

**This and That**

**WHO WAS THE FOOL?**

Tradition tells of a certain nobleman who kept a fool to whom one day he gave a staff, with a charge to keep it till he should meet with one who was a greater fool than himself. Years passed by, the nobleman fell sick, even unto death.

He said to his fool, "I must shortly leave you."

"And whither are you going?" said the jester.

"Into another world," replied his lordship.

"And when will you return? Within a month?"

"No."

"Within a year?"

"No."

"When, then?"

"Never!"

"Never," said the fool; "and what provision have you made for your entertainment, whither you are going?"

"None at all!"

"What, none at all?" said the fool.

"Here, then, take my staff; for with all my folly I am not guilty of any such folly as this!"—Ex.

**A STORY OF A CANARY AND A BULL-FINCH.**

George Henschel, in 'Nature,' tells a story of a bullfinch and a canary that deserves permanent record. The bullfinch belongs to his sister and can pipe the whole of several tunes. 'God Save the King' among them. The canary's cage was in the same room, and in about a year the canary learned the whole of 'God Save the King' from the bullfinch, and often piped it independently. Mr. Henschel lately heard the bullfinch pipe part of the tune (six bars) and then paused. To his amazement the canary took up the tune where the other had left it and finished the tune (eight bars). At this time the two birds were in different rooms.

Nothing could be more authentic than the story, or more amazing.—Ex.

**THE MAN'S DOG.**

Some time ago a man wanted to put his dog out of the way, so he went out in a boat and threw the animal into the middle of the river. When the poor thing, swimming for its life, tried to get back to its master, he beat it over the head with the oar. The boat, with the man's blows, suddenly capsized, and the man, who could not swim a stroke, would certainly have been drowned, but the dog seized him by the coat, dragged him ashore and saved his life. The man was ashamed to look the dog in the face, and made no further attempt to kill it.—Ex.

**AN INTELLIGENT CAT.**

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"was shut up in a room where there was a tube used in calling people.

"Desiring to get out of the room and having no means of opening the door, he climbed upon a chair near the tube, erected himself upon his hind legs, steadied himself by placing his paws upon the back of the chair, put his mouth to the tube and began whining and mewling into it.

"In this attitude he was found by his young mistress who came into the room at the moment that he was trying to call some one to his aid."—Ex.

**TAKE A FORTNIGHT.**

There is a story of an old New England physician to the effect that a woman once rushed up to him—probably as he was making his round of visits—with the inquiry:

"Doctor, what shall I take for a cold?"

"Take a fortnight, madam, take a fortnight," answered the doctor serenely; "and if that doesn't cure it, take another one."

Whatever may be the thought of the prescription for the case in hand, it is a very sensible one for many another ill, physical, mental, and spiritual. We are so impatient of discomfort of any sort that we run here and there in search of remedies for troubles that would heal themselves with a little wholesome letting alone. Half the worries that spoil the day and make restless nights, half the dangers that we foresee for ourselves or our loved ones, half the changed demeanor in friends over which we grieve, imaginary, are but flitting clouds that will pass with a little time; they need only to be given a fortnight. There is wondrous healing in rest and patience, and a depth of meaning we have never yet fathomed the words of the prophet: "In quietness and confidence shall be your strength."—Forward.

**THE LAWYER AND THE WITNESS.**

A newspaper writer, being a witness in a county court recently, was harried by a bumptious young lawyer, who asked: "So you are a writer, are you? Well, sir, with what paper or magazine are you connected?" "With none," was the modest reply. "Then why don't you call yourself a writer? What do you write—novels, scientific works, histories, or what?" "I write anything and everything that occurs to me as likely to be worth reading." "Well, then, for whom or for what do you write? You say you are not connected with any paper or magazine." "Yes, sir, so I stated. I am an unattached writer for the general market." "Just so. You write anything that occurs to you. Well, now, do you write up the proceedings of courts?" "I have done so occasionally." "Can you state to the judge what particular kind of a court proceeding you would deem worthy of your pen?" "Yes; if I saw a young lawyer treating a respectable witness in a very rude and disrespectful manner, and making an ass of himself generally, I should think that possibly worth writing up." The court smiled audibly. The judge took the witness in hand for a moment. "How much do you think a scene like this, for instance, ought to bring if it were written up?" "It would depend upon the actors. If the lawyer were a person of any note or character, possibly half a guinea or a guinea." "What should you expect to receive were you to write the facts of this particular instance?" "About eightpence, your honor." The young lawyer had no further questions to ask the witness.—Cassell's Saturday Journal.

**EVERY MAN IN HIS OWN WAY.**

The late Dr. Joseph Parker of London once used a little parable in which he told of a sheep which found fault with the duck, saying: "There is a duck swimming. Why cannot it be contented with walking? Look at me,—I never was in a pool of water in my life; the solid earth for me if you please." Presently the duck tossed its critical head, and said: "Look up; there you will see what ought to annoy any one who regards sobriety and common sense as a part and parcel of life.—See there! What is it?" It was an eagle flying, hunting the sun. And the eagle looking down, said: "Oh, you stupid, earth-loving, earth-clinging creatures! Why not come up here?" So it is amongst men—some walk, some swim, some fly. But we are all God's servants, and it is wicked for us to go about criticising true-hearted people because they do their work differently from our own way.—Ex.

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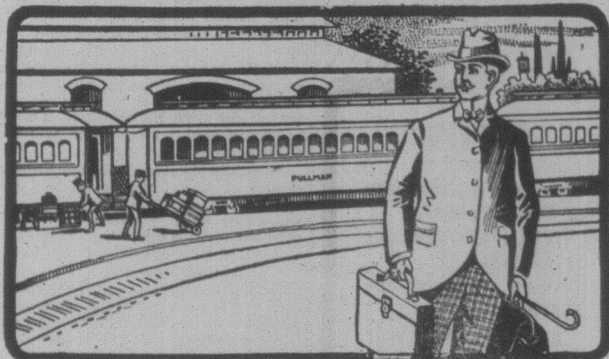
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