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BY THEOPHILUS THOUGHTFUL.

Ho, comrades, attention! 'Twill not be in vain,
There is nothing to lose and there may be some gain.
"The saloon helps us pay our expenses," you say,
If you'll study the facts you cannot go astray.

But what are the facts about whiskey and beer?
Have you any idea how much every year,
In hard cash drops into the rumseller's till,
The extent of the damage and who foots the bill?

The census shows twelve hundred millions or more
Expended for drink in the year gone before.
From this you can reckon that each bar will pay
On an average, seventeen dollars per day.

Those high, gilded places take in much more,
While the smaller saloons cannot make such a score.
But, without being strictly exact in details,
We conclude that our bars make the average sales.

From the foregoing statements, it seems very clear
That they take from our people ten thousand a year,
And they only give one thousand back in return.
Oh, men! Can you think? Have you money to burn?

Yet you say the saloons help pay our expenses.
Is that good financiering? Is that business sense?
Wouldn't you surely think a man's brain out of wack,
Who paid ten dollars out to get one dollar back

Now my good brother merchant, say, is it no true,
That our bars are a damage, financial, to you?
Are not most of your bad debts contracted by men
Who "take a glass once in a while, now and then?"
Our saloonists don't keep any books, so they say,
They sell only to those who have spot cash to pay.
The debts for provisions can be long delayed,
But the bills for the drinks must be all promptly paid.

There is no getting round it, all efforts are vain,
The fact stands out bold and the logic is plain—
You are forced to acknowledge this statement as true,
What a man pays for whiskey he can't pay to you.

Those vast sums of money now spent at the bars
Should be given to you in exchange for your wares
If you'd throttle them both you would show yourselves wise.
For the boom in your business would be a surprise.

But I hear some one whisper quite low in your ear,
"Say, your town would be dead without whiskey and beer.
The saloon brings in custom, and makes business hum,
Without it you'd all be despondent and glum."

Yes, it makes business lively—for prisons and jails,
For constables, sheriffs and mortgagees' sales.
While it keeps our courts busy from midnight till noon,
To garner the fruits of the bar and saloon.

And this judicial garner, in truth represents
In hard cash a tremendous amount of expense.
Just abolish the bars and we'll all be content
With our taxes reduced fully sixty per cent.

These are not idle fancies, but cold cruel facts,
The dead weight is upon us, and we pay the tax.
Of the truth of these statements there can be no doubt,
And it takes our loose money, year in and year out.

If your senses are keen and your wits wide-awake,
If you're anxious to learn and are willing to take
The statements of Judges, you cannot but own
That two-thirds of the crime comes from liquor alone.

You can know if you will, for you've often been told,
Of the places where no sort of liquor is sold.
You may shut both your eyes to the light if you will,
But remember forever the light is there still.

Out in Washington State the town Garfield appears,
Which has not had a bar nor saloon in ten years
California also has one thriving town
Named Riverside, where all saloons are kept down.

Many more might be mentioned, but these will suffice
To prove that our village can conquer this vice.
By our laws every corporate town has the right,
We can soon choke them off if we'll only unite.

If you really want the saloons overthrown,
And you still are in doubt as to what should be done,
If you're truly in earnest, and wish to find out
You can write to these places and end all your doubt.

Oh men! doing business in our quiet town,
'Tis the wonders of wonders that you will sit down
And look all these facts in the face undismayed,
While you give those saloonists the cream of your trade.

Oh, you poor slaves of drink, spending money for rum,
Unfitting yourselves for duties at home.
Why wont you be men, having wills of our own?
Strike! strike for your freedom, let whiskey alone!

Do you really imagine, from your point of view,
The saloonists have any affection for you?
They can take your hard earnings with bold, brazen face,
Giving naught in return but despair and disgrace.

Rouse, Rouse you, dear comrades, awake out of sleep!
Whatsoever you sow, you will certainly reap.
Pray stop planting thorns in the path of our youth,
And take a bold stand now for justice and truth.

Lift the scales from our eyes, let your vision be plain,
And remove from your hands this detestable stain.
Then our town will arrive at prosperity's door,
A prosperity never yet dreamed of before.

PERSONAL.

The Evarts club of New York recently honored the memory of the great lawyer by a dinner.

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The notorious Li Luen Ying has started a paper in Pekin, the empress dowager being its patron.

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Gen. Frederick Funston, U. S. A., has entirely recovered from the wounds received in the Philippines.

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Israel Smith, Jr., leader of the famous Thirty-third Massachusetts regiment band, possesses a drug that was used at the battle of Bunker Hill.

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Dr. Holtz, president of the province of Holtz, will come to the United States shortly at the instance of Emperor William to make special studies.

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Mr. J. P. Morgan has a country house situated in wilds so remote that deer from the adjoining woods nibble the honeysuckles decorating its veranda.

BITS OF PHILOSOPHY.

It is well enough to be independent but not offensively so.

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You can not convince a man by heaping abuse on him.

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Often when a man demands fair play he is dissatisfied with it.

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A man answers for his own faults, and often suffers for the faults of others.

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The shifty lawyer always advises his client that he is on the right side of the controversy.

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Chickens must be kept clean, dry and warm and generously fed with nutritious food and comfortably lodged.

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The boy who keeps good poultry and studies how to carry on the business by the most approved methods will make money.

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Chickens should have some kind of green stuff for winter. Cabbage, turnips, beets of any kind, small potatoes, are all good.

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The average hen can give birth to a hundredfold more chickens in a season by the aid of the incubator than she can in the good old way.

It Saved His Leg.

P. A. Danforth of LaGrange, Ga., suffered for six months with a frightful running sore on his leg; but writes that Bucklen's Arnica Salve wholly cured it in five days. For Ulcers, Wounds, Piles, it's the best salve in the world. Cure guaranteed. Only 25c. Sold by Whitehead & Mitchell and Cobb & Cobb.

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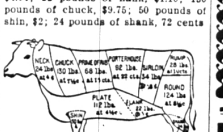
Some Statistics on Horses.

In an address recently, Secretary of Agriculture Wilson spoke of the flourishing condition of the horse business at the present time. He presented some statistics in which he showed that in 1868 the total number of horses in the country was 5,756,940, valued at $432,696,226. In 1892 the number had increased to 15,498,140, and the high-water valuation mark of $1,007,500,636 was reached. There were a million more horses in the country the next year, but their value had declined, and a decline both in number and value set in and continued until 1897, when the former was 14,364,667 and the latter only $452,647,396, showing a shrinkage in value of more than 50 per cent in five years. In fact, the value of the 14,364,396 horses in the United States in 1897 was only $20,000,000 more than the value placed upon 5,756,940 horses in 1868. From 1893 to 1897 were disastrous and discouraging days for the industry. He was discontinued from the street car service and the bicycle superseded the noble steed in many instances. In 1898 the reaction in his favor began. That year the number of horses in the country was smaller than it had been for eight years, but the value of the stock advanced to $478,362,407; the following year the value of about the same number advanced to $511,074,813, and in 1900 a smaller number by over 200,000 reached a valuation of $603,969,447, the highest point in six years. Secretary Wilson is a friend of the horse, and a firm believer in his ultimate triumph over all unfavorable circumstances. "No horseman," said he in his address "has ever lost his love for the horse. The man who has an automobile is not a man who fears and breeds and feeds horses. And so that gallant animal will be with us throughout the ages."

How the Steer Cuts Up.

We reproduce a diagram published in the last report of the Kansas State Board of Agriculture. It is of a 1,200-pound steer, and shows how a market topper retails in a first-class market. The value of this steer is figured out in detail about as follows: 68 pounds of rib, $10.88; 92 pounds of porter house, $20.24; 34 pounds of sirloin $6.12; 28 pounds of rump, $2.80; 124 pounds of round, $10.54; 24 pounds of neck, 96 cents; 112 pounds of plate, $4.04; 22 pounds of flank, $1.10; 150 pounds of chuck, $9.75; 50 pounds of shin, $2; 24 pounds of shank, 72 cents



This gives a total of $50.58 for the better cuts of meat ending with the round, and $18.57 for the poorer kinds. The lesson to be drawn from it is the profitableness of feeding and breeding in a manner designed to give the greatest proportion of high priced meat and the smallest proportion of low priced.

Will Chicagoans Eat Horse Meat?

Chicago papers have been reporting recently that a German was trying to establish in Chicago a plant for the killing and packing of horses for domestic and foreign consumption It has been predicted that he would fail in his undertaking, and it is probable that he will. At present there is a city law prohibiting this business in Chicago. Doubtless horse meat is as clean as any other kind of meat, but that is not the only thing to be considered. If the practice of selling horseflesh for food once became lawful, it is about certain that it would injure the trade now existing in beef We have had our experience with oleomargarine and filled cheese. Had they been always sold under their own names little harm would have resulted to the interests of the butter makers or the cheese makers. But they were sold as pure butter and full cream cheese. If horseflesh were always sold for horseflesh and always eaten as such, the objections to the practice of selling it would be less numerous than they are now. But we are morally certain that if the practice were permitted, horseflesh would soon be discovered being palmed off as something else, both to the local consumer and the foreign buyer. The legitimate trade would probably have one more fraud with which to contend. Moreover, it is doubtful if the horses that went to supply this trade would belong to that class known as "healthy." Healthy horses that are cheap enough to be eaten are very scarce. The few crippled spoiled and lamed horses that could be secured would hardly suffice to keep a good sized plant running. There is a certain foreign element in Chicago that might be satisfied to eat horseflesh if they could get it at a very low price. This element is not, however, sufficiently large to justify Americans in jeopardizing their immense meat trade to cater to. We think it will be a long time before Chicagoans get down to horse meat as a steady diet.

Guernsey Breeders' Association.

The Guernsey breeders of the United States held a meeting in Madison, Wisconsin, recently, and elected the following officers: President, Chas. Solveson, Nashotah, Wisconsin; vice president, J. W. Perkins, Kansas City, Missouri; second vice president, F. W. Kimball, Austin, Minnesota; third vice president, John J. Chalmers, Ann Arbor, Michigan; secretary-treasurer, Chas. L. Hill, Rosendale, Wisconsin; additional members of the executive committee W. Nichols, Trempleau, Wisconsin, M. D. Cunningham, Kansasville, Wisconsin.

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The cars are constructed on the general plan of first-class sleepers, being supplied with separate lavatories for ladies and gentlemen. Each double berth will accommodate two persons if desired, but passengers wishing the exclusive use of a berth can obtain it. The lower berths are converted into comfortable seats during the day, the upper berths being closed. They have cane or rattan seats, and are completely equipped with curtains, mattresses, blankets, sheets, pillows, pillowcases, towels, combs, brushes, and, in fact, every requisite for comfort and convenience. They have an adjustable table in each section, and are accompanied by uniform porters who are instructed to look after the wants and comforts of passengers, to see that the cars are kept in order, and make themselves generally useful. No smoking is allowed in these cars.

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FRIENDS of the ECCENTRIC are requested when they have probate business, to ask the publication of the legal notice in this paper.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, } ss. At a session
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, } of the Probate Court for the county of Oakland, held at the Probate Office, in the city of Pontiac, on the 25th day of February, in the year one thousand nine hundred and three.

Present, Joseph S. Stockwell, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of
Mary S. Park, Incompetent.

On reading and filing the petition of Ameron Whitehead, guardian of the said person and estate of said Mary S. Park, praying for license to borrow money by mortgaging the real estate of said Mary S. Park, for the purpose of maintaining said ward.

It is ordered that
Tuesday, the 24 day of April next,
at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be appointed for hearing said petition and that all persons interested in said estate appear at the time and place aforesaid, and show cause if any exist why said petition should not be granted.

And it is further ordered that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Oakland.

JOSEPH STOCKWELL,
(A true copy) mar6-mar27 Judge of Probate

STATE OF MICHIGAN, } ss. Notice is hereby
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, } given, that by an order of the Probate Court for the county of Oakland, made on the 25th day of February, A. D. 1903, six months from that date were allowed for creditors to present their claims against the estate of **Henry W. Randall,** late of said county, deceased, and that all creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said Probate Court at the Probate office, in the city of Pontiac, for examination and allowance, on or before the 25th day of August next, and that such claims will be heard before said Court, on Tuesday, the 25th day of August next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day.

Dated Feb. 25, A. D. 1903.

JOSEPH S. STOCKWELL,
mar6-apr 10 Judge of Probate.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, } ss. At a session
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, } of the Probate Court for the county of Oakland, held at the Probate office, in the city of Pontiac, on the 16 h day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and three.

Present Joseph S. Stockwell, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of
Mary S. Park, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition of **Frank J. Park,** praying for the probate of an instrument in writing, heretofore filed in this court, purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased.

It is ordered that **Monday, the 13th day of April next,** at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be appointed for proving said instrument and, it is further ordered, that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Oakland.

JOSEPH S. STOCKWELL,
[A TRUE COPY] Judge of Probate
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COMMISSIONERS' NOTICE.—In the matter of the estate of **Samuel Volney Goodwin,** deceased. The undersigned, having been appointed by the Honorable Joseph S. Stockwell Judge of Probate in and for the county of Oakland, state of Michigan, commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims against said estate, and six months from the 2nd day of February, A. D. 1903, having been allowed by said Judge of Probate to all persons holding claims against said estate, in which to present them to us for examination and adjustment, notice is hereby given that we will meet on the 6th day of March, 1903, and on the 3rd day of August 1903, at 10 o'clock a. m., of each day at the Exchange Bank, in the village of Birmingham, in said county, for the purpose of receiving and adjusting such claims.

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