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Mr. Doolan's Team.

(By MAX ADELER.)

Kevser has on his farm, as a hand, an Irishman named Pat Doolan. One of Mr. Doolan's duties is to take care of a team, of mules. They are very eccentric mules, and some of his experiences with them have been peculiar. One day last winter the near mule, by one of those extraordinary accidents which never happen to any four-legged animal but a mule, managed, while rubbing his hind quarters against a board fence, to get his tail through a hole in one of the boards. Keyser's boy saw it there, and, seizing a tough stick, he tied the tail of the mule firmly to it; and when the mule found that he could not get away, he if The never stood there as calmly as expected anything else. After a while Mr. Doolan called the mule several times without producing any motion from the animal. Thereupon, in a furious rage, he rushed at it with a club, and, whacking át, said:

"Won't mind, won't ye? Be the powers, I'll knock the head off ye ii ve don't."

Then he hit the brute another blow, and the mule, making one convulsive effort, pulled down four panels of fence, and, starting at a trot, ran the fence against Mr. Doolan, knocked him down, scraped the fence over him, tore his clothes, and knocked the skin off him in half a dozen places. When he arose the mule was flying around the barn-yard with four boards and a post still hanging to its tail. Mr. Doolan looked at the animal a minute, and exclaimed:

"Mother of Moses! but I'd give a thousand dollars to know how that baste iver fixed that stick on his tail and crawled through that hole in the frace!"

Mr. Doolan and his wife live on the

Mr. Doolan and his wife live on the farm in a little domain in the corner of a field. One night the mules were pasturing in the field, and in order to keep them from jumping the fence they were tied together by a rope of considerable length. Mr. Doolan's house has no celar, but is supported by bricks placed heneath the four corners. The mules during the night wantered one on one side of the cabin and one on the other, and as soon as the rope became taut both of them pulled. A second later the ground with a thump. Mr. and Mrs. Doolan awoke in great agitation, and Mr. Doolan said: Mr. Doolan said:
"What the divil's that? Is it an earth-

quake, Biddy?"

Then the mules gave another jerk, and

Then the nules gave another jerk, and Mr. Doolan said:
"Begorra it is! D'ye feel that now? Shakin' like a ship in a galet"
Mr. Doolan ran for the door, intending to escape before the roof fell in, but the door opens outward and the rope was against it. Then he concluded that it was not an earthquake, but robbers, and he went to the window to reconnoiter. The mules were on the blind side of the house, giving an occasional tag, Mr. The mules were on the blind side of the house, giving an occasional tug. Mr. Doolan looked out of the window in front and could see nothing; he gazed from the window on the left side and nothing was there; he peoped through the basement on the right side, and nothing appeared. Then he was seared, and he said:

"Biddy, acushla, but don't it bang Benaghar? I believe it's the ould boy himself!"

At that moment the nules united in At that moment the muce unter in a pull, and they surreceded in turning the cabin completely unside down; the bedstead, the stove, and the crockery were piling upon the Duolans as they lay against the ceiling, in a manner that was awful to behold.

Half-wild with fright, they crept to the window and reached the open air. It was a monitic night, and the nucles were grazing close by, with the rope around the pump. Mr. Doolan understood the situation in a moment, and he expressed his opinion of those animals in the Bally-dhudeen dialect with such virour and vociferousness that he started all the roosters for miles round to crowing.

Next morning he resigned; but he reconsidered his determination after Keyser fixed the cabin up again for him, and he is still chief engineer of that team. He ties the mules in the stable, now, at night, though. Half-wild with fright, they crept to the

Orange Blossoms.

DILLON-FELL.

Ouict as was the wedding of Miss Mildred Fell and Mr Francis Dillon (of Leefield," Blenkeim), much interest was taken in Wellington at the time. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. T. H. Sprott at St. Paul's Pro-Cathedral, Wellington. The bride was given away by her father, Mr G. Fell (Picton). She wore a most becoming gown of ivory satin, with a lace voke and sleeves, and many large satin buttons. A tulle veil and a shower bouquet completed her toil-The bridesmaids, Misses Erica Fell and Mary Monro, wore white net dresses frilled with lace, cardinal Directoire sashes, hats garlanded with sweet toire sashes, hats garlanded with sweet peas in crimson hues, and bouquets of the same cheery colour gave effective relief. They received from the bridegroom greenstone bangles. Mr A. Fell and Mr Selanders were groomsmen. After the reception Mr and Mrs Dillon left en route for England, the bride wearing a blue tailor-made and a burnt straw hat with blue wines.

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Mrs Fell (mother of the bride) wore black chiffon taffetas, with a lace yoke, black and silver toque, and houquet of red carnations; Mrs Dillon ("Leefield"), grey crepe de chine hemmed with velvet, guimpe of Irish quipure lace, smart white hat with black plumes; Mrs Everard Weld (Blenheim), chine taffetas, lace yoke, and floral hat; Mrs Dymock, champagne voile, Directoire coat of file. champagne voile. Directoire coat of filet net, handsomely embroidered; Mr. C. Fell, grey chiffon taffetas, vest of lace, vieux rose toque; Mrs W. Fell, black crepe de chine, black hat with emerald green wings.

HALSTEAD-McNAB.

A pretty wedding was quictly solemnised at St. James' Church, Wellingtonstreet, on Tuesday morning, February 9, the contracting parties being Mr. Reymond Dines Halsteau, youngest son of Mr. E. D. Halstead, and Miss Ivy Geddes Mr. E. D. Haisteau, and Mrss by Gendes McNab, youngest daughter of Mrs. G. R. McNab, Ponsonby. The bride, who was given away by her brother (Mr. T. D. McNab), looked very charming in a hand-some gown of cream taffeta voile, richly some gown of cream taffeta voile, richly embroidered, made with semi-Empire effect, and large black plumed hat; she also wore a lovely gold watch and carried a beautiful shower bouquet, gifts or take bridegroom. She was attended by her sister (Miss T. McNab), who looked very graceful in cream silk voile, heantifully embroidered with silk flowers, and large black plumed hat; she also wore pretty pearl ring and carried a shower bouquet, gifts of the bridegroom. Mr. C. Jarvis acted as best man. After the ceremony, which was conducted by the Rev. R. L. Walker, the bridal party were entertained at the residence of the bride's brother (Mr. T. D. McNab). Arthur-streel. ther (Mr. T. D. McNab), Arthur-street, where a sumptuous wedding breakfast was served. The bride's travelling dress was of smart green cloth with velvet fac-ings, large Tuscan straw hat. The happy couple left for Rotorna showers of rice and good wishes. The

bride's mother was effectively gowned in a stylish black dress, relieved with white, pretty black bonnet; the bridegroom's mother, handsome black silk dress, mauve bonnet; Mrs. T. D. A.c.iau, boack, relieved with cream; Mrs. M. Carr (sister of the bridegroom), grey costnme, black hat; Mrs. A. Chadwick (sister of the bride), white embroidered frock, brown hat, pink roses; Mrs. C. Halster of the bride), white embroidered frock, cornflower blue silk, stylish black hat; Mrs. Geo. McNab, jun., blue and white voile, white over net bodice, floral hat; Mrs. J. Gailey, black silk, pretty cream hat; Miss Halstend, cream striped cloth, black hat; Miss L. Halstend, pretty cream dress, black and white hat; Miss Halstend, pretty cream silk with allcream dress, black and white hat; Miss W. Halstead, pretty cream silk with allover lare, large brown hat; Miss L. Halstead looked nice in pale green muslin, relieved with cream, green hat; Miss J. Coyle, pretty cau de Nil silk, (rinmed with insertion, florat hat; Misses Doris and Grace McNab (tiny nicess of the bride) wore cream and pink muslims respectively; Misses Mabel Hastead and Marjory Carr (nices of the bridegroom), pretty white embroidered frocks. The popularity of the contracting couple was manifested by the large array of handsome presents they received.



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