

THE GENESIS OF THE AMERICAN BEER-BREW.

FIELD OF HOPS—PICKING.

RICE FIELD.

FIELD OF BARLEY—HARVESTING.

CLASSES WITH LEAST HARMFUL BEVERAGE.

In a previous article coffee was discussed, its history and geography sketched, mistaken charges against it disposed of, the testimony of savants to its character and virtues presented, the way to get good coffee pointed out, and how to prepare it explained.

proper place, later on, some of the more pregnant examples will be given. ORIGIN OF HOPPED MALT BEER. The beverage we know as beer is not the traditional whine-like drink extracted from barley; yet, though of more recent origin, nothing is really known of the place and date at which it first appeared.

Department of Agriculture Expert Pronounces Beer, Which Arrogantly Traces Lineage to the Libation to the Gods of Northern Mythology, Liquid Bread—A Mere Food Product.

Its character becoming more violent; while it causes little or no crime toward the equator, it is always the constant cause of crime at the North, above 50 degrees; races are modified physically and morally in the kind of liquor they use.

THE FAMOUS GOTHENBERG SYSTEM. The experiences of other countries have been unlike ours. In Sweden, for example, the laws which destroyed rural distillation removed at once the principal cause of alcoholism, and brought about the inevitable popularization of malt beverages.

generally misunderstood. The brewers themselves supported the first pure food bill introduced by Prosser, of Pennsylvania, in Congress, and endorsed by the first "food congress," six or seven years ago.

the beer. The latter is one month in the finishing tuns, where it clarifies under a pressure of from four to seven pounds to the square inch. It is then forwarded through filtering machines into the trade.

It would seem, then, "a sowing of good seed" to furnish reasons for their substitution for more harmful beverages. For, if it has any influence upon a man to show his neighbor, why not upon a people?

AMERICA'S FIRST PUBLIC BREWERY. The first authentic record of the existence of a public brewery, however, dates back to 1637, in Massachusetts, and 1638, in Rhode Island. These were not the first breweries, though, for licensed tavern keepers were directed by the governing authorities to brew beer of which both the quality and the price formed the subjects of early legislation.

Table showing production of malt beverages during the year 1902 in United States and Europe (in hectolitres). Includes data for Denmark, Sweden, Switzerland, Netherlands, Spain, Norway, Luxembourg, Italy, Greece, Rumania, Bulgaria, Germany, Gt. Brit. & Ireland, U.S., France, Belgium, and Austria.

THE BEER BREWERS' ATTITUDE. The brewer, too, keenly feels the fact that his product bears the stigma of classification, in the eyes of the law, with the vile spirits dispensed in low grog-shops, and also that he is held responsible for the executed "drives."

THE BEER MAKES THE MAN. The value of the foregoing is established by the fact that modern science has pretty well determined that, to even a greater extent than climate or environment, the food makes the man.

AN ANOMALOUS CONDITION OF THINGS. Many eminent thinkers hold it, in common with the advocates of beer, a curious commentary on republican institutions that a comparatively small minority should be able to impose its will on a vast majority.

BEER NO PLEBEIAN DRINK. Beer, as the most largely used of the three beverages in the country, naturally claims the earliest consideration. Though in common use almost throughout the world, it has always largely been the drink of the plebeian.

BEER'S EARLY VICISSITUDES. But brewing ceased to exist as an industry before the New England colonies reached the school of the States. Many things militated against its prosperity, such as ill advised legislation, prescribing the quality and fixing the price of malt liquors.

INDUSTRY PROSPERED DESPITE ALL HINDRANCES. The effects of this agitation—the repeal of laws limited to brewing in Massachusetts and other States—were not lasting, although they almost instantaneously proved the gain to public health and morality in the reduction of the manufacture and use of spirituous and the increase of malt liquors.

AMERICA'S DEBT TO BEER. In this country, even under present excise laws, the temperance problem is fast being solved, and it is probable that, in a comparatively short time, America will occupy the first place among temperate nations.

WHAT ADVOCATES OF BEER REMARK. In this connection it may be well to remark that the attitude of the advocates of beer seems to be

"THE ISLAND OF BOMBAY." The stories of geographical blundering by statesmen told by Sir Charles Markham at Cambridge last week appear to have been serious and belittled the occasion.