on.

Dr. Felkin, an English physician, who formerly lived there, describes the different kinds of the banana beverage. He makes a distinction between banana beer and banana wine.

According to his description "mubisi," a cooling banana wine, is manufactured in the following manner: A big hole is dug in the ground, lined with banana leaves, filled with unripe bananas and kept covered by mats and earth until the fruit has become completely ripe. Then the bananas are slit, mixed with fine hay and placed in a large boat-like woollen trough which at one end has an emptying pipe. After the addition of some water the whole is thoroughly mixed by the hand or by short wooden sticks. Thereupon the trough is covered with banana leaves and the mixture is left standing for about one or two hours.

After the expiration of that time it is taken out and through glass sieves poured into large calabashes. It is then ready for use and represents a sweet, agreeable and not intoxicating beverage. The fact that just this kind of the banana beverage is drunk in large quantities by the natives explains why Emin Pasha did not see many drunken men in Uganda and Unjoro. But if the mubisi is left standing for three days it undergoes a fermentation and becomes a slightly acid, refreshing beverage which is strongly intoxicating. This wine or beverage is called "muenge." If it is filled into bottles and they are kept well corked in a cool place for several months one obtains a sparkling wine strongly resembling champagne. Mubisi, the principal beverage made from bananas, can be changed yet in another way.

If a larger or small quantity of boiled millet is added to it and the mixture is left standing in a large earthen pot for two or three days and stirred from time to time, it becomes a beer which, according to the quantity of millet added, is more or less intoxicating. The beverages made from bananas are not stored away for a long time. They are mostly consumed soon after manufacture. When being sold they commonly are comparatively dear. This wine or beer is either drunk from gourd cups or sucked from gourd bottles, by means of long, nicely made tubules, the lower ends of which are serving at the same time for filtering the turbid fluid.

How He Had Fun.

"You can't always tell how green a man may be by the color you think he is," said the drummer, sententiously, and the hotel clerk ran his eyebrows up into interrogation points.

"No," he went on, as if the clerk had put his question into words, "No, you can't. Last week I was in New York and one night I went down to sleep by the sea."

"On a bench in Battery Park?" inquired the disingenuous clerk.

"Of course not," retorted the drummer; "down at one of the near-by seaside resorts. Well, as I was saying, when I got there and had registered at one of the swell hotels, a country-looking citizen stepped up and took my place before the book. He wrote his name, and looked up at the dignified and imperious young man behind the counter.

"'Got any rooms, young feller,' he said, 'fer about one dolyer per day?'

"'Certainly not,' was the haughty and disgusted reply.

"'How's yer rates, anyhow?'

"'Well, you can get a suite for a hundred dollars a day,' he said with the air of one man expecting to see the other man drop dead.

"'Good enough,' responded the countryman, without turning a hair, 'I'll take that kind for five days and pay in advance. Can you change a bill for me?' and he slapped down a new thousand dollar William that must have looked a yard long to the clerk. Whether it did or not, he grew red in the face; said he'd have to see the landlord; couldn't raise over a hundred and fifty in change to save his life that early in the season; and while he was trying to apologize the countryman stuffed the bill in his pocket and went across the street to another hotel.

"That evening I talked with him on the beach, and he said he was nicely fixed at $3 a day for a month. Then he laughingly told me he carried that bill along with him to slug highfalutin hotel clerks with, and he called it a thousand dollar billie, because it knocked them every time."

Women's Rights in Abyssinia.

Abyssinia is a country which surely must be the very ultima thule of the advanced woman. The house and all its contents absolutely belong to her, and should her worse half be obnoxious she has simply to turn him out of doors and keep him there, homeless and breadless, until he comes back with a cow, which serves as a peace offering.

Russia possesses at least one luxury in a breed of dogs, which are said to be naturally unable to bark.

The first iron mine in the United States was opened in Virginia in 1663.

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The traveling public are advised that our "Big 5" will continue to run as usual, leaving Chicago at 10 p. m. daily, and arrive at Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo the second morning, being but one day out; and our No. 11 will leave at 6 p. m. daily, and *via* Kansas City will reach Denver at same hour as the "Big 5."

Tourists should remember that this is the direct line to Manitou and other important summer resorts, and by taking the

"GREAT ROCK ISLAND"

time is saved and through sleeping cars secured.

The Colorado service of the "*Rock Island*" is now made perfect by this new Limited Train and the "Big 5," and gives to travelers two flyers daily each way.

JOHN SEBASTIAN,
General Ticket and Passenger Agent,
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General Manager,
Chicago, Ill. [April 8—10t.

TRESPASS NOTICE.

ALL persons are hereby warned not to trespass on the property of the Union Mining Company, known as the "Hansel Farm," by taking therefrom stone, wood, sand, etc., or depositing thereon garbage of any kind.

All trespassers of any kind or degree will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

HARMON BROWN,
May 13 Superintendent.

John G. Dennison,
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March 4

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Dress Goods
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We will enter into no detail, preferring that each reader of this announcement shall come and see for him and herself that we are now as heretofore,

First in Style!
Best in Quality!
Lowest in Price!

Under these circumstances the seed of dull trade cannot germinate in our garden, for popularity is the flower that blooms there in profusion, as rich as those which adorn our

LADIES' DOMESTIC AND IMPORTED HATS!

With the axe at the root of high prices, with the dross refined and none but the pure gold of uttermost perfection in all our lines, is it any wonder that our store is the Mecca of fashion-hunting pilgrims? Is it any surprise that all who properly appreciate solid goods and minimum prices should flock to our establishment as did the people of old to the glittering market-places of the Orient?

One suggestion, however, to those who are delaying—remember, it is just as sensible and important to be on time as to be in style. Come at once and see our new goods.

B. STERN & CO.,
FROSTBURG, MD.
April 23

DESERTED NEVADA.

Citizens of the Silver State Now Till Its Arid Farming Lands.

Nevada is the only State in the Union that has decreased in wealth and population during the last decade, and, considering her reputation as part of the "great American desert," few persons would suspect that she could hope to arrest the fading-out process by becoming, like California, an agricultural State. So long as Nevada was the great silver-producing region of the world few of her inhabitants troubled themselves about the future of her arid soil. She produced more than $40,000,000 of gold and silver in 1875. By 1880 her production was reduced to $17,300,000, and by 1889 to $9,600,000. The census of 1890 showed that she had lost more than 26 per cent of her population in ten years. Her assessed wealth had greatly decreased, and in almost every material respect she was poorer than when the entered the union in 1869. Her population of 46,000 was 150,000 below the population of a Congress district.

So long as Nevada was regarded simply as a great silver mine her arid soil was esteemed useless for agricultural purposes. A few river valleys were productive, but enormous, almost rainless, areas grew nothing but sagebrush. When the mines began to lessen their output, the Chinese, those Bedouins of the west, began to emigrate to newer mining districts along with miners, prospectors and all sorts of loosely attached persons. Some men who had the instinct of local attachment advocated irrigation of the arid soil, and for years it was tried with success on small areas. Nevada has now about 1,400 farms, and of these about 1,200 are irrigated in whole or in part. It has been found that the produce per acre of corn, wheat, oats, barley, potatoes and hay grown upon irrigated lands in Nevada is much above the average of such products throughout the country as a whole, and higher than in many states of much reputed fertility. Nevada stands among the ten or twelve highest states in the production of potatoes per acre planted, and half a dozen states east of the Alleghenies are below her in the average production of wheat per acre. The cost of irrigation in Nevada is lower than in several other arid regions of the west, and the variety of climate in the state makes possible a remarkable variety of vegetable products. Nevada's area of more than 100,000 square miles extends from about the parallel that runs through Spartansburg, S. C., to that which runs through Hartford, Conn. Oranges and other subtropical fruits flourish in the southern triangle with the so-called Mojave Desert on one side and the Colorado river on the other.

Nevada cuts little or no figure as yet in the aggregate of the country's agricultural products, but she has demonstrated her ability to grow crops wherever the land can be irrigated. When she shall really undertake to become an agricultural state, she will have one advantage over some new agricultural regions in possessing a railway system, an inheritance from the days when she outstripped all the rest of the country in her output of silver.—New York Sun.

Caused by the Currency.

"Before you go downtown, Cyrus," said the wife, "you must not forget to leave me fifty cents. I've got to buy some things this morning."

"This abominable extravagance of yours, Belinda," replied Mr. Kneer, opening his pocketbook with visible reluctance, "is what is keeping us poor. Where, I should like to know," he continued, becoming excited, "is the fifty cents I gave you last week? What have you done with it? Fifty cents in clean, cold cash, madam, gone in less than six days, and gone for nothing! What have you got to show for it? Do you think I'm made of money?" demanded Mr. Kneer, taking out a coin and slapping it down on the table. "Do you—"

"Don't say any more, Cyrus," exclaimed Mrs. Kneer, with tears in her eyes, and putting her hand hurriedly over the money. "I'll not spend any more of it than I am actually obliged to spend, and I thank you ever so much!"

With a mollified grunt Cyrus put his purse back in his pocket, took his hat and went downtown; and in less than half an hour Mrs. Kneer, trembling with eagerness, was on the way to the great dry goods stores.

For Mr. Cyrus Kneer, by the most calamitous and unaccountable blunder of his whole life, had given her a $20 gold piece instead of a fifty-cent piece.—Chicago Tribune.

In Church Walls.

Many of the older churches in England and western Europe have jugs or jars embedded in their walls, the mouths opening into the interior. For a long time the openings were supposed to be holes in the walls, but a closer examination a number of years ago, on one or two of these old buildings, disclosed the fact that the openings were the necks of jugs. Most of the old churches erected from the eleventh to the seventeenth centuries have them, and in some they are present in great numbers. A church in Leeds has over fifty, while this number is considerably exceeded in some of the old French churches, nearly two hundred having been counted in the Cathedral of Angouleme. The explanation of their presence is simple. They are placed in the walls with a view to bettering the acoustic properties of the building. The efficiency of this strange device is certainly open to question.

Comfort for the Unsuccessful.

If we are money-makers, it is to the exclusion of something else; if we have gentleness and refinement, these qualities unfit us for becoming money-makers. The late Daniel Dougherty met at Narragansett Pier a very charming young man one evening, and afterwards asked me if he was poor, or if he had inherited a fortune.

"Why do you not ask me if he has made one?" I rejoined.

"Because I know he hasn't," replied Mr. Dougherty, who, as everyone knows, was a very keen observer of human nature.

"He is poor, or, if he is not, his money was inherited," insisted Mr. Dougherty, and when I pressed him for a reason for his assertion he said: "He is too refined, too cultured, too altogether charming ever to have made by his own exertions a fortune, or even a competency, beyond a mere living, which was a perfect diagnosis of the young man's position in life.—Boston Home Journal.

Made His Mark.

"Professor, what has become of Tom Appleton? Wasn't he studying with the class last year?"

"Ah, yes, Appleton—poor fellow! A fine student, but absent-minded in the use of chemicals—very. That discoloration on the ceiling. Notice it?"

"Yes."

"That's him."

"I'm not surprised. I always thought Tom would make his mark if he got a chance."—Texas Siftings.

Adversity is the test of the metal of which a man is composed.—St. Paul Globe.

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GOOD FURNITURE CHEAP

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Respectfully,

C. F. NICKEL.

Nov 28

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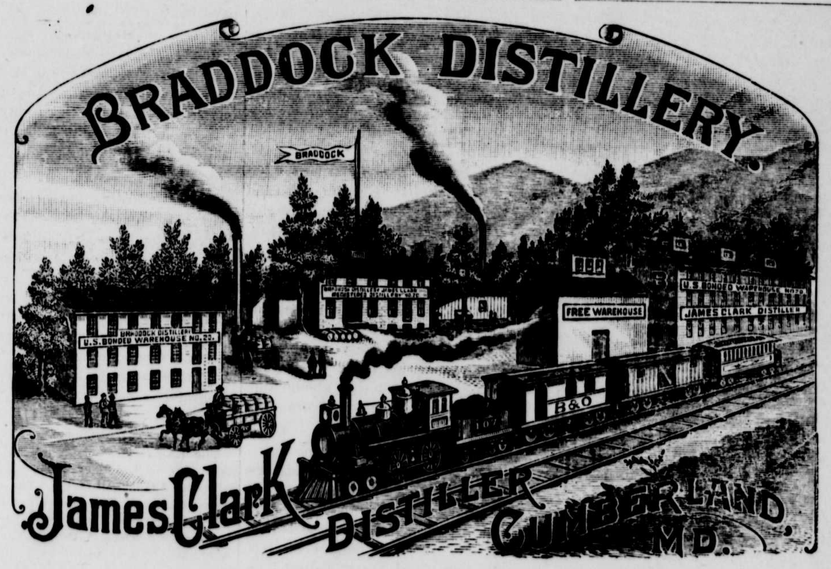

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Oct 29 JAMES CLARK & CO.