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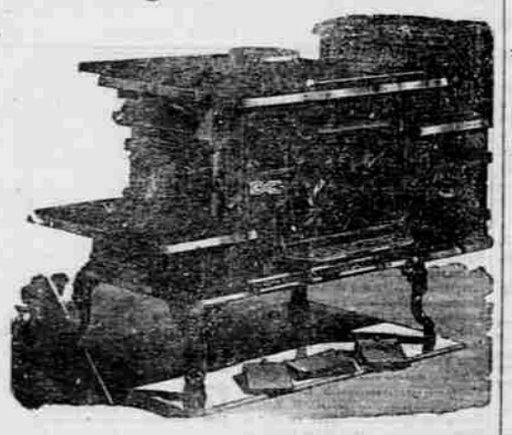

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A lesson in human nature.

He was a young dog with honest brown eyes and long, silky hair and he sat on the wet pavement in Twenty-third street looking up at the passers-by out of the fog and rain of Saturday like a lonely child who wonders why everybody has forgotten him. He had had a home, had was lost, and he was hungry—all this was very plain in his wistful face.

Two young women came tripping along the way talking eagerly, and one of them glanced down just in time to catch the look in the pleading brown eyes.

She stopped short and held out her hand. "What a pretty young dog!" she cried. "Come here, you dear little fellow. Come here."

He looked wistful, but he did not stir. He had been on the streets long enough to learn something of people. So she went to him, and laying her hand on his head, said in pitiful tones: "Good fellow, good doggie, I wont hurt you."

Then he knew; and he threw himself flat at her feet in an abandon of gratitude, with sharp little cries of delight that were absolutely human. He kissed her hands and her gown and laid his head against her feet, and then rising he followed the two with his sharp little nose thrust against the hand of his new mistress. His entire outer dog radiated joy and confidence as he trotted along close to the young girl. A more complete transition from utter loneliness to complete happiness could not be imagined.

The three passed up Broadway to Twenty—— street. There they turned, to stop after a few moments' walk, at the steps of one of the dwelling houses. Without an instant's hesitation, and quite as if he had always lived there, the little fellow sprang up the steps ahead of the girls and waited with utter confidence for the door to be opened. He had found a home at last.

The two came slowly up the steps. On the topmost one, the new found mistress paused in dismay.

"Why, I can't take him in," she cried, "and he actually expects it. What shall I do?"

He sat still with his happy eyes fixed on her face.

She put her hand on his head again. "Good doggie, poor fellow," she said.

There was a moment's hesitation, while her companion opened the door. Then she took her hand from the little fellow's head and passed rapidly through the doorway. "The idea of my being so foolish about a dog!" she said, as she shut the door hard in the bright face and expectant eyes.—*Ex.*

Mr. Barker's Picture.

"Your charge against Mr. Barker, the artist, here," said the magistrate, "is assault and battery, I believe?"

"Yes, sir."

"And your name is ——?"

"Potts; I am art critic of the *Weekly Spy*."

"State your case."

"I called at Mr. Barker's studio, upon his invitation, to see his great picture, just finished, of 'George Washington cutting down the cherry tree with his hatchet.' Mr. Barker was expecting to sell it for £2,000. He asked me what I thought of it, and after I had pointed out his mistake in making the handle of the hatchet twice as thick as the tree, and in turning the head of the hatchet round so that George was cutting the tree down with the hammer end, I asked him why he had foreshortened George's leg so as to make it look as if his left foot was upon the mountain on the other side of the river."

"Did Mr. Barker take it quietly?" asked the magistrate.

"Well, he looked little ghim—that's all. And then, when I asked him why he put a guinea-pig up in the tree, and asked him why he painted the guinea-pig with horns, he said that it was not a guinea-pig, but a cow, and that it was not in the tree, but in the background. Then I said that if I had been painting George Washington I should not have given him the complexion of a new brick. I should not have given him two thumbs on each hand, and I should have tried not to skew his right eye round so that he could see round the back of his head to his left ear. And Barker said, 'Oh, wouldn't you?' Sarcastic, you know, Sir. And I said, 'No, I wouldn't,' and I wouldn't have painted oak leaves on a cherry tree, and I wouldn't have left the spectator in doubt as to whether the figure off by the woods was a factory chimney or a steamboat, or George's father having a smoke."

"Which was it?" asked the magistrate.

"Nobody will ever know. So Barker asked me what I'd advise him to do. And I told him I thought his best chance was to abandon the Washington idea, and to fix the thing up somehow to represent 'The boy who stood on the burning deck.' I told him he might paint the grass red to represent flames, and daub over the tree, so's it would look like the mast, and pull George's foot to this side of the river, so's it would rest somewhere on the burning deck, and maybe he might reconstruct the factory chimney, or whatever it was, and make it the captain, while he could arrange the guinea pig to do for the captain's dog."

"Did he agree?"

"He said the idea didn't strike him. So I then suggested he might turn it into 'Columbus discovering America.' Let George stand for Columbus, and the tree be turned into a native, and the hatchet made to represent a flag, while the mountain in the background would do for the rolling billows of the ocean. He said he'd be hanged if he should. So I mentioned it might perhaps pass for 'The execution of Mary Queen of Scots.' Put George in black for the headsman, bend over the tree and put a frock on it for Mary, let the hatchet stand, and work in the guinea pig and factory chimney for mourners. Just as I spoke Barker knocked me clean through the picture. My head tore out Washington's near leg, and my right foot carried away about four miles of river. We had it over and over on the floor for awhile, but finally Barker got the best of me. I am taking the law of him in the interests of justice and high art.

So Barker was bound over, and Mr. Potts went down to the office of the *Spy* to write up his criticism. —*English paper.*

A Maine Man's Nerve.

A man named Patrick Davis has earned a reputation for courage and endurance in Portland. He was terribly hurt by a wall falling on him from a building he with others was demolishing. Blood was streaming from a cut along side his right ear and also from a long gash in his head, and his ankle was so badly broken that the foot could be turned around in any direction, yet the wounded man did not utter a cry. The first words that passed his lips as the doctors worked on him were, "John hand me down the pipe." Then he sat smoking and talking and even smiling during the operation.—*Lewiston Journal.*

Why We Sink in Quicksand.

Quicksand is composed chiefly of small particles of mica mixed largely with water. The mica is so smooth that the fragments slip upon each other with the greatest facility, so that any heavy body which displaces them will sink and continue to sink until a solid bottom is reached. When particles of sand are ragged and angular any weight pressing on them will crowd them together until they are compacted into a solid mass. A sand composed of mica or soapstone, when mixed with sufficient water, seems incapable of such consolidation.—*Detroit Free Press.*

Something to Avoid.

A little personal pique, a bit of wounded vanity, a sudden flame of anger, often undoes the most substantial and faithful work, and nullifies the most intelligent and wise action. It is one of the painful things in experience that effort is often defeated by these small, purely personal, and often momentary feelings, which are generally unintelligent and unwise. Life would be freed from some of its most painful features if men always acted to each other on a basis of real justice and intelligence, and left their small personal feelings and prejudices out of sight. A man's work ought to be judged by itself and for itself alone, and the strength of a man's position ought to rest solely upon what he is able to do. And yet most of us are constantly neutralizing the best work of others because it is not done in our way, and are constantly failing to do justice to others because of some small prejudice against them. The really strong, clear-sighted man is the man who is able to put himself out of the question, and to judge others by what they really are and do, not by their relations to him. In this working world there is neither time nor strength to be always coddling our small vanities and still smaller prejudices. The world does not stand in order that we may be pleased. It stands as a place for the doing of honest work in the best way, and if that work can be better done in some other way than the one we prefer, our business is to let it be done and rejoice in it. If you wish to see things clearly, and to be just with your fellow-men, keep clear of the lanes of vanity and the thick atmosphere of mere personal feeling. Make it a rule to see what a man is and does, and to value him by these things. A person may be very distasteful to us and yet be eminently useful and successful in the world.—*Christian Union.*

Starving Teachers in Spain.

In no country is the condition of the common school teachers so deplorable as in Spain. Most of them, in consequence of the extreme irregularity with which they are paid, are literally starving and dying of want. The local authorities in different communities have withheld, it is estimated, about 75,000,000 pesetas from the hard earned salaries of their school teachers. The hungry teachers at last decided to send a telegram to the governor, imploring him to interest himself in their unendurable condition, but they could not collect money enough to pay for a properly worded message, and were obliged to omit the words "your excellency" in a connection where they are generally used. In answer the governor's secretary telegraphed that "the governor does not intend to pay attention to a disrespectful address." And thus the teachers everywhere remain in distress, and have nobody to look to for sympathy and aid.—*London Standard.*

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