



### Army Mule Vindicates Ability to Deliver Goods



WASHINGTON—The army mule has rather vindicated himself. In a fair and free for all contest against the auto-truck and instrument, or vehicle designed to carry a load, it proved its ability to remain in the American army. They tried to oust him, but he kicked—the mule may, at all times be depended upon to kick.

The proposal to discharge the army mule without a pension, without even an honorable discharge, began to find supporters when the mule driven by an army wagon first appeared upon the scene. It was argued that the old order would have to give way to the new, and that the all conquering automobile would certainly relegate the mule to the rear. But they reckoned without full knowledge of the latent possibilities of the mule. A mule is a very deceiving proposition. He is as hard to fathom as any of the various moods and tempers as his counterpart, the "coon," or the senior senator from Idaho. He is sometimes grossly misunderstood; this is because in spite of long and close association with man, he is a kind-mannered yet falls to become intimate and cordial relations with the mule. His disposition and character do not invite affection or confidence. At times he appears as innocent and unsuspecting as a candidate for

congress—this is the time to beware of him—for back behind those innocent eyes and drooping ears there lurks mischief—mischief in large and violent doses. With half closed eyes he is watching you, and in an unguarded moment—unguarded on your part, he is likely to apply his strong white teeth to the fleshy part of your arm and leg and you will imagine that you have been bit by a snake. Either that, or he will give you a swift and sudden jolt with horn shod foot somewhere in the region of your caroliner, where you will land in the next county, and you can leisurely contemplate the deceptive qualities of the mule.

But to get back to his contest with the auto truck, the question was decided in favor of his muleship in recent transportation contests in Iowa over rough roads. The mule won, and will put his head over any other animal's any great fondness for work, but he can perform and does so effectively when there is no way to get around it.

The race between the mule and the auto trucks in some respects recalled the memorable one between the hare and the tortoise, and not even the mule's most bitter enemies will assert that he is in any respects like the tortoise.

Therefore, the mule remains in the army. He has been a hard working animal, and it would have been a pity to have discharged him without a character. There is, then, some satisfaction in the thought that the mule will not be drummed out of the army yet awhile.

### Joke Dinner for Congressmen, Joker Not There

At 6 o'clock the other afternoon members of the house began to flock into the dining room of Congress hall in drives.

At 6 minutes after 6, fifty members were in the room. At 10 minutes after 6 half a dozen members rushed in with beads of perspiration trickling down their faces. The late arrivals explained to each other that they had dinner engagements at 6 o'clock.

Each member inquired of the head waiter for Representative Francis Burton Harrison of New York. The head waiter had not seen Mr. Harrison all day.

Time passed. Members looked at their watches. Finally each prospect dinner announced to his neighbor that he was waiting for Mr. Harrison. It dawned on the assemblage that Mr. Harrison was going to give a dinner in the way of a surprise attack. More time passed, and the clock struck struck 6:30. Members began to ask each other if they were sure the hour was for the first time. It was for the first time to meet Mr. Harrison at 6 promptly.

Members who had broken engage-



ments to meet the New York member began to call up his office and his secretary replied that he had not seen him in several hours. That started an exodus. Every one was sore, including the head waiter who saw great promise ahead half a dozen members walked into the grill of a down town hotel and found Mr. Harrison dining alone.

"Hello, boys; mighty glad to see you," Mr. Harrison, greeted them. "Come over and dine with me. I hate to eat alone."

They did, but not until he had convinced them that he was inviting them to dine for the first time.

Mr. Harrison passed up his legislative duties for one day. The morning he spent in explanations. He is still looking for the joker.

### Pajamas Are Suggested for Unclad Lobsters



If the next time you go marketing, you see a lobster or a crab clad in natty pajamas, don't rub your eyes or offer yourself to be pinched to see if you are awake. Just take it as a matter of course.

For pajamas have been suggested by certain humanitarians as means to prevent crabs and lobsters from biting off each other's claws and legs and feelers and whiskers while they are in captivity, like the transitory state between the deep blue sea and the cooking pot. At present lobsters generally have their claws "choked" with small sticks of wood, which are said to be painful sources of quiescence.

That is not as it should be, a member of the Pennsylvania Women's Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals declares, and she has deman-

ded some kind of clothing for the shellfish. Her demands have not been taken up in Washington.

"We must remember that the cold-blooded animals are not so sensitive of pain as the warm-blooded," Secretary John P. Heap, of the Humane Society, said.

"This form of life, lobsters and crabs, is very low," Mr. Heap stated. "It is not imbued with the same feelings as the higher orders. It is an approach to the vegetable kingdom. Therefore, there is in such cases as these, suggested hardly any cause for controversy."

"We have had complaints about such cruelties as turning turtles on their backs and leaving them in that position; but fish and reptiles seldom afford any ground for complaint."

Dealers in crabs and lobsters have not taken the pajama suggestion seriously. They have laughingly replied to questions as to the feasibility of the plan that "if the ladies preferred to recommend pajamas, let them recommend pajamas for their own little skirts." Pajamas would have the right of way.

### Curator of the National Museum Gets a Skink

DR. LEONARD STEJNEGER, head curator of the National Museum, is the happiest man in America. He has a skink. It came the other day and was not brought by the stork, but by Mr. Wood, a taxidermist, who found it in Florida.



The skink is not a wall, it is needless to say—as his name would indicate. He does not belong to the cat family. His scientific name is *Leopoldo* (in appearance the skink is not unlike an elongated lizard). He has four legs which he does not use, they having become paralyzed from lack of exercise. He gets his food by lying in wait, with his sticky tongue extended, for something to come along.

He lives by waiting and hauling in. The degenerate plus attached to his sides indicates that he does not use his legs. The present day specimen walks but does not see. He swims in the sand where he lives, since a reptile and cold blooded the

skink does not need much air. He spends much time in sand beds far removed from the busy world.

From the standpoint of the scientist the skink is most interesting because he resembles animals found in Persia and the Mediterranean, making the old world and the new close kin. Experts at the National Museum say that the skink is the only animal with his ability to breathe through his skin.

The skink when grown is about five inches long and very slender. He is of a variety of colors.

## For the Little Ones

### FEW CLEVER LITTLE TRICKS

Rings Chase Each Other When Paper is Turned to Right or Left—Hoops Change Positions.

There are some tricks which can be played on a person's eyes which are pure illusions. Hold this paper a foot or more from your eyes and turn it gently round to the right or left, in small circles, keeping your eyes fixed on the three small rings, as shown in the illustration.

As you move the paper round like the hands of a watch you will find that the rings in these circles seem to chase each other in the same direction, and the longer and more intently you look at it the faster they go.

Circles can be made with spokes in them which to some persons seem to be going in the opposite direction to that in which the paper is turned, but the illusion is not so perfect unless

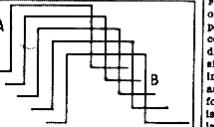


Chasing Rings.

The circles are much larger than the space for in this column.

Another curious optical illusion that has puzzled many persons who have tried to account for it is also shown.

If we suppose these to represent wire hoops either of them is nearest you A or B? The answer is that it is the one you first make up your mind is nearest you. But now if you look steadily at it for a few moments your eye will be attracted to that idea and it will suddenly shift that hoop to the furthest away from you, in spite of your wishing to keep it as it was, and after you have looked at



Hoops Change Positions.

It is in its new position for a space it will go back again.

If you do not decide which is the nearest to you at first, but just look at the middle hoop steadily, you will see them one way, perhaps with the front and toward you, and then A will suddenly go back and B will be in front.

### NOVEL NUT-CRACKING CUSTOM

Nobody Hesitated to Take Advantage of Peculiar Privilege Allowed in Olden Days.

The modern minister likes to have things quiet when he talks. It disconcerts him to hear a baby cry or a woman cough or an old man snore. If he is put out by such trifles as these it is interesting to conjecture what he would do if he were to take hold of a congregation where every-day brought out to crack during the sermon. Worshippers used to do this in England, and even in our own states during colonial days. This disturbance was not a weekly occurrence but it had been, that the preacher would have undoubtedly left his congregation to administer spiritual consolation to suit themselves. But as it only happened once a year he was forced to endure it with high spirit which was attended by such remarkable license came the Sunday before Michaelmas day and was called cracknut Sunday. Nobody, no matter how pious might be, hesitated to avail himself of the peculiar privilege granted him, and men, women and children came to church with their pockets stuffed with nuts, which they complacently cracked and munched during the sermon. It can be easily imagined that when forty or fifty people get to cracking nuts with all their might the noise is apt to be something terrific, and many times the minister was hard put to it to "hear himself think." The custom, from being regarded with high favor for many years, finally came to be looked upon as a nuisance, and in the beginning of the present century it was suppressed, although with considerable difficulty, so firmly had the nut-cracking fever taken hold of the fancy of the people.

Willington to Wait.

Parson—"Wouldn't you like to come to Sunday school and hear about heaven and the beautiful golden streets?" Little Tom—"Yes, sir, but it will take away the surprise when I get there."

Picnic Date Was Uppermost.

The Parson—"I'm glad to see you on your way to Sunday school, Almon. What do you expect to learn today?" Almon—"Well, I expect to learn the date of the picnic, for one thing."

## A Question



### PORTABLE LAMP FOR CAMPER

Convenient Form of Light Consists of Acetylene Gas Generator and Reflector.

A very convenient form of lamp has recently been devised for the use of campers, hunters, etc. It consists of a portable acetylene gas generator, and a burner arranged with a reflector which is open at the front for the escape of heat. The walls of the generator are impermeable, to prevent the passage of air through the reflector when the lamp is being moved about. It is exposed to the wind, in this way the danger of extinguishing the light is avoided. The accompanying illustration shows in Fig. 1 how the lamp may be attached to the head of a hiker with the gas generator is secured to his belt. The details of the head attachment are shown in the sectional view, Fig. 2. The burner, A, is attached to the flexible tube, B, which runs the generator. The reflector, C, in which the burner is fitted, is provided with a flange along its outer edge, to which the arms, D, are secured. These arms are fastened to a cap, E, which is strapped to a capo, E, which is strapped about the head of the wearer. As an additional support to the lamp, a small bracket, G, connects the generator to the reflector directly to the head. When it is desired to use this device on a boat or in camp, it is mounted on a stand, H, as indicated in Fig. 3. This stand is formed of two sections, one of which is hinged upon the other, so that the lamp may be moved laterally. By means of a thumb screw, I, the two sections may be clamped at any desired position. The lamp is taken out of the head gear by unscrewing the bolts, J, and it may be then fastened to a bracket, K, which is attached to the head gear. The swivel bracket is provided with a handle, L, which enables one to move the lamp in any desired direction.

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## NEWS OF ILLINOIS

Alton.—W. E. Williams, engineer, and F. J. Brown, brakeman, both of Springfield, were killed at Clifton, when a work train on the Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis railroad jumped the track. Five other persons were hurt. The engine left 100 feet down an embankment into the Mississippi river.

Lincoln.—Mrs. Tanciano N. Parvia, daughter of W. H. Dunham of Atlanta, has filed suit for divorce. Her husband is a grand opera singer. She was married in New York in 1905. In her suit she charges cruelty and asks the custody of her three-year-old daughter and alimony. She says Mr. Parvia possesses \$50,000 and can earn \$10,000 annually, in deterring her cruelty charge. Mrs. Parvia says that her maid prevented her being choked to death once at Barcelona, Spain, and that the cruel inflictions on her by Mrs. Parvia Saxony, Italy, compelled her to flee to her old home.

Wilmette.—One town has been found where the book agent is welcome. The agent who sells the Bible is given a particular welcome, at least by the police. One of the residents asked the police to arrest an agent, who it was said was annoying the people. When the police responded they found the man trying to sell copies of the Bible. They not only took the man but told him to his place as many of the books as possible in the homes of the residents.

Springfield.—Dan F. Rice of Chicago instituted suit against Springfield to recover \$9,000 on a pump purchased by one set of city officials and rejected by another. The amount asked is a balance due to be due on the purchase of the pump. The pump was purchased during the administration of Mayor Roy R. Reese. It was delivered at another set of officials had been elected and they refused to acknowledge the machinery as the city's property.

Peoria.—After having been imprisoned twenty-five and one-half hours at the bottom of a 35-foot caisson beneath the surface of the Illinois river in London, the caisson was used for new railway bridge near Pekin. F. J. Schmidt was hauled to the surface with a derick and expired within five minutes.

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A Diagnosis.

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Orphanages in Turkey.

There are 22 orphanages in the Turkish empire, conducted by American societies, caring 1,600 inmates. In connection with these orphanages an industrial work has sprung up which gives employment to over 10,000 people in addition to the orphans. The work is largely done by the widows and orphans and includes rug and sack making, various forms of embroidery, and other domestic work. The product of these institutions finds a market abroad.

Everybody in Hard Luck.

Suddenly he stepped up to a gentleman, who was waiting for the tram, and, tapping his light on the shoulder, said: "Excuse me, but did you drop a five-cent note?" At the same time holding out in his hand the article.

The gentleman questioned gazed a moment at the note, assumed an anxious look, made a hasty search of his pocket, and said: "Why, so I did, and I hadn't missed it," holding out another five-cent note.

The elderly hunter took the name and address of the lower and, putting the note in his pocket, turned away. "Well," said the other, "do you want it all as a reward?"

"Oh, I did not find one," remarked the benevolent one with another beam; "but it struck me that in a big place like London there must be a quantity of money lost, and upon inquiry I found that you are the one hundred and thirty-first man who lost a five-cent note this morning."—London Answers.

### IF WIFEY HAD HEARD.



Jack—Who's that bobbing up and down out there?

Jim—Probably my wife. She's always bobbing up when she's not wanted.

### THE WAY OUT

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