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The Mule of Sumter.

the following reminiscence of the war :

erations in Charleston harbor, the tenth

in the thin lines of pickets which the

Confederates had posted on the eastern

end of Morris Island. When daylight

came every gun which Beauregard could

bring to bear upon the new work began

to rain shot and shell, and from daylight

about Charleston Bay. Shortly after

ammunition. The only road was the

smooth and sandy beach along the bay,

and the distance between the two points

about a mile and a half. Half that dis-

covered all the way to the sand hills, bc-

I am describing this incident as it ap-

a bound it overtook it and exploded with

terrific violence. A general exclamation

is heard from Dahlgren's flag-ship-where

the admiral and his staff are earnestly

gazing at the adventurous mule and his

daring driver. Fort Sumter's ramparts

are black with men, they, too, willing

witnesses of Yankee pluck. Along the

swell of Morris Island, and covering

every elevation, can be seen the Union

A Wonder of Precocity.

Christian Heinecker was born at Lu-

and the history of the church, and he

was able not only to repeat what he had

read, but also to reason upon it, and ex-

press his own judgment. The King of

child, so he was taken to Copenhageu,

there examined before the court, and

constitution being weak he shortly

afterward fell ill. He died on the 27th

boy handed in "Go, go, go, go."

of June, 1725.

hind which was the Federal camp.

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A Bonanza in South Carolina. The most remarkable instance of geological discovery, revolutionizing a district and enriching a State has occurred in the development of what is mirable likeness of its distinguished proto- of cartilaginous fish, especially of the no more. shark family, though they also contain

> Every rain drop which smites the mountain produces its definite amount

Inquirer.

My Illogical Mind.

I confess, with a feeling akin to regret, That, as there are spots on the sun, So the best of us all are with failings beset, And that I am afflicted with one. I presume I possess it, although I can swear, That its presence I never could find,

But the friends who pretend that they know

me declare That I have an illogical mind.

When I ask for a proof, I am told that I side With whatever appears to be right. That I give to my sympathies latitude wide.

And don't always say "No!" when I might. When I say I can't see the use of war. Of torpedoes and things of the kind, Or what they should execute criminals for, I am met with "illogical mind."

In short, when I won't let an arguing friend Persuade me that yellow is grey, Or when I decline my adhesion to lend To all that the loud talkers say.

They turn on my poor little self with a frown

And my death warrant's instantly signed : "This fellow." they cry with contempt, "is a clown, And he has an illogical mind."

"Little Cold Vittles,"

She was a tiny little midget, and had

necktie pinned at her throat.

would choke. Poor thing, she had not said father had tooked it to give to the often had such a feast, and as I watched | bad man for more whisky, an' then she her almost voraciously devour the beef | said, where was 'Hatty, an' I said she steak and potatoes Bridget sat before | was loosed, an' then she cried some more, her, I clutched my own little darling an' tooked Tommy an' me an' walked all Sue to my breast, and prayed heaven 'round to find her, but we couldn't. An' she might never come to such dreadful then mother told the p'leecemans about want. The child was quick of percep- it, an' they said they would git her. But fion, intelligent, and not at all backward, it got dark, an' they couldn't find her, and after she had somewhat appeared an' then mother tooked us home, an' we her hunger I drew her by degrees to sleeped in Missus Hotchkiss's room, an talk about her family, and this is the mother went by herself to find Hattie. story I gleaned from her:

off and leaved us, an' mother she's sick | was hurted on the head, where some bad an' can't go out an' wash no more, an' so boys runned after her, an' hitted her we can't have nothin' to eat only what I | with a stone. gits. I has four little brothers an' sisters, all littler 'n me, an' none of 'em is father tooked the quilt, an' it was so big enough to to go 'thout gettin' loosed | cold we cried, an' it make I us all tired. but Tommy, an' he has fits, an' mother an' gived Hattie such a bad cough, an' she's afraid to have him go, for one day her cheeks was red, an' she said she he had a fit an' falled in a cellar an' was hot when it was oh, awful cold, coz broked his collar-bone, an' a man he car- the coal was all used, an' we didn't through the opening of which the horse ried him home, and mother cried an' have no fire till Tommy an' me got the said he would die, an' Tommy he was blocks, an' the good man buyed us crying coz it hurt so, an' then a doctor some more coal. Then when we comed comed an' hurted him worsein fixin' it, home Hattie was cold like ice when I an' then Tommy cried more, an' so did | put my hand on her face, an' her eyes | all of us. One day a nice lady comed was shut like she was gode to sleep, Send and get one to mark your clothing, books ful of nice vittles, an' she got some when I said to mother, what made her medicine for Tommy's fits, an' buyed cry, she said Hattie was goned off an'

"My mother says when I was a little taked her away, an' we all of us cried. numerous bones and teeth of cataceans, tiny girl, we lived in a big house, with She don't come back no more to play or whale-like animals, many of which lots 'o rooms, an' purty things, an' with us, only sometimes when I sleeps, were larger, or as large, as the whales chairs, an' beds to sleep on, an' carpet an' she is oh, so purty, an' has everyfound in the seas at the present time, on the floor with flowers in it, an' a yard thing nice, an' says what a nice place it From the number of their bones and to play in with grass, an' chickens, an' is up there, and when I tries to go with teeth exhumed or washed out by the pigs' an I had a real doll with eyes, an' her I wakes up an' she's gode away waves of the ocean, they must have ex- a dress on, but I don't remember 'bout again."- Cincinnati Sunday Breakfast isted in large "shoals," and together it, an' sometimes I wonder where that Table. with the enormous sharks of that age, doll gode to, an' if the little girl what's animals rivaling the whale in size, must got it now won't never give it back to have constituted a vast marine army of me no more. One night I dreamed I ravenous "flesh eaters" and capacious | had my doll, an' it could talk and creep 'scavengers" of the Eoceon Ocean, like little Dicky, and say, 'da, da, 'an' make up clubs for the Piedmont Press. We Ships and steamers are daily seeking when I woked up it was gone, an' then cargoes from the Ashley, Stono, Wando, I cried till I sleeped some more, but it Askepoo, and other rivers, and the State didn't come back no more. When we of South Carolina is now reaping a great lived in the big house mother didn't harvest. Over \$6,000,000 have already bave to go to folks' houses an' wash an' been invested by northern capitalists in leave us locked up in the room, cause mining and manufacturing the rocks father worked in a store then, an' fetchinto rich fertilizers, and many persons ed home money to mother, an' somewho, in 1867, were unbelievers have times he bringed me an' Tommy candy now their thousands invested in it. This an' oranges, mother said an' tooked us path leading up to the grotto. In calm is a simple and true history of the dis- lots o' times to the park an' one time to covery and development of the phosphate the circus. I was too little then, an' I rocks of South Carolina. The exports wish I could see the circus now, but for the past year amount to nearly two they makes little girls pay to go in, an' hundred thousand tons .- Philadelphia I never don't have any money, an' if I an' purty, if he had a white dress.

'an beated us like he used before he runned away an' leaved us. Mother nice clothes, an' had white shirts, an' face trimming formed exclusively of his face wasn't all red, an' he took us on clair de lune beads laid on in close rows, his lap, an' sometimes he kissed us. I of gimp and dropping fringe. There Mother says one time a bad man got birds, aigrettes, beads and fringes. paper, an' then another bad man comed for costly dresses show still richer dean' beds. I 'spect that bad man tooked palms, arabesques, stars and crescents. such a starved, pinched, and appealing o' times after that, an' one day he still fashionable, and will be combined look that my heart was touched to the stepped on Dicky when he was crawlin' with bands of far for trimming velvet quick, and I took her into the kitchen an' that's what made his foot crooked, garments. French lace closely imitatmyself and told Bridget to give her a Then the bad man made father drink ing Chantilly in design and quality, will good hearty breakfast, and then fill her whisky all the time, an' we got hungry be used exclusively for full ruchings basket with some fresh and wholesome an' cried, an' mother took Dicky and and plaitings; into some of these laces team tearing up the beach in the direc- His easy, business-like manner, and the food to take home to her little brothers locked Tommy an' Hatty an' me in the cut jet beads are thickly interwoven. and sisters, for my instinct told me she room, an' gode to a woman's house an' The new black net veils are ornamented had spoken the truth when she said : | washed, an' while she was gone Tommy | with fringes and loops of clair de lune "Please, mum, I'm a poor little girl had a fit an' falled on the corner of the or modore, and cut jet beads. The two its legs go. Occasionally a shell would with four brothers and sisters, all littler stove an' maked the blood come an' styles of veils come in the mook shape, touch the beach, bound up, and explode. 'n me, an' won't you please give me some scared us awful bad, for we thought he and in a scarf three yards long, which is and the mule would then hesitate and

was killed, but he gitted well after gracefully laid over the face, then try to turn back. But the driver would She might have been eight years old, awhile, an' then mother comed home, an' crossed behind and brought forward and lay the cowhide on with renewed vigor; though she didn't look to be over six in | bringed us some bread, an' it was awful | tied just below the chin in a large bow, then the mule put on another spurt, size, but had a painfully old look about good. And then mother had to go to or fastened with a gold lace pin. They until at last it became entirely demoralthe eyes, and under one of them was a houses and wash lots o' times, an' one are made of plain and embroidered net. ized by the explosion of a ten-inch shell dark birth-mark of a blood-shot appear- time father comed home after the bad Fashion has rarely offered so many almost between its legs. Every glass in ance, that looked for all the world as man had given him whisky, an' we inducements for ecomony as this sea- the squadron was levelled at the specthough made by the heartless blow of a runned down stairs an' out in the street | sea -so many pretty inexpensive ways to | tacle. The driver got off his seat, took drunken father. Her clothes were old to find mother, but we couldn't, an' Hatty | make up inside and over costumes, and | the animal by the head, whirled it but much patched, but not dirty, and got loosed, an' Tommy and me was loosed so many accompaniments to dress, unit- around once or twice and started it up there was some attempt at neatness, once, but we seed Billy Hotchkiss, an' ing beauty to utility. One principle the beach once more. Fort Sumter She had no stockings, but on one foot he took us home. But we was afraid to must be understood-that it is upon cor- flashed and flamed, Battery Wagner had a lady's gaiter that was almost a fit, go up stairs for father might whip us rect contrast and harmonious associa- belched and thundered, and still the and on the other a boy's shoe somewhat some more, an' we set down on the side- tion, and not alone upon the absolute daring driver urged his mule along, too large. She were a sun-bonnet that | walk and cried till mother comed home, | beauty of the colors, that fine effect though the way was swept by at least had seen better days, and had a man's an' then went us stairs to the top o' the depends. Combinations of materials are thirty guns,

The child ate ravenously at first, and | wasn't there, and in a moment for a minute I thought she certainly ed on was gold, an' mother cried an | colored fattle with a relief of some fancy | he was turned around and exhorting that Nex' day the p'leecemans bringed her "You see, missus, our father runned home, an' we was awful glad, but she

"Then we sleeped on the floor, coz

A Fatal Gas.

In volcanic regions springs and wells of carbonic acid gas are not unfrequent. forming part of the geological formation, like the springs and wells of petroleum in certain districts or this country. The Dogs' Grotto, near Naples, enjoys a world-wide reputation for evil. It displays the fact that carbonic acid gas is so much heavier than air that it lies on the ground like a pool of water. The gas flows out over the threshold of the weather a lighted candle plunged into mediately extinguished.

did I would give it to mother to buy a saked a boy: "Sonny, what is the quick- many ornaments brought to him bearwhite dress for Dicky. Dicky is cute est way to get to the central dopot!" ing his mark, which he had never own-Mother says father didn't drink nasty ample by getting out of the way pretty mark, and preferred to be robbed whisky then, an' he never gitted drunk fast,

The Fushions.

Winter bonnets appear in the revived says he was a good man then an' wored coronet shape. Some of these have the don't see how that could be, but I can't are less flowers seen as the season adremember 'bout when I was little, vances. In their place are wavy plumes,

father to write somethin' on a piece of The latest importations of trimmings an' made us go 'way from our purty signs than the first. They come in large house, an' didn't let us take our chairs feathery ferns, odd leaves, flowers, till noon there were lively times in and my doll. Oh, he was awful bad, mother All styles of architecture are imitated in says, an' I bet it was him. Then father the heavy wide passementeries. Balls, it was feared that an attempt was about he gode in a saige, an' snother bad acorns and tassels of chenille and satin to be made by the Confederates to adman gived him whisky, an maked him are introduced in fringe and other orna- vance. There were enough men there, drunk, an' he comed home, an' sweared ments; and in other styles are shown all it was thought, to hold it, but there was an' throwed things at all of us, an' of the colors found in the bourette and a deficiency of summunition, and so a whipped us, an' cutted mother with a Boumanian fabrics. Braids and gimps mule-driver volunteered to deliver the knife, an' then the pl'eece tooked him to for woolen dresses show all manner of jail, an' mother went to see the man an' arabesques, geometrical designs in cried, an' said father didn't mean to do squares and diamonds, coral branches it, and then the man unlocked the door, and blocks; these may be used as a headan' he comed out an' mother fetched ing to flounces, plaitings or to fringes tance was within easy range of Fort him home, an' then he cried an' said he of a corresponding style. Black laces Sumter, and Battery Wagner's guns wouldn't never do so no more. But are beautifully ornamented with colored when he went back to the saloon the bad | silk embroideries, into which are interman gived him more whisky an' made | woven the rainbow and clair de lune him drunk jest like t'other time, an' lots | beads. Guipure and thread laces are

house where four home was, an' father still employed in dressmaking-the At last he reached his destination, but

stuff, such as the Roumanian, Reumelian, animal to do its level best. The mule and Turkish moss cloths, or any fancy did not need to be told to step out, for material, such as bourette, French cor- in its rear there was a roar and racket, duroy, and soft twilled woolen stuffs. and about its ears were flying sand and The front and side gores must be of the scrap-iron, which seemed to stimulate its heavier fabric, and the train-which is fleetness. Down that hard beach flew set in, in wide plats, in the centre seam | the mule, the light cart bobbing and of the back-is of the plain material with swaving, and the driver's arm rising and which the sleeves must correspond. Pip- falling as he dealt out lash after lash. ing, of some distinctive color, appears in At last they near the friendly shelter of all the long seams, and adds a finish to the sand hills. In another minute they the collar, cuffs, or wherever piping may will be safe, but just as they near the be used. This effect is also seen in the place to turn saide a shell came scream polonaise, which triumphs over all at- ing from Sumter. Everybody could see tempts to put it down, and comes again the huge mass of iron as it roared this season is another shape of exceed- through the air. It struck the beach ing grace-the long-waisted, slender directly in the rear of the mule and with

A Skillful Equine Operation. Edging around in front of the animal the reporter saw that sure enough a tube had been inserted in the windpipe midway between the head and shoulders, was inhaling and exhaling oxygen with all the force and capacity of a blacksmith's bellows. A little inquiry elicited i the facts from Mr. Woodin. The horse (a fine large black) had formerly been used as a 'bus horse for the Bellows to see Tommy, an' she bringed a basket- an' she was white like the snow, an' House in Rock Island. Some two months ago the animal had a violent attack of epizootic-so severe, indeed, me some new shoes, for it was awful cold | leaved us too, and the kind lady told | that the larynx, or opening of the windthen, an' I nearly freezed my feet when us she was up in the sky where pipe, had been swollen shut, and the I went to git things to eat. She was awful Heaven is, an' would never git hungry horse seemed likely to die of suffocation. good to us, an' comed lots o' times, an' or cold any more, an' when I said she He was then taken to Matt. Fisher's allus brought somethin', but one time would get loosed some more by herself, stables, in Davenport, where a veterinary she comed an' said good-by to us, an' she said God would keep her in his surgeon cut the windpipe as described said she was going to move to Cheecawgy, house, coz he liked little girls, an' said and inserted a siphon-shaped silver tube an' couldn't come no more to see us, an' why couldn't I go there too, an' she said about six inches in length, through then mother cried, an' so did all of us. some day if I was good God would take | which the animal obtained his allowance Then she gived mother some money an' me up there an' give me lots 'o nice of air. The tube has a thin facing, to known as the Ashley river (S. C.) de. gode away. Tommy cried bout her lots things. Then the kind lady gave Hattie which the straps are attached which posits of what seems to be the remains o' times but she didn't come to see us a nice white dress, an' the man fixed her keep it in place. The horse does not to bed in a putty little box, an' then they suffer the least inconvenience from the ever. It will be seen that by this mode of treatment all strain is removed from the obstructed larvnx, leaving it in the best possible shape for doctoring. As soon as the swelling subsides and the beck on the 6th of February, 1721. natural passage is again open, the tube When only ten months old he could rewill be removed, the hole sewed up and peat every word that was said to him the horse is himself again. As we have at twelve months he knew the principal said the horse was used at the Bellows events in the Pentateuch by heart; at House before his sickness, but when two years he learned the historical parts Mr. Jarvis, the present proprieter, took of the Old and New Testaments; in his charge, he shipped the animal down to third year he could reply to most queshis Island Farm, in exchange for one tions on universal history and geography, that was sound, which accounts for the and in the same year he learned to speak presence of the horse on our streets, and Latin and French; in his fourth year he consequently for this item. - Muscatine employed himself in the study of religion Iow a) Tribune.

A Trader's Trick.

When the Communists of Paris mobhed the residence of Thiers, they carridoor, and runs like a brook down the ed away his bronzes and curiosities, which were sold to dealers. The police subsequently seized, wherever they the stream near its point of exit is im- found them, articles bearing the private mark of Thiers, which he caused to be engraved or stamped upon his articles A traveler stepped off a train and of vertu. To his surprise, he found "Bun !" he answered, and set the ex- od. The dealers had counterfeited the rather than confess the trick.

Department

Piedmont Press.

At Reasonable Rates.

Items of Interest. Mr. Charles Twyfird, a farmer near Florence, Kan., has produced a potato

When Dahlgren's iron-clads began opfour feet long. According to recent statistics there are army corps made a sudden dash and drove

in the United States 227 horses to every 1,000 inhabitants.

A young Providence lawyer solemnly asked a witness :- " What has been the

reputation of your son since his birth ?" Brown says he has been so often deceived by the chicken at his boardinghouse that he now calls it the mocking

noon Fort Sumter opened furiously, and A definition is given of politeness in which it is likened to an air cushionthe jolts of the world wonderfully.

> Sar, pa," asked a youngster, inquiring One day, "tell me, what is a ring?" A ring," said the parent, admiring,

"Let's see-well-it's not a square thing." A father of three sons and five daughers was asked what family he had. The answer was: "I have three sons, and have each five sistery." "Mercy!" re-

plied the interrogater, " such a family !" A Boston swindler has made thousands of dollars in New England by staying at peared from the shipping in the bay, hotels over night in the guise of a traveland what called attention to it was the ing salesman, receiving by previous arsudden waking-up of every gun on the rangement with a confederate letters southeast angle of Sumter. Looking to containing worthless checks and presee the cause of the furious cannonading, tended directions from an employer, and everybody was surprised to see a mule inducing the landlords to cash the checks. tion of the new work. The driver was simplicity of the fraud, enabled him to laying the lash on, and that male had its | succeed in nearly instance.

brarians at London, brought out some curious facts concerning the British Museum. Several speakers advocated the compiling of a complete catalogue of the books in the museum, which, it is estimated, would cost not less than \$1,500,000. It would have to contain 3,000,000 titles. A quarter of a century would be taken up in the printing of the catalogue, and by that time there would be an accumulation of 300,000 to 400,000

The New York Sun says New York contains to-day hard on 1 300,000 inhabitants. Brooklyn alone contains at this writing a population of 550,000; this, added to 1,300,000, would give New York City 1,850,000. If, however, we take in Jersey City and Staten Island, which clearly belong to this agglomerstion of population, New York, visual as a metropolis, is the second largest city of the civilized world, containing over 2.000,000 inhabitants, Thus: London,3,489,428; New York over 2,000,000, and then Paris with 1,851,792.

In the town of Wells, Maine, live two remarkable brothers, one of whom is seventy-seven years old and the other seventy-two years. Their total weight together is five hundred pounds, and their combined height is twelve feet five nches. They were born in the same ouse in which they now live, and never have been out of their native town. Both are married and have families. They have kept their property in comnon, have never kept any accounts, and never quarrelled or had the least disagreement. Their farm consists of five hundred acres, and upon it are hundreds of trees one hundred feet high, four and five feet in diameter at the butt, and worth from \$50 to \$100 spiece.

London Neicspapers. London newspapers who keep corre-

spondents in the field deal with them very

liberally. The offices furnish ever ;soldiers, who stand with bated breath, thing. Each has at least two horses, anxious and full of suspense, and every which the office pays for, and one or ye intently taking in the scene. When more servants, Forbes, correspondent the shell explained a circle of smoke hid of the News, receives a clear salary of the mule for a moment, but when the \$5,000 a year and all his expenses paid. black smoke cleared Mr. Mule had his This \$5,000 is in the shape of a retainer. cars laid back, and, with head down, and He is paid that amount by the News to logs lashing wildly out, he was making retain his services, to prevent his writkindling wood of the cart, which had ing for any other journal. When he is been badly demoralized by a fragment of actually at work, then he is paid an the shell. Presently the driver is seen additional amount, but he would receive limping to the mule; in a second the the \$5,000 were he not to do a stroke of mule is free from the cart, and, with the | work within the twelve months. Edidriver on his back, and a farewell whisk torial writers are not an office fixture of his tail, disappears behind the cover here as in America, explains an English letter in the Chicago Times. The men The thousands of boys in blue unite who furnish editorials for an English in a long and hearty hurrah; the sailors paper may or may not be professional wave their hats and shout themselves writers—that is, writers for newspapers. hourse, and, hark! the Confederates They may be magazinists, or not have caught the infection, and are cheer- writers, or almost anything else. They occupy somewhat the position of the mercenary soldier whose fealty is due to the power which pays him, during the period for which he is employed. Sucpose the London Times wishes to retain the services of Professor Musty Dryssdust for a leade; writer, The editor sends for him, or to him, announces the wish, and if the professor consents he is paid a retainer, which varies according to the man employed. The retainer engages him for the Times, and he cannot write for any other daily paper. It does not, however, guarantee him constant employment. He may have been retained to write on will cases, and he writes only when there is a demand for an article on wills. A journal may have five or fifty men thus retained. Each day the editor decides what he wishes Denmark wished to see this wonderful written, assigns the subjects to the proper men, and pays them "by the piece." A retaining fee varies according to the proclaimed to be a wonder. On his requality of the man. Editorials on the turn home he learned to write, but his Times are paid for at rates varying from two to five gainess each. The sub-editors who have charge of foreign news, correspondence, local topics, commercial "Foregoes" was the word put out at affairs, and the like, receive regular sala written spelling exercise by one of the sries. An English reporter, who is alcity teachers recently. And one little most invariably a short-hand writer, gets

from \$15 to \$25 per week.