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WHIPPED . MINCE.

How Poor "Tom" Heaton Fell Foul of England's Future King.

Tom Benton occupied for many years -in fact, until his death-a responsible position in the household of Queen Victoria. Benton, who was of humble birth, was but a lad at Brighton when his parents died within a few months of each other. It was shortly after these events when the queen's attention was called to the young boy under rather peculiar

One day, while Benton was gathering shells on the beach at Brighton to make pincushions, which he sold to the summer visitors, a young boy, nicely dressed and about his own age, appeared upon the scene and scattered, with a vigorous kick, the accumulated shells. Benton gathered up his treasures, and placing them again in a pile warned the intrucer that if he repeated the trick he would give him a "good licking."

The kick was repeated with even more vigor than before, and the shells were sent flying in every direction. True to his word, the "poor boy" soundly thrashed the stranger. It was a close contest at first, as the lads were quite evenly matched, but the more fully developed strength of Benton finally brought him off victorious.

Just as the melee was over a gentleman and lady approached, and the former said: "You did quite right, young man. We have seen the whole transaction. This boy is cur son, but he was the aggressor and received the thrashing he well merited." A number of questions were asked the lad as to himself and his family. The replies told the boy's life, how the death of his parents had brought poverty to himself and his brothers and sisters.

"This is the queen," said the gentleman, who was none other than Prince Albert, "and the young man to whom you administered such a merited whipping is the Prince of Wales." Turning to the prince, he continued: "You must send his young man to school and pay for his tnition out of your own pocket money That cannot add to your punishment, but can benefit this poor lad with whom you picked such an uncalled for quarrel.

Thus it was that Tom Benton met the queen of England. He was sent to a school about midway between Portland and Dover. After completing his studies there he was taken into her majesty's service and remained there his entire life. Between Benton and the Prince of Wales there was a strong bond of friendship, such as could exist between true manly men. - New York Herald.

DEAR OLD LADY.

She Was Going to "Albert's" and Reached There Safely.

An old woman wearing a pair of gold eyeglasses was a passenger on one of the trains from Buffalo to New York. She had come through from the west, and The nervous way in which she gathered her bundles around her and the number of questions she asked all showed that she was not accustomed to traveling. When the trainboy came through with his assortment of books, she confided to him the facts that she was going to New York to see her son and that she had not seen him for over a year. She grew talkative and said:

"My son Albert's a great preacher. He is a Methodist, and I am a Metho dist. I taught him when he was a little bit of a boy what was right and what was wrong. He hasn't been back to see me for over a year. I live way out in Missouri, and he couldn't get away this year, but he wanted to see me, and he sent for me to come on. He preaches in a big church there, and he has got a fine

family growing up"-So she prattled on. The trainboy listened to her attentively and succeeded in selling her a copy of "The Quick or the Dead?" solemnly assuring her that was a Methodist religious book. When e left her, she began to read it, calmly t first, then nervously, until she grew ired. Then she began to nod, and finaly the book slipped to the floor. The ray hair reposed on the cushion of the lace car seat, and its owner dozed

The conductor came through to colot tickets, and seeing the peaceful ep of his passenger was loath to wake

nex. Linally he leaned over and shoot her gently and said:

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"Where are you going, mother?"
"To Albert's," was the quick reply
as the eyes behind the glasses opened,
and the old woman looked around her for a moment, still unable to tell where she was. The metherly response touched a sympathetic chord in the conductor's heart, and he carefully looked after her until the end of the trip and saw her rush into Albert's arms half laughing, half crying. - New York

The Obedient Dog.

Here is a dog story by a Putnam chronicler: "One of the most interesting and at the same time truthful dog stories we have heard for some time is that told by Victor Peloquin, who keeps a confectionery store on Bridge street. Last winter he went to Canada and brought back with him a little black and tan dog, the gift of his father. All mild, continuous current of Galvanic Electricity is applied directly to the seat of the Rupture causing a contraction and strengthening of those parts. No detention from business or work. To those who are Ruptured, it will pay to investigate our mode of treatment. went well for about a month, when he ada, informing him that the dog had returned. He was three months in making the journey."-Hartford Courant.

Chancellor Ale.

At Oxford there is what is called 'chancellor ale," brewed out of 16 bushels of malt to the barrel, and so strong that two wineglassfuls will intoxicate most people. It is kept in oak, bell shaped casks, and is never tapped until it is two years old. Some of the casks have been in use for half a century, but "chancellor ale" is only used at high table, when a man takes very high honors.

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wy was sick, we gave her Castoria. was a Child, she cried for Castorta A nea she became Miss, she clung to Castoria. a she had Children, she gave them Castoria

Escaped That Penalty. The proceedings of the summer school at Harvard afford a certain amount of ins ructors. It is said that the sessions d stance. Lately one of the instructors | siderable height. rmed his class, chiefly composed of This seemed to surprise one of the g ladies, who went to the instructor r the session was over, in the presof others, and said archly and if we do not prepare any theme?" iy, "employ any form of corporal shment."—Boston Transcript.

Result of Politeness.

Visitor (to attendant friar in the refectory of a convent)-Are we allowed to smoke here?

Friar-No. sir. Visitor-Then where do all those stumps of cigars come from that I see lying about?

Friar-From those gentlemen who didn't ask.—Tagliche Rundschau.

When the common earthworm is cut in two to the tail, there grows a head. and to the head there grows a tail, and two animals are formed. As the wound heals a small white button is formed, which afterward develops into rings and a perfect extremity.

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TRAINED CATS.

the Feats a Showman In England Has Taught Them to Do.

A snowman in England, Clarke by name, has succeeded in training a large number of cats to perform remarkable tricks. One of these is to walk over a long line of living rats, mice and canaries, stepping "ary carefully between the fluttering little bodies of birds and amusement even to the professors and mice and harming none of them. Another cat climbs by a rope to the roof, have attracted some very independent | peizes the handle of a parachute and deas well as gifted young women from a cends by it to the ground from a con-

Mr. Clarke repeats what is well en, that a daily theme would be known-that the cat is the most difficult ned to give facility in composi- of animal to train to the performance of tricks. He has trained bears, lions, leopards, tigers and other wild animals and finds them teachable and submissive when compared with cats. The cat inshly, "And what will you do deed can never be so far conquered that her performances may be depended on. do not," the professor answered Mr. Clarke's entertainment includes only 30 trained cats, but he has to take with him 60, in order that he may have substitutes for those that will not perform.

He calls the cat a "hopeless bundle of sensibilities." Strike her once, though only by accident, and she will never perform again. Kindness is not only politic, but absolutely necessary. Some of his cats it took him four years of ceaseless effort to train.

Mr. Clarke's cats are extremely fond of him. When he enters his "cat stable," the mewing is prodigous, and he is instantly buried in a moving mantle of cats.

The difficulty in the cat's training does not lie in the animal's intelligence, but in her disposition. She is as clever in her tricks, if she likes to do them, as a dog, but she does not wish to subordinate her will to that of any living creature. She does what she wants to do only and will perform, if she perform at all, only to please herself.

Those that have seen cats engaged in boxing matches will not be surprised to learn that Mr. Clarke has succeeded in training two cats to box very scientifically.

The animals that walk over the chains of rats, raice and canaries without touching them are only six in number. Any of the others would help themselves to these appetizing creatures without compunctions. These six were brought up from their earliest infancy in cages with rats, mice and birds and live with them constantly. - Youth's Companion.

Held by a Hair.

In a gathering of officers after the Franco-Prussian war a French officer claimed that the French nation is the most artistic nation on the earth, and that her artisans can make a thing of beauty out of anything, however ordinary or orude.

The great Prussian general, Von Mantenfel, who was present, plucked a hair from his shaggy beard, remarking, "Let them make something beautiful out of

The French officer sent the hair to a triend in Paris, telling him the circumness and urging that, as the Prussians had defeated the French in the late war, they should not be permitted to defeat them in the claim to artistic supremacy. Giving the hair to a capable artisan, with proper instructions, the result was a beautiful scarfpin representing a Prussian eagle, artistically wrought in gold, standing on a rock, and depending from his beak was a single hair, at the ends of which were two beautiful gold medallions, on one of which was inscribed "Alsace" and on

the other "Lorraine." Thus the artistic scarfpin aptly described the political situation: Prussia, as the eagle, with its conquered provinces dependent, but held by a hair, for the temper of the people of Alsace and Lorraine was bitter toward the Germans, and the tie which held them was Tribune.

Did as He Pleased. When the conductor had looked at the ticket and punched it, he stooped over and stuck it in the hatband of the dig-

nifier fat man, at which the fat man became enraged.

"How dare you take such liberties with me!" he shouted. "Who told you to stick that ticket in my hat? Don't you see that I'm a man of importance and very sensitive? It's all very well to be fresh with the jays, but you haven't any right to insult me."

He took off his hat, removed the ticket and continued: "You think because you're a conductor on this road that you can get as gay as you like, but I'll teach you that you've got me to deal with, and I'm a taxpayer at that. You can't stick tickets in my hatband, even if we are strangers and you aren't aware of my social position."

He fumed about for about an hour. Then the train passed Albany, and the conductor came around again. He took the ticket from the hand of the dignified fat man, punched it again and once more put it in his hatband absentmind-

edly.
"See here," the fat man roared,
"didn't I tell you before not to stick that ticket there? That's a piece of gayness I wouldn't stand from my own father, and he's been dead five years. I'll report you to the boss of the whole road, and if he doesn't help me I'll gamble in the stock of the company and hammer it down so that they'll beg for mercy.

After they passed Utica the conductor repeated the performance with the ticket and the batband. This was more than the dignified fat man could put up with. He jumped to his feet, grabbed the conductor by the collar and said he'd be blamed if he'd stand it any longer.

"That's all right," replied the conductor, "but it's a rule of the company. You've either got to keep it in your hatband or in your mouth. There is no alternative. If you prefer it, you can put it in your mouth, leaving the end in full view, so that I can see it as I pass

"Well," said the fat man stoutly-***************************** there is nothing strange in a fat man speaking stoutly, is there?-"well, then, prefer to keep the ticket in my mouth. Being a free American citizen, I am determined to do as I blamed please!" and he kept it in his mouth and preserved his Americanism. - New York Her-

Disappointed.

Mrs. Wickwire threw down the paper in a way that betokened some irritation. "What's the matter, dear?" asked Mr. Wickwire. "Oh, nothing."

"Oh, yes, there was something. What was it?

"Well, if you must know, I saw a line in the paper about 'Chinese worsted,' and it turned out to be something about that tiresome war. I thought is was some new kind of dress goods."-Indianapolis Journal.

The Boston Budget tells of a genial Harvard instructor who, with his family, has been spending the winter in Rome. The other day a Boston friend received from him the following letter:

"MY DEAR -: You will be glad to bear that I am well and enjoying myself. Mrs. X. and the children have all been sick-taking advantage of the fact that there is a doctor here who charges only \$1 a visit."

She Drew the Line.

Mrs. Gray-Have you named the ba-

by yet? Mrs. White-No, we haven't settled on a name yet, but one thing is certain -I never will consent to any of the names that Mr. White called it the other night when it cried so for two hours. -Boston Transcript.

Her Fear.

Nell-Do you know, I was all alone in the conservatory for ten minutes with that fascinating Charlie Fullerton last evening, and I was so afraid. Belle-So afraid of what? Afraid he

was going to propose to you? Nell-No, afraid he wasn't. -Somerville Journal.

A Surprise.

"My mother-in-law never understands a joke," says a correspondent, 'so I was surprised to receive a letter from her a few weeks after my little boy had swallowed a farthing in which the last words were, 'Has Ernest got over his financial difficulties yet? Tit-Bits.

No Help For It.

"Seems to me you have put an unusual amount of smoke in this fire scene," mildly complained the editor.
"Had to do it," said the artist. "I hadn't any idea how high the building was, so I had to hide it. See?"-Cincinnati Tribune.

Not Competent to Judge. Miss Chatter-What fool killers cigarettes are! Don't you think so, Mr. Noodleby?

Mr. Noodleby-Weally, I couldn's say, Miss Chatter. I never smoked one in me life, dontcherknow. -Life.

Dick-What! Out of a job again? I

chought you had a permanent place? Tom-So I did. They said the building was fireproof; but, confound it, I was fired in less than a fortnight. - Boston Transcript.

Didn't Believe It.

She-I know I'm cross at times, John, but if I had my life to live over again I should marry you just the same. He—I have my doubts about that, my dear. - Philadelphia Times.

Trouble In the House. 'Katrine, you do somet'ing wrong mit de farnace."

"Vot de matter is, Hans?" "Cold heat coming up."-Chicago



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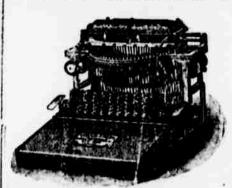
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