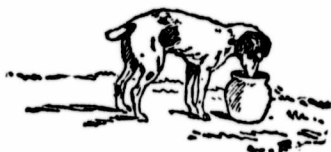


HOW THE THIEF WAS CAUGHT.

Leo was a little spotted dog always in mischief. He could creep through the smallest hole, and would run up to the kitchen stove, when nobody saw him, and snatch anything he could eat.

He received many blows and hard words, but went on stealing, until one day he was caught in a trap that cured him.

Some fish and meat had been left in a stone jar outside of the house door.



A box had been turned over the top to keep them safe.

Leo came running up to look for something to eat, and sniffed around the jar. He quickly upset the box that covered it, and then rolling the stone jar over, put his head inside. There were only two or three fish quite at the bottom, so Leo had to push his head far down. He even squeezed his



shoulders through the round open mouth of the jar.

He could now neither get in nor out, and struggled and moaned in vain. No one heard him, for the stone prison muffled his cries. As he could not see

where he was going, he dragged the jar far into the bushes, quite out of sight of the house.

It was a log cabin, and when the woman who lived there came home at night from her work, she went to look for her jar with the fish and meat. It was nowhere to be seen, and she called her son to ask if he had moved it. He had been away too, and they sat down outside the door, and wondered who could have been the thief.

Presently they heard low moans in



the bushes near the house; but they were afraid of snakes at night, and agreed to wait for morning. When it was day the boy went down into the thicket, and there found poor Leo almost dead with struggling, with the stone jar still fastened on his head.

Dick took an axe and broke the jar in pieces, and the dog, delighted to be free, rushed off with the stone rim still around his neck. He never tried to steal again.

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THE CAT'S WHISKERS.

Writing for an English paper, R. S. Wilburn says: "The cat's whiskers are the animal's organ of touch. They are attached to a bed of close glands under the skin, and each of the long hairs are connected with the nerve of the lip. The slightest contact of these whiskers with any surrounding object is thus felt most distinctly by the animal, although the hairs themselves are insensible. Let our young friends remember this, and never torture poor puss by pulling its whiskers.