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## VOOD ALCOHOL

A New York saloonkeeper is accused of causing the death of eight men by selling them whisky mixed wit wood alcohol. Employes testified that he had been ac customed to buying the stuff in five-gallon lots and using it to mal
There seemed to be a good demand for it. This whisky produced the immediate effect for which whisky is intended, quiekly and surely. But it more than intoxicates It poisoned the droid , caws how many cases, it kille ness;
them.

The incident serves as another warning of the inminent danger from wood alcohol, a danger which i probably greater in dry communities than wet ones, an country comes under prohifition rule
There is astonishingly little recognition of the evil that lurks in this long-known and much-used commercia product. Most people utterly fail to realize that wood al cohol and grain alcohol, though almost the same sub stance, smell, taste and general behavior, have very dif ferent effeets when taken into the human system.

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& \text { The body rather easily throws off a reasonable } \\
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$$ amount of ordinary grain or ethyl alconol which is the in toxicating basis of alcoholic beverages in general. The body cannot endure wood or methyl alcohol. It is a powerful poison. It acts with special force on the optic nerve Very small quantities of it, drumk or brought into contact with the eye, or even inhaled, or reaching the ey in form of fumes, may produce partial or temporary blindness, Continued exposure or a large dose at one

fine may produce immediate and total blindness, and tine may prodi
possibly death.

Igoorsnt people often mix the stuff to make intoxi pating drinks beccuse it is severy community should be warned against it

## RIPPUING RHYMES

## By Watt Mason

JUNETTME
How beautiful this old world is, along about thi time of year! 1 look around and cry, "Gee whiz! makes me glad just to be here! I would not give a picay-
une for one who lets the teardrop leak; these are the une for one who lets the teardrop leak; these are the
famous days of June, of which the well known poets famous days of June, of which the well known poets
spenk." In all the ages bards have spieled about this sea son's joys and charas, have sung the liles of the field and handed nosegays to the farms. Inspired by June
the poct sfuirus, and, tike the gromindhog, leave his hole and chants a lay in ringing terms, with all the fervor o hits soul. And though we pelt the hard with bricks, cates we're diown on odes snd things, he voices thoughts that we poor hicks can't give expression, when he sings
In June we all would poet be, if we knew how to handile In June we arl would poet be, , we knew how to handere
lyres: the brooks, the woods, the flowery lea, all serve to light poetic fires, Emotions strange our bosoms he sunlit hill, the zephyr singing through the gen. W ike to voice the thoughts that throng, about ine land seape and the skies, we strive to plan a noble song, and


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## SAVED AT LAST

The peace sentement drags. There is war still in many parts of the weary, blood-spent world. Radieal-
ism is rampant and aggressive. Statesmen are at odds and politicians are wrestling every issue to the purposes of partisanship. Times are rathier dull in America and auch worse elsewhere. Prices are generally high. Old
vain. But cheer up! They need not elamor much longer. But cheer up! They need not elamor much longer. the veice of salvation. It is the voice of the commencement orator, uttering Solomonian wisdom from
trum of every high schol and college in the land.

There are oecasional squawks of falsetts, but
eral effect is a deep roar, rushing from hidden caverns of knowledge and judgment. The orators' nerves many tingle, their hearts may pound at a rate that would be dangerous if their arteries were less elastic, their knees
may shake a bit inside their freshly pressed trousers; but on the whole the oratorical symphony brings whelming confidence and clear illumination. The grad-
uate lays his--or her-hand firmly on the pulse of the perturbed wort

And really in view of the mess the adalt world hes made of itelfe it might not be such a bad idea int to sit mack and give the young statesman a chance.

AMERICAN WAYS FOR FRENCH FACTORIES
The French manufacturers are coming to this coun shortly to study factory methods.
So many of their factories have been destroyed that complete revolution in their old ways will be required
France is to provide sufficient clothing for her own needs and to compete at all in world markets.
The French have great facility in beauty of design and fine workmanship, but most of their work has been done on rather a smal scale, and seldom in quantity pro-
duction. If they can combine American efficiency with heir artistry, they should become formidable competi-
French garments, especially those for women's wear, cannot be made in quantity, for their individuality is what commands the markets. But without doubt in many nes the introduction of modern factory methods by French ma
finances.
In the meantime, America, with profit to her indus nies, can learn more from France about artistic design, $y$ will compensate to some small dogree the losses it has caused.

Congress was eternally nagging Postmaster Burleon because he maintained his control of the telephone and eeegraphi mes until he announced his intention to n and prevented him from doing it . Just like congress

A very prominent union labor leader in Arizona has leclared for probibition. This is significent in that most of us always believed that water was so precious in that country that nobody would have the temerity to sug
that it might be available for quenching the thirst.

When it is really over, over there, we ought to hav peace conference in this country, say at Paris, Ill. Versailles, Ind, between the republicans and democrat
o see if they couldn't agree on a reconstruction program.

The telephone operators didn't strike after all. It ould have to be a very serious grievance indeed that ould cause a women to voluntarily stop talking.
The supreme court members are only human after all. They are just as badly
tangle as the rest of us.

Strike and the world strikes with you; work and yo work alone.

THE PROMOTER'S WIFE BY JANE PHELPS



