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New illustrations of the eccentricity and at the same time of the generosity of the wealthy American, Livingstone, who recently died at Florence, are afforded by the publication of the contents of his will. Livingstone always refused to give pourboires, remarking instead to those who served him: "I'll remember you in my will." Most of those to whom he said this thought it merely a joke and regarded Livingstone as a very stingy fellow in respect to douceurs, though in other matters he had a well deserved reputation for liberality. It now transpires, however, that he meant exactly what he said. In his will he bequeathed 20,000 lire to the omnibus conductors of Florence through their society, the same amount to the cabmen's society, 6,000 lire to the waiters of the Cafe Bottegone; the same to the waiters of the Cafe Doney; 50,000 to the manager of Cafe Borghesi, who was always very attentive to the testator, and 5,000 to the waiters at that resort.

THE CIRCUS MULE.

At Last He Finds His Match in a Texas Cowboy.

For Once in His Life the Pompous Ringmaster Meets with a Man Who Walks Off with the Prize.

The cowboy in riding ability is thought by many to be almost like the mythical centaur—a part of the horse that he travels upon. Of course a good many erroneous impressions are entertained in regard to the reckless cow puncher's qualifications as an equestrian. But it is a fact that some of these fellows are very fearless and are excellent riders. It is a common boast among them that they can ride "any animal that wears hair."

A few days ago Adam Forepaugh's circus made its appearance in one of the western Texas towns, says the Kansas City Union. The day the circus came was—as is usual in small towns—a great holiday. The people turn out from far and near to see the wonderful procession in the morning and the still greater performance in the afternoon. The big elephant, which, of course, was the largest on earth, the savage lions and Bengal tigers with their tamers locked in the cages—all were there, and each one contributed to make up the excitement that is always created by "the greatest show on earth" in a small town. At the afternoon performance, after the acrobats had turned their double somersaults over three elephants and five horses, and the iron-jawed lady had been pulled several times, swinging by her teeth, to the top of the tent—then it was that the irrepressible little trick mule was led forth. Here is where my story begins.

The ringmaster drew himself up in a very important manner and announced in loud tones that there was a standing offer of ten dollars to anyone who would ride the gentle little mule. The ringmaster, as everyone knows, is a very necessary attache of a circus and is generally up in his business. This one, however, missed his mark on this particular occasion. He had evidently forgotten what people the circus was among at that time or had likely never informed himself about the native western Texan as a rider. Nevertheless, the proposition was scarcely announced, when a long, cadaverous cow puncher, Hank Anderson, stepped forth and said:

"Mr. Ringmaster, I'll jes' go yer one on that little talk you're makin'."

Hank had evidently been imbibing some of the ardent fluid, but was not intoxicated enough to effect his activity. He seemed to be just about reckless enough to attempt most anything. As he lazily approached the ring his acquaintances in the audience—who knew him to be one of the boldest and most expert riders in all of that country—greeted him with such shouts as: "That's right, Hank, stay with 'em; that little jack rabbit can't throw you."

The demure looking little mule was patiently waiting in the ring. It seemed to know what was about to take place. Hank mounted and his long, lank legs were tightly wrapped around the little animal. The beast turned his head and eyed its rider with a most cunning and devilish look and started out around the ring jumping around as fast as a spinning wheel. Then it tried walking on its fore feet, then on its hind ones, then up it went in the air and seemed to perform a somersault when it hit the ground perfectly stiff legged. As the dust cleared away Hank could be seen perched upon the mule's back right side up, and a triumphant smile seemed to steal across his countenance. The lull in these proceedings only lasted for a few moments. Then the determined little beast was again up in the air going through the same maneuvers as it did at first, only in a more vigorous manner. Again Hank remained firmly in his seat. The mule then resorted to the scheme of lying down and rolling over and over. These tactics proved also unsuccessful, as the rider would simply dismount and wait until the trick mule had risen to its feet, when he would mount again quick as a flash. Finally the little beast seemed to draw itself together for a last and mighty effort; it gathered its legs up closely, humped its back and shot up in the air like a rocket. This was repeated numerous times in rapid succession, and each time old Hank appeared on top, smiling as coolly as if nothing had taken place.

At last the mischievous little beast fell broadside upon the earth from sheer exhaustion and rolled its little eyes up at Hank with a submissive and conquered look which seemed to say:

"I have thrown many a rider, but at last have met more than my match."

The ringmaster turned over the ten dollars and said that he was satisfied and that Hank had accomplished his task. The way the audience yelled indicated that it, too, was satisfied. The mule walked away with its head drooping and plainly showed that it was perfectly willing and satisfied to let Hank walk off with the honors and thus end an unpleasant struggle.

WALTER SCOTT'S HEROINES.

Sixteen Out of Thirty of the Fair Ones Under Twenty.

Out of thirty of Sir Walter Scott's heroines sixteen are described as under twenty, says the San Francisco Daily Report. Of the other fourteen six are undated. This leaves as eight, three of whom are set down as over twenty; two start at one side of the line and are carried over the other; two are by implication rather than by the intention of the author taken out of their "teens," and one, Amy Robsart, is a heroine "of an uncertain age," since she is historically a middle-aged matron and fictitiously a youthful bride. Of the six undated, the presumption is altogether in favor of the earlier age. A member once entertained the club with the statement that nearly all of Scott's heroines are motherless. They are girls who have grown up in the companionship of uncles or fathers, older men, and with an early responsibility of thought and action. They have had to plan their own wardrobes and decide upon their own conduct toward their lovers. Some of them have been behind the scenes of stirring political events. Nearly all have been thrown into situations where they had to think for themselves, to act with decision, and in general to fulfill the whole duties of heroines. The heroines of Scott are, some of them, only lay figures, but, at least so far as they have character, they are women, and they justify the deeds which are done to win them.

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Dickens, Ebb—Horses branded with three times fork on left stifle. Cattle same on left side.

Douglass, W. M., Galloway, Or.—Cattle, H on right side, swallow-fork in each ear; horses, H D on left hip.

Douglas, O. T., Douglas, Or—Horses TD on the right stifle; cattle same on right hip.

Ely, J. B. & Sons, Dougins, Or.—Horses branded ELY on left shoulder, cattle same on left hip, hole in right ear.

Elliott, Westa., Heppner, Or. Diamond on right shoulder.

Emery, C. S., Hardman, Or.—Horses branded O., (reversed C with tail) on left shoulder; cattle same on the hip. Range in Morrow county.

Fleek, Jackson, Heppner, Or.—Horses, JF connected on right shoulder; cattle same on right hip. Ear mark, hole in right and crop off left.

Florence, L. A., Heppner, Or.—Cattle, LF on right hip; horses F with bar under on right shoulder.

Florence, S. P., Heppner, Or.—Horses, F on right shoulder; cattle, F on right hip or thigh.

French, George, Heppner, Or.—Cattle branded WF, with bar over it, on left side; crop off left ear. Horses, same brand on left hip.

Gay, Henry, Heppner, Or.—GAY on left shoulder.

Gilman-French, Land and Live Stock Co., Fossil, Or.—Horses, anchor S on left shoulder; vent, same on left stifle. Cattle, same on both hips; ear marks, crop off right ear and underbit in left. Range in Gilliam, Grant, Crook and Morrow counties.

Gentry, Elmer, Echo, Or.—Horses branded H S, with a quarter circle over it, on left stifle. Range in Morrow and Umatilla counties.

Hayes, Geo., Lena, Or. Brand J H connected with quarter circle over it, on left shoulder.

Hiatt A. S., Ridge, Or.—Cattle, rocking-chair A with quarter circle under it on the right hip. Range in Morrow and Umatilla counties.

Hinton & Jenks, Hamilton, Or.—Cattle, two bars on either hip; crop in right, ear and split in left. Horses, J on right thigh. Range in Grant county.

Hughes, Samuel, Wagner, Or.—⊥F (T F L connected) on right shoulder on horses; on cattle, on right hip and on left side, swallow fork in right ear and slit in left. Range in Haystack district, Morrow county.

Hale, Milton, Wagner, Or.—Horses branded -O- (circle with parallel bars) on left shoulder. Cattle same on left hip also large circle on left side.

Hall, Edwin, John Day, Or.—Cattle E H on right hip; horses same on right shoulder. Range in Grant county.

Howard, J L, Galloway, Or.—Horses, + (cross with bar above it) on right shoulder; cattle same on left side. Range in Morrow and Umatilla counties.

Hughes, Mat, Heppner, Or.—Horses, studded heart on the left shoulder. Range Morrow Co.

Hunsaker, B F, Wasco, Or.—Horses, 9 on left shoulder; cattle, 9 on left hip.

Hardesty, Albert, Ione, Oregon—Horses, A H connected, on left shoulder; Cattle on the left hip, crop off left ear.

Humphreys, J M, Hardman, Or.—Horses, H on left flank.

Hayes, J. M., Heppner, Or.—Horses, wineglass on left shoulder cattle, same on right hip.

Hosten, Luther, Eight Mile, Or.—Horse H on the left shoulder and heart on the left stifle. Cattle same on left hip. Range in Morrow county.

Ivy, Alfred, Long Creek, Or—Cattle I D on right hip, crop off left ear and bit in right, Horses same brand on left shoulder. Range in Grant county.

Jones, Harry, Heppner, Or—Horses branded H J on the left shoulder; cattle branded J on right hip, also underbit in left ear. Range in Morrow county.

Jackin, S. M., Heppner, Or.—Horses, horseshoe J on left shoulder. Cattle, the same. Range on Eight Mile.

Johnson, Felix, Lena, Or.—Horses, circle T on left stifle; cattle, same on right hip, under half crop in right and split in left ear.

Jenkins, D. W., Mt. Vernon, Or.—J on horses on left shoulder; on cattle, J on left hip and two smooth crops on both ears. Range in Fox and near Dayville.

Kenny, Mike, Heppner, Or.—Horses branded SNY on left hip; cattle same and crop off left ear; under shoe on the right.

Kirk, J T., Heppner, Or.—Horses 69 on left shoulder; cattle, 69 on left hip.

Kirk, J C., Heppner, Or.—Horses, 17 on either shoulder; cattle 17 on right side.

Kirk Jesse, Heppner, Or.; horse 11 on left shoulder; cattle same on right side, underbit on right ear.

Cumberland, W. G., Mount Vernon, Or.—I L on cattle on right and left sides, swallow fork in left ear and under crop in right ear. Horses same brand on left shoulder. Range in Grant county.

Loftus, Stephen, Tox, Or.—S L on left hip on cattle; crop and split on right ear. Horses same brand on left shoulder. Range Grant county.

Lieballen, John W., Lena, Or.—Horses branded half-circle J L connected on left shoulder. Cattle same on left hip. Range, near Lexington.

Lackey, J. W. Heppner Or.—Horses branded L on A O left shoulder; cattle same on left hip, waddle over right, left jaw, three slits in right ear.

Lord George, Heppner, Or.—Horses branded circle U connected. Sometimes called a crown U, on left shoulder.

Markham, A. M., Heppner, Or.—Cattle large V on left side both ears cropped, and split in both. Horses M on left hip. Range, Clark's canyon.

Minor, Oscar, Heppner, Or.—Cattle, M D on right hip; horses, M on left shoulder.

Morgan, S. N., Heppner, Or.—Horses, M O on left shoulder; cattle same on left hip.

McCumber, Jas A, Echo, Or.—Horses, M with bar over on right shoulder.

Morgan, Thos., Heppner, Or.—Horses, circle T on left shoulder and left thigh; cattle, Z on left thigh.

Mitchell, Oscar, Ione, Or.—Horses, 77 on right hip; cattle, 77 on right side.

McLaren, D. G., Brownsville, Or.—Horses, Figure 8 on each shoulder; cattle, M2 on hip.

McCarty, David H., Echo Or. Horses branded DH connected, on the left shoulder; cattle same on hip and side.

McGuire, Frank, Fox Valley, Or.—Mule shoe with toe-calk on cattle on ribs and under in each ear; horses same brand on left stifle.

McHaley, [illegible], Or.—On horses, S with half circle under on left shoulder; on cattle, four bars connected on top on the right side. Range in Grant County.

Neal, Andrew, Lone Rock, Or.—Horses A N connected on left shoulder; cattle same on both hips.

Nordyke, E., Silverton, Or.—Horses, circle 7 on left thigh; cattle, same on left hip.

Oliver, Joseph, Canyon City, Or.—A 2 on cattle on left hip; on horses, same on left thigh. Range in Grant county.

Oller, Perry, Lexington, Or.—P O on left shoulder.

Olp, Herman, Prairie City, Or.—On cattle, O LF connected on left hip; horses on left stifle and wattle on knee. Range in Grant county.

Pearson, Olave, Eight Mile, Or.—Horses, quarter circle shield on left shoulder and 24 on left hip. Cattle, fork in left ear, right cropped. 24 on left hip. Range on Eight Mile.

Parker & Gleason, Hardman, Or.—Horses 1P on left shoulder.

Pipes, Eric T, Lexington, Or.—Horses branded E (E L connected) on left shoulder; cattle same on right hip. Range, Morrow county.

Piper, J. H., Lexington, Or.—Horses, JE connected on left shoulder; cattle, same on left hip, under bit in each ear.

Pettys, A. C., Ione, Or.; horses diamond P on shoulder; cattle, J H J connected, on the left hip, upper slope in left ear and slip in the right.

Powell, John T., Dayville, Or—Horses, JP connected on left shoulder. Cattle OB connected on left hip, two under half crops, one on each ear, wattle under throat. Range in Grant county.

Rood, Andrew, Hardman, Or.—Horses, square cross with quarter-circle over it, on left stifle.

Reninger, Chris, Heppner, Or.—Horses, C R on left shoulder.

Rice, Dan, Hardman, Or.; horses, three panel worm fence on left shoulder; cattle, DAN on right shoulder. Range near Hardman.

Rogse, Aaron, Heppner, Or—Horses, plain V on left shoulder; cattle, same brand reversed on right hip and crop off right ear. Range in Morrow county.

Rush Bros., Heppner, Or.—Horses branded X on the right shoulder; cattle, IX on the left hip, crop off left ear and dewlap on neck. Range in Morrow and adjoining counties.

Rust, William, Ridge, Or.—Horses R on left shoulder; cattle, R on left hip, crop off right ear, underbit on left ear