

refers to drinks as "beautiful amalgamations", as "one of Nature's most exquisite achievements", as being "seductive and nectareous". He writes of the need for a "delicately clean skillet", or commands "Fill the tranquil bowl with ripe strawberries" or

"Refrigerate with all the icy power of the Arctic".

As time passed, the fame of the "Professor" increased. His bar-room became a celebrated haunt for the discerning drinker and often his customers were among the elite of the great city. In 1885, he moved his headquarters to an old poolroom which he transformed into a theatre for minstrel shows—an interest that was almost as important to him as his drinks. Jerry was a strict barman who suppressed misbehaviour with a vigour that even reached physical violence. He was known to have quietened a customer by hitting him over the head with a punch bowl.

In spite of his close association with drink, Thomas did not turn to it as a solace in his old age. He kept strictly to his principles and the ideals he had of the good fellowship of drinking. He handed down to succeeding generations of drinkers a delightful register of the "social drinks" of his generation upon which, for better or for worse, most of our modern drinks have been based.



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1. A whisky-and-soda costs thirty-five lire. The whisky costs thirty-one lire more than the soda. How much does the soda cost?

2. A shepherd had seventeen sheep. All but nine died. How many sheep did he have left?

3. A King wishing to get rid of his Prime Minister, puts two pieces of paper in a hat. He tells a Judge present that if the Prime Minister draws out the scrap marked "Stay", he may remain in the Kingdom, but if he draws the piece marked "Go" he must leave. The hitch is that the King wrote "Go" on both scraps of paper. But when the crafty Prime Minister showed the Judge one piece of paper,

the Judge decided in his favour. How did the Prime Minister outwit the King?

4. Which is correct: eight and eight are fifteen; or eight and eight is fifteen?

5. A little Wog and a big Wog are walking down a path. The little Wog is the big Wog's son. The big Wog is not the little Wog's father. Can you explain this?

6. In what book of the Bible does it tell about Abel slaying Cain?

7. The number of eggs in a basket doubles every minute. The basket is full of eggs in an hour. When was the basket half-full?

(Answers on Back Cover)