

The Mule at Ladysmith.
Daily States.

The Baltimore Sun comes to the vindication of that noble animal the mule and declares that he was not responsible for the disastrous defeat of the British at Ladysmith. The Sun also denies that the mule is subject to stampeding at the drop of a hat and very truthfully says nothing can stampede a mule unless he wants to be stampeded. All the artillery of heaven and earth combined cannot budge him an inch when he chooses to hold his ground. He regards bullets and shells with equal indifference, and is no more affected by them than by the buzzing of a mosquito. The Spanish mule which defied the bombardment of the American fleet at Matanzas and calmly died in his tracks in defense of his native country signally illustrated the mule's indifference to danger, his utter lack of nerves and his devotion to duty when the cause in which he is enlisted appeals to his patriotic instincts.

We do not believe for a moment that the mules were responsible for the disaster at Ladysmith, but on the contrary we hold to the opinion that the British were stampeded by the Boers and as they fell back with more haste than dignity upon the mule reserve those wise animals realizing that there was some very "hot stuff" at the front, blinked their ears at each other as though to say, "It's time to save our own hides," and tossing their heels gayly into the atmosphere, skedaddled over the hills and far away, leaving in their wake packs or rations, cartridges and other munitions of war.

We are glad of this opportunity to resent what we regard a base slander. It was charged that the mules who licked the English army were born in this country. This is not true. The mules that figured so conspicuously at Ladysmith were subjects of Queen Victoria and properly branded with the Cross of St. George. Not a single American mule has yet placed his shapely hoof upon the soil of South Africa. When he arrives there in force, however, we fear for what may happen. He will carry with him his prejudices in favor of liberty and republican government, which came down to him from his glorious ancestors who served with Washington at Yorktown. There is much reason to fear that his bold and independent spirit will prompt him to assert the hatred of royalty inherited from his colonial sires and there will be the very devil to pay. Should he at a critical time desert in a body to the Boers, as he is likely to do, then England will be plunged in an abyss of grief and gloom and victory will perch proudly on the banner of Oom Paul. We can picture to our minds the horrible carnage that would occur should three or four thousand American mules suddenly strike the flank of a British army corps and commence hurling upper cuts, left hooks, right swings and straight jabs with both hind legs—those weapons which they handle with such consummate and deadly skill. We shudder at the thought.

His Life Was Saved.

Mr. J. E. Lilly, a prominent citizen of Hannibal, Mo., lately had a wonderful deliverance from a frightful death. In telling of it he says: "I was taken with Typhoid Fever, that ran into Pneumonia. My lungs became hardened. I was so weak I couldn't even sit up in bed. Nothing helped me. I expected to soon die of Consumption, when I heard of Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle gave great relief. I continued to use it, and now am well and strong. I can't say too much in its praise." This marvelous medicine is the surest and quickest cure in the world for all Throat and Lung Trouble. Regular sizes 50 cents and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at Wm. Clegg's drug store; every bottle guaranteed.

Success of Southern Cotton Mills.
Daily States.

The Wool and Cotton Reporter has discovered that the small cotton mills pay the highest dividends in North Carolina and men who are able to build big mills prefer to put their money instead into two or three small ones. This organ of the cotton and wool goods industry advocates such a policy as the safest and best in the long run for the South, and calls attention to the gratifying experience of many of the smaller mills during times of trouble, and especially the successful operation of a little mill at Clover, South Carolina, which has

a record of paying annually dividends ranging from 30 to 40 per cent.

This is a very excellent record, but it has been beaten, however, by the Crown Cotton Mills, of Dalton, Ga., which recently declared a dividend of 93 per cent for one season's business. Mr. G. W. Hamilton, president and general manager of the Crown Mills, declares that the removal of a large number of cotton mills from New England to the South is inevitable because of the advantages possessed by the manufacturers who have established plants in the Southern States, where the raw material is produced, and who benefit by a great saving in transportation charges. Mr. Hamilton, in explaining the secret of the success of his mills, says:

"In fact if cotton mills can be run in New England without loss, they can be run in Georgia for a big profit. For instance, our factory uses 13,000 bales of cotton a season. It takes \$5 to \$6 a bale to put that cotton down in New England. Compress charges have to be paid. Every man who handles it must have 50 cents a bale. The freight has to be paid, and so on. The average cost of sending it to New England mills, therefore, is \$5. Suppose a mill exactly like ours was being run in New England and could just keep even; couldn't make a dollar and didn't lose a dollar. Then our mill, run at Dalton in the same way would make \$65,000 profit because it would have an advantage of \$5 a bale on each of the 13,000 bales consumed. There's an item which in itself will pretty soon knock New England manufacturers in the head. They must come South and save that \$5."

Mr. Hamilton also explains that in New England a cotton mill has a regular corps of salaried officers to manage its business whereas the mill at Dalton pays a salary only to its president and superintendent. Aside from this, it is surrounded by coal mines, and, therefore, fuel is obtained at the lowest cost. The mill has prospered from the beginning and during its short term of life has paid for itself several times and increased its capacity from 2,000 to 20,000 spindles. The present plant was established at a cost of half a million dollars and could be sold to-day for more than a million of dollars, were the owners disposed to part with the property. The success and the profit realized in the operation of small cotton mills in Alabama, Georgia and the Carolinas should be sufficient to encourage the investment of capital in similar plants in other Southern States by our own people before the field is occupied by capitalists from the North.

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Saturday, Nov. 25, 1899,
the following described property to-wit:
Lots eight, nine, ten and eleven in block sixteen with improvements.

Lots one and two in block three with improvements, acquired by deeds No. 17255 and 17800.

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I, A. BROUSSARD,
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Oct. 21, 1899.

Chas D Caffery, • • •
Attorney-at-Law
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