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2. These manufacture annually 100,000,000 gallons of distilled spirits, 400,000,000 gallons of brewed liquors, and an unknown amount of fermented liquors.  
3. They employ not less than 50,000 men directly in the business of manufacturing. They use annually 50,000,000 bushels of grain and 10,000,000 of fruit, besides other materials. This makes not far from two bushels to each inhabitant, and furnishes 87,000,000 gallons of pure alcohol—enough to give two and one-half gallons to each individual. This comes to the consumers in 100,000,000 of distilled spirits, 400,000,000 of beer, and 20,000,000 gallons of wine, besides slops to the amount of over 400,000,000 gallons.  
4. In the sale of these liquors there are 6,000 wholesale houses, which employ 30,000 men, and 110,000 retail places, which employ 250,000 men.  
5. About 4,000,000, or one half the entire male adult population, drink—2,000,000 of these drink only occasionally, 1,500,000 are moderate drinkers, and 500,000 hard drinkers and sots. It is estimated that 200,000 women drink more or less—probably an under-estimate, if we include those who make a practice of drinking by medical prescription.  
6. The deaths directly from drinking, or from the diseases caused thereby, are as many as 75,000 annually; from resulting accidents, and the neglect, want and abuses in drunkard's families, 25,000.  
7. The retail cost of the liquors is \$800,000,000. Half of this, representing the actual cost of the liquor—namely, the labor bestowed on its production—is a dead loss, since the product is worthless. The other half goes into the pockets of the rum-makers and sellers, but it is really lost only to the final purchaser. A sum nearly or quite equal to the retail cost is totally lost in the time consumed in drinking and in drunkenness. Add to these the losses from the use of intoxicating liquors, by shortening human life, by crimes, fires, shipwrecks, and other accidents, by disease, by doctor's bills, etc., etc., and this country would be the gainer by at least 1,200 millions of dollars if no alcoholic liquors were drank therein.  
8. Other countries where statistics have been gathered, tell a like story. In Great Britain the annual cost of liquors averages £110,000,000. Enough was spent in this way in the six years previous to 1871 to pay off the entire national debt.

Household.  
To DRY PUMPKINS.—Stew the pumpkin-sauce as if for pies, then put on plates and dry to prepare for use. The night before you want to bake your pies strain new milk on the pumpkin; next morning put in your eggs and spice. They are as good as if made from fresh pumpkins. In the spring they are so nice, especially when fruit is scarce.  
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BEef JUICE.—Broil a thick cut of fresh juicy steak over the coals for one minute. Put it over a warm bowl set in a basin of hot water; cut in many places, and with the aid of a meat-squeezer, press out all the juice. Salt it slightly, and serve, free from fat, with a wafer cracker. This is a simple receipt, but invaluable.  
BEef TEA.—Cut one-half pound of lean, juicy beef into thin slices, and put it in one pint of water; set it over a slow fire and skim as it boils. When the beef is tender; strain off the tea and add a pinch of salt. Serve hot, after removing all particles of fat.  
CHICKEN BROTH.—Half a fowl, cut up; water one quart; a pinch of mace; a small bunch of sweet herbs and salt to taste. Put all into a saucepan, and simmer gently for an hour and a half, carefully skimming meanwhile. Strain, and set aside to cool, and when cold, remove every trace of fat from the surface.  
A correspondent informs us that while on a visit in the fall to a friend, he was surprised to see the number of eggs he daily obtained. He had but sixteen hens, and the product per diem averaged thirteen eggs. He had been in the habit of giving on every alternate day a teaspoonful and a quarter of cayenne pepper, mixed with soft food, and took care that each hen obtained her share. The experiment of omitting the pepper was tried, when it was found that the number of eggs were reduced each trial from five to six daily. Our correspondent believes that the moderate use of this stimulant not only increases the number of eggs, but effectually wards off diseases in which chickens are subject

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