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AT LOOSE ENDS

An Appeal for More Effective Prohibition Enforcement

After experimenting with the Scott act, which easily gained and held a foothold in the counties and was alternately accepted and rejected in this city, the Provincial Legislature some twenty years ago enacted a law prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Province for beverage purposes.

The law as first enacted, was imperfect, notably in the lack of adequate machinery for its enforcement and that it did not prohibit the importation of liquors, the power to control such import and export trade being vested exclusively in the federal authority.

Permitted importation has been from the first an insuperable obstacle to making successive government has been blamed for laxity in enforcing the law.

It is these reverend gentlemen to say that they earnestly sought to do their duty, although it was at once onerous and difficult and one which many persons thought they should not have undertaken to undertake in view of their constant obligations to their respective congregations.

Three years ago there came a change of government and it was followed later by the resignation of the Clerical Commission, not because of the political change, but for other obvious reasons.

How could this great obstacle to restriction of the liquor traffic be met and overcome? The federal authorities had already provided a way, it is now and has been for a good while open to any province to declare by popular vote its desire that the importation of liquors shall be prohibited.

There can be no doubt of the result of such a plebiscite if it were taken, is it not because there is no doubt that the plebiscite is not brought on and the Banner Province of Prohibition trails its colors at the rear of the procession? It looks that way.

As a result, intoxicating liquors are freely imported in bottles and cases and barrels and hogheads. Government warehouses in the heart of the city are burglarized, and thousands of pounds of rum stolen therefrom and

The Women Of Germany

A newspaper correspondent from this side of the Atlantic, where women are pretty, handsomely dressed, and nearly always trim, has been investigating the women in Germany. He has looked at them around Germany, under all sorts of traffic conditions, and he is disappointed.

Not Strong on Styles

As for styles, there is no such thing. What style there is may be supposed to be at the Summer resorts, but there it ends. Some of the skirts are short, but nearly all appear to be poorly made.

They Stay in Line

German women, like the women of every other country, step backward off trolley cars. Sometimes they walk backward down the steps of buses.

The thieves not caught, much less punished. Rum dens exist half a dozen in a block. Bootleggers ply their trade almost openly and apparently unchecked.

The cold fact is that the enforcement of the prohibitory law except so far as it serves the purposes of revenue, is at loose ends, and public opinion behind the law has grown supine and inert.

no pretence of being courtesan or duchess in disguise on a froit.

Ten in Eight Days

In Hamburg this newspaper correspondent says he saw two pretty girls on the streets in four hours. It was not until the next afternoon at four o'clock that he caught sight of another. She was at the station at Lubbeck, swinging a long, thin cane.

MY WIFE'S NEW HAT.

(London Punch.) The first mistake I made was in not recognizing for myself the fact that it was a new hat; but when my wife said, "How do you like my new hat?" I knew at once from her tone that no wife should ever have had to put such a question to any husband who was anything like what a proper husband should be.

What my wife really means—and she is quite typical; she might be anybody's wife—is for everyone to think and me to say the instant I see the thing for the first time, "By Jove! that's a wicked little hat you've got."

Daily Selections for Guardian Readers

THE CRUEL CROSS OF LIFE:

What silence we keep year after year With those who are most near to us and dear. We live beside each other day by day And speak of myriad things, but seldom say The full sweet word that lies just within our reach.

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Others' View Points

FEWER FUNNELS NOW

There are many people who can remember big liners that were square-rigged like sailing ships, suggesting that their owners were not going to put too much reliance in steam. They were quaint looking craft.

What will it cost?

She rigs a pole-mast above the ordinary mast, a stanchion highly stayed and set a-slant. It makes her masts seemingly taller but it is merely an illusion. The tramp's masts are really quite stumpy today.—London Chronicle

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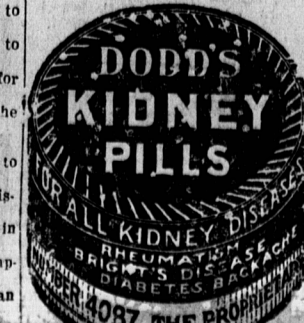
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