A well-dressed man entered the smoking car on an Illinois Central suburban train with a handsome bull terror at his heels. Neither man nor dog attracted attention, and the man took a seat, the dog crouched at his feet. A passenger at the other end of the car drew a cigar from his pocket, put it in his mouth, lit a match and held it carelessly in his hand waiting for it to burn into a bright blaze. Just as the man was raising it to his cigar the dog saw the match, ran like a streak down the car, sprang at the match, and catching it in his mouth extinguished it in an instant. The dog contentedly trotted back to his master's feet and sat down as though he had done a very meritorious act. Then the passengers began experimenting. Some one lit a parlor match and threw it into the air; the dog sprang into the air and caught it before it fell. Matches lighted and thrown upon the floor were extinguished in an instant by the dog with his mouth and fore paws. Then somebody, whose instincts were a little brutal, threw a cigar stub with a brilliant coal of fire on the floor. The dog sprang on it and, although finding it a tougher job than a match, worried it with mouth and paws till it was extinguished.

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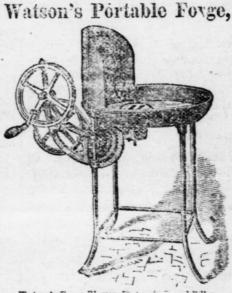
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