

Intelligence of Dogs. In the ADVANCE of 18th ult., a number of instances of sagacity and proofs of reasoning powers in cats were given from a scientific exchange. The following in relation to dogs will be equally as interesting.

A small English terrier belonging to a friend has been taught to ring for the servant. To test if the dog knew why he was doing this, he was told to do so while the girl was in the room. The little fellow looked up in the most intelligent manner at the person giving the order (his master or mistress, I forget which), then at the servant, and refused to obey although the order was repeated more than once. The servant left the room, and a few minutes afterwards the dog rang the bell immediately on being told to do so.

Having shot a hare so slightly as to make it a long chase for the dog (a young one) I watched the retriever follow the hare over the open hills of Abbeville for upwards of two miles until the chase was lost to view in a dense thicket. In a few moments the dog was something as if he had been shot in the mouth with which he disappeared over the dyke into a turnip field. "He has killed the hare and he is too tired to bring it back, so he is burying it," quoth the keeper, "we shall come up with it in the evening." The day's sport over, we made for the dog's burying ground, but the retriever, if you please, knew nothing about it, and he carried wildly about in every direction except the right one. The keeper, Henry Ledingham, of Tarnland, Abbeville, having a remarkable gift of spotting fallen game, actually put his foot on the very spot among the turnips where the burial had occurred. After immense efforts of surprise the retriever was forced to search the hare. The hare, however, was a rotten old carcass of a hare, with no eyes and teeth, that the retriever had picked up and buried to save himself the pains of following the live hare. Perfectly convinced of his misdeed the dog had given evidence of abstract reasoning in each stage of the transaction.

The little river in the neighbourhood of Orleans had risen, in consequence of heavy rains, and ran with rather considerable swiftness, in a certain place where it is crossed by a road, when it was forced by a crowd of men sitting on its banks to rise. His dog swam after him, but was taken down by the current and carried back to the bank. Then, after a moment's hesitation, the animal ran some distance up the bank, jumped into the water, and managed to reach the other side just where the road emerged from the river, sitting thus precisely as a boatman might have done in similar circumstances.

About thirteen years ago a noted medical man residing near Edinburgh, possessed a favorite cat called "Cheviot" by name. The incident I am about to relate, I may mention, was related to me by the son of the gentleman in question, both father and son, along with a perfectly disinterested party, having corroborated the facts. The then provost of the burgh in which "Cheviot" master lived having ordered that all dogs be muzzled, during the "dog-days," the dog's owner and the members of the family opposed the dog's hearing, in no measured terms of the cruelty of the provost's order. But the end of the "dog days" came, and "Cheviot's" muzzle was removed. On the afternoon of the day of liberation, the provost called on "Cheviot's" master, to say that in the morning he had heard a dog whining at his front door. The provost opened the door; "Cheviot" was in waiting, his muzzle in his mouth. One look at the provost, and the muzzle was dropped at his feet, "Cheviot" scampering off in the highest glee, as if delighted to have had the opportunity of laying the cause of his grievance at the door of his enemy.

My retriever, some four or five years old, whilst bearing an implacable enmity to fishes at large, had struck up a close friendship with a household cat from Kitchener, and had associated with him. For sanitary reasons was removed. On the afternoon of the day of liberation, the provost called on "Cheviot's" master, to say that in the morning he had heard a dog whining at his front door. The provost opened the door; "Cheviot" was in waiting, his muzzle in his mouth. One look at the provost, and the muzzle was dropped at his feet, "Cheviot" scampering off in the highest glee, as if delighted to have had the opportunity of laying the cause of his grievance at the door of his enemy.

I have found an example of extreme usefulness in a mongrel dog, who for some years before the death of an old, deaf and blind companion, was accustomed to proceed to his resting place, and bark in his ear to warn him of the presence near at hand of the mistress of the kindly hand of the mistress of the house was accustomed to place for the detection of both. This proceeding was repeated day by day, with unvarying regularity, and in its nature suggests strongly that the exercise of self-denial amidst the obvious temptation of an easy acquisition of luxury, has to be placed to the credit account of the canine race.

The picturesque little station at Hawkesbury Lane, between Newmarket and Coventry, was for some time past been the home of a fox terrier known as "Pincher," an animal possessing almost human intelligence. "Pincher" trained by his owner, Mr. Weston, to do so, would listen with marvellous patience and attentiveness for the signal intimating that a train was approaching the station, and then, almost with the speed of lightning, rush to the signal-box, and seizing the bell between its teeth, shake it heartily, and thus apprise the waiting passengers of the train's approach. His task accomplished, he would descend the steps leading from the box, proudly wagging his tail, and ready and willing, apparently, for any duty he might be called upon to perform. Often

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