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The increasing use of alcohol and its pernicious influences upon individuals and posterity in a physical and moral point of view, makes the subject one of great interest to humanity and of danger to society. Alcohols produce all kinds of insanity according to the qualities of the liquors used, with modifications of the phenomena, resulting from many complex causes.

In France the difference is great between the alcoholism of the workman of the cities and that of the peasant of the wine-growing districts. Among the former the ordinary drink is brandy, or wine of poor quality, often diluted with alcohols distilled from corn, beet-root, or other deleterious substances.

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