

Spirituous Liquors in Medicine and the Arts.

If it can be conclusively shown that alcohol in no one of its forms is absolutely essential in the alleviation of...

We have in this journal repeatedly spoken of the medicinal use of alcohol in medicine and the arts, and in every instance have declared that the need of it no longer existed...

It must be remembered that modern science has given us glycerine, naphthol, bisulphide of carbon, pyroxylic products, carbolic acid, and other agents which are capable of taking the place of alcohol in a very large number of appliances and processes.

The naturalist is no longer dependent upon alcohol for the preservation of his wonderful specimens, and the artisan no longer needs alcohol to obtain convenient heat for his tools, or to facilitate his labor...

As regards the medicinal value of any of the spirituous liquors which are known in commerce, very much may be said. If all the brandies, whiskeys, wines, and all light liquors, which are so suddenly destroyed, and there could be no further production, no class but dispensaries would suffer any pain or distress for a single hour...

In all cases of disease where an alcoholic stimulant seems to be indicated, secure presents other stimulants, non-alcoholic, which may serve an equally useful purpose. The alcohol question as related to medicine may be summed up in a few words. In some cases of extreme exhaustion or debility, it may be regarded as a convenient agent, if carefully employed...

The fact that Dr. Holmes has said that if the contents of our drug stores were taken out upon the ocean and thrown overboard, it would be better for the human race, will be a little startling. This statement may be a little startling, but it is true that quite all the showy bottles in drug stores which contain alcoholic decoctions and tinctures might be submerged in the ocean...

The other Alternative. We know some very conscientious and excellent men who are greatly exercised as to the duty in abstaining from the use of alcohol in medicine and the arts, in view of the fact that the democratic candidate, Cleveland, bears such a character...

ter with an immoral taint, and the possible contingency that the canvass for Ex-Gov. St. John will so detract from the vote for Mr. Blaine as to result in the election of Gov. Cleveland.

Suppose that Mr. Blaine is elected and that his administration commences the practice of the extreme abstemiousness, in regard to the wine-drinking customs now prevalent in the White House and elsewhere, and the tolerance of the liquor traffic in the commercial metropolis of the nation...

A Successful Evangelist. Mr. Moody is the most successful evangelist of the present age. The auditor sees standing at the desk a dark-complexioned man of fifty years, medium height, stout frame, broad forehead, and a pair of eyes that are not only bright but also full of fire.

Lighting Hell Gate. It was prematurely announced by the New York papers that the trial of illuminating Hell Gate had been made. The lights were turned on for the first time on Monday night, the 29th inst. It was quite dark and a man in a row boat going to the mainland from the artificial island built of the rocks from the Hell Gate explosion could hardly see his way.

Revenue Facts and Figures. The only available test of the amount of liquor consumed per capita to be found by examining the internal revenue returns. Illinois, Ohio and Indiana pay per capita \$4.50 New York and Missouri about 1.35 Connecticut, .30 Iowa, partial prohibition at that time, .30 Kansas, recent prohibition at that time, .12 Vermont, prohibition, .03

Early Snow in England. Yesterday, shortly before 8 a. m., Birmingham was visited by a snow storm which lasted about an hour and a half. Such a severe experience of winter weather at this time of the year is almost unheard of in England.

Small Beginnings. Joseph Shaw of East Fairlee, Vt., contributes the following reminiscence from the Vermont Christian Messenger. Some forty-five years ago while living in the small town of Fairlee, Orange county, Vt., the two parties nominated two men for the state assembly.

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tended church. Both were farmers and both kept a barrel of rum to retail, and had I asked the advice of 100 men, I think 99 would have said, "one of the two will be elected, so to speak choose the least." But I could not go with a multitude to do evil, I wrote my vote and went five miles and put in the box, and after the count the chairman said there was no choice.

Minority Presidents. For the last sixty years it appears that not less than seven presidents have been elected by a minority of the voters, represented, however, by a majority of the vote-cast. The candidates were: Adams in 1824, Polk in 1844, Taylor in 1848, Buchanan in 1856, Lincoln in 1860, Hayes in 1876, and Garfield in 1880.

A Millionaire Newsboy? A good story is told of the Hon. Frederick Billings of the Northern Pacific company. Arriving in Duluth not long ago with a party of friends in his private car, he saw a newsboy selling the "Standard" on the street.

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