

A story is told of an old negro in Alabama who was the owner of a very small, ancient and moth-eaten mule, but of which his owner was inordinately proud. One day Uncle Mose was observed leading this animal along the road with two large sacks of corn upon its back.

"Say, Uncle Mose, that is too heavy a load for that little runt," someone remarked.

Uncle Mose bristled with indignation. "Harcombe yo' call dis hyah mule er runt?" he demanded. "Yo' don't know how much dis mule kin tote! Why, dis mule could tote dis whole world!"

"Oh, say, Uncle Mose, I thought you were a church member! The whole world?"

"Yassar! De whole world!"

"Well, you will have to prove that to us."

Uncle Mose promptly removed the corn from the mule's back, grabbed him by the two legs and threw him on his back between two posts. He then tied a rope from one post to the other, the rope crossing the animal's body. The mule brayed and waved his feet in the air.

"Dar, now!" Uncle Mose exclaimed. Dar now! "Yo' des gib him sumfin to walk on, an' he'll tote dis world right off."

The colored janitor of the flat next door approached the grocer and handed him a paper containing some white powder.

"Say, boss," he asked, "What you tink dat is? Jes' taste it an' tell me yo' pinion."

The grocer smelled it, then touched it to his tongue.

"Well, Jake, I should say that was soda."

"Dat's jest what I say," replied the janitor, triumphantly. "I say dat's soda, but my ol' woman, she 'low it's rat-pizen; she says she knows 'tis. Jes' taste it again, boss, fo' to mek sure."

"So you will make a dash for the north pole by airship. Have you the ship yet?"

"No—o, not exactly."

"How far along are your preparations?"

"We have the air."—*Philadelphia Ledger.*

Gunner—Wise men tell us that love is a disease.

Guyer—Sort of a lingering disease.

Gunner—Why do you call it lingering?

Guyer—Did you ever see two lovers kissing good-night in a doorway?—*Chicago News.*

An enthusiastic orator in the West, expatiating on the benefits to be derived from a new irrigating ditch, exclaimed in rapturous tones: "What a wonderful thing it is to be engaged in such a noble work, making two drops of water flow where only one flew before!"

Mrs. Newrocks—If there's anything I hate, it's writing letters."

Newrocks—Do you?

Mrs. Newrocks—Yes, indeed. I wish someone would invent an easy substitute for spelling.—*Watson's Magazine.*

Mrs. Proudman—Our Willie got meritorious commendation at school last week.

Mrs. Bull—Well, well! Aint it awful the number of strange diseases that is ketched by school children?

"What is your position in the choir?" asked the new church-member.

"Absolutely neutral," replied the mild tenor. "I don't side with either faction."

A far western Judge summed up a case fully and learnedly, but the jury was unable to agree.

Judge, this 'ere is the difficulty," the foreman explained. "The jury wants to know if that thar what you say us was r'al'y the law, or only just a notion."—*Century.*

**Lunch Cakes.**—One cup milk 4 cups flour; 2 tablespoons butter; 1 cup sugar; 2 eggs; 2 tablespoons currants; 1 teaspoon baking powder. Cream the butter and sugar, and stir into them the beaten eggs and milk. Add the flour and baking powder, and last of all the currants. Roll out the dough; cut into rounds and bake in a moderate oven. Split, butter and eat while hot.

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**Lemon Tea Cakes.**—One egg; 1 cup sugar; 3 tablespoons milk; juice of 2 small lemons; 1 teaspoon baking powder sifted with flour enough to roll out.

"I humbly beg your pardon, sir; I fear that I have mashed your toe. Such accidents will oft occur in gatherings like this, you know."

"And I have been," was the reply, "More hasty than was rightly due. I fear I have contused your eye—And does this ear belong to you?"

"Believe me, sir, I meant no harm. It happened by the merest chance. I trust that you will take my arm in getting to the ambulance."

'Tis now fulfilled, our fondest dream, These college rudenesses are past. Kind courtesy doth reign supreme And football is reformed at last.

—*Washington Star.*

## Lost, Strayed or Impounded

Below is to be found a list of impounded, lost and stray stock in Western Canada. In addition to notices otherwise received, it includes the official list of such animals reported to the Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta Governments. This department is for the benefit of paid-up subscribers to the "Farmer's Advocate," each of whom is entitled to one free insertion of a notice not exceeding five lines. Notices exceeding five lines will be charged two cents per word for each additional word, payable in advance.

### SASKATCHEWAN.

#### ESTRAY.

**MAPLE CREEK**—Roan mare, branded N or IV on left jaw, has been running in my bunch of horses for the last year or so. M. Elliott.

**SAYERS**—Gray mare three years old, left eye out, brand is a blotch, been around advertiser's place for the last year or so. J. H. Gardner, Biddford Flat.

**QU'APPELLE**—Since a year ago, bay mare with blaze on face, branded ZT on shoulder. Since a year ago, gray gelding, branded ZT on shoulder. W. Kearns.

**KAMSACK**—Since February 21, 1906, pig, supposed to be part Tamworth. John Moriarty.

**WHITE SAND**—Strawberry roan colored mare, looks to be about seven years old, light build, weight eight or nine hundred pounds, has dark colored horse colt, about ten months old, mare came into advertiser's bunch of horses about a year ago. James Carson.

**REGINA**—Bay horse colt and brown mare, both branded ED on left thigh, weighing 800 or 900 pounds. Malcolm Ross.

**FORT A LA CORNE**—Since June, 1905, red heifer, rising two years old this summer, no visible brand. Nels Nelson.

#### LOST.

**REGINA**—Since February 1, 1906, two bay mares one weighs 1,400 pounds, has white stripe on face, branded CS on left shoulder; the other weighs about 1,700 pounds, is branded with design resembling T on left shoulder. \$10.00 reward for information leading to their recovery. John Brown.

### ALBERTA.

#### ESTRAY.

**RED DEER**—Heifer, red, three years old, tops of horns sawn off. Buggs & Caldwell (South half of section 10).

**CARDSTON**—Since October, 1905, one black mare, fifteen hands high, white hind foot, four years old, weight about 1,000 pounds, branded SW on left thigh. S. M. Woolf, three miles east of Cardston.

**OLDS**—Steer, red, one year old, branded TS on right hip. B. Overland (10-34-5 w 5).

**ALIX**—Since January, 1906, mare, pony, weight about 800 pounds, ten years old, no visible brand. N. Frank Slack (N. W. 1-4-24-39-23 w 4).

**LAMERTON**—Two red cows, brand indistinct, one with drooping horns the other with one horn. The Rider.

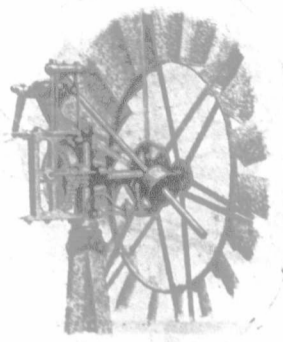
#### ESTRAY ENTIRES

**SHEPARD**—Red, red, four white feet, no visible brand. C. W. Roberts.

#### IMPOUNDED

**INNISFAIR**—Since March 26, 1906, red, one year old, branded J. D. Laidler.

**RAYMOND**—Since April 5, 1906, bay, three years old, branded T. B. Widen.



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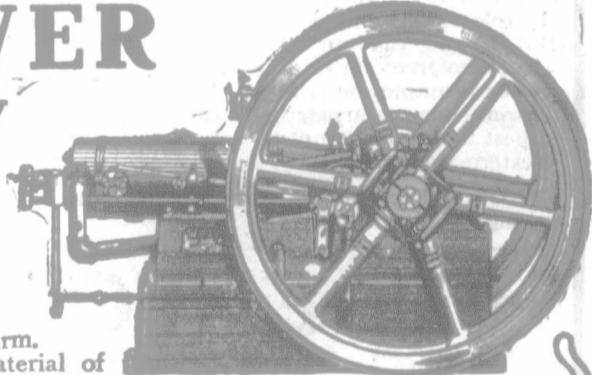
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