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HER MAJESTY MAUDE

The Following Article, "Maude," by A. Whitehead, is a True Event in the Life of a Real Live Mule.

It may not be generally known that the senior editor of this paper is a contributor to one of the most popular magazines of the day. For the following article we are indebted to that interesting magazine, Arms and the Man, published at 230 Broadway, New York. If you are not a subscriber, you ought to be.

Maude is a maiden lady of uncertain age, and you would scarce expect anything else under the circumstances, for there are several details which go to make for beauty which have been entirely neglected in her make-up, and rumor hath it that she positively refused to answer, when this delicate question was broached by the rude and inquisitive persons, who, to stare her wide-eyed head and let it go at that. Those who have been most intimately acquainted with her are willing to admit that she was not born yesterday.

The records of the United States Army show her to have been a true and faithful servant in many things, and they have given her dominion over a few, with full pay and very little work; the latter, be it ever so little, is resented by Maude, however, as she considers herself on the retired list and any work at all is altogether too much.

Under the white hair which adorns Maude's venerable head resides the think-box of one of the wisest mules that your Uncle Sam has ever had on a brand upon. When a mule is exceptionally faithful and, by reason of multiplicity of years, or other infirmities, arrives at the period for condemnation and sale at auction, they are sometimes held out, lest they fall into the hands of cruel masters, and they are given easy jobs--retired on half-pay, as it were. Mind you, these Army men are invariably kind to their horses and mules, not only because they are part of their equipment, but your common soldier will be found to have a big, tender heart and is altogether better than the general public gives him credit for being.

Maude was detailed for an easy life at the military post known as the Canyon Station in Yellowstone Park. Here she was called upon about once in a week or so, to do some manual labor such as hauling wood or other work, which she invariably resented as being an imposition. Her stable was left with wide open doors, and being near the edge of the cliff, she could survey the beauties of the canon and upper half of her own chest, and she would incidentally supervise the garbage heap where came sundry and numerous bears of all ages, colors and conditions incident to this peculiar locality, to revel among the empty cans, vegetable parings, and other refuse from the troop kitchen.

But as time wore on, Maude resented the intrusion of the bears. When they contented themselves with the garbage dump, it was all right and proper; but when they presumed to violate the sanctity of the quarters and went sniffing and snuffing about the sacred precincts of the kitchen and mess room in the solemn hours of the night, it was too much, and Maude literally rose up on her hind feet and called a halt. She went after those bears with ears laid back and with teeth gleaming. If that did not suffice, she changed ends--and man or beast would not hesitate under those circumstances.

Viewing the matter from a purely disinterested standpoint, I did not blame the bears for ascending the nearest and most convenient pine tree--especially if it were within the bounds of the dump for me to do the stunt as well as a black bear. Pahaw! Talk about red squirrels and chipmunks! They are positively out of the running with a black bear, size and weight duly considered, especially when the latter is really and truly alarmed for his personal safety.

DO NOT WORRY

Our Old Friend, Louis Storz, Tells the Board of Supervisors at Pontiac, a Few Things.

Last week at a meeting of the Board of Supervisors in discussing the report of the equalization committee, after the reading of the report it was accepted and adopted.

Supervisor Frank Thurston moved that the report of the equalization committee be taken from the table, where it had been laid on Wednesday and also that the report be adopted.

At this time Supervisor Louis Storz, of Royal Oak, told the board what he thought of the equalization committee's report and of the table, where it had been laid on Wednesday and also that the report be adopted.

After Storz was through speaking in support of the report, he was joined by but two dissenting votes.

Bloomfield's real estate got a raise of \$100,000. What cannot be cured must be endured. While Mr. Storz made a good fight against the raise, he must tell his constituents that Royal Oak, with all its new buildings, its many new subdivisions, its increasing population of 300 in the past few years, must expect to get raised, and wonder is that it was so very little in comparison with our sister village's last growth.

This is Worth Remembering. As no one is immune, every person should remember that Foley's Kidney Cure will cure any case of kidney or bladder trouble, no matter how far advanced the disease.

or combination of persons to produce her equal. Of course, you will understand that no one is allowed in the park, and here was a mule standing guard and worth a dozen yelping curs.

But as for the mule's reputation! On my second visit to the station I found Maude in disgrace. The sergeant was so angry at her that he had allowed a bear to break into the cook's quarters in the next to see and partition a ham, mixing away with it before the station could be arrested.

DR. G. B. HAMMOND

Of Royal Oak, a Popular Physician of That Place, is Dead at the Age of 47 Years.

The funeral of Dr. George B. Hammond was held from the M. E. church Friday afternoon, October 25th, at 2 o'clock, and was largely attended, showing the great esteem in which the doctor was held in this community, where he had practiced for a great many years.

Dr. Hammond was born at Wellesey, Ont., February 1, 1860. He was a graduate at Toronto Normal School and after teaching seven years, came to Michigan and entered the Detroit college of Medicine and graduated from the same in the year 1889.

His wife was Miss Jane Miller, of Royal Oak, to whom he was married March 13, 1883, and who departed this life March 14, 1896. Of this union one daughter, Sadie, was born, who is married with the M. E. church in 1894 and was a consistent member of the same until his death. He was also a member of the F. of A., who attended his funeral in a body.

A BIG SURPRISE

E. A. O'Neal and Morrell B. Dennis Are Invited Out For An Evening and Find Out They Are It.

James F. Wooster "and" Mrs. D. M. Johnston and N. T. Shaw were directly responsible for a jolly party and an unexpected gathering of the Orkney Club last Thursday evening, October 24th, to celebrate the 45th anniversary of the birth of Ed. O'Neal's harness agent and by invitation, 14 members met in the hall over Ed. O'Neal's harness agent and by invitation, 14 members met in the hall over Ed. O'Neal's harness agent.

Among those who were present were the Misses Annabel and Hattie McKay, Christine and Cecilia Lieve, Edna and Hattie Minckler, Belle McKinnon, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rockett, and the Messrs. Noble Ashley, Jr., Cragud Johnson, John Hedwell, Russell and Byron Ashley, Alex McKinnon, Frank Kane of Mt. Pleasant, Walter Learned, Bert Faint of Birmingham, and Elmer Flood.

HE FOUGHT AT GETTYSBURG.

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IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Divine Providence to remove from our midst our beloved sister, Mrs. Elva Blakeslee, who was born at Wellesey, Ontario, Canada, on the 12th day of February, 1860, and who died at her residence in Birmingham, Michigan, on the 24th day of October, 1907, at the age of 47 years, and who was a devoted wife and mother, and a faithful friend.

INTERNATIONAL

Don't Miss the International Live Stock Exposition at the Union Stock Yards at Chicago, This Year.

The International Live Stock Exposition, the supreme live stock event of the year, will be held at the Union Stock Yards, November 30th to December 7, 1907.

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A JOLLY TIME.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Jenks entertained a number of young friends at their residence 95 Adams avenue, East Detroit, on Wednesday evening, October 23rd, in honor of their daughter, Nina's 21st birthday. The evening was spent in dancing and music. At 12:30 the guests entered the dining-room where a sumptuous repast was partaken of. The decorations were pink and red.

LIBRARY RULES.

Quiet in the reading room. Damages assessed by librarian for library board. Marking or writing on any library book is prohibited. Books may be retained two weeks, and once renewed for the same period, provided they have not been called for. On the fourth day that a book is overdue, a postal card will be sent, for which two cents extra will be charged. A fine of one cent a day shall be paid on each book overdue. No book will be loaned to anyone whose fine remains unpaid.

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