

Why the Dog Bit Him.

About a week ago we heard one of our leading citizens bringing about his watch dog. He went on to say that Nero was a splendid watch dog; that he would never even growl at a child, and at night he would tear any one to pieces he found about the premises.

"Ain't you afraid he will bite you some night when you come home late?" we asked.

"Not a bit of it, he's too intelligent. He knows my step as soon as I put my foot on the gallery. Why, I wouldn't take five hundred dollars for that dog. He's the most reliable biting dog in San Antonio."

About three days after the foregoing conversation took place, quite early one morning we met a policeman leading this identical dog out into the suburbs.

"What are you going to do with Major Jones' dog?" we asked.

"He gave him to me to take out and shoot."

"What for?" we asked in amazement.

"Because he tackled the Major on his coming home, and bit him in thirteen places; and he will not be down town for a week."

"But I heard the Major say that that dog was intelligent; that he knew his step, and wouldn't bite him no way he could fix it; that he wouldn't take five hundred dollars for that animal."

"The dog ain't to blame for it," said the policeman, gazing sadly at poor Nero, "it's the Major's own fault."

"How so?" we inquired.

"Well," responded the policeman slowly, "the dog did know his step and never even growled at him before; but last night for the first time since he owned the dog, the Major came home three hours earlier than usual and perfectly sober, and somehow his step was very different from what the dog was used to; he didn't tangle up his legs as much as common by any means and the dog was fooled by it, took him for a perfect stranger, and bit him."

The dog ain't to blame; he missed the smell of whiskey; he didn't hear the Major whoop and cuss and fall down the cellar, as he always does when he comes home, so Nero kept on biting the Major in fresh places, until the family interfered.

"Come on, Nero!" and the sad funeral cortege resumed the line of march for the brush.

The Church Union says: "Two steamboats are to be fastened together, stern to stern, in San Francisco Bay, for a trial of power. We never saw the thing tried with steamboats, but we have seen it tried with churches of different denominations and place them stern to stern in a Western village. Then they whip up. Each pulls with forty-yoke power. They fill the whole region with their din, and the end is, neither goes forward a peg. They just neutralize each other—that's all."

The ladies do not think much of Jones. His little girl swallowed a cent and all the neighboring women rushed in to help Mrs. Jones tear around. When Jones reached the scene the little one was pouring out her soul in melody and his wife was crying, "Oh, what shall we do!" Jones said that if the child kept her mouth open like that his wife might take a lantern and go down her throat and hunt the money up.—Rome Sentinel.

A story is told of a shrewish Scotch woman who tried to wear her husband from the public house by employing her brother to act the part of the ghost and frighten John on his way home. "Who are you?" said the guidman, as the apparition rose before him from behind the bush. "I am auld Nick," was the reply. "Come awa', man said John, nothing daunted; "gie's a shake of your hand; I am married to a sister o' yours."

A mouth from now there won't be politics enough in motion to make a three-line paragraph. The number of editors who have become bald-headed in a search of ideas will be alarmingly increased.

"Sooner or later," says a writer, "everything is found out." Just so. A married man, for instance, is generally found out later—about three hours later than he should be.

A lady being asked whether she could keep a secret; replied, "Of course not; what is the good of knowing a secret unless you may immediately tell it to somebody else?"

The man who slapped Charles Francis Adams on the back and called him "Charley," was withered with a glance and subsequently died of pneumonia.

The Emperor of Austria is a great reader. That is the reason why he is not a great sovereign. Men seldom stand celebrity in two sciences.

A number of Mt. Holyoke Seminary girls are working in the chemical laboratory of Amherst College during the present term.

Vinnie Ream is said to be engaged in matrimony to Lieut. Hoxie of the regular army.

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