

# Happy Days

## TEDDY AND HIS DOGS.

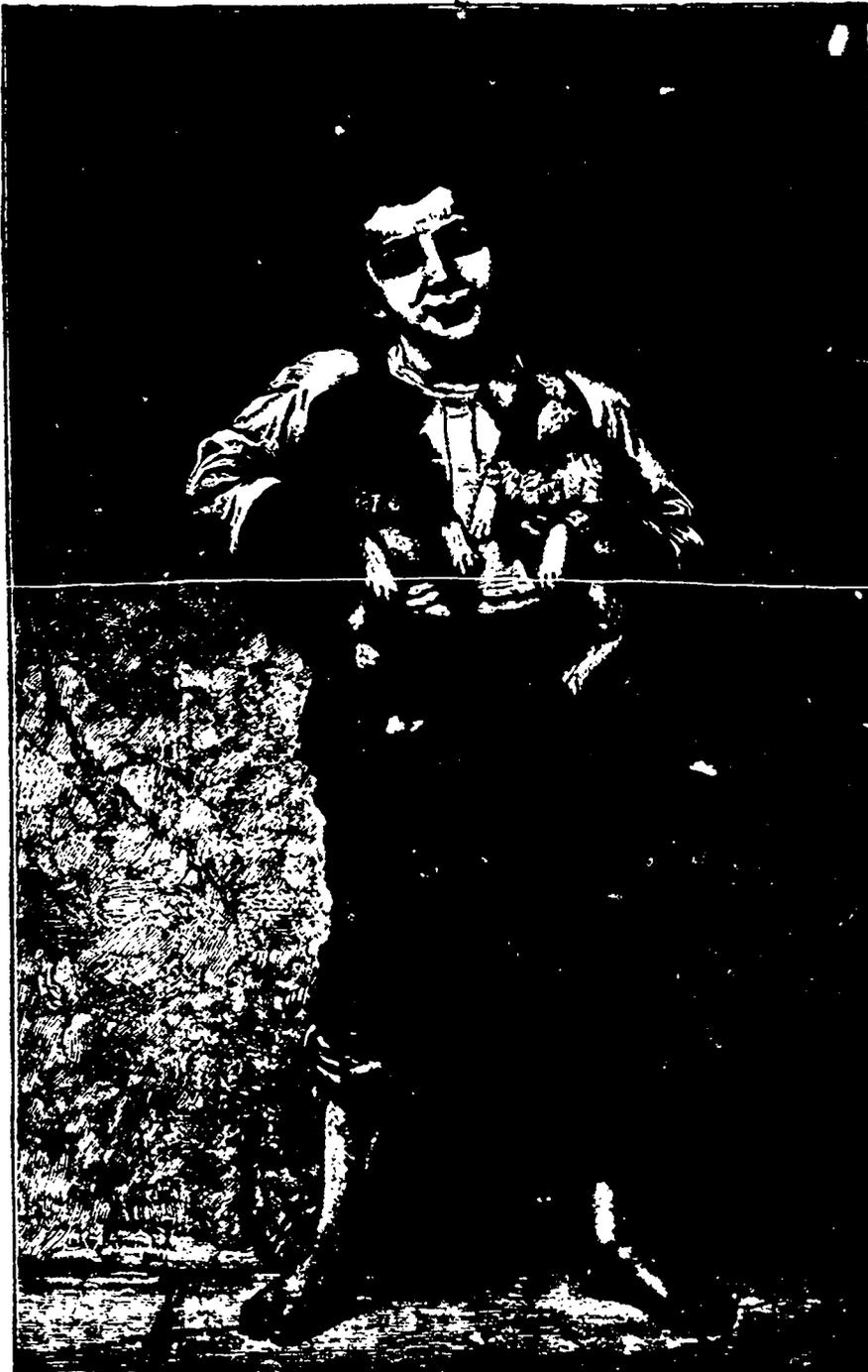
TEDDY BATES earned his pet dogs in an unusual way. His father and mother were poor, unambitious people—happy and contented if they got three plain meals a day and had respectable clothes to wear on Sundays. Teddy had always longed for a dog, but his father was too poor to buy him one, as Teddy was anxious to own a pretty dog.

One fine morning as ragged Teddy was sauntering down the street, he saw a horse and carriage dashing towards him at a furious rate. He soon perceived it was a runaway, and as it came nearer he saw that there was no one but a little girl in the carriage.

"Ah, it is Dr. Fulton's pretty little girl," thought Teddy. "Her father's left her with the horse while he's been makin' a call, an' it's run away. Poor little thing!"

And quick as thought Teddy was out on the road ready to stop the mad horse. The buggy swung from one side of the road to the other, but still the frightened little girl managed to cling to the seat. It was a lonely street, only a few children being anywhere in sight, but Teddy was a bright, manly boy, and had heard how to stop a horse, though this was his first chance to try to do it.

He was successful, and when Dr. Fulton learned of his brave conduct he asked Te-



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was so grateful to Teddy that he gave him two instead, saying he might sell one and keep the other. Teddy has them, and do you wonder that he is proud of them?

## INDIA RUBBER.

AWAY in South America there are a great many tall trees, called rubber trees, that have a sap or juice in them. The people who live in that country take an axe and cut a small hole in one of these trees, and fasten a cup near this hole. When the sap first comes from the tree it looks very much like cream. It would be rather difficult to send the rubber to this country in that condition, and so the men who are gathering it build a fire and dip a paddle in the sap and hold it over the smoke. When the sap begins to harden they dip it in again until there is a great deal of rubber on the paddle. Then it is cut off and sent to this country in large quantities.

Of course, when the rubber reaches us it is full of dirt and bits of bark. These have to be taken out, and then things are mixed with it to make it bend easily and to take away the bad smell which the rubber has. Next, the rubber is put between two heavy rollers until

it has been rolled into a long, thin sheet. Then it is ready to be made into boots and shoes, hats caps, and playthings.