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Dog's Memory of a Bee Sting.

"Something must have stung your dog," said a resident of this city to a suburbanite, whom he was visiting a few days ago, as he noticed the antics of a large collie which, after snapping frantically at a flying insect, lowered his head and carefully licked his right forepaw.

"No," replied the owner of the dog, "that is only a little delusion of his. When he was a puppy a bee stung him on that foot you see him attending to, and ever since he has cherished a standing grudge against flying insects. Apparently the sight of one not only arouses his anger, but recalls most vividly his first experience with one, for each time after running after one whether he catches it or not, he stops and tenderly licks the place where he was stung two years ago. As far as I know he has never been stung since then."—Philadelphia Press.

A Lesson in Boxing.

"What are you going to do, Henry?" asked Mrs. Uptodate as her husband unwrapped a pair of boxing gloves.

"I'm going to give Willie some lessons in self defense," he answered. "Every boy should know how to take care of himself in an emergency. Come on, Willie. I won't hurt you."

Twenty minutes later Mr. Uptodate returned, with a hand up to his face.

"Get me a piece of raw meat to put on my eye and some arnica," he said.

"Why, you don't mean to say that Willie?"

"No, I don't. Of course I don't. I've discovered that the only way to teach that boy is with a strap."—New York Press.

Divorce Laws in Sweden.

The divorce laws of Sweden are elastic. Where the incompatibility of temper reaches the culminating point one of the parties proceeds to Copenhagen, the nearest foreign town, which is only twelve hours distant, and remains there for fourteen days, notifying the Swedish consulate, which circumstances are regarded as legal evidence of desertion and sufficient ground for divorce.

In this act each of the great felices left his own cage and entered a larger one in which Carmen was seated on a low chair, a small rod, the symbol of her authority, in her hand. Chita trotted willingly into this cage. He was devoted to Carmen, and now that Tom Howard was out of sight there was nothing to disturb his good nature.

The Numidian lion walked into the cage in a lazy, nonchalant manner. He evidently looked on the whole thing as a bore. But he had eaten a good dinner, felt at peace with the world, and, anyhow, it would soon be over. As he took his place he looked at the crowd with languid curiosity, yawned and acted like a lion who considered a

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RULING PASSIONS

By Edwin J. Webster

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Chita, the big black panther, was growling sullenly, his growl occasionally rising to a snarl of exasperated, jealous rage. His mistress, Carmen, faintly, pretty, from appearances very far from being a person capable of ruling and restraining the big, fierce cat animals of the circus, was standing in front of his cage.

Ordinarily the sight of Carmen caused the big panther to set up an affectionate purring. But on the present occasion Tom Howard, the best athlete in the great circus, was talking to the pretty Carmen. It was plain even to a black panther that the interest Howard took in Carmen was more than friendly. It was also plain that Carmen was far from displeased at this interest. And that was the reason the big panther was growling, for a deep and consuming jealousy of stalwart Tom Howard filled Chita's heart.

Just then a warning bell rang. This was the signal for Carmen to get ready for her great "animal school act." Her scholars were not rosy cheeked boys and girls, but a very grim looking set of pupils, consisting of Chita, the big Bengal tiger and Diogenes, the sleepy but big maned, strong jawed Numidian lion.

And Diogenes, the big maned lion, sat on his pedestal, calm, nonchalant, disinterested, aloof. He was waiting for the signal "School is over." It did not come. Diogenes waited a little longer. Then he opened his great jaws in a half suppressed yawn, dropped to the floor of the exhibition cage and trotted lazily off to the most comfortable corner of his own cage.

An Arabian Horse Story. A pretty Arabian story is told to this effect: A man was riding upon a horse of pure blood when he was met by his enemy, who was also splendidly mounted. One pursued the other, and he who gave chase was distanced by the one who fled. Despairing of reaching him, the pursuer in anger shouted out:

"I ask, in the name of God, has your horse ever worked on land?"

"He has worked on the land for four days."

"Very well; mine never has, and, by the beard of the prophet, I am sure to catch you."

Toward the close of the day the horse that never labored was the victor, and as the rider of the degraded horse sank under the blows of his enemy he said:

"There has been no blessing upon our country since we have changed our couriers into beasts of burden and of tillage. Has not God made the ox for the plow, the camel to transport merchandise and the horse alone for the race? There is nothing gained by changing the ways of God."

Change Wrought by New Woman. "Yes, indeed," said the old man thoughtfully after his wife had delivered a dissertation upon the progress of the sex, "the new woman is vastly different from the old."

"I thought you would realize that in time," she returned rather sharply.

"I have just been reading," he went on, "how girls used to be sold by their parents, and some of them brought fancy prices."

"But there's none of that now, thank heaven!" exclaimed the new woman proudly. "Woman has asserted herself, and"

"No, there's none of that now," interrupted the old man. "That's all past. A man does not buy a wife in these days."

"I should think not!"

"Certainly not. It's all changed, all changed. Now he has to be paid to take her, and her poor old father has to wreck his bank account to provide the dowry. Yes, I admit that the new woman, Susan"

Then the door was slammed as she indignantly left the room.—New York Press.

Little Girls' Hard Lot in China. After the marriage in China girls have no part with their own family and no part in the worship of their ancestors. To have no sons means no ancestral worship, and the girl is often sold as a daughter-in-law. Poor people buy their sons' wives when they are but babies, as they can be had then for a few dollars. These little ones are usually drudges in the mother-in-law's household.

A missionary overheard two women conversing. One said: "I am going to get a daughter-in-law into the house. You see, a daughter-in-law is no more expense than a servant. If I curse or beat a servant she leaves, but you can beat a daughter-in-law and get obedience, and your work will be done as you wish it." The other replied: "Just

so, just so. I am thinking of getting a daughter-in-law too. I can then live at ease." As a consequence of this custom little girls look forward not to betrothal or to marriage, but to becoming mothers-in-law, when they in turn can have authority.—Good Housekeeping.

CLIMBING PLANTS.

The Five Different Classes, With Their Peculiarities. Climbing plants may be divided into five classes—hook climbers, root climbers, twiners, leaf climbers and tendrill bearers.

Hook climbers are equipped with hooks, which are caught up in the surrounding vegetation.

Root climbers, like Ivy, throw out fibers along their stems and ascend slowly, insinuating themselves by means of rootlets, which grow away from the light and become glued to the stems of trees or to harder surfaces.

Twiners, like the scarlet runner, hop, convolvulus and bryony, twine themselves around the upright stems of their neighbors. Some, like the convolvulus, bend toward the left; others, like the hop, twine to the right.

The climbing habit, however, is most perfectly exhibited by plants with sensitive prehensile organs, either leaves or tendrils.

In the tendrill bearers we find here and there along the stem sensitive, twining, whiplike structures, which curve to what they touch and eventually link themselves round it. Of this sort are the passion flower, sweet pea, grapevine and Virginia creeper.—Pearson's.

THE ROUND ROBIN.

Its Origin, It is Said, Can Be Traced Back to Ancient Greece. According to British naval documents of the years 1638 and 1639, it was the custom of seamen of that day to use the round robin as a safe and effective means of bringing their grievances before the authorities. A similar practice existed in France, but the alleged origin of the term "round robin" from round ruban, a circular band used in the French petitions, is probably fallacious.

The term existed in England long before, with wholly different meaning. Thus in Devonshire a "round robin" was a small round pancake, and the sacramental wafer was called a "round robin" by Latimer, 1536.

Dr. Timbs says that the idea of the round robin has been traced back to a Greek conspiracy against the tyranny of the Pisistratidae. The Romans had a similar custom of writing the names of their guests or friends in a circle when anxious not to indicate any individual preference.—London Standard.

Overconfidence. The two strangers who were standing at a downtown corner crossed the street and accosted a young man on the opposite corner.

"Will you please tell me," said one of them, "which is the best way to go from here to Seventy-second street?"

"Well," replied the young man, "the best way, of course, is to take an automobile. If you can't do that I suggest a street car as the next best."

"Thank you," said the stranger. "I was so certain from your appearance that you would give a civil answer to a civil question that I bet a two dollar bill on that proposition with my friend here. I see I have lost. One can't always judge from appearances. Good morning, sir."—Chicago Tribune.

She Was Joking. "No," she said, "I—I can only be a sister to you."

"Very well," said he, "I must be going. I had expected a different answer, but—well, good night."

"George," she faltered, as he was leaving the room, "George."

"What is it?" he asked crossly.

"Aren't you going to kiss your sister good night?" He did not go.

Dreadful. The Groom—What are you thinking of, dearest? The Bride—I was thinking of your father and mother had never met or mine had never met or we had never been born or hadn't loved each other or—something, how dreadful everything would have been.

Startling Evidence. Fresh testimony in great quantity is constantly coming in, declaring Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption Coughs and Colds to be unequalled. A recent expression from T. J. McFarland, Rentonville, Va. serves as an example. He writes: "I had Bronchitis for three years and doctored all the time without being benefited. Then I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery, and a few bottles wholly cured me." Equally effective in curing all Lung and Throat troubles, Consumption, Pneumonia and Grip. Guaranteed by Chas. Rogers Druggist. Trial bottles free, regular sizes 50c, and \$1.00.

THE FORCE OF FEAR. Fright Was the Cause of the Death of Frederick I. of Prussia. There are several well authenticated cases where fright was the cause of death. An English surgeon tells of a drummer in India across whose legs a harmless lizard crawled while he was half asleep. He was sure that a cobra had bitten him, and it was too much for his nerves, and he died.

Frederick I. of Prussia was killed by fear. His wife was insane, and one day she escaped from her keeper and, dabbling her clothes with blood, rushed upon her husband while he was dozing in his chair. King Frederick imagined her to be the white lady whose ghost was believed to invariably appear whenever the death of a member of the royal family was to occur, and he was thrown into a fever and died in six weeks.

But perhaps the most remarkable death from fear was that of the Dutch painter Pentman, who lived in the seventeenth century. One day he went into a room full of anatomical subjects to sketch some skulls and bones for a picture he intended to paint. The weather was very sultry, and while sketching he fell asleep. He was aroused by bones dancing around him and the skeletons suspended from the ceiling clashing together. In a fit of horror he threw himself out of the window. Though he sustained no serious injury and was informed that a slight earthquake had caused the commotion among the ghostly surroundings, he died of nervous tremor.

FOND OF A GOOD HORSE. Thomas Jefferson Was Particular in Selecting His Steeds. I am completely satisfied with my horse from Major Eggleston, a better one in harness I never drove. He brought me in my single phaeton from Washington, without ever appearing fatigued, altho the roads were bad, & the weather rainy. He is fine tempered and manageable, tho' his fine spirited, tho' the price was about 50 D too much from appearances, yet I would give that advance in the purchase of a horse to know that he was what I wished. Oastor, & Fitzpartner are both left here at nurse, and I shall have them sold, consequently my stable will be reduced to Diomedes & St. Louis, a match for Diomedes, as good as he is, would make it up what will suffice for me as a private citizen. I will thank you to be on the enquiry, for such an one, and to give me notice of price & properties. bvt it will be essential that he match Diomedes tolerably, and be well broke to the carriage & no hauler. I trouble you with these commissions because you are in the only part of the country where a fine horse can be got. I leave this for Washington the day after tomorrow. present me with all possible affection to the family, and be assured of my constant attachment & respect. TH. JEFFERSON. —Family Letters of Thomas Jefferson in Scribner's.

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