

**KITH AND KIN**

BY HATTIE HORNER LOUTHAN

This is the man who made the Rum,  
And this the man who sent it,  
And this man owns a big saloon,  
And these the men who rent it.

This is the man who votes for Rum,  
(An "option," so he thinks it)  
And this is the luckless man who's lost  
His soul—the man who drinks it.

If you can separate these men,  
And tell me where the line is;  
Part these, as sheep, from those, as goats,  
And write their judgment "Finis"  
For heaven or hell—your logic, sir,  
Is better far than mine is!  
Denver, Colorado.

**LOCAL PROHIBITION SUCCESS**

**Athens, Tennessee, Reaps Harvest of Good from Five Years of No Saloons**

ATHENS, TENN., April 14—(Special correspondence)—The city of Athens is situated midway between Chattanooga and Knoxville. On July 1, 1908, it will complete five years of Prohibition. During those five years it has been constantly open to the mischief of the "jug" trade from Chattanooga and until recently to the same influence from Knoxville. Notwithstanding this, the history of local Prohibition in Athens fully justifies the policy. The business interests of the city have flourished. The First National bank, which was the only bank in operation five years ago, then had deposits aggregating \$134,000. Its deposits today aggregate \$240,000. A new bank has been started since the Prohibition policy went into effect and has deposits of more than \$50,000. In other words, the bank deposits of the city have more than doubled during the five years of Prohibition.

The last three terms of the circuit court in the days of the saloon policy showed aggregate criminal costs of \$3,429.79. Two-thirds of these cases, according to the testimony of the clerk of the circuit court, were to be attributed to liquor. The three terms of the same court, beginning in December, 1906, and April and August of 1907 showed aggregate criminal costs to a total of only \$1,754.54. Practically two-thirds of this also was to be attributed to whisky brought in from Chattanooga.

The attendance at churches and schools has increased. Improvements are visible everywhere in the homes of the people. Scores of families can be pointed out that have carpets now in place of the bare floors they had five years ago, when their money went to feed the gin miller and the brewer. There is better food in hundreds of homes in the vicinity of Athens than was

ever deemed possible in the old saloon days.

If the Chattanooga jug trade could be abolished and no other town were ready to take Chattanooga's place, conditions in Athens would be very nearly ideal.

**WHY ALCOHOL IS NOT A FOOD**

**Discussion by Prof. Hans Meyer of Vienna Before the International Congress of Hygiene**

[Reported by the Scientific Temperance Federation]

The last meeting of the International Congress of Hygiene, held in Berlin, devoted one session to the discussion of alcoholism at which Prof. Hans Meyer of the Pharmacological Institute of Vienna touched upon the question of the nutritive value of alcohol. Alcohol, Prof. Meyer said, is burned in the human body and thereby liberates a certain amount of heat, at the same time sparing an equivalent amount of fat and carbohydrate. Nevertheless, it is not a food than can be made use of in the regular way, because it can not be held in reserve and called upon according to needs. It must be burned at once without being stored in the tissues, and until it is burned it acts as a poison.

Its poisonous, that is its drug action, depends upon its ability to dissolve the lipid (fatty) constituents of the cells, whereby it is able, first, to penetrate all cell membranes, and second, to disarrange the normal relations between the lipid and non-lipoid constituents of the cell protoplasm. The latter disturbance brings about the drug effect characteristic of alcohol and its relatives, the acute, immediate change in the function of the cells in question, an effect which ceases and allows the return of normal conditions as soon as the alcohol is removed from the cell.

The direct chronic functional and morphological conditions which the repeated use of alcohol causes are probably due to these changes in the cell membrane by which it becomes abnormally permeable and allows an abnormal escape of substances into and out from the cell. These changes do not stop after the removal of the alcohol except by some further interference.

**What Lincoln Drank.**

Editor of THE NATIONAL PROHIBITIONIST:—Let me heartily endorse the words of John Hipp, in a recent number of your paper. If we give as much of our time and spend as much of our money for national Prohibition with a party behind it as many professed Prohibitionists are giving and spending in mere local option fights, the doom of the liquor traffic will be much hastened. A man who votes to make anti-saloon territory locally, unless he also votes nationally for Prohibition, hits the liquor traffic with a feather.

The other day in passing along the streets of Decatur, I heard a fellow say, "I drank with Abe Lincoln fifty years ago." He looked like an old soak, but I thought it time to ask a question, so I said: "Did I understand you to say that you drank with Mr. Lincoln fifty years ago?" "Yes," he said, "and I did." "Well, then," I continued, "and

what liquid did Mr. Lincoln drink when you drank with him on that notable occasion?" He looked a little crestfallen and answered, "Water." "Yes," I remarked, "water was Lincoln's drink."

DANIEL BRAXTON TURNER.

Decatur, Illinois.

**A Side Light on Socialism**

[EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is a part of a political advertisement appearing in the Milwaukee News, on April 1, in behalf of the candidates of the Social-Democratic party. Social-Democratic is the name officially given under the election laws of Wisconsin, to the party known as the Socialists in most of the states.]

"The Social-Democratic party does

not stand for Prohibition. The workingman has no club-house but the saloon under the present system. The Social-Democratic party has found it absolutely necessary to hold most of its meetings in saloons and saloon halls. The houses of the workingmen are so scanty and inadequate that in many thousands of cases the saloon has come to be almost a part of the dwelling of the workers—his best room, where he meets his friends and neighbors. The social function of the saloon is a real and vital fact. Without the saloons as social meeting places, there would be actual deprivation and suffering among thousands of the common people. The Social-Democrats know these things to be facts. And they do not propose to fight the saloons."

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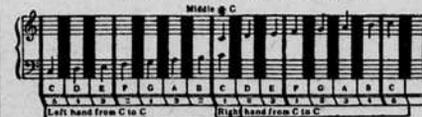
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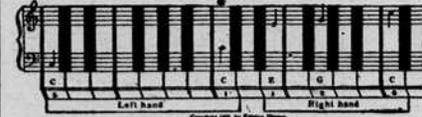
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