

of his proboscis into a hogshead of treacle; and by some unlucky accident becoming overbalanced, he slipped into the sweets, and came forth gloriously covered with molasses. Being smeared with so attractive a substance, it was no wonder that the flies clung to him with great persistency, and that the sufferings both of mind (?) and body which the poor thing underwent were greeted on the part of his fellow-canines with a chorus of, "I told you so!" Though we are not in a position to state positively that they conduct their meetings in a parliamentary manner, yet we think that their assemblages, which are sometimes protracted until the small morning hours, have about as much blustering vociferation and common-sense as the ordinary political conventions.

Again, just like the humans, they pick up bad example whenever they happen to find it, and when the shaving rago broke out among certain individuals in the college, the infection spread even to these dogs, and it would almost bring tears to one's eyes to see the beseeching look they would give you when they asked you in their mute way to give them a shave. "O tempora! O mores!"

They seem, moreover, to have a taste for the company of learned gentlemen. One of them appears to be so enamored with science in all its varied ramifications that nothing pleases him more than to be allowed to walk with Father Carrier, the Rev. Director of the Scientific Department, thinking, no doubt, that it is quite *bon ton* to go in the company of so renowned a scientist, and that by this he will attain that polish and those various acquirements which will exalt him above the ordinary level of dog-kind, and hasten his progress towards the plane of transcendental eminence. Whenever Father Carrier takes in his hand plants or minerals, all of which he knows so well, and examines them, if the dog in question be in the vicinity, it will instantly run to him and assume a very solemn attitude, and, throwing its head knowingly to one side, it will cock its eye and gaze on the handiwork of nature with a look of unutterable wisdom. Another of their peculiar idiosyncrasies is that they carry short sticks in their mouths; doubtless in anticipation of the time when a pipe or cigar will adorn their oral orifice.

Truly, then, can we say that another link has been found which will strengthen the theory of Charles Darwin & Co., and the above incontrovertible facts, of which we have a dozen or so of affidavits now in our possession, prove that the rising generation of tailless dogs will in every way excel their ancestors, and form a connection that may afford a new source of pleasure to the heart of the lovers of the theory of natural selection and evolution.

— Men who complain that they have much to bear from the faults of their fellow men should think how much others have to bear from them

A TRIP DOWN THE NARRAGANSETT.

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On one beautiful morn in May, as the rays of the sun were beaming brilliantly over the whole earth, and dispelling every symptom of any unfavorable weather, my friend and I expressed an ardent desire for a pleasure trip down the foaming streams of the Narragansett, and an opportunity being offered, we accepted it with much pleasure. The boat which was to be our portage was very commodious, being provided with an ample cabin and a spacious deck.

There were on board, including the captain and sailors, about fifteen persons, thus making our voyage the more enjoyable. My friend and I sat at the prow of the boat, eagerly watching the rippling waves as they quickly ruffled o'er the billowy surface of the troubled stream. How anxiously did we watch the mariners as they quickly rushed to and fro, some guarding the sails of the floating keel, and others hauling in the finny produce of the deep. The course through which the ship quickly furrowed not being far distant from the land, afforded us a favorable opportunity of inspecting the surrounding country. The scenery was majestic. The winding shore was dotted here and there with stones of every description. Lofty crags on which the soaring billows seemed to have excavated various hollows and chinks, and whose huge summits were crowned with the verdant moss, stood gorgeously arranged along the rocky shore. The neglected fields whose abundant crop of grass, bearing no traces of the rambling of cattle, seemed to set at defiance the destructive scythe. Everything seemed to enjoy an undisturbed composure, so calm and tranquil. A more magnificent sunset I had never witnessed than that which flooded the western sky, on that calm beautiful evening as we both stood on deck, conversing together on the day's enjoyment. The clouds were being piled up in the heavens in mountains of crimson, and purple, and gold, and across the huge floor of the ocean, from the white sails and deck of our vessel, a broad and trembling pathway of ruby light seemed to lead to realms so glorious, that the eye was attracted towards them with a fascination the most irresistible. We stood on deck, beholding this beautiful landscape, which seemed almost imaginary, until the waning rays of the setting sun disappeared in the western horizon, and the dismal shades of night o'erspread the earth with her gloomy canopy. Our destination having been reached we disembarked from the vessel; and what could be more alluring than to obtain once more a glimpse of the beautiful unfurrowed land; to behold the drowsy cattle idly grazing on the fertile plains; and to hear the warbling and chirping of the birds. After spending the remaining time in exploring the picturesque features of the place, or in visiting the few humble cottages which stood hidden beneath dense thickets, we retired fully convinced that a sail down the rippling streams of the Narragansett is no ordinary treat.