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A Twirling Stone.

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His Idea of a Sermon.

Robert Morris, a man celebrated for the part he took in the American Revolution, was once asked by Dr. Rush: "Well, Mr. Morris, how did you like the sermon? I have heard it highly extolled." "Why, doctor," said he, "I did not like it at all. It is too smooth and tame for me. "Mr. Morris," replied the doctor, "what sort of a sermon do you like?" "I like, sir," replied Mr. Morris, "that preaching which drives a man up into a corner of his pew and makes him think the devil is after him."—San Francisco Argonaut.

Literal.

Cross Examining Counsel—Now, Mr. Brown, you say this Louis C. Brown is a distant relative of yours?

Mr. Brown—Yes.

Cross Examining Counsel—What relation is he?

Mr. Brown—My brother.

Cross Examining Counsel—But you just told me he was a distant relative.

Mr. Brown—So he is at present—he is in China.—London Tit-Bits.

He Understood.

Freddie—Pa, what is natural philosophy?

Pa—Natural philosophy, my boy, is the science of cause and reason. For instance, you can see there is a crack behind that door, but you cannot tell why it is there until"——

Freddy (interrupting)—Oh, yes I can, pa. It's there 'cause ma needs it to peep through when you go into the kitchen.—West Shore.

Pete's Mother Asks a Question.

A woman walked into a public school in a neighboring town the other day without ceremony, and after gazing about until her eyes rested upon the object of her search she said in a loud voice, "Pete, where is the key to the shed?"—Newburyport Standard.

Economy Is Wealth.

Amy—I confess that I love you, Jack; but tell me, how could you support a wife? You have no money, I am told.

Jack Puffer—Oh, that's all right. I'm going to give up smoking.—Epoch.

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A PLUCKY MULE.

RUNNING THE GAUNTLET OF A CONFEDERATE CANNONADE.

Hauling a Load of Ammunition Under Fire from Fort Sumter and Battery Wagner—A Critical Moment—The Last Shot—Safe.

Sometimes the mule is called upon for special service, requiring qualities for which he does not generally receive credit. The lines were tightening about Charleston when Admiral Dahlgren's fleet began operations in the harbor, and rendered it practicable for the troops on shore to advance with some hope of being able to hold points previously untenable. During the night a detachment of the Tenth corps dislodged a picket post on the eastern end of Morris island, and when daylight came had thrown up quite a formidable beginning for a field work. But the place was within easy range of Fort Sumter and Battery Wagner, and every Confederate gun that could be brought to bear began to drop shell into the little earthwork. It was thought that an attempt was about to be made to carry the place by assault, and, while there were men enough to hold it, they were a little short of ammunition. The only practicable road was a mile and a half of hard, smooth sand beach, commanded from end to end by the Confederate batteries.

But there was a combination in the Federal camp that was equal to the emergency; namely, a fleet mule and a plucky driver. The mule is mentioned first, only because he has long since kicked his last kick, but the driver, if he still survives, will acknowledge that without the mule he could not have done what he did. It may be assumed that the mule had a good feed of oats before he was called upon to run the gauntlet, and possibly the driver, too, may then have felt justified in fortifying the inner man. Be that as it may, just before noon a few boxes of ammunition were thrown into the lightest available wagon, and, after looking the harness over carefully, the driver took his seat in the shelter of the sand hills. The mule stood with his extensive ears raking aft and a wicked gleam in his eye, as if the oats were beginning to rise into his brain.

"Good-by, boys! G'up, mule!" and the equipage started down through the dry sand to the hard level of the beach. Mule shook his head and executed a demi-volt when he felt the damp sand under his feet, but driver soothed him with endearing words. It had not not yet dawned upon the Confederates that the expedition was intended for the relief of the garrison. But presently the gleam of intelligence was indicated with a rush in the shape of a shell from the southeast angle of Sumter. It struck the water fairly in line, ricocheted, and burst over in the marsh; but it was the signal for action. Up went the whip, and the mule gathered his mighty hind legs under him. For a moment it was uncertain whether he was going to kick or run, but a few remarks from the driver convinced him that there was demand for forward movement, so he "lit out for all he was worth." At least thirty guns commanded that stretch of beach, and they pounded away as fast as they could be fired. Now and then a shell would burst rather too near the mule's ears for comfort, and he would sheer violently and try to make for home. But the gallant driver plied the lash, and held him to his work.

At length a ten inch shell tore up the beach and exploded so near that the mule was entirely demoralized; but not so his driver. Leaping down from his seat he caught the mule by the head, backed him rapidly round once or twice, and was off again on the keen jump before the gunners could get his range as a fixed object. On he went, and at last dashed into the redoubt; but there was no shelter in it for the mule. His ears waved conspicuously above the low lying parapet.

The ammunition boxes were tumbled out unceremoniously, and the mule's nose pointed for home! With the lightened load and the prospects of unlimited fodder, he beat the previous record. But the Confederate artillerists were on their metal now. They had failed to stop the supplies, but their hearts burned for revenge. Their shots now came more from the rear, and bets were freely offered with no takers, on what the result would be should the mule have a fair chance to kick a ten inch shell, as it were, "on the fly." The crescendo scream of shell chasing him up the beach, lent wings to his heels, and he fairly flew toward the sheltering sand hills. There were only a few rods more to be covered, when some careful gunner made a close calculation as to the lengthening range, and pulled his lanyard almost in the nick of time. The huge mass of iron struck the beach, as it seemed to the anxious spectators, exactly behind the wagon, and the next instant nothing was to be seen there but a cloud of white smoke and brown sand. In an instant, however, this floated away, and the mule was seen vigorously reducing to kindling wood what was left of the quartermaster's wagon.

And the driver, where is he? Well, he was apparently knocked over by the explosion, but he got on his feet in a moment, and, having cut the traces, was on the mule's back in another, waving his hat in response to the cheers that rolled across the water from Yankee blue jackets, from Confederate garrisons, and from the dark blue masses that crowned the distant sand dunes.

It is a pity that the driver's name has not been preserved, for his daring act certainly deserves recognition and reward. Perhaps he received both, but the writer has been unable to find mention of the fact.—Adrian Rexford in American Magazine.

Books That Have Helped Me.

All the articles which have been written about "the books that have helped me," tacitly assume that what helps me will help you, or that Brown, on learning where Jones got his mental provender, will order home a supply of the same, and live on it. Nothing can well be further from the truth. Wherever these articles do not gratify a harmless vanity, they are interesting simply as the literary experience of one more or less respectable human being, and nothing more. Every man who loves books and reads them, and makes any good use of them, reads in the line of his own tastes and temperament and pursuits. He is not, and for the most part cannot be, helped by another man's books, supposing books to be anything more than repertories of facts. All must, of course, go to the same sources of information, or in other words must consult the same books of reference, but every man who reads for culture, or for encouragement, or inspiration, or power, must choose his own books. Books that have helped Brown may be interesting to Jones, because he loves Brown and likes to watch the working of his mind; but they will not necessarily help Jones. In fact, the time he spent on them might be time utterly wasted, unless there existed the closest similarity in pursuits and in character between the readers.—New York Post.

Absent Minded Clerk.

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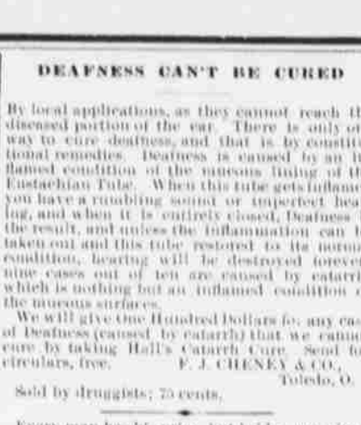

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