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NOTABLE TEA TOPERS.

Men who Drank the Stimulating Brew Excess--Consequences of Habit. (From the London 'Globe.')

The most hardened tea drinker may admit that tes drinking can be, and often is, overdone, and yet the best known tea topers do not appear to have suffered in consequence of their excessive indulgence in the cheering cup.

De Quincey was a notable tea toper. In his picture of a winter evening in his cottage among the Cumberland hills he mentions the tes equipage on a table beside the fire, and behind the table a fair tea maker, whose duty it was to fill an almost endless procession of cups. De Quincey declares that he drank tea from 8 o'clock at night to 4 in the morning, and claims the infusion as 'the favorite beverage of the intellectual.'

Another tea toper was Haziitt, the essayist, who was not only very fond of the beverage, but seems to have drunk it of extraordinary strength. We are told on excellent authority that he used two ounces for his breakfast and two for his tea-the finest Soochong-he tea may account for some of the essayist's it should be poured on it.

supply the entire state with fuel for many generations. Experiments are now being made as to its burning capacity, with particular reference to railroad service. Peat can be got out comparatively cheaply.

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Household Hints.

Boston Advertiser: There are many little ways in which young children can be taught to help with the housework and encouraged to take an interest in it. In a Malden home, the parlor and dining-room furniture is dusted every day by the little five-year old daughter of the house. The child has been taught to look upon this little service as a privilege, and enjoys her dusting as much as many children do their kindergarten. Of course sometimes mother has to dust off the things which are out of her reach.

An excellent receipt for plain junket: Allow one quart of new milk to become warm on the back of the stove. Sweeten to taste and flavor as desired and then pour into a glass dish. While stirring slightly add one repnet tablet or three-quarters of a spoonful of liquid rennet. Set carefully away to cool.

Never let a mirror be hung where the sun's rays fall upon it. The light and heat produce a chemical disintegration of the quicksilver at the back which injures the reflective power and makes the glass dull.

The nervous housewife who lives in constant dread of fire may, with very little trouble, make an extinguisher that will put out a blaze if used at once. All she needs to do is to put three pounds of salt in a gallon paid at first fourteen shillings and afterwards of water, and to this add one and one-half twelve shillings per pound. Perhaps this pounds of sai-ammoniac. This liquid should extravagant and excessive consumption of be nottled, and when the fire is discovered

The Story of a Dropped "H."

A brother artist tells the following story in some "Associate Reminiscences" concerning Mr. Charles Whymper, the well-known English painter:

Mr. Whymper visited a gentleman at Highgate on one occasion, and took the eldest daughter in to dinner.

He was talking about the scenes, when suddenly she said:

"I think I get prettier every day, don't vou?'

"I beg your pardon; what did you say?" There was no mistaking her repetition, so Mr. Whymper answered:

"Yes, indeed, you get prettier; and no wonder, in such fresh air, and-

Just then she caught her mother's eye, pany proposes making will be watched with and, with the other ladies, she left the room with a withering scorn. Then it flashed upon him that he had misunderstood her; she had dropped an "h" ! What she hed said was:

"I think Highgate prettier every day."

The Reformer.

Rushing late into the smoking car for tlantic City, an old man cried excitedly:

"A corkscrew! Who's got a corkscrew?" A score of kindly hands sought pockets, and a score of kindly voices said:

"Here you are, sir."

"I thought so," shouted the old man. And now I lay before you, gentlemen, fifty temperance pledges. Who will sign the first?"

His Example.

"Robert," said a teacher in one of the public schools to her brightest pupil, "give me an example of the use of "damper' in a sentence."

"Robert thought a moment, then deliverd himself of the following:

"Teacher is 'damper'-ticular about our English."-[Harper's Weekly.

Many grown people who are not ready letter-writers will sympathize with the lad who, after he had been at a boarding-school for a week without writing to his parents, penned the following letter: "Dear people, I am afraid I shall not be able to write often to you because, you see when anything is happening I haven't time to write, and when nothing is happening there's nothing to write about. So now, good by; from your George.

There is more Jatarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was



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quarrelsomeness.

Cowper, as we all know, appreciated to the full the charm of the fragrant leaf, but there is hardly sufficient evidence to show that he was guilty of undue indulgence. The most famous tea toper was, of course, Dr. Johnson, whose feats with the cup which Mrs. Thrale filled so assiduously are too well known to need enlarging upon. His record appears to have been twenty-five cups, which he drank at a sitting, but in mitigation of judgment it should be remembered that in all probability the cups were much smaller than the teacups in use at the present time. Still, Johnson told Miss Reynolds in playful verse:

Thou canst not make the tea so fast As I can gulp it down.

And he described himself as a 'hardened and shameless tea drinker, who has for many years diluted his meals with only the infusion scarcely time to cool; who with tea amuses the evening, with tea solaces the midnight and with tea welcomes the morning.' It is an amazing confession, but we are bound to remember that this intemperate tes bibber lived to the age of 75.

Johnson's record was equalled by Bishop | while Jim picked up his jug and walked out Gilbert Burnet, the author of the well known 'History of my own times,' who is reported to have disposed of twenty-five cups in a morning. Another man of letters of a very different type, Nathaniel Hawthorne, who might have equalled the doctor, curbed his quart was strong to bridge over on." tes drinking propensities early. When he was a very young man Hawthorne was in the habit of visiting at a house where the hostess made exclilent tea, and one evening when the visitor's cup was passed to be refilled she said: 'Now, Mr. Hawthorne, I am going to play Mrs. Thrale to your Johnson. 1 know you are a slave to my tea.' The young man made no reply, but he had no inclination to play the role assigned to him, and for five years from that night Hawthorne did not taste a p of tea-a protest which seems as excessive in its way as the inclination which his hostess had attributed to him.

There have been other heroes of the teapot not a few. Hartley Coleridge may fairly claim a place among the tes topers. Some one is said to have asked him once how many cups he usually drank and to have received the scornfal reply: 'Cups ! I don't count by cups. I count by pots !' Then there have been others whom it would be hardly fair to rank as tea topers, but who have shown marked devotion to the teapot. In recent days Mr. Gladstone and Dean Stanley would appear in this class, but indeed any list of enthusiastic lovers in recent times of what Waller called the 'best of herbs' would be of the most inordinate length.

Peat Fuel.

the same direction as the warp of a rug-not against it.

of mint are placed in the water in which they are boiled.

A simple way to make mint candy is to mix confectioners' sugar with the white of an egg until the mixture can be rolled out. Flavor with lemon, wintergree or vanilla. Cut in rounds with the end of a pastry tube and lay on parafine paper to harden.

How he Saved a Little Gin.

(Minneapolis Tribune.)

"Jim was a good negro," says Representative Moon, of Tennessee, "but he loved gin better than he did his Maker, and he would not pay a debt if there was any earthof this fascinating plant; whose kettle has | ly way to get out of it. One day Jim went to the store, armed with a gallon jug, and asked for a quart of gin, telling the merchant that he was prepared to settle. The fluid was put in, and then it was discovered that Jim had no money. Forthwith the merchant poured the quart back in the measure,

> smiling. "He had put in about a quart of water, and, of course, he had just about that much gin and water in the jug. The grocer's gin in his barrel was a little weaker, but Jim's

Mike's Preference.

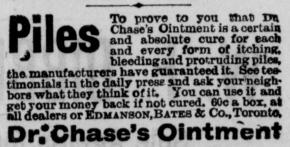
Car "Merrymeeting" was just sweeping gracefully around a curve on the occasion of the recent reunion of Glover's Band, of Auburn, when Howard Eaton began again:

"When I am off on a time like this I always think of my friend, Tim Murphy, the actor. You know him, don't you? You know Tim is a great fellow for good yarns, and his favorite custom is to come out in front of the curtain (after about six curtain calls) and tell some of them. Here's one that I heard him tell to a packed house one night, when I was sitting down in the row that has no hair on top of its head.

"'A couple of Irish friends of mine,' said he, 'were doing New York. Pretty soon they came to Tiffany's window.

"Mike," said Pat, "how would you like to have your pick out of all those gewgaws, begorry?"

""""Oh, faith," said Mike, "I would a durned sight rather have me shovel!""



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