

Stimulants as Retarding Digestion.

A correspondent writes:—"The extended consumption of one or the other of this class of substance points to the existence of some beneficial effect to be derived therefrom, although what this consisted in it has been difficult to say, judging otherwise than subjectively. Sir William Roberts, of Manchester, has lately suggested an ingenious hypothesis, which offers a plausible explanation of their use. Man, in a state of nature, would derive his sustenance presumably from materials which, from their being raw, or at any rate imperfectly cooked, would be necessarily but slowly digested and assimilated. With civilized communities, on the contrary, everything is done with the view of facilitating digestion, by the removal of indigestible parts of the food, or by submitting them to processes which favor the action of the juices with which they are to be brought into contact. Under these circumstances it is quite possible that digestion and assimilation may proceed at a speed not only unnecessary, but even disturbing to the equilibrium of the organism and provocation of waste. The employment of alcohol, tea, coffee, etc., would tend to correct this undesirable acceleration of the assimilative process; for Sir W. Roberts has proved, by a series of carefully conducted experiments, that their effect is powerfully to retard the action of the various digestive ferments on the foods; and it may be that the instinctive sense of the benefit thereby derived lies at the root of the yearning of all civilized nations for such substances. Again, some condiment, such as common salt, is added, to restore sapidity to articles from which the salts have been removed in the process of cooking; and, taken in excess, it only throws extra work on the organs of excretion.—British Medical Journal.

The Wrong Man.

"Excuse me," he said, as he halted a gentleman in the corridor of the City Hall, "but will you lend me your eye-glasses a moment?" He put them on his nose to read a letter, and returned them with: "Thanks! Have you the correct time? Ah! Ten thirty!" He set his watch and confidentially inquired: "Haven't any tobacco about you, eh?" He was handed a box, and after helping himself to a liberal share, he remarked: "I want to mail a letter in the box here, but I find I have no postage stamps. If you—?" He was handed a stamp. When he had licked it on and mailed his letter, he said: "I'm going up Michigan avenue to Twelfth street. Do you happen to have a couple of street car tickets?" "Sir! This is too much!" exclaimed the other. "I can stand about so much, but after that—!" "There! There! Beg your pardon! How did I know you drew the line on street car tickets? No offence—none in the least. I'll take your name and make a memorandum of where your generosity ceases, and this thing shan't happen again. I mistook you for a gentleman who draws the line on paying for the coupe when I ask myself up to his house for supper."—Detroit Free Press.

The Liberty of the Press.

"Oh, I think it must be so nice to be connected with a newspaper," said Miss McFlynn to young Quaidriver, as they sat together one evening. "Yes, it is so," he replied; "but why do you think it is?" "Why, it has so many advantages. I should think you would glory in its freedom, the power, the liberty and all the privileges of the press." "Certainly I do. It's a pity, with all your enthusiasm on the subject, that you are not a journalist." "I think so, too; but you know it is hard for a woman to get recognition. I should be delighted to feel the press embrace me." "Oh, you would, would you! Great Scott! Wait till I turn down the gas."

What Bar.

"Where's the bar?" asked a dirty-looking stranger of a waiter at a hotel, the other day. "What kind of a bar?" asked the latter. "Why, a liquor bar, of course; what do you suppose I mean?" "Well," drawled the boy, "I didn't know but you might mean a bar of soap."

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