Soda Water.

The drinking of, so-called, soda-water is becoming more and more general. There are nearly seven thousand fountains in Boston alone. They are found not only in drug stores, but in restaurants, bar-rooms, confectionery stores, and retail merchant establishments. One house in the city has a fountain which costs between five and six thousand dollars!

All are familiar with the effervescence and foam that attend the mixing in water of carbonate of soda and tartaric acid. As the term "soda" is applied both to the fountain and to the drink issuing from it, one naturally suppose that there is soda in the foaming fluid he is taking.

It is not so, however. The water is charged with carbonic acid, and is flavored and sweetened with some one of the various syrups. The carbonic-acid gas is forced into the water with a pressure of 180 pounds to the square inch, and it is the escape of this gas when the faucet is turned and the water flows into the tumbler that causes the foaming.

The gas was formerly obtained from carbonate of soda, and hence the present name, which still clings to it; but it is now obtained from marble, which is a carbonate of lime. Marble is simply lime and carbonic acid chemically combined. The union is a week one. Sulphuric acid has a much stronger infinity for the lime than the carbonic acid has, and upon being poured on powdered marble, releases the carbonic acid, which is then absorbed by the water. It makes no difference with the drink whether the carbonic acid is obtained from soda or from marble, since nothing but the acid passes into the water.

In and in the neighborhood of large cities the sellers of soda-water do not charge their own fountains. It is done for them at large central establishments.

The question has been put to us if soda-water is wholesome. Almost any sophisticated drink is pleasant in Summer, and it often meets a real need of the system. Probably carbonated water is as wholesome as any.

We should advise less of the syrup than is commonly taken, partly because it is not apt to be pure, and partly because, even if pure, it is not very good for the stomach. "Plain soda" is better than soda with syrup, and, after a little time, quite as pleasant as that.

We believe that care is taken to have the water pure, and to keep the apparatus free from corrosive matter, and when this done no harm is likely to result from a moderate resort to the fountain.—*Companion.*

A New Boot-Making System.

A new system of boot-making has been perfected in which the method of securing the soles, uppers, and insoles together is the exact reverse of the ordinary wholesale system. In the latter the uppers are attached to the insoles by small tacks, the points of which in time protrude into the wearer's foot, besides which their use is accompanied by other disadvantages. The sole is then scored or channeled round to receive the stitching, by which it is of course weakened and its water-resisting power greatly reduced. In the "Ab Intra" system the tacks are deftly put into the insole by a handy machine, the flat heads of the nails being left with the surface of the insole and toward the wearer's foot. The insole is then placed on the last with the point upward, and the upper is pulled over them and made fast by means of a hollow tool with which the operator presses down the leather over the point of each nail. The sole is then placed over the protruding points of the nails and hammered down, a few smart blows serving to secure the sole to the upper and insole. So perfectly are the three united that it requires tools and great force to separate them. The secret of this great cohesive power lies in the form of the nail, which has a shoulder near its point and in sections resembles an open harpoon. Hence, when driven into leather, the latter closes over the shoulder of the nail and defies all but the most severe efforts to extract it. After the sole has been secured the boot is finished in the usual way, the time occupied in fixing the sole being about half that required in the ordinary machine-boot process. The value of the system is strongly attested by practical boot manufacturers, and it appears likely to effect a marked change in the condition of the wholesale boot manufacturing trade.—*London Times.*

The Hurricane Geyser.

The most wonderful of all the wonders at the Norris Basin, Yellowstone Park, is known as the hurricane Geyser. It is a recent outbreak, scarcely a year old. The crater is about twenty by thirty feet and is enclosed by a solid wall of rock, about ten feet in depth, to the surface of the water, and no one can tell how far below this rocky inclosure extends. Several days ago we could sit on the north end of this solid rib and watch the torrid waves rush down the inclosure, strike the wall beneath our feet and sink into the earth, to reappear at the upper end with undiminished force. Now, eight days later, we find that the water in the flood shoots out over the wall where we formerly sat. August Kelly, who has been the only resident of this basin during the winter, informs me that he noticed marked changes in the quantity of water discharging and the energy displayed at this basin after the earthquakes of December 9, 1886. The Hurricane presents the appearance of a revolving liquid globe. There is a huge bowlder in the center of the quadrangular crater which the water rushes with such force as to give it the appearance of an immense wheel in perpetual motion. The intense heat may be realized, in a measure, when it is stated that the rocks ten feet from the edge are so hot that the naked hand can only be held on them for an instant. The water is turbid and bears evidence of the fact that the subterranean chambers are being enlarged. They are evidently absorbing the material that has been discharged as other geysers. The Monarch Geyser, formerly the greatest of this basin, is now a second-class geyser of very irregular habits. Visitors sit by it for hours and often leave without witnessing an eruption. But the Hurricane, like the Black Warrior of the Khony Basin, never rests, and consequently never disappoints the wonder seeker.—*Pioneer Press.*

WARREN WAFFLES.

The successful guesser on the store at Beebe and Osborn's was Mr. Herrington, the weight being 284 pounds.

The Christmas tree at the M. E. church passed off finely, there being a large crowd present and a large number of valuable presents.

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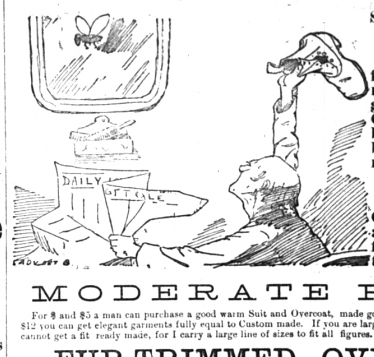

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Oct. 26th, 1887. Nov2Dec23

Probate Order.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, } ss. At a session
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, }

of the Probate court for the County of Oakland, holden at the probate office in the city of Pontiac, on Saturday, the 26th day of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven. Present, Lucius E. Patterson, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of Erastus Beebe, deceased. On application of George H. Wright, the administrator with the will annexed, praying for a allowance of his final account and the settlement of the estate. It is ordered that Thursday, the 29th day of December, 1887, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said application, and that the heirs at law of said deceased and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said court, to be holden at the probate office, in the city of Pontiac, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the applicant should not be granted: and it is further ordered that said applicant give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said application and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county of Oakland, three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing.

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CLOAKS, DRESS GOODS, CARPETS, OIL CLOTHS, DRY GOODS.

DECEMBER 26, 1887.

The extraordinary weather continuing till now, seems to have driven many persons nearly frantic in their futile endeavors to get rid of winter and holiday goods. We are come to the conclusion that the weather has but little to do with it. People usually buy goods when they get ready. The ceaseless din of "cost" cried by so many never yet filled a store or caused a permanent success. It is long since played out. We have never resorted to it, and never will, because we know a better plan, hence our ourselves and customers are better suited. Our store is always full of newest goods as well as people to buy them, and that being the case we always meet and discount competition, and are never undersold here or in Detroit. No matter from what quarter the opposition emanates we always undersell our opponents and intend continuing to do so. Having the largest stock of Dry Goods in Oakland County, both upstairs and down, we are prepared to back up every word we say as to both stock and prices, which we will convince any person who may call upon us.

Our holiday trade is now upon us in all its exhilarating push and bustle. All are cordially invited to look us through.

JOHN POUND.

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Ladies, remember that we have double the stock of dress goods and trimmings of any other house in the city, and every week we receive the latest novelties.

The latest in Braids, Jets, Jet Sets, Cords and Rolls, Moire Silks, Moire Velvets, Plaid Velvets and Plush Silks in all the light shades.

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