

Mr. Thomas Shanks, the mechanical engineer, 305 West Lombard street, is the possessor of a large, intellectual Newfoundland dog, who goes by the name of "Bonnie." Mr. Shanks walked into The American office, and the dog lay very still upon the floor. After Mr. Shanks had finished his business at the counter he said to the dog. "Bonnie, are you ready to go home?" The dog immediately arose and stood beside his master. Mr. Shanks then told the dog that this was The American newspaper office, and after they had walked down to Holiday street he wanted him (the dog) to come back and get an American. The dog shook his head, as to say, "I understand."

Mr. Shanks says that it is unnecessary for him to have an alarm clock, as the dog regularly rings a bell and wakes the family up.—Baltimore American.

Mr. Darwin found that the small portions of earth attaching to the feet of migrating birds contained seed. Nine grains of earth on the leg of the woodcock contained a seed of the toad rush. From six and a half ounces of earth rolled into a ball and adhering to the leg of a wounded partridge he raised eighty-two separate plants of five species. Migrating birds often frequent the edges of ponds ere their departure, and in six and three quarter ounces of such mud he raised under glass 537 plants. Seeds furnished with crowns hooks, or prickles readily stick to the plumage of birds, which all such birds, and especially such wanderers as the albatross, might carry long distances.

There is probably no better example of ocean migration than that offered by the Azores and it is believed that the phe-

"What is it, mother?"
The value of the parrot had

Particulars of a terrible catastrophe at the village of Khenzorik, on the Russian frontier, are received. The village was on the side of a mountain. Last week the whole top of the mountain blew off and fell on the village. Of the 184 inhabitants 129 were buried so deep that they will never be disinterred.

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