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## GOOD DOG PEDRO.

## The Story of His Extraordinary Rescue of Two Persons From Freezing.

Plenty of New York people renember Col. Ireland of Isola Belli, his charming little island residence n Schroon lake and his Newfoundland dogs, Nero and Pedra" said a resident of the Adirondack country to a sitting awhile had produced a couple New York Sun man. Podro was the of bright Florida oranges out of his most intelligent animal that I ever saw, and I remember one particular one. She now says that she can not instance of his manifesting it in a most drive out of her mind the sight of his striking manner. It was a very cold day in December, and two of the colonel's servants had rowed over to Schroon village on an errand. It was late in the afternoon when they started home. The cold had increased and ice was forming on the lake faster than I ever saw it form before. The girls forced their way through the ice by breaking a passage with an oar un-til they were about half way to the than I ever saw it form before. The by breaking a passage with an oar un-til they were about half way to the island, when the intense cold and the increasing thickness of the ice were more than they could fight against, and they were seen from the island to cease their efforts and huddle together in the boat. The ice was of insufficient thickness to bear the weight of any person, and there was no other at hand with which any one could force a passage and go to the rescue of the girls. The chances were that by the time the ice had frozen strong enough to bear a man the girls would be frozen to death.

Some of the colonel's men had been at work on the shore of the lake that afternoon and had left an ax on the ground. The dog Pedro was among the spectators of the servants' efforts to reach the shore. He ran excitedly up and down the shore several times, and then came forward, carrying in his mouth by the handle the ax the men had left near by. He laid it at Col. Ireland's feet and looked inquiringly up into his master's face. An idea instantly seized the colonel. "Take the ax to them. Pedro" he

exclaimed. 'Take the ax to them?' The dog took the ax in his mouth.

balancing it nicely by the handle, and plunged into the lake. The ice broke under his weight and he beat a passage with his great paws and made his way with remarkable rapidity toward delight of all on shore, the ice sustained his weight, and he drew himself out of the water and hurried forpushed his head between them into the boat with the ax in his mouth. The sight of the dog and what they thought was his miraculous appearto shore. Taking turns at the work they warmed themselves up. and in a comparatively short time had cut a passage through the thick ice and had forced the boat ashore. They human intelligence of the dog Pedro they would surely have perished be-fore aid could reach them."

## St. Mark's Eve.

In the north of England a superstisurog year many farmhouses on the border, till within a recent date, ashes were sifted over the hearth on that night. in the belief that the footprints of any one fated to die before the next St. Mark's eve would be visible in the morning. How these superstitions came to be connected with St. Mark is not clear, but the one last mentioned is evidently related to practices, much older than Christianity, which still prevail in some of the islands that stud the Indian and Pacific oceans. These practices are based on the belief that spirits are sufficiently substantial to leave visible It was this, when arrested and impines expect the dead to return on the third day after interment "Wherefore they set a vessel of water for him mould and strew ashes to see footprints.'

## EATING ORANGES.

## A Young Man Should Never Do It in the Presence of His Sweetheart.

A young lady said the other day to a Pittsburg Dispatch man that she hated oranges because one had come between her and her lover. He had called on her one evening, and after pocket and suggested that each eat drive out of her mind the sight of his nosa cheeks and chin dripping with juice and he has been whispering something horribly similar about her. Evidently you cannot love a girl and a citrus aurantium at the same time. One of the best remedies for an orange-a sort of whipping the devil care to do so across the grain, so that a spoon can slip in readily.

A gentleman who has lived for years in the American countries in which the orange grows is waging a war against the slovenly manner of cutting the orange up and serving it on the table. In such a case he recommends that a very sharp knife, one as keen as a razor, be used, and the fruit cut into slices infinites mally thin, and built, layer about, with pulverized sugar. Since the spoon has been relegated out of modern dinner civilization almost a fork is used to eat it with. In Southern Europe the peasants always eat fruit in its natural shape, and never think of treating it to doses of sugar, salt or other sea-soning. Around Naples and in Ma-laga the people bite a hole in the oranga suck out the juice and then throw the orange away. Small Amer-ican people often do the same, but of course the American must try his hand at improving nature, so he puts a lump of sugar in it. An orange planter thinks such a thing desecra-

On board ship a unique way is always a popular way to do anything. There they take an orange, and, with a very sharp knife, cut off a slice of skin across the top. This is placed below the orange and skewered by a fork into position. Holding the fork the boat. He fought on through the in the left hand, the knife cuts down ice for 200 or 300 yards when, to the the peeling, which indifferently falls off or hangs down. Then the same knife cuts the juicy meat thus left exposed into small portions, which are they were so given over to despair that they did not see the dog until he pushed his head between a balance on record common consent of the fashionable world. The small quantity of juice that flows down falls on the false botance to them with the ax put new life is protected. The orange never eats ance to them when we to work with a will to chop their way through the ice as may be observed, freed from all untidiness. The trick with the orange called

the 'sea-sick passenger' is played the first thing on the voyager whose were badly frozen, and but for the The eyes, nose and mouth of a man are cut on the side of the orange, the eyes and nose being made by a slight removal of the skin, while the mouth is a deep incision. The orange is then put on top of a strong tumbler and pressing on its edge is rolled about tion still lingers to the effect that if a to imitate the heaving of a vessel rson watch in the church porch on The juice is thus forced out of the St. Mark's eve. April 24th, from 11 at mouth incision and a very miserable night till 1 o'clock in the morning. he passenger portrayed. If this sight will see the apparition of all who are doesn't at the same time force a good to be buried in the churchyard dur- many people to seek their cabins hurriedly the result is considered to be very disappointing.

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### Juvenile Candor.

A little six-year old, pretty as a then tore some unimportant papers picture and wonderfully bright was invited out with a few friends of her which should close at hand. own age the other evening. It was at a Cass avenue residence that the little misses and masters were entertained. After an hour's romp, during which our heroine showed a precoclous dignity, dinner was served the looking for more papers in the head lady of the house giving the matter of the King Friedrich Wilhelm. her personal supervision. When she reached this particular little girl the matron said: "Are you well helped, my little dear?"

Oh, I'm beautifully helped-beausaid a word since we came to the table.'

The good lady laughed and the to another partner.-St. Louis Star Sayings.

#### English Settlers in Argentina.

Republic at the present time consists of European settlers, most of whom--now that the undesirable ones have into France, where he was dismissed been compelled to leave-are well established and have all their interests Prussia again. identical with the country.

#### A Misnomer.

Guest: "Who is that man who Eagle.

## PRESENCE OF MIND.

An Incident in the Life of Julia Ward Howe's Husband.

This presence of mind, this power of acting on the instant, was one of our father's great qualities, writes Laura E. Richards in the St. Nicholas. It was this that made him, when the wounded Greek sank down before bim,

"-fling him from his saddle And place the stranger there."

marks of their presence. The Philip- prisoned by the Prussian government on suspicion of befriending unhappy Poland, that taught him what to do with the important papers he carried. to wash himself clean from the grave In the minute during which he was left alone, before the officials came to search him, he thrust the documents up into the hollow head of the king of Prussia which stood on a shelf; then tore some unimportant papers

> which stood close at hand. Next day the fragments carefully pasted together were shown to him. hours having been spent in the laborious task; but nobody thought of

Our father, though nothing could

be proved against him, might have languished long in that Prussian prison, had it not been for the exertions of a fellow-countryman. This tifully. But what kind of a partner gentleman had met him in the street have you given me? He sits here the day before, had asked his address, just like a little dummy, and hasn't and promised to call on him. Inquiring for him ne"t day, at the hotel, he was told that no such person was or had been there. Instantly suspectpretty little miss capped the climax ing foul play, this good friend went to by declaring that she would be so the American minister, and told his much obliged if she could be helped story. The minister took up the matter warmiy, and called upon the Prussian officials to give up his countryman. This, after repeated denials of any knowledge of the affair, It is believed that fully 25 per cent they at length reluctantly consented to of the population of the Argentine do. Our father was taken out of prison at night, placed in a carriage. and driven across the border

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