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Oklahoma City, Sept. 20—Certainly you can get something to drink in Oklahoma—if you want it bad enough. Anyhow, that is just the way you'll get it. They are drinking stuff in Oklahoma nowadays that they wouldn't have put on a threshing machine in the brave old days.

"A friend of mine," said a friend of mine, "thought he'd try some of this raisin wine you hear about. So he looked up a man that had just made him a fresh batch of apple cider. Maybe the man had put in an extra raisin. I don't know. Anyhow this friend of mine slipped himself a drink of raisin wine. By and by the other man said: 'Would you like a drink of another sort of liquor?'"

"So my friend said he would. He was just getting so he could see the sun then, and it was one of those bright, hot days we get down here in Oklahoma. So the man thought he'd play a joke on my friend, and gave him a glass full of vinegar. It was a joke you understand. And my friend to see it off and smacked his lips: 'Gosh, said he 'that tastes good.'"

## High Cost of Whiskey

That may seem apocryphal in some parts, but it is accepted as gospel out here. My table waiter told me tonight that he had a friend who had some real whiskey. He could bring a bottle to my room, he said. He didn't know just how much it would cost. Six or seven dollars a pint, he thought. "I don't need it," I said, after he had told me at some length how extraordinarily good was this whiskey of his friend. "I have a bottle of whiskey in my grip."

"Regular whiskey?" asked the waiter, licking his lips with the tip of his tongue. His lips seemed suddenly to have gone dry. I said yes, it was regular whiskey. The boy stood as though in a trance for a while. Then he said, slowly, as though the truth were being extorted from him by some compelling force:

"My goshamighty, mister, I suah would like to lif' a lip ova' some regular whiskey."

I explained to him that I did not have any whiskey at all. I was just joking with him, I said, but he did not believe me. He said that I need not be afraid of having it confiscated.

"They dassn't confiscate nuthin' what de big city men bring in," said he. "Dey dassn't. Dey on'y confiscate de stuff de payhawkers sell."

## Exactly What "Choc" Is

One of the good things the jayhawkers sell is "Choc" beer. "Choc" is an abbreviation for Choctaw, and is an Indian brew. Inquiry developed that the Indians put in almost anything they have about the house—apple parigs, squash, roots, wild grapes—almost anything. It ferments and then it ferments again. Then it ferments a lot more. The indications are that it never ceases fermenting, either in or out of the human integument. Every little while there is a sound of a hand grenade barrage in the Oklahoma villages. That is oc-

casioned by the bottles of "Choc" exploding.

"Has it got a kick?" I asked the faithful waiter. His eyes took on a dreamy look.

"Man!" said he. "Man!" That was all.

Then there is "Jick" otherwise known as the "Poor Man's Drink." Jick seemed to be a decoction that looks like whiskey, but doesn't taste like whiskey. "It sorto has a friction when it goes down," said the waiter. "Yassuh, A sorto friction." He didn't advise me to drink any of it. Mostly it was sold in the "high-jacking joints" out in the country, where there was lots of landscape for the jickers to frolic through after they had a drink or two. He said that "it seem lak a man don't care for raffin after he takes a shot or two of jick. It's a poor man's drink, all right. Man got to be poor to stand it."

## Brandy Fresh Every Day

Also brandy. There has always been a theory that brandy should be aged and mottified before it is applied internally, but the Oklahoma brandy makers have reversed the process. The faithful waiter said they make the brandy fresh every morning. It is delivered to you in the afternoon. You can get it almost anywhere, he said. Just tell most any one you want a bottle of brandy and it will be left for you somewhere.

"All fresh, hey?"

"I'll say its fresh," said he.

There are other ways of getting polluted if you are set on it. Sweet spirits of nitre has its followers. Then the followers have their followers, earnestly endeavoring to run the drinkers down before they permanently wreck the town in which they are making merry. And camphor will produce an alarming exhilaration if taken in quantities. The drinker must swell extremely like a moth ball after indulging, but that is a detail. Jamaica ginger is old stuff, of course, but bay rum is picturesquely new. There are various sorts of hair oil which have their schools, but the authorities display a most puritanic spirit towards new inventions for the cultivation of hirsutism. Nowadays a hair oil manufacturer must produce convincing proof that the oil can only be used externally or

his elixir is apt to be ruled out. Well sugared hard cider has an extraordinary authority, but the next day is said to pass with extreme sloth.

## Real Jags Infrequent

In spite of all the substitutes, jags are infrequent. One rarely sees a well soused man; but, to even matters up, when one does see such a one he is marvellously well soused, indeed. One such gentleman limbered into the hotel this evening and addressed a stranger as "Old Mister Funnyfoot." The stranger bore it with patience for a time, but ultimately, without the slightest show of anger, knocked the persistent person down. He got up slowly.

"Hello, Old Man Funnyfoot," said he, cheerily. "Where did you get them feet?"

True whiskey—really whiskey; whiskey with a before-the-war stamp on it—can be had at a price ranging from \$12 a quart up. There are plenty of bootleggers, but the whiskey bottle will bear a lot of investigating before purchase. Most of the \$12-a-quart whiskey would take the rust off the Lusitania's anchor if poured in the sea at Queenstown.

On the whole, the verdict must be that prohibition has not absolutely prohibited as yet, but that the woolly arid days are fast approaching. There are few celled stocks and their owners guard them querulously.

"I used to like mah whiskey," said the faithful waiter. "But when evah I takes a drink nowadays I sorto dust off a place first and then I says mah prayers."

## FROM EAR TO EAR.

The vegetarian now is on the job.

His features wreathed in optimistic leer.

He scorns the price of meat; corn on cob

He now consumes, and smiles from ear to ear.

## NEEDED CRANKING.

Edith—So you had to give Tim a hint before he proposed, eh?

Betty—Yes, he didn't seem to be equipped with a self-starter.

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## HIS BID FOR POPULARITY.

There was once a chap who wanted to be county commissioner, but a lot of his friends were afraid he wouldn't stand a chance because he was inclined to be a little sporty and played poker. But he went to the convention and when it got round to the nomination of county commissioners he sprang to his feet and before anyone hardly realized what was happening, he cried:

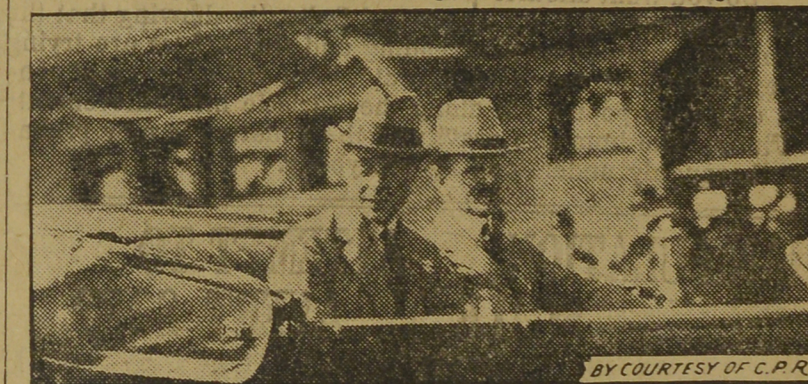
"Gentlemen, I know it isn't customary for a candidate to speak in his own behalf, but today I want to break that rule. I understand Mr. Chairman that they say I play poker. All I've got to say is that if every man in Ohio who plays poker will vote for me I'll be elected by a record majority."

And he was, too.

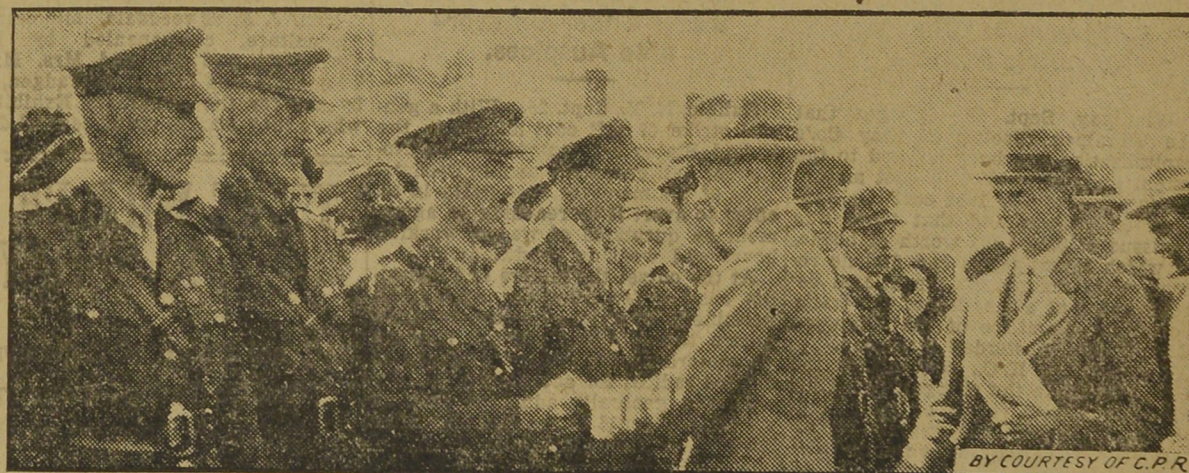
The man who travels incog should be careful not to strip his gears.

"There is a hint of autumn in the air." Why not? It is autumn.

After trying in vain to shorten or abbreviate the word exhibition, the Yankees simply call it a fair.



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