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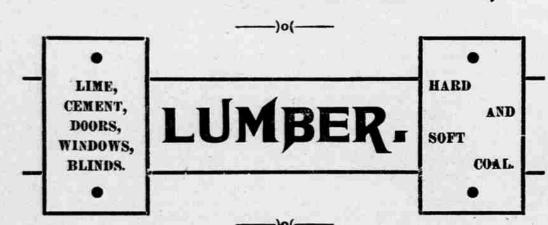
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THE TERRIER AND THE LIONS.

lize Did Not Count as Regarded Ownership of the Cage.

Kindness is powerful with animals, but I have often been led to think that where kindness fails impudence conquers. In Lincoln park, Chicago, I saw a lady put her hand on the heads of three lions in succession and stroke their ears as if they were kittens. They growled when she pretended to leave, and when she returned they fought among themselves for the first chance of being petted again. But this lady had nursed these lions, and they seemed to know her as a child knows its mother.

There was a little Scotch terrier in the cage with the same lions. He did nothing but bark and snarl and snap at them. One good swish of any one of the three tails would have wiped him out of existence. But he just ordered MILTON & OSBORN, the big animals around as if he were the lion and they the rat catchers. They obeyed, although with the long deep rumblings as of muffled thunder.

He was not a pretty dog, nor was his voice calculated to make him many friends. He was in no danger of being worried by encores. I don't know that he had any moral qualities worth bragging about. But he was Scotch. He had the reputation of being a terror as well as a terrier, and he had a broken leg. Perhaps as an invalid he appealed to the sympathies of his big companions. This, however, would not account for his insolent airs of superiority.

He took the best of the food. He got the first and the last shake hands from the lady. His barefaced impudence was more powerful than all the kindness and attention of the gentle nurse. And he gave nothing for his living except his bark. For the struggle of life he had no equipment but impudence, and yet he kept three lions in what must have been literally a condition of galling servitude. There is room somewhere here for a moral. But Æsop is dead. And when he lived he tacked morals only to fables, where indeed they seem to belong. —Donahce's Magazine.

THE TELEPHONE DEADBEAT.

How He Gradually Comes to Believe That He Owns Your Instrument.

"If there is a variety of deadbeats," said an eminent citizen the other morning, "which annoys me more than all others, it is the man who moves into your building because you have a telephone. At first he drops into your office and tells you his wife bade him order a steak before noon and that he had forgotten whether it was porterhouse or sirloin. He says that a family across the street from his house has a phone, and that with your permission he'll just ring 'em up and have 'em send for Mrs. X. Well, that doesn't bother you much because you are thinking of the family across the street, but in a week or two Mrs. X. begins to call you up with the request that you step across the hall and bring her husband to the phone. Then the husband begins to drop in to telephone his commercial acquaintances until two-thirds of his entire business is done over your wire. There is only one more step. One of his agents is up, say, at Mount Morris, and it is very necessary to communicate with him immediately. As much as \$4 may depend upon a word. He hurries in and says of course you have connected with Mount Morris. It is marvelous how man's inventions put the miles at

"While you are chalking up 25 cents to profit and loss he has become the possessor of your telephone. From that time on, if you are using it when he comes in, he waits impatiently and gives you a look when you ring off as much as to say, 'Sir, you are taking liberties with my property which I must resent.' There are but two things left to do-take out the telephone or move out yourself. I am fond of my offices, so the telephone had to go."-Rochester Standard-Union.

A Cat's Breath.

All the felidæ possess poisonous breaths, intended by nature to act as an anæsthetic on their prey. If a person cares to experiment by inhaling, for instance, a cat's breath, they can easily realize the truth of this statement. Carefully watch a cat playing with a captured mouse. You will discover that the mouse does not suffer, but is sort of stupefied, as if by chloroform. In the "Life of Livingstone," written by himself of explorations in Africa, he states that once when he was seized by a lion and his arm broken the crunching of the broken arm gave him no pain, so benumbed were his senses by the animal's breath. A cat seeks the child for its soft bed and the warmth of its bed and lies down on the chest of the infant. Its weight impedes respiration, its breath anæsthetizes the child, and death follows. This circumstance has actually occurred, and medical records conclusively prove it.-Brooklyn Standard-

Sir Richard Owen and the Fakir. A novel story of the late Sir Richard Owen is going the rounds. A snake charmer at Cairo, reckoning without his host, appeared before Sir Richard to go through a deadly performance with a cerastes-the horned wasp. The reptile was placed on the ground. Owen looked | Real at it a moment, then stepped forward and picked it up. Before the luckless performer could interpose the savant plucked from its head its projecting McCOOK, - NEBRASKA. horns, which on closer inspection proved to be fishbones. The fakir was somewhat disconcerted at the rapid unveiling of an actually harmless animal, and the entertainment was withdrawn .-London Figaro.

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