

THE PARDON OF PONTO



ES, FOR A LONG TIME I reposed the most blind confidence in him. We loved each other dearly. He was a setter, white, with brown ears and tail. His name was Ponto.

Ponto looked up, but his head drooped, and he grumbled: "Do you think that I would be hanging around here if I had stolen a chicken? Why, I'd be eating it."

Ponto was enamored of a certain wooden ball about the size of a billiard ball. In a moment of weakness I had purchased this one day and brought it home.

HE WOULD COME INTO MY STUDY, a better one than that of many men. I am a beast, and I have suffered much. I suffer still because I cannot express myself in speech and tell you, in those things that you call words, my fidelity and my devotion.

Ponto looked up, but his head drooped, and he grumbled: "Do you think that I would be hanging around here if I had stolen a chicken? Why, I'd be eating it." But this remark did not divert my suspicions.

ITS PERILS ARE MANY. Lake Superior is an exceedingly treacherous body of water. From the Detroit Free Press: The recent accident to the steamer Missoula tends to show more clearly than anything that occurred the vast area of Lake Superior, and the possibility of a vessel's crew reaching land after shipwreck and yet being unheard of for a couple of weeks after starting on a voyage.

BIGGEST IN WORLD. WEIGHS 520 POUNDS, ACCORDING TO THE CITY WEIGHER. Nearly 7 1/2 Feet Around the Waist—Height a Little Over 6 Feet, and No Railway Car in France Will Admit Him.



BIGGEST MAN IN THE WORLD.

FOUND AN APT PUPIL. How the Agot Dog Taught the Pup to Stand Sentinel Over the House. From the Detroit Journal: 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 on Piety Hill.

WOULDN'T WEAR IT. Sad Mistake by a Short-Sighted Bishop in England. From the St. James Budget: There is a hat story in which a well-known bishop and a lately deceased marquis played leading parts.