

An Eccentric Duke.

The "Great" Duke of Bridgewater—the epithet was given him for originating canals in England—was careless in his dress. He used to carry a large quantity of snuff loose in his waistcoat pocket, whence he would pull out huge pinches and thrust it up his nose.

He had no love for the ornamental would allow no flower gardens on his estate. Once on his return from a long visit, he found some flowers which had been planted during his absence. Whipping off their heads, he ordered them to be rooted up immediately.

He was economical, sometimes parsimonious, yet when Pitt called upon them for contributions to carry on the war against Napoleon, the Duke subscribed one hundred thousand pounds.

His kindness to his miners and to others who served him exhibited itself in providing them with comfortable houses, schools for their children, and shops and markets that they might purchase at reasonable rates.

One of the orders of the superintendent of the coal mine was, that whenever the supply was deficient, those who came with wheelbarrows, baskets and aprons, should be served. The buyers with carts and wagons must wait until the supply was abundant.

On one occasion the Duke, while standing at the coal yard, was accosted by a man who had just filled his sack with coals:

"High! master, said the man, come give me a lift 'n' this sack o' coal on my shoulder."

Without hesitating, the Duke gave the "lift," and the man trudged off.

"Dun yo' know who's that you've been speaking t'?" asked a man running up to him.

"Naw; who is he?"

"Why, it's the Duke his seen."

"The Duke," exclaimed the man, dropping his coals. "Hey! what'll he do at me? Maun a goo an' ax his pardon."

The man started back, but the Duke had disappeared.

Beer vs. Corn.

The Milwaukee News in a recent issue has made the discovery that the far famed Milwaukee beer is no longer the product of malt and hops, but that it is a vile compound of corn and rice. It gives the following testimony:

"During six months of the present year Philip Alpert has purchased 3,500 bushels of corn. The Philip Best Brewing company at their five breweries consumed during the same period 346,518 bushels of corn and 72,700 pounds of rice. Valentine states in four months used up 30,000 bushels of corn and 87,388 pounds of rice. The Milwaukee Brewing company have devoted themselves all this year to corn, consuming 27,455 Fed Miller, with equal assiduity, has given all his energies to rice, using up 81,258 pounds."

These be days of progress, Horatio. When they can make sugar out of old rags and sulphuric acid, leather out of a little glue and scraps of rope, paper out of clay and a president of hay seed, we need not be astonished at the use of corn and rice in the manufacture of beer. It is indeed claimed that the two cereals are not as good for beer making material as hops and malt, that when one imbibes the mixed concoction he awakes in the morning with a head on him like Giant Despair and a taste in his mouth like a fever hospital, but these are minor considerations. When a man drinks, he does so in order "to feel the effects," and the more effects, the more he gets for his money. Corn in beer is certainly less harmful than corn in whiskey. Leaving out the question of fusil oil, it is evident that it is so much corn to be consumed, it better be drunk soaked than distilled. So that on hygienic grounds the corn has the best of it.

The New York Tribune says: No body but Butler would have the audacity to put Caleb Cushing in a subordinate position on a ticket with Butler at the head of it. It is a remarkable combination as it stands, but it would have been more grotesque if Charles Francis Adams could have had the nomination for Secretary of State. What a trio that would have been: Butler, Cushing, Adams! Think of putting them in a bag and shaking them up.



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