

The Test

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To set up an experiment
some money I on needles spent

and on a camel which, though old
was quite exceptionelly bold.

Near me a rich man took his stand,
twain bags of gold in either hand.

The rich man did not hesitate
to knock upon the pearly gate.

St. Peter answered: "It is writ:
A needle's eye will ere permit

a camel's body to pass through
than this wide gate make way for you."

I, trusting fully God's command,
at once cajoled the creature and

displayed behind the needle's eye
a tempting piece of sugar pie.

And so indeed! Through went the brute,
although it wiggled like a newt.

The rich man, though, stared gloomily
and said no word but: "Woe is me!"