

WATER RITUAL SPEAKS

It is said that the mascot of the 24th is a regimental mouse - Cheese it .

Overheard in the Adelphi - " Is it free - Mantell?"

Watch your water boys - the ship's not a camel .

One of the boys asked a local girl how she liked the Australian Bight - she said she liked the N Z bite better .

QUESTIONS ONE DOES NOT ASK

Of the Captain:

Do you really enjoy the bagpipes?

Of the Chief Engineer:

How much fresh water (and linseed) do your engines use?

Of the Purser:

Why do you hoard mattresses?

Of a C P R Sister:

Have you ever been vaccinated?

JUST WILLIAM

But yesterday morning
He left in his pride,
A blooming young man
With a fine martial stride,
But 'ere the red sun in its course rose again
He'd succumbed (oh the pity) in vice's low den .

All the birds of the air
Are a'sighing and a'sorrowing
As they think of the depths
In which William was wallowing .

But yesterday morning
Young William was hale .
By the evening, alas
He had tasted Perth ale
It was weak Waitemata he'd been weaned upon -
How great was the fall when he tasted some "Swan".

All the birds of the air
Are a'wailing and weeping,
As they think of the company
William was keeping .

Our Warren was young
Our Warren was weak,
He had so much drink
It made his breath reek.
He'd a fit of the staggers
And a look just like daggers,
A headache or two, and a hue on his beak .

They say if you play "Crown and Anchor" long enough you will see the Banker counting your own money .

Has the Publisher attempted to exchange the Wellington Milk Council coupon which was rung on him yesterday for a quart of Ship's Red Top Milk .

"I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles": The Serjeant of the 19th A T Coy with the A Flat snore who chews soap in his sleep - And!!! he is always sober .

The sea gulls have now left us - But we notice that the swallows are returning - To the deep .

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