

"So is men," says Bill. "An' besides, this ain't no bulldog, this is a brindle bull-terrier, an' a crackerjack. Look at the brass collar he's wearin'. This ain't no stray. I'll telegraph ahead an' see if they want him expressed."

Bill caught the feller at the next station an' he telegraphed back 'at he'd been havin' trouble with that dog all along the line an' if we'd keep him a month he'd stop an' git him on his way back. He sent us ten dollars to pay expenses. I never believed that they could send money by telegraph before, but I saw the agent give it to Bill, with my own eyes.

We all went up to the hotel fer dinner, the pup lookin' miserable sorrowful. Frenchy was goin' to kick the pup out. Frenchy's a low-grade heathen, but he's big an' he don't mind a little shootin', now an' ag'in.

"If this dog can't eat here, neither can I," says Bill. "But as far as your kickin' him out goes, you'd better pray fer guidance before you tackle that job."

"Do you think I'm afraid o' that cur?" sneers Frenchy.

"Cur!" yells Bill. "Cur! Why, you maul-headed, misshapen blotch on the face o' nature, what do you mean by callin' this dog a cur? I never saw this dog before today, but I'll bet ten to one that I can find out the name of his great-great-grandfather's great-great-grandfather, an' I doubt if you know who your own father was."

Frenchy was fair crazy. He pulled out his gun an' came chargin' down on us. Bill tried to get mine ag'in, but I thought I'd better run it myself just then. I covered Frenchy, Frenchy covered Bill, an' the bull pup turned his back on us and looked down towards the depot to see if his train had come back yet.

"Better put up your gun, Frenchy," I says, soft as a wood dove, "er you'll git this office all mussed up."

Well, he knew me, so we arbitrated a little an' then we all went in an' the pup et his dinner like any other Christian, payin' fer it out of his own money. After dinner Bill went out an' bought a gun of his own, an' all the way home he was shootin' at marks an' hittin' 'em too. I'd allus thought 'at

he was as harmless as a horn toad, but I kind o' scented trouble from the way he planted his lead.

"Bill," I says, "where did you get to be a shootin' man?"

"Me?" says Bill. "I never shot a livin' thing in my life. I used to practise on glass balls an' such. I don't want no trouble, but I'm kind o' set in my ways about dogs. It's a heap o' responsibility to raise a pup, but I'm goin' to give this one a fair show."

When we reached home Bill says: "Now, I don't want no one to punish this dog but me, till he gets his education. I don't care fer a trick dog. All I expect him to learn is jus' English an' part o' the sign language, so as he'll be pleasant company. I'll pay fer any property he destroys, but please don't punish him."

The pup was about fifteen months when he came, an' at first he sorrowed a heap fer his old boss, but purty soon he sees that Bill knowed more about dogs 'an he did himself, so he jest transferred his affections over on Bill. Bill never raised his voice, he never threatened him, he jest reasoned with him an' explained why it was necessary to learn the conventions o' society. It took him a solid week to learn that pup how to shake hands, an' yet Bill told us confidential that he believed 'at the pup knew it all the time. But at the end



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of a week the pup give in, an' from that on he was as eager fer knowledge as a new-born baby.

Cupid was the name o' the pup, engraved right on to his brass collar, an' when he set his mind to learnin' he made me an' the Kid kind o' leery 'at he'd beat us out yet. He could walk on his hind legs an' speak an' shut an' open doors an' wipe his feet on the door-mat an' roll over an' pray an'—oh, well, he knew 'em all an' six more; but Bill said 'at it wasn't the tricks 'at counted, it was learnin' how to think fer himself. He was a solemn-lookin' pup, an' it was kind o' creepy to see him come to the shack, open the door, shut it behind him, wipe his feet on the door-mat, an' look into Bill's eyes an' give a short bark. That was to ask if he had any new jobs fer him.

I had it all planned out 'at the pup was to sleep in the stable, but this didn't look good to the pup nor to Bill neither. When night would come, the pup would go through his lessons, eat his supper, an' fling himself slaunch-ways on the wide bunk. He only weighed about fifty pounds, but they was the solidest fifty ever wrapped up in a dog hide. He wouldn't mind no one but Bill, an' it was all I could do to git room enough on the perch to

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