

Last night at dinner I sat beside Dr. Alexis Carrell. Since I saw him last he has received the Nobel Prize, but it has in no way affected his modesty. His face has matured remarkably and in a most impressive way. The man is short, rather stout, a smooth face - his features are not particularly distinguished but the look in his eye and the remarkable character of his mouth - firm - understanding - gentle. I think I have never seen quite such an expression on any human face. He was quiet at dinner, letting others talk. Elihu Root was at the table, naturally we circled about him in conversation. Carrell made one most interesting contribution to the talk on Prohibition. He said, "It is a mistaken idea that alcohol or whiskey is injurious if taken in small quantities. I have been for some time experimenting with the effect of whiskey on animals. I gave mice small quantities over several generations and the last generation was much stronger - much healthier than any previous one. The mice raised beside those to whom no whiskey had been given were feebler, less resistant. I consider small quantities of whiskey an admirable thing for the human body." What effect this will have on the literature of the prohibitionist it is hard to say, but it seemed to me a very important contribution to the subject. Mr. Root was non-committal in the matter, but said that for thirty years or more on the advice of his physician he had taken a glass of wine or a whiskey and soda regularly with his meals. He is now eighty-six has a most amazing mind for his years, clear, penetrating, not assertive, interested and has a delightful smile.

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