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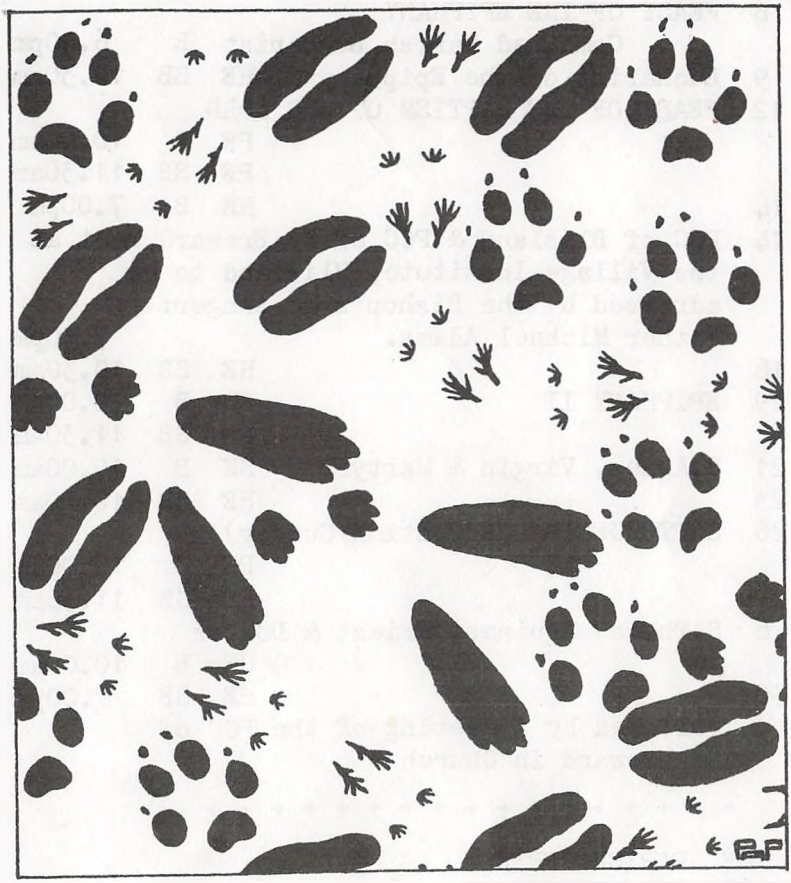

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KALENDAR & ARRANGEMENTS FOR JANUARY, 1986.

Wed	1	OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS: SOLEMNITY OF MARY	HE	B	10.00am
Thu	2	S.Basil the Great & S.Gregory Nazianzen	HE	SB	10.30am
SUN	5	CHRISTMAS II	PE	B	10.00am
		see page 4	Mattins	SB	11.30am
Mon	6	FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY Combined Parish Eucharist		B	6.00pm
Thu	9	Eucharist of the Epiphany	HE	SB	10.30am
SUN	12	FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD	PE	B	10.00am
			PE	SB	11.30am
Tue	14		HE	B	7.00pm
	14	PCC of Blisland & PCC of St Breward meet at the Village Institute, Blisland to be adressed by the Bishop's Messenger: Father Michael Adams.			7.30pm
Thu	16		HE	SB	10.30am
SUN	19	EPIPHANY II	PE	B	10.00am
			PE	SB	11.30am
Tue	21	S.Agnes, Virgin & Martyr	HE	B	10.00am
Thu	23		HE	SB	10.30am
SUN	26	SEPTUAGESIMA (Education Sunday)	PE	B	10.00am
			PE	SB	11.30am
Tue	28	S.Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor	HE	B	10.00am
Thu	30		HE	SB	7.00pm
		followed by a meeting of the PCC of St Breward in Church.			

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FROM THE PARISH PRIEST.

My dear Parishioners of Blisland, St Breward & Temple,

You will notice in the kalendar for this month that the PCC of Blisland and the PCC of St Breward will meet at the Village Institute at Blisland on Tuesday, 14th Jan. at 7.30pm. The speaker will be Father Michael Adams who will commend to both Parochial Church Councils 'Our Parish Resources' about which I shall be writing

in the March issue of the Parish Magazine.

I would like, in this January issue of the Parish Magazine, to write about some of the responsibilities of Christian Parents. By way of introduction, may I remind you of two famous families. The first is, of course, the Holy Family - Mary, Joseph and Jesus. Think of the way in which Mary & Joseph cared for the Holy Child Jesus. They loved and cared for Him and taught Him all they knew about God the Father and His Angels. They shared with Jesus their experience of their calling to be the Mother and Foster Father of the Divine Son of God.

The second famous family is that of the Wesleys. We all know of Charles and John Wesley but we may not know about their mother, Susannah Wesley. This Christian mother used to spend one hour each day praying for her 17 children each of which was given Christian instruction by her every week. For example, she used to teach each of her children to pray as soon as he or she could speak. The result of her teaching can be seen in the lives of Charles and John Wesley.

All Christian parents have a duty to see that their children are baptised and welcomed into the family of the Church, that they are taught to say their prayers and that they should not merely send, but bring, them to church. Christian families should pray in their homes and, with other Christian families, pray together in Church. In St Breward Parish there is one family (father, mother and two children) which comes to Church every Sunday. In Blisland Parish there is one family (father,mother and two of their children) which comes to Church fairly regularly. We should all hope and pray that many more families will follow their example. At the time of writing this letter I am hoping that many parents will bring their children to Church at Blisland for the Christingle Service for both parishes on Sunday, 22nd December at 3pm, to either Blisland or St Breward Church on Christmas morning and to Blisland Church for the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols on Sunday, 29th December at 3pm.

We must wait and see what response we get. Whatever the response is, we must all pray that Christian parents will teach their children to say their prayers and bring them

to Church. Regular Church goers should welcome such families with open arms and pray that they will become regular worshippers too.

God bless you all and all whom you love.

EDWIN STARK.

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ST BREWARD CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION.

In November an enjoyable and successful cheese and wine party was held at Hamatethy by kind invitation of Mr & Mrs John Alford for the St Breward Conservative Association.

A donation from the profits was given to the East Cornwall Hospital League of Friends who are currently seeking to raise money to pay for a covered way and lift for the physiotherapy department.

V.R.Cholmeley. Hon.Sec.

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Mary Sharp of Tor Farm, Temple, is to be assistant editor for six months this year. She will be working for her Duke of Edinburgh Award Silver Medal, and if qualified may go on with the project for her Gold Medal.

This is a blessing on two counts. It is a very worthwhile project for Mary and will also help me to offload some work. Quite apart from the fact that at last, someone will be trained in putting the magazine together should I not be in a position to do so, which is a very comforting thought.

I would ask you all to assist Mary as much as possible. All the reports etc. will still be coming through me at the initial stage, but contact Mary if you wish to do so.

Have you any bright ideas what we could pursue in the coming months - and we are still looking for local memoirs.

SMV.

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*** Change of arrangements in December Kalendar. Combined Parish Service of Nine Lessons and Carols to be held on Sunday 5th January - NOT 29th Dec.. 3pm. attended by the choir Cantato Domini.

ARE YOU ENTITLED TO A COAT OF ARMS?

In the reference library at Bodmin is a book entitled "The Herald's Visitations of the County of Cornwall". It contains the family trees and coats of arms of many Cornish families. The last visitation of the heralds to Cornwall was in 1620 when they visited the chief towns. They examined and recorded the coats of arms and family trees presented by those who wished them to be recognised, no doubt for a high fee.

This book is invaluable to those wishing to do research on their family history. It goes back many centuries up to the year 1887 when additions were made by Lt.Col. J.L.Vivian. Photostat copies of the family trees and coats of arms can be obtained from the archivist at Truro on payment of a small sum. Most people can trace their history back to 1887.

As an example of what can be found are the family trees and coats-of-arms of the Billing family of Hengar, St Breward and Blisland. The family tree goes back to the 15th C when the Billings lived at Trevorder near St Breock. In the 16C they lived at Hengar when John Billing married Margery Blewett of St Tudy. In 1592 Reginald Billing married Ann Hocken of Higher Lank, St Breward. Margery Blewett was his grandmother. He built the present Higher Lank Farm in 1627. he was succeeded by his son William who had arms allowed to him By Sir John Borough, Garter King of Arms, in 1638. These arms show the arms of Billing - three stags heads on a black diagonal band with a gold background - the arms of Blewett - three eagles on gold with a green chevron - and the arms of Hocken - a diamond pierced by a spike on blue.

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Extract from the West Britain. November 27th, 1873.

Returning Miners.

1500 to 2000 miners have returned from America due to the gloomy state of affairs on the lakes and in the principal mining and manufacturing districts. The general breakup in the mines and factories has led many Cornishmen in America being out of work. A serious & critical state of affairs.

A STORY AND THOUGHT FOR THE NEW YEAR.

It was at the end of his Christmas Day broadcast in those dark days of 1939 that the late King George VI spoke the following now famous words:-

> I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year, "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown". And he replied"Go out into the darkness, and put your hand into the Hand of God. That, shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way".

In spite of exhaustive enquiries it remained a mystery for several years as to who wrote these memorable words. The King had quoted them from one of the many Christmas messages he had received. Enquiries were directed to the sender of the card and then the following story unfolded.

The words were spoken by a singing teacher at a meeting in Bristol in 1914. A prominent Baptist minister was so impressed by them that he asked the teacher to write them down on a post card. She did so, but it was not until twenty years later after the minister died that his daughters found the card in his writing desk. They had the words printed on a private Christmas Card in 1938, and it was a year later that the King was sent a copy and he made the words famous in his first war time Christmas broadcast.

The poem originally came from a small anthology of private poems published in 1908 by a Miss Minnie Haskins. She became a lecturer at the London School of Economics but often returned to her country home Warmley House, Bristol which is now a residential home for the elderly.

After the war the King and Queen invited Miss Haskins to Windsor for the unveiling of a commemorative plaque to the employees of the royal estate. On it were printed her famous lines.

I will add the following lines which precede three more verses of her poem.

"So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God,
trod gladly into the night.
And he led me towards the hills and the breaking
of day in the lone East".

We hope and pray that the Hand may guide us through 1986.

G.M.M.

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It is with pleasure that I received a card from Dr & Mrs Turner who have recently moved to Alcester in Warwickshire. They have settled in and are keeping fairly well.
The service at their new church is different but there is very much friendship and so many children there.
I'm sure that all who knew this lovely couple will be pleased to hear their news.

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Recently I found a clipping from the W.M.N. that I had poked away a couple of years ago and wondered if we could have a local think about it.

Some friends were having an after-dinner conversation about the seven deadly sins, and finally compiled a list of the severn modern deadly sins which were:- Cruelty. Apathy. Ignorance (i.e. refusal to learn) Meanness (of spirit). Deceit. Sycophancy. and Schadenfreude (an Austrian expression which means taking joy in other people's sorrow).

The original seven deadly sins were:- Pride. Lust. Covetousness. Anger. Gluttony. Envy. & Sloth.

What would you put on a modern list? Lets have your ideas, one or seven. I'll print any good ideas..
I think I would start with Greed and Blindness (a deliberate act of turning away).

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WANTED by a local government officer. Self-contained accomodation for a young lady. Contact Pat Richmond on Bodmin 77378 evenings or Bodmin 4121 ex 238 9-5.

FOOLS CORNER.

The winter copy of the Community News came out recently and the first two contents were 'Village shop price survey' and 'Trouble at post offices' were of particular interest. A recent survey by the Rural Community Council down west discovered that there was only $3\frac{1}{2}$p in the £ difference between village shops and supermarkets. Taking into account the bus fare into town, the village shops came out on top.

They said"There was no intention to undermine supermarkets who have enough on their hands already with cash and carries and superstores. But for the beleaguered village shop with its social as well as economic role, the going is even more tough. This demonstrates how tight the squeeze is for them and how vulnerable they are to any increased competition."

The other item had a facimile of a post office stamp which said 'Your Post Office - Use it or lose it! The stipend basically paid for a 40 hour week with all the rigmarole that it involves, it pitifully small. It is up -graded on turn-over but the G.P.O. is doing it's level best to take away the business which counts towards the sub-postmasters wage. e.g. inducing recipients of Social Security payments to receive payments through direct payment into bank accounts rather than Girocheques. Also direct debiting for various accounts.

Already our local post offices have lost the sorting/ delivery service, jobs which benefited the sub-postmaster and local men on a part-time basis, and put on the roads more vans with all the extra up-keep, plus having to train the postmen to know every house or farm by name - no running up straight streets..

Recently a bevy of W.I. ladies were entertained in the International Stores - now taken over by Gateway - who are part of a larger consortium.. the ladies were given a resumee of the company's history and future aspirations. In return the ladies queried policies and voiced complaints which were dealt with by the various managers. They were taken round the store and on the way out presented with a bag of goodies. One point which wasn't given a full airing, but was clarified quietly

later, was the fact that the mid-week free shoppers bus service, which costs the company £200 a week, will in all probability cease, but no date given yet.

Thinking over the evening in Bodmin, and the C.R.C.C. articles, I have come to the very real conclusion that Big Business, be it GPO, the grocery or motor trade, or whatever is only interested in the bottom line, the profit margin must be big enough to make the concern viable. People and their needs are reduced to symbols and if they are not agreeable, the store, PO, or garage is closed, regardless of the inconvenience to customers or loss of employment by staff.

So what are the logical conclusions? Very simply, Big is not Beautiful!! therefore we should support our local small business'. If we all used our local stores as much as possible, the extra turn-over would encourage them to increase their lines and help to keep prices competitive. We should encourage business' back to the villages - not just appear when the snow and ice cut us off from the towns.. or remark that it's cheaper up at Normans.. we can't all afford the transport on a limited income, nor do we need to buy in bulk.

If we don't support the village shops and sub-post offices, they would be better off selling their desirable premises for trendy retreats or second homes.

As an ex-shopkeeper I can assure you that there is nothing more heart-breaking than to work all the hours the Good Lord made, to be of service to the best of your ability and then see your top-up customers going past, just off the bus, laden with the same goods that you sell.

So, my old dears, if you don't want a long walk to town to shop, may I suggest that you pop into your local store and get to know them. If they haven't got what you want - ask if it's possible to stock it! As for the sub-P.O - find out what services they can render, pay the telephone bill and S.W.W.A., only this week I collected a British Mint Stamps, Collectors Pack 1985, ordered and delivered within 48 hours. That's service!

Take heed, before the shop goes the way of the dodo. SMV

This poem was engraved on a brass plate on Jubilee Rock.

Great George! Thy fame without my skill
As the vast Rock of Ages sure,
Not subject to decay shall still
Coeval with the world endure

Thy matchless glory's far above
The poets' or the sculptors' art,
Thy virtues have engraved thy love
Deep in each loyal Briton's heart.

Brave Cornwall's Duke, whom all caress
Whom every manly motive fires,
All patriots pray for thy success
And heaven alone thy breast inspires.

Britannia, may you still maintain
The banner of your rights unfurled;
Your wide dominion of the main,
Your favours to a humbled world -

May the best fruits creation yields
Increase thy bliss, increase thy stores;
May Plenty load thy smiling fields
And Commerce crown thy happy shores.

Fair Science, may thy sacred light
Bid dark and jarring interests cease,
May all the sons of men unite
In one grand bond of love and Peace.

Lord Falmouth! Sprung from chiefs of fame
Thy great forefathers live in thee!
And Molesworth! May thy honoured name
Descend to all posterity.

May blessings round your dwellings flock,
Ye merry natives of Pendree,
As long as you revere this rock,
In honour of our Jubilee.

NATURE TITBITS

In June '84 I went away for a very long day to London. Paul came in and fed the animals and let the dog out. I surfaced the next day and dealt with Julius but the cat had departed through his fanlight - and I didn't see him again. I made enquiries and scoured the hedgerows for a body, to no avail. So that was that.

One Sunday in this October after a period of feeding odd stray cats, a black and somewhat skinny creature arrived at my back door, mewing. I gave it some biscuits and then realised that it hadn't objected to Julius' attentions, it marched into the kitchen and jumped up on my shoulder - as usual - and generally carried on as though the previous 16 months hadn't existed.

Question. Where did this normal home-loving cat go to? He came home lean and lousy - soon remedied!! He had never lived anywhere else, so it wasn't a question of returning home. Did he hitch a lift in a lorry and walked home?? or had he found a 'friend' and moved in with them for a time? It's a puzzle!! SMV

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HANDY HINTS.

To clean the inside of a stained thermos add a teaspoon of either salt or baking soda, fill with boiling water and leave to stand overnight. Next morning shake well and empty out. I tend to leave a teaspoon of sugar inside my thermos to keep it sweet, it gets swilled out when I warm it up next time.

Bicarb is a wonderful cure for sweaty shoes!! shake some into the shoes and leave overnight , then the shoes should be as fresh as a daisy in the morning. For my menfolk I used to rinse their socks in a solution of bicarb and water &let them drip dry. It solved the sweaty feet and smelly sock problem and their shoes improved as well..

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Quotable Quote. . . . . .

Sudden prayer makes God jump.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTES.

ST BREWARD.

There was an air of disappointment at the November meeting when it was announced that the speaker about the Royal Yacht had forgotten his booking, but this altered to one of keen interest when a very new member, Mrs Jill Bolvig Hansen, told us all about the problems and the joys of fostering teenage boys. Her love of children, backed up by a very supportive husband who is an essential part in the family atmosphere necessary to help these boys through a difficult part of their lives, was evident by the patience and firmness shown in many of her reminiscences of previous times. Certainly this is not a job for the fainthearted!

Mrs P Bridge gave us an account of the proceedings at the Autumn Council Meeting in Truro with her usual attention to detail which made it very much more alive than a mere lists of facts. We also at last heard Mrs P Bousfield's prize winning poem. The raffle tickets for the Churchtown Farm Appeal soon disappeared.

Our speaker for the December meeting will be from the Fire Service which will give the four 'volunteers' for the fire safety quiz early next year a golden opportunity to learn more about the subject! More practice might have helped our two bowls teams who suffered ignominious defeats in the second, at one time I said that our score looked more like odds on a race - 25 to 1. The third team went through on a bye, so good luck to them in April.

A more successful time was the coffee morning held at my house on the 21st; the very nice items brought for sale (including a wonderful family of Teddy Bears made by Mrs Taylor of Buzzards Brake) realised over £33 for our own funds. Many thanks to all who helped to make this first attempt a success. Now we look for more volunteers to follow this up in January & February.

The competition winners at the meeting were Mrs J Teague with the best picture of royalty (chosen with our originally booked speaker in mind) and Mrs J Greenaway once again produced the best flower. Our January meeting will be a social evening with a supper provided by all the members, followed by the nominations for the committee so please come along to enjoy yourselves and make your choices for those whose job it will be to help run a good W.I. A.H.

BLISLAND.

Although our last meeting was held on a pretty miserable cold night the members were there in full force with the exception of Mrs Horton who has had an unfortunate long stay in hospital after a serious operation. But it is good to know she is home again & we wish her a speedy recovery & look forward to seeing her once again at our meetings.

We were very, very sorry to hear that our County Chairman Mrs Sue Oliver (who incidentally lives across the road at Mount) has had to relinquish all her committmets on the County Executive through ill-health . This is very sad as she is such a young, vivacious and attractive personality and brought a breath of fresh air into the W.I. We sincerely send her & her family every good wish for their futures.

The Blisland W.I. Anniversary Dinner was discussed. Its held in January so we don't like to go too far from home - the final arrangements for this annual get-together will be made next month.

Our Speaker for November was Mrs Warde who showed slides on Peru & also exhibited several items of interest that she had bought in that country. Peru is a country that none of us had ever visited & really knew very little about apart from that railway featured on the Television and seems to run along the top of the world. So it was with great interest we listened to the tale of her fascinating holiday.

The refreshments were served & provided by Mrs Miller & Mrs Vause, and the competition a Home-made Christmas card was won by Miss Maud Parnell.

Next month (January) our Speaker is Mrs Horrell whose subject is Music. It's too late to wish you a Happy Christmas, but I do wish you all a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Eileen Walford.

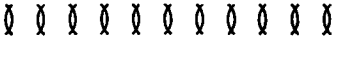
ST BREWARD GUIDES AND BROWNIES.

The St Breward Guides and Brownies put on another successful pantomime 'Snow White and the Dwarfs'. The money raised was shared between the Loretto Home, Guide and Brownie funds and they also gave a donation to the Methodist Church Building Fund. The collection at the door amounted to £120.

The Guides and Brownies are attending a District Service at Alturnun on December 15th, all members are to take a toy to the service which will be distributed afterwards.

ST BREWARD FOOTBALL CLUB

The St Breward Football Club held a successful Draw and Bingo evening. A profit of over £350 was made for Club funds.



ST BREWARD COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Five St Breward villagers successfully made their first parachute jump to raise funds for the school's video recorder.

The intrepid folk were:- Jenny Benham, Pauline Metters, Ken Uttley, Patrick and Jeffery Metters.

Commisserations to Jeffery for a poor landing which resulted in a broken bone in his foot - did he charge to get the plaster autographed??

ST BREWARD SILVER BAND.

The Band A.G.M. was more rewarding than last year. Mr Hunt said that the standard and presentation at engagements had been very good.

All members have been measured for new uniforms, which should be ready by mid-April.

The Band will be recording their second cassette at the Wadebridge School on 19th April, ready for the new season.

W.R.V.S. OVER 60's REPORT.

Nov 19th. This afternoon was spent at the Mansion House at the invitation of Mr & Mrs Ward-Lee, who entertained us with the video of their daughter Anne's wedding, which took place on a lovely day in September.

The choir singing in the church, the views of the village, all formed the background of a beautiful ceremony, with another chance to see the flowers and the fairest flowers of all - the Bride and her attendants. A glimpse of the reception would have made us hungry, but a magnificent tea was served to us, and for a most enjoyable afternoon we thank our Host and Hostess most sincerely.

Dec 3rd was our Christmas tea party when we invited guests to join us. Mr Murray (to whom I gave Irish blood in the last issue) organised a very detailed quiz which kept us all guessing & proved how little we knew! It was enthralling & quite amusing, and we thank him very much for all the research involved.

Miss Parnell made an iced cake to grace the table with all the festive goodies, which we demolished with gusto. Mr Thomas kindly brought a lovely chrysanthemum plant which was raffled & Mrs Goom made a cake which was auctioned. Mrs Webber won the competition, Christmas Cracker. Transport was arranged for our Annual visit to the C.P. School for their Infant Nativity afternoon on Dec 19th.

I have heard good reports of the shopping outing to Exeter & shall be looking forward to more outings together in the New Year.

Mrs Billing's Whist Drives are being much enjoyed and the final report in the next issue.

Gwen Masters.

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May I please remind all those who saved their Christmas Cards and brought them to my house last year that I shall be collecting them again this year.
Last year they went to Mount Edgecumbe Hospice, and previously to St Lawrences Hospital; they are used for therapy for the patients or made into saleable gift tags or small calendars to raise funds.

Anne Holmes, Hill House (opposite the Red Cross Centre)
St Breward.

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* please. Don't forget to let us have your *
* notices in good time. *

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The horse and mule live thirty years,
And nothing know of wine or beers,
The sheep and goat at twenty die,
Without a taste of scotch or rye.
The cow drinks water by the ton,
And at eighteen is mostly done.
The dog at sixteen cashes in,
Without the aid of rum or gin.
The cat of milk and water soaks,
And after twelve short years she croaks.
The sober, speckled, bone dry hen,
Lays eggs for nogs, and dies at ten.
But sinful, ginful, rum soaked men,
Survive for three score years and ten,
And some of them, though very few,
Stay pickled till they're ninety-two.

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