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### THE CHESAPEAKE DUCK DOGS.

They belonged to the breed known as Chesapeake duck-dogs, and they certainly showed that, retrieving ducks was their vocation. They went out straight through some thirty birds, in and around the ducks, toward the two bathpans, which only slightly disabled them, swimming rapidly away. Each dog selected his bird, and went for it steadily. As the dog drew near, down went the duck. The dog stopped, and he was, stood up in the water turning slowly round in a circle looking for the duck to re-appear. The moment it came up he went for it again. This time he got Weaver. The same thing was repeated, the dog again time waited patiently for the duck's reappearance, and such time getting water to it. Finally, with a sudden dash and a partial dive, each dog seized his duck, and turning, swam toward with it. They would not trouble themselves with the ducks that Joe could secure, but selected those that required their particular attention, swimming after each not less than a quarter of a mile. When a shot is fired and a duck falls, a dog trained as these were will, unless forbidden, leave the blind immediately and retrieve the bird. If no duck falls he lies down again, invariably using his own judgment as to the result of the shot. He will never stir without express orders if he thinks the shot has been ineffectual. The breed is peculiar to these waters. It is a short-haired water-spaniel, drawn from imported stock, and peculiarly adapted to the cold water, and has been cultivated for years and is greatly prized by the sportsmen of Maryland.

Then Joe commenced talking the ducks. He threw a chip into the water, and let his dog go. The spaniel skipped eagerly in, with unbounded manifestations of delight. I thought it for a moment a great piece of carelessness on Joe's part. But in went another chip just at the shallow edge, and the spaniel entered into the fun with the greatest zest imaginable. Joe kept on throwing his chips, first to the right and then to the left, and the more he threw the more eagerly the dog played. For twenty minutes I watched this mysterious and seemingly purposeless performance, but presently, looking toward the ducks, I noticed that a few rods had left the main body and had headed toward the dog. Even at a distance, I could see that they were attracted by his actions. They were soon followed by other coos, and, after a minute or two, a few large ducks came out from the bed and joined them. Others followed these, and then there were successive defections of rapidly increasing numbers. Several ducks, stood up in the water by the aid of their wings, sustained themselves a moment, and, sitting down, swam rapidly around in involved circles, betraying the greatest excitement. And still they played, and played, and gambled in graceful fashion after Joe's chips. By this time the ducks were not over two hundred yards away, and taking heart of their numbers, were approaching rapidly, showing in all their actions the liveliest curiosity. It was an astonishing and most interesting spectacle to see them marshaling about, to see long lines stand up out of the water, to note their famous excitement and the facility with which the dog kept to his deceitful and never breaking the spell by a fatal back or a disturbing movement. The more widely he played, the more erratic grew the actions of the ducks. They deployed from right to left, retreated and advanced, whirled in companies and crossed and recrossed on another.

Stragglers hurried up from the rear, and bunches from the main became flustering and pushing through to the front to see what it was all about. By this time the nearest skirmishes were one hundred yards off, and as Joe threw the chips to the right or left and the dog wheeled after them, it would be ducks tumbling and wheeling from side to side. On they came until some were about thirty yards away. These held back while the ungovernable curiosity of those behind made them push forward until the dog had a closely packed audience of over a thousand ducks gathered in front of him.

"The!" said B, and the spectacle ended in havoc and slaughter. *—Scribner for Nov.*

"Yes, doctor," remarked Mrs. Partington, "a few days previous feeling somewhat indisposed, and having a growing pain in the abdomen, I took some patent medicine, and I feel convinced that it seriously repaired my constitution. I suppose I'm of an excruciating temper, for I'm always a worrying ever since Betsy Smith had congestion of the lungs, or some temporary affection; but to tell the truth, I've always dreaded an infernal tumor."

### ABOUT TELEGRAPHING.

The New York correspondent of the *Times* writes: "One of the most interesting places in this city is the telegraph building, corner of Broadway and Bay Street. Formerly this spot was occupied by the Franklin House, a very popular one. From Franklin's connection with electricity, it seems proper that the telegraph building should be his successor. As a specimen of grand commercial architecture, this structure has no superior, and the fact that its cost was \$2,000,000 shows how much can be laid out on space not exceeding 50 by 150 feet. The telegraphic operations carried on in this establishment are of an extent that would baffle an ordinary observer. It may, however, be suggested by the fact that the success of 325 capable employees are required inside operators. The room occupied by the latter is of vast size, and is on the sixth floor. Here 265 skillful persons watch the clicking of the needles. A large portion of this force is composed of young women. The best operators receive \$15 per month, and work extra by ear. There is a great surplus of talent in this establishment, and many intellectual applications for employment are made daily.

The contrast between the cheap materials and the immense results in telegraphy is very striking. The power is obtained simply from sulphate of copper (blue vitriol), water and zinc. In the battery room there are 14,000 cups in use, each containing the necessary elements. The heaviest battery weighs 350 cups (or cells), and is used solely for Chicago dispatches. They consume 20 barrels of blue vitriol every month, and 3400 pounds of zinc. On one of the upper floors a resuscitant is in operation, where the employees have a first aid station at a reasonable price. They purchase tickets in advance, and these tickets are currency for dishes, which are supplied on the European plan. This system is becoming very general in all large establishments. During the hot weather a ton of ice is consumed in this establishment daily, usually fifty water coolers being in use.

The cable factory contains a dozen cells. I need hardly say that the method used in cable practice differs from ordinary telegraphy. The term applied to this method is "induction." I have not space for its explanation, but one of its features is the reflection of the needle. The cheapest message on the cable is seventy-five cents, and is limited to one word. Some of our readers may think that one word can be of little use, but if properly handled it may convey as much information as an ordinary sentence. This can be done by the method called "packing." Let us suppose that a New York banking house arranges with its London correspondent a vocabulary of words, each of which has a specific meaning. The London house may telegraph, for instance, the word "thunder," and the New Yorkers, by reference to their book, will find the meaning of "thunder" to be the Bank of England has advanced its rate of interest to three per cent. All this, which at long rate would cost \$575, is obtained for a mere trifle, and the system certainly shows great ingenuity. The cable operators, as these are called, are numerous and are in charge of a very expert operator. The difference in time between New York and London is a curious feature in ocean telegraphy. The London banker is in the full swing of traffic when the New York agent is just thinking of getting up. At noon the London markets are closed to this city, where they arrive at seven o'clock in the morning of the same day. The London agent of the New York press telegraph the most important news issued in the London Times at six o'clock in the morning. It reaches here at one o'clock the same morning, just in time to be inserted in New York journals, whose readers have the same matter that the Londoner digests with breakfast. This is doing a little better than even taking time by the forelock. It is getting ahead of him in a prodigious manner.

### AN ECDOPE OF DAGUERRE.

M. Dumas related the following anecdote of Daguerre: "In 1825 he was lecturing in the Theatre of St. Antoine, on chemistry. At the close of the lecture a lady came up to him and said: 'Monsieur Dumas, as a man of science I have a question of no small amount to me to ask you. I am the wife of Daguerre the painter. For some time he has in the habit of looking upon him that he can fix the image of the camera. Do you think it possible? He is always at the thought, he can't sleep at night for it.' I was afraid he is 'out of his mind.' Do you, as a man of science, think it ever can be done, or is he mad?' "In the present state of knowledge," said Dumas, "it cannot be done, but I cannot say it will always remain impossible, but set the man down as mad who seeks to do this." This was twelve years before Daguerre worked his invention, and fixed the image of his many a man's hand by a possibility has been transformed into a madhouse. *—Journal Paris Post.*

Man's love to God is like the changing sand; His is like the solid rock. Man's love is like the passing mirror with the full glass; His is like the fixed stars, shining for above, clear and serene, from age to age, in their own changeless brilliancy.

And in these days the coquettish shop-girl goes home in the eve from her labors, and she walks along the street, and she elevates and depresses the bill of her left eye, and she looks to the acquaintance of the promiscuous young man. And on Saturday night shall they go onto the Bowery and sit one by the side of the other, and crack the sociable peanut, and the flame of love shall be sufficed within their hearts.

Also, at this time doth the young man of letters start the newspaper that shall be for a light unto the world. And in the space of three months shall come to pass what was spoken by the prophet, saying: "He struck me for a quarter, and I struck him back for a duple." And thereafter that young man leaveth it to other young men to start newspapers for a light unto the world.

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Also, hereabouts in the year the careful youth putteth on a chest-protector and covereth his lungs from the cold. And the heedless young man standeth by and reyleth that careful youth, and he presently is gathered unto his fathers.

This, moreover, the time when the young woman who walketh uprightly, taketh counsel with herself, and getteth her wools of various colors, and kulleth a comfort for the attractive and eligible young minister, against the time when he shall be colder in the days of winter. And this she doth that he may be grateful therefor, and may say unto her: "Maiden, wilt thou be my wife?" But the attractive and eligible young minister smoketh her little garner, yea, in that beauty hath he been ere this, and he smiled on the zealous sister; but he contenteth himself with smiling. *—Puck.*

### AN INTELLIGENT DOG.

We hear much of the intelligence of dogs, and the many wonderful and well-ventured instances that are recorded can scarcely cause surprise at any new proof of sagacity. The following from Belgium has been commented upon severely, but there seems no reason for doubting that dogs are capable of all the reasoning faculties here appertained:

A certain Monsieur N., going on foot from Leuze to Kessines, in Belgium, took with him his dog, which he was anxious to get rid of; but he was unwilling either to drown him or to shoot him, he resolved to lose him on the way. The dog, who, instead of kind words and caresses, received nothing but threats, seemed to understand his master's project, he kept quite close to his heels, and would not leave him for a moment. N., obliged to sleep out for that night in order to finish his business, went to the inn, and said to his fore-looked companion, instead of good night, "to-morrow, youascal, I shall take the train, and you will have to walk about here." He then went up to his room and went to bed.

The next morning, great was N.'s surprise to perceive when he got up that one of his socks and his waistcoat were missing. The landlord, when questioned, seemed to have wished in this way to prevent his master from starting without him. N., admiring the sagacity of his dog, as long as he lived to get rid of him.

Watch for opportunities of usefulness. Every day brings them, and once gone, they are gone forever, and no one can divide to it.

Death is the false road to happiness, and all the joys we travel through to vice, like fairy banners, vanish when we touch them.

The best inheritance from your father is poverty and a good name. If you have both of these you are unusually fortunate, and your prospects in life are of the very brightest sort.

We must not judge a man by a word or a single action. Life is composed of so many incidents, that we would often take the exception for the rule.

A bishop asked a little child: "My friend, tell me where God is?" and I will give you an answer. My Lord," replied the child, "tell me where he is not? and I will give you."

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