## 178 The Mule that was Revived

Our Lady who can easily bring men back from the dead, can also restore other animals to life

On this the mother of the Saviour performed a very great miracle for a boy wh was a farmer's son, and when you hear it you will enjoy it greatly, and will praise the Virgin who ever works to help us.

The farmer had raised a lovely little mule which he gave to his son, saying, with great affection, "Let this mule be a gift to you, and I will give you hay and oats for it".

The boy believed his words and was very happy with the gift, and took great care of the little mule, but one night it died, and so the father, to keep his son from knowing about it,

took his son out to the field where we was ploughing. But his mother, who had stayed in the house, took the dead mule and called one of her brothers and told hm to skin the mule hoping to make a few soldos from the hide.

AS they were at this task, the farmer came back from the field and the boy saw them skinning ho=is mule and shuted at the topo fohis vice, " Leave the mule be for I pledged it to Our Lady of Salas, and I am sure she will help me

The mule's hind legs were already skinned and the mother said to her son "You truly think like a child giving a dead animal to the Virgin for that is is good as giving her nothing

The boy paid no heed to what she was aying, but took off his belt and measured the mule craefully and made a candle for it, to burn before that Lady who pleads for sinners before God, and confounds the Devil

AS soon as the candle was sent to the shrine, the mule was retored to life When the boy saw this, it gave him great joy, and he gave the mule food, which it ate and everyone plraised the Virgin, to whom God gave greate rpower than

all the other saints. And so let us ask her protect us fromharm in this world and give us the life of heaven in the next and destory the devil who alweays works against us.

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