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In a Fourth avenue horse-car going

"Papa, papa!" shouted the little one

the baby's rudeness.

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Shoeing the Broncho.

One who has traveled in certain sections of Texas, Mexico, and in mining localities of the Rocky and Sierra Nevada mountains, does not need to have the broncho mule described to him. A thousand accounts have been written of his peculiar virtues as a saddle animal. Language has been stained in description of his "bucking" propensities and the height and frequency of the ascents into ether's space of the uninitiated who unluckily ventures on the back of the broncho. No one ac quainted with his family ever, in his wildest imaginings, pictured the broncho as being brought east of the cow boy reservations. Sitting Bull might be civilized into a dime museum Indian exhibit; "Buffalo Bill" and "Texas Jack" were admitted not dangerous if showing in a fifty-acre open field theatre, and the buffalo and cayote wolf have been taken into Eastern zoological gardens. But the broncho to "buck" his way into city life! Never.

And yet that same has the broncho done. The street railroad companies of St. Louis, with a temerity worthy of cowboys, having harnessed him to their cars-in fact, one hundred of them. The cobble stones of the street being rougher than the sod of his native heath, the animal needs must be shod, and a reporter of the "Globe Democrat" describes the incident of that undertaking. After giving a pen portrait of the broncho, the reporter proceeds to say that there are some remarkably strong objections to him, one of the most important of these being his refusal to make friends with those who ought to be nearest and dearest to him. The men working around the car stables he seems to absolutely detest, and the drivers of cars he has no ase for. In a short time after getting him into harness he will learn to stop when a car bell is rung, but he starts again only at his own sweet pleasure, and he is just as liable to break away into his is getting off at the back of the car as he is to stay at the crossing and refuse to budge for a whole hour. This is his quality of stubbornness, and it is men tioned in connection with his selfish its embellishing features. He never allows himself to lose caste, and will not mingle with anybody but Texas mules, no matter what the rewards or inducements are that are offered him. He is never curried, because he won't allow anybody to approach near enough to do the currying, and the only attention he gets besides his rations is a rubbing

they use in washing windows. He will kick just for amusement, and never waits for any provocation. And when he does kick he sends both hind legs quivering in the air like the striking hammer of the small gong bell which you hear when a friend rings you up for the telephone. He can give more kicks in rapid succession than a lightning calculator can count, and he is such an adept in the business that he can follow a man a mile, and catch up with him, wheel suddenly and plant a succession of kicks between the buttons on his coat tails; before the man can gather his thoughts sufficiently to tell his own name.

off of his back, which is accomplished

with a long-handled brush, such as

The car companies had tried to shoe the mules at their own shops, but they found it impossible to shoe more than two of them a day. The mules kicked too hard for their street corporation's farriers; they bit too promiscuously; they wouldn't stand still, and when knocked down, wouldn't stay down, even though a ton weight was placed on top of them. One of the mules continued his recalcitrant giddiness until he kicked his own leg off, and the other broke his own neck with a kick. Then the board of directors held a meeting and offered the work to Ed. Butler.

Ed. Butler took the job at \$2 per mule, and the directors chuckled gleefully as they signed the contract. When the mules were driven into the rear of Butler's shop the next morning the fun began. The force selected one of the meekest looking of the mules for their first victim. The excitement questioned him, and, finding that he started when an attempt was made to throw a rope around this mule. He resisted every effort to coax him, and finally succumbed only to strategy; he was lassoed and dragged to the bar where horses and mules are tied while being shod. Now this mule, just like the 49 others which were regarding his treatment from afar, have been accustomed to going barefooted in Texas, and as the cactus didn't hurt his feet any, he thought the streets of St. Louis couldn't do him any damage. Instinct seemed to prompt him to acknowledge of the fact that he was going to be torn from his barefootedness, and he made a preliminary kick against putting on the iron slippers. He kicked with all cried Jock, as he bolted from the room, four feet at once and the men sectored a pair of pants dot shrink oop eighteen unnecessary to say that Governor Sey-

After a moment or two they cautiously returned to the attack, and between A STORY OF PLUCK AND ADVENRURE. jerky, spasmodic kicks, got a rope around three of the mule's legs, ran the

rope over the neck string, and made it fast to the crowbar in front. Then one man got the nose twister and put it on the mule, and another man took the little fellow by the tail. A third man took the mule's united leg and began the first part of the shoeing act. He had not got very far before the mule interposed a vigorous objection; it came in the shape of a wild, tremulous and thrilling all around kick that tore the rope from its fastenings and left the mule standing there free and unfettered. The man who had hold of the animal's leg grabbed up his tool box hurridly and hastened to join the other fugitives. He was somewhat slow, and the mule saw him. He not only saw him, he followed him and took after him as hard as he could, biting at the flying end of his apron and giving an occasionable nibble at his hip pock-

et. Everybody in the shop cheered except the man who was running. Near the front door the mule thought he was close enough for operations, so he wheeled quickly and let both feet fly into the s.nall of the blacksmith's back. The smith yelled and went on, but the mule stopped, wheeled around again, and let his lips break into a wide smile, while his ears stood up in triumph and the other occupants of the shop roared. It took more than an hour to shoe that mule. In the meantime work was begun on other mules, and when three or four were in the hands of the furriers

at a time the fun was tremendous. Ropes seemed powerless to hold them. Every five minutes one was ways chooses out the person who was belt, and I determined on revenge. around and took a mouthful of the smith's shirt or a turf of his hair.

A crowd gathered at the blacksmith shop door early in the morning, and there was an audience there all day and unfriendly nature merely as one of long that would hardly fit in the Standard Theatre. It was late at night when the show was over, and then the men were all broken up. Each one of the 50 mules had dealt the eleven men about fifty kicks apiece, and, though their kick was not hard, it was disagreeable. Before noon the men learned that the mules could not do much harm with their tiny heels and short legs, and so to satisfy the recalcitrant little brutes after they broke the ropes would stop after running a short distauce and turn the backs of their trousers for the mule to kick at. A few kicks made the brute happy and tractable for awhile, and he was led back to the post and got a new installment of shoeing. One man named Vaughn, who is an athlete and ex circus man. let a mule chase him a bit and then waited for the little fellow to kick; when he did so, Vaughn caught him by the heels and turned him over on his back as easily as if he had been a poodle dog. At night, when the work was at an end, Ed. Butler, Jr., had 18 kicks to his credit, and the other men were equally well up in their records. Nobody was badly hurt, but the men were so worn out with exercise and their lungs were so sore from laughter that they couldn't do any work for several days, and Ed. Butler says that from this out his price for shoeing a

Jock was all Right.

Texas mule is \$5.

A canny Lowland farmer, of a miserly disposition, went to a fair to hire a farm servant; and, peering about him, he observed a tall, well-grown lad, with a vacant expression of countenance. Him he accosted, and found that "Jock," as he called himself, was an 'innocent"-half witted. The farmer, thinking that this was a good opportunity for picking up a strong fellow, who would take low wages and not quarrel with the very plain fare of his kitchen, was used to farm work, engaged him. Then, remembering that he knew nothing of the youth's character, he added : 'But I maun hae vour character, ve ken, Jock. I engage no man without a character. Can ye bring me ane frae yer last maister ?" "Ou, ay,"returned Jock; and it was agreed that he was to bring the required document to the man." Sun Inn, where the farmer intended to dine at one o'clock. At one o'clock, punctually, Jock arrived at the Sun, and with some difficulty made his way into the room where the farmers' or- for \$8." dinary was being held. "Wheel, ma laud, have you got your character ?" asked the farmer. "Na! but I've body whas a worker. Industry whas all got yours; and I'm no comin'!" right, but if somebody comes back mit four feet at once, and the men scattered amid the roars of the assembled com- inches, dot pee-nife doan' oxplain dot was never again dishurridly to every corner of the shop, pany.

THE LITTLE SCHOOLMA'AM.

'Speakin' of the rural regions,' said an old chap at the end of a bar, who had trouble in raising a glass of beer to his mouth with his right arm, 'I might be indoozed to relate a little adventure which happened to me in Injiany last

ndiannapolis for several weeks, and finally the Police Judge advised me to eave town. I meyer argy with a Police Judge. When they come right down to fatherly advice I accept it and git. I left the town inside of two hours, and it didn't take me over three hours to reach a mile post ten miles away. About 4 o'clock in the afternoon, as I was restin' beside the highway, a schoolma'am passed. She was a clipper leetle body, weighin' about ninety pounds, and white-faced, and when I sort o' riz up to ax her if she didn't have a bit to eat in her basket. she uttered a womanish velp and started off on a dead run. I didn't have on my swaller tail coat and standin collar on that day, and I guess she took me fur a tramp.

'Now, gents, when a feller is ragged, bungry, and out o' rhino, what does he do? He makes a break, in course. I walks about fur about a mile, and when I comes to a farm house with a look of comfort about it I stops in and asks if a poor man who has lost his hull family in the great Chicago fire can git a bite to eat, to brace him up as he journeys toward the settin'sun. The motherly old soui of a farmer's wife would that little schoolma'am was there to loose chasing somebody around the prevent. I heard 'em whisperin' toshop and always overtaking them in gether in the next room, and by and by the manner in which the first mule o. the old lady came back and give me the vertook his man, and dealing a double bounce. A tramp as has belonged to kick at the basement of the party's the prufesh fur fifteen years hadn't italic d; my pantaloons would not work pantaloons. The mule never made a orter fire up over sich a trifle as that, up, nor bag at the knees, and my col-

doing the shoeing, and often reached 'I went into the orchard and stole some apples, and then laid around to watch. I found out afore dark that the farmer was an old man, and that there was only three of 'em in the house. Long 'nuff 'fore the lights were out I had arranged with myself to break in. There was a chance of plunder, and I intended to scare that little schoolma'am out of a year's growth. I don't say as I would hev laid hands on her, but that very thing might have happened, you know.

'Well, about half an hour afore midnight I begins operations by creepin up to the back door. It was shut, but not locked, and I crept in, struck a light, and found my way to the pantry. There was cold meat, pumpkin pie, and pread and butter, and it took me a good half hour to fill up. I might hev gone out then, but I wanted suthin' else. There was nobody sleepin down stairs, and after pocketin' a watch I crept up stairs into the old folks' bedroom. They was sleepin' as sound as you please, and the moon shinin' in furnished all the light needed. I went through a bureau and got a wallet, and was searchin' the old man's pants, when I heard a step at the door and a voice cried out: 'Surrender or I'll

'It was that leetle schoolma'am. She stood in the door in her night dress, a revolver pointed full at me, and I could see her eyes blaze. I made a rush to seize her, when 'crack ! crack !' went the revolver, and one bullet struck me in the right sholdier and another in the side. I went down as if shot through the head, and up jumps the old man and piles on to me like a ton of brick. The little schoolma'am went down stairs after a rope, and then helped tie me hand and foot. More'n that, she kept guard over me while the old man rode off for an officer, and every time I fetched a groan she had that revolver ready to shoot.

'In conclusion, gents, permit me to remark that the Court give me five years fur that little affir, while the plucky leetle schoolma'am received a public purse of \$200. Sometimes I've felt as if it was my dooty to hunt her up and marry her.'

Wanted an Emblem.

Uncle Abrabam, over on Cathan St. was speaking to an acquaintance the other day about putting an emblem over the door of his store. "I'd put a bee-hive," suggested the

"Vot does pee-hife shtand for ?"

"For industry." "Oh, dot vnas all nonsense. Dot doan't show people dot I sell a \$14 suit

"I know, but the bee is a worker." "Yes, but dot doan't do. Eaferyd is vhas a singular climate on pants." turbed by that particular neighbor. line storm.

How to Run a Universe. Why Some Things Should not be sa

Well as Others. Mr. Burdette remarks: "My son, there are just two things in this world that I don't know about, and you have just asked me about one of them. don't know why there is trouble and sorrow and toil and poverty and sickness and death in this beautiful world. I used to know when I was much younger, but I find that as I grow older I don't know a great deal more than I used to know. I don't know why the best people seem to have all the suffering and the great sinners have all the fun. I don't know why innocent men suffer for the wickedness of guilty men. I don't know why the man who cast the faulty column in Pemberton Mills wasn't crushed when the mills went down. I can't see why my neck should be broken in a railway accident because a train dispatcher sends out a wrong order or a signal man goes to sleep. I don't see why my neighbor should be cursed with ill health and suffering just because his grandfather was a rollicking, hard drinking old profligate. I don't see why I should have neuralgia just when I want to feel at my best. I don't know the reason why some people starve while worse people feast. Well, you say, wouldn't it be pleasanter if all these crooked things were straightened out? Yes, oh, yes! And wouldn't I run things a little better if I had the running of them? Ye-e hold on a minute-ye-I don't know, really, that I want to try. There are several things have set out a square meal fur me, but to consider, when you sit down to run a universe. True, if I managed things I could make several improvements at once. I would never again have the neuralgia, for one thing; my boots would not run over at the heels like an waxed like a bristle at one end and out think I might manage for a week, may he made place for him at once. be, but there would be an eclipse to look after, with occasional rain, some snow, a late spring or an early autumn or a capricious harvest time to manage: there are certain movements of the sun and other planets that have rather delicate relations with the earth-come to think of it, my boy. I have never yet been able to control my own personal neuralgia. Now, you are very kind, but I will most respectfully decline the appointment. I find on looking into the varied and trying duties connected

with the office that my bodily and men-

tal strength would not stand the great

tax that would be laid upon them.

While I am in the heartiest accord

with the Administration, and wish to

give it, and to the extent of my poor a-

bility do give it my most earnest sup

port and encouragement, yet I much

prefer to do this in my capacity as a

Stories of Governor Seymour.

The Utica Observer says: Though

possessed of a grave turn of mind, the

late Gov. Horatio Seymour had at

times a keen sense of humor, and said

many droll things. His allusion to

Grant at the meeting of the Army of

the Cumberland, in Utica, when he

declared that he was a better soldier

than his old antagonist, because in

1868 he (Grant) had run farther and

faster, was incomparably happy.

Some years ago an incident occurred

which at once illustrated Seymour's

goodness of heart and his sense of the

hnmerous. Driving along the Deer-

field road oneday he came upon a farm-

er in distress. The latter's wagon

had broken down under a heavy pile

of wood, his harness was out of kelter

and his position was one of abject

misery. He had in vain appealed to

passers-by to help him. But Sev-

mour was a friend in need. He help-

ed the farmer to repair his wagon and

reload the wood thereupon and loaned

the farmer a part of his own harness.

The Governor then went his way.

Afterwards, when the farmer was tell

ing his story, he startled his hearers

by saying; "I never felt so mean

in my life. The wood was stolen

from the Governor's wood pile. The

whole transaction Governor Seymour

knew that the wood was his own, but

after giving his side of the story, with

a merry twinkle in his eye, he was

wont to add: "The poor fellow need-

ed the wood more than I did." It is

private citizen."

not leave a larger estate behind him. but he was generous to a fault, and he had many calls upon his charity. It was the heavy cross of his life that his twin brother, for thirty years resident of a distant Western city, had disappointed his expectations, lost his ambition and sunk into a living death His brother was a lawyer, one of the most brilliant in the Northwest, clearing from \$15,000 to 20,000 a year by his practice when he fell a victim to his love for good company and good cheer. He went down from his high position like a rocket, and for the last fifteeen years has been entirely supported by his brother, the General. There is a touching little bit of romance connected with this sad story. The lawver was in his prime, a magnificent-looking man, and became engaged to the beautiful daughter of a lady in whose house he boarded. The engagement began twenty years ago. But the lady saw danger ahead, and she refused to marry her ardent and handsome wooer until he would for-swear the flowing bowl and show himself a thoroughly reformed man. He still lives in the same house and the lady is there, too, and still unwedded. She is true to her love, but is equally true to her promise, and while she tenderly cares for the man she loves and mourns, she knows that her life is wrecked, and that there is no hope now on this side of the grave.

The world is full of such unnoticed heroines. A recent traveller in Spain tells how the Children in Germany play at bull fighting. One boy, holding a pair of wooden horns on his head, represents the bull. Other boys, mounted on each other's backs, were picadors, while others again, with their jackets in their hands, were supposed to be maradors and chulos. The bull would stamp his feet and roar, then make a rush at one of the chulos, whose jacket was thrown up by the wooden horns, but whose body was never touched. Then the joke of it all was that during the bull would charge one of the picadors, whereupon the boy playing horse would throw himself to the ground, and allow himself to be properly gored.

The woman who made a pound butter out of the cream of a joke, and published by the Women's Home and cheese from the milk of human kind- Foreign Missionary Society of the

DR. TALMAGE ON DRESS.

(Extract from Sermon, Sunday, Feb. 14th.) up town one day a plainly dressed wo-Show me the fashion plates of any man was riding, accompanied by a age between this and the time of Louis bright-eyed child just old enough to be XVI of France, and Henry VIII. of asking a good many questions. The England, and I will tell you the type of pert young miss of 3 or 4 years was inmorals or immorals of that age or that tent on being on familiar terms with year. No exception to it. Modest apeverybody within reach, and one of the parel means a righteous people. Impassengers within reach was Mr. Van- modest apparel always means a contamderbilt. He had a small package in his inated and depraved society. It is not hands, and the child insisted on relievonly such boldness that is to be repreing him of it. The mother though hended, but extravagance of costume. wholly unaware of her seatmate's iden-This latter is the cause of fraud unlimtity, did her utmost to protect him | itable and ghastly. It was an effort to from the young mischief-maker's depsupport too expensive establishments redations, but her efforts were futile. | that sent prominent business men to And Mr. Vanderbilt, as the car rolled the watering of stocks, and life insuror, seemed really to have got to enjoyance presidents to perjured statements ing the wee bit of a thing's !flirtation. about their assets and some of them to She went through his overcoat pockets, the penitentiary, and has completely clambered over his knees, and couldn't upset our American finances. But have been a whit more familiar had she why should I go to these famous defaultbeen of the house of Vanderbilt itself. ings to show what men will do in order At the Thirty-second street stables to keep up great home style and expenthere was a change of conductors, and sive wardrobe, when you and I know a bearded young fellow came upon the scores of men who are put to their wit's rear platform, rang the signal bell, and end and are lashed January to Decemstarted the car onward through the ber in the attempt? Our Washington politicians may theorize until the expiration of their terms of office as to the excitedly and off from the knee of the best way of improving our monetary millionaire owner of the railroad she condition in this country. It will be of clambered to hold out her arms toward no use, and things will be no better unthat bearded young fellow, the new contil we learn to put on our heads and ductor. The conductor recognized his backs and feet and hands no more than distinguished passenger, and naturally we can pay for. There are clerks in he was amazed-his own child in the stores and banks on limited salaries, magnate's arms. He hastened to corwho in the vain attempt, to keep the rect things, and, with what was not an wardrobe of their family as showy as unnatural earnestness, apologized for other folks' ward robes, are dying of muffs, diamonds, camel's-hair shawls, "Tut, tut !" interrupted Mr. Vanderand high hats, and they have nothing bilt "I've enjoyed my ride with her. left except what they give to cigars Young man, I wish she were my own. and wine suppers, and they die before She must be taken good care of." And their time, and they will expect us minthen, as the car turned out of the tun- isters to preach about them as though nel to the Grand Central Station, he they were the victims of early piety; patted the little one affectiouately upon and after a high-class funeral, with silthe head, and said good by. Within a ver handles at the side of their coffins month that street-car conductor was of extraordinay brightness, it will be holding a responsible position upon one found out that the undertaker is cheatmistake in selecting his man; he at but it hit me like a blow below the lars would not climb the back of my of the big Vanderbilt railroads, a post ed out of his legitimate expenses! Do neck, and my mustache wouldn't keep that he holds to this day. That very not send to me to preach the funera night Mr. Vanderbilt had the young sermon of a man who dies like that. like a satin ribon at the other, and- man's antecedents looked up, and find-! will blurt out the whole truth and tell but there are some things to look after. ing his record clean, and assured that that he was strangled to death by his The little matter of day and night I he was a man of energy and capacity, wife's ribbons! You are not surprised to find that the putting up of one pub. lic building in New York costs millions Why Gen, Hancock Died Poor. of dollars more than it ought to have cost, when you find that the man who A New York letter says : Surprise gaye out the contract paid more than \$5,000 for his daughter's wedding dress is expressed that Gen. Hancock did Cashmeres of \$1,000 each have not been rare on Broadway. It is estimated that there are 8 000 women in these two cities who have expended on their personal array \$2,000 a year. THE TRAGEDY OF HUMAN CLOTHES.

"What are the men to do in order to keep up such home wardrobes? Stea 1. That is the only respectable thing they can do! During the last fifteen; years there have been innumerable fine bus iness men shipwrecked on the wardrobe. The temptation comes in this way : A man thinks more of his family than all the world outside, and if they spend the evening in describing to him the superior wardrobe of the family across the street that they cannot bear the sight of, the man is thrown upon his gallantry and his pride of family, and without translating his feelings into plain language he goes into extortion and issuing of false stock and skillful penmanship in writing somebody else's name at the foot of a promissory note. and they all go down together-the husband to the prison, the wife to the sewing machine the children to be taken care of by those who were called poor relations. Oh, for some new Shakespeare to arise and write the tragedy of human clothes!

"Act the First of the Tragedy-A plain but beautiful home. Enter the newly married pair. Enter simplicity of manner and behavior. Enter as much happiness as is ever found in one

"Act the Second-Discontent with the humble home. Enter enyy. Enter jealously. Enter desire of display. Act the third-Enlargement of expenses. Enter the queenly dressmakers. Enter the French milliners.

"Act the Fourth-The tip top of society. Enter princes and princesses of New York life. Enter magnificent plate and equipage. Enter everything

"Act the Fifth and Last, Winding up the Scene-Enter the assignee. Enter the sheriff. Enter the creditors. Enter humiliation. Enter the wrath of God. Enter the contempt of society. Enter death. Now let the silk curtain drop on the stage. The farce is 'ended and the lights are out.

"Will you forgive me if I say in tersest shape possible that some of the men in this country have to forge and to perjure and to swindle to pay for their wives' dresses? I will say it whether you forgive me or not."

THE GOTWALD MEMORIAL TRACE.