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Old Tom Tanbark, trail-blazer and prospector, arrived in the city today from his habitat somewhere in the wilds back of Mount Haggin. Despite the fact no razor had scraped up an acquaintance with his chin since last spring, the smile that encompassed his countenance was decidedly perceptible. The reason was apparent.

While in camp some meandering stranger had visited his place during the summer and left a magazine carrying an article on cider making. Tom seemed to have memorized the article, and quoted the following excerpt:

"When the juice of the apple is pressed out the immediate result is cider. When this is done an intoxicating liquor has not been produced. But fermentation very shortly sets in, producing alcohol, and all that is necessary to convert the juice into an intoxicating liquor is the lapse

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of a short time. Broadly speaking, one who has manufactured cider, which has not had time to ferment, has not manufactured intoxicating liquor."

"I never had the pleasure of meeting the fellow who wrote the article," Tom informed a bevy of boon companions, but so long as he has given cider a clean bill of health, I'm here to say he is a man after my own heart. He has gone a long ways towards putting Montana on the map, because Montana is one of the states that made the McIntosh apple famous, and the McIntosh apple did the same thing for cider. Cider, in turn, is responsible for a by-product known as applejack, and applejack can---well, if there are any of you here from Wisconsin or New York State, it's almost needless for me to go into detail.

"Cider has a curative effect on persons suffering from rheumatism, and when it attains the voltage of the applejack variety, it will make any man forget pain, provided he takes sufficient quantity. Let a barrel of cider sleep over winter, and you have a concoction that possesses a heavier kick than a professional football player. It's a grown-up man's beverage, and back where I came from, it was considered the equal, if not the superior of Kentucky hill moisture.

"The fact that cider cures rheumatism, leads me to believe that wonderful results in treating other ailments can be secured through the administration of its by-product,

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applejack. When I return home next spring, I'm going to remodel one of my sluice boxes, and try breaking into scientific circles as the genius, whose efforts on behalf of the suffering, was responsible for the raising of Montana's McIntosh apples to the dignity and importance that will make them the greatest fruit on earth.

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