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RUNNING THE BLOCKADE.

It Was Successfully Done Ages Ago at the Siege of Syracuse.

Blockading and blockade running is not a young war measure by any means. One of the earliest authentic instances of the practice dates back two centuries before the Christian era. Marcus Claudius Marcellus, commanding a powerful Roman army and an efficient fleet, laid siege to Syracuse, a rich city on the island of Sicily. Carthage, Rome's great rival on the north shore of Africa, one of the great sea powers of that time, was not at all pleased with the idea of Rome capturing Syracuse, a free city and probably a source of great revenue through trade with Carthage.

Syracuse was a well fortified city, and there seemed to be no immediate prospect of Rome taking it by storm, so Marcellus decided to starve its inhabitants into submission. He put a cordon of ships across the entrance to the harbor and arrayed his army on the land side so that no succor could come from without. But he had underestimated the boldness of the Carthaginians. There was no question of contraband in those days—conditional or other.

In their swift oar driven galleys the sailors of the African city easily eluded the ships set to watch the port and carried provisions and war material into the beleaguered city. So successful were the Carthaginians in getting supplies into the city—running the blockade—that had it not fallen through treachery it would have been enabled to hold out indefinitely. While blockades probably had been established before on a small scale, the blockade of Syracuse is one of the earliest instances where the efficiency of a blockade by sea was of vital importance in determining the success of war on an important seaport.

LEGEND OF THE DONKEY.

Showing Why the Arabs Beat the Brute With Impunity.

In his article on his journey to Babylon, in Harper's, William Warfield tells a legend prevailing among the natives by which they justify beating of donkeys, but not horses.

"We stopped to change our mules. In the roadway before the khan sat a group of Arabs. A servant supplied them with little cups of tea from a rude samovar. We sat down, and taking our places in the circle, we were served in turn. Some one in the dark doorway was thumping away on a drum. A boy came out of the khan beating a poor lame donkey with a stick. I turned to one of my neighbors:

"Is it not cruel for that boy to beat a lame donkey in that way?"

"Effendi, it is the will of God!"

"But you do not allow horses or camels to be beaten thus."

"Effendi, the donkey is not like the horse, nor yet is he like the camel. The reason is this: Upon a certain day the donkeys went before Allah and complained that they were grievously beaten by men, so that life was a greater burden than they could bear. Then said Allah: 'I cannot make men cease from beating you. It is no sin, neither does it cause them any great loss. But I will help you. I will give you so thick a hide that, however much you are beaten, you shall not suffer.'"

"So," said my informant, "it is of no consequence if men beat a donkey. So thick a skin did Allah give him that after he dies men use it in the making of drums, and the donkey continues to be beaten after death."

Effects of Frost.

An egg expands when it is frozen and breaks its shell. Apples contract so much that a full barrel will shrink until the top layer is a foot below the chine. When the frost is drawn out the apples assume their normal size and fill up the barrel again. Some varieties are not appreciably injured by being frozen if the frost is drawn out gradually. Apples will carry safely in a refrigerator car while the mercury is registering fully 20 degrees below zero. Potatoes, being so largely composed of water, are easily frozen. Once touched by frost they are ruined.—Northwest Trade.

Devilfish.

In Japan devilfish weighing 200 pounds are sometimes caught. These fish are amphibious; they are often seen wabbling on their tentacles like giant spiders in search of patches of sweet potatoes. The natives kill them with clubs. In the water they are caught in jars lowered to the bottom, which the octopus enters, thinking them a good retreat from which to catch his food.

Discouraging.

After a mother has taught her son not to keep his hands in his pockets, to turn his toes out and not to sniff his nose or smack his lips, when he eats, it must be discouraging to hear people remark a month after his marriage that his wife made him—

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To-day's quotations:

Choice heavy steers

Butcher steers, choice

do, good

do, medium

do, common

Heifers, good to choice

do, medium

Butcher cows, choice

do, good

Butcher bulls, choice

do, good

do, medium

Feeders

do, bulls

Stockers

do, medium

do, light

Canners

Cutters

Milkers, choice, each

Springers, each

Calves, veal, choice

do, medium

Yearling lambs

Culled lambs

Spring lambs, each

Ewes, light

Sheep, heavy and bucks

Hogs fed and watered

do, weighed off cars

do, f. o. b.

CHOP ST

Thamesville council has

steel flag pole.

The 149 minstrel sh

netted the battalion sixty

Pte. Fred Berry, of Sar

in Monday's list of cas

wounded.

Mrs. Robert McWhor

Petolea, died in Vancou

month.

Geo. E. Richardson, for

roy, has been appointed

the 227th battalion band.

The annual bowling

Chatham will be held this

and 9, a week later than

Miss Myers of South B

last week at the home

was held Saturday at A

George Milner, a resi