plete except by study in several universities. In passing, it is well to note the point of age; it is worthy of consideration in such a question. The German considers the drinking of beer an essential part of his education. He must learn the art, mayhap by dire experience, but learn he must. What is this beer? Pure malt and hops, thoroughly brewed. But pure as it is, what is its effect on the German? Seldom, if ever, can be found a genuine German university student at the age of twenty-five without a ruined stomach. There is more prose than poetry in this statement, but its truth is admitted by any person possessing a knowledge of German student life.

Now would you introduce this custom into Tech? To be sure, it would necessarily be much modified; for, thank our forefathers, this is the United States of America, and not Germany or any other country. In fact, one of these modifications, little dwelt upon by those favorable to the custom, is that the stuff on this side of the water termed "beer" is no more like German beer than is an exam. in "applied" like a sail down the harbor. A certain portion of beer can be doubled in the proper dilution. But the "taste" must not be diluted; hence certain additions, which comprise the difference between German and American beer. A German-beer-bred student could not survive American beer. Yet his mild beer rewards him with a ruined stomach.

It may be said that occasional drinking of beer at Tech will not beget American-beer-bred students. In such a communication as this it is impossible to sermonize on the ethics of intemperance of any sort, beer-drinking in particular. It is also useless to dwell upon the well-known story of one glass leading to a second, etc. It is not the effect of beer-drinking upon individuals which is at question; but the point at issue is the advisability of official recognition of beer-drinking at Tech. It may also be argued that the students will have liquor at any rate; therefore they should be permitted to drink it respectably, and not be forced to patronize saloons. It must be admitted that some few students would obtain the liquor at any risk; but it would be only a few, and those few are already famous in Tech class dinner lore. Would you have all Tech similarly famous? But this argument is wrong from the start. The idea is the same, whether the beer is taken at the Technology Club or on T Wharf.

The whole world knows the keen, clean, energetic Yankee. He hails from the United States of America; he is no by-product, but possesses an individuality which commands attention. He made this country what it is. Did he stock it with French, German or Italian customs? No! Yankee customs were good enough for him. Yankee customs put him where he is; Yankee customs alone can keep him there. The students of our universities in this generation are the men who rule our country in the next. They must be Yankees to the core, and no apologies. '03.