

# The Mute



Henrik Pringler, Sergeant-Trumpeter with the Sixth Mustachioed Dragoon Guards, was forever misplacing his horn's mute. (That's the mechanical thingie that muffles the sound of a brass instrument.) His wife, Prudence, solved the problem by designing a mute that doubled as a helmet which nicely complemented Henrik's military uniform. Thenceforth, he was never without it. Regrettably, Henrik typically forgot that he was wearing the thing until a measure after he needed it. Worse, he would invariably dope smack himself on the head for his forgetfulness, which often resulted in a puncture wound.