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"EMASCULATED" DRINKS.

THE MEDICAL RECORD, one of the standard publications of the medical profession, editorially ridicules the effort now being made everywhere to substitute "emasculated" popular drinks for real coffee, wine, beer, etc.

Coming from such a source the following statement is important as well as interesting:

That there is room for the use of stimulants, whether alcoholic beverages, coffee, or tobacco, that have been reduced in strength is probably true; gradual omission of such substances must often be carried out with sick persons, and the artificially weakened products may then answer a real need. That it is wrong to carry on any crusades against excessive use of stimulants, or any use of them whatever by young people, by means of unwarranted declarations of the amount of harm caused by them, is equally true. The medical profession, especially, must be careful in landing its support to any such crusade; it may find itself either responsible for statements for which there is no foundation in facts of medical science, or quoted in support of this or that commercial product of the kind that Harnack classifies among the "emasculated" stimulants. The whole question of the crusade for the substitution of these products for wine, coffee and tobacco forcibly reminds us of a passage in an essay of Prof. William James of Harvard. He had for the first time visited the model community of Chautauqua and was deeply impressed with the approach to the ideal of civilized life that he found there, and for a few days it seemed to him as if the great world outside was but a scene of meaningless strife and danger, the return to which after the ideal life of Chautauqua would be a real hardship. But the moment his train left that town he felt the immense relief of having once more entered life that carried with it risks and dangers and temptations, the daily battle with which constituted the real significance of living. The artificial community where ice cream soda was the most intoxicating drink and a debate about music the only safety valve for anger lacked the very elements that made life worth living.

The inference is that one of the leading medical authorities looks on abstinence as absurd, cranky, and calculated to take away one of the justifiable pleasures of life as well as promoters of good health.

Is this the deliberate judgment of the medical world? Are wine, beer and coffee, undiluted and "unemasculated" proper and necessary foods as well as proper and necessary stimulants? If the Medical Record speaks by the card then a large part of the temperance crusade is without warrant. If it is not justified then some authoritative statement should be made in the name of medicine.

POWERS OF CONGRESS.

JUST AT THIS TIME there is a wordy warfare going on at Washington as to the powers of Congress and those of the President, in the matter of demanding information and documents and other testimony from the great departments of government; where the right begins and ends for each, and both? If the best brains of the country (presumably the best, at any rate), assembled at Washington, in Congress and Cabinet, with all law, precedents and tradition, at their very hands, and tongues ends, must needs row over this thing, what can we simple

WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

GOOD EVENING.

He who cannot forgive others breaks the bridge over which he must pass himself, for we all need to be forgiven. LORD HERBERT.

She Paints.

A pretty maiden is Miss J., With cheeks to charm the hermit And yet, alas, some people say She paints.

It is not very widely known, Though oft some friend of hers acquaints Some other, in informing tone, She paints.

A, no, I do not keep aloof— Her charm no whit this habit taints— Although I have conclusive proof She paints.

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Before which all denial faints— O, yes, they're pictures! That is all She paints.

The boy who received a toy pistol or an air rifle this year should exercise additional care because Christmas fell on a Friday.

A contemporary makes much ado over the fact that men are taught to cook in Norway. Still, that's better than teaching men to growl at the cook in this country.

Goldwin Smith is one of the wisest old men in the world. But we're laying a hundred to one that he doesn't know why it is that women become red-nosed from weeping when they attend weddings.

That nature student who recently dubbed the lynx the softest footed of all living creatures never watched, with one half-opened eye, while his wife tiptoed into his room and proceeded to frisk his clothes.

The woman whose too critical brute of a husband accuses her of having an unscrubbed neck always tells him that the suspiciously dark spots he points out come from "dye off her waist" or off the collar of her coat—so there now, you miserable thing!

Our small boy Arthur had long believed a baby in the family was desirable since most of his playmates came from homes provided with this adjunct. In good time his mother told him confidentially that his long expressed wish would probably be gratified. The news was too good to keep and Arthur was proudly boasting to his chum—"but when are you going to have it" demanded the friend. "Oh! I don't know, before long I guess," answered Arthur. "Humph!" replied the other. "What's the use of waiting, what good is a baby if you can't have it when you want it? Why don't you get it right away?"—"Well, you see it's this way," explained Arthur driven to his wits end. "We've ordered the baby but we haven't paid for it yet."

people do to mitigate the confusion or relieve the uproar?

The question is not a new one, however. It arises every time there is a clash of any sort between either house and the President's office; it has been settled, times without number, but it always looms big and suggestive, and lends its impetus to the ardor and interest of the hour; and no matter how it closes, it is always satisfactory to those within its effect and operation, howsoever, it is decided. The constitutional exegesis usually controls at last, and the blessed old document takes on an added blessing at the hands of the people it serves so surely.

We like Mr. Roosevelt immensely, but we have no desire to see him led away by his popularity and successes; we want him to yield to the Senate and House every atom of right and dignity that belongs to them and do by these men as he expects to be done by in all the emergencies of governmental action, aside from the necessity of granting Congress its exact right in all premises in order that it may not be handicapped at a critical moment. This is one contention that does not appeal to the country at large which is rather inclined to deprecate the conflict as superficial and dangerous. Cut it out and get down to the practicalities.

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