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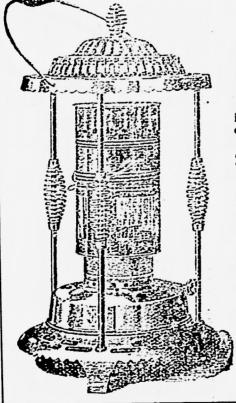
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JACK.

Few people who have not lived on inmate terms with a mule are willing to acknowledge that he is more intelligent than a horse Careful study of the two animals, under varying circumstances, shows a keener perception and more wisdom of thought in the long ears.

The members of the United States Geological Survey, who for months at a time live in the saddle, and use mules for saddle and pack animals, claim that horses are neither tough enough, sure footed nor smart enough for rough, continuous mountain work.

Jack was a saddle mule of the survey for four years. His master was the head of the party, and a daring, fearless rider, well used to wild mountain-climbing and surveying. He declares that Jack knew more than his master, and that his thinking powers were human,

He says: "Jack was big, black and very strong. He knew me perfectly, and how far he could trust me. In my early acquaintance I got him into quicksands once or twice, and he learned to doubt my judgment of rivers and sand bars. Without a fear I could ride him into a rocky ford, no matter how deep or rough; but if I struck a sandy one-old Jack would absolutely refuse to step in. He would look at me, and I at him. No persuasion af-fected him. So, I would jump off the saddle, wade in sometimes up to my knees, showing him that the bed of the river was quite hard, get back into my saddle, and without a prick of his big ears, Jack would step cheerfully in.

"Who says Jack didn't think? He had more faith in my ability as a mountaineer than as a water-man, and would follow

me wherever I thought it safe to go. "In Northwest Arizona, after a long hard day's ride, I was hurrying toward camp, when suddenly my way was cut off by one of those long escarpments in the dain where a sudden drop in the strata has left a long line of low cliff, which must descend. I rode along the top o the bluff for a mile or more, finding no possible descent, till at last, about dusk, we came to a broken place where thought a mule might slide down the sloping face of the rock, ten or fifteen fcer, to a less steep de cent below. I got off and tried to lead him.
"Not a step would Jack take. I coax-

ed and urged and pulled. He stood firm "I left him, and walked up and down on the bluff; looked down below us and above us. Jack followed me with his eyes, clear, trustful and full of confidence as a child. He saw that I found no better place. Putting my hand on his head I said: 'Jack, old man, got to try it!'
Patting him I went ahead. Jack made
no objections, drew his four feet close
together, and followed. He slipped safely to the bottom, and stood still until I

was in the saddle.
"In Eastern Utah we struck an old camp where three years before Jack had carried me over a terribly dry land. He had since that season been in entire different territories. We made camp after a tedious day, but found no water. We turned the mules loose, and Jack, with one of the pack mules, started for the bluffs. They led all the rest up the steep bluff through a deep canyon, to a beautiful spring of water, where three years before we had all camped and drank. Every member of the big survey party had forgotten but Jack!

"I grieve to say, that smart, old, know-ing, thinking Jack has died."—Margaret Spencer.-In the American.

SHAD.

The shad begin to appear in the rivers about the 15th of March, and they con tinue to arrive until the middle of June It is a remarkable fact that each colony is invariably divided into three grand divisions, which arrive at different times thus making three successive shoals, or, as the fishermen call them, "runs." The first run is both small in numbers and especially poor in quality, and it is interesting to observe that this is true of the herring as well as of the shad. This advance guard is largely composed of what are known as "hickory" shad, and they differ from the others in such market degree as to form a distinct variety. The fishermen in the Chesapeake Bay have an un-Mosaic legend that at the creation there were a great many small bones left over, and that to dispose of them the "hickory" shad was made.

A few days after these skirmishers have passed up the river the second or great run begins, and continues three or four weeks. After the fish appear, nothing will disturb their constant upward opportunely arriving, will cause them to seek the protection of the mud at the bottom of the river, where they remain until the chill has left the water. It is impossible to estimate the number of fish entering a river in one of these runs. The estimate of two millions which has been made for the Delaware is very moderate, in view of the fact that more than ten thousand shad have been taken in one haul of the seine in the waters of that river. The third run is small, like the first, and, though the fish are fine in quality, it receives little attention. It is probably composed of stragglers from he main body who are somewhat tardy in their arrival.—David Bruce Fitzger ald, in May Lippincott's.

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