

## SCENE IN A SODA SHOP

We have no hesitancy in stating that among the able-bodied male adults of this city the very common beverage known as "soda water," and which is dealt out so unsparingly at every corner during the heated term, is considered, to use their own language, a "thin drink." But if this ingenious mixture of wind and water is termed "thin," strong liquors, such as whiskies, are altogether too "thick" for a steady warm weather drink, and to the imbiber who must moisten his throat with some liquid refreshment seeks a pleasant combination of the two classes of drink, which forms a happy combination that exhilarates yet is not intoxicating. It is customary among these bibulous go-betweeners to enter a drug store, call for soda water, name their syrup, at the same time giving a wink to the dispenser of the "slush" who takes the goblet, in which he places the syrup, then stoops down behind the counter or retires to a back room, where by some mysterious chemical change, the contents are colored darkly, and the soda is then left upon the mixture, which is handed to the customer with a wink from the clerk. So much for the process; now for the sequel.

Saturday a venerable gentleman from the country, who is a respectable church deacon, a member of the Peace Society, and of the "Band of Hope," and a Good Templar in his native village, came to this city to trade a little in dry goods and purchase such agricultural implements as he needed to plant and cultivate his spring crops. The deacon is strictly temperate, and never looks upon the wine when it is red any more than he does when it is a colorless liquid. Unfortunately our old friend had suffered from ophthalmia in his early days, which left him with an optical peculiarity which caused him to see things as they dropped every few seconds, and to those not familiar with his infirmity gave him the appearance of blinking intentionally.

The "deacon" hesitatingly drank of soda water and such light beverages. He loves to feel the gaseous compound coursing down his throat and creating internal commotions and typhoons that, however endurable by older persons, throw babies into agony, and require prompt doses of peppermint; so Saturday, after he had bought a few shovels, and a Dolly Varden for his wife, he thought he would fill up with soda water and drive on towards home. He entered a drug store, inquired the price of the desired refreshment, then deposited his scrip and awaited his mixture.

"What syrup do you want?" said the urbane clerk, as he mopped off the marble counter with the same towel he used a moment before to remove the honest sweat from his brow.

"Oh, give me asparagilly," that is about as healthy as anything, I guess." Here the deacon's eyelids went back on him and he dropped quickly.

"All right," returned the urbane tender as he disappeared beneath the counter and came up a moment later with the drinking glass containing about three fingers of "asparagilly" which he added to the other ingredients, and handed it to the deacon.

The latter drained the contents to the very dregs, then he took a few shovels, and his mouth, smacked his lips and said, "That asparagilly is a little stronger than they generally make it, but my blood is out of order, and I guess I'll take another glass." At the same time his eyelids fluttered meaningfully as before.

The dose was repeated, and the soda water bibber left the store. About half an hour later he entered another establishment where he had bought a "Soda and Mineral Water on draught."

It was noticed that the deacon walked as if he had the spring water in his head; he had used too much syrup in his soda water at the other store, or else he was "bilious." His optical weakness exhibited itself as he peeped at the clerk, and then returning filled up the glass with plain "Congress" and gave it to our now "digitally slight" friend, who swallowed it without a murmur.

How many "doses" the deacon stored away before he left the city we are unable to say, but he was found somewhat late in the day, sitting in his wagon, with a pillow for a pillow, and several yards of Dolly Varden calico gracefully draped about his person for a covering. He revived sufficiently to inform a stranger that he had been "drugged," and a subsequent visit to the localities where he had taken soda water developed the fact that his unfortunate habit of drinking was the cause of all his trouble. The soda water dispenser supposed him to be "one of the boys," and every time his eyelid dropped took the hint. The deacon escaped the "lim-jams," but says hereafter he will wear a blindfold over his eyes, when he purchases summer drinks, or else write his order on a slate.—Cleveland Leader.

CRIPPLE FACTORIES.—The police of London lately unearthed a den in which a business was carried on more atrocious than imagination can conceive, and which one, even with evidence adduced, can hardly believe possibly to exist. The place was devoted to the manufacture of cripples—children of tender age and babes, even, being taken there to have their limbs twisted out of shape, their feet gnarled and distorted, their eyes put out, or to be so mangled or maimed in other ways as to attract attention and sympathy from the almsgiving public. The majority of these children were taken,—"adopted" by—alms-houses or very poor families, while others were undoubtedly stolen. The scale of prices for maiming varied according to age, the cost of twisting the legs of a baby under a year old cost about two dollars, while for a child of three or four years being only seven dollars, a variety of other injuries being thrown in for ten dollars. The children were then taken to the streets, where they were carried off by the "cripple factories."

FRUIT growing in Colorado is an accomplished fact. On J. W. Bowler's place on the west side of the Platte, beyond Littleton, there are two apple trees, of three or four years' growth, an area each of about three yards square, each of which has a bushel or more apples hanging on the branches. The apples will now average one inch in diameter. Year by year the trees are increasing in length. On S. W. Brown's place, near Littleton, are some peach and cherry trees, two or three years old, which are covered with blossoms. It is expected that collections of apples, peaches, and grapes, from orchards in our vicinity, will be on exhibition at our agricultural fair in September.—Denver News.

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Arrive at Draper 8.30 a. m. and 5 p. m.

Leave Draper 9 a. m. and 5.30 p. m.

Sandy 9.15 a. m. and 6.10 p. m.

Arrive at Salt Lake 10.30 a. m. and 7 p. m.

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