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A Lesson in Self-Defence.

Here is a good story from Rev. Dr. Newman Hall's autobiography:

One day during Mr. Hall's pastorate of a church in Yorkshire, he was chatting with a farmer about the best method of self-defence when attacked by a savage dog.

"Take off your hat and hold it in front of you," advised the farmer. "The dog will at once bite the rim. Then kick violently under your hat, and the distance being exactly that of your leg, the toe of your boot will strike the lower jaw of the dog, which will at once go off in great pain."

The very next day Mr. Hall was crossing a field when a fierce dog ran at him. There was no refuge near. He had no stick. He remembered his lesson, and put it in practice. In an instant the dog rushed howling round the field, and the grand old dissenter, with a very slight wound in his hat, went his way.

Determined to Bag Him.

A rather neat story is told in an English paper concerning a country doctor who was going on his rounds one morning with his gun on his shoulder:

He was a keen sportsman, as are many of the faculty whose practice lies in the places where sport abounds, and was looking forward to polishing off a little grouse game when his professional visits were over. A friend meeting him, and seeing him with the gun, exclaimed, "Where are you going, doctor, so early in the day, with that deadly weapon on your shoulder?" (The medical man, it is stated, was well known as a crack shot.) "I'm hurrying off to see a patient," he replied. "Well," said his friend, "I see you have determined not to miss him."

Trunk Lines of Habit.

In Nashville, Tenn., according to Dr. James Vance, in his latest book, "Royal Madness," the fire department has an engine-house located on the eastern side of the Cumberland River. To reach the city hall from this engine-house, it is necessary to go six blocks west, down Woodland Street, cross the long bridge which spans the Cumberland, and turn into the public square.

At the first alarm of fire, it is the duty of the East Nashville engine to go immediately to the city hall and wait there as a reserve. At a second alarm it goes into action.

One night the alarm sounded. Quickly the horses took their places, the fireman occupying his position in the rear of the engine; but as the horses dashed out at full gallop, the driver missed his step and was left behind.

Down the street the noble team raced at full speed, the fireman in the rear blissfully ignorant that no hands were on the reins. Across the long bridge, around the curve, and to their appointed place in front of the city hall the horses galloped, and there they stopped, to await further orders.

As the belated driver rushed up breathless to find all was well, he discovered that trunk lines of habit could be laid in the body of a horse as well as in that of a man. Resting his cheek against the faces of his dumb friends, he praised them and patted them, and was proud to be the driver of such a team.

It is possible for a human, being thus to make habit his friend of duty.

An old-fashioned presiding elder, in the state of New York, upon being asked by the bishop what sort of a preacher ascertain charge wanted, replied as follows: "Well, bishop, two years ago they had a professor of chemistry; last year they had a professor of Greek; now they want a professor of religion."—*Methodist Review*.

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