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## MANHATTAN'S LATEST MANIA

Tennessee Parties, Where the Guests Inhale Cocaine and See Life Through Rainbow Glasses

New York, Sept. 9.—Pleasure-jaded, devil-haunted New York, ever in search of a new sensation, dragged up from the slums to the regions of luxury—a new insidious, unlawful fad—the "tennessee" or cocaine party.

At a "tennessee party" men and women spray their nostrils with a solution of cocaine and when the iridescent panorama of exhilaration has begun to fade, the guests are given a "swap" of fashions in thought that would make De Quincey read like a tramp's hard-luck story.

"Tennessee" as applied to these gatherings, where cocaine takes the place of liquor or music, comes from an abbreviation used by the habitués of the lower tenements. In the days when crystals of cocaine could be purchased at any corner drug shop for the price, 10 cents was all that was necessary to purchase enough of the cocaine cubes to produce "high" for even a veteran user. The cocaine victims several times a day would ask for "ten-of-c." The expression finally became established along Seventh avenue, where the mixed nationalities of that avenue between Twenty-third street and Forty-fourth street were and are the largest users of the drug. It was an easy slip from "ten-of-c." to "tennessee" and that's how that good state became so libelled.

Once Were Negro Orgies

The first "tennessee" parties were held in that portion of the city known as the "Black and Tan" quarter, where whites and blacks of both sexes combined and where cocaine was the most potent of all the abnormal things in which they might indulge to forget their condition. But "tennessee" parties now are not confined to the Tenderloin, but have found favor with that mysterious and amazing New York which lives only for sensation.

How the drug is used and its effects are told here in the following account of a "tennessee" party held one evening last week, which was attended by a newspaper writer.

"Nice Folks and Perhaps a New Girl or Two

"Come along to a "Tennessee Party."

The man who extended me the invitation is the ranking member of a successful grain brokerage house. His only worry in life is to find new diversions which will keep him from being bored stiff.

"There'll be some nice young married folks and a girl or two for good company. Maybe we'll hear a new story or two."

The demands on a journeyman writer's time are too great to permit of much rainbow chasing, and I let crass selfishness take me to the edge of rudeness in "telling him that the only Tennessee parties I had ever heard of happened over among the "come seven," "come eleven" sports.

"Not a bit like it," said he. "These parties come off up in a 'gentleman's' neighborhood, and they are always attended by very clever folks."

We entered an apartment that has as tenants, besides the very clever hostess, who gave this particular party, the president of a big commercial company and a corporation attorney of national repute; in fact, it is one of the "nicest" of the downtown apartment houses, as our hostess later remarked.

Who the Guests Were

When we arrived it was about 11 o'clock in the evening. Besides the hostess I met a very vivacious young woman who played ingenue parts till she began to take on weight; a young man, who is a "gentleman's son," who is seeking new ways to spend money without it "getting into the papers," as he expressed it; a man who looks after the international correspondence of a stock exchange house; a very striking blonde widow, who has just taken off her mourning, a fine looking woman who buys art objects in foreign markets for New York brokers; a young man who backs theatrical enterprises, and the hostess, who has an income from a member in high standing of the Albany Club, all of them people of more than ordinary attainments, all well groomed and every one of them absolutely indifferent to the commonplaces of life so far as they pertain to their getting all the sensation out of life they can.

When we arrived "refreshments" had been around some time. "Refreshments" being the term used by the hostess in jocularly describing the solution of "cocaine," which was handed around in highly decorated atomizers which the guests took up and used much the same as any one does when they are treating the nasal passages to an antiseptic bath for nose trouble.

I drew a seat beside the lady who deals in art objects, and the hostess bore down on me with "refreshments."

Perfumed for Stage Effect

As I got a good whiff of the contents of the atomizer I noted it had a highly perfumed odor. My companion informed me that it was mixed with a little rose water to help the "stage effect." A good strong sniff of the "refreshments" gave me the impression that it was going to be a game for mollycoddles, and I gave the bulb a good push and took a good long sniff. In the meantime my sponsor had been taken in tow by the dashing widow.

When I looked over at him to see how the blase sensation-seeker was getting on, I saw him bending toward the "refreshments" as though he was having the time of his life.

About this time the party was augmented by a young couple whose recent marriage was much opposed by the wealthy parents of the groom. "Refreshments" were offered them from all sides.

I had been sniffing away at the "refreshments" which, according to our hostess, was only a one per cent. solution. I noticed as I got up to be introduced to the newcomers that my legs had grown and that I felt very tall. This struck me as being odd, and I wondered at it till I noticed that I

wanted to talk about art to the lady who dealt in art objects, and then I realized that the "refreshments" were "taking."

I noticed also that the colors in the very effective portrait of the hostess, done by no less a hand than that of William Chase, which hung on the wall nearby, were very iridescent and luminous. Just then the vivacious, plump girl came over to where I was standing and said with a radiant air: "I'm just crazy about these 'Tennessee' parties."

Making Folks Care for Her

"Why?" I asked.

"Well, to tell you the truth, no one seems to care for me unless I'm excited, and wine makes me ill; this stuff makes every one seem so nice, and I never feel half so bad the next day as though I had been drinking wine, and, besides, it seems good for my complexion, which it isn't, of course, and I always get a chill afterward."

"Do you get out to these parties often?"

"Oh, yes; we have lots of them. I had one down at my hotel the other night, and we had a great time. Saturday night we're going up to the M—s house (the newly married couple). They have a perfectly swell private house, and when it's going good Mrs. M— always recites Byron's poems and Bob," pointing to the man who writes the Spanish letters for the brokerage house, "tells some good stories."

"Refreshments" Easy to Get

"How do you get these refreshments?" I asked the vivacious, plump girl. "I thought it was against the law to handle it in such quantities as this."

"Oh, rot," said she, "we get it from a little Turk who sells cigarettes and 'coke' and tips on the races. It costs two whole dollars for enough for a 'tennessee' party. Just think, a little bit of wine costs as much."

"Do you always have—refreshments at your parties?" I asked.

"Refreshments?" Of course. Sure, it's the popular thing just now."

In the meantime the "refreshments" were still being passed around, and as my legs had grown and I assumed their normal length, I made only a bluff at a sniff.

At this stage of the proceedings the lady-who-dealt-in-art-objects started to sing, imitating Harry Lauder very well.

"It's a funny thing," said the plump girl, "she can't sing a note when she hasn't had 'refreshments.'"

Looking Worse for Wear

By this time the eyes of the party were assuming the bloodshot look. Several of them were standing aside with their arms clummiy around each other and the hostess was laughingly trying to disengage the arms of the "gentleman's son" from around her neck. The lady in art objects was reclining on the couch in a jaded manner after her songs.

The young married couple were dancing a number done of Isadora Duncan, and the hostess remarked that the stirrup cup of "refreshments" was about to be passed along. Every one took a long sniff from the atomizers and the vivacious, plump girl loudly announced that the "gentleman's son" had promised to take her home in a cab.

As we went toward the elevator the clock in the apartment hallway was ringing three.

The young man who backs theatrical enterprises was walking ahead with the dashing widow and we heard her say as we passed them, "Oh, I don't care for those Broadway restaurants. They're too ordinary."

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Upon alighting, Wright expressed the utmost astonishment that he had remained in the air so long and regretted he had not made it an hour. "I could have remained ten or fifteen minutes longer," said he. "I shall try another flight as soon as I look over the engine and get a supply of gasoline."

The morning's flight began at 8:15, the aeroplane being launched by means of a weight and pulley attachment. The atmospheric conditions were favorable.

A large crowd was on hand to witness the feat. Sailing along at express train speed, the bird-like machine responded immediately to the slightest touch of the steering lever. Fifty-eight times Wright circled the course. When it became known that Wright had broken the world's record, the crowd cheered. Finally when the aeroplane descended gracefully like a bird on the ground the crowd rushed forward and grasped the hand of the navigator.

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## KORN STORIES FROM KANSAS

It Would Seem Like the Narrators Thereof Were Unduly Exhilarated By the Juice of the Grain

Topeka, Kan., Sept. 5.—Secretary Coburn, of the State Board of Agriculture, early next month will send agents into the lumber camps of Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan to engage 10,000 good axemen to help the farmers of Western Kansas harvest their corn crop. Reports received by the secretary from Maj. Franklin Osgood, of Coolidge; Judge Adna Gristlebone, of Amarillo; Col. Webster Foote, of Prairie City, and from correspondents at various points say the crop this year will be a little better than usual, the average stalks running three to five feet through with ears six to nine inches long.

The ears are running heavy and great loss has been caused by their breaking off of their own weight. The corn is ripening well and the only trouble the farmers expect is enough men to harvest it or cars to haul it to market.

Cornstalk Demolishes a House and Pins the Old Man in Bed

Garden City, Kan., Sept. 9.—Bill Sinclair and his family, who live four miles west of here, had a narrow escape from death last night. A stalk of corn growing in the yard was blown over by the wind and crashed through the roof of the house, almost completely demolishing the building. Bill was pinned in bed, but his eldest son, Frank, chopped away the stalk after an hour of hard work and extricated the old man.

Troop of Cavalry Hemmed In by Tremendous Cornstalks

Fort Riley, Kan., Sept. 9.—Great excitement was caused here yesterday when Troop N, Sixteenth Cavalry, which had been participating in the maneuvers of the night before, failed to report in camp. When the troop had not arrived at noon Gen. Brown shared in the alarm and ordered the other troops of the regiment out to search for their missing comrades. The search was continued all afternoon without success. About dark one of the scouts struck a trail leading into Tolliver's cornfield. With considerable difficulty he made his way toward the center of the field until his progress was impeded by the stalks growing too closely together.

Selecting a tall stalk he climbed to the top where his labor was rewarded by seeing the missing troop encamped on a knoll about a quarter of a mile

FRENCH WON A HARD FIGHT

Reckless Charges of the Arab Tribesmen Repulsed—Dead Men Piled in Heaps

Colomb-Bechar, Sept. 10.—Dispatches received here from Col. Alix, commander of the reinforcements that went to the relief of Boudenib, a French post on the Algerian frontier where the small garrison was surrounded by Moors and in danger of annihilation, state that he has completely crushed the Beraber tribesmen, estimated at from 15,000 to 20,000 and captured their camp and equipments.

The column of 5,000 men under Col. Alix marched out from Boudenib this morning in the direction of the enemy's camp at Djorf. When half the distance had been traversed the French encountered the Arabs, who with reckless courage, hurled themselves upon the front and flank simultaneously, seeking to cut off Boudenib, but the artillery kept up a terrible fire, in the face of which the Arabs were unable to approach to close quarters.

They returned again and again to the charge, leaving their dead in heaps. Col. Alix completely routed the enemy, completely routing the enemy, who dispersed in all directions, hotly pursued by the French cavalry. The total French loss was Lieut. Schwartz of the Third Shaphshooters and twenty-one others wounded. The enemy's loss totals far into the hundreds.

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PERUVIAN PEAK

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Lima, Sept. 10.—Miss Annie Peck of Providence, R. I., the mountain climber, has succeeded on her second attempt within a month in reaching the summit of Mount Huascaran. She calculates the height of the summit is 26,000 feet.

A Swiss companion of Miss Peck had a foot and both hands frozen, which caused gangrene to set in, and an Indian guide was miraculously saved from death after falling 1,600 feet down a ravine.

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