

A Barrel of Whiskey.

A barrel of whiskey contains a good deal more than any other barrel of the same size; for in addition to the regulation 42 gallons it also contains:

- A barrel of headaches, of heart-aches, of woes;
A barrel of curses, a barrel of blows;
A barrel of tears from a world-weary wife;
A barrel of sorrow, a barrel of strife;
A barrel of all unavailing regret;
A barrel of cares and a barrel of debt;
A barrel of hunger, of poison, of pain;
A barrel of hopes ever blasted and vain;
A barrel of falsehood, a barrel of cries;
That falls from the maniac's lips as he dies;
A barrel of poverty, ruin and blight;
A barrel of terrors that grow with the night;
A barrel of crime, and a barrel of groans;
A barrel of orphan's most pitiful moans;
A barrel of serpents that hiss as they pass;
From the head of the liquor that flows in the glass. Warren Messenger.

Something to Study.

From one bushel of corn the distiller gets four gallons of whiskey.
Which retails at \$16.80
The farmer gets .20
The U S government gets 4.40
The R R Co gets 1.00
The Manufacturer gets 4.00
The Retailer gets 7.20
The Consumer gets Drunk.
His wife gets Hungry.
His children gets Rags.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE TO BE TAUGHT IN SANTIAGO.

The Death Rate Steadily Increasing. Nearly All the Spanish Soldiers Sent Home.

Santiago de Cuba, Aug. 27, 6:55 p. m.—The American postal system is soon to be introduced here, and house-to-house deliveries and letter boxes are to be established. The merchants are much pleased and the desire is general for the establishment of American business systems.
The modification of the administration of the provisional government by Gens. Lawton and Wood meets with the approbation of intelligent citizens, and cooperation in the movement is increasing. The schools will be opened on Sept 1st. English will be taught in all grades for the purpose of Americanizing effect. The employes of the civil government are now paid with checks only, owing to the scarcity of small change.
Expressive funeral services were held today over the remains of the Colombian consul, Senor Bravo, who died from fever. Many flags were flying at half mast.
The death rate among citizens and troops is increasing. The deaths in the city daily number about 80. The mortality among the soldiers is small, however. Patients who are convalescent after an attack of dysentery and yellow fever gain strength slowly owing to the enervating effect of the climate. Two hundred immunes are now in the hospital. The steamer Panther left early this morning with 108 sick soldiers of all regiments, and the Roumanian will leave tomorrow with 425 sick from all regiments,

leaving 500 for the Olivette, which is expected on Wednesday to take all the sick save the critical cases.

Eight thousand rations were dispatched today to Guantanamo bay for two companies of Ray's immunes. The transports San Augustine, Leonora and San Francisco will go for 6,000 Spaniards at Guantanamo bay.

The Cheribon, a hospital ship, left today with 1,000 sick Spaniards. The condition of all the Spanish soldiers who left or are about to leave is pitiful. Physicians say that 30 per cent. of them will die before reaching Spain. Three thousand remain here.

Beauty is Blood Deep.

Clean blood means a clean skin. No beauty without it. Cascarets, Candy Cathartic clean your blood and keep it clean, by stirring up the lazy liver and driving all impurities from the body. Begin to-day to smother pimples, boils, blotches, blackheads, and that sickly bilious complexion by taking Cascarets,—beauty for ten cents. All druggists, satisfaction guaranteed, 10c, 25c, 50c.

An Unexpected Answer.

During the progress of the trial of the case of Widow Matthews against the Elevator Company in the circuit court recently, Colonel Slayback, counsel for the defendant, conceived the idea that one Murphy, a witness for the plaintiff, was a suitor for the hand of the widow, and on the eve of leading her to the altar. Getting Murphy on the stand, the lawyer endeavored to bring this fact before the jury, and this was the upshot of the examination:

"Mr. Murphy, are you any relation to the plaintiff?"
"No, sir, I am not."
"Don't you expect to be?"
"Such a thing might happen."
"Now, are you not going to marry her?"
"I'm afraid not."
"You are afraid you won't eh? Well, now don't you expect to marry her?"
"if my wife should die, and the widow remain single till then, such a thing might happen."
The jurors and spectators burst into a roar of laughter, and Murphy chuckled at the cunning manner in which he had drawn the lawyer on. The colonel had nothing more to say on the matrimonial question.

AFTER TWENTY YEARS.

A Wealthy New Yorker Finds His Long Lost Daughter.

Hot Springs, Ark., Aug. 28.—Mr. Hughes, a wealthy retired broker of New York, while passing through the Arlington hotel dining hall, discovered his own daughter, who had been lost to him for twenty years. Hughes' wife deserted him years ago, taking with her their only child. The wife deserted the baby in Chicago and it was reared by strangers. She was employed as a waitress in the Arlington when accidentally discovered by her wealthy father.

Uses of Cats.

There are many curious facts about cats that are not known to the general public, especially as to the use to which the animal is put. For instance, the Chinese utilize cats as clock. They say that the pupils of their eyes grow steadily narrower until 12 noon, when they are like fine hair lines, gradually dilating after that hour. By this way a Chinaman finds out the time when a clock is not handy.

Cats have a commercial importance in certain lines of trade. Marine insurance does not cover damages done to the cargo by the depredations of rats, but if the proprietor of the merchandise injured can prove that the ship was not furnished with a cat he can recover compensation from the vessel owner. A ship that is found under certain circumstances without a living creature on board is considered a derelict, and property rights in her are forfeited. It has frequently occurred, after the crew had been lost or the ship otherwise abandoned, that a live canary, domestic fowl, or more often a cat, being discovered on board, has saved the vessel from being condemned. For this reason a shipowner seldom sends a ship to sea without a cat.

Cats were first domesticated by the ancient Egyptians. On a tomb erected about 1300 B. C., puss first appears as a domesticated creature, being shown seated beneath a chair. Cats were worshipped in Egypt, and behind a temple at Beni Hassan great pits have been found containing multitudes of cat mummies. When a cat died a natural death in an Egyptian house the occupants went into mourning and shaved off their eyebrows.

A few years ago there was a discovery made of a great cave in Egypt which was filled with thousands of mummified cats. These were dug out, exported to England and were sold at the rate of four pounds a ton for manure. Some of them, however, were carefully unwrapped and dissected for scientific purposes, and were found to be similar to the cat of today.

Are You Weak?

Weakness manifests itself in the loss of ambition and aching bones. The blood is watery; the tissues are wasting—the door is being opened for disease. A bottle of Brown's Iron Bitters taken in time will restore your strength, soothe your nerves, make your blood rich and red. Do you more good than an expensive special course of medicine. Brown's Iron Bitters is sold by all dealers.

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Will be let at the bridges, to the lowest bidder, for repairs, the following bridges, to wit:
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Cane Creek bridge, Charlotte road, Sept. 1st, 12 m.
Waxhaw Creek bridge, Charlotte road, Sept. 1st, 2 p. m.
Camp Creek bridge, on Carter place, Sept. 1st, 5 p. m.

L. J. Perry, Co. S'pervisor.

AN OPEN LETTER TO MOTHERS.

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Samuel Pitcher M. D.

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IMPORTANT

Notice by Board of Registration.

The board of Supervisors of Registration for Lancaster county met this the 7th day of March, 1898, and organized by re-election of W G A Porter, chairman and Montgomery Caskey secretary.

According to notice already given, the board will not keep the books open for the registration of electors between the consecutive days in each month until thirty days before the general election this year.

Electors who registration in 1896 and 1897 and still remain in their respective polling precincts are not required to register. Those who have moved from one precinct to another will have to come forward and have their certificates changed to conform to their present precinct.

W G A Porter, Chairman.

J M Caskey, Secretary.

Lancaster, S. C., March 7, 1898.

Pay Up.

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Train No 19, Sunday Only.

Table with train schedules: A. M. P. M. 9:00 Lv. Lancaster Ar. 8:55 9:30 Fort Lawn 8:25 9:46 Basomville 8:10 9:55 Richburg 8:01 10:30 Ar. Chester Lv. 7:25

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