

ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.

Per Capita Consumption by the Civilized Nations of the World. The comparison of the comparative consumption of alcoholic liquor by the civilized nations of the world is a curious study. It shows that no differences of temperature seem greatly to influence it...

Table with 3 columns: Country, Spirits, Wine, Beer. Rows include Canada, Norway, United States, Great Britain and Ireland, Austria-Hungary, France, Russia, Sweden, German Zollverein, Belgium, Switzerland, Netherlands, Denmark.

The wine consumption of Russia has never been accurately estimated, but it is probably not much less than that of Germany. This estimate is given in litres, a litre being a little over one quart of our measure.

HOW TO DEHORN.

The Operation Described by Its Most Enthusiastic Apostle. To secure the head of a steer before dehorning, I used to use a stanchion, but I now use a chute, and my new 'jewel'...

—Many a weary youth, sitting in his solitary room at midnight and driving a big needle through a button with the back of his jack-knife, is wondering whether he will be doing his own sewing in 1889.

RELIGIOUS AND EDUCATIONAL.

—Sarcasm is the natural language of the devil.—Carlyle. —All I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all that I have not seen.—Emerson. —Sunday is the golden clasp that binds together the volume of the week.—Longfellow.

—After reading the doctrines of Plato, Socrates or Aristotle, we feel that the specific difference between their words and Christ's is the difference between an Inquiry and a Revelation.—Dr. Joseph Parker. —At school, improvement depends far less upon length of tasks and hours of application than is supposed.

—Every temptation that is resisted, every noble aspiration that is encouraged, every sinful thought that is repressed, every bitter word that is withheld, adds its little item to the impetus of that great movement which is bearing humanity onwards towards a richer life and higher character.—Fiske.

—In my opinion there are many truths it is not worth while to know. If we had a dozen centuries of life allowed us we might perhaps be pardoned for spending a little time on such curious trifles; but with the small pitance of life we have it would be ill husbandry to spend a considerable part of it in what makes neither a quick nor sure return.—John Wesley.

WIT AND WISDOM.

—Yo' kin fin' a' mos' any 'scuse in de law of yo' kin pay fo' de search.—Judge. —Good manners is the art of making those people easy with whom we converse.—Swift. —Self-control lies at the foundation of character. He that does not control himself must be controlled by others.

—Nothing flatters a man so much as the happiness of his wife; he is always proud of himself as the source of it.—Johnson. —It is always good to know, if only in passing, a charming human being; it refreshes one like flowers, and woods, and clear brooks.

—There is considerable dormant genius that ought never to be awakened, if the comfort of others is to be taken into consideration. —A ten-cent box of shoe blacking will go farther than a \$100 scarf pin toward making a fellow appear a gentleman.—Springfield Union. —If you want to have a man for a friend, never get the ill-will of his wife. Public opinion is made up of the average prejudices of womankind.

THE LITERARY FOCUS.

An Element of Great Importance to Ambitious Young Writers. One man writes to see his name in print, another for money, another for fame or to do good. The professional comes to write that he may command a more abundant and more lucrative market through a larger and better fame.

He who seeks money first, will get little, unless he accidentally develops a unique genius, while he who seeks fame regardless of monetary considerations, will win neither fame nor money. The amateur should patiently seek to know where his writing will be in demand.

To such aspirants I would say, do not write expecting early fame, do not write merely for money, but write because you can say something that some body really wants to read. If you were trying to be an orator you would soon learn that it was useless to persist in talking unless people wanted to hear you.

When a writer says that he lacks the necessary influence to get into print, he shows an unfortunate literary disposition. A literary audience, secured through 'influence' is hardly worth the having at any price, certainly not at so great a price as the humility required to obtain it.

Editors are ravenously hungry for every word, idea, sign of an idea that is focused for them. With five hundred articles all good, that he wishes to publish, some of them from really great writers, many of them having lain until he dreads to hear from the author, the editor claps his hands with delight and rushes to the composing-room rapturously to hasten into type an article from an unknown writer that is focused just right for his columns at the time.

There is no writer who has any thing to say that is worth saying, and who knows how to say it, who can not find a profitable market for every valuable thought, well put, if only he will develop the tact to focus it.—Writer.

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