LEBO'S

PETS-A FAMILY AFFLICTION.

(From The Dallas Oak.)

I suppose every family in which there has been a small boy has, at some time or other, been afficted by a series of pets -pests they are sometimes called by an irate parent. Even before the boy is able to sit alone he likes the stuffed wooly dogs from the toy shops. By the time he has shed dresses and is in his first cotton suits, he has discarded these lifeless toys and searches for something which can follow his toddling foodsteps.

How well I remember the first dog which was admitted into our household It was an overgrown, veloing dog of no particular breed, presented to my little five-year-old brother by an adorning uncle, who probably remembered his boy hood days. What a trial this day was to as all! Had he only been pretty, or even respectable looking, I thing we could wave endured him, but from a promising looking pup he grew into an angainly dog with a long tail, which had the unbear able habit of slinking between his legs. He always had the appearance of being in his own way, and he certainly was in every one elses". He was abjectly de voted to my brother, who was very proud of Prince-what an unappropriate namfor a dog of such unprincely bearingas he taggest at his heels untiringly. How long he was with us I do not remember, but one day he left and did not return. We never knew what became of kim, nor were we guilty of much in ouiring, but we little realized that our troubles had only begun, for from that time forth our home was acves long free from pets of some kind.

Jack was at first overcome with grief, but in a few days he received a pair of tame rabbits from a maiden anat, who sympathized with his childish grief. These he declared were "lots better than add Prince anyhow." For the rale ats it was necessary to erect a small pen in the back yard. They were always getting out and this meant destruction to fother's cabbages. They were the joy of dack's small sould while he had them and at the same time a relief to every one else except father, who had always taken a pride in his gardn. One night, however, they hopped from their pen and roaming farther than the garden, did not return.

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Free

Hear

Pete

This time Jack was tired of anything as gentle as rabbits and, boy like, he wanted something which would romp and play with him, therefore, we were not very much surprised when he came home one day leading a dog -at least not surprised at his acquiring a new pet - but such a pet! Since then I have seen numerous dogs of various descriptions and of different breeds, but I have never seen one like that one. He was the slimmest dog imaginable-to be exact skinny is the only word that could properly des ribe him. 1 rather think that his extreme length accentuated his lack of bodily circumference. His tail like Prince's, had the slinking habit also his body was borne up by tooth-pick legs attached to which were elephantine feet. His long cars drooped about his mourn fol eyes. When he was first led into the dining room, mother gave a horrified shrick, but all remonstrance with Jack proved fulile and she finally consented to grant him a place in the old barn, which stood back of the house. Immein take being ban ished



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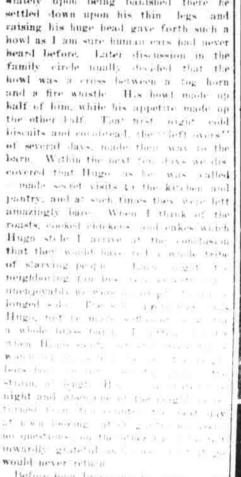
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