

became restive, stood still and pricked up his ears in a startled manner. Just then a deer crossed the road a few yards in front of the horse. The poor animal was tired, its tongue was hanging out, and its panting could be heard quite distinctly. The howling of wolves was then heard close at hand, and after a few seconds eleven of those ferocious forest sleuth-hounds rushed across the road on the track of the deer. What a glorious chance for a sure eye, a steady hand, and a good repeating rifle. Although a keen sportsman, the worthy Doctor was armed only with what modern pathological science regards as the most killing weapon of the Faculty, his lancet.

Roman history, at least tradition, tells us that Romulus and Remus, the founders of the ancient city of the Seven Hills, were suckled and reared by a she wolf. If this story be true, the foster mother of those distinguished sons of the Tiber, in her nature, was not all wolf. This incident has been partially paralleled by the story of Androcles and the Lion, and that of Mahdonata and the Puma. All three of these interesting incidents are highly creditable to the character of the brute creation.

It is certain that the ancient Romans inherited none of the characteristic cowardice which fine drawn physiological science might trace to the source of their ancestors' early sustenance. Nevertheless the blood-thirsty instincts of the lupine race were amply exemplified by the humane and gentle rule of many of the Roman Emperors, notably Nero, Caligula, Galba, and Vitellius. Patriotically ferocious selfishness was also conspicuous in the too often misjudged character of Brutus; whose treason against the purest instincts of humanity, in my opinion, was only surpassed by the atrocious turpitude of Judas Iscariot!

The old wolf foster-mother of the founders of Rome, may have polluted some of the rivulets of Italian blood. You may search in vain amongst the Knights of the Stiletto, and the wretched organs-grinders of to-day, for a single heroic counterpart of those stalwart Roman warriors who carried off the Sabine women and bore the victorious eagles of Julius Caesar through ancient Gaul and Britain!

In the history of British America the instances are very rare indeed in which wolves are authentically reported to have attacked human beings. Emboldened by numbers, and stimulated into audacity by