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SROWING THE

CAUSE AND PREVENTION OF ACIDITY IN MALT LIQUORS.

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#### PREFACE.

Banwine is a science that in the present age may be considered as almost in its infancy, or at least understood but by few, notwithstanding many works have issued from the press on the subject. It is not the purpose of the author to detract from the merits of various publications; it will be sufficient to state, that none have been able to direct the practitioner how to produce that bright, sound, exhibitating beverage proposed when commencing business. The intent of this treatise is to supply that deficiency.

Acidity has been the stumbling-block to many an aspirant to public favour, and is still a great plague in the brewery. The writer of this therefore flatters himself, that in pointing out the cause and prevention of that plague, he is conferring a favour of no ordinary kind on the public brewer.

The system herein laid down is the result of many years' experience, and of numberless experiments; and is free from theory of all kind. It simply and plainly directs the operator in the manufacture of the malt, choice of hops, and shows the best means of making the most of his materials with unerring certainty.

The testimonials of a large number of gentlemen, whom he has instructed, will be a sufficient guarantee of the superiority of this system over all others, and may induce many more to adopt it; the author being certain that the result will be appreciated, at least, where a good article from malt and hops is desired.

That it has been a general belief that malt liquors cannot be produced to perfection, save only in the colder months of the year, the author is well aware; but he conceives it equally as easy to produce them in perfection in hot weather, as to make good bread. It is merely necessary to arrange the plant of the brewery properly, and to follow certain truths revealed by nature. Did we do so, we should not then hear of such nonsense as thunder and lightning turning heer sour, or of electricity producing ropiness.

Brewing is an art that from time immemorial has been considered simple; yet, simple as it is, our brewers do not produce results that lead us to suppose it so very simple. Yet it is simple; its simplicity is shown in the following pages; and the author concludes, by stating that he attends the principals of establishments, for the purpose of fully carrying out the system herein laid down.

He also deems it not out of place here to state, that he discovered the means of preventing acidity in malt liquors so long ago as the year 1828, and that he advertised the discovery in the public newspapers of 1832, under the initials, T. H." He merely mentions this, as others have been supposed to be the discoverers thereof.

> THOMAS HITCHCOCK, Professor of Browing and Malting.

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