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LIBEIG AND BEER.

A newspaper correspondent reports an interview with the late Baron Libeig at St. Louis upon the important subject of beer. Here is the Baron's statement:

"Beer," said the Baron, "is better than water."

The Baron, it will be observed, has found that beer is better than water in the great headway even in wine districts—for instance in Stuttgart. As a nourishment, beer takes a very subordinate place, not higher, indeed, than potatoes, and we find that in Germany, where the greatest quantity of beer is consumed, does not have the secret native may be, but have no secret of preparing the way for the settlement and development of all of that is fit to inhabit.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
SALT LAKE CITY.

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Editor's Deseret News.

On a legal opinion relating to the comparative qualifications of the Territory, which led me to examine the constitutionality of an Act of the Governor of the Territory, A. Sabin, in Relation to the same, I am of the opinion of the 6th annual session, p. 16, which reads as follows:

"The Indianapolis Journal does not accept the Baron's opinion, but says it is utterly ridiculous; that of course beer is less hurtful than brandy because weaker, and less stimulating; that it is less likely for Lagers or anybody else to advocate drinking on the ground that it is even subordinately nourishing; that there is more real nourishment in a crust of bread as big as a walnut than in half a pint of beer; that it is not true that men must have stimulants of some sort; that the opinion of all scientists is that stimulants of all sorts habitually used are injurious; that they are simply a means of dissipating a man's future strength, both mental and physical, enabling him to make time drafts, which must be paid with big interest; that the appetite for stimulants, including all kinds of liquors, beer, wine, opium, tobacco, is not a natural but a morbid appetite; that no child ever craves them, nor a healthy man, unless long habit has created an unnatural taste for them; that when a healthy man is tired he craves sleep, and when hungry something natural and good to eat; that the craving for artificial stimulants of any kind is animal, animal, and morbid; that if men like these things, they should say so and use them openly, but not try to prove that the appetite for them is natural and healthy.

The Journal is rather rough on the great chemist, for in addition to his great analytical experience was he not a German? And to think of depriving a German of his birth or what is almost, as bad, of his scientific and sober reasons for stopping it is a very bold thing. Nevertheless, there is much truth in the structures of the Journal, and we introduce them to our readers that they may "mark, mark, learn, and inwardly digest" them. Some men will continue to use intoxicating stimulants, regularly or irregularly, while they can be tempted. Whether desirable or not at certain times the use of intoxicants habitually it is certainly one of the worst of habits, a habit that grows and strengthens faster than many others, and that too often perverts man's taste for wine, body and spirit, and not infrequently proves his total ruin.

To some "topers," and not all of them old ones either, it is a very sore trial to pass a liquor saloon or a beer shop without entering it. If they can't get a mile from home they must, if they cannot have a glass or two before their return. Why is this? Because they have become the slaves of strong drink. They are no longer men of pure, affluent, impulsive, bold resolution, and inflexible determination in the right. They have flung their manhood away, steeped their sense in the basest intemperance, admitted into their minds the idea of being down and worshipped the demon by the sparkling but treacherous bait, and they are no longer men but slaves, for it is a sign of slavery and not an indication of liberty and manhood to become subject to the appetite for strong drink or even of tobacco. Far greater is he who is proof against the subtle influences of smoking and drinking, and who can hold strong drink and tobacco at arm's length uncompromisingly, than he who succumbs to either. Of the two, total abstinence is undoubtedly preferable to hurtful indulgence.

Youth, when the mind and body are comparatively plastic, is the time to form good habits. Such golden opportunity does not recur in later life. This also may we say, for the encouragement of those who strive to retain their manhood, that good habits as well as bad strengthen in all things so fortifies a man that he eventually becomes armed at all points and proof against gross indigencies and vicious temptations, morbid or abnormal appetites are strangers to him, and it is as easy to him to pass by the intoxicating draught or the stupefying pipe or cigar as it is to eat good food when he is hungry, or to reject it when he is satiated.

The power in a man to resist insidious indulgences is the power of the most precious mind. It is invaluable in every respect. It endows him with the nobility of human nature, crowns him as a king among man's wonders. The trustworthy and honorable, and we may say incorruptible in character, of priceless value morally, and it would be worth thousands of dollars financially to most people and millions to some. Yet it is a power easily acquired, much easier than many people suppose. Victory does not weaken, but strengthens that power, and the measure of physical and moral attainment that accompanies it stimulates and exerts cannot easily be understood by those who are slaves to vicious habits.

THE APACHE IN THE New York Journal of Commerce speaks of the Apaches and certain Utah Indians as follows:

The true Apaches are the most interesting Indians in the world. They are born to be savages, and it would be the most wonderful thing in the history of Bright's Young could bring these human tigers into the sun and comfortableness of his church, and they remain there peaceful and good, and no doubt the world would be a better place for it.

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