

# THE INDEPENDENT.

PLYMOUTH, INDIANA.

## FOUND AN APT PUPIL.

How the Aged Dog Taught the Pup to Stand Sentinel.

The following dog story is told by an old resident who has never been required to present affidavits, but will do so if desired, although a resident of Piety hill.

He has an old dog, a spaniel, that for nearly twenty years has been the most faithful of guardians. Summer or winter, fair weather or foul, as soon as the key was turned in the lock of the back door he has taken his position at the threshold, and not the slightest sound escaped his investigation during the night. In hot weather the family have never hesitated to leave the door open for ventilation. In all these years the first riser in the morning has never failed to find "old Rover" alert at his post at the threshold. Then, relieved of his charge, he immediately retired to his bunk in the woodshed for slumber.

The faithful old fellow is becoming decrepit, and his master recently carried home a bull terrier pup with a pedigree of great length and the bluest of blood; an unlettered pup from the kennel of its mother; full of playfulness, free from every care, thoughtless and perpetually hungry. That was three months ago, and the pup is now 5 months old. For a time the old brown spaniel had no use for the frisky little white-haired fellow, so entirely unlike himself, that ran under him, jumped over and upon his back, grabbed his long and silky ears and attempted to run away with them, but after a time it was a clear case of grandfather and the youngest boy.

This is the situation now: When the key is turned it is the pup that takes the position at the threshold, while the old dog, confident of the faithfulness of his proxy sentinel, retired to his piece of carpet and snores the night through. Not only does the terrier remain on duty all night, but the moment someone is astir in the house she retired to her bunk for sleep, just as the old dog did for so many years. The owner has tip-toed down to the door at all hours, but has never found her napping.

"You cannot make me believe that this is instinct, unless you concede that instinct is thought and intelligence, and that dogs have the power to communicate them," he declares. "Three months ago this pup knew absolutely nothing, except how to play and eat. Its sole companion has been the old dog, and to-day the pup knows all that the old dog knows, and the old dog knows the pup knows it, and has retired from business fully aware that his duties have been left to a competent and faithful successor. I'm going to take the pup to a friend's house for a night or two and see if the old dog doesn't immediately resume his post by the door."—Detroit Journal.

## How It Sounded.

A good many years ago, at a session of the Evangelical Minsterium in Allentown, Pennsylvania, an effort was made to consolidate the German Lutheran papers in New York and Pennsylvania. The journals to be united under this proposition were the New York Herold and the Allentown Zeitschrift.

It was resolved by the New York Syndicate that the two should be united under one name as the organ of the German Lutheran Church. During the discussion which arose on the subject a learned divine proposed that the name of the new paper should be "The New York Herold in union with the Allentown Zeitschrift." Another prominent clergyman suggested that as the name was to be so long, it should be printed in a curved line, and in the center there should be a vignette of Martin Luther, standing, Bible in hand, with this motto: "Here I stand, God help me. I cannot do otherwise."

The two propositions seemed to meet with general favor, when Rev. William Hoppe, at that time pastor of Zion's Lutheran Church of Lancaster, rose and said that he saw a weak point in this arrangement, which he stated thus:

"Gentlemen, you are about to reach a consummation devoutly to be wished—the establishment of a German Lutheran paper which shall stand before the world as the great exponent and defender of the Lutheran creed. Let us see what the name of the journal would look like when once printed as suggested. It would, I think, read something like this: 'The New York Herold; here I stand, God help me. I cannot do otherwise, in union with the Allentown Zeitschrift'."

Of course there was great laughter at this, and of course, also, the pompous name and motto were dropped.

## Professional Restraint.

How many boys have decided to enter the profession of journalism? How many girls? Those who have begun to "think ahead" so far as that have much other thinking to do also. They will be called upon to decide upon certain problems which might just as well be considered in the beginning, before they are confronted face to face.

First: Shall I try to enter a man's house for the purpose of obtaining personal information when he has expressly told me that he has none to give?

Second: When I have talked with a person five minutes, during which he has merely tried to repulse my inquiries, shall I write a personal interview containing a florid account of what he did not say?

Third: If I am unable to obtain an interview shall I publish a description of his shoes, his hat and necktie, hoping that the public will consider such

items as the valuable result of the personal acquaintance of my paper with all the celebrities of the day?

Fourth: When a person refused to allow his privacy to be invaded by me, shall I work upon his sympathies through the plea that I am unable to obtain copy, and that discharge from my paper means starvation for me and my large and worthy family?

Fifth: Shall I minister, by every word I write, to depraved and vitiated tastes, or shall I bring my idea of personal honor into the office, and endeavor to make it newspaper honor also?—Youth's Companion.

A Fulfilled Prophecy.

At the time of the boom in Southern California a gentleman who was about to start for the golden land of which so much was said, and who had a passion for quoting the Bible whenever it was possible, telephoned to a friend already resident in the West the following words: "Read the second Epistle of John, twelfth verse."

The friend looked up the verse, and read, "Having many things to write unto you, I would not write with paper and ink, but I trust to come unto you, and speak face to face, that our joy may be full."

The friend was also a student of the Bible, and from his beautiful home in one of the loveliest of California towns he sent back the words:

"Delighted to hear it. Read Deuteronomy, eighth chapter, seventh to tenth verse."

The message translated gives the noblest description of what its grateful inhabitants love to call "God's country."

"For the Lord, thy God, bringeth thee into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills; a land of wheat and barley and vines and fig-trees and pomegranates; a land of oil, olive and honey; a land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarceness; thou shalt not lack anything in it; a land whose stones are from, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass. When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the Lord thy God for the good land he hath given thee."

## Perilous Navigation.

Clergymen are not slow to tell stories at their own expense. In a recent assembly of ministers one of the number said that, in addressing a certain mission meeting, which was attended chiefly by sailors, he had sought to adapt his remarks to his hearers by using nautical similes, and in so doing he had ventured somewhat beyond his depth.

"I employed," he said, "the figure of a captain navigating his ship through narrow, winding channel, abounding in rocks and strong currents. I described the details and difficulties of the voyage with what eloquence I could, and repeated some of the imaginary captain's orders, to work my audience up to a fine suspense. Then, with the ship in the most imminent peril before the rocks, I called out:

"And now what shall we do? What shall we do?"

"Bless yer soul, cap'n," a sailor in the audience sang out, "you can't do a thing, for yer going starn foremost!"

"I resolved," said the preacher, "to learn a little more of navigation before I attempted to sail even an imaginary vessel in the presence of an audience of experts."

## Found the Right Man.

"Uncle Allen," asked the caller, "do you know of anything that's good for a cold?" Uncle Allen Sparks opened his desk, took from one of the pigeon-holes a large bundle of newspaper clippings tied with a string and threw it into the other's lap. "Do I know of anything that is good for a cold?" he echoed. "My friend, I know of 627 infallible ways of curing a cold. I've been collecting them for forty-nine years. You try these, one after the other, and if they don't you good come back and I'll give you 116 more. Bless me!" added Uncle Allen, with enthusiasm.

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# TOPIC

London funerals cost over \$5,000,000 annually.

The commercial marine of Canada gives employment to some 60,000 sailors.

A Japanese seal fishing company has been organized by Tokio capitalists to compete with foreign sealers off the coast of Japan.

An area of 5,000 square miles south of 60 degrees north latitude in Canada is suitable for the production of all crops grown in England.

A Chesterville, Me., couple recently celebrated their golden wedding in the very house into which they moved on their wedding day fifty years before.

Almost the only monument of the Roman dominion in Egypt, the fortress of Babylon, at old Cairo, is being torn down to make way for modern buildings.

Kildare and Wicklow have been justly termed the garden of Ireland, for nowhere is nature more profuse in her display of the picturesque and the beautiful.

A footman in an English nobleman's house testified recently that his regular pay was \$250 a year. He also testified that his average "tips" amounted to \$3,000 a year.

The Magna Charta, or great charter, of English liberties is still preserved in the British Museum. The impress of the seal and King John's name are both very distinct.

A Kansas district has a written contract with a teacher to teach the school, chop the wood, make the fire, sweep and find the matches for \$35 a month. The teacher is a woman.

A mass of cobs weighing 300 pounds clogged the water wheel which runs the electric light plant of Riverhead, L. L., the other night, and the town was in darkness for several hours.

Of the 4,914 seal skins brought into Port Townsend, Wash., during the season just closed 3,650 were of female seals, an indication of the rate at which the seal herds are being destroyed.

The persons of African descent in the United States are classified according to the degrees of colored blood into 6,337 blackblacks, 956,989 mulattoes, 105,135 quadroons and 63,936 octofoots.

A seaweed of the South Pacific often grows to be thirty or forty inches in diameter and 1,500 to 2,000 feet long. It has no root in the proper sense, the nourishment being absorbed from the water.

Down to the depth of 200 fathoms, where daylight appears, the eyes of a fish get bigger and bigger. Beyond that small-eyed forms set in, with long feelers developed to supplement the eyes.

Three times as many American horses have been sold in England this year as were called for in 1894, and their average price at the ports of shipment has been \$155. They are used chiefly for draft in London.

The Bank of England has 1,160 officials on its pay roll, which amounts to about \$1,500,000 a year, and 1,000 clerks. If a clerk is late three times he receives a warning, the fourth time he is discharged at once.

There is a woman contractor and quarry operator in Buffalo, who has supplied stone for some of the most important structures in the city. She is the only woman who is an active member of the Buffalo Builders' Exchange.

A novel document was filed in the office of the county recorder at Sedalia, Mo., a few days ago. It is a paper which contains a list of 627 infallible ways of curing a cold. I've been collecting them for forty-nine years. You try these, one after the other, and if they don't you good come back and I'll give you 116 more. Bless me!" added Uncle Allen, with enthusiasm.

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a certain state of fatigue had been reached labor was unprofitable. The hours may still further be reduced. A large volume of evidence has been collected in the last few years to show that production is even more economical with an eight-hour than with a nine-hour or a ten-hour day. Experiments in this direction are in progress. If what is claimed for the eight-hour day be proved—and it has been partially proved—the eight-hour day will come into general use. But otherwise no amount of ethics or philanthropy or Christianity will bring it in. Men are always, everywhere, trying to get all they can. If they can get more by working ten hours than by working eight, ten hours they will work.

Wages have been largely increased in the past fifteen years, but this is due purely to economic causes. The principle of Christianity which attaches an absolute value, greater than that of all earthly things, to a human being as such, has not induced any employer to increase wages. It can be shown that this principle has led to the improved condition of the laboring classes, but it has done so in accordance with economic laws, and not by suspending them, or violating them, or substituting benevolence for selfish instincts. Invention and the extension of the human control over the powers of nature have enormously increased the amount of product, or wealth, that can be gotten by the labor of each individual. This increase has been distributed and the laborer has got part of it; it is not material to this discussion whether he has got his share, or less, or, as some persons believe, more. The material fact is that he has often been paid his increased wages out of an increased quality of production, and not out of an accumulated fund of altruism. No amount of ethics or philanthropy would have been able to pay him increased wages had not some one's inventive skill enabled him to weave more yards of cloth and roll more pounds of iron in a week than his grandfather did.—Lippincott's Magazine.

A COINER'S FRAUD.

The Mystery of His Dancing Puppets Is Cleared Up.

Of all the fakirs who make their living by preying upon the gullible frequenters of Fourteenth street, between Broadway and Sixth avenue, perhaps the most astute is the one who offers for sale a pair of little jumping jacks which he so arranges that they appear to dance incessantly without assistance from anybody, says the New York Tribune. The puppets look like clothespins deprived of their prongs and finished with four loosely joined cardboard appendages to represent arms and legs.

The wily merchant, whose license number is 6027, if you should care to identify him, baits his trap so that he has a dark background, such as an open cedar window. Then he spreads a black mat about a foot square upon the pavement. Waiting until there are no spectators around, he carefully places the grip containing his merchandise on one side of the mat, while he takes his stand on the other side. Then the attenuated clothespins mysteriously appear on the mat and begin their gyrations. To the uninitiated passers-by the puppets seem to receive their inspiration from some mysterious source, and, not being made of flesh and blood, they never weary of their fun, but keep it up by the hour. Women and children stand in astonishment before the dancers, uncertain whether to attribute their actions to physical or spiritual forces.

A close examination reveals the fraud. The most important element of it is a fine, black thread, one end of which is wound around the index finger of the fakir's right hand. It is not so easy to find the other end, but if you get behind the salesman and look carefully you will see that it is attached to the side of the innocent-looking grip. In a line between the finger and the point where the thread meets the grip are the lively clothespins. The increasing jerky movement of the finger reveals the motive power, completes the chain of evidence and clears up the mystery.

The merchant is careful to keep his right hand well out of sight, but he cannot conceal it entirely and the window pane beside him serves as an excellent reflector and helps to give away his secret. Only a few of his spectators, however, can take their eyes off the marionettes long enough to look for such a solution, if, indeed, they suspect trickery, and the purchasers, without exception, walk away with their prizes, highly pleased over their 5-cent bargain.

It Might Have Been Red Ink.

A certain actor who wished to introduce innovations into "Hamlet," proposed to play the part of the Danish prince in a red cloak, which intention he communicated to Sir Henry Irving, who said: "Very well; I do not see anything shocking in that." "But is it right?" inquired the interlocutor. "I dare say it is," replied Irving. "Red was the color of mourning of the royal house of Denmark." "But how do you get over this?" persisted the other, quoting the words, "Tis not alone my inky coat, good mother." "Well," replied the Shakespearean, calmly, "I suppose there is such a thing as red ink, which is good for the public's good, and it is good for the public's welfare."

No Error.

Dizley—Here's a bad typographical error in this item in the paper about me.

Mozier—What is it?

Dizley—I told Smazkins, the reporter, that I'd been summering at the beach and he's got me down as 'summering.' I guess he's got it about right, though.—Roxbury Gazette.

Hours and Wages.

Since fifty years ago there has been here, as well as in England, a great reduction in the hours of labor. But this was not accomplished for the pleasure of the wage earners; it was accomplished because experience proved that after

any man, no matter how lazy, can get into the habit of work, by donning a workman's attire.

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