

An Animal Hospital

The animal hospital was in an up-
 terrier who had spent three
 weeks there before and re-
 lying brought back howled re-
 as he crouched in his
 lap in the waiting room. A
 convalescing from the
 of an orry of ground glass,
 by an unappreciative neigh-
 around his cage in a fit,
 he likes to have his head
 said the disgusted attend-
 and to add to the gaiety of the
 ward a collie whose
 are in fiddle-strings from
 lifted up in protest a
 as a bullfrog's on a
 morning.
 the soft, fluffy, bright-eyed
 with well-kept whiskers—
 and their pink and black nos-
 and the wire fronts of their cages
 desperate effort to see what the
 was, and when the doctor
 of the stairs he was greet-
 a concerted purr of approval.
 the foretold something
 for the bow-wows, and
 of mutual enemies rejoiced ac-
 (purr).
 The doctor was a young man in a
 the kind of suit a
 says when his thoughts
 in the direction that
 apt to turn them, when a
 was is good to look at and
 misleading invulnerable air
 and he tried to assume
 of displeasure and stern dis-
 as he strode up one aisle
 even another, between rows of
 tails.
 stopped before the cage of the
 and, who was shivering and
 now, and asked him how he
 The Saint Bernard in the next
 a large and friendly paw
 the bars and administered a
 from the doctor's back that all
 him headforemost into the
 of a cross loxterrier with a
 of puppies. "Down!" shouted
 as soon as he should get
 after this unexpected as-
 The Saint Bernard wriggled
 delight at being spoken to and
 through a variety of infantile
 wags such as are taught to
 elephants at the circus.
 last vestige of the
 suit's dignity evaporated.
 the big paw of fellowship
 to him and shook it as the
 heeker shakes the hand of the
 out when, by hook or by crook,
 managed to get into the blue
 They held a protracted and
 conversation, and no doubt
 (who are never taken out
 (purr)) were greatly mystified
 fragments of talk that reach-
 about "going out on the
 an airing, old chap, because
 a fellow feel like a new man
 "accompanied by yaps of
 assent from the mountain of
 affection that the attend-
 call "only a pup."
 other dogs waited with com-
 patience while the doctor
 moved with Pope Boniface, but
 as it was over and he at-
 to pass down the aisle with-
 ous overtures there arose a
 hubbub which the fit of the
 and the reproaches of the
 who had been there before
 like the soft and plaintive
 they play between the acts.
 peace's sake, the doctor had
 with the bull terrier who
 shaved-off ear (or at least who
 had an ear that was now chew-
 up a few sweet nothings to
 with a broken leg that
 brought up on silken cush-
 didn't like sawdust, tickle
 of the homesick martyr in
 No. 7, and mairnour polite con-
 to the ungracious but
 of the bunch of blind
 was very morning but the at-
 of the animal hospital were
 as he. The cages were be-
 washed with antiseptic fluids and
 brushes were wielded vigor-
 on everything scrubbable,
 the foot to the coat of an in-
 boarder dog who jamuses
 when let out for exercise,
 making himself against the pot
 water is heated for the
 daily tub.
 the boarder dogs
 of the dogs are turned
 at or frolic in the sunshine
 that roof, screened over
 them from getting too much
 "When they return from
 their cages are clean and
 with fresh excelsior. Then
 begin to arrive, and the
 surgeon's bell is kept on
 all day long.
 that visitor the other morning
 distraught young woman with
 distraught gray cat. She
 him in a basket, and he
 shrilly all the way
 in the car. The young
 temper was not improved
 conductor, who, after listen-

the doctor from the operating room.
 "I'd rather have it broken than
 strained like that. I don't blame
 him for jumping out of the window.
 I would, too, if I were mewed up
 and fed on cod-liver oil and sugar-
 plums all winter."
 "Well, I thought he looked wan,"
 said a tearful voice.
 "Then why didn't you put him on
 a diet and take him for a run in the
 park? He's about crazy, poor old
 chap, aren't you?"
 "Oh, dear; oh, dear!" sobbed the
 patient mistress. "I thought it was
 too cold for him to go out. What
 shall I do? What shall I do?"
 "Well, it's a case of plaster-of-
 paris cast now, Mrs. Smith, and it's
 got to stay on six weeks."
 "And I'm going to Europe in June.
 Oh, dear!"
 "You'd better leave Mephistopheles
 here."
 "And he won't catch fleas or dis-
 temper or anything like that, will
 he?"
 "I'll guarantee he won't even have
 'housemaid's knee' once that cast
 comes off," returned the surgeon
 grimly.
 The cats are "in" for strange and
 sundry reasons. One jet black puff
 ball is boarding—\$1.25 per week—at
 the hospital, for the sublimely unself-
 ish reason that his brother is a pa-
 tient—\$3.50 per week—and was pin-
 ing away from loneliness without
 him. The patient has a stubborn
 stomach trouble, and has to live in
 air most of the time, but his com-
 panion is regaled on meat and milk
 and biscuits, and seems to like the
 hospital as much as if it were his
 home.
 In the cage adjoining that of this
 loving pair are two tortoise shell
 cats who have boarded at the hos-
 pital for the best part of five years.
 Their owners travel all winter, and
 every summer the two pussies are
 sent for and taken to the country.
 They are as handsome and healthy
 and playful as the most petted kitten
 that ever lapped cream or ate oys-
 ters for Friday night's dinner.
 There is a silent, mischievous cat
 in one cage that never mewes, but at-
 tracts one's attention to his lonely
 condition by clawing at one as one
 passes. He will shake hands, and
 chew one's glove buttons, and he is
 particularly fond of beateathered hats.
 His life is very dull, but it had a lit-
 tle variety last month, when a mon-
 key was a temporary lodger in the

**Stolen Sunday, June 8th, one mal-
 amute dog, very dark grey, white
 breast, light chops, light grey stripe
 running from point of nose up be-
 tween eyes, front legs white, hind
 feet white, extreme tip of tail white,
 belly light color, always carries tail
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