

Fred sold twenty-four papers, and was turning away when one of the gentlemen who knew him well, stopped him and asked him to wait a minute.

"Would you like to do easy office work, Fred?" he asked.

"Yes, if I could earn as much," said Fred.

"I ask because I want a boy to help me. I want one who has a fair knowledge of arithmetic, and if he improves the opportunities I will make for him, he will have a good chance for promotion," said the man.

"I would not do," said Fred reluctantly, "because I do not know anything about arithmetic: but, I'll tell you," and his face brightened. "Rudolph Melton is about the smartest newsboy in town. Why, he can figure out interest—sometimes in his head!" and Fred looked very happy as he told of his friend's ability.

"Where can I find this boy?" asked the man.

"You just stand here two minutes and I will send him to you."

Straight across the muddy street went Fred, and astonished Rudolph by telling him that Mr. Warner was in the vestibule of the Equity Building and wanted to see him.

"I don't know any Mr. Warner," said Rudolph.

"You go over and hear what he has to say," said Fred mysteriously.

Rudolph crossed the street and found Mr. Warner waiting for him.

He told the boy what he wanted, and then said:

"I suppose you have no references?"

"No, sir," answered Rudolph, "for I never worked at anything but these," and he looked down at his bundle of papers. "But if you will try me I will do my best."

Mr. Warner noticed that the boy held his cap in his hand while he talked, and he noticed too that Rudolph looked at him with modest, straightforward eyes.

"Where do you stay?" asked Mr. Warner.

"At the Newsboys' Home when sales are good," said Rudolph.

"And when they are not?"

"Anywhere I can find shelter," answered Rudolph.

Mr. Warner took a card from his pocket and wrote something on the back of it, and gave it to Rudolph.

"I want you to take this to Mr. Rudd at the office of 'The Home.' He will understand. You can stay there to-night, and need not pay for lodging or breakfast. Then come to me at Room 39 to-morrow and we will arrange about your work. I am glad to help you while you try to help yourself."

What a different place the world seemed to the lonely boy!

Even Feathers soon felt the improvement, for, in consideration of the good fortune that had befallen his master, he was treated to five cents' worth of meat from the nearest butcher shop.

Hurrying through the rain toward "The Home," Rudolph's thoughts went back to the writer of the letter whose advice had helped him that day.

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At other times he would enter the room unobserved and commit such havoc as only crows are capable of—removing the corks from bottles and emptying the contents in perfect torrents over the floor, plucking the pins from the pin cushions and scattering writing materials, letters and bric-a-brac in every direction.

One day he entered the window, seized an unused lead pencil, and, before the indignant servant could snatch it away from him, he flew off with it to a neighboring tree.

His mistress, incensed by this theft, refused to recognize him in any way and pushed him away from her window when he came for his food. He flew off, and within five minutes appeared again bearing in his bill the stolen pencil, bereft of its rubber end piece, but otherwise uninjured. He deposited it with all solemnity on the window sill, and then bowed and cooed in his most captivating manner, evidently begging for a restoration to favour.

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There are some beautiful examples of friendship between women, which were begun when the two concerned were children, and which lasted all through a long life. Maria

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Caricatures will continue to be a feature. Serial Stories, A New England story by Miss Mary E. Wilkins, will begin in January. A tale of a Greek uprising against the Turks, by Mr. E. F. Benson the author of "Dodo," will follow. A sequel to "The House-Boat on the Styx," by Mr. John Kendrick Bangs, illustrated by Mr. Peter Newell.

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The Dog and the Doctor

An English setter, owned in the city of Portland, became lame about a year ago, and the family physician, noticing his infirmity, told Jack's master that if he would bring the dog to his office he would try to cure him. This was done, and the leg became as good as new. The other day the same dog was run over by an electric car and badly mangled. He was noticed by the people in a house that he often visited dragging himself past that house and on to the doctor's office, where he climbed the steps and waited at the door until he was let in. But though the doctor tried all means to help him, he was past cure this time, and was killed to end his suffering.

We heard years ago of a dog that had his leg injured, and a kind gentleman took the dog in and cured him. Weeks afterwards the cured dog returned bringing another dog with him who had been injured. The dogs would have been turned away from the house had not the gentleman been looking out of the window and chanced to see the dogs coming up the steps. He said he never saw an animal that acted so much like a person as that dog when he came into the hall bringing the limping dog with him. He took them both in and kept them until the injured dog had entirely recovered.

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