The Tramp and the Dog.

A big lonesome obking dog sat at the gate of a house recently, eyes full of tears and his whole body shaking with cold. A tramp, who had neither overcoat ner mittens, and whose bare toes peeped through his boots, was making his way up the street in search of the right kind of a side en when he espied the dog and crossed over and said :

"Well, now, this is an unexpected pleasure! Upon my soul I have found one living thing in this town as poorly off as myself.

Say, old fellow where do you hang out?"

The dog looked at him through his tears,

but had nothing to say.
"Tough, isn't it?" continued the man. "I look eld and seedy, and you are the homeliest dog I ever saw. That strikes a fraternal chord and we meet on the level. I haven't had a square meal for a week, and you haven't seen a bone for the past ten days.

Even again, eh?"

The dog shiwered and whined and got up and sat down, and the tramp drew closer

and said:
"No home, eh? Neither have I. No one to whistle for you? Same here, That's even again. I can warm up my shakes with even again. I can warm up my shakes with whiskey, while you have to grin and bear it. That's where I've got the dead wood on you. I can talk through my nose and tell fifty different stories to excite sympathy and bring out cold victuals, while you have nothing to say for yourself and must take bones or ge hungry. That's another for me. On the whole I'm ahead of you, and although you are only a dog I'm glad on it. It's something to feel that you are one peg higher than an old yaller, homeless, hungry cur. So long, old fellow."

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As the tramp started to go the dog reach-out and snapped his leg and then took a run

"Say, there, hold on!" called out the man as he wheeled around. "I said I was ahead, but I'll take it back! You can lunch on my legs, while I'll see this country tetotally busted to New Jersey if I don't die of starvation before I come down to eating dog! Even, old fellow—just about even on the average, and no use of any hard feelings over it!"—Detroit Free Press.

A Dog's Revenge.

A large Newfoundland and a Gordon set-ter have for the last week occupied quarters next to each other, on account of their non-combative dispositions. Half a dozen yards away is the temporary home of a two-year-old collie, who has the privilege of wandering about the yard without re-straint. On Friday last he took the liberty of poking his nose into the feeding-pan of the Newfoundland, a liberty that was re-sented by a sound threshing. Bhe collie seems, as subsequent circumstances proved, to have determined upon a plan of revenge from that moment.

went into his kennel and remained there the best part of the afternoon. To-wards evening he came out, and going to a corner where there is a pile of loose bricks. he seized one with his teeth, carried it cautiously over to the Newioundland's box, and succeeded in dropping it in front of the opening without being detected. After nightfall, when the big dog had curled himself inside to go to sleep the little collie con-

tinued his work. He had carried no less than sixty of the bricks and deposited them in front of his enemy's house before he was discovered by proprietor of the establishment, had occasion to go into the yard for water. The animal's actions were watched for nearly twenty minutes before he was disturbed. He dropped as many bricks inside the ken-nel as the space between the opening and the occupant would admit of, and piled the rest up outside. Then he stationed him self in front and barked with all his maght. The Newfoundland responded to the chal-lenge with a deep growl and made an effort to come out, but the bricks prevented him, while the collie jumped about and gave vent to his delight in shrill yelps.—Philadelphia

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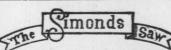
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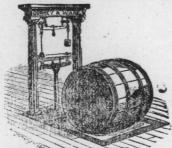
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