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# UPPER TOWN.

What is beauty? The very word is attractive, and when used in the demysterious charm and magnetism about this ethereal something to which words do but poor justice in attempt- be admitted to have greatly degenering to portray it. Poets and writers have tried to define this charm, but have finally abandoned the problem as in some cases almost worship, this strange thing, beauty, but we cannot, nor would we wish to explain its mysnature.

One has said: "They speak of beauty as of a goddess, while in their hearts they mean nothing more than a pair of agreeable eyes and rosy

pink cheeks and laughing eyes in an estimation of pure beauty; strength, character-soul, are its more import- line." ant requisites. The pink and white doll-faced beauty is like a pretty toy; it fades and there is nothing left. We of these beautiful dolls. She had no with wondering admiration; it tastes nor feelings in common with him -but then her complexion! It took while he read to her; this pretty little thing had an idle habit of never being heads." serious except when called upon to unthis unmitigated dullness and emptiness, he formed the bitter decision that dinary European. his beautiful wife was a fool.

Beauty of face and beauty of mind must unite before full authority can be assumed. If a plain woman worth and wit cannot be loved until these qualities is discovered. It true that there are differences of opinion on this point. Mme. de Stael, with all her genius and knowledge and consciousness of her merits, is reported to have declared that she would cheerfully have given up all her brilliant accomplishments for the single attribute of beauty; if it be true that she made this absurd declaration, it only proves that the woman-the French womanwith her credited vanity and frivolity, was in the ascendant in her nature, outreaching and crushing the towering intellect of her wonderful mind. We are loath to believe this, and would fain pass it over in the nature of a fairy tale rather than a truth.

"The woman I love, must be beautiful, but above all, she must have a beautiful soul," said an artist of note.

Witless beauty cannot long stand the strain and test put upon it, but declines pitifully-"fades on the eye and palls upon the sense."

The true value of intelligence over beauty is strikingly illustrated in animals, if such allusion would not be considered irrelevant. One forgets the unsightliness of the elephant, "that monster of matter and miracle of mind," as Buffon calls him, in the interest aroused by his sagacity, his intelligence and usually kind, gentle character. "This hideous mass of animal that nature seems to have only half finished; this rough draft of a brute, like a scluptor's statue just visible in the block; this wise brute of the east with his post legs and ignominious tail, attracts attention from the lion, the dazzling striped zebra and the magnificent tiger. This poor, patient piece of overgrown awkwardness wins the hearts of all with his graceful tenderness in handling that wonderful She climbed upon my willing knee, house or pick up a pin."

truth that a man is as sensible of the And in her tender eyes I saw presence of beauty when he looks upon The soul of innocence and grace. it as he is of fire when he is scorched by it. It is in vain, therefore that And like a sunbeam gliding through, existence of such a thing. "What is Her smile found access to my heart beauty?" said he, "If you ask a frog, And bade the shadows all depart. he would reply that beauty consists in having two round large eyes goggling O, moment of apocalypse, in a little head, a large brown throat In which I saw the stately ships, and a broad back. If you asked the That erstwhile sailed away from me, devil he would laugh at you for your Come riding back across the sea; stupidity and assure you that beauty I would you might return and stay consists in a pair of horns, four talons

Jesting aside, there is nothing so attractive, so interesting, and so wonderful as human beauty. It is claimed that it belongs more to certain countries than to others; in fact, the difference of soil and air have great influence upon it; the winds, the hills, and the lowlands are in a great measure accountable for the appearance of the inhabitants. According to Buffon it is in Persia, Circassia, Georgia, and all districts along the Caucasus, in some parts of Italy, Spain, Germany, Denmark, Sweden and a portion of should seek his model; it is here that nature appears most beautiful and and charms that nature seems to be- putting them to soak. stow so scantily in other parts of the world. According to all travelers, these women are tall and beautifully and delicately shaped. The most exquisite complexion lends additional In Mingrelia the beauty of the Miss Bellingham. is scarcely less remarkable. Oh," exclaimed Chardin, "what mar- eyes, replied Miss Bellingham. velous beauty is in the women of Mingrelia. Such is their look that it seems to caress all who regard them." The

Asia There is not a peasant in all

who has not a wife with a complexion | DRIN fair as a rosebud; and a skin as white UKIN as the lily, so polished and smooth that when one touches it it is like velvet." ful race have almost entirely ef-

faced the marks of Tartar origin of scription of women it becomes one of the Persians, and among them are undeniable fascination. There is a found women of fair and exquisite In regard to both physical and moral beauty, the modern Greeks must

ated, but the women of that nation still compare favorably with the women of the Caucasus. The women of the island of Chios have furnished models hopeless; we acknowledge, admire, and for famed Grecian artists and sculptors. "The women of Sicily," says a German author, "remind one of the noblest models of Grecian sculpture; their grace is perfect, and in their dress, tery or analyze its power over human which is suitable to their climate, the head is never covered. These beautiful Palermese are skillful in the art of making the most of their figures; tage. Their walk, their attitudes, their dance-everything about them has charm that is irresistible. Now it is a soft, delicious langour; now a sparktheir voices is tender to excess- the almost as potent in its music as are their faces in their perfection of out-

scendant beauty of the women of Rome as being a sort of indigenous production-the gift inalienable of the climhave read of the man who married one ate." A fine Roman head is viewed dues rather than charms."

"Nature," says Dupaty, "could not place anything more admirable, nor six months to convince him that this frame any more perfect harmony than was no excuse for her falling asleep exists between the forehead, the eyes, staple drink in England, and spirits the nose, the mouth, the chin, the ears and the neck of most !talian

The nearer one comes to the Alps derstand a joke. Well, after weeks of the more this characteristic kind of beauty fades, and the appearance of the inhabitants resembles that of the or-

Opinions vary greatly in different countries as regards beauty. Arabian beauties stain their lips blue; in Africa, both the lips must be thick she is known, a beautiful doll will and projecting and their loveliness is cease to please as soon as her lack of often increased in their eyes by constantly dragging down the lower one. As regards the nose, tastes also vary; African women squeeze theirs down so successfully that it requires a keen eye, to discover its presence on many a sable face. And yet some one had said that the absence of the nose would spail the prettiest face.

In the fifteenth century eyebrows scarcely visible were esteemed a beauty by Italian ladies, and they carefully removed theirs, leaving only a fine arch; while some of the eastern beauties to this day disagree in this taste so greatly as to cultivate their eyebrows to a heavy growth and bring them to meet. The ladies of Persia spend a day, each week at the bath and complete their forms in all the fancied perfections of eastern taste, dyeing their hair and eyebrows and curiously staining their bodies with fantastic devices-figures of trees,

birds, beasts, the sun, moon and stars. There is a gratifying pleasure in looking at a beautiful woman, and there can be nothing disagreeable in the knowledge that one is being admired; but it is an absolute, though unwritten, edict that a beauty must hide her consciousness of these admiring glances. Those unfortunates who do not come within the pale of this magic beauty, may be in part consoled with the thought that there are other qualifications less forcible than beauty, perhaps, which may win credit for certain gifts and acquirements and inspire friendship and love of the best, truest and most enduring.

"There is no excellent beauty," said Sir Francis Bacon, "without some strangeness in the proportion."

## I LOVE YOU.

trunk of his, which can knock down a And softly whispered unto me, "I love you."

Her dainty arms were round my neck; Montaigne has said with apparent Her sunny curls were in my face;

Voltaire would attempt to deny the The clouds that hide the skies of blue,

Within my lonely heart alway.

God bless the darling little child Who looked up in my face and smiled, And wrought into my heart a spell More sweet than songs of Israel.

O, angels, listen, while I pray That you will make her life as sweet As that brief moment was to me, Whene'er I heard her lips repeat, "I love you."

# TO REMOVE MILDEW.

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> Consumption of Beer, Wine and Spirits in the Chief European Countries and the United States.

The British Board of Trade has commenced the publication of a series of United States useful official reports showing the production and consumption of alcoholic liquors, chiefly beer, wine and spirits, Kingdom during the last ten years, in the chief European countries and but the United States, says the London Daily Mail.

The first striking fact is the geographical distribution of alcoholic are consumed in the north, where cold were imported. every drapery is converted to advan- and wet climates prevail, and wine in the south. In Russia spirits are almost provinces drink little or no wine, but But it is necessary to go farther than ling, radiant gaiety. The sound of prefer spirits with some beer; while southern provinces-Alsace-Lorraine, Bavaria and Baden-consume considerable quantity of wine as well Winklemann speaks of the "tran- as much beer. In France the staple ments of northern France drink far more spirits. The same difference of southern Italy. Beer is, of course, the in Scotland and Ireland.

pointed in France has contended that the increase of population. no increase in the amount of

TAXATION ON DRINK will have the effect of permanently diminishing the consumption.

With few exceptions, each country produces most of the drink which it most largely consumes, so that the importation of its favorite beverage is comparatively unimportant.

France is the country where the consumption of wine is largest, and also, generally speaking, the country where the production is largest too, although of late years the production in Italy has sometimes exceeded it. In the United Kingdom the consumption of wine in 1896 reached 15,776,000 gallons, but this was comparatively little when contrasted with last year's consumption of beer, which exceeded 1,- 110186 200,000,000 gallons, or thirty gallons for every member of the population.

The people of Bavaria are the world's champion drinkers, their consumption of beer amounts to fifty gallons per head of the population in a year. Belgium ranks second, where more than forty-three gallons of beer per head are consumed. It is the proud privilege of the United Kingdom to occupy third place. With over thirty gallons per head, relatively to population, we beat

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## than Frenchmen drink wine.

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> Gallons. Gal.ons. Gallons United Kingdom . 30.7 Germany .

The consumption of spirits, it appears, has not varied greatly in the United

### BEER-DRINKING

has been on the increase.

Most of the spirits drunk in the United Kingdom are made here; thus out of a total consumption of 40,000,000 beverages. Generally speaking, spirits gallons last year only 8,200,000 gallons

Alcohol made in France from wine or fruit has been almost replaced by alcohol made from other vegetable subthe only drink. In Germany, the Baltic stances; hence French brandy has suffered much in public estimation. The French divide their alcohol into four classes-alcohol ethylique, made from the grape; alcohol prophylique, made from the refuse of wine or from other fruit; alcohol butylique, from molasses or beet root; and alcohol amylique, beverage of the provinces bordering first are progressively noxious in the on the Mediterranean is wine, which order named, indeed, poisonous in some is cheap there, but the colder depart- degree, the last named being most so. The suggestion is made that these varieties of brandy should be stamped or labelled for export, so as to distintaste distinguishes northern and guish them, and thus recover some of the reputation which French brandies at one time enjoyed.

The facts adduced in relation to the United States are somewhat remark-From the taxation of alcoholic bev- able. It cannot be considered, the reerages the United Kingdom derives 35 port states, a large beer drinking naper cent., of its total revenue, the tion any more than it can be considered United States 30 per cent., France 19 a large wine drinking nation. The proper cent., and Germany 171-2 per cent., duction and consumption of spirits has and it is in these countries that the been for some years past decreasing; amount of drink consumed is the larg- in fact, it may be said generally that est. The amount consumed appears to of the three alcoholic beverages, the vary with the prosperity and the consumption of wine and spirits is disspending capacity of a nation; but a tractly diminishing, while the consump-Parliamentary Commission recently ap- tion of beer has only kept pace with

These circumstances are certainly worth investigating, so as to discover whether they are due to the spread of temperance principles or to the trade depression which, has existed for some time. The United States fiscal authorities attribute it to the latter cause, and state that they look forward to improved receipts if the promised improvement in business conditions is even partially realized.

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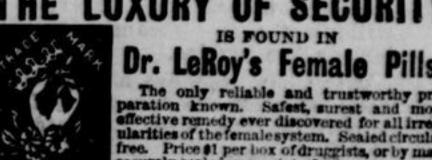
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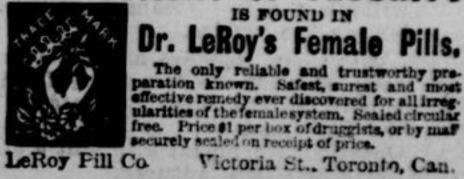
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