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AN ACCOUNT OF THE DRUNKEN SEA. By JAMES HENRY, M. D., Fellow of the College of Physicians, Dublin.

Nothing can exceed the beauty of the Drunken Sea from the beach of Soberland, where you take shipping as far as Point Just-Enough. The clear and smooth water is scarcely so much as rippled by the light breeze which wasts from the shore the fragrance of a thousand flowers. No mist ever broods upon the water, no cloud overcasts the soft blue sky. The glorious image of the sun by day, the silvery face of the moon by night, are nowhere seen to so much advantage as in the mirror of Pleasant Bay, for so this part of the Drunken Sea has been most appropriately named .- The current being always towards Point Just-Enough, and the wind, if you can apply that name to the gentle breath which no more than fills your sails, always in the same direction, the passage is so smooth and easy that it not unfrequently happens that the voyager finds himself close upon the Point almost before he is aware that he has left Soberland.

The voyage is usually performed in boats made out of porter hogsheads, or wine pipes, or spirit puncheons. It is astonishing what excellent sailing boats these vessels make, when divided longitudinally, and furnished with sails and oars. Riches having the advantage every where, upon the Drunken Sea, as well as upon land the boats which are used by the rich are muc more elegant, easy and commodious, although perhaps not faster sailers than those which are used by the poor. Besides, the fares, there are certain tolls payable by all persons who sail upon the Drunken Sea. These tolls are so considerable as to form a principal part of the revenues of some of the imperial governments of Soberland. Notwithstanding the expense which thus necessarily attendant upon sailing on the Drunken Sea, the number of persons, rich and poor, who sail upon it exceeds all calculation; the rich paying the expense out of their superfluities, the poor out of their necessaries. Some, however, insist that in the end the poor hear the whole expense, and pay out of their necessaries for the rich man's voyage as well as their own.

The voyage to Point Just-Enough becomes more and more agreeable the nearer you approach the Point. The air becomes still more soft and balmy. The blue of the sky and water still more delicious, and even the sombre objects of Soberland, now somewhat in the distance, seem to acquire a certain mellowness and splendor from the new medium through which they are seen. In the meantime a corresponding change takes place in the passengers themselves; they experience an agreeable sensation of warmth. commencing at the pit of the stomach and gradually extending from thence over the whole body; their pulse beats quicker and stronger; their breath acquires an agreeable odor, not unlike that of the sea on which they sail; their eyes become brighter and softer, and sometimes even seen to sparkle; their cheeks flush a little; their hands are sensibly warmer to the touch; their looks and gestures become animated; they feel increased strength and courage and readiness for action; their ideas succeed each other with greater rapidity and vivacity; and are a little less obedient to the will; they become less careful and anxious,

Diffugiunt mordaces solicitudiness;

less precise and particular; regard themselves more charity; gentlemen become less solicitous about the set of their cravats; ladies, of their maps and collars; all become less serious; less | Enough; the Christian, the jew, and the pagan; | bark of the vines; one of the most recent is | Drunken Sea.

frolicsome, frivolous; more inclined to singing, as well as the gay, the young as well as the old.

clined to quarrel suddenly.

the account which they give of their passage ing generally had the advantage of an early apacross Pleasant Bay, and of the agreeable sen- prenticeship to the art. sations experienced on approaching the Point; It is worthy of remark, that of the countless respecting the Point itself, some say that it is there is not one who can be persuaded that it it lies more to the north, others more to the east; | markable, that every one of those who make a many assert that it recedes as you approach it, daily practice of sailing upon this bay, acquires while some maintain that it moves forward, and an invincible dread of water, and cannot be precomes to meet you before you have more than vailed upon to drink it unless when sick. half crossed Pleasant Bay .- These conflicting statements may, perhaps, be reconciled on the exception of man, all animals have an antipathy supposition, which seems far from unreasonable, to the Drunken Sea, and cannot, without great that Point Just-Enough is situated in a floating | difficulty, be persuaded to navigate even that island, which, shifting its position from time to part of it called Pleasant Bay. From this fact time, is sometimes nearer, sometimes more dis- | some naturalists have deduced a distinctive chartant; sometimes a little more to the north, and acter of man, and instead of describing him as Or whistles aloft its tempest tune; at other times a little more to the east. How- an animal, erect, bipid, rational, with teeth in- And tells of soberland far below, ever this may be, the visitors to Point Just-E- termediate between graminivorous, and carnivonough all agree in stating that it is quite impossi- rous, define him simply, an animal which sails ble either to come to anchor off it, or to effect a upon the Drunken Sea. landing upon it; the water being so deep that The longitude and latitude of Point Just-Eno anchor will take the ground, and the current | nough never having been exactly ascertained, so rapid as to carry you past the Point, before | either from its being situated, as already menyou can secure a boat to it by any grapples which | tioned, in a floating Island, or whatever other have yet been invented. For these reasons, all cause, geographers have found it very difficult to skillful sailors, the moment they arrive at Point | assign the precise limits of Pleasant Bay. It is, Just-Enough, instead of vainly attempting to perhaps, to get rid of this difficulty, that some come to anchor or to land, tack about, and steer | geographers describe Pleasant Bay, as extending back again across Pleasant Bay for Soberland, | the whole way from Soberland to Tipsy Island. thus avoiding the danger of being carried by the But whether it be or be not geographically corforce of the current further on into the Drunken | rect to apply the name of Pleasant Bay to that I have lived since then in calm and strife, Sea, and perhaps thrown upon an island called part of the Drunken Sea which lies between

visitors to Point Just-Enough, allow the sailors | ing, or the motion of the water so lively and to tack about and steer homewards, has given | buoyant as it is here. It happens, therefore, as well to Soberland.

latter of which continues after landing, and even | and by the force of the wind and current. strong desire for another voyage to Point Just- | quicker and stronger, the eyes become brighter, | night. Enough. This desire being gratified with as the skin hotter, the face more flushed, the voice experienced, and the same consequences ensue, versation less connected, the ideas rambling and where in Soberland; their hands are tremulous; and thus a habit is formed which increases in | incoherent. Some dance, some sing, some their eyes muddy; those parts of their face

cessary as life. morning until a late hour at night, with boats | several hours, and even to pass the night upon | the or no appetite for solid food; are infirm in conveying passengers of all ranks and descrip- the island. A few remain upon it for several their gait, either attenuated or bloated in their The intercourse is, however, by far the greatest | table to be seen upon it in the morning, those | hensive of evil, and have no disposition for usefrom dinner hour until teatime, the evening be- | who regard appearances usually leave for Sober- | ful and active exertion, nor any taste for virtuing generally considered the most fashionable, land sometime before day-break; many fall a- ous society or intellectual enjoyment. Ten as well as the most convenient and agreeable | sleep on the Island, and are carried in that state | thousand millions of money are annually extime for the voyage -Some dine before they set | to their boats. In the morning all wake unre- | pended in loss of time upon the Drunken Sea out, but the greater number take dinner on board. | freshed, with a parched mouth, hot skin, red | and Tipsy Island, paying the tolls and fares, are a few who go very irregularly, and at long | and spend the day drinking soda water, at the | cheons, and wine-pipes; and supporting work intervals, others who go only every second or great fountain on the quay of soberland, which | houses, jails, penitentiaries, and penal settlethird day, and some only on the Sabbath day; looks towards Pleasant Bay, and longing for ments, police commissioners and policemen, stibut the great majority, unless prevented by ill- evening in order to return to Tipsy Island, or at pendiary magistrates, dispesaries, hospitals, and ness, go every day of the year at the same hour, | least as far as Point Just Fnough. and never allow either business or pleasure, or Tipsy Island is said to have been first discov- Tipsy Island. even bankruptcy or insolvency, or trouble, or | ered by Noah, who planted vines upon it. It | Over against Tipsy Island on the mainland, the death of friends or relatives, to interrupt the | was afterwards sacred to Bacchus, whose tem- | and about a league beyond Point Just-Enough, regularity of their daily sail across Pleasant Bay. | ple, situated about the middle of the island, is | is the port of Paphos. Many of the boats touch Kings and Queens, lords and ladies, knights and | in a high state of preservation It has been | here as they return from the Island. Malaria members of imperial legislatures, professors of | visited by Alexander the Great, and most of the | is prevalent in this port. The hospital, which with more complacency, their neighbors with all arts and sciences, merchants, traders, artizans, illustrious men both of ancient and modern is a very large building, and always full of paand even those who subsist upon charity, are to times, the names of many of whom are to be tients, is situated on a hill immediately above be found among the daily visitors to Point Just- seen, carved with their own hands, upon the the sport, and commands a fine view of the disposed to deliberate; less inclined to prayer, the white, the black, and the olive; the demo- that of Sir Walter Scott, underneath which

pulous about right and wrong; less tight-laced; as well as the idle, the wise as well as the foolnot so very sober; more gay, good-humored, ish, the learned as well as the ignorant, the grave jesting, and light conversation; more voluble, Parents bring their children with them, and energetic, eloquent, more ready to tell secrets, teach them to navigate the Drunken Sea, as either of their own or their neighbors; more in- birds teach their young to fly. Employers bring their workmen, and masters their servants; the All voyagers to Point Just-Enough agree in latter, however, require but little teaching, hav-

but they disagree very much in their statements | multitudes who daily sail upon Pleasant Bay, further off, others that it is nearer; some that forms a part of the Drunken Sea. It is also re- It plays with the soul, it mocks the skies,

It has been observed besides, that with the

Tipsy Island, lying at no great distance to the | Point Just-Enough and Tipsy Island, it is quite certain that there is no part of this Sea where the | And death, whenever he comes to me, The great unwillingness with which all the sky is so bright, the air so fresh and exhilerat-

ous author of Waverly used to sing, when he visited this island :--

> Tarry woo', Tarry woo, Tarry woo' is ill to spin; Card it weel, card it weel, Card it weel ere ye begin.

The author of Waverly was, however, only an occasional visitor to this island. Its daily visitors sing a song which is somewhat different, and runs nearly as follows:-

It runneth the earth's wide regions round; Or like a cradled monster lies, Or like a cradled monster lies. I'm on the Sea, the Drunken Sea; I am where I would ever be, With heaven above, and hell below, And ruin wheresoe'er I go. If a storm should come, and awake the deep, What matter, what matter, I shall ride and sleep, What matter, what matter, I shall ride and sleep. I love, oh how I love! to ride, to ride

The blue, the fresh, the ever free, the ever free,

The Sea, the Sea, the Drunken Sea;

Without a mark, without a bound,

On the fierce, foaming, maddening tide; When every wild wave drowns the moon. And how on the Horrors the storm doth blow, And how on the Horrors the storm doth blow. I never was on the Sober shore, But I loved the Drunken Sea more and more,

And backwards flew to her billowry breast, Like a bird that seeketh its mother's nest. And a mother she was and is to me, For I was born, was born on the Drunken Sea. The waves were white, and red the morn. In the noisy hour, in the noisy hour, when I was born; The storm it whistled, the thunder rolled. And the lightning seamed the skies with gold. And never was heard such an outery wild, As welcomed to life the Drunken Sen's child. As welcomed to lite the Drunken Sea's child.

Full Fifty summer's a jovial life, With wealth to spend and a power to range. And never have sought or sighed for change; Shall come, shall come, on the Drunken Sea Shall come, shall come, on the Drunken Sea.

All navy and regimental messes are held uprise to an opinion that if a landing upon the might be expected, that many of those who leave on this island, and there is no part of the world Point were practicable, every visitor would set- | Soberland, with the intention of going no further | where the point of honor is so strictly observed, tle there permanently, and bid an eternal fare- than Point Just Enough, do yet, when they ar- or so many duels fought. It is here that white rive at that point, extend their voyage to Tipsy | Bait and other ministerial dinners, election treats, The voyage homewards from Point Just- Island, tempted by the increasing beauty of the Lord Mayor's feasts, and sheriff's breakfasts are Enough is much less agreeable than the voyage | scene, the favoring wind and current, and the given. Barristers always dine here when upoutwards; the air gradually loses its balminess, easy landing which the shore of the Island pre- on circuit, and medical consultations are someand the landscape its brilliant colors; the cur- | sents at no great distance. Besides those who | times held here. Great discussions on religion rent and wind, too, although gentle, yet being thus voluntarily extend their voyage from and politics take place here, and many of the against you make it necessary to tack, and thus | Point Just-Enough to Tipsy Island, there are | most famous speeches of members of imperial render the passage tedious. There are few who others who, over-shooting the Point either legislatures have been composed, and not a few do not experience as they return, some diuretic | through ignorance or inadvertance, miss stays in | of them deliverd in this place. There are severeffect, as well as a slight degree of thirst, the | their attempt to tack, and are carried to the isl- | al magnificent race-courses on the island, and gambling tables on new and improved principles. until bed-time, unless removed by tea or coffee. As it generally happens that those who have It is also the favorite resort of pirates and smug-The night's sleep is less soft and refreshing, but | once visited Tipsy Island, in either of the ways | glers, robbers, burglars, and murderers, who at the same time heavier than if no visit had just mentioned, soon return to it again, direct have performed some of their most famous exbeen paid to the Point in the day; and on awak- from Soberland, and repeat their visit with great | ploits upon it. As there is no church nor other ing the next morning, a degree of languor is ex- | regularity during the remainder of their lives, | place of religious worship on the island, none perienced, and sometimes even a little throbbing | Tipsy Island is always full of visitors. The | but the most abandoned are seen upon it durat the temples, which symptons, however, dis- sensations experienced on this Island differ only ing church hour on the Sabbath day; soon after appear either during the making of the toilette, in degree from those which are felt at Point | church hour the boats begin to arrive, and conor soon after breakfast, and are succeeded by a Just-Enough. The pulse and heart beat a little | tinue arriving until a late hour on the Sabbath

It is impossible to mistake the habitual visilittle delay as possible, the same sensations are | louder, the gestures more vehement, the con- tors of Tipsy Island, when you meet them any strength, until at last a daily visit to Point Just- | swear, some fight, all stagger about; some be- | which should be white, are red; and those parts Enough comes to be considered almost as ne- come loyal, others patriotic, some poetical, oth- which should be red, and particularly their lips, ers philosophical; all are veracious, disinterested, are blue and purple; they are consumed by an Pleasant Bay is therefore covered from early | magnanimous, chivalrous. It is usual to remain | unquenchable internal heat and thirst; have littions to Point Just-Enough and back again. days together; but as it is considered discredi- form, fretful, timid, irresolute of purpose, appre-Among the visitors to Point Just-Enough, there | eyes, aching head, and no appetite for breakfast, | manufacturing porter hodgsheads, spirit punlunatic asylums for the use of the visitors of

Off Tipsy Island, on the side furthest from or any other solemn religious duty; less scru- | crat, the leveller, and the arristocrat; the busy | are some words of the song, which the illustri- Paphos, are three sunken rocks called the Hor-

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