

WERE HUMBLING THE HORSE

That Was Why Noble Quadruped Was Hitched to Truck With Two Mules.

The other day a big furniture van moved slowly along a boulevard. On one side was painted the latest battle ship; on the other was a lightning express train, gorgeously colored. The team consisted of two mules and one fat horse with a sweeping tail. They were harnessed abreast, the horse in the middle. The sight was too much for a Southern "gentleman." Rushing into the street he called a halt, and asked the two husky negroes in command: "What do you mean by harnessing that horse between two ordinary mules?" The driver replied, grinning: "Cause 'e ain' been havin' eself; we's humiliatin' him." "What? Oh, humiliatin' him." "Yas, sah; dat's it; 'e got ter be humbled."

LADY IN THE MOON.

An amateur astronomer writes of the "lady in the moon": "It is a very beautiful face seen in profile and uplifted, as though in proud disdain of things terrestrial. The curve of the throat is exquisite and, indeed, the entire outline is marvelously lifelike. The moon lady may best be observed, say, through a small opera glass when our satellite is at half. At that time the tip of the chin about touches the terminator, that is, the dividing line between the light and dark portions of the lunar surface. Most people can recognize the man in the moon; well, the hair of the 'lady'—in which I can always fancy I see a spray of orange blossom—forms the man's left eye, the nose and mouth his nose, and the chin and throat the 'man's' mouth."

QUITE SO.



Woolley—Why, Wigless, you are quite bald.
Wigless—Going? Why, I was born so.

HAD CANCELED DEBT.

A Richmond lawyer was consulted not long since by a colored man who complained that another negro owed him three dollars, a debt which he absolutely refused to discharge. The creditor had dunned and dunned him, but all to no purpose. He had finally come to the lawyer in the hope that he could give him some good advice. "What reason does he give for refusing to pay you?" asked the legal man. "Why, boss," said the darkey, "he said he done owed me dat money for so long dat de interest had et it all up, an' he didn't owe me a cent."

ORCHID HUNTERS' PERILS.

Orchid hunters in New Guinea often face death searching for these rare plants. One agent found a magnificent collection of orchids growing in a native burying ground among exposed bones and skulls. When the plants were removed some of the skulls were removed with them. Yet another collector was known to wade up to his waist in mud among mosquitoes for two weeks, seeking a single rare specimen.

JUDGE'S ADVICE.

"Is this your first law case?" asked Mr. Justice Bigham of a defendant in a civil action at the Guildford Assizes recently. "It is, my lord," replied the litigant. "Then let it be your last," drily observed his lordship. Mr. Justice Bigham has been a judge since 1897, and before that had a large practice as a leader of the Northern circuit. —Pearson's Weekly.

WORSE YET.

"People never give me credit for my serious thoughts," complained Love Comedy. "I can't imagine anything worse than to have folks laugh at you when you really mean to be serious."
"You don't say?" replied Hi Comedy. "I should think you'd find it worse to have folks laugh at you after you begin to be funny."

THE DREAD RED DEATH

Fangs of the Blood Snake of Central America Fatal to All Who Are Stricken.

It will be remembered that Edgar Allan Poe, in his "Masque of the Red Death," described a plague, the main symptom of which was a bleeding from the pores of the body.

In Central America the Red Death is personified in the Blood Snake, or, as the Spaniards call it, Vivora Sangre. This snake is of a red-tinged black on the back, while underneath it is of a bright vermilion. Its deadly work is easily recognizable in the condition of the victim. An Indian cattleman, finding a cow bleeding at the nose, eyes and ears, and perspiring blood at every pore, does not hesitate to blame it on Vivora Sangre. Unfortunately, the effect upon the human being is the same, and our Indian friend quite realizes it when he lights a cheroot, gathers his blanket around him, and stoically sits down to await the meeting with his forefathers.

FOUND GREAT CAVE.

The gold prospectors recently discovered in the Santa Susanna mountains, about fifty miles from Los Angeles, Cal., the largest and most remarkable cave in western America. While looking for indications of gold they found an opening. The opening led to a great cavern consisting of many passages, some of them wide, but most of them narrow and lofty. The passages led into great halls, some containing an acre, studded with stalagmites and stalactites, in some cases so thickly that it is difficult to get through. The walls of one of these halls are covered with rude drawings, some almost obliterated, but others still clear. The drawings represent incidents of the chase, showing Indians on foot pursuing bear, deer and other animals. One wall painting shows the bear pursuing the hunter.

PEW RIGHTS IN ENGLAND.

The legality of a claim to a family pew was raised at Carlisle Consistory court yesterday.

Permission was granted for alterations to Hesketh church, Cumberland, which will necessitate the removal from the chancel of a family pew, the occupants of which applied for a fresh pew in its place.

The applicant, Captain James, of Barrock Lodge, claimed that his family had used the pew for nearly a hundred years, and that they had ancestors buried beneath it.

Chancellor Prescott ruled that the family had no legal right to the pew. The privilege had been granted to a former owner of Barrock Lodge, and could not be transferred to subsequent owners of the estate. —London Daily Mail.

CURIOSITY IN BULGARIA.

Prof. De Launay says that there is in Bulgaria a group of natural columns much like the Giant's Causeway in Ireland. On the edge of a plateau in the open country rises this forest of natural columns, which gives the impression of an antique ruin. The columns, which are about fifteen to twenty feet high, are absolutely cylindrical, and they are often as much as three feet thick. The stratification of the rock resembles joints, and vertical erosion due to rain has formed Doric flutings.

A DUTCH "SCENE."



TOO MANY NOTES.

Subscriber (to editor)—I've got something here I want you to make a note of.

Editor—Can't do it. Three in the bank now, and one gone to protest!

TACT.

"I want to look at some false hair," said the lady to the clerk.

"Right this way, madam. What color does your friend want?" said the clerk. For he knew his business.

SOMETIMES.

Prue—Do you think it's possible for a girl to get over a love affair in six months?

Dolly—Yes, if she marries him. —Harper's Weekly.

PUBLIC SALE

Having sold my farm preparatory to moving south, I will sell at public sale at my farm 12 miles northeast of Falls City and 6 miles north of Rulo, on

FRIDAY, DEC. 13, 1907

8 HEAD OF HORSES

consisting of four mares and four horses, all good work animals.

7 HEAD OF CATTLE

consisting of three milk cows, one heifer and two calves.

40 HEAD OF HOGS

Ten tons of millet hay, all my farm implements and tools of all kinds; household goods, some stove wood and other articles too numerous to mention.

TERMS OF SALE:

All sums of \$10 or less cash. On sums over that amount a credit of 9 months will be given on bankable note, without interest if paid when due. If not so paid 8 per cent will be charged from date. Three per cent discount for cash. Terms must be complied with before removing purchases.

Lunch on the Ground.
C. H. MARION, Auctioneer.

Herman Koehler.

Panic Absurd—Roosevelt

Washington, Nov. 17.—President Roosevelt gave out a statement tonight in connection with the \$50,000,000 Panama bond issue and the \$100,000,000 certificate issue announced by the Secretary of Treasury. The President says that what is needed most at this time is that the people should "realize how fundamentally sound business conditions in this country are, and how absurd it is to permit themselves to get into a panic and create a stringency by hoarding their savings instead of trusting perfectly sound banks." The President's letter to Secretary Cortelyou follows:

"The White House, Washington, Nov. 17, 1907.
"My Dear Mr. Cortelyou: I have considered your proposal. I approve the issue of the \$50,000,000 of Panama bonds, which will be immediately available as the basis for additional currency. I also approve the issue of \$100,000,000, or so much as you may find necessary, of 50 3-per-cent interest bearing government notes, the proceeds of the sale of which can be at once deposited by you where the greatest need exists, and especially in the west and south where the crops have to be moved. I have assurance that the leaders of Congress are considering a currency bill which will meet in permanent fashion the needs of the situation, and which I believe will be passed at an early date after Congress convenes two weeks hence.

"What is most needed just at present is that our citizens should

realize how fundamentally sound business conditions in this country are and how absurd it is to permit themselves to get into a panic and create a stringency by hoarding their savings instead of trusting perfectly sound banks. There is no particle of risk involved in letting business take its natural course, and the people can help themselves and the country most by putting back into active circulation the money they are hoarding. The banks and trust companies are solvent. There is more currency in the country today than there was a month ago, when the supply was ample. Fifty-five million dollars in gold has been imported and the government has deposited already 60 million dollars. These are facts, and I appeal to the public to cooperate with us in restoring normal business conditions. The government will see that the people don't suffer if only the people themselves will act in a normal way. Crops are good and business conditions are sound; and we should put the money we have in circulation at once to meet the needs of our abounding prosperity.

"There is no analogy at all with the way things were in 1893. On November 30 of that year there was in the treasury but 161 million dollars in gold. On November 14 of this year there was in the treasury 904 million dollars of gold. Ten years ago the circulation per capita was \$23.23. It is now \$33.23. The steps that you now take, the ability of the government to back them up and the fact that not a particle of risk is

involved therein give the fullest guarantees of the sound condition of our treasury. All that our people have to do now is to go ahead with their normal business in a normal fashion and the whole difficulty disappears; and this end will be achieved if each man will act as he normally does act, and as the real conditions of the country's business fully warrant his now acting. Sincerely yours,
THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

Don't worry about your kidneys when you can obtain 30 days' treatment of Pineules for \$1.00. These little globules bring relief in the first dose. Backache, Lumbago and Rheumatism yield quickly. If not satisfied your money refunded. This is a fair offer you can't lose. Sold by A. G. Wanner, druggist.

30-Cent Butter

Butter is 30 cents a pound, and will go higher. This stimulates a rural poet to say: "Into the cow lot bright and gay, The milkmaid hustles from day to day, And gathers the alactal fluid white, While the morning sun is yet out of sight. And e'en when the evening sunlight fails, Again she hustles her milking pails, And seeks in the cows with their friendly tails, That fount of wealth which seldom fails. Hot winds may blow, and the grasshoppers hop, And the bugs and the blizzards may take the crop; But so long as the streams of milk don't stop, The milk maid and cows will come out on top."

ManZan

Reaches the spot. Stops pain. The Great Pile Remedy. Put up in tubes with special nozzle, 50 cents.

It is claimed to be superior to the National disease. That was the demand for Rings Dyspepsia Tablets keeps increasing because they do the work. Stomach troubles, dyspepsia, indigestion, heartburn, are quickly cured. Two days treatment free. Ask your druggist about them. Sold by A. G. Wanner druggist.

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