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The Liquor Traffic and the Revenues

The Bystander.

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The Alaska bill, we are told, is a result of fear the closing of the saloons, instead of increasing the taxes, has actually reduced them; that the dry counties have already recovered from the loss of the liquor revenue and are beginning to enjoy the fruits of the improved moral conditions.

The drink business is a bad business from a social and economical point of view, leaving aside the matter of morality entirely. A saloon in a community is a fire in that community. It is a liability, not an asset. It is largely drink that keeps the police and courts busy and the prisons and poorhouses filled. A community which has the stamina to stop the traffic can't but help gain in every way. We have no patience at doubt about this. Personally we might approve of a law with the most fine "personal liberty" which allows a man to "take a drink or leave it alone"—but it's a case where we should be glad to give up some of our personal liberty for the benefit of the community, and especially for the sparing of those among us in whom the craving for liquor is irresistible.

Stewardship of Wealth

Boston Herald.

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Lone Observer and the Malihinis

Blessed be the Advent of the Nonadic Malihini! May their World Wanderings never cease bringing them into Value of Particular Beachside and their roundtrips swing them again to the dreamy shores of Hawaii nei!

It will be observed that in emitting this paraphrase of the wrong end of his remarks, the Lone Observer has coined a new word. This is because he yesterday wiggled through the Waikiki things and imbibed the curiously worded language of a naived America. He heard one young lady say, pointing to a cocoanut, "Oh! See the beautiful pineapple!" Pineapple used in this sense is strictly original. She comes from the shores of the Connecticut and was raised on corn and chestnuts. Pineapples were as delightfully new to her as her rhapsody was to the Lone Observer.

There is a sense of perspective to be gained from watching a bunch of people enter a strange land, which was almost mythical to them in every way, and mingle with the people of that land. The newness which is upon them can not be erased. They are tourists.

A Tourist is an animal found in the nineteenth century and greatly improved through the efforts of people who thrive upon them and who have brought them into a high state of perfection. But in Hawaii, they are more than tourists, they are malihinis. They are not tourists in the sense as are those who gaze with pre-advertised rapture upon the falls of Niagara, but the tourist which is plunged unexpectedly into a new world of pimply volcanoes and erratic foliage. Their surprise upon seeing something new outside of Broadway was so evident yesterday that the Lone Observer was immediately attracted to them by his desire for the psychologically strange.

Imagine a tourist pointing to a distorted tree painted in a dozen colors and saying that it was artificially colored. One only did that yesterday. The Lone Observer set her down at once as one who was well versed in the wiles of strained sunbeams and not used to the childlike and grotesque nature of things Hawaiian.

It is the minutia of manifested psychology that is worth watching. These long words mean, to the best of the Lone Observer's belief, the record that was here yesterday differs from the previous Cleveland matrix in its more real capacity for surprises. The American tourist is artificial in his class—that is, if he does not flatter himself by thinking he is truly astonished by the things which he did not expect to see and which he sees his English brother, not self-composed, to be and which he is his French cousin.

Yesterday the second were surprised. They found it there [illegible] That had [illegible] the belief of the [illegible] of America [illegible] places [illegible] Hawaii [illegible] the other [illegible]

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