

DRINKING IN AUSTRALIA.

Per Capita Consumption of Intoxicants in the English Colonies. For some time after I landed I had the impression that, as beer is the national drink of England, whisky of Scotland, and wine of France, tea was the national drink of Australia.

At the appearance of the most unexpected times—at lunch and dinner as well as at breakfast. In the stories which people told me about their travels through the bush, the "billy" in which they boiled their water for tea had a conspicuous place.

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HE LEFT HIS SYMPATHY.

A stranger who was making loud inquiries at the city hall yesterday for the mayor was finally asked by an officer to state his errand.

"I want to make a complaint against the way I was used at the postoffice," he replied. "But the mayor has nothing to do with the postoffice."

"He hasn't?" "No, sir. Uncle Sam runs that. Well, I've had my stomach stolen, and I want to see him about that."

"It's no use, sir. You should go to the police." "Hain't the mayor anything to do with it?" "Not a thing."

"But they put me off a street car up here. I want to see him about that." "He couldn't help you any."

"Say! You don't mean to tell me that your mayor hasn't got any power, do you?" "Not a bit of it."

"Hump! Just sits right in his office, eh? Just smokes cigars and looks big and bossy the city hall, eh? Say! What's the use if a feller can't boss the whole root what's the use of holding office? Say! I'm sorry for him. Give him my love and tell him he has my sympathy."—Detroit Free Press.

A Mean Trick. Griggs—What is the matter between you and Aggie? I thought you used to be sworn friends. Biggs—So we were once, but that is over now.

FRENCH SLEEPING-CARS.

The charge for a bed in the sleeping-cars from Basle to Calais, is about 19 francs, and from Basle to Paris, for some occasions, 7 francs more.

By one of those extraordinary arrangements that can exist only in countries where nobody trusts anybody, and every body is suspected by every body else, even the unfortunate traveler who has hired a bed at 9:15 is not allowed to turn into it until 11:30.

The reason assigned being that at the French frontier the "small baggage" must be examined, and if people were allowed to "turn in" before the examination took place there is no saying what amount of tobacco and lace and the rest of it might not be secreted in or under the bed by the tourist or by the servants of the sleeping-car company.

When, however, the conventional ceremonial of affirming that you have "nothing to declare" has been gone through and your dressing-bag has been defaced by hieroglyphics in white chalk, then the operation of bed-making in the wagon-lits commences.

As a rule these vacant compartments are to be had by tipping the dirty official in charge of them and thus, perhaps, for 25 shillings apiece two people can secure the mitigation of misery we have described.

As a matter of fact electricity when it shall become thoroughly subjugated to man's will, will render possible the accomplishment of things that are now but mere fanciful dreams.

Modern invention has opened up the possibility of electric motors to do the work of the "cannon ball" trains that are now the wonder of the time.

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ANOTHER FAMILY OUT OF TROUBLE AND A RESULT HAPPY.

Such a remark as this will always draw the attention of every good thinking man or woman. We all desire to be out of trouble and happy, and when we read as above, our hearts join in congratulations.

The prolongation of human life, the restoration of decayed functions to their normal activity by electricity, even when suggested as a remote possibility, rouse and chain the attention.

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Bright's Disease Cured.

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