

NAVAL PETS AND MASCOTS.

STORIES OF SEVERAL BROUGHT INTO PROMINENCE. BY THE WAR.

There is nothing that proves more con- of training that it will ever after shine clusively the really childlike simplicity of among its kind. It is really marvelous the heart of our average naval Jhckie than his amount of intelligence a gunner's mate or a ship's cook can find in such an ordinarily love of pets. stupid fowl as a duck or a goose. Old Jim

The present war has brought many of these into prominence. The most famous appeared on board one morning with a drawn from a photograph now first pub- and when he was overhauled by the corlished. It is a picture of "Tom," Captain Sigsbee's pet cat, a survivor of the illfated Maine. The cat was rescued and the great astoniahment of the onlookers, to taken aboard a nearby steamer. This picture be a small, half-grown crane. was taken soon after. "Tom" must either have the endurance prominent in our navy, or the proverbial nine lives.

"Billy Terror." a young goat, with an intelligence considerably above the average, also received public attention recently. He is the pet of all on board the Terror, and it is said that the equipment department of the ship carries a peculiarly toothsome class of spun yarn for his own consumption. When the monitor first went into action Billy became panic stricken, and refused to be comforted until he had been carried clear a lurch of the ship.

down into the double bottoms. Billy is borne on the ship's books as a regularly "Pete," the trained ape of the Essex. Pete enlisted member of the crew, and his name , has often figured on the punishment list of the executive officer. When the victorious west coast in '82. He was purchased for fleet finally returns to American waters and a second-hand marine blouse and a pair of a great parade is held on shore, Billy will tarnished epaulets, and when he made his doubtless lead his part of the procession with the air of a veteran.

When James G. Blaine was resting at his | and tearing a yard of cloth from the payvilla in Bar Harbor, a few months before master's capacious trousers. It was only his fatal illness, he paid a brief visit one day to the flagship of the North Atlantic captain, A. H. MacCormick, was induced to squadron, then in port. The officers of the ship vied in showing their distinguished the cruise was many months older the comvisitor the various objects of interest. The mander freely confessed that Pete had crept guns were described and worked, the mysteries of the conning tower revealed, and all parts of the vessel thrown open for his inspection, but the only thing which really held the statesman's attention was the spectacle of a grizzled old boatswain's mate fondling a pet kitten. The antics of the little animal and the tenderness with which the grim petty officer handled it brought a smile to Blaine's careworn face, and ignited again in his eyes the kindly light familiar in his happier days.

This affection for pets is no modern innovation contemporaneous with the armored turret and breech-loading rifle. Everybody who has read the old English sea stories will remember how fond the sailors used to be of pets on board ship. The tale of "Shakings," the midshipman's dog of the old "Leander," in whose memory all the officers' dogs on board, and the ship's pigs as well, were put into mourning by the midshipmen by means of strips of black cloth, which the lads tied around the animals' forelegs, is one of the most humorous in literature. Nelson's officers, in the fleet off Toulon, had their dogs, with whom, we are told, they used to take runs ashore at Magdalena and elsewhere; and the story of Collingwood's pet, "Bounce," and his airs as "My Lord, the Admiral's dog." over the other dogs of the fleet, is historic.

Variety in Pets.

Naval sailors do not discriminate in their selection of pets. It appears that any old thing with four logs is good enough for the average bluejacket. But when he does smuggle an animal on board, whether it be a dog, a cat. a goat, a bear or a pig. that animal is bound to experience such a course

human intelligence. Pete stood three feet ten inches in his tempting, and the berthdeck was clear, save stripes and the diamond of a first sergeant at his elbow. and before Pete had worn it twenty-four hours' that non-commissioned officer was at

the mast with a complaint. "It's a holy show the monk do be making of me, sor," he objected. "The whole ship's company is saying, 'Attention, Pete! Right dress, front,' and the likes of that."

Full-Fledged Member. Pete's tutor was ordered to change the rig, and the ape speedily came out in the Lawson, a quarter-gunner on the "Sabine," blouse and white duck trousers of a sailor. He was taught to sweep decks and coll of all mascots and pets on board today is heavy list to starboard in consequence of a down ropes, and it finally came to pass shown in the accompanying illustration, bout with the rum shops of Rio Janeiro, that his name was entered on the mustering books as a full-fledged member of the poral of the guard a bulky object was found crew. He took particular delight in every in the full of his shirt front. It proved, to ceremony save that of target practice.

The report of the heavy guns invariably caused him to fall prostrate with his face Jim was permitted to retain his queer pet pressed closely against the deck in the most groveling attitude, and there he after much pleading and within a month would remain until some friendly shiphe had the crane taught to march and countermarch like a regular marine. When mate would carry him limp and trembling below the ship's crew lined up at the guns for

quarters "Bobs," the crane, would take his were revenge and mischlevousness. One dragged forth-Pete! The mischlevous ape's station on the breech of the forward pivot day a cadet pinched him in passing, and and perch gravely there until the ceremony laughed heartily at the animal's snarling joying his little joke with the gusto of a was over. "Bobs" came to an untimely end protest. The following Sunday afternoon spectator at a Depew dinner. in a pampero, or fierce squall, off the coast the cadet stretched a hammock from the of Uruguay, being blown overboard during

pinch was revenged.

interesting by biting the master-at-arms through the most earnest pleading that the allow the ape to remain on board. Before cooks of the Essex almost fainted with fright of a richly dressed young man stretched out

"TOM," CAPTAIN SIGSBEE'S PET CAT, RESCUED FROM THE "MAINE." PHO-TOGRAPH TAKEN ON THE "FERN" IN HAVANA HARBOR.

One of the most famous of naval pets was

was picked up in Monrovia by a petty

officer while the ship was cruising off the

first appearance on board he made things



into his heart by his quaint ways and almost one sunny afternoon. At this time of day | prodigeous chattering. Alarmed sailors the breeziness of the forecastle was most awakened quickly, and in less time than is taken in the telling, the gunboat's crew was

stockings, and it was not long before a for the cook in question. He was seated on costume was selected for him. The first his mess chest preparing supper and croouuniform he wore was patterned after that ing a sea ditty, when suddenly there came of a marine. The overcoat bore the three a loud rattling of the string of cups almost

A Ghost Below.

He gave a start and quickly glanced about. but no one was visible. Thinking he had story. spar deck with a yell of fright. His ap-

pearance on deck created a sensation, and after he had lustily proclaimed his belief that a ghost was visiting the ship, going so far as to name some former n.r.'e who had died in previous years, a delegation consist ing of the master-at-arms, ship's corpora and captain of the hold hastened below, with a choice assortment of belaying pins. Taking an advantageous position within easy reach of the ladder, they watched the string of tin cups. Presently the master-at-arms gave an exclamation, and pointed to where a long hairy arm was protruding from behind a black bag. The hand at the end of the arm clutched the string of cups and gave it a quick shake. The master-at-arms

Pete's most prominent characteristics sprang forward, and, tearing the bag aside, face was wrinkled with glee. He was en-

Two pet dogs, Vulcan and Diana, of the port pin rail to the foremast on the fore- old Lancaster, will go down in naval history castle and proceeded to make himself as the principals in a heroic and rather comfortable with a magazine or book. He pathetic incident. The Lancaster was flaghad barely settled down to his reading ship of the European station at the time, when swish! came some object from the and she was lying in the harbor of Ville, rigging overhead and a wad of tarry France. A party of the young officers of oakum struck the cadet full in the breast. the ship had gone up to Monte Carlo, and it As he looked up in amazement he saw was while several of them were returning Pete disappearing into the foretop. The at night that one overheard a shrill snap-

ping and growling beyond some bushes on In the corvettes of the old navy a jack- the edge of a road just outside of the town. stay, or iron rod, ran round the sides of the Their curiosity aroused, the cadets pressed berthdeck, to which were fastened the black forward just as two rough looking men bags (clothes bags) of the crew. It was darted from the bushes. Chase was made the custom of the berthdeck cooks to hang at once, but the fugitives managed to escape their strings of tin cups to this stay, and it in the darkness. Hurrying back to the was owing to this formality that one of the hushes the American officers found the body upon the ground, and crouching over him, eebly growling, were two handsome dogs. They had evidently fought valiantly for their master, and were covered with wounds. It turned out that the young man was the son of a noble house of France, and that he had won a considerable sum on the tables that night, only to lose it and his life at the hands of the two thieves. The two dogs were presented to the Lancaster by his relaives, and they became prime favorites with officers and sailors alike.

A Monkey on Guard.

ticularly wakeful.

regard for them in his innermost heart. Several years ago, when the British government was endeavoring to suppress the PRATTLE OF THE YOUNGSTERS.

slave traffic on the African coast, a small English gunboat was riding at anchor one "Willie, tell Mr. Whitehead the names night in the mouth of a river not far from of Noah's sons." "Not much I won't-this the Congo. The craft boasted a crew of is vacation. only twenty men, and as a number were

Is vacation. Dorothy (who is accustomed to have her eggs prepared before they come to the table)—Mamma, can't I have my eggs cooked with the covers on some time, same's suffering with coast fever, the crew was short-handed. Constant doubling of watches had told on the sailors, and along toward you do? "I know what keeps mamma so long." midnight the young officer of the deck and

qualities, and no true American will err

when he confesses that he nolds a steadfast

his two lookouts forward fell asleep. It chanced that the gunboat carried among other odd objects a monkey obtained from a "What is it, dear?" "She said she'd be back soon." "Ah!" said his mother, as she found him friendly Kroo boy, and on the night in ques-

tion it happened that the monkey was parat the preserved cherries. "I have caught you red-handed. I think by the time I get As the midnight hour approached, certain through with you you will know better." "Yes'm." said the little boy, "I will. I'll grass-covered floats drifted out from the bank with the current, and were carried

use a spoon next time." Jimmy-I bet your father licks you when down toward the British gunboat. One

brought up against the anchor chain, and presently a dark woolly head appeared over the railing. There came another and then another, and as the beads grew rapidly in number, the monkey, who had been watching curiously from the forward batch. set up a

"Well, go on." "Why don't they bury the what are you crying for!" she asked. "Tos' he wunned in ze house 'fore I tould dit as "Did I see a certain little boy, when I him," replied the youthful warrior. was on my way to church this morning," said the Sunday school teacher, "trying to club down peaches in Deacon Brown's or-chard?" "Not me, teacher." shouted one youngster in a tone of virtuous protest, "I

CONNUBIALITIES.

Married women may not be wiser than lingle ones, but they know more.

Princess Kalulani of Hawaii will become Mrs. Strong, according to the latest news from our Pacific city of Honolulu. The son of ex-Mayor Strong of New York is in luck to be thus annexed, for his princess is a nice girl, well educated in England and otherwise "fitted" to become, by marriage as well as by treaty, a citizen of the United States. The federation of the world is not to be managed by Mars alone. Among the gods there are others. Cupid is one of them. Barlow Terry, one of the oldest citizens of Hopkinsville, Ky., being near 100 years of age, and Miss Melissa U. Trotter, aged 29 age, and Miss Melissa U. Trotter, aged 20 years, were united in marriage at the home of the groom, in Lantrip's precinct, August 6. The groom is a wealthy planter of North Christian, and, notwithstanding his age, he rode a distance of twenty-three miles to ob-tain his license, and returned home, mak-ing forty-six miles in a day, and feeling well as usual.

Two Louisville sweethearts had a row and the man is now suing the girl to recover the money which he "spent on her." His blu includes a diamond ring, bouquets, carriage rides, car fare and candy. She not only re-fuses to pay him his money back or return his presents, but has presented a "cross-bill," in which he is charged with wasthd gas "as per meter," extra coal, ball dresses and 102 hours spent in entertaining her recalcitrant lover at 50 cents per hour. His account shows a credit for 10 meaks taken at her house worth 50 cents per meal, leav-ing a total balance due of \$200.90. Ker items against him amount to the same figure.

It is stated that there are more than 500 distinct charities in New York City that cope with the giant needs of that great me-tropolis, and all these are outside the work of the churches.





at the base of the case eloquently tells the story. asked the mother of a little 3-year-old, who

hacking merrily at the intruders, who proved

to be hostile natives incited by traders.

They were repulsed with loss, and the mon-

key became the subject of glorious fete. His

stuffed body now adorns the museum of a

retired British admiral, and a metal plate

Dead sea?

was up in the tree shakin' 'em off.'

"Why, what's the matter, Tommy