

most cigarettes in England at that time made only a few hundred pounds of tobacco a year into the dainty, paper-enveloped rolls. The demand for cigarettes increased, and they are now turned out by machines, which are marvels of ingenuity, at the rate of 200 to 400 a minute.

Rice paper, with which cigarettes are made, has nothing to do with rice, but is made from the membranes of the bread fruit tree, or more commonly of fine new trimmings of flax and hemp. France makes cigarette papers for the whole world, the output of Austria and Italy being insignificant.

**DRINKING VESSELS IN 1635.**

An old writer in "Philocothionista," a work of the above date, gives the following names of the tavern ware of the period:—

"Of drinking cups divers and sundry sorts we have; some of elm, some of box, some of maple, some of holly. Mazers, broad-mouthed dishes, nag-gins, whiskins, piggins, creuzes, als-bowls, wassail-bowls, court-dishes, tankards, cans, from a pottle to a pint, from a pint to a gill.

"Other bottles we have of leather, but they are mostly used among shepherds and harvest people of the country. Small jacks we have in many alehouses of the city and suburbs tipped with silver; black-jacks and bombards at the court, which, when the Frenchmen first saw, they reported at their return into their country that the Englishmen used to drink out of their boots. We have besides cups made of horns of beasts, of cocker-nuts, of goords, of eggs of ostriches; others made of the shells of divers fishes brought from the Indies and other places, and shining like mother-of-pearl. Every tavern can afford you flat bowls, French bowls, prounet-cups, bear bowls, and breakers."

**PRIEST DEFENDS SUNDAY SALOONS.**

**POOR MAN ENTITLED TO BEER ON SABBATH, SAYS FATHER M'CANN IN SERMON.**

The local option faction in Elgin (Illinois, U.S.A.), is in confusion today as the result of a scathing sermon preached by Father J. J. M'Cann, of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

The ministers who are at the head of the local option movement were likened to one who "searches after dirt with a spyglass," and were told that if they were to work as hard to save the souls of some of Elgin's aldermen as they do to "take beer away from the poor labouring man," much more good would be done.

"Brethren, I beseech you," said Father M'Cann, "while you are making your New Year's resolutions, that you put in a clause that you will not join the local option movement that is sweeping across the country.

**"LOCAL OPTION FOR RICH."**

"Every time you vote for local option you vote against the rights of thousands of poor men. Local option is all right for the rich. They do not have to go to the saloons.

"Their wine cellars are full, and they have all they want to drink in the privacy of their homes. But when the labouring man wants a glass of beer the law comes and says that he cannot have it.

"There is absolutely no harm in Sunday saloons if they are conducted properly. The Sunday saloon is the poor man's club. The rich man has a fine private club of his own, which sells liquor every day and night the year round.

**PREACHERS RAISE WAR FUNDS.**

"He does not have to go to the saloon, and so he is for local option. As long as the people—the labouring people—behave themselves, they should have their beer the same as the rich man has his wine.

"It is time these preachers were going in for something better than hunting dirt with a spyglass. The aldermen and church members need more moral suasion than all the men who frequent Sunday saloons."

The ministers of Elgin have been busily engaged for some time in raising a 3000 dollar (£600) local option campaign. Father M'Cann said he was asked to join this movement, but refused because he believed it to be absolutely wrong.—"Bar and Buffet."

**ON THE "LOUISIANA"**

The social life of the American sailor is somewhat different to that of his brother on an English man-o-war; and writing upon this subject recently in "The Chicago Sunday Tribune," Franklin Mathews gives a detailed account of the social arrangements in vogue on board the U.S. "Louisiana." He says a modern American man-o-war contains within its steel walls a series of clubs—one large and several small ones—and the large club's membership consists of the entire crew except with the exception of the officers.

The officers' clubs are graded according to rank. On a flagship the admiral may form a club by himself, or he may enlarge the membership, as Admiral Evans does, by having his staff officers join his mess. The captain is also a club of one member. The commissioned officers make up the wardroom mess. The midshipmen, junior paymaster, junior officers of the marines, and the pay clerk from the steerage mess. The warrant officers—bos'n, carpenter, machinists, gunners, and the like—have another mess, and the largest of the small clubs is that of the chief petty officers.

With the exception of the general mess all these clubs provide their own supplies of food and drink. The government used to allow every man on a ship, no matter what his rank, 30 cents a day for rations. The members of the crew in the old days formed various messes of from twenty to forty members. Some of these messes drew provisions from the ship's stores amounting to the value of 30 cents a day for each man. Others drew only three-quarters of the ration and commuted the rest of the 30 cents, to which they added more or less money of their own, and purchased food luxuries from time to time. The allowance of 30 cents a day to all hands was made just after the civil war, and Jack celebrated the event by a song which closed:

They gave us 30 cents a day  
And stopped our grog forever.

Jack's grog did stop, although other navies still serve out liquor regularly to their sailors; but he got pretty good rations. There were times, however, when he did not fare

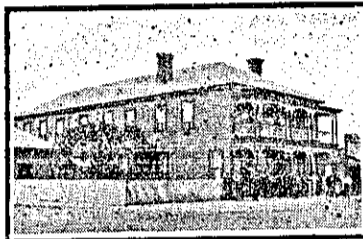
well. Sometimes the mess treasurer would go ashore with the mess treasury and would fall into the hands of the Philistines, and the mess would



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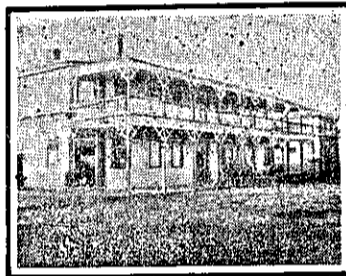
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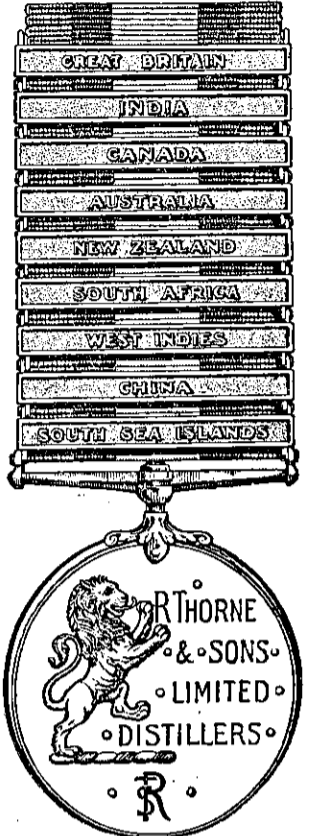


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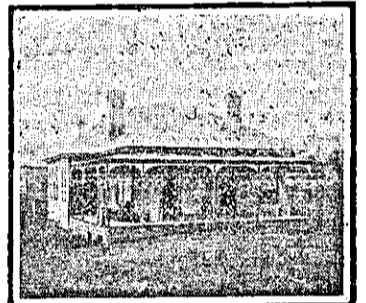
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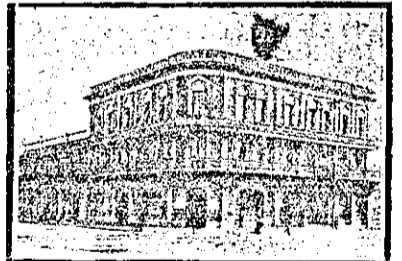
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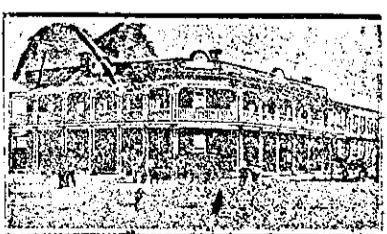
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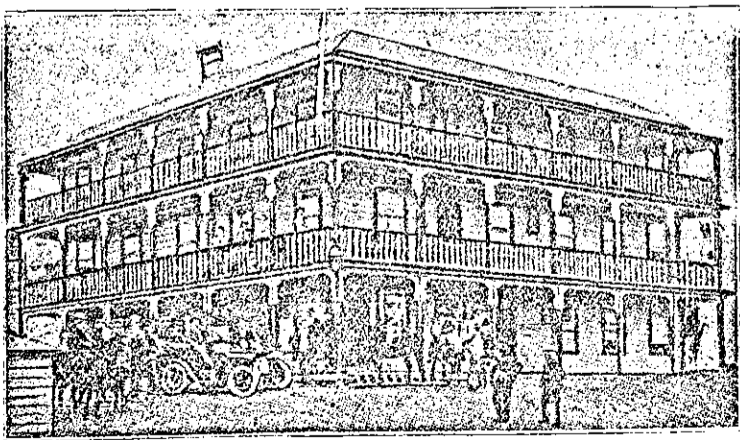
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