

honest and true in everything, and no one can cheat and lie about one thing without having to lie about a great many things. Now tell your mother all about it in the morning, and the next time I come to you—for I shall come often—I'll try to bring you a pleasanter experience. Don't be scared by my brother, Application; he is tedious until you can catch hold of him with a tremendous grip, and then you'll be fond of him. Good bye. I know you hate me now, but you won't when you come to think it all over. Good bye!" and she floated away on the moonbeam. Anna fell asleep—for her heart felt more easy as soon as she decided to tell her mother all in the morning. She was up bright and early, and just as soon as she found her mother alone she told her all her trouble. Mrs. Hill listened and wondered, just as Anna had herself done, and when she had finished she said, "Well, my little girl, this has been a strange experience, indeed; but I am sure the fairy is right, and all this trouble has taught you that nothing is worth having unless we gain it by honest work."

And Anna found this out—for she studied so hard during her vacation that she did almost as well as if the slate had still possessed its magic power, instead of becoming just as uninteresting as all other slates just as soon as the secret was told. No praise was ever so welcome as that Miss Jones gave her at the next examination—for she had honestly earned it; and she blessed the fairy Experience for having taught her such a lesson, for it is one that she will never forget, even though she should live a hundred years.

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HOW THE DOG GOT HOME.

A story is told of a dog which lived on a ship. The vessel was anchored in the harbor of a foreign port. The dog often went ashore with the officers, and, being occupied with various doggyish amusements, often was left behind when the officers returned in their boat to the ship. The first time this occurred, the poor dog knew not what to do when he found the ship's boat gone. He ran up and down the wharf barking and whining.

A boat was lying at the wharf in which a native was sitting. The dog suddenly stopped, jumped into the boat, and gave several short barks, as if to say, "I want to go to that ship out there."

The man knew the dog, took in the situation, and, doubtless thinking of a fee, he rowed the dog to the ship's side. The man got his fee, for the officers were glad to have their pet returned to them. After that the dog often got back to the ship in the same manner.

The following anecdote is somewhat similar in character, and speaks well for the dog's intelligence:

"You know how much I rush about in hansom cabs," said the narrator, "and Scoti, my collie dog, always goes with me—we travel many miles in a week to-

gether in this way; but on one occasion I was walking and missed him.

"Search was in vain. The crowd was great, traffic drowned the sound of my whistle; and after waiting awhile and looking everywhere, I returned to my suburban home without my companion, and sorrowful, yet hoping that he might find his way back.

"In about two hours after my arrival a hansom cab drove up to the door and out jumped Scoti. The cabman rang for his fare, and, thinking he had somehow captured the runaway, I inquired how and where he found him.

"Oh, sir," said the cabby, "I didn't hail him at all. He hailed me. I was standing close by St. James' Church, a-looking out for a fare, when in jumps the dog.

"Like his impudence," says I. And so I shouts through the window; but he wouldn't stir. So I gets down and tries to pull him out, and show him my whip; but he sits still and barks, as much as to say, 'Go on, old man.' As I seizes him by the collar, I reads his name and address.

"All right, my fine gentlemen," says I, 'I'll drive you where you're a-wanted, I dare say! So I shuts the door, and my gentleman settles himself with his head just a-looking out, and I drives on till I stops at this here gate, when out jumps my passenger, a clearing the door, and walks in as calm as though he'd been a regular fare.'—Exchange.

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