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Once upon a time, the creatures living with a farmer grew tired of serving him, and one and all deserted him. Cow and horse, cock and hen, duck and goose, left his dwelling. Only a dog remained behind, faithful to his master.

They wandered about all day long in company, and when night came, finding a deserted hut in the forest, they entered it and took possession of it.

The cat laid herself down in the still warm ashes on the hearth. Horse and cow stretched themselves out on some loose straw in one corner. The duck waddler under a bench, the goose under a table, the hen flew up on top of a cupboard, the cock on the chimney piece. Just as they had comfortably settled themselves for the night a pack of wolves came prowling about the hut, and sent the oldest and strongest one among them into it to see who it was who had taken possession there.

When the wolf came in at the door he saw the cat's eyes glowing in the dark, and took them for live coals on the hearth. But when he came up closer the cat flew at him, nearly scratching his eyes out. The horse got up from the straw and gave him a kick in the ribs. And when the wolf turned to flee from the hut the cow butted him against the wall with her horns. The hen sprang clucking loudly on his back, while the duck and the goose nipped his legs with their bills, and just as he, frightened and bewildered with the reception he had got, managed to escape out of the door, the cock on the chimney piece burst out with loud jubilant crowing. Master Wolf came back to his comrades in a very sad plight.

"That was a nice task you gave me," he said, reproachfully. "The hut is tenanted by witches. When I came in and went up to the hearth, where I saw some coals burning, the vixen of a cook flew at me and nearly scratched my eyes out, the groom got up from the corner when he had been lying and almost broke my ribs with a blow of his flail, while the farmer himself, seizing a pitchfork, thrust me rudely against the wall. His wife struck me on the back with her distaff, and two of her maids, crying 'Back, back,' struck me again and again in the legs with their shears. And just as I was fleeing from the house, another maid, from a room under the roof, cried out, in a horrible voice, 'Bring him to me—to me.'"

On hearing this tale of their scout, the whole pack of wolves took to their heels and ran off as fast as they could.

Questionable Benefit of Baths.

The French comedian, Perlet, was extraordinarily thin. At last he became such a skeleton that he consulted a phyiscian, who recommended him to try some baths in the Pyrenees. Having obtained leave of absence from his manager, he betook himself to the mineral springs, where he bathed unremittingly, but all in vain; he did not increase in size. "Patience," urged the doctor; "there is nothing like our baths for making people fat." One day, while Perlet was waiting philosophically in his bath for an embonpoint which never came, he heard a conversation in the next room, from which his own was divided by only a thin partition, and which was occupied by an enormous woman, fat as the Hottentot Venus. "Doctor," said she, "I am getting tired of this." "Why?" asked the Aesculapius. "I have been here two months." "Well?" "Well, I am as enormous as I was when I came." "A little patience, madame," urged the doctor; "there is nothing like our baths for making people thin." Perlet hearing these words, sprang out of his bath, dressed, rushed home to his hotel, ordered his bill, and left for Paris by the next train.

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"'No, sir,' said the old woman. 'I'll not cremate him. I'll put him under the sod.'

"'But the cremation won't cost you a cent,' said Dash. 'I'll pay all the expenses if you'll let me have him cremated.'

"'Well, I agree,' said the old woman in a hesitating voice. 'I'm too poor not to agree, sir.'

"Then she gave Dash a puzzled look, half of pity, half of contempt.

"'But why do you do it, sir?' she said. 'Is it a hobby like golf or stamp collectin'?'"

Self-Sacrifice.

"I thought I told you to stop smoking," said the doctor, severely.

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"That so?" responded the hobo, nonchalantly. "Well, I guess I better call up a collection agency and get dem to collect it for me."

"But this is serious, my man. You deserve something in this world."

"Sure, boss, the last judge I ran up against said I deserved six months."

"Tut! Tut! Don't be facetious. Why, you could rise up in the world and wear broadcloth."

"Thanks, but I am wearing dat now, boss. Dis suit is so broad it is three sizes too big for me."

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REPTILE AND BULL

TWIN TERRORS OF YOUNG PENNSYLVANIA WOMAN.

Plucky Little Dog Comes to the Rescue Until Other Members of the Family Arrive at the Scene.

Galeton, Pa.—To have been bitten by a rattlesnake and then chased by an infuriated bull was an experience of 17-year-old Sarah Brandt, daughter of a farmer three miles south of this place. Miss Brandt had been on a visit to a girl friend several miles from her home, and was accompanied by a fox terrier. Returning toward evening, her attention was attracted by a clump of wild roses, from which she was minded to pluck a bouquet to carry home.

The flowers grew on an embankment almost as high as the girl's head and it was with considerable difficulty that she gained a position from which she was able to reach the coveted posies. She was compelled to cling to an alder bush with her left hand as she reached to pluck the blossoms with her right.

The little dog ran up toward the rose clump, gave a queer little bark and scampered back into the road. The girl thought nothing of the dog's unusual action, however, until an instant later, when, without warning, a big rattlesnake sprang from its position near the wild rosebush and sank its fangs into her bare arm an inch or two above the wrist.

The girl was fully a mile from the nearest house, and started on a run to reach help before the poison became scattered through her system. A few rods farther on she came to the meadow of a neighbor, and by crossing this field she could shorten the distance by almost a quarter of a mile. She scaled the fence and had gained a portion of the distance across when she heard the bellow of a bull and, to her terror, found that she was being pursued by the angry animal. Her little terrier, however, saved the day for her, as he ran toward the advancing bull and put up such a lively bluff that the attention of the big animal was temporarily diverted from the girl in an attack upon the dog. By this time the screams of Miss Brandt had been heard at the farmhouse and several members of the household ran to the girl's rescue, just as the bull left off his unsuccessful attempt to impale the frisky little dog on his horns and had returned to the pursuit of the girl.

Fortunately for Miss Brandt, the household in which she had sought refuge was provided with a preparation to overcome the effects of a snake's bite, and the administration of this saved her life, but she was dreadfully sick for forty-eight hours.

Miss Brandt is peculiarly unfortunate. She was with her brother on a deer hunt last fall when at a point in the woods where he had stationed her on a "runway" a good sized black bear suddenly emerged from a thicket. She became alarmed at the bear, fearing to shoot lest she should but aggravate it and it should attack her. In scampering from the stump upon which she was standing watch she fell and sustained a broken wrist, her rifle having fallen upon it with violent force as she pitched headlong to the ground.

In the meantime the bear had been hiking away through the thicket as fast as his legs could carry him, and though crippled, Miss Brandt succeeded in firing the gun the given number of times for the prearranged signal of distress, and her brother, who was scarcely a quarter of a mile below her on another bench of the ridge, started to find her. He came face to face with Mr. Bear as the latter was streaking for the tall timber, and one shot from his rifle sent bruin to the dust.

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Bolt Hits Buried Casket.

Zanesville, O.—In an electrical storm a lightning bolt struck a flower vase over the grave of Grover Moore, in the Roseville cemetery. Shattering the vase, the bolt plowed through the earth and found a resting place six feet below the surface, shattering the coffin and box in which it was confined. Both the box and coffin were easily seen through the hole which the bolt had bored through the ground. The damage was repaired next day. Moore was killed in a street car accident in Akron a year ago.

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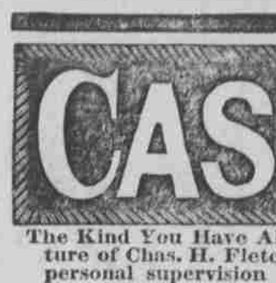

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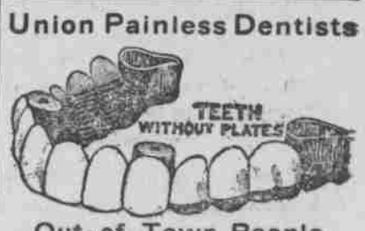

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