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## MAN'S MOST FAITHFUL FRIEND

A LITTLE STORY OF THE DEEP.

Why a Dog's Memory is Cherished and His Body Given a Christian Burial.

In 1871 the steamship Swallow left the Cape of Good Hope bound for England. Among the passengers was a child of two years and a nurse. The lady had also brought with her a huge, handsome Newfoundland dog called Nero.

The voyage had lasted about six days. No land was to be seen, and the island of St. Helena was the nearest point. The day was a beautiful one, with the breeze blowing and the sun shining down brightly on the sparkling waters. A large and gay company of passengers were assembled on deck; merry groups had clustered together; now and then a laugh ran out, or some one sang a little snatch of song, when suddenly the mirth of all was silenced by a loud and piercing scream.

A nurse who had been holding the child in her arms at the side of the vessel had lost her hold of the leaping, restless little one, and it had fallen overboard into the sea. The poor woman, in her despair, would have flung herself after her charge had not strong arms held her back. But sooner than can be written down something rushed quickly past her; there was a leap over the vessel's side, a splash into the water, and then Nero's black head appeared above the waves holding the child in his mouth.

The engines were stopped as soon as possible, but by that time the dog was far behind in the wake of the vessel. A boat was quickly lowered, and the ship's surgeon, taking his place in it, ordered the sailors to pull for their lives. One could just make out on the leaping, dancing waves the dogs black head holding something scarlet in his mouth. The child had on a little jacket of scarlet cloth, and it gleamed like a spark of fire on the dark blue waves.

The mother of the child stood on the deck, her eyes straining anxiously after the boat and the black spot upon the waves still holding firmly to the tiny scarlet point. The boat seemed fairly to creep, though it sped over the waves as it never sped before.

Sometimes a billow higher than others hid for a moment dog and child. But the boat came nearer and nearer, near enough at last to allow the surgeon to reach over and lift the child out of the dog's mouth, then a sailor's stout arms pulled Nero into the boat and the men rowed swiftly back to the ship. "Alive!" shouted every lip as the boat came within hail of the steamer; and as the answer came back, "Alive!" a "Thank God!" came from every heart.

Then the boat came to the ship's side. A hundred hands were stretched out to help the brave dog on board, and "Good Nero," "Brave dog," "Good fellow," resounded on every side. But Nero ignored the praises showered so profusely on him. He trotted sedately up to the child's mother, and with a wag of his dripping tail looked up into her face with his big faithful brown eyes, as if he said, "It is all right; I have brought her back safe."

The mother dropped on her knees on the deck, and taking the shaggy head in both hands kissed his wet face again and again, the tears pouring down her face in streams. Indeed, there was not a dry eye on board. One old sailor stood near with the tears running down his weather-beaten brown face, unconscious that he was weeping.

Well, Nero was for the rest of the voyage the pet and the hero of the ship, and he bore his honors with quiet dignity. It was curious, however, to see how, from that time on, he made himself the sentinel and body-guard of the child. He always placed himself at the

side of the chair of any person in whose arms she was, his eyes watching every movement she made. Sometimes she would be laid on the deck, with only Nero to watch her, and if inclined to creep out of bounds, Nero's teeth fastened firmly in the skirt of her frock, promptly drew her back. It was as though he said, "I have been lucky enough, Miss Baby, to save you once; but as I may not be so lucky again, I shall take care you don't run any such risks in the future."

When the steamer reached her destination, Nero received a regular ovation as he was leaving the vessel. Some one cried, "Three cheers for Nero!" and they were given with a will. And a "Good-by, Nero," "Good-by, good dog," responded on every side. Every one crowded around to give him a pat on the head as he trotted down the gang-plank. To all these demonstrations he could only reply with a wag of his tail and a twinkle of his faithful brown eyes. He kept very close to the nurse's side and watched anxiously his little charge's arrival on dry land.

He was taken to the home of his little mistress, where he lived loved and honored until he died of old age, with his shaggy gray head resting on the knee of the child (now a woman) that he had saved. His grave is in an English church, in the burial plot of the family to which he belonged, and is marked with a fair, white stone, on which is engraved, "Sacred to the memory of Nero."

His portrait hangs over the chimney-piece of an English drawing room, beneath which sits a fair-haired girl, who often looks up at Nero's portrait as she tells how he sprang into the Atlantic Ocean after her and held her until help came.—Parish and Home.

A dispatch from Manila, under date of March 19, says: Eva Rowland, known on the Pacific coast as "Little Egypt," who was reported to have eloped from San Francisco with Horace McKinley, who figured in the Oregon land fraud case has arrived here. Miss Rowland says that she and McKinley separated at Shanghai and that McKinley is now on the way to Guatemala under the name of A. Osler.

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## WORK BEGUN ON STREET RY

IN OPERATION BY FALL.

Portland to Forest Grove via Hillsboro in One Hour—Work Has Commenced in Earnest.

From the Oregonian.  
The United Railways Company set to work on the completion of the Oregon Traction Company's line to Forest Grove the very next day after the assets of the Traction Company were secured by the United Railways at public sale. Crews of engineers went carefully over the line directly west of the city, with a view to securing a better grade up the hills than had been laid out by the former company's survey. The original survey showed grades of 8 per cent in some places, and now a relocation has been made with 5 per cent the maximum along Holman Hill, while for the most of the way 4 per cent is the steepest pitch.

Contracts have been let to the Pence Company for sluicing off a portion of the sidchills along the Blyth and Holman hills, and work has already been begun. Knolls are being cut away and depressions filled up by the Pence giants, and much work of digging in the hillsides will be done away with. The Pence Company for sluicing off a portion of the sidchills along the Blyth and Holman hills, and work has already been begun. Knolls are being cut away and depressions filled up by the Pence giants, and much work of digging in the hillsides will be done away with. The Pence Company for sluicing off a portion of the sidchills along the Blyth and Holman hills, and work has already been begun. Knolls are being cut away and depressions filled up by the Pence giants, and much work of digging in the hillsides will be done away with.

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Taxes.  
Our readers should interest themselves about their taxes.

All taxes paid prior to March 15 get a rebate of three per cent, allowed for full payment. One half of the taxes may be paid by the first Monday in April and the other half will then be payable without interest on the first Monday in October following.

But if one-half the taxes are not paid by the first Monday in April, a penalty of ten per cent attaches, and the tax and penalty bear interest at 12 per cent per annum until paid.

Was there ever a law got up that is more in favor of the man with ready money and harder on the farmer who as a rule, prefers to pay in the fall.

Was there ever a law got up that gave the people a shorter time to take advantage of its good points, and that more speedily socked on the heavy penalty?

Formerly taxes became delinquent in the fall. Under this they become delinquent in the spring. There is a whole lot of the Portland plutocratic wisdom in the above law.

Why not give the people who want to pay one-half their taxes in the spring a little rebate, but give all a chance to pay their taxes in the fall without slapping a ten per cent penalty and interest onto them?—Salem Journal.

**A Band of Mercy Boy.**

The other day a horse was trying to get a very small quantity of oats from the depths of a very small nose bag. In vain the poor fellow tossed his head and did his best to gain his dinner. But at last, just as he was settling down to dumb and despairing patience, a bright-faced boy of perhaps ten or twelve years of age happened along. Seeing the dilemma of the horse the little fellow stopped and said: "Hallo, can't get your oats, can you? Never mind, I'll fix you!" And straightway he shortened up the straps that held the bag in place, and with a kindly pat and a cheery word which the grateful horse seemed to appreciate, went his way. I would like to be the mother or the aunt or even the first cousin to that boy. I would rather that he should belong to me than own a Paganini violin or a first-water diamond the size of a Concord grape. Bless his hearty wherever he is, and may he long continue to live in a world that needs him. Kindness of heart, tenderness, consideration for the needs of the helpless and the weak, and the courage that dares to be true to a merciful impulse, are traits that go far toward the making of angels. We need tender-hearted boys more than we need a new tariff to bring up and develop the resources of the country.—Home Advocate, Dallas, Texas.

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