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DONKEY AND MULE SERVE MAN WELL

In Some Countries Rank Far Above Horse.

The donkey and the mule, slandered and sturred, more often cursed than discussed, maligned and impugned as obstreperous, cantankerous beasts of burden, have served man long and well. The best donkeys, says the Brooklyn Eagle, are not to be found in this country, although in the coal mines and mountainous regions the patiently working little beasts daily render a service that no other animal could well perform. Because of their hard, tough hoofs they are able to climb rugged and rocky mountains and to traverse parts of the earth's surface that would be impassable to a horse.

The donkeys of Spain are especially good, and in Egypt the donkey is far more precious than the horse. It is said that the donkey is far better able to find its way over the desert than is the camel, and travelers have reported seeing long lines of camels traveling in a caravan with a single donkey in the lead. The camels carry the water supply for their little pilot of the caravan and, in return for this service, he leads them safely in the right direction.

The donkey is the father of the mule. On the eastern continent donkeys run wild and have interbred with horses. The mule is the result of this interbreeding, its father being the donkey and its mother the horse. The mule and the donkey are alike in many respects. The mule is the larger of the two animals, but both have the same streak of obstinacy and an excellent memory. As a matter of fact, their memory is often too good. They will long remember people who have mistreated them and plainly show their resentment for a long time after. They are alike endowed with a will power that is peculiarly strong and they like to have their own way. This trait has earned for them the reputation of being balky, obstreperous and obstinate.

The donkey has a mouth that is lined with very tough skin so that he can live on vegetable fare that would probably kill a less hardy animal. This he can masticate thoroughly. Both the mule and the donkey can live on rough food on which a horse would starve to death. Each eats considerably less than a horse.

In European and Asiatic countries and, in fact, in all countries where there is much mountainous territory, a great part of the commerce is dependent upon the donkey. The hardy little animal can carry a load of unbelievable weight with apparent ease and little discomfort. Caravans of them will start on a long trip over the mountains heavily loaded with merchandise for all parts of the world. Over the mountains and down to a seaport he will carry his burden. There the cargo of spices, camphor and what not is loaded on ships and carried to the four corners of the earth.

The Caste System

This is a social system in India. The population is divided into a large number of hereditary groups which refuse to have anything to do with members of any other group. In some parts of India there are as many as two hundred of these groups, any member of which would be considered tainted if he so much as sat down at a table with a member of a lower caste. The system is now being rapidly broken down by the influence of the British. Castes are supposed to have had their origin in the successive conquests of the country by peoples from the north. With each conquest the superior caste was supplanted by a conquering caste. These different classes refused to intermarry and for the most part the individuals followed the occupations of their fathers. The word "caste" is now loosely applied to the different social classes in any country.—The Pathfinder.

Pre-Raphaelites

The name "Pre-Raphaelite" was given in England about 1850 to a group of painters, including Millais, Holman Hunt, Alma Tadema and Dante Gabriel Rossetti, who rebelled against the conventionalty of routine teaching in art, and sought to return to the natural method, as practiced previous to the time of Raphael (1483-1520). The Pre-Raphaelites were ably championed by the famous art critic, John Ruskin. As a school they were severely criticized, but their work was productive of much good.—Kansas City Star.

Stick to It

Cortlandt Bleeker of New York said in one of his amusing tirades against cosmetics:

"I remarked to a young lady the other day:

"Women have much finer complexions than men?"

"Yes, naturally," she said.

"No, artificially," said I."

Abundant Proof That Animals Exercise Wits

That animals, think before they act is the conviction expressed by Dhan Gopal Mukerji, Indian lecturer and author.

Mr. Mukerji asserts that all real doing was the result of active contemplation and thinking, and that deeds unpremeditated were short-lived, and cites examples from his experiences with animals in India.

"Once," said Mr. Mukerji, "I was with a party of men who were traveling in India on elephants. One morning we saw the purple color in the high grass which indicates that a tiger is lying there. Before any of us could raise a rifle the male, for there were two of them, had leaped to the back of one of the elephants and remained there face to face with the helpless rider. Meanwhile his mate, the tigress, slunk away into some deep underbrush and safety. She uttered one little cry and her mate leaped from the back of the elephant, and followed her. He was shot down."

"The whole act was not one of aggression, but of affection. The tiger did not want to attack our man, but to prevent us from attacking his mate. He did not instinctively save his own life, but, after thought, however brief, determined to sacrifice his own to save hers. He knew that she who could bear cubs and bring them up was of more value than he, and that it was his duty to save her."

"In another instance the elephant was left with a little Indian baby in a basket while the parent of the babe went away for several hours. The elephant was tied so that he could not reach the basket. When the parent came back (I was with him) we saw that a huge poisonous snake had coiled itself around the basket. We did not know what to do for fear that the snake would strike the baby if we made any move.

"The elephant all the while was straining the rope which held him and trying to attract the snake's attention by swinging his trunk. He was clearly trying to get the snake to attack him and leave the baby. The parent carried a club. Suddenly the elephant saw it and with one swoop of his trunk wrenched it away from the man. He moved the club back and forth over the ground until the snake saw it. The snake uncoiled itself and moved over and coiled itself around the stick. With one rapid stroke the elephant raised and lowered his trunk, killing the snake.

"The elephant had thought out the whole ruse and the snake had been outwitted. The elephant's actions throughout had been intelligently calculated to save the baby even though it were necessary to be bitten himself."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

"Auntie" Felt Better

"Auntie" is a venerable colored woman who succeeds in making a scanty living by taking in washing and who is a typical old-time Southern negro, having been a slave in her younger days. She is always cheerful under all conditions, and manages to see the bright side of life, even though she is close to eighty years of age. When asked how she is, she always replies, "Oh, I'm just tolerable." The other day, however, when spring was in the air and every one felt a little better than usual, she was asked:

"Well, Auntie, how are you today?" Her wrinkled face broke into a wide smile.

"Oh, I'm exceptionally tolerable today."—Exchange.

Overshadowing Genius

"We have persuaded one of the most eloquent of our prominent citizens to introduce you as the speaker of the evening."

"I appreciate the compliment," answered Senator Sorghum. "Only the trouble about an eloquent introduction is that your audience is liable to get enthusiastic and regard the invited speaker as interrupting what might have been a pleasant occasion."—Washington Star.

Don't Pass on Learning

Descendants of educated rats are just as stupid as their parents were before going to school. At least that is what results of experiments on 247 animals by E. M. Vicari of the zoological laboratory of Columbia university, published in Science, seem to indicate. He found that rats of the fourth generation did not learn how to find food in a labyrinth any quicker than had their ancestors of the first generation.

Pleasing Bobby

"That's a remarkably strong sauce you have, Mrs. Tabasco," said the visitor, as he wiped a tear from his eyes.

"Yes," was the reply. "We always have a bottle on the table, although we don't use it ourselves."

The visitor looked puzzled.

"Well, you see," came the explanation, "it does so amuse Bobby when people take an overdose and pretend they like it."

It Isn't Done

In a team race at a recent London swimming contest, the representatives of a certain government office club were disqualified for "starting before time." When told about it the head of the department remarked: "Well, I am surprised. I should never have thought any man in this office capable of such a thing."—New York Mail.

Early Steam Engine

Among the most interesting exhibits in the South Kensington (Eng.) museum is the engine that propelled the Comet, the first passenger steambot in European waters. It was designed by Henry Bell, a Scotch genius, who amazed the world with his little steam-propelled boat puffing merrily along at a speed of five miles an hour.

Wild Boar Incased in Ice

An avalanche sweeping across the Bong d'Oulians road near Rochetaille, France, recently dropped off a huge block of ice which was found to contain the body of a wild boar. The animal had been swept up as the avalanche started on its wild career and was frozen within it.

On the Safe Side

A young woman went to the bank and asked for a new checkbook. "I've lost the one you gave me yesterday," she said. "But it doesn't matter. I took the precaution of signing all the checks as soon as I got it—so, of course, it won't be of use to any one else."—London Tit-Bits.

Work, and Banish Worry

It is not work that kills men; it is worry. Work is healthful; you can scarcely put more upon a man than he can bear. Worry is rust upon the blade. It is not the revolution that destroys machinery, but the friction. Fear secretes acid; but love and trust are sweet juices.—Beecher.

Humorous

"Isn't a lawsuit involving a patent right about the dullest thing imaginable?" asked one court fan of another. "Not always," was the reply. "I attended a case not long ago that was really funny. A tall lawyer named South was reading a 4,000-word document he called a brief."

Atoms in the Sun

In a "dwarf star" like the sun, suggests Professor Eddington, colliding atoms may destroy each other, thus liberating the energy locked up in them, so that the interior of such stars gets hotter, while their mass becomes smaller.

Saving Due to Habit

If we analyze the psychology of the "why" of saving, we find that saving is, after all, more of a habit than an instinct; at least among humans. Nearly all students of this important subject come to this conclusion.—The Thrift Magazine.

To Freshen Leather

To freshen the appearance of leather seats, bags, etc., that have become shabby and dull from wear, rub them with the well-beaten white of an egg. This gives the worn-out parts a bright-looking aspect, and keeps the furniture looking like new.

King Arthur's Sister

Fata Morgana, in medieval romance, was a fairy, sister of King Arthur. She lived on the Isle of Avalon. The name is also used of a mirage seen in the Strait of Messina, caused by Morgana.

The Arabian Esop

Lokman, author of a collection of fables in Arabic, is known as the Arabian Esop. Nothing definite is known of him, but he is thought to have lived about the time of Kings David and Solomon.

Yellow Matter

From an English novel: "Mrs. Viner thought, so to speak, in headlines. Her brain resembled the bulletin of a sensational journal."—Boston Transcript.

Removing Rust Spots

Rust spots on metal should be rubbed with a cork that has been dipped in paraffin. A cork moistened with paraffin is also splendid for removing marks from hearth tiles.

Salt From Red Sea

When evaporated, a ton of water from the Red Sea yields 157 pounds of salt; the same volume of water from the Atlantic gives only 81 pounds.

Require Different Treatment

It is foolish to meet trouble half way, but success generally has to.—Boston Transcript.

Derivation of "Fortnight"

The word "fortnight" is merely an old contraction of "fourteen nights."

BILL BOOSTER SAYS

SURE THING! I GO TO CHURCH ON SUNDAY! IT DON'T HURT ME NONE, IT PLEASES THE WIFE AND IT HELPS KEEP THE CHURCH GOING! WHAT KIND OF A TOWN WOULD THIS BE WITHOUT ITS CHURCHES?



A Criticism

Paul Duppy, the French senator and newspaper owner, said at the end of his American tour:

"Your newspapers are extraordinary, but your hotels are too large for really perfect cooking. A hotel with 2,000 rooms and 2,000 baths is all very well in its way, but when you want a perfect chaud-froid or a perfect soufflé—"

Senator Duppy shrugged. Then he went on:

"A head-waiter in one of these 2,000-room monster hotels was overheard saying to a waiter the other day:

"The party at the large window table has ordered fresh-made coffee. Be sure and keep them waiting 20 minutes."—Detroit Free Press.

Canada's Mineral Output

A preliminary report on Canadian mineral output for 1923 shows an advance in value of 10.5 per cent over 1922 and a record production for several items, such as coal, lead, zinc, asbestos and cobalt. The value of minerals produced in 1923 totaled \$214,019,832, compared with \$184,207,242 in 1922, and approach the record value of \$227,850,665 established in 1920. Copper production amounted to approximately 88,000,000 pounds, more than double the tonnage mined in 1922. Nickel totaled 82,450,000 pounds, as compared with 17,500,000 pounds in 1922. Gold and silver, which were produced in lesser quantities than in the previous year, were valued at \$36,800,000.

His Guess

"Now, Arthur," asked the Sunday school teacher, "why did Adam bite the apple?"

"Maybe they didn't have knives in those days," answered the youthful philosopher.

So It Seems

Country Doctor—Well, Mr. Sayers, how's the wife?

Mr. Sayers—I thought that was comin'. Anyone 'ould think I never had such things as rain and frost and blight to concern me!—Judge.

Didn't Mix Well

"Miss Carlye," murmured the office manager to the stenographer, "I don't want to burst. Nothing like that, I really don't."

"Let's have the answer," said the dimmed melancholyly. "What's gone wrong now?"

"I just want to ask you not to write your young man during business hours. Letters are apt to get mixed." Her & Ernie report that we have sent him a shipment of love and kisses instead of the axle greases they ordered."

Somewhat Stale

"How was the dance at Lank Lopp's father's night?" asked an acquaintance whose acquaintance had kept him from participating.

"Quite about as—putt—common," replied Cap Johnson of Rumpus Ridge. "Some fellow from over at Slippery Step got drunk, ex-cused himself and went out and threw rocks at the house in Lank got sorter tired of his foolishness and took a couple of shots at him. Outside of that there wasn't nuttin' new."—Indianapolis News.

Farming in Ireland

Of the 3,165,000 population of the Irish Free State about 2,000,000 are engaged in agriculture. There are 354,484 agricultural holdings. The area under crops in 1923 was less by 93,074 acres than in 1922, though greater by 13,000 acres than in previous years. There is a decline in the number of sheep, but a big increase in the number of pigs.

When to Cut and Cure Tobacco for Best Results.

Mocksville, N. C.

Dear Mr. Editor:

Fifty years ago my father, Daniel V. Davis, began growing tobacco. A few years later he decided that there are better days than others for harvesting tobacco in order for it to cure up nicely and have a rich, "waxy" and heavy body. To find the way to feel these days ahead was a hard job, but he was finally successful.

For some reason my father kept this information a secret from everybody, even his own family, until a short while before his sudden death last November, a year ago. In August he called a visiting sister and myself to a table where he was doing some writing and explained it all to us.

I desire to pass this information to as many tobacco growers as possible. In explanation, let me say that tobacco has an oily substance, which is a natural possession. It has a sap (water) like other vegetation. When the sap rises it runs the oil out through the pores of the leaves on the principle that oil and water don't mix, and oil being lighter is pushed out by the sap. Tobacco harvested in this state will be light and "chafy" when cured. There being only sap (water) in the tobacco this evaporates in curing and leaves the tobacco light and worthless. But tobacco harvested when the sap is down and oil in the leaves renders it easily cured and makes it rich, oily and "waxy." This is because the tobacco is full of oil instead of sap and oil being unable to evaporate remains to give the tobacco weight.

I shall be pleased to answer correspondence from tobacco growers who may desire to write me, provided postage is sent for reply.

W. H. DAVIS.

Plan to Attend Farm Meet, Raleigh, July 23-25

Raleigh, N. C. July 15.—Reduced rates have been secured to the State Farmers Convention which will meet this year on July 23, 24 and 25," says J. M. Gray, assistant director of extension and secretary of the farmers convention. "Our program will begin Wednesday morning with an address by Dr. E. C. Brooks, President of State College, as a feature of the opening exercise. Each afternoon will be given over to sectional meetings in which important matters pertaining to agronomy, livestock and horticulture will be discussed. These sectional meetings will be featured by the asking of questions and informal discussions of questions in which the farmers present are interested. Each evening session will be devoted to fun-making, music and popular addresses by well known speakers."

Mr. Gray states that on Thursday morning, Mr. V. N. Valgren, formerly of the Bureau of Economics of the Federal Department of Agriculture, will deliver an address on Farm Credit. Other speakers have been secured to discuss production loans, long time loans, the intermediate credit system and other features of farm credit.

The program for farm women will also be much strengthened this year. The women will hold their own meetings except for the first morning and at the evening sessions. Reports will be heard from those counties which have well organized home bureaus and two of the special speakers secured to date are Miss Susie Powell, in charge of home demonstration work in Mississippi; and Mrs. Palmer Jerman, President of North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs.

Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon will help in the meal planning this year and President Brooks promises good food at twenty-five cents per meal. Mr. R. W. Scott of Haw River is President of the Farmer's Convention this year and Mrs. Rosalind Redfern is President of the Home Bureau Convention.

A fertile soil, drainage, lime and inoculation are needed for success with alfalfa. It is not a poor land crop, therefore the soil should be well prepared for and the seed planted in early September, advises agronomy workers for the State College of Agriculture.

Girl Scouts Organized in Graham.

The Graham Girl Scouts held their second regular meeting at the Methodist Hut Tuesday evening. The Troop, which was organized by Miss Cooke, the Community Playground Supervisor, boasts an enrollment of ten enthusiastic Tenderfoot-16-be and is anticipating an increased membership. One patrol is complete and another is open for members.

The Troop, which was organized last week has had two meetings and one early morning hike. The hike was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The girls started at 6:30 o'clock and walked to Whittenore's where they spent the morning. They cooked breakfast and were initiated into the mysteries of building a fire that could be lighted with one match. The bacon and eggs and cocoa, once prepared, disappeared in double-quick time. The meal was supplemented by delicious blackberries found en route. The Scouts and their Captain hope to have frequent affairs of this nature and at least one swimming lesson a week.

The Scouts hope soon to pass the Tenderfoot test so that the Troop can be registered with National Headquarters and uniforms and pins may be worn. At the meeting Tuesday evening some time was spent in learning to tie various useful knots, which is part of the Tenderfoot Test. The meeting opened with the salute of the flag and the repetition of the Scout motto, promise and laws which are as follows:

Motto—"Be Prepared"

Slogan—"Do a Good Turn Daily."

Promise—On my honor, I will try: To do my duty to God and my country; To help other people at all times; To obey the Scout Laws.

LAWS

1. A Girl Scout's honor is to be trusted.
2. A Girl Scout is loyal.
3. A Girl Scout's duty is to be useful and to help others.
4. A Girl Scout is a friend to all, and sister to every other Girl Scout.
5. A Girl Scout is courteous.
6. A Girl Scout is a friend to animals.
7. A Girl Scout obeys orders.
8. A Girl Scout is cheerful.
9. A Girl Scout is thrifty.
10. A Girl Scout is clean in thought, word, and deed.

Ruth Riley, who was elected Leader of the First Patrol, presided over the business meeting. The principal business was selection of a name and crest for the Troop. The name "Bob White" was chosen with the call of the quail as the particular signal of the Troop. A swimming trip for Friday was planned.

A membership campaign is on for the formation of new patrols. Any girl over ten years of age who agrees to follow Scout regulations may join, but the Bob White Troop is limiting its membership to those over twelve years of age. Any girl who desires to join may see Miss Cooke at the playground any afternoon from 3:00 to 6:00 o'clock.

State Farmers' Convention July 23— Snow Camp String Band to Furnish Music

The State Farmers Convention will open Wednesday morning, July 23rd, at the State Agricultural College. The String Band from Snow Camp will render the music at the opening exercises. The State Convention will pay the expenses of all players of stringed instruments that attend from this county and see us before July 23rd.

It has been our custom heretofore for all to leave in a body, however, the short trip and nearer cuts that some could take in either northern or southern part of the county, we have it is best for each to go when ready on their own way.

Rooms will be reserved for Alamance's delegation. When you arrive on campus of State College we will aid you in locating rooms. A last minute notice announces meals served for 25 cents each.

A very interesting and lively program is arranged for all the family. Forget your worries for a couple of days; meet your fellow farmers from adjoining counties.

W. Kerr Scott, County Agent.

The early lamb is the paying lamb in North Carolina. Not only are the winters sufficiently mild to have them come early but prices are low late in the summer and stomach worms are plentiful.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE TAX. If Not Paid Before August 1st 20 per cent Penalty Will be Added.

It is the desire that all Personal Privilege License Taxes be paid prior to August 1st, and thereby relieve the taxpayers from any penalties which accrue for failure to pay same prior to that date. To this end Hon. R. A. Doughton, Commissioner of Revenue, Raleigh, has issued the following bulletin to all Deputies in the State, with request that the various newspapers print same as the same is of considerable interest to their subscribers.

"R. A. Doughton, Commissioner of Revenue, stated today that there had been collected by his Department during the months of May and June, 35 per cent more License Taxes than was collected for the same two months of 1923, which he construes to be a purpose of the taxpayer to pay at the time required by law and avoid penalty.

This excess collection was gratifying to the Commissioner, as he does not desire to impose penalty for the failure to pay license tax within the time prescribed by the statute.

The Revenue Act provides that all license taxes paid subsequent to August 1st carry a penalty of 20 per cent. The Commissioner has called the attention of the taxpayers to this provision of the Revenue Act several times, and is this date issuing a circular letter to all the Deputy Commissioners throughout the State directing that they give as much publicity to this fact as possible.

The Commissioner earnestly requests that all persons liable for license tax file their applications with the Commissioner of Revenue, Raleigh, N. C., & C. B. Bogart, Deputy Commissioner, at Greensboro, N. C., prior to August 1st and thus not subject themselves to penalty provided by law, which penalty is mandatory and from which no authority is given him to relieve anyone.

C. B. BOGART, Deputy Commissioner, Greensboro, N. C.

July 7, 1924.

Learn to make your mistakes on a small scale.

Mrs. Crandall (Iowa) Tells How She Stopped Chicken-Louses

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