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THE ASTORIAN PUBLISHING CO., THE TREATING HABIT.

Various contemporaries have made comment upon the treating habit, says the Tacoma Ledger. It is a habit so bad as to be indefensible. It is not only bad, but absurd. A man goes into a saloon with intent to take a drink. He finds there a group of friends.

According to the prevailing ethics he may not take his own drink without inviting these friends to join him. Each one of the group feels it incumbent upon himself to do the honors in turn. The result is that a man who wanted one drink, and perhaps would have been no worse for it, gets half a dozen or more, and mentally, physically and in pocket is worse for the experience.

In some states there has been an attempt to legislate against this practice, but legislation will never have the slightest effect. The reform must be through the individual. No man would hesitate upon entering a haberdasher's shop, to buy all the collars he needed, and he would not feel the slightest impulse to ask his friends whom he might find present to take a collar with him. The rule to apply is the plain rule of commonsense. Abolish the treating habit and there would be far less drinking, and there would be fewer exhibitions of men with more liquor in them than they could carry with grace and ease.

To take a drink at a bar and refrain from asking all observers to join is a test of courage. The man who goes it is likely to be called stingy, but far better to be called this than to waste money, time and health in an endeavor to be a good fellow, for the sort of good fellowship thus established is wholly without stability, and, while it lasts, is valueless. If a man desires to take a drink and has the price, the affair is in large measure his own. It is an imposition to expect him to buy a drink for somebody else, or to accept the drink tendered by somebody else. Through treating there are drunkards made and extravagant practices established. Often the man solicited would rather be excused, but feels that to do so would be a violation of courtesy. A far nicer courtesy would be in refraining from asking him to drink.

ROT AND NONSENSE.

The supplements of the Sunday papers simply reek with rot and nonsense. The space writers have gone daffy in their nervous excitement of trying to find something new. Invention, which is legitimate, has been succeeded by bughouse imagery. Particularly is this true in the "woman's page."

One of Sunday's Seattle papers contained half-tone pictures of a woman being lulled to sleep and cured of the blues by having a mandarin picked at her left ear. A column or so of explanatory type accompanied it. Sunday after Sunday the "woman's page."

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glares with some such serious nonsense. The delineation of ankles and still higher portions of the female figure, with broad descriptions of lingerie, all of which might look well in a medical journal, fill page after page.

Still worse is the page or so of European scandal—divorce, elopements, gambling episodes, royal drunks, risqué imperial dukes, etc., etc., all interesting to a real student of history, perhaps, but simply outrageous reading for immature and unstable minds.

Don't forget, either, the weekly budget from New York, where the vulgarities of the "409" are made to equal if possible the European examples it seeks to emulate.

And children's pages—mostly slop, the prime topic just now seeming to be foolishly incredible tales of distorted animals whose very existence any child sees to be a physiological impossibility, but which, nevertheless, are, with big Sunday dinners, filling the land with nightmares and mental distempers.

With so many good things in this big, busy world to write about why don't the Sunday supplements get better?—Everett Record.

TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE.

An exchange tells of the excellent results obtained in manual training in an English school, the plan being at school garden. The plan provided each pupil of proper age with a garden patch 30 feet long and nine feet wide. Three feet at one end of each patch was devoted to flowers and an equal space at the other end given to bush fruits; the remainder was planted with vegetables. In the first year of the experiment the loss to the school was about \$12 an acre, but the work was continued and with the training of the children better results were obtained, so that last year the school made a profit of about \$220 an acre. The report adds: "Before the gardens were formed the site produced not a shilling's worth of food for man or beast. It was an uncultivated gravel bed many feet in depth, known from time immemorial as Hungry Hill."

Exercise is conducive to health and growth. Think for yourself, rightly if you can, but think. If you form wrong conclusions today your thoughts will lead you to discard them tomorrow. Exercise the mind by thinking, and your mind will grow and brighten.

A good lady once remarked to Dr. Adams, the celebrated divine, that his sermons were a little too long. "Ah, sister," he said, "I'm afraid you don't like the sincere milk of the word." "Yes, I do," said she, "but you know the fashion now is condensed milk."

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