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THE TERRIBLE PEPTILE WHICH REIGNS IN MARTINIQUE.

The Deadly Serpent Which Is Lord of the Forests and Solitudes by Day, and the Terror of Roads and Parks by Night—The Cat Its Most Formidable Enemy. Nature is dangerous here; the powers that build here are also the powers that putrefy; here life and death are perpetually interchanging offices in the never ceasing transformation of forces, melting down and reshaping living substance simultaneously within the same awful crucible.

There are eight varieties of him, the most common being the gray speckled with black, precisely the color that enables the monster to hide himself among the roots of the trees by simply coiling about them and concealing his singular head. Sometimes he is a beautiful flower yellow; then he may never be distinguished from the branch of bright bananas among which he hangs coiled; or he may be a dark yellow, or a yellowish brown, or the color of wine less speckled with pink and black, or a perfect ash tint, or black with a yellow belly, or black with a rose belly—all hues of tropical mold, of old bark, of putrefying trees, of forest detritus. The iris of the eye is orange, with red flashes; at night it glows like incandescent charcoal.

And the fer-de-lance reigns absolute king over the mountains and the ravines; he is lord of the forests and the solitudes by day, and by night he extends his dominion over the public roads, the familiar paths, the pleasure resorts. People must remain at home after dark unless they dwell in the city itself; if they happen to be out visiting after sunset, only a mile from town, your friends will caution you anxiously not to follow the boulevard as you go back, and to keep as closely as possible to the very center of the path.

Even in the brightest moon you cannot venture to enter the woods unaccompanied; you cannot trust your eyes to detect danger; at any moment a seeming branch, a knot of lianas, a pink or gray root, a clump of pendant yellow fruit, may suddenly take life, writhe, swell, stretch, spring, strike. Then you will need aid indeed, and most quickly; for within the space of a few heart beats the stricken flesh chills, tumefies, softens, changes color spots violaceously, and an icy coldness creeps through all the body.

The experience of fear has enabled domestic animals to discern the presence of the enemy while invisible to man. Your horse rears and plunges in the darkness, trembles and sweats; do not try to ride on until you are assured the way is clear—your animal has perceived far ahead two scintillating points, two moving sparks of fire. Or your dog may come running back, whining, shivering, accept his warning. The animals kept about country residences have learned to fight for their lives; the hen battles hopelessly for her chickens, the bull tries to gore his supple enemy, the pig fights more successful combat; but the creature who fears the monster least is the brave cat. Seeing a snake, she at once carries her kittens to a place of safety, then boldly advances to the encounter. She will walk to the very limit of the serpent's striking range and begin to teet, teasing him, startling him, trying to draw his blow. How the emerald and the topazine eyes glow then—they are flames. A moment more and the triangular head, hissing from the coil, flashes swift as if moved by wings. But swifter still the striking stroke of the armed paw that smites the horror aside, flinging it, mangled and gasping, in the dust. Nevertheless, pussy does not yet dare to spring; the enemy, still active, has almost instantly reformed his coil; but she is again in front of him, watching—vertical pupil against vertical pupil. Again the lashing stroke; again the beautiful countering; the living death is hurled aside, the scaled skin is deeply torn, one eye socket has ceased to flame. Once more the stroke of the serpent; once more the light, quick, cutting blow. But now the trigonocephalus is blind, it is stupefied; before he can attempt to coil, pussy has leaped upon him, nailing the horrible flat head fast to the ground with her two sinewy paws. Now let him lash, writhe, twine, strive to tangle her—in vain he will never lift his head; an instant more and he lies still; the fine white teeth have severed the vertebrae just behind the triangular skull—Lafacadio Hearn in Harrow.

OUR CANINE COMPANIONS.

A Good Word for the Dog—Sense of Cosradship.

Often has the prosaic writer questioned his canine companion—with no response beyond the act of a find why it is that he, who will never set out on any excursion by himself, will yet find no bliss so great as to run beside a vehicle, a horseman or a pedestrian, traversing hill, field and forest in perfect happiness, so long as he goes with his friends. Indeed, a large part of a dog's existence consists in trotting about the farm or the estate, simply to establish himself near his master, his mistress, the lady, the hired man, without definite communication, but simply with the sense of comradeship. He is an animated shadow of you, and whether your immediate aim be playing tennis, hoeing corn or reading Shakespeare, it is needful to his happiness that he should be close by. He sympathizes with his eyes, interrogates with his nose, appeals with his paw, and, as Victor Hugo says, smiles with his tail.

As for his intelligence, a myriad anecdotes raise the question seriously whether we do not compliment ourselves too highly in putting our sagacity beside his. Can we find our way like him? Can we seek, investigate, remember, like him? "There are times," said an eminent author to me, the other day, "when that dog of mine has no more sense than a man; but three days out of four he knows more than I do. He knows when I am going to take him down to the office with me as well as I do; indeed, he often knows it before I do, and is at the door all ready to go—in certain days when I had supposed my mind fully made up to leave him at home; the result is that he goes."

To love a dog thoroughly, it is necessary to have reared him. For full enjoyment, you must be able to trace back this graceful creature who bounds beside you, with his eyes full of light and every silken hair a line of beauty, to that stammering puppy who was first brought to your house—known to the boys of the neighborhood only as "one of Quin's pups," and possessing no gifts beyond a blunt and very wrinkled nose, a body always waddling helplessly in the wrong direction, and a boundless gift of getting big leash entangled round your ankles. Your attachment for him has grown in proportion to the extent of his development.

The dog of my own immediate household is the dearest I suspect, for every folly he has outgrown and every sin he has imperfectly reformed. We should almost regret to have him quite lose that guilty expression of subdued longing which still creeps into his eyes when he passes near a particularly plump hen, although it is now a year or two since he has chased one; or the experienced familiarity with which he comes crouching, uncalled, to have his ears pulled after barking at the postman. He knows that as he still keeps within our shot, as it were, of those sins of his youth, so do we like many a gentlemanly scapegrace, be it never so near the heart as when it becomes necessary to forgive him. Nothing so militates against virtue, both among dogs and men, as a certain becomingness in particular types of wrong doing.—T. W. H., in Harper's Bazar.

Undone by a Double.

Milton Nobles relates this story of Mr. McClosky. Both men are Brooklynites. He says: "We had a grand production of 'Maizeppa' in San Francisco. Leon Phelps, who did Maizeppa, was afraid of horses, and refused to make the run, so they had to resort to a double. J. J. McClosky was made up for the double, and masked in by the crowd of peasants and retainers was strapped to the fiery steed and dashed up the mountains. Each night there was a big call and Phelps, carefully made up in fishings, would march triumphantly in front of the curtain, bowing and smiling his thanks for each call.

"On the fifth night of the play the second rung gave way and McClosky and the horse disappeared together, amid cracking boards and timbers. Of course there was great excitement and the audience began calling to learn whether Maizeppa was seriously hurt. After a short pause Phelps swelled out in front of the curtain, with a little property blood on his face and hands, and limping desperately, but smiling a sad, sweet, painful smile, as though saying, 'Ye women, ladies and gentlemen, a most serious, nothing more I assure you.' Meantime the carpenters and supers were dragging poor McClosky out from under broken boards, horse, etc. Mac was badly shaken up, but not seriously hurt. The audience in front was wildly applauding Phelps' mock heroics.

The Ocean's Waves.

Scientists insist that the waves of the ocean are never higher than a few feet. Summer bathers will insist, with equal earnestness, that the average wave is from a hundred feet to half a mile high.—Pittsburg Bulletin.

In a minute an express train goes a mile and a street car thirty-two rods; the fastest trotting horse 147 9-12 rods, and an average pedestrian of the genus homo has got over sixteen rods.

Chicago proposes to have a crematory in running order in six months. The health officers favor it, and there is plenty of money to back it.

If you are compelled to eat at a railroad station take but a light meal and eat it slowly. Drink milk instead of tea or coffee.

A new thing in England is a walking stick made hollow, with a place in it for holding eight or nine cigars.

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