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if the missing animal had been found. "I should think they would be in constant terror of being snapped at or even bitten, and for my part, I am quite sure that I could never be fond of a pet that I could not see."

Small Anna overheard the somewhat slighting remark. She had already been greatly overwrought first with anxiety over the loss and then with joy over the return, and this combined with quick indignation gave unusual volubility.

"Joe is the most 'seeable' kind of a dog," she cried. "He does all sorts of things to let us know that he is about. Sometimes he patters on the floor with his feet, or jumps up against us as we run, or perhaps he puts his dear cold nose into our

hands just for sociability's sake, and sometimes, when he wants us to tickle him, he rolls over on his back and makes funny gurgling noises to attract our attention until we do as he wants us to. He doesn't talk exactly of course but he has a dozen different ways of barking and each bark has its own meaning, and he understands every single thing we say to him. But as for snapping or biting, why Joey wouldn't think of doing such a thing to a pupil 'cause he just loves us all like we love him. Sometimes, though," she added truthfully, "he does a few things that he shouldn't, but all puppies are like that when they are young, and so we don't mind if he does sometimes tear up our handkerchiefs, bite

the fingers out of our gloves and run away with our shoes."

The neighbour's face was very gentle as he looked at the earnest little speaker. "I can see now that he is a great pleasure to you all," he said softly.

Anna was quick to accept the implied apology. "You see," she replied, "Lexy and I always give him his bath, so of course we feel even better acquainted with Joe than most of the pupils and we know all his cunning ways."

"Does he enjoy his bath?" questioned the visitor.

Anna nodded proudly. "Every Thursday night I go to the superintendent's rooms for him," she said. "Most often I find him lying on the big soft rug before the open fire, but the sound of my voice is always enough to make him run to me and crouch close to my feet so that I can lift him up and carry him off. Bathing him is great fun," she went on, confidentially. "We get everything ready beforehand, of course, and I put him in the tub, lather him all over with soap, scrub him well with a little brush, and then rinse him off in fresh water. Sometimes he is very frolicsome and splashes us all over, but Lexy is always ready to rub him down with the crash towel before he gets too lively. He loves to be sprinkled with perfume, too, and one of the teachers often lends us her bottle, but he liked it still better the night that we puffed him all over with violet powder. He certainly does like nice smells.

"But once," and here Anna laughed merrily at the remembrance, "he was so very full of mischief that he got quite ahead of Lexy and me, for he ran away from us just when he was at his slipperiest and soapiest, and where do you suppose we found him but in the great dormitory jumping gaily from bed to bed, shaking the soapsuds out of him at every leap, and barking and wagging his dear stubby tail as if he was possessed. We had to get the matron to help us catch him, and a pretty race he led us up and down the big room. By the time we had got him, the coverlids and pillows were all awry and the matron said that the room was 'a disgraceful sight,' but somehow, she did not seem to care much, though it did take her a good while to straighten it, for you see she is just as fond of Joe as the rest of us."

After Anna had gone our friend turned to me in surprise. "I had not the least idea that a blind child would love a pet like that," he exclaimed.

"Blind children are exactly like other children in this as well as in other respects," I replied. "Joe quickly found out this important fact and realized at an early day that the only way in which they differed from other boys and girls was that they did not see him with their eyes. After that he seemed to study the situation and to adapt himself to the demands it made upon him. You

would smile to see him going about among the pupils wheedling them with his knowing ways. One boy he always challenges with short, staccato barks until he persuades him into a romp. Another he approaches stealthily intent on rifling a certain pocket of a fascinating tangle of string, and he shows a lively appreciation of those who are apt to carry about a supply of sweets."

"But does he never get in their way or trip them up?" was the question.

"Joe is far too clever to make such a mistake," I laughed. "If he is in a playful mood, he will perhaps contest my right to pass over the threshold and put up a mock battle of growl and gleaming teeth, but let a sightless pupil come along and he is out of the way in a flash. In his first days here, before he realized that many of our household did not see him, he was stepped on once or twice and since then he has shown great discretion in getting out of the way of all sightless persons.

"But here he comes to speak for himself," I added as an intelligent, pointed face thrust itself through the crack of the door, and Joe all a satiny gloss from his frequent bathings and with the airs and graces which he reserves especially for strangers, proceeded to introduce himself. So irresistible was he from the cock of his saucy ears to the merry wag of his be-shortened tail, that the heart of the non-dog-lover melted in an instant.

"I don't wonder the pupils were so distressed by his loss," he said as he stooped to stroke the pretty head, "for from what I have heard I can well believe that Joe, the unseen pet, is a most lovable, and as Anna said, a 'most seeable' little dog."

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