The Other Side. Oh!' twould save a deal of trouble, And many a sigh would cease; 'Twould pour on Life's rough waters The soothing oil of peace ; It would give us ease of conscience, Whatever did betide, 1f, before we passed our judgment, We'd hear the other side.

Dame Rumour never stereotypes A story that she tells ; But, as it rolls, a little wave Into a billow swells. There's not a tale of scandal Of treachery, wrong, or pride, But might be somewhat brightened Did we know the other side. \* \* \* \* \* \*

And we are also erring; So oft through life must crave A lenient verdict from our friends, For actions dark and grave. It is surely ill becoming, And shows unseemly pride, For us to sit in judgment Upon the darkest side.

Then let us seek the sunbeam, However dark the day; Let us hope the wanderer will return, How far so e'er he stray; And with the blessed charity Which many a sin doth hide, Let us always judge the erring By the best, the brightest side.

### Animal Intelligence.

A scientific exchange has recently been discussing "Animal intelligence" and some of the instances of "intellect" in cats and dogs, as given by different contributors will be found interesting. We select the following on "Cats":

Many years ago at Carne farmhouse, This manœuvre was more than once re- | tion. peated with, of course, equal lack of success. Finally, the cat was seen to deof delusion and never would he conde-

The following sagacity in a cat has just been related to me by a friend who knew both cat and its owner well. The latter, who lived in Dalmatia, was to cater for himself, and was well known as a thief in the neighborhood. One day one of the children was being sent off to school without any breakfast; the cat hearing him sobbing for hunger, immediately went off, and returned with a piece of bread he had stolen from a basket hard by, and brought it to the child. The same thing happened another day, and he came back, dragging along a piece of meat bigger than himself. On crossing the threshold, a bit of bone caught on a nail, so puss mewed till some one came to his assistance. The same cat, who was constantly catching birds on the roof, slept with tempting to touch them.

My father, when a boy, kept a tame starling, which, having had its wings clipped, was allowed to hop about the house at random. It had been brought up, so to speak, with a little kitten, and a great friendship had been established between the two. They playing together, drinking out of the same saucer, etc., etc. One day while the family were at dinner, with open doors, the cat suddenly pounced upon the starling, and everyone thought that the cat's nature had got the better of its affection; but, no. The cat carefully took up the starling, jumped with it on to a table, and leaving it there, rushed out of the room. A moment after, the sound of a furious fight going on in the hall reached the ears of the astonished family, and it was then found that a strange cat had stolen into the house, with which the starling's friend was fighting. Evidently the house cat heard the approach of the enemy, and having placed its play-fellow in a comparatively safe place, rushed out to expel the intruder.

Some years ago the late Hon. me to his stable to show me a cat which was at the time bringing up a family of young rats. The cat, some weeks previously, had a litter of five kittens, three were taken away and destroyed shortly after their birth; next day it was found that the cat had replaced her lost kittens by three young rats which she nursed with the two remaining kittens; a few days afterwards the two kittens were taken away, and the cat very shortly replaced them by two more young rats, and at the time I saw them, the young rats-which were confined in an empty stall-were running about quite briskly, and about one third grown. The cat happened to be out when we went into the stable, but came in before we left. She immediately jumped over the board into the stall, and lay down; her strange foster family at once ran under her and commenced sucking. What renders the circumstance more extraordinary is, that the cat was kept in the stable as a particularly good "ratter." P. D.

I was sitting in one of the rooms of a house in Somersetshire the first evening there, and hearing a loud knock at the front door, was told not to heed it, as it was only a kitten asking admittance. Not believing it, I watched for myself, and very soon saw this kitten jump on to the door, hang on by one leg, and put the other fore-paw right through the knocker and rap twice. The knocker was an ordinary-shaped one, fixed in the centre of the door half way up. The top part of the door was glaized. I saw this performance a dozen of times afterwards, and often used to put the kitten outside to see it done. It was never known to knock when any one stood in the garden, but if one went in-doors. and shut it outside, in a few minutes came the usual knock. A sister kitten to this one was never known to knock but sat on the door step, and entered when the door was opened, and in nine cases out of ten the knocks were successful. This kitten was never taught, in any way; it would knock at both front and back doors. M. B.

My cat, a female, white yellow eyes, absolutely deaf to all sounds not conveyed through solid media, was remarkably acute in the matter of sight and singularly intelligent, being a granddaughter of my begging cat. (This was a cat which spontaneously adopted the habit of begging for food, and transmitted the habit to her kittens, and her kittens' kittens. I have seen one of these, now grown into a cat, which begs quite as well as my terrier; and the interesting fact is that all this family of begging kittens take to begging spontaneously, independently alike of teaching and of seeing their mothers beg.) pressed that desire by peculiar cries, then by sitting in front of us and begging like her grandmother, but not in unfortunately contract either coughs or such an accomplished manner. This colds.

failing, she would go to the side of the fire-place, and standing on a foot-stool, would pat with her hand the knob of the fire-place bell. (Of course a cat not having a properly prehensile hand could not actually ring the bell.) This was never resisted, and as soon as she saw the bell rang, she went toward the door at which the servant would enter, and then waited in perfect confidence for the milk, which she brought. She did not attempt to leave the room with the servant, but waited patiently for her second coming. This cat was also remarkable as a fisher. She would wade into a small pond up to the shoulder and catch fish—tench, goldfish, minnows, etc., and was always fond of dabbling in water.

My sister, who lives just opposite to

my own house, possesses a cat (now about thirteen years old) whose intelligence is very remarkable. He has of a side door, which is just within his due to the inability of the stomach (weakened by stance, but if this is not answered promptly it is followed by what is known as a "postman's knock;" if this is not successful, trial is then made of a scientific "rat-tat," that would not FOR SALE BY ALL DRUGGISTS. disgrace a West End footman. I should say that "Minnie" holds the knocker in his paw as we should hold it in our fingers and not by simply lifting it up. How far this practice involves "abstract reasoning" I will not say, but something like an approach to it is suggested, for he was never taught to knock at the door, and adopted the habit some three years ago, evidently to gain admittance, very often to the annoyance of my sister's family, who have where relatives of mine were then liv- occasionally been disturbed in this way ing, the household cat was observed to at unseemly hours. I should be sorry entera bedroom in course of being spring- in thus referring to the sagacity of poor cleaned. The looking-glass being on pussy (who is now also somewhat the floor, the cat, on entering, was confeeble) to reflect upon him by noticing fronted with its own reflection and na- some other of his peculiarities, one of turally concluded that he saw before which is his fondness for a little brandy him a real intruder on his domain. and water and other alcoholic stimu-Hostile demonstrations were the result, lants; but I think what I have referred followed by a rush to the mirror and then to may be interesting to Mr. H., or some meeting an obstacle to his vengeance, other of your correspondents, and it is and a fruitless cut round to the rear. within my own knowledge and observa-G. M.

In 1877 I was absent from, Madras when near enough to the edge, to feel English "tabby," was a very gentle supposed intruder, whilst with its head absence the quarters were occupied by twisted round to the front it assured it- two young gentlemen, who delighted in self of the persistence of the reflection. | teasing and frightening the cats. About The result of this experiment fully satis- a week before my return, the English fied the cat that he had been the victim | cat had kittens, which she carefully concealed behind book-shelves in the scend to notice mere reflections, though | Library. On the morning of my return the trap was more than once laid for I saw the cat, and petted her as usual, Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., T.B.G. and then left the house for about an hour. On returning to dress I found that the kittens were located in a corner of my dressing-room, where previous broods had been deposited and nursed. On questioning the servant as too poor to be able to provide food for to how they came there, he at once rethe cat; the animal was, therfore, obliged plied, "Sir, the old cat taking one by one in her mouth brought them here. In other words, the mother had carried them one by one in her mouth from the library to the dressing-room, where they lay quite exposed. I do not think, that I have heard of a more remarkable instance of reasoning, and affectionate confidence in an animal, and I need hardly say that the latter manifestation gave me very great oleasure. The train of reasoning seems to have been as follows, "Now that my master has returned there is no risk of the kittens being injured by the two young savages in the house, so I will take them out for my protector to see and admire, some pet birds in a cage without at- and keep them in the corner in which W. E. | all my former pets have been nursed."

Many years ago we lived in Cam-

ridge in Emmanuel House at the back

f Emmanuel College. The premises

vere partly cut off from the road by a

high wall; the body of the House stood

back some little distance. A high

trellis, dividing off the garden, ran from the entrance door to the wall, in which was another door, or gate. A portion of the house or gable faced the trellis. These particulars are necessary as you will see. We were after some time of residence, extremely troubled by "run-away-rings," generally most prevalent at night, and in rainy, bad, or cold weather, which was a great annoyance to the servant girls, who had to cross the space between the house and the wall, to open the outer door in the latter and were thus exposed to wet and cold. The annoyance became so great that at length a cousin and myself, armed with wicked ash saplings, watched behind the trees on "Jesus Piece," bent on administering a sound thrashing to the enemy, whoever he was that disturbed our "domestic peace" "Mirabile Dictur!" the rings Marmaduke Maxwell of Terryles, took | continued, but no one pulled the bell handle! Being a very old house, they were now, of course, set down to ghosts but not believing in those gentry I was puzzled. Chance however revealed the originators of the scare. Being ill I was confined to the wing facing the trelis, and one miserable, blowing wet day, gazing disconsolately out of the window espied my favorite cat - a singularly intelligent animal, much petted-coming along the path, wet, draggle-tailed, and miserable. Pussy marched up to the house-door, sniffed at it, pushed it, mewed, but finding it firmly shut, clambered up to the top of the trellis, some eight or ten feet from the ground, reached a paw over the edge, scratched till she found the bellwire which ran along the upper rail from the wall to the house, caught hold of it, gave it a hearty pull then jumped down, and waited, demurely at the door. Out came the maid, in rushed PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON, puss. The former, after gazing vaguely up and down the street, returned, muttering "blessings," no doubt on the ghost, to be confronted by me in the hall. Well, Lydia, I have at last found out who rings the bell." "Lord Master! ye harven't surely." she was broad "zammeryetshees." "I have. come and see. Look out of the breakfast room window, but don't show yourself." Meanwhile I went into the drawing-room, where miss ouss was busy drying herself before the fire. Catching her up, I popped her outside of the door, and ran round to my post of observation. Puss tried the door and mewed, thinking, probably, some one must be near, and after waiting two or three minutes in vain, again sprang up the trellis and renewed her attack on the bell-wire, of course to be immediately admitted by the delighted maid, who this time did not coss the yard, nor ever again, I fear sometimes to the inconveinence of visitors, if puss was waiting for admission. To my mind, she must have gone through the following process of reasoning:

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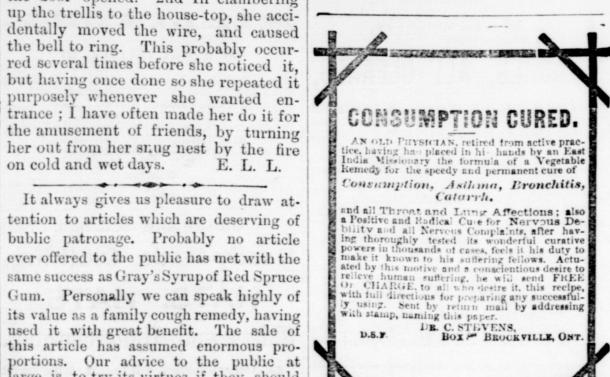
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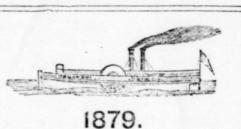
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