

...books, bills and papers from the desk.

"Look!" cried the teacher, grasping the child's hand. "The flames are just coming through the door. Hurry!" and with trembling feet they followed the children, whom they found just outside in the yard.

"Go on, go on! Sing 'Hear the Sound of Little Feet!'" and the teacher started the familiar song, pressing to the front, and soon had her back on the wide lawn just opposite the schoolhouse.

And now the fire bell began to ring. Clang! Clang! Clang! And pouring through the door came the pupils from the various rooms in the doomed building. Dorothy had sunk up on the grass beside Miss Spencer her hands cold, her limbs weak and trembling.

"There come the little kindergartners!" shouted some one. Dorothy struggled to her feet, tried to laugh, but only burst into tears as Trusty appeared leading the van and grasping with his teeth the red and black kilt of her precious little brother.

Another minute and she had him in her arms.

Then around the corner, with a leap and a dash, came the horses with the fire engines, men and ladders. Everyone was safe. Dorothy's father had found her and Archie, and the children were hardly happier than was Trusty, who was trying to express his joy in the best dog language he could command.

"Oh, that blessed dog!" cried one of the kindergarten teachers as she came up to the little group and bent over him. "I'm almost sure he saved the life of some of our tots. You see, Professor Lyon gave his pupils orders not to leave the room until the younger ones were all out; but he was obliged to leave them, and they were in a perfect panic and rushed down the hall just as we got our little ones out. We must have had a crush on the stairs if that dog hadn't stopped those big boys and girls. He barked and flew at them, and just held them back until we got our children down those dreadful stairs. He deserves a gold medal if ever a dog did."

"And here's a girl that deserves another," said Miss Spencer, throwing her arms around Dorothy. "Why didn't you scream when you saw the smoke, my dear?"

"Why, you said we musn't. Don't you remember reading to us about that awful fire where the children got killed because they crowded down the stairs all together?" asked Dorothy.

When the children were gathered in a church to begin study once more, Trusty appeared with a gold plate attached to his collar. It was given by the mothers of the little kindergartners, and upon it these words were engraved: "To Trusty Kendall, the good dog that helped save our children from the fire."

A FAITHFUL DOG.

Many hundred years ago, there lived at Athens a dog, whose faithfulness has caused him to be mentioned

in history, and in the Grecian city his story is often repeated. The dog guarded one of the heathen temples of Athens. One night a thief stole into this building and carried off some of the most valuable treasures. The dog vainly barked his loudest to frighten the thief and to arouse the keepers, but the man went off with the jewels. The faithful dog, however, did not mean to lose sight of the rascal and all through the night followed him. By daybreak the poor animal had become very weary, but still he kept the robber in sight. The latter tried to feed him, but the dog refused all food from him; but as he made friends with the passers-by, he took it from them instead. Whenever the thief stopped to rest, the dog remained near him and soon a report went through the country of the animal's strange behavior. The keepers of the temple, hearing the story, went in search of the dog, and they found him still at the heels of the thief at a town called "Cronyon." The robber was arrested, taken back to Athens and there punished. The judges were so pleased with the dog's sagacity and faithfulness that they ordered him to be fed every day for the rest of his life at public expense.

SIDNEY COOPER AND THE COLLIE.

"One day," says Mr. Sidney Cooper, R. A., the celebrated painter of animals, "when there was a pouring rain, a man consented to sit for me at the inn where I was staying. He brought his collie with him, and both of them were dripping wet; so he put off his plaid and laid it on the floor by the dog.

"I made a very successful sketch of the man, but before I had finished it the dog grew fidgety with the wet plaid, and his master said:


"'Tak' it awa', man; tak' it awa'!"

"The dog took the end of it between his teeth and dragged it out of the room.

"After I had finished the drover's portrait I asked him if he thought his dog would lie quiet for a time, as I wished to sketch him.

"Oh, yes, man," he answered, 'he'll do anything I say to him. Watch! Watch! he called, and then 'whusted' for him, as the Scotch say.

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"As the dog did not appear, we went together to look for him, and found him sitting before the kitchen fire, with the end of the plaid in his mouth, holding it up to dry. I expressed by admiration of his intelligence, and the master replied:

"Ah, he's a canny creature, sir! He knows many things, does that dog, sir. But come awa', man; the gentleman wants to mak' your picture."

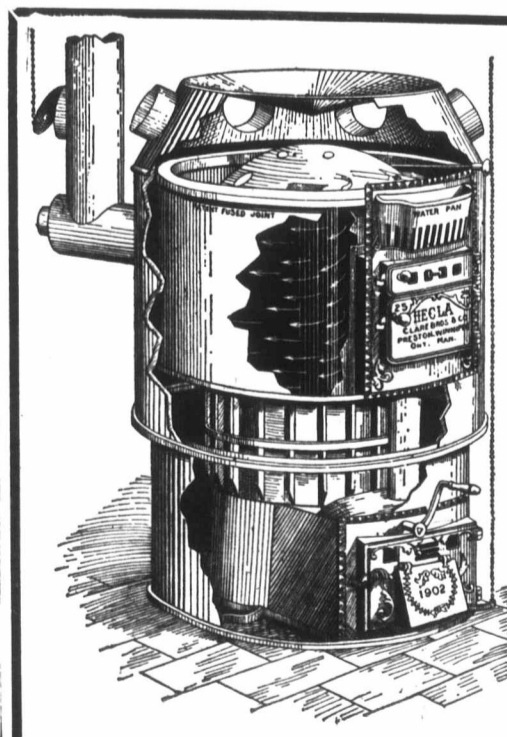
"So we returned to my room, and the handsome collie sat for his portrait."



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