The Wet Party
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The wet party. The man who likes to be seen and is not afraid to have a good time is found in the latest generation. The young people are making the world ring right merrily with “Button Up Your Overcoat.” Bootlegging is a great excitant to whisky tenors.

The telephone messages. “My dear, you should have stuck around. Harry and Max got fighting again, and Max called Harry terrible things and Harry threw gin on her gown, and the Holmes boy passed out, and then somebody and oh, let's go somewhere and dance, etc., etc. We didn't get home till four-thirty, and I'm a wreck today.”

The unhappily married couple. Bootlegging liquor seems to unlock all the latent inhibitions and for the time being people are free and unrestrained. Roosevelt and Betty can spend whole evenings at friends' houses indulging each other after the second round of cocktails and still have a few insulks left for the ride home.

The fighting blood. A minimum amount of liquor, bootlegging or even prescription, brings all of Louis' fighting blood to the surface, and he will up and at 'em at the slightest provocation. A difference of opinion amongst the population of Hagerstown, Maryland, an insult to his great grandmother's memory, plain or fancy mistreatments, or merely a fact that Louis does not like will raise his ire and cause him to demand reparation.

The good sport. Helene is one of those unfortunate girls who can't take even so little as twelve or fourteen rickies or a like number of cocktails without passing out of the picture. When this happens, her hostess takes Helene upstairs and as soon as she is brought to, Helene comes down and begins all over again. The boys and girls in her set all think very highly of Helene and admire her for being a good sport. On some parties Helene will pass out six or eight times of an evening, so you can see how courageous and sporting she is.

The loosened tongue. Just one highball will start Mrs. Winkleby telling a few things that her friends would be just as pleased if she didn't. One or two more and she will relate secrets and scandals that would cause her family to weep in horror. Just now she is all set to tell us what provision Uncle Ned made for his second wife's children in the will.