**Artillery Punch -  “killer of time” and “vanquisher of men/women”**

Chatham Artillery Punch (version) is a punch straight from the history books, so named for the Savannah regiment it has stood watch over for 160 years. This historic concoction required a horse bucket full of booze to be stirred into a frenzy, destined to conquer whole rooms of blissfully unaware imbibers. It was no respecter of persons. No gun was needed. No cannon fired against coastal invasion. It was (is) Savannah’s most powerful weapon. Have Aide lead horse home.

No one is certain of what the original recipe contained or who actually devised the diabolical delight. Some say it was presented to George Washington upon his arrival at the Chatham Artillery in 1792 when he presented the esteemed regiment with two cannons. The more likely story is less reverent. After returning from a drill in Macon sometime in the 1850s, the Republican Blues were welcomed back by Sergeant A.B. Luce and the Chatham Artillery. Luce concocted a punch using:

a horse bucket filled with finely crushed ice

to which add quarts of brandy,

whiskey

rum (all poured together)

lemon and sugar added

fill bucket with Champagne

stir to “delirious deliciousness”

It’s said every man present that night was laid out. But when a group of Southern journalists held their convention in Savannah in 1870, Chatham Artillery Punch was catapulted from its isolated confines within the regiment’s headquarters to American legend.

Patron Saint: St Barbara, and they need her!