

What Will They Think Of Next?

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POWDERED BEER

It is reported in the Riga *Industrie Zeitung* that a beer powder is prepared by evaporating beer. For use, 5.8 parts of the powder are dissolved in 100 parts of water, mixed with 7 - 9 % of alcohol, and carbonated. It is stated that this powder is to be shipped to tropical countries accompanied by cylinders of liquefied carbonic acid.



"Yeah, yeah, I heard you.
Two light beers comin' right up."

As of 2013 -

Pat's Backcountry Beverages, an Alaskan based company, now offers concentrated beer along with powdered soft drinks for campers, hikers, mountain climbers, and others who want a beer but don't want to haul the extra weight. The powdered drinks don't seem to be any more innovative than Kool-Aid but they do offer the same carbonation trick used with the concentrated syrup beer. A special pressure rated plastic bottle is available for \$40. You pour COLD water into the bottle, followed by the concentrated beer, and then pour in the activator which comes in an envelope like a sugar pack. The activator is sodium bicarbonate and citric acid which anyone who actually passed chemistry class in High School knows will fizz by producing CO₂ gas. The lid is sealed and the assembly shaken to mix. In lieu of paying \$40 plus refills @ \$3 per pint, it might make more sense to hire an extra Sherpa just to carry beer to the base camp; for that next assault on Everest.