

THE HALF FULL WINE BARREL PROBLEM

"I cook with wine, sometimes I even add it to the food." –W.C. Fields

A wholesale vintner sells barrels of wine to bars so that their customers can buy wine straight from the barrel if they so choose. One small bar wants to buy just half a barrel of a new product to test how it sells before placing a bigger order.

The delivery truck duly arrives and when the bar owner looks inside the barrel he says *"that looks like less than half a barrel to me"*. *"Not so"* says the deliveryman, *"check it out for yourself"*.

The bar owner says that he doesn't have any means of measuring the contents and neither does the delivery man. Just then a smart young employee of the bar says he can do it in a wink, which he does and he finds that it is indeed a correct measure.

How did the employee do it without any special equipment?



Answer next time.

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