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Playing Lame.

Some horses are as lazy as some men, and perhaps it would be quite up to them that some horses are as cunning as some men; but not many combine the two qualities of laziness and cunning, and those whose peccadilloes and performances are chronicled by Lady Barker. He was one of her horse friends in New Zealand, christened the Dodger.

This name was given him on account of his trick of counterfeiting lame-ness the moment he was put into the shafts of a dray. That is to say, if the dray was loaded; so long as it was empty, or nearly so, the Dodger stepped out gaily; but if he found it at all heavy, he affected to fall dead lame.

More than once, with a "new chum," this trick had succeeded to do the driver to the full extent that the horse had never shown before. The moment the signal was given to start, the Dodger, after a glance around, which plainly said, "I wonder whether I may try it on you?" took a step forward and almost fell down, so desperate was his lameness.

The driver, who was well instructed in his part, ran around and lifted up one sturdy leg after the other, with every appearance of the deepest concern. Thus encouraged, the Dodger uttered a groan but still seemed determined to do his best, and lumbered and stumbled on a yard or two further.

It seemed impossible to believe the horse to be quite sound; but the moment he had done it he unmasked him. His master stepped forward, and pulling first one currying ear, on the alert for every word, and then the other, cried:

"It won't do, sir! Step out directly, and don't let us have any nonsense!"

The Dodger groaned again, this time from his heart, probably, and checking up strongly in his big collar, stepped out without a murmur.

A Steel Bird's Nest.

A very remarkable thing in the way of a bird's nest is preserved in the Museum of Natural History at Solore, in Switzerland, whether it was brought by one M. Rudolph Rueder. It is no less a nest made entirely of steel.

There are a number of clock-making shops at Solore, and in the windows of these shops there are often found lying disused or broken springs of clocks.

Early last summer M. Rueder, one of those clockmakers, noticed a bird's nest of peculiar appearance in a tree in his yard. He examined it, and found that a pair of wag-tails—birds of a species not unlike the sparrow—and a nest entirely of clock-springs, which they had picked up here and there about the village. The nest was more than four inches across, and a perfectly comfortable one for the birds.

After the feathered architects had reared their brood, M. Rueder, instead of destroying the nest, presented it to the museum, where it is preserved as a striking illustration of the skill of birds in turning to advantage broken clocks.

Probably next year the birds will build another steel nest, and, unless the clock makers of Solore guard their springs more closely, steel nests will not be so much a curiosity as is the first one.

Stellar Chemistry.

It is one of the triumphs of modern science that it has revealed to us the composition, to some extent, of the sun and stars. The course by which this result was reached is easily traced. Newton decomposed, with the aid of the prism, the sunlight into seven or more primary colors. These colors make up the solar spectrum.

But the spectrum is not continuous. Wollaston detected black lines across it. These were for a long time a mystery. A German scientist made a study of these lines, and from his name they are called Fraunhofer lines.

It is only since 1860 that any use has been made of these lines in determining the chemical composition of incandescent bodies. It was found that the different chemical elements gave out distinctive characteristic kinds of light when in an incandescent or glowing state. The difference of light was shown by the lines on the spectrum. An examination of this revealed what was present and what was wanting in the source of the light. This process is known as spectrum analysis.

Among the terrestrial elements, which this analysis has shown to be present in the atmosphere of the sun, are iron, nickel, copper, zinc, tin and hydrogen. The brilliant star Aldebaran shows the presence of iron, mercury and hydrogen. The other fixed stars are found to resemble the earth in their composition.

It will be understood that the planets and the moon can not be studied in this way because only reflect the sunlight. If we were to examine a moonbeam, we should find it nothing but a sunbeam taken at second hand.

There is one curious piece of information which this analysis gives us in regard to the comets. It is that the nucleus, or head, of the comet is luminous, shining by its own light; while the tail is seen reflected light. This reflected light appears to be sunshine, as in the case of the planets and the moon.

This process of analysis is so delicate that an inconsiderable quantity of an element will reveal its presence in the light of its burning, and so exact is it that four new metals, the existence of which had been suspected, have been discovered.

Outrageous.

There is an innate sense of justice in human beings which rebels at seeing one person punished for another's fault.

A little girl who made too much noise in the early morning in her sick mother's room was put out into the hall, and soon after a miserable old rag-doll, of which she was very fond, was tossed out to her.

This was the last straw. Snatching up her beloved, and hugging it tightly in her arms, with streaming eyes she sobbed out to her grandma:

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Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winder and daughter spent several days visiting Mr. Winder’s brother, Perry, of Xenia, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Roop, of Cincinnati, returned from a week’s visit to Mr. J. I. Hoffman, of North Summit Street.

Rev. W. F. McCandie will deliver a lecture next Thursday evening at the Broadway M. E. Church, on the subject “Yellowstone Park, and Scenes across the Continent.”

Miss Maggie Earnshaw, of South Summit Street, is to be married next Tuesday, to a Philadelphia gentleman, who was formerly as assistant surgeon at the Home.

Mr. W. Mackey, wife and son are visiting his mother, Mrs. M. J. Kelley, of South Williams street.

Miss Dorem, of the Seventh district, is sick, and will not be able to attend church for several weeks. During her absence, her sister has acted as substitute.

Miss Emma Winder, of West Third street, was painfully stung by a bee this week, causing her to swell to the size of a plum. She is now well.

Dr. Shanh, aged nearly ninety seven years, died at his residence on West Fourth street, Sunday morning. He was buried on Wednesday afternoon, near Pryor’s.

Mr. George Feight, of Haverthorne street, who has for the past seven months been residing in Mitchell, Dakota, returned home last Saturday.

Mrs. Ewing, of Portsmouth, Ohio, and Prof. and Mrs. Stokes, of Xenia, are visiting at the residence of Mr. J. S. Cobert, of South Williams street.

Mr. Ed. Gilbert and Miss Etta Hatfield were united in marriage on the home of the bride’s parents, on West Fourth street, last Sunday evening.

Last Tuesday morning a milk wagon, breeder wagon and a street car came into collision on West Fourth street. Nothing was injured, but they are said to have been pretty badly mixed up for a while.

Irene Mattis, the young daughter of Mr. Frank Mattis, of South street, died of membranous croup last Saturday afternoon at five o’clock. The funeral took place West Wednesday afternoon.

Two fine two-story frame houses on First street are nearly completed. When the foundations and cellars of a third are being made. First street has made a wonderful improvement during the year.

Mrs. Eva Hunter, sister of Mrs. J. R. Thompson, of Baxter, street, was elected Superintendent of Public Schools of Park County, Indiana, for three years, being the only candidate elected on the Democratic ticket in the county.

A young man of Miami City, while walking down Home avenue, suddenly became aware of the presence of a toll-gate. Finding he had no money, he retraced his steps up the avenue, cut through streets to Third street and arrived home without it costing him a cent, either the wear of sole leather.

This morning two little boys were seen swinging on a telegraph wire, which, in some way, had become untied and hung from the pole to the ground. By grasping the end of the rope a swinging could be obtained—too long a swing; one slipped off and took a hard seat on the ground.

Rev. J. F. Howell, of Pease, who had just returned from New York, addressed a good audience at the Grand Opera House, Friday night. The Silver String Quartette was present and rendered a number of beautiful concert songs.

Two of the ten of Mr. Chadwick’s double houses, which he is erecting on Dakota street near the Seminary, are under roof, and a third has half the brick work done; the foundations of all ten are done, and a row of ten coal sheds built in the rear. He expects to have all done this fall, and when completed they will make a fine appearance, all being large two-story brieks.

Last Saturday evening the T. D. Club gave Mr. Irvin Koogle and regular old fashioned bell. As he could stand the racket no longer, he invited the club in and treated them generally to a few drinks of cake, cider, etc.

The club presented him with a beautiful rattin rocker. After spending a few hours very pleasantly the guests departed, all wishing Mr. and Mrs. Koogle a long life and abundant joy.

A grocer, of South Broadway, went hunting one day, and had the luck to get a fine rabbit. On his way home he stopped at the house of a friend, laying the rabbits down, while there, a handsome dog helped itself to one of them. Our grocer picked up the three remaining, and went home, where, in the absence of the rabbit, he had a strong desire of eating it. After a short time he found another pan. He now earns eternal vermillion to the whole cat tribe.

Mr. Mordijian, a young native Armenian, who is in this country educating his school, has just arrived. Expectation of returning to Armenia as a missionary, a spent a couple of days this week visiting friends on the West Side.

Friday morning a colored woman went into Mr. Anderson’s residence on the corner of Fifth and College streets, to buy milk. While Mrs. Anderson was in the cellar, the colored woman rolled up the table cloth, put it under her shawl, and when she got the milk, made off with it.

Mrs. Bayless and family will soon move into their new house on Williams street, south of German town street. Mr. Wm. Brewer and family will occupy Mrs. Belleville’s house.

Mr. H. E. Collins and Miss Gertrude Wallace were married at the home of the bride’s parents Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Walling on King street, Wednesday evening, Rev. Wallace officiating. A number of friends were present.

Thursday morning when Mr. Cordie R. Jus opened up his father’s feed store, he was startled to find things in a very disorderly state. He immediately went home and reported that some one had entered the store during the night. Upon examination the lamp and several cans of paint and glue were found to have been overturned. But at last it was decided, as Cordie Ruse says, “that it was a big four-jegged quadruped,” in the shape of a cat.

Just after school had dismissed Tuesday afternoon, a small boy by the name of Pease, who had been detached after school, fell into a seat in an apothecary’s store. The ambulance was summoned, and he was conveyed to his home on Germantown street. It is said that his grandfather remarked that he had had a similar fit just one year before. There were rumors that his teacher had punished him and frightened him as to cause the fit, but more reliable reports assert that she had neither said nor done anything in any way to frighten him. The spasms were probably produced by natural causes.

CITY NEWS.

Captain John A. Miller heading a detachment of picked men from Co. C 13th Regiment O. N. G. left last Saturday morning for Atlanta, Georgia, to take part in the prize drill which occurred there this week. They returned Wednesday evening.

Fred G. Witholot was nominated by the Republican Senatorial Convention at Germantown, last Saturday, to represent Montgomery and Pike Counties in the State.
R. C. Anderson, police-commissio-
nor, was shot by some unknown
person this afternoon. The man
ran along the sidewalk in front
of Mr. Anderson's office, and shot
through the window, hitting him
in the hip. The would-be-assas-
sin is supposed to have been a
disappointed candidate for the
police force.

It is rumored that the Democrat
and Monitor have been purchased
by a syndicate with a view of con-
solidating them and running a
first-class Democratic daily.

Bob Burdette, the humorist,
gave a lecture on Thursday night
at Association Hall on the "Pil-
grimage of a Funny Man." Bur-
dette is a rather insignificant look-
ing little fellow and one would
hardly take him to be the man
whose writings now almost bring
you, to tears with its pathos and
then convulse you with its funny
stories. He excels, both as a
writer and as a lecturer.

Officer Burdy in passing Kuhns
Bros. grocery, corner of Ludlow
and Court streets, about midnight
Thursday night, saw two men in
a box-stone the muzzle of
pieces of clothing belonging to the
stories. He excised

"This is
certain."

The State forces have quit their
work at Johnstown, Pa. An aver-
age of three or four dead bodies
have been recovered every day
since the forces began working in
the river, and the people think it
is wrong to quit at this time.

As workmen were sinking a
well for natural gas near Pueblo,
Colorado, a vein was struck and
the gas was ignited from a lamp at
the mouth of the well, causing a
terrific explosion. One man was
cremated and two others and
one woman were burned so badly
that recovery is doubtful.

Andrew Carnegie has appointed
a citizens' committee of his own
to select a suitable site, that he
can erect there, at a cost of $700,-
000, not a free library building,
but one with quarters in it for
Pittsburgh's newly organizing acad­
y of science. The building is
to eclipse anything of the kind in
America except the Smithsonian
Institution.

Gustav Lindenthal, a prominent
engineer of Pittsburgh, is prepa-
ing a model of a bridge to span
the Hudson from Jersey City to
New York. The structure is to
be a suspension bridge, 7,000 feet
in length. The river span will be
2,850 feet, and the other two spans
over 2,000 feet. The height of the
bridge from the floor to the river
will be 140 feet, and the roadway
85 feet wide, sufficient to accom-
modate six railroad tracks. It is
estimated that the cost of this
structure will be $4,000,000.

The famous Brooklyn tabernacle,
of which the Rev. T. DeWitt
Talmage, D. D., is pastor, was for
the second time in its history to-
tally destroyed by fire, at two
o'clock Sunday morning. The or-
igin of the fire is unknown, but it
is thought that it may have been
caused by lightning. The loss on
the church building, including the
organ, which is one of the
finest in the country, is $150,000.
It is said to be covered by insur-
ance in a number of companies.
The building was of fourteenth-
century Gothic architecture and
was dedicated February 22, 1874.

As a result of the vigorous in-
vestigation instituted Friday by
State's Attorney Longenecker and
his associates in the Case in a
great conspiracy has been un-
earthed, and Alexander A. Hanks,
Mark Salomon, Fred W. Smith,
Thomas Kavanaugh, Jeremiah O'"
Donnell, and Joseph Rosen have
been indicted for jury bribing,
and are now in the county jail, a
special grand jury, headed by ex-
Mayor John A. Roche, having
considered the evidence and re-
turned the indictments. Bailiffs
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A friend tells, with a good deal of drollery, how he has suffered this summer from an undeserved fame of fortune.

"You know," he says, "that the X—e went abroad in June, and offered us the use of their cottage at Wareview for the summer. Of course, we were delighted, and if I hadn't made a bad move in the first place, we should have had a very pleasant season. Such a trilling thing, too! It was only buying a dollar's worth of postage stamps at the village post-office, but it came near spoiling our whole summer."

In a place where people bought a single stamp for a letter after the epistle was written, the purchase of fifty stamps at once took on all the magnitude of a magnificent financial transaction. The purchaser was from that moment looked upon as a man of enormous wealth. He was charged extravagantly for everything. His steps were haunted by committees soliciting subscriptions for charity, and, in a word, he was subjected to all the annoyance of being wealthy without the satisfaction of having the reality of which this was the unpleasant shadow.

"Hereafter," he said, "when I am in the country, I shall never buy more than one stamp at a time."

A Cold Joke.

An Irishman, being annoyed by a howling dog in the night, jumped out of bed to disoblige the offender.

It was in the month of January when the snow was three feet deep. He not returning, his wife ran out to see what was the matter. There she found her husband in his night suit, his teeth chattering and his whole body almost paralyzed with cold, holding the struggling dog by the tail.

"Hah! Mother! Pat," says she, "what would ye be after doin'?"

"Hum!" said he. "Don't ye see I'm tryin' to freeze the baste!"

Said Bob to Bill, when he caught him drinking, "I thought you had signed the pledge—no, I have," said Bill, "but all signs fall in dry weather."

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