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*n.*

1. A sturdy cylindrical container for storing liquids; a barrel.
2. The quantity that such a container can hold.

[Middle English *caske*, possibly from Old Spanish *casco*, potsherd, helmet, from *cascar*, to break; see [CASCARA](#).]

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