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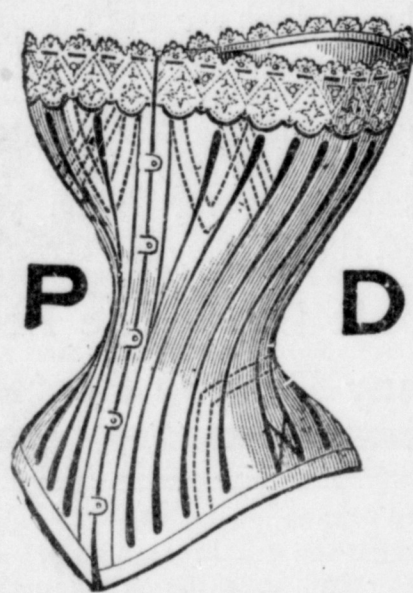
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WAYS OF A BLOODHOUND.

Good Temper and Watchfulness Command Him to Notice.

For stateliness of appearance no breed of dog is comparable to the bloodhound, while the stories attending its unerring pursuit of its quarry have furnished the novelist with material of the most exciting character. But it is a fiction to associate the bloodhound with ferocity. He never worries or mangles what he tracks down. His vocation is to find, and to find only, whether engaged in pursuit of man or of wounded deer. The bloodhound has figured in history from time immemorial, and no breed of dogs has preserved its characteristic points so persistently. The high, pointed cranium, the long, pendulous ears, the ample dewlap, the wrinkled forehead, the overhanging eyelids—commonly called the sealing-wax—may be traced more or less in the Talbot hound, the modern foxhound, the otter-hound, the basset, the French dashhound, and in the Swedish beagle, which list is a miniature bloodhound, though of lighter build. Instinct is so keen that he hunts the 'clean shoe' as well, it not better, than when the foot of the fugitive has been purposely tailed, and it is a pretty sight to watch a trained hound following his quarry over a leafless tree, the pursued has gone that way, or under the rails, it such had been his course.

The training of bloodhounds has not been very persistently followed of late years, but there have been several important trials at Ramoth and at the Alexandra Palace. It is noteworthy to remark that the trial at Ramoth came off when deep snow was on the ground, and that while snow was actually falling the hounds laid on were equally persistent in tracking the quarry. A well-trained bloodhound will follow for five miles even after six hours have elapsed since the fugitive started, and although many other trails may have crossed the track. But he is frequently at fault over stone flags. It was for this reason that the pursuit of Jack the Ripper by bloodhounds, at one time mooted, was after a trial discarded.

It was the late Mr. J. Bell's Countess which served as a model to Landseer for his bloodhound in 'Dignity and Impudence,' and also for his 'Sleeping Bloodhound,' while the late Sir John Millar Cromwell figured in more than one of that artist's pictures. Other fine hounds have been Louth XI., Hector II. and Danger. The bloodhounds aristocratic appearance, his invariable good temper and his watchfulness commend him to social notice, while the vulgar idea regarding his ferocity renders him an invaluable companion for ladies and children against the annoyance incidental to the genus tramp. The Count de Conchaux de Cantillon, in his work 'Les Races des Chiens Curans Francais,' harks back to the famous St. Hubert hounds, black and white, as the recognized progenitors of their breed. The present day writer was particularly impressed by the strong bloodhound type which characterized the packs of French hounds from various provinces exhibited at the international show in Paris in the year 1878. However, it will be more interesting to leave speculative discussion and come to the regions of fact. In borderland history bloodhounds were compulsorily maintained by each hamlet for tracking the most troopers after their raids, and till comparatively lately the rural constabulary in England employed bloodhounds to trace sheep and poultry stealers.—London Sketch.

Will Made in Jest.

A resident in Vevey, Switzerland, lately died, and bequeathed a large property, which he was supposed to possess, to the 'local hospital of the town.'

There being two local medical charities—the Town hospital and the Hospice de Sanaritan—a lawsuit was entered by the former in order to decide its right to the legacy. After considerable expense had been incurred the dispute was abruptly brought to a close by the discovery that the deceased had indulged in a most unseasonable jest, and, in fact, did not possess a penny to bequeath.

Only Occasionally.

A bright little fellow of four years had the unfortunate habit of stammering. One day his mother had callers, and the little one was asked, 'Richard, do you stutter all the time?' 'N-n-no, only when I talk,' was the ingenious reply.—Boston Daily Globe.

A Pertinent Rejoinder.

'I always try to make as many friends as possible,' said the woman who gossips. 'Of course,' replied Miss Cayenne. 'It one had no friends how could one discuss their private affairs?'—Washington Star.

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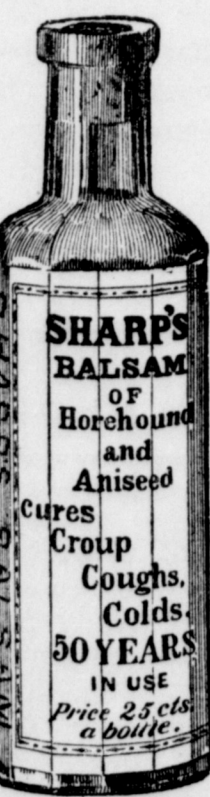
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GREATEST BAND ON EARTH.

A Band That Made a Greater Showing Than Sousa or Gilmore.

Comedian William H. Crane says that the greatest brass band this country ever knew was an organization in Ottumwa, Iowa, many years ago.

'I've heard Gilmore and Sousa and all the rest,' said Mr. Crane recently, 'but their bands couldn't be compared with that prairie aggregation for a moment.'

'In my theatrical salad days—when I was much younger than I am now—I was trying to pilot a company of thespian bright lights throughout the western provinces. Business was bad and our treasury was low. At Ottumwa the theater orchestra had some sort of grievance against the management and demanded pay in advance. The theatre refused and our organization was not financially in a position to discount the future for a single moment. So I started out to find some sort of music, it possible, to tide us over. I finally succeeded in getting the Ottumwa brass band to agree to play three selections in front of the theater before the performance in return for free admission to the show.'

'The band showed up in time, carried out its part of the contract and went into the theatre. I was on the door that night and by and by I was struck by the fact that the Ottumwa brass band must be one of the most remarkable musical organizations in the country. Every minute or two somebody would come up to the door with a brass horn under his arm, wave it at me and sail on into the theatre without a word. After I had passed in fifty or sixty musicians in this way I began to grow a trifle suspicious and stopped an old granger who was carrying in a big tuba.

'Excuse me, sir,' I remarked, 'but do you play in the band?'

'Nope,' he answered.

'What are you doing with that horn, then?' I asked.

'I'm going to go in on it, if I can,' he replied candidly.

'Whose is it?' I inquired.

'Blamed if I know,' he said. 'A feller outside there gave it to me and said I could get in with it.'

'I left the door and stepped inside just in time to see one of the band boys drop another horn out of a window into the hands of somebody in the crowd outside in the street.'

'As nearly as I can calculate the Ottumwa brass band that night must have had more members than Gilmore or Sousa ever directed at one time.'—Chicago Times-Herald.

A QUEEN PRIESTHOOD.

The Strange Conduct and Customs of an India Hill Tribe.

The most extraordinary costume worn in religious ceremony is that of the priests of a hill tribe, near Darjeeling in India.

A photograph of a group of these peculiar priests has just been brought back from India. All of them wear masks of enormous size, painted in the most hideous manner, possibly by the priestly artists. The colors are chiefly bright red and yellow. The faces have strangely shaped noses, eyes and ears, and many other things are done to make them as striking as possible.

When all these priests are engaged in one of the elaborate ceremonies of their religion, the scene surpasses anything on the comic opera stage. The fierce hill men of Darjeeling are very much impressed by the sight of the representatives of their gods decked out in this fashion.

One mask indicates that its wearer represents the god who looks after the spears of the tribesmen and helps to drive them home. Another deity cares for the bows and arrows, etc. The warrior who hopes to do good work with any of these weapons must liberally propitiate the priests.

The hill men have a particularly great ceremony once a year, when, led by their priests, the go out into the plain and indulge in warlike exercises, bidding defiance to all creation.

The city of Darjeeling, being in the hills, is used to a considerable exeat as a health station by British residents in India. The surrounding country, also called Darjeeling is inhabited by a fierce race, who are only kept in order by judicious treatment. Many of them have enlisted in the Anglo-Indian army.—San Francisco Examiner.

No Expected to Know.

The newly arrived stranger in Atlanta started up Whitehall street in search of information. On the corner of Alabama street he encountered a tall, yellow-faced individual in a droopy coat and soiled tie.

'My good sir,' said the stranger, 'I am in search of information concerning this great State, and feel sure that you can assist me very materially. What is your population?'

'Dunno.'

'What kind of school system have you?'

'Dunno.'

'How about your tax rate?'

'Is your Government friendly or unfriendly to manufacturing corporations?'

'Dunno.'

'Let's see—how does Georgia rank among the other States in its agricultural products?'

'Dunno.'

'Ah, you don't live here, then?'

'Yass.'

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