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LIQUOR THE NEXT ISSUE.

We firmly believe that inside of twelve years the liquor question will be the issue in the presidential campaign. We do not believe it will come through the Prohibition party, either, but that one or the other of the old parties, most likely the Republicans, will take it up and force it to the front. Even now the question is causing considerable comment in places where it has generally been ignored, and in our exchanges we note occasionally a sentiment hardly recognized by those who give it ex- Co.'s steamers and make the round pression, bearing out the assertion trip to Portland. When you come we have made. The question is one as old almost as the race. We can follow it back to Lot's time, or further, and the pages of profane history are filled with it. Bacchus with his champagne drunks, and Silenus paralyzed on stale beer, or stronger alcoholic mixtures, are examples taken from the Grecian mythology, while every nation of which we have a history has something concerning those who liked a swig at the old demijohn. The sacred volumes of every religion propound against it; the Bible, the Alcoran, the Zendevestas, all point to liquor as an injury to the race. But in spite of this, man will have it.

With the Mohammedan it is made a crime to drink wine, punished by being prevented entering into Paradise; yet your noble Turk is a genuine lusher. The blue laws of Maine absolutely prohibit its sale; but it can be found in perhaps not every hotel, but certainly plentifully enough, Sweden and North Carolina have tried going into the business; but that does not stop it.

The general custom has been, and is, to license it, and thus gain a revenue for allowing to be carried on ity of glass, for he turned the box over openly what it cannot prevent pri- and over, and at last came to the convately. The teachings of religion are against its use, but on the other it and dragged out the dwarf more dead hand, the poet apotheosizes it as the than alive from the shaking he had reavatar of Pleasure. "Fill high the less full of expedients how to further bowl with Samian wine," sings By- punish Zeitung, but the stationmaster ron. "Man being reasonable must solved the problem by having him arrested for trying to swindle the railget drunk; the best of life is but intoxication," sings another bard, and The dwarf's defense was that he was the great mass of the populace take kindly to poetry in this case.

The Prohibitionist wants the use of liquor stopped, but he is small in number, even though strong in faith. Opposed to him is the greater masses, who object to the abuse, but not the use. These show faith, but little wisdom, for if the abuse could by any means be dissevered from the use, there would be no liquor question.

In just what shape it is to be brought before the people as a political question cannot be foretold, but as an observer of the signs of the times, we predict that it will be so brought forward. Anent all this discussion, we heard a gentleman the other day discussing this very ques tion. We might add that he is not a Prohibitionist, and his idea was certainly unique. He thinks the is sue will come in the shape of taking the internal revenue off the manufacture of alcohol, and the doing away with license of all kinds. This would put whiskey in the market at from ten to twenty cents per gallon, and in our triend's opinion, it would then be so cheap that no one would drink it. Beer would also be very cheap and would drive out all other stimulants, and at the same time fall into disuse itself.

We do not pretend to say what effect any law may have on the question, but we do insist that it is to be the next political issue, All such laws as we have made, all such laws as any civilized country has ever

stopping the liquor traffic. Whether the generations coming are wiser than the generations past remains to be seen. In the meanwhile we might add that the present system of licenses, however unsatisfactory it may be, is about the best so far devised.

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According to Zeitung, the journey was an uninteresting one and without incident, but when he got to the Spanish capital his troubles began. The Madrid stationmaster evidently had a poor knowledge as to the fragil clusion that its contents ought to be investigated. His aids, therefore, opened ceived. It would have puzzled a man

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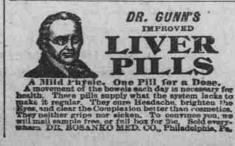
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