

**YE OLDE PORT WINE
HOUSE.**

**DIRTY DICK'S
(D.D.)**

**A Legend of Bishopgate,
From "HOUSEHOLD
WORDS," conducted by
CHARLES DICKENS.**

**PRESENTED AT THE
D. D, Cellars,
202 & 204, Bishopgate
London, E.C.**

ESTABLISHED 1745

D.D. Price List of Wines. D.D.

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## PORT WINES

|                                                                 | Q'ten.     | Pint.          | Gall.        | Bott.         | Doz.            |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|
| "Morena" Spanish Port ... ..                                    | <b>2d.</b> | <b>8d.</b>     | <b>5/4</b>   | <b>1/-</b>    | <b>12/-</b>     |
| "Household" Port Wine,<br>specially recommended ...             | <b>3d.</b> | <b>1/-</b>     | <b>8/-</b>   | <b>1/6</b>    | <b>18/-</b>     |
| "Invalids" a good generous Wine                                 | <b>4d.</b> | <b>1/4</b>     | <b>10/8</b>  | <b>2/-</b>    | <b>24/-</b>     |
| Fine Rich Wine ... ..                                           | <b>5d.</b> | <b>1/8</b>     | <b>13/4</b>  | —             | —               |
| Very Fine—tawny ... ..                                          | <b>6d.</b> | <b>2/-</b>     | <b>16/4</b>  | —             | —               |
| A beautiful full flavoured Wine                                 | <b>7d.</b> | <b>2/3</b>     | <b>18/-</b>  | —             | —               |
| Crusted, 3 years in bottle, highly<br>recommended ... ..        | —          | —              | —            | <b>2/-</b>    | <b>24/-</b>     |
| Well matured, firm Crust ... ..                                 | —          | —              | —            | <b>2/6</b>    | <b>30/-</b>     |
| Fruity—fine old Wine ... ..                                     | —          | —              | —            | <b>3/-</b>    | <b>36/-</b>     |
| The "Empire" Special, very fine<br>from the Wood or old Crusted | —          | —              | —            | <b>3/6</b>    | <b>42/-</b>     |
| Very fine old Wines ...                                         | <b>4/-</b> | <b>and 5/-</b> | <b>bott.</b> | <b>48/-</b>   | <b>and 60/-</b> |
|                                                                 |            |                |              | <b>dozen.</b> |                 |

## SHERRIES—from Spain

|                                                |            |            |             |            |                    |
|------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|--------------------|
| Good Ordinary ... ..                           | <b>2d.</b> | <b>8d.</b> | <b>5/4</b>  | <b>1/-</b> | <b>12/-</b>        |
| Good Medium ... ..                             | <b>3d.</b> | <b>1/-</b> | <b>8/-</b>  | <b>1/6</b> | <b>18/-</b>        |
| Excellent Wine, nutty flavor ...               | <b>4d.</b> | <b>1/4</b> | <b>10/8</b> | <b>2/-</b> | <b>24/-</b>        |
| Very fine Wine, <b>3/-, 3/6, 4/- &amp; 5/-</b> |            |            |             |            | <b>per bottle.</b> |

## CLARETS—from Bordeaux.

|                                  |                           | Per Bottle. |                |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| Good Sound Wines ... ..          | ...                       | <b>10d.</b> | <b>and 1/-</b> |
| St. Emelion, St. Julien, Margaux | <b>1/3, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6</b> | "           | <b>3/-</b>     |

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Hocks and Moselles		1/6, 2/-, 2/6	"	3/-
do. do. Sparkling		3/-	"	4/-
Burgundies		1/8, 2/6, 3/-	"	3/6
Madeiras		2/6	"	3/-
Marsalas		1/6	"	2/-
Chablis and Sauternes		1/6	"	3/-
Ginger and Orange Wine				1/-

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**For Prices of Spirits, Champagnes and Cordials see back cover**  
**Imperial Quart charged 3d. each**  
**Pints and Half-pints 2d. "** } **Returnable.**  
**Jar 3/- per Gallon, 9d. Half gallon** }

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*DIRTY DICKS* OLD PORT WINE  
& SPIRIT HOUSE.



Recovered from his loss behold  
Dick selling spirits fine and old  
His wines, too, are the market's pick,  
Keep on so doing, "Good old Dick."

# The History of Dirty Dick.

## A Legend of Bishopsgate Without

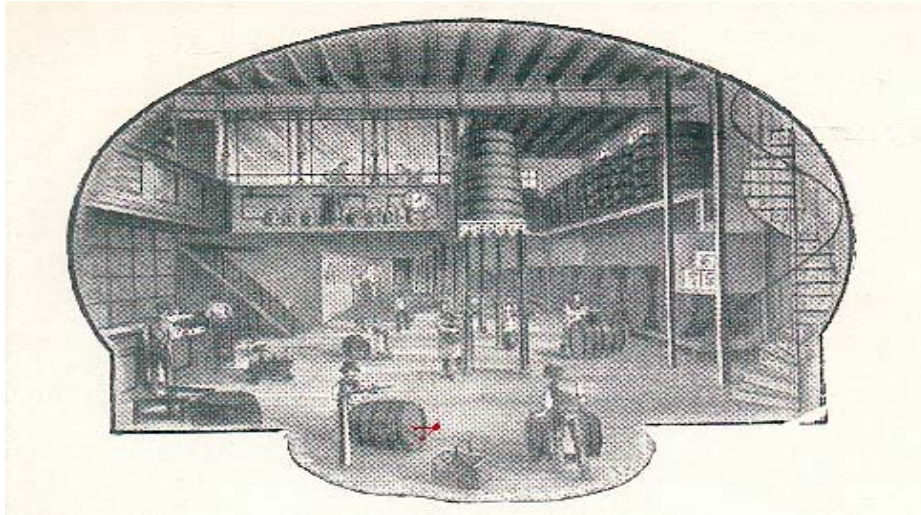
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The eccentric personage after whom the D.D. Cellars are named was NATHANIEL BENTLEY, who, about one hundred and thirty years ago was one of the best known characters in the City of London.

Shakespeare has said that some men are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them. it would be rather difficult to say which of these three categories BENTLEY belonged. It does not appear that he was born great, for he was simply a prosperous tradesman, inheriting a good business from his father; that he, to some extent achieved greatness is true, but it was by an extraordinary method as will presently be shown; that he had greatness or notoriety thrust upon him by people who made his peculiarities and his Dirty stores the talk of the town, is beyond doubt.

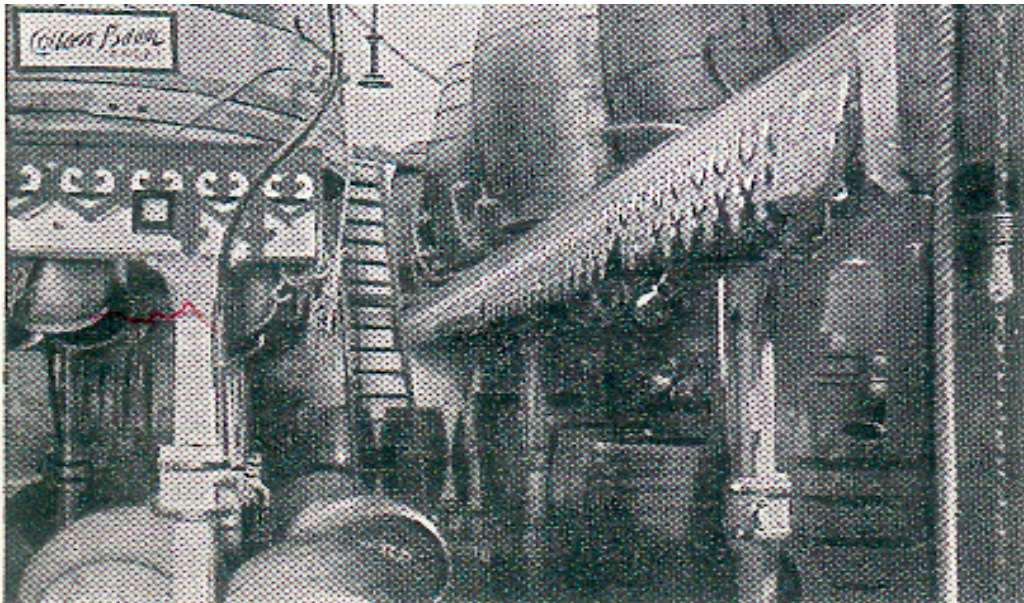
BENTLEY'S father had amassed a considerable fortune, which enabled him to keep a carriage and to maintain a country house, which was rather an uncommon thing for a city tradesman a century ago, when even the most opulent people, who were engaged in business, resided on their public





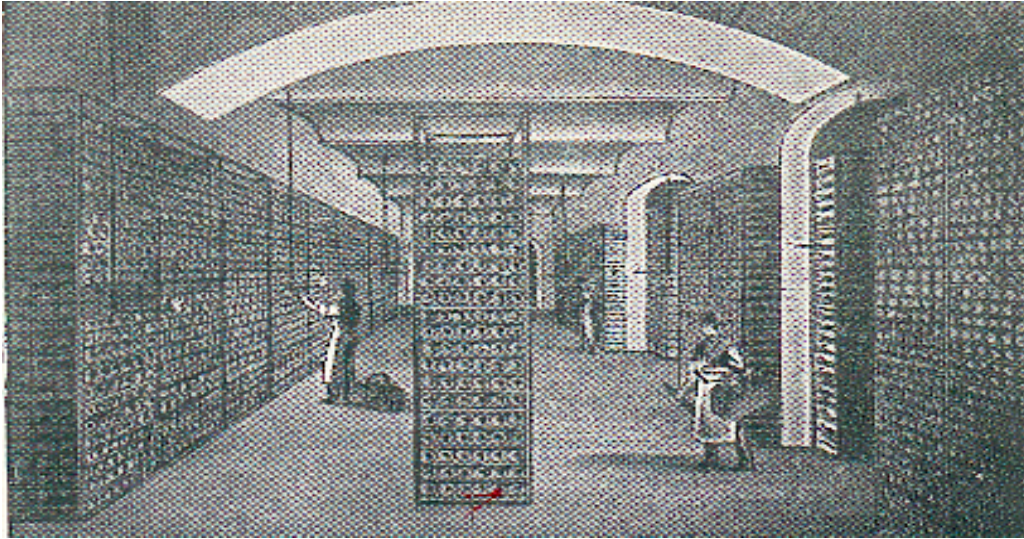
premises. YOUNG BENTLEY had a good education for those times, but the treatment which he received from his father did not accord with his notions of what was quite right and proper, so he left home to seek his fortune elsewhere, and remained away for several years, during which the business throve. His father, amongst other curious acts, presented a bell to the City Church, to be rung on every occasion of the anniversary of his birthday till his death, which occurred about the year 1761, A.D., when he left the whole of the property to the son, who became quite a dandy, always appearing in public in the most fashionable attire, and with his hair arranged by a court perruquier—all which made his subsequent untidy and neglected habits appear the more conspicuous. How soon it was after he succeeded to the business that he became addicted to the habits that gained

for him the nickname of “DIRTY DICK,” is not well known, but it is certain that, whilst for a considerable period he made his appearance in public splendidly attired, he at home grew negligent, often attending in the business unshaven and with his shirt sleeves tucked up; and it is known that, when once a friend remonstrated with him upon his want of personal cleanliness, he answered: “It’s of no use: if I wash my hands to-day, they will be dirty again tomorrow,” He was very parsimonious; mended his own clothes, and people said he was his own laundress. His desire was to limit his expenses to eighteen-pence a day, and with this view he would purchase only the commonest and cheapest eatables which he cooked himself. When told that other people could not live as he did, he would say: “Anybody can that



pleases. It is no hardship to me, though I used to have seven Dishes at dinner and three servants to wait upon me.

The event which brought about this extraordinary change in his manners and habits was a romantic character, similar to that which has entirely changed the disposition of many a better man than he was—it was, in short, a “love affair .” He was engaged to be married to a young lady to whom he was greatly attached, and he invited his intended bride, together with a number of friends to a splendid entertainment. On the day appointed, however, he received news of the young lady’s sudden death, which so distressed him that he ordered the dining room to be shut up, and resolved that it should never be opened again during his lifetime; and the feast provided was left to be eaten by the rats or mice, and spiders, or to go to decay, as the case might be. “DIRTY DICK,” as he was now generally known, lived a solitary life, suffering no servant to come near him. He would not have even a cat or a dog as a companion because, he said, they destroyed one’s property. As to rats or mice, when the feast which he had provided was all eaten or decayed, he used to remark that they would not live with him, because he provided nothing for them to exist upon. He paid a man To watch his door, to prevent impertinent intrusion, take out goods and hand him the shutters of his shop, which he put up and took down with his own hands, thinking this no degradation at all though he was a man of considerable



scholarly attainments, and could speak French and Italian fluently. If customers came whilst he was shaving himself, which he would do occasionally, he would come out of a small room behind the bar, and attend to them with his face half covered with lather and his dress disarranged. Yet, in spite of his eccentricities, he was remarkably polite to Ladies who, with the curiosity which is characteristic of all Eve's daughters would often go to his shop, and were invariably pleased with the politeness of his manners.

For nearly fifty years he refused to admit anyone to the upper portion of the premises, and when, at his death, an entrance was effected, the house was found to be in ruinous condition—the cooking and other utensils were old, dirty and dilapidated, and cobwebs, dirt and dust had accumulated

in every corner. In the chief room of the house, the door of which was strongly secured, the glass and pictures were scarcely recognisable for the dust which had grown thick upon them; the polished steel grate was loaded with rust; the marble sideboard was all sorts of colours, from the stains which successive years had forced upon it. The worm-eaten table with the plate, cutlery and dishes, as well as the gilt chains and lustres, even in the general ruin that prevailed, showed that the furniture had once been of a costly and elegant character.

“DIRTY DICK,” for some years before his death, led a wandering life; closing up shop, which he visited every year in the month of April, the supposed anniversary of his romantic attachment. He would then resume business in Scotland. He left a large sum of money—the accumulations of his miserly habits. His will was a marvel of Codicils and injunctions concerning the management of his property.

The old wine and spirit vaults are still in existence, but the venerable cobwebs with which the place was festooned, were of necessity somewhat rudely displaced during the rebuilding of the front and upper portion of the premises in the year 1870, when they were condemned and partially pulled down as dangerous, by order of the City authorities.

The ceiling and walls of the shop, together with many of the well-known accessories and relics are still preserved, together with the set of rules by which the business has so long been governed, viz:-

**No person to be served if in the least intoxicated.**

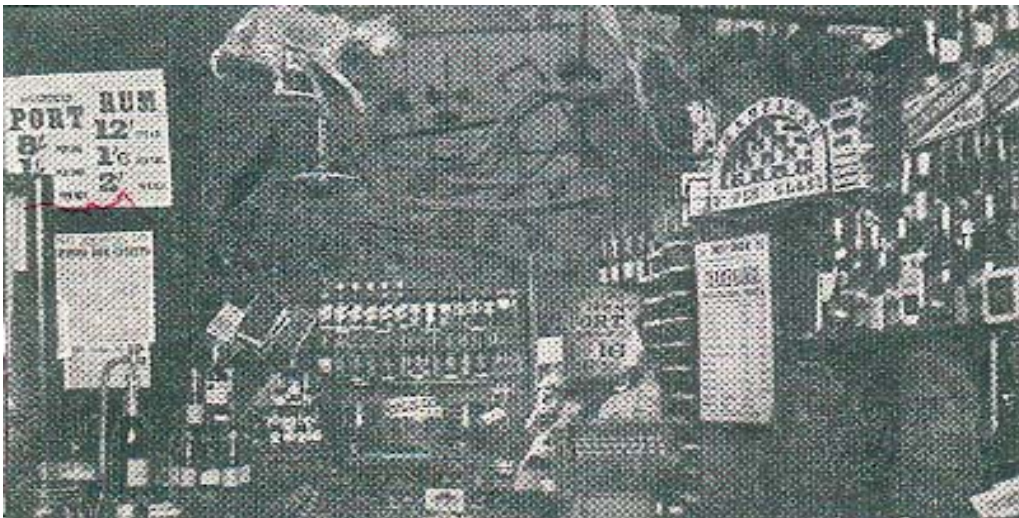
**No error admitted or money exchanged after leaving the counter.**

**No improper language permitted.**

**No smoking allowed.**

To this is added a note regarding the quality of the goods sold, and then comes the following:-

**The shop being small, difficulty occasionally arises in supplying customers, who will greatly oblige by**





**bearing in mind the good old maxim;- “when you are in a place of business, transact your business and go about your business.”**

### *Closed on Sundays*

The story of “DIRTY DICK’S” life&c., has been celebrated In the once popular song, “The King of the Cannibal Islands:”

“his palace was like Dirty Dick’s -  
‘Twas built of mud for want of bricks!”

But it was told more fully some years ago in the following Verses in “Household Words,” when that still popular journal Was under the direction of the late Charles Dickens.

# **The Dirty Old Man**

## **(DIRTY DICK.)**

### A LEGEND OF BISHOPSGATE

#### **FROM “HOUSEHOLD WORDS”**

*Conducted by Charles Dickens*

In a dirty old house lived a Dirty Old Man.  
Soap, towels or brushes were not in his plan;  
For forty long years as the neighbours declared,  
His house never once had been cleaned or repaired.

’Twas a scandal and a shame to the business-like street,  
One terrible blot in a ledger so neat;  
The old shop with its glasses, black bottles and vats,  
And the rest of the mansion a run for the rats.

Outside, the old plaster, all splatter and stain,  
Looked spotty in sunshine, and streaky in rain;  
The window-sills sprouted with mildewy grass,  
And the panes being broken, were known to be glass.

On a rickety signboard no learning could spell,  
The merchant who sold, or the goods he’d to sell;  
But for house and for man, a new title took growth,  
Like a fungus the dirt gave a name to them both.

Within these there were carpets and cushions of dust,  
The wood was half rot, and the metal half rust;  
Old curtains—half cobwebs—hung grimly aloof;  
’Twas a spiders’ elysium from cellar to roof.

There, king of the spiders, the Dirty Old man,  
Lives busy, and dirty, as ever he can;  
With dirt on his fingers and dirt on his face,  
The dirty old man thinks the dirt no disgrace.

From his wig to his shoes, from his coat to his shirt,  
His clothes are a proverb—a marvel of dirt;  
The dirt is prevailing, unfading, exceeding,  
Yet the Dirty Old Man has learning and breeding.

Fine folks from their carriages, noble and fair,  
Have entered his shop, less to buy than to stare,  
And afterwards said, though the dirt was so frightful,  
The Dirty Man's manners were truly delightful.

But they pried not upstairs thro' the dirt and the gloom,  
Nor peeped at the door of the wonderful room  
That gossips made much of in accents subdued,  
But whose inside no one might brag to have viewed.

That room, forty years since, folks settled and decked it,  
The luncheon's prepared, and the guests are expected,  
The handsome young host he is gallant and gay,  
For his love and her friends are expected today.

With solid and dainty the table is dressed—  
The wine beams its brightest—flowers bloom their best;  
Yet the host will not smile, and no guest will appear,  
For his sweetheart is dead, as he shortly shall hear.

Full forty years since turned the key in that door,  
'Tis a room deaf and dumb 'mid the city's uproar;  
The guests for whose joyance that table was spread,  
May now enter as ghosts, for they're everyone dead.

Though a chink in the shutter dim lights come and go,  
The seats are in order, the dishes a row;  
But the luncheon was wealth to the rat and the mouse,  
Whose descendants have long left the dirty old house.

Cup and platter are masked in thick layers of dust,  
The flowers fallen to powder, the wine swath'd in crust,  
A nosegay was laid before one special chair,  
And the faded blue ribbon that bound it is there.

The old man has played out his part in the scene  
Wherever he now is let's hope he's more clean;  
Yet give we a thought, free of scoffing or ban,  
To that Dirty Old House and that Dirty Old Man.

*From "Household Words," conducted by Charles Dickens.*

# D.D. Price List of Spirits D.D.



## SCOTCH WHISKIES.

|                                                            | Q'ten. | Pint. | Gall. | Bott. | Doz. |
|------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| "H.B.C." Brand ... ..                                      | —      | —     | —     | 2/6   | 30/- |
| "D.D." Brand ... ..                                        | 6d.    | 2/-   | 4/-   | 2/9   | 33/- |
| The "Abbotsford," very good ...                            | 7d.    | 2/4   | 4/8   | 3/-   | 36/- |
| The "Mail" ★★ ★ Special ...                                | 8d.    | 2/8   | 5/4   | 3/6   | 42/- |
| "Dunrobin" Special very fine ...                           | 10d.   | 3/4   | 6/8   | 4/-   | 48/- |
| "Dunrobin" 8 years old, Highland Malt ... ..               | —      | —     | —     | 4/6   | 54/- |
| The "Empire" Liqueur, guaranteed pure Highland malt ... .. | —      | —     | —     | 4/6   | 54/- |

## IRISH WHISKIES.

| Guaranteed Pure Grape.               |      | Q'ten. | Pint. | Gall. | Bott. | Doz. |
|--------------------------------------|------|--------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| "H.B.C." Brand ... ..                | —    | —      | —     | 2/6   | 30/-  |      |
| "D.D." Brand ... ..                  | 6d.  | 2/-    | 4/-   | 2/9   | 33/-  |      |
| "Rory-o-More," very good ...         | 7d.  | 2/4    | 4/8   | 3/-   | 36/-  |      |
| The "Mail" ★★ ★ Special ...          | 8d.  | 2/8    | 5/4   | 3/6   | 42/-  |      |
| "Colleen Bawn" Special very fine     | 10d. | 3/4    | 6/8   | 4/-   | 48/-  |      |
| The "Empire" Liqueur, pure Pot Still | —    | —      | 4/6   | 54/-  |       |      |

## BRANDIES—Pale and Brown.

|                                                        |      |     |     |     |      |
|--------------------------------------------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| BRANDY ... ..                                          | 7d.  | 2/4 | 4/8 | 3/- | 36/- |
| Pure Grape "D.D." Brand... ..                          | 8d.  | 2/8 | 5/4 | 3/6 | 42/- |
| <> Good value ... ..                                   | 9d.  | 3/- | 6/- | 4/- | 48/- |
| "Brett's," O.D.V. pure pale, specially recommended ... | 10d. | 3/4 | 6/8 | 4/6 | 54/- |
| <> <> Very Fine ... ..                                 | —    | —   | —   | 5/- | 60/- |
| <> <> <> Choice old ... ..                             | 1/-  | 4/- | 8/- | 6/- | 66/- |
| The "Empire" old Liqueur                               | —    | —   | —   | 6/- | 72/- |

## GINS—Finest London.

|                                          |     |     |     |      |      |
|------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|------|
| "D.D." Brand ... ..                      | 5d. | 1/8 | 3/4 | 2/4  | 28/- |
| Very Fine ... ..                         | —   | —   | —   | 2/6  | 30/- |
| Finest Dry or Old Tom ... ..             | 6d. | 2/- | 4/- | 2/9  | 33/- |
| The "Empire" Special Dry, Extra Strength | —   | —   | 3/- | 36/- |      |

## RUMS.

|                                  |      |     |     |     |      |
|----------------------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| "D.D." Brand ... ..              | 6d.  | 2/- | 4/- | 2/9 | 33/- |
| Full flavored ... ..             | 7d.  | 2/4 | 4/8 | 3/- | 36/- |
| "Negro Head" Jamaica ... ..      | 8d.  | 2/8 | 5/4 | 3/6 | 42/- |
| "Blue Jacket" Special Jamaica... | 10d. | 3/4 | 6/8 | 4/- | 48/- |
| The "Empire" Liqueur ... ..      | —    | —   | —   | 4/- | 48/- |

Imperial Quart charged 3d. each  
 Pints and Half-pints 2d. "  
 Jar 3/- per Gallon, 9d. Half gallon } Returnable.

# D.D. Liqueurs & Cordials D.D.

Made from our Old Original Receipts.  
Finest Materials only.

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |   |      |        |       |       |      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|------|--------|-------|-------|------|
| "Hottentot" Finest Ginger Brandy<br>The "Mail" " Cherry Brandy<br>Cherry Whiskey a delicious liqueur<br>Sloe Gin, Cherry Gin, Ginger Gin,<br>Milk Punch, Orange Gin<br>Orange Brandy,<br>Orange Bitters, and excellent Tonic. | } | Pint | Quart. | Gall. | Bott. | Doz. |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |   | 1/10 | 3/8    | 14/-  | 2/9   | 33/- |

## Henry Brett & Co's Celebrated Liqueurs.

|                                                                                          |   |         |        |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---------|--------|
| "Negro Head" Ginger Brandy<br>"Negro Head" Cherry Brandy<br>"Negro Head" Old Dry Bitters | } | Bottle. | Dozen. |
|                                                                                          |   | 3/-     | 36/-   |

## "D.D." Brand, Special Cordials.

|                                                                        |   |      |        |       |       |      |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|------|--------|-------|-------|------|
| Peppermint Shrub, Cloves, Aniseed<br>Noyeau, Lovage, Raspberry, Doctor | } | Pint | Quart. | Gall. | Bott. | Doz. |
|                                                                        |   | 1/6  | 3/-    | 12/-  | 2/3   | 27/- |

Chartreux, Benedictine, Curacao, Vermouth, Maraschino,  
Crème de Menthe, Kummel, &c., at market prices.

S.S.R. Rectified Spirit 60 overproof 32/-; 56 overproof 29/- gall.

## SPARKLING WINES & CHAMPAGNES.

|                                                                    | Bottle. | 1/2Bott. | 1/4Bott. |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|----------|----------|
| Carte Verte, Saumur ... ..                                         | 2/6     | 1/6      | 10d.     |
| A.de Chavigny, Epernay ... ..                                      | 3/8     | 2/3      | —        |
| Jules Ducrene & Cie, Extra Quality<br>1900 Vintage, Dry or Ex. Dry | 5/-     | 2/10     | 1/4      |
| Moët & Chandon, W.D.S. ... ..                                      | 6/-     | 3/3      | —        |
| Perrier Jouet, ... ..                                              | —       | —        | —        |
| G. H. Mumm's Extra Dry ... ..                                      | —       | —        | —        |
| Bollinger, Heidsieck, Roederer, and all other brands               |         |          |          |

No Charge for Wine or Spirit Bottles.

|                             |                             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Imperial Quarts charged 3d. | Jars, 1 gallon charged 1/-  |
| " Pints and 1/2 Pints 2d.   | " 1/2 " " 9d.               |
| " 1/4 Pints " 1d.           | " 1/4 " " 6d.               |
| Returnable.                 | Returnable within 3 months. |

Orders delivered free by Cart in Suburbs, and Carriage Paid,  
60 miles, on orders of 10/-; 100 miles, 12/6; 150 miles, 15/- any  
Station England or Wales 20/-

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**202 & 204, BISHOPSGATE, LONDON, E.C.**

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