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BOUND IN RED TAPE

Is the Law Favoring the Manufacture and Sale of the Denatured Product.

A FLAT FAILURE UP TO DATE

Senator Hansbrough Working Hard to Relieve Pressure But Rules and Regulations Interfere.

Senator Hansbrough of North Dakota, author of the denatured alcohol law, is taking advantage of every opportunity to impress on the president the importance of having the treasury department exercise good judgment in the preparation of rules and regulations for the manufacture and sale of the new fuel under the law as amended at the recent session of congress. The act does not go into effect before next September. It is designed to encourage the manufacture of the fuel by farmers, who, it is expected, will club together and engage in making denatured alcohol in much the same way they now cooperate in many sections to conduct creameries.

The original law for the manufacture of denatured alcohol, passed nearly a year ago, is a flat failure, writes a Washington correspondent of the Chicago Evening Post. It developed before it was put into effect that the legislation was so worded as to make it impossible for anybody outside the whisky trust to engage in the making of the fuel. The treasury department added to the uselessness of the legislation by adopting rules and regulations which make it next to impossible for dealers to handle the commodity after the whisky trust has made it.

The internal revenue officer seems to fear that some one may convert a gallon of the denatured article back into the state in which it existed before it was denatured and use it for drinking. This, of course, would be a violation of the laws, and the internal revenue bureau has taken pains to throw restrictions about the sale of the fuel.

Up to this time only small quantities of the denatured product have been on the market, and if there has been any demand for it it is because it is a novelty. The price demanded by dealers in different parts of the country is extortionate.

"I saw the sign 'Denatured Alcohol For Sale' over a drug store front here in Washington the other day," said Senator Hansbrough, "and I asked how much it was a pint. The proprietor answered 20 cents, or \$1.00 a gallon. That is outrageous. Twenty or 25 cents a gallon would be a fair price. I am told that dealers all over the country have been asking from 15 to 25 cents a pint for the fuel, and there has been some demand for it at this rate simply because it is a novelty."

Remove All Restrictions.
The North Dakota senator wishes the president to see to it that when the amended law goes into effect all unnecessary restrictions are removed.

"If denatured alcohol is ever to come into general use," said he, "it must be as free from surveillance after it passes into the hands of the dealers as is gasoline. There is no more reason why its sale should be hedged about by red tape than there is for putting gasoline under guard. I do not know that the internal revenue department is preparing to continue the surveillance, but I wish to make sure if I can that the fuel has a fair show with gasoline. If every man who makes it and every man who sells it is to be under suspicion all the time it will never come into general use."

"Is it easy to convert denatured alcohol back into the natural state and use it for drinking?"

"It is not easy, but it can be done. I do not believe anybody will try to con-

vert a gallon of the stuff back into its natural state. All I am asking is that we may have a fair chance to see what denatured alcohol can do for itself. It is necessary that its manufacture shall be under the eye of the government, but after it has left the warehouse of the distillery it should receive precisely the treatment other fuel receives."

The senator believes the price of denatured alcohol should not be higher than that of gasoline. "The price must come down," said he, "and I believe it will if we can get into the market on the same footing with gasoline. As long as it is to be an outland and the demand limited the price will stay up."

ACADEMIC COSTUMES.

Square Cap or Berretta Hood Survival of the Ancient Cope.

Academic costume was originally the ordinary dress of the period in which it was prescribed. Mediaeval statutes were directed not to the wearing of any particular robe, but against extravagant taste in or deficiencies of dress. At Heidelberg, for instance, students were forbidden to go out without boots "unless clad in a garment reaching to the heels." The most purely academic part of the costume was the square cap or berretta, with a tuft on the top (in lieu of the very modern tassel), which was the distinctive badge of the mastership. Its possession was much coveted, and, according to one authority, "it is only in post mediaeval times that the berretta, first without, then with, the sacred apex," has been usurped, first by bachelors, then by undergraduates and now (outside the universities) by mere choristers or school boys. "The gown, or toga, on the other hand, was an unofficial robe or cresset of various colors, the favorite at Oxford being 'green, blue or blood color.'"

The hood is a survival of the ancient cappa, or cope, which is still to be seen in the official robes of the chancellor of Cambridge. It formed part of the garment, like the cow of a monk's robe, and was not restricted to graduates, being the ordinary clerical dress, and not even exclusively clerical. "It is only the material of the hood which was characteristic of degree or office," the use of miniver, for instance, being confined to masters. "Silk hoods came in perhaps toward the end of the fourteenth century as a summer alternative for masters, whose winter fur hoods were something more than an honorary appendage in the unwarmed schools and churches of mediaeval times." At Oxford undergraduates lost their hoods in 1480, but it was not till "about the beginning of Queen Elizabeth's reign" that the masters and stewards of incorporated societies, who also wore them, "cast them off their heads and hung them on their shoulders."—Dundee Advertiser.

TAILORS IN A RIOT.

Refused to Permit a Performance That Satirized Their Craft.

In 1759 Foote had produced a burlesque, the author of which has never been discovered, entitled "The Tailors; a Tragedy For Warm Weather." Dowton announced the revival of this piece for his benefit. As the title implies, it was a satire upon the sartorial craft, and upon the bills being issued an indignation meeting was convened by the knights of the needle, who vowed to oppose the performance by might and main.

Menacing letters were sent to Dowton telling him that 17,000 tailors would attend to his piece, and one, who signed himself "Death," added that 10,000 men could be found if necessary. These threats were laughed at by the actors, but when night came it was discovered that the craft were in earnest and that with few exceptions they had contrived to secure every seat in the house, while a mob without still squeezed for admission. The moment Dowton appeared upon the stage there was a hideous uproar and some one threw a pair of shears at him.

Not a word would the rioters listen to, nor would they accept any compromise in the way of changing the piece. Within howled and hissed without intermission hundreds of exasperated tailors; outside howled and belovied thousands of raging rioters, who attempted to storm the house. So formidable did the riot wax that a magistrate had to be sent for and special constables called out, but these were helpless against overwhelming odds, so a troop of life guards was ultimately summoned, who, after making sixteen prisoners, put the rest to flight.—American Tailor and Cutter.

His Sense of Touch.

"A country grocer," said a lecturer, "was talking to a throng of customers about the wonderful sense of touch that the blind have. 'Here comes old blind Henry Perkins now,' said the grocer. 'We'll test him.' And he took a scoopful of sugar and extended it to the old man. 'Feel this, Henry,' he said, 'and tell us what it is.'"

"The blind man put his hand in the scoop, passed its contents through his fingers and said in a firm, confident tone, 'Sand.'"

Dainty Deer.

How sensitive deer are in the matter of food was proved once again during the hearing of a case at Feltham, England, where three men were charged with sleeping in a deer pen in Bushey park. A keeper said they had pulled down from the racks about ten shillings' worth of hay, which the deer would not afterward touch because it had been lain upon. In fact, the deer would not go near the pens, as the men had slept there.

Looking Forward.

"Do you think the time will ever



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THE COLD BATH.

Many Men Say They Like It, but They Don't Like It.

In a paper read at a meeting of an association for the study of tuberculosis an eminent doctor said that one of the curious facts connected with the practice of the cold bath in the morning is that so many of its votaries positively declare that they enjoy it. He contends that they do not and cannot enjoy it. The doctor is doubtless right as far as he goes, but he does not go far enough. He misses the main point, perhaps the only point worth emphasizing.

There is abundant reason to believe that the most curious fact connected with the cold bath in the morning is that so many people who insist that they enjoy it do not take it. There is vicarious atonement, and there is also vicarious bathing, and it is a very easy matter to enjoy a bath that is not taken, the bath of somebody else. Almost anybody gifted with a little imagination can sing the praises of a cold bath in the morning. There are the pleasurable, even delightful, shudders of the first dip and splash; the brisk rub with a coarse crash towel; the warm, health giving glow; the new man feeling, exhilarating, uplifting, as one gets into his attire for the day's work, and, above all, the sense of cleanliness imparted by the cold bath every morning.

And it is equally easy to take a cold bath every morning. It only remains to turn on the hot water faucet and enter the tub. Or both faucets may be turned on and, without entering the tub, one may stir the water violently with his hands, draw long breaths and shiver, not perceptibly, but audibly. It will all sound remarkably lifelike. This performance, wonderfully like taking a cold bath. Even an alert and suspicious sentinel, stationed at the door, his ear delicately attuned to what is going on within, may be readily deceived by the cold bath in the morning. Contemplate, some brooding August forenoon, the man who tells you that he fairly revels in the cold bath on winter mornings as he gingerly steers his bare feet through the ripples that are lazily lapping the beach at a shore resort, and believe in him and trust him if you can. Watch him advance as if he were going to meet his doom, hesitate, glance shoreward longingly, retreat, immersing himself slowly, reluctantly, inch by inch. Suddenly he remembers that he must wet his head if he would avoid a chill, and he pauses to shampoo his hair in the sad sea waves—this hero of a thousand frigid baths on a thousand frozen mornings!

As a matter of fact, what a man may do alone with his sponge in his bathroom no other man may know, and what he pretends he does may be as "false as driers' oaths."—Providence Tribune.

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