

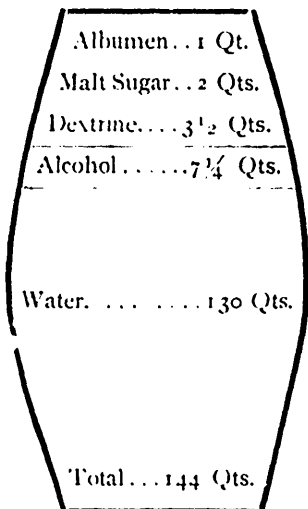
A Barrel of Ale.

AN English author has been analyzing a barrel of the "poor man's beer." Assuming it to be not at all adulterated, and allowing 144 quarts to the barrel, this is what the analysis shows:

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| Albumen (flesh forming)..... | 1 | Qts. |
| Malt sugar (unfermented)..... | 2 | |
| Gum (of no dietetic value)..... | 3 | |
| Alcohol (intoxicating spirit)..... | 7 1/2 | |
| Water (innocent, and should be cheap).... | 130 | |

Total.....144

One English author, Joseph Malins, puts the result pictorially thus:



A barrel of ale, he says, costs about £3, or \$15. The net value of the albumen, malt sugar, gum and alcohol is about £1, or \$5; leaving the charge for the water £2, or \$10. No wonder that the brewers get rich, and the beer drinkers stay poor. *Christian Union.*

"An Excellent Spine."

ASUNDAY-SCHOOL teacher once called on one of his scholars to read the third verse of the sixth chapter of Daniel, from which the lesson was taken. The verse reads, "Then this Daniel was preferred before the presidents and princes, because an excellent *spirit* was in him. And the king sought to set him over the whole realm." The scholar, not being the best reader in the school, gave a slightly revised version of the text as follows: "Then this Daniel was preferred before the presidents and princes, because an excellent *spine* was in him."

It is very likely that the revision produced a smile; but it also conveyed a lesson. A man without "an excellent spine" makes a very poor Christian, and

would never "dare to be a Daniel," nor "dare to stand alone." The little boy expressed just what many Christians need at the present day. "There are some who are willing to sing. "Dare to be a Daniel, dare to stand alone," but they lack Daniel's "excellent spine," and so they never will be Daniels, and will not be likely to stand alone. May God raise up more men like Daniel; men who fear God and work righteousness: men of an excellent *spine*,—men who have backbone *H. L. Hastings.*

A Colorado Avalanche.

COLORADO is intersected north and south, near the centre, by the Rocky Mountains, many peaks of which are 13,000 feet high. In the north shadows and deep gullies of these peaks banks of snow from 50 to 100 feet remain the year round. Sometimes in the winter huge snow caps with bulging crown and protruding rims can be seen fitting down ominously on the peak tops. When this is the case the experienced mountaineers knowing the danger leave the little log huts and take up winter quarters in some valley camp.

Not long since one of these snow caps settled down on Tennessee mountain at the head of what is known as the Granite Gulch. Below were several cabins occupied by miners and prospectors. When the snow-cap began to show signs of moving, *the word of warning* was quickly passed along the ravine, and most of the men lost no time in getting away to a place of safety. The occupants of two substantial cabins, however, laughed at the fears of the fugitives, and remained to prosecute work on their claims. In a few days the district was visited by the heaviest snow storm of the season—and right in the middle of the night, when most of the men were asleep, the over-weighted mass of snow at the head of the ravine left its lofty pedestal and with a roar like thunder came crashing down the mountain side, carrying everything before it, burying the cabins with mighty piles of snow, and crushing them in like egg-shells. Out of eleven occupants only two escaped uninjured, two were killed instantly, and the others fatally wounded by the broken timbers of the cabins, though all might have escaped had they with others fled for safety when they were first warned.

Dear reader, hast thou thought of the great danger thy soul is in: and of the terrible avalanche of judgment that will inevitably fall upon all who do not flee to Jesus for refuge? A TERRIBLE DOOM AWAITS THIS WORLD. "The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night: in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall be dissolved with fervent heat, and the earth and the works that are therein shall be burned up." 2 Pet. 3: 10. "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." 1 Tim. 1: 15. "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation." Heb. 2: 3.—*The Worker.*