

Milton, Dickens and other beautiful works? "Most Australian Gentlemen agree with these sentiments, having in mind the Hadies and the Kiddies. There is, however, one improper topic of conversation which is permitted in Mixed Company. This is the topic of the National Beverage. (3)

already met Australians abroad you will know that the difficulty of obtaining this beverage in foreign parts occupies most of their conversation, though never in an offensively explicit way. You may notice that some of your co-travellers now are Australians who are <sup>gratefully and not without some humorous banter</sup> partaking once again their favorite beverage. Facilities on this aircraft include a Convenient Tray for your consumption of same. This is affixed to the rear of the seat in front of you and it is adjusted into the correct position over your knees simply by releasing the button on top and then by pulling the tray forward in a rapid series of to-and-fro jerks. The stronger Gentlemen travellers usually find that this action can be mastered <sup>in time to termination of the journey.</sup> You should note however that <sup>implementation of</sup> this Facility should not be attempted when the passenger in the seat in front is enjoying his or her beverage. (While on the subject of Facilities a word about the lay-back seat designed for your <sup>usage and</sup> comfort may not be out of place. When you are desirous of adopting a reclining position simply depress the button on your seat arm, brace both feet against the rear of the seat in front, and kick vigorously while throwing head and shoulders back simultaneously against the Headrest. Please note that when you do have the Reclining position adjusted, and immediately after you are asleep, you will be tapped on the shoulder by a friendly Australian Hostess, either Miss Pope or I, who will ask if you <sup>are</sup> desirous of a beverage.)

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When they are back on their home soil, <sup>the ready availability of their favorite</sup> beverage and then other subjects, from which they have been starved during their sojourn Overseas, enter the conversation and sometimes even take Pride of Place over the beverage. These are the ever exciting topics of spin bowling, Brownlow medals, and the like. Your Sport, such as