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We deplore the insidious manner by which the authorities are endeavouring to introduce Prohibition into the Army. The individual soldier would far prefer the open handed method of correction than the cure by torture. We refer, of course, to the latest issue of so-called beer... "Beer, beer, glorious beer" so the old song has it, but where is thy glory now? It has faded and died... It gives us cause to wonder that the consumers have not done likewise. Previous to the introduction of Cascade Beer? there was a lot to be said for the habit of tipping. Certain enjoyments could be claimed as the drinkers rights and privileges; but now, all that has gone. What have we in their place?... A bottle of liquid with the appearance of beer; but remove the top and what happens? There gushes forth in an irresistible flow a cloud of froth and bubbles. With a little bad fortune one can finally direct this burst into a glass and when the energy is spent enjoy the view of three inches of amber coloured liquid. Let us gloss over the the ritual of 'chin-chin' 'skin of your nose' 'good luck' etc, and the raising of the glass to the lips.... but the full grim story of the remainder must be told... A spasm as of death passes over the features, fluttering hands gripe wildly from throat to stomach marking as they do the painful descent of the poison. The head sags wearily from the shoulders, nerve wracking shudders, painful to watch, shake the frame, groans of anguish force themselves between clenched teeth and compressed lips. Is this what we are fighting for? So that the manufacturers of perfectly good furniture polish can sell it as fit for human consumption.... Oh death where is thy sting?..

A clever trio of American artists entertained members of Div Area this week. This being the second occasion on which the Americans have provided us with a good show. Next week we are promised with a further exhibition of American stage-craft.