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Tait, and afterwards at Harrow. My people decided that I had too many brains for the Army, consequently—

"Confound you, sir," shrieked the general. "I don't care about your infernal brains—I want to know what you are here for?"

"Then why didn't you say so?" I remarked, with some natural irritation, "I have come to have a little chat with you about these dogs."

I was certainly not prepared for the effect that these simple words had on my antagonist. His moustache bristled no more, the colour of his countenance faded to a pale pink; with one hand he seized his glass and took a hasty gulp, the other strayed over his chair and rested caressingly on the head of Joseph, who smiled pleasantly.

My mind, as I think I have mentioned before, works quickly, but I must admit that I was surprised and taken aback by the general's evident confusion. It is true that he had nefariously stolen my aunt's dog; on the other hand, I—as he must by this time be aware—had stolen his. Yet he was uncomfortable. Why? I racked my brain for a solution.

The general cleared his throat. "I imagine, sir," he began, "that you are acting on behalf—er—of my—er—esteemed neighbour, Miss—er—Grimwade."

"My aunt," I replied, with a polite bow.

"Then let me say at once," pursued General Sholto, "how much I regret the—er—regrettable incidents of the last few days. Liver, sir, all liver, I assure you."

"Quite so, quite so," I nodded sympathetically. "We, for our part, are quite willing to let bygones be bygones including—er—your liver, but, of course, we must put matters on a proper basis first. My aunt's dog Joseph—"

The general winced perceptibly. He patted the dog once more on the head, and in a flash I saw how the land lay. My stroke of luck had arrived. Fate had played into my hands. The general was as unwilling to part with Joseph as my aunt with Crusoe. Hastily changing my tactics, I proceeded:

"My aunt's dog, as I was saying, is already sold—that is to say, practically sold to a friend of mine in London. I advised her some time ago to replace him with a dog more suitable for a lady; indeed I came down intending to take him back with me, and as I shall be leaving almost at once—"

The general blew his nose violently. "May I ask, sir, if the sale is completed? By a curious coincidence, I am trying to sell my dog, and if—"

He broke off.

I shook my head. "There is nothing actually settled—but my aunt has been offered a very good price—£20—and this she has decided to accept."

"I offer £25," said the general, abruptly.

I looked surprised.

"In that case, of course," I said, "I have no doubt that the matter can be arranged. But I must make a proviso. In a small place like this, where everything is known to everybody, people have been gossiping, and some explanation is required—merely for the public consumption, you understand. My aunt had better retain Crusoe, and we can give out that you have simply exchanged dogs. To put the matter on a business footing, I suggest that you deduct the odd £5 as the price of the animal."

"I am perfectly agreeable," said the general.

"One thing more," I proceeded, "my aunt is a strong-willed woman—some might call her obstinate. She thinks she is entitled to an apology from you—you, of course, being undoubtedly the aggressor."

"An apology," said the general uneasily. "I might manage it—though such things are hardly in my line. There's my liver to consider, you see." He shook his head despondently.

"A paper apology would do," I remarked. In fact I could embody it in a short legal document, putting on record the exchange of the dogs."

The general rose and grasped me by the hand. A few minutes later I was on my way home with his cheque for £20 in my waistcoat pocket.

And so it was that when I returned to my life of toil and stress in the Metropolis I carried back with me not only health and strength renewed by my stay in the country; not only the general's cheque for £20, which my aunt positively refused to accept, but also the following unique legal instrument which now reposes in my safe, alongside of the last will and testament, and the insurance policy against burglary belonging to my Aunt Matilda—who is still, I regret to say, my only client:

An Agreement made between Matilda Jane Grimwade of the one part and Wolseley Sholto of the other part on the 3rd day of June 1908. The said Matilda Jane Grimwade agrees to take and the said Wolseley Sholto agrees to give all that St. Bernard dog known as and answering to the name of Crusoe; And the said Matilda Jane Grimwade agrees to give and the said Wolseley Sholto agrees to take all that bull-terrier dog known as and sometimes answering to the name of Joseph; in consideration of which ex-

change, the said Wolseley Sholto has paid to the said Matilda Jane Grimwade the sum of £20, hereby acknowledged.

Provided Always that the said Wolseley tenders and the said Matilda Jane Grimwade accepts all proper apologies and regrets for any actions of himself or any of his servants, domestics or dependents as may have caused distress or annoyance to the said Matilda Jane Grimwade.

Witness our hands.

(Signed)

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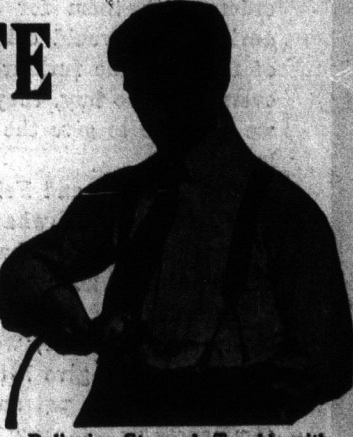
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