

## Just a Dog

"God's in His Heaven, too high—too high—  
To heed your cry or the death you die!"

Jerome K. Jerome, in one of his very few inspired moments, at one time wrote of a dog as follows:

"Ah! old stanch friend, with your deep, clear eyes, and bright, quick glances, that take in all one has to say before one has time to speak it, do you know you are only an animal, and have no mind? Do you know that dull-eyed, gin-soden lout, leaning against the post out there, is immeasurably your intellectual superior? Do you know that every little-minded, selfish scoundrel, who lives by cheating and tricking, who never did a gentle deed, or said a kind word, who never had a thought that was not mean and low, or a desire that was not base, whose every action is a fraud, whose every utterance is a lie; do you know that these crawling skunks (and there are millions of them in the world), do you know they are all as much superior to you as the sun is superior to rushlight, you honorable, brave-hearted, unselfish dog? They are Men, you know, and Men are the greatest, noblest and wisest beings in the whole vast eternal universe. Any man will tell you that."

You may surmise that this is just the story of a dog, and if you haven't the love of God's creatures in your heart, you would better pass to the next item, for this will not interest you.

"Queen" was a dainty little "cocker-spaniel" of great beauty and unusual intelligence. "She could just learn anything," they said, and the pride she showed as she mastered a trick and jumped into the arms of her teacher to be praised, was sufficient evidence of that fact.

There was just one thing that she did not have to learn, and that was to love every one of God's living things, no matter whether it was a strange man or a stray, homeless cat. She was in our home for two years and I never saw her ill tempered or out of patience. True, her superior companions sometimes scolded and were cross, but Queen was always the same loving and lovable little dog. Her

first little family came soon after she took up her home with us, and, unfortunately, they all died. She was disconsolate for a while and would whine about her bed and shake the bedding in hopes of finding just one of the little brood she had been waiting for. Late in the afternoon she discovered the old cat and her kittens on the back porch, and, sick though she was, she dispossessed the mother cat by picking her up by the neck and dropping her off the landing, and when we found her that night, we saw her snuggled in the cat's nest, very happy, very comfortable, with her little black arms curled around four little white kittens and trying to assure herself that the mother heart can love white kittens if she can't have black puppies.

I know you can't give much space to a dog, otherwise, I could tell you of so many things concerning Queen that are fully as characteristic as the above incident.

Well, I came home from Hiawatha on the night train Saturday, and the head of the house told me of a man who had given the dog a piece of meat, and Queen thought he was another of her many friends, and ate the meat, and then her body had stiffened and her heart beat to bursting and the little dog was no more.

She told me further that I would better say a word to her master, as he was disconsolate, and I went to his room and found a dog collar on his pillow, but the boy was gone.

So, quietly, softly, I walked down the back stairway, for I knew I was going into the presence of one with his dead. On the back lawn, with the carpet and the blankets in which her body was wrapped thrown aside, I found a child in the presence of his first great tragedy.

And I wish, oh, how I wish I

could find the man, (God save the mark), created in the image of his master, endowed with a soul and the hope of the everlasting that is denied a little dog, who gave her the piece of meat.

"Though God is far and Heaven is high,  
Yet He sits and watches His wild things die."

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## NATIVES MUCH WROUGHT UP

Strange Action of Palm Tree Has Stirred the Superstitious People of India.

Is it that a plant is possessed of some infernal spirit? Baraset subdivision, three miles distant from Duttapuker, on the central district of the E. B. S. railways, is now being transformed into a weird and at the same time touching scene.

Since a fortnight a date palm, measuring about 25 feet, is being found to stand erect in the daytime, but with the decline of the scorching rays of the sun prevalent nowadays the same palm almost bends to the ground, so much so that its huge mass of leaves touches the ground imperceptibly.

This news spread like wildfire throughout the locality, and the superstitious people are flocking every day to witness the scene. What is most astonishing is that the earth on which it grew is neither loose, nor is it cracked, by the daily and nightly coming down and raising of the palm.

Most of the eye-witnesses, of which the writer is excluded, are offering pujas to the palm, thinking that there is a god underneath the tree.—London Telegraph.

#### STUDY THIS ON COOL DAY.

How many apples did Adam and Eve eat?

Some say Eve 8 and Adam 2, a total of 10; others say Eve 8 and Adam 8 also, total 16; but if Eve 8 and Adam 82, the total will be 90; now, if Eve 81 and Adam 12, the total would be 893; then if Eve 81 1st and Adam 812, the total would be 1,623; or again, Eve 814 Adam, Adam 81,242 oblige Eve, total 82,056; though we admit Eve 814 Adam Adam if he 818142 keep Eve company, total 8,182,056. All wrong. Eve, when she 81812 many, and probably felt sorry for it, and Adam, in order to relieve her grief, 812, therefore, Adam if he 81814240-fy Eve's depressed spirit, hence both ate 81,896,864 apples.—Baltimore American.

#### LET THE TRICOLOR FLY.

The authorities of Alsace-Lorraine have given proof of a tolerance on which they can only be congratulated. Thus, the Hotel de l'Union at Strasburg has just hoisted a brand new flag in the French colors on the occasion of the arrival of the syndicate of French grocers. Last year the use of the French flag had been authorized in conjunction with the flags of Belgium, Italy and Switzerland, on the occasion of the international regattas, but the appearance of the French flag alone to celebrate the arrival of a French society is a new fact in Alsace-Lorraine.

#### MADE AN IMPRESSION.



Mrs. Hoyle—That snowstorm on the stage was very realistic.

Mrs. Doyle—Yes, my husband went out between the acts to borrow a snow shovel.

#### HAS BUILT MANY BOATS.

Andy Linton of Vancouver, B. C., has built up to date 5,000 boats, and though he is referred to as the oldest boat builder in Canada he will likely add another thousand to his record before he makes his final cruise. He does not build ocean liners, but gold prospectors' boats and fishing smacks. He has built about one boat a day for the last 25 years. He has a little sawmill and a few workmen, but does himself a large share of the work of getting each craft ready for active service.

#### OUT OF PRACTICE.

"What do you think of the presidential election?"

"Young man," answered the local politician, "I'll have to talk to you about that later. You see, I was a delegate to the convention and I haven't yet got back to the way of thinkin' on my own account."

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James W. Hosford, et al., defendants in Chancery.

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