

succeeding moments is the only part of my story which I cannot rightly remember. My master's cousin says she is sure I went back to speak to a dog which she recollects seeing pass by at that spot. I know I am very fond of society, and I have made many friends whom I do not like to pass by without a friendly greeting; also I like to make new acquaintances. When I see a dog I instinctively run to speak to him, and I regret to say that on such occasions all other considerations desert me, I become for the moment forgetful of my master, mistress, cousin, or any one else I may be walking with, so I have often, when my chat was ended, found myself alone, and have had hard matter to rejoin my party. I think something of the kind must have happened on this occasion; I may have turned back with the idea of speaking to a friend who passed me; all I know is that the sudden terror and alarm that seized me when I found I was alone seems to have obliterated all other thoughts and circumstances, so that my mind is a blank as to what passed in those few moments.

When I realized my situation I ran hurriedly backwards and forwards to seek my master, but to seek in vain. I listened for his loud whistle, which he makes with his fingers much more effectually than my mistress does with a little silver instrument, but no whistle greeted my agonized brain. It was then that the crowd of thoughts, more crowded than the streets, came to me and formed the series of vivid pictures I have spoken of. I noticed some ill-looking men—what if one of them should seize me, put me under his coat and hold my mouth so that I could not bark and make known my distress! I had my muzzle on, and therefore could not bite. I had often heard my master say that he had no sympathy with those foolish persons who object to Mr. Chaplin's order that all dogs should be muzzled, that we soon get accustomed to the muzzle if we are sensible dogs, and that if we are so stupid that we cannot obey our masters' orders and submit to what they know is for our best interests, we are not fit to live; but at this moment I confess I did think my master wrong, for I could not defend myself, I could neither bark nor bite. Man may think that the dog mind does not reason thus—I can only speak for myself, though I suppose there are other dogs as clever and sensible as I am. I know that I have more than the average capacity of brain; I hear my master and my mistress say, I hear all their friends who have capacity of brain themselves, say that I am a most intelligent dog. I believe they are right, but then I have had unusual advantages: I have been well brought up, I have never been deceived, I have

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never been told a lie; my master says you should never deceive the dog mind, or it will not trust you. I am sure he is right. I always know what I am wanted to do, and as I have the most implicit confidence in my master, I always do what I am told. This obedience did not come naturally to me. I well recollect when I was a puppy that I thought it very hard not to do as I liked, and wondered why I had many a beating administered with no light hand. By degrees it dawned upon me that the beating followed immediately on some act of mine, which not engaged in, the beating was not administered. My master and mistress were so universally kind to me that I became convinced they had some good motive for all they did with reference to myself, and I noticed that he never beat any one else but me; this puzzled me for some time, but as my mind developed I gradually perceived that there was a mutual understanding between human beings, and I endeavored to promote that same understanding between my master, mistress, his friends, and myself, so that now I am rarely at a loss to know what is expected of me.

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