

JUST OUR DOG.

He was just a dog, mister—that's all; And all of us boys called him Bub; He was curly and not very tall...

THE LUCK OF KATY DONOVAN.

Sure, I came in a warm caressing brogue, "I do always have the greatest luck!" Then, with a dash into nasal twang and current idiom, "What time does the boss come in? I hear he thinks an awful lot..."

when Katy remained away three days without sending me a word, I felt that I was being imposed upon. I was just about to telegraph her to return immediately when she came into the office. She was evidently brimming over with happiness. I tried my best to look severe, but somehow neither severity nor reproof was possible. Instead of the intended reprimand, I said, "I'm indeed glad to see you back. I hope you did not find much damage done to your home?"

so quiet that somehow I let her hear her way. After several days had passed, I wrote Katy a note saying I should be glad to hear how matters were going with her and her family. By way of reply she sent me a postcard with a photograph of the mills where she was employed, and a line saying she was quite well, and they all had work now. It was great luck; but she always did have such luck!

To Save the Seal. A herd of six fur-seal pups, taken in the waters near St. Michaels, Alaska, has been sent to the New York Aquarium. The valuable little animals will be watched with more interest, especially by the Bureau of Fisheries, than any other sea creatures yet brought to our shores. In fact, the seals will be the quiet beginning of an experiment of far-reaching importance, an attempt to acclimate and breed these fast-disappearing animals in the eastern part of the United States. If the plan succeeds it is more than likely that a great seal rookery may be established in the near future at some point among the rock islands of the Maine coast if proper climatic conditions can be found.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN. DAILY THOUGHT. There is no service like his that serves because he loves.—Sir Phillip Sidney. A hostess who entertained on the date of Lincoln's birth sent the invitations pasted on tiny bits of bark cut in the shape of a log, as a suggestion of Lincoln's cabin home. The house was decorated in streamers of red, white, and blue, and the table had a centerpiece made in the form of a tiny log hut, with vines made to climb in profusion over the logs. The place-cards had Lincoln pennies on them, and the souvenirs were tiny busts of Lincoln.

FARM NOTES. —Germany is the chief source of kaim, as well as all the imported salts except the crude salt-peter. Of the muriate imported in 1911, 431,000,000 pounds, Germany supplied all except 3,250,000 pounds received from Belgium and 1,500,000 pounds from the United Kingdom. —Prices paid to the farmers in the United States on October 1, as compared with the same time last year, averaged for potatoes, 30.2 per cent. higher; hay, 22.7 per cent. higher; oats, 17.4 per cent. higher; corn, 7.5 per cent. higher; wheat, 5.7 per cent. lower; chicken 6 per cent. lower; butter, 9.2 per cent. lower; eggs, 10.7 per cent. lower.