

ANIMAL IMITATIVENESS.

How a Beggar's Dog Grows to Be Like His Master.

"One of the most curious traits to be found in the animal nature," said an observant citizen, "is that which grows out of the unconscious imitativeness of creatures of the lower order. I have observed many instances of where the creatures of a lower order have taken on the characteristics in some noticeable degree of members of the human family. One might know, for instance, the beggar's dog from the look of the dog, from the droop of the eye, the pathetic hang of the lip and a certain general air of despondency and hopelessness which seems to speak in the very nature of the animal. I mention the beggar's dog because it is a familiar example. The beggar's dog never looks cheerful, never smiles, never frolics, but simply sits by his master and broods and begs for whatever charity may give.

"I have seen the dog character molded under happier influences, and the dog became more cheerful. He was a light hearted, free and easy sort of creature and seemed to get something of the sunnier side of things. I am almost tempted to say that if you will show me a man's dog I will tell you what manner of man the owner is, with particular reference to temperament and his moods. The melancholy man, the man who grovels mentally along the gloomier groves, the pessimistic man who is always looking at the dark side of the picture, all the men who come within these unhappy classifications rarely own a cheerful dog. The dog unconsciously takes to the ways of the master and in his moods imitates the master's way of thinking.

"But turn to the dog of the jolly, cheerful fellow. Watch him show his teeth in laughter when the master approaches. He is darting across the yard and dancing and frisking around the master's feet in the happiest way imaginable, and he is up to all kinds of pranks and does all kinds of little things to indicate the good nature that is in him. He does as his master does and seems to take the same general view of life. These are small things, I guess, but they show just how important one's way of thinking may influence one's dog and change his whole view of life."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

PICKINGS FROM FICTION.

Ghosts went out with gas.—"The Pagan's Cup."

It is only selfish people who cannot believe that they are selfish.—E. B. Benson, "Senrilet and Hyssop."

The things men inherit are mostly weights; they must grow their own wings.—"In White and Black."

Kings are great in the eyes of the people, but the people are great in the eyes of God.—J. Huntly McCarthy, "If I Were King."

One must love at least two women to appreciate either, and did the silly creatures but know it a rival becomes them like a patch.—Edith Wharton, "The Valley of Decision."

Men are singularly unoriginal when they make love or pray. Women and the Deity have been perpetually hearing the same thing from the beginning of speech.—"The Story of Eden."

A woman never does care for her own soul so much as she cares for the man she loves, but if she is good she cares for her soul more than for her happiness or even than for his happiness.—"The Alien."

A Good Memory.

When Theodore Roosevelt was governor of New York, he was a great friend of the porters and employees of the New York Central. One morning he took the 9:15 train from Albany west, and as he entered the car he said to Adams, the colored porter: "Hello, porter! You here still?"

"Yes, sir," replied the porter, "and I'm going to stay here till you get to be president, and then I want you to give me a job."

"I'll go you!" promptly replied the governor, and, sure enough, when Governor Roosevelt became president of the United States he surprised Adams by sending for him to go to work in Washington.—Schoolmaster.

What He Really Said.

Mrs. Buffers—The teller at that bank says you are just the meanest, stingiest—

Mr. Buffers—Great Scott! What is that? He says—

Mrs. Buffers—Well, he didn't say it in so many words, but that is what he meant, of course.

Mr. Buffers—See here! What did the fellow say?

Mrs. Buffers—He asked me to endorse the check, and when I told him I hadn't the ghost of an idea what he meant he said he presumed I hadn't had much experience getting checks cashed, so there!—New York Weekly.

The Book Agent.

Agent—I have a book you should buy for your son telling how to become a politician, statesman, president of the United States, banker, broker—

Mrs. Hennessey—G'wan! Did yer mother buy wan for you?—Brooklyn Life.

Appropriate Treatment.

The Thoughtful Man—What would you recommend as treatment for a man who is always going around with a poor mouth?

The Funny Fellow—Send him to a dentist.—Yonkers Herald.

Grades of Youngness.

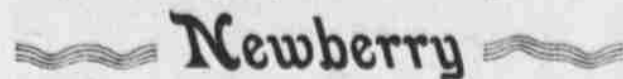
Visitor (kindly)—How old are you, dear?

Little Girl (with great dignity)—I'm not old at all. Granny's old, but mother's young, and daddy's young, and I'm very young!—Punch.

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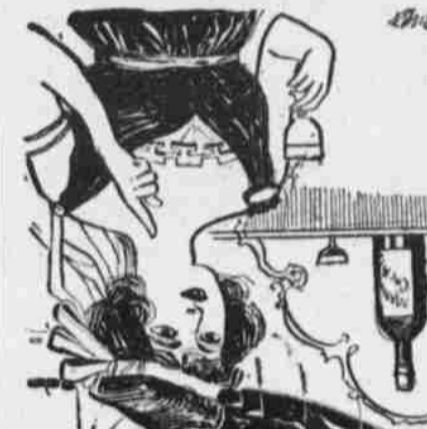
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