A Dog that Understands.

There is a Newfoundland dog of the historian's acquaintance, Lion by name, who gives daily proof of his comprehension of what is said to him. A lady called on his mistress the other day. During her call Lion came in rather slyly, lay down on the parlor carpet, and went to sleep. The conversation ran on, and the visitor said finally:

'What a handsome Newfoundland you have.'

Lion opened one eye. 'Yes,' said his mistress, 'he is a very good dog, and takes excellent care of the children.'

Lion opened the other eye and waved his tail complacently to and fro along the carpet.

'When the baby goes out he always goes with her, and I feel perfectly sure then that no harm can come to her,' his mistress went on.

Lion's tail thumped up and down violently on the carpet.

'And he is so gentle to them all, and such a playmate and companion to them, that we would not take a thousand dollars for him.'

Lion's tail now went up and down, to and fro, and round and round with great and undisguised glee.

'But,' said his mistress, 'Lion has one serious fault.'

Total subsidence of Lion's tail, together with the appearance of an expression of great concern on his face.

'He will come in here with his dirty feet and lie down on the carpet, when I have told him time and again that he musn't do it.'

Here Lion arose with an air of the utmost dejection and humiliation and slunk out of the room, with his lately exuberant tail totally crestfallen.—*Boston Record.*

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'Yes.'

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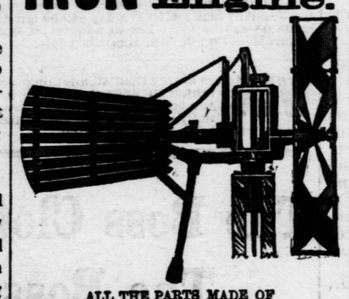

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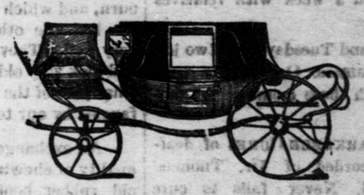

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