

## PETS OF FASHION.

Equine and Canine Favorites of Society Ladies.

"Domestic Pets a Specialty," was the legend which induced a reporter to pay a visit to the house on which it was displayed, the establishment of a veterinary surgeon, in the northwestern section of the city. The "doctor" proved to be communicative, and soon gave his caller several points on the ills and pills of pets.

"My practice is not confined to the treatment of domestic pets," he explained, "for my legitimate line is horses. But I have called attention to this specialty merely to let the public know that I have not overlooked the needs of some important adjuncts of fashion. In this line I have most to do with dogs and ponies; cats do not seem to need my services, or if they do their owners do not think so. As a rule my patrons are of the wealthy classes, some of whom are passionately fond of their pets, and would rather sacrifice small fortunes than lose them. The small ponies (especially the Shetlands) are often the objects of the most lavish affection. I treat the animals at the homes of their owners, making regular calls, just the same as the physician does for relief of human ills. At times I have had odd experiences with the brutes, finding it often a hard job to make them take their medicines; but regular physicians have the same trouble sometimes with their patients.

"The favorite dog at present? Well, I think that the setter is growing in popularity. The Gordon and Irish setters of good breed will bring fancy prices now, not from the hunter, but from ladies of society. Yes, the pug has lost his grip. Every dog has his day, you know, and the pug has had his. There seems to be a tendency now toward the growing popularity of large animals instead of smaller specimens."

"Have you ever run across any cases of hydrophobia in your experience, Doctor?" he was asked.

"Oh, yes; I have often been called in to cure dogs suffering from that disease; but my services were, of course, of no value. The only remedy for a mad dog is a bullet. Although M. Pasteur claims to effect the cure of persons who have been bitten, I doubt if he would undertake the treatment of a rabid dog. I think that he would draw the line at that point. There are some features about this mysterious disease which are misunderstood by people generally. In the first place, notwithstanding the belief, or rather the idea, that the so-called 'dog days' of the summer months are most productive of hydrophobia, statistics and my experience tend to show that the majority of the cases of rabies occur during the months of October and November. Then, too, dogs are often shot because they are supposed to be suffering from this disease, when in reality they are troubled with nothing more serious than a neuralgia of the mouth, what we call in humans toothache, which, exciting the salivary glands, gives the dog the appearance of the dreaded frothing as seen in hydrophobia. Then the dog, being harassed and driven around, he soon really looks as though he were mad. As I have said, in a great many cases the neuralgia is mistaken for the other disease.

"In my regular practice," he went on, after a pause, "that is, in my veterinary career, I have treated some very fine horses. This city contains a number of good stables, owned by those itinerant families who flit away from the asphalt with the first warm wave. They transport their horses to the seaside or the mountains and keep them here only during the fashionable season. The recent paper chase craze has resulted in an increased activity in the horse trade. As in the case of dogs, there is a tendency toward a certain class of animals, and so in the stables I have seen evidences of a decided preference for good, solid, handsome coach horses, rather than fancy breeds, or saddle horses.

"Getting back to dogs," he said, "a case has just come to my mind of a lady, moving in the highest circles, who drove up here one day in a handsome carriage and sent for me to come to the curb. She was pale and trembling, and seemingly laboring under intense excitement. 'Get in, Doctor, quick, and come with me at once. Oh! I am so afraid that he will die. Poor little dear! Come, hurry, please, my darling will die while you wait.' Divining what she meant I went to the house and found the 'darling' to be an ugly pug, suffering from an overdose of raw beef. I soon brought him around, and when I turned to go confronted the fair owner, who, with tears in her eyes, blessed me for saving the life of the 'dearest, sweetest dog in Washington.'—*Washington Star*.

### The Knights of Labor.

In 1869 a society was formed in Philadelphia by Uriah S. Stevens, among the clothing cutters of that city. Its object was to protect the working classes and aid in the development of skilled labor, and from the first its founder cherished the idea of developing it into a national organization. In 1871 this first society was regularly organized as Local Assembly No. 1. A ritual was adopted, and the society was called the Noble Order of the Knights of Labor. All its workings and even its name were to be kept by members an absolute secret, under penalty of dismissal, all necessary public reference, as the announcement of meetings through the press, etc., being made by the use of five asterisks. In 1881 the name was made public. The order increased in Philadelphia until nearly all trades were represented in it, and branches were formed in many other cities. In 1878 a general assembly of

North America was formed, with the supreme office of general master workman. As now organized the order consists of an executive board, composed of a president and three members, elected annually in October by the General Assembly. This assembly is composed of delegates from district assemblies, which in turn receive funds and delegates from the local assemblies, all being subject to the executive board. The local assemblies are each made up, generally, of workers in one trade, but there are also mixed assemblies, which unite workers in various trades. The motto of the order is—"An Injury to One Is the Concern of All." Its declared aim is to organize, agitate, and educate, with a view to the final solution of the labor problem; also to improve the condition of the working classes, and to prevent injustice and tyranny on the part of employers. Any person over 18 years of age, who is of good standing in his trade, is eligible to membership without regard to sex, color, creed, or nationality, unless he belongs to one of the "interdicted classes," i.e., bankers, brokers, lawyers or liquor-dealers. The cost of membership consists of initiation fees, which are regulated by each local assembly for itself; monthly dues, regulated according to the needs of the assembly, and a small tax for the support of the General Assembly. The order has an insurance branch, organized on the mutual benefit plan.—*Toledo Blade*.

### Alas, Poor Poet!

James Chambers, the beggar-poet, born in Sobam, Cambridgeshire, in 1748, though by no means an ignorant savage, was absolutely untamed, and his life was more like that of a hare or bird than a civilized human creature, but with this notable exception, that hares and birds are scrupulously clean, whereas he was not so, and endured every vexation that accompanies uncleanness. He slept in sheds, pigsties, in the open fields, under hedges and in the shelter of haystacks; barns were his favorite sleeping places, but they were luxuries rarely enjoyed, as farmers were disinclined to let him enter them for the purpose. He was always in rags; and in the portrait which was taken as a frontispiece to his poems he is presented in a tattered soldier's jacket, breeches too short and unbuckled at the knees, a sort of stocking on one leg and one shoe down at the heel; his hair hangs about in disorder and his countenance has the inquiring look, "What will the kind lady or gentleman do for me?" His elbows stand out awkwardly, and over his right arm hangs a roll of ballads. When a child he was at school for one month; he was never christened, nor did he ever marry; but it is said that "He formerly made some progression toward matrimony by forming an acquaintance with a young woman, who after a number of successful solicitations and hapless endeavors left him a prey to the pangs of pungent disappointment." He consoled himself with dogs, keeping a great number of them always about him for companionship, probably on the principle of that German philosopher who said that the older he grew and the more he knew of mankind the more he loved dogs. He had only vague notions of how to behave himself, for although he was gentle and sensitive, and burned with hatred of injustice and cruelty, and really felt grateful for kindnesses rendered, he scarcely ever gave thanks for them, even for a draught of well-brewed home brewed beer. Although so scant in the expression of civility, he was sober and strictly honest, and moreover faithfully performed whatever he had promised to do, while the utmost confidence might be placed in his truthfulness. He must have been constructed of a singularly tough fiber, for his ways of life hardened him to the endurance of a wild animal. After supping on hard, moldy crusts, he would sometimes wake in the morning covered with snow driven through the crevices of the shed wherein he had been sleeping, his limbs so benumbed that he could not feel the cold, and though his constant complaint is of hunger, his health seems not to have suffered from these distresses, for at the age of seventy-two, though his wretchedness is fondly dwelt upon by his biographer, no allusion is made to his bodily health.—*Nineteenth Century*.

The Prince and the Freemason's Sign.

While at Osborne, Prince Albert, the late husband of the Queen, was in the habit of getting up early and walking about his farm. Passing a farmer's house, he stopped to make some inquiries, knocked at the door, and asked the servant if his master was in? The servant replied: "He is in, but not down stairs." "Oh, very well," was Prince Albert's reply, and he was about to leave. "Would you be kind enough to leave your name, sir?" said the servant; "my master would be angry if I did not tell him who called." "Very well," said his royal highness; "you may say Prince Albert." Upon which the man drew back, looked up significantly, put his thumb to the tip of his nose, extended his fingers, and exclaimed: "Walker."—*The Highlander*.

If it were possible to rise above the atmosphere which surrounds the earth we should see nothing but an intense and sharply defined ball of fire, while everything else would be wrapped in total darkness. There could be no difference of light without an atmosphere or some similar medium for it to act upon; but, if the air around us extended to a height of 700 miles, the rays of the sun could not penetrate it, and we should be left in darkness. At the depth of 700 feet in the ocean the light ceases altogether, one-half of the light being absorbed in passing through seven feet of pure water.

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