HUMAN KINDNESS.

[illegible] Which a Boy, a Doctor, and a Dog Again Figured.

[illegible]ward, opposite the Ebbitt [illegible] day last week, a fine Gordon setter, apparently dazed by the loss of his master, whom he was vainly looking for, ran under a herdic, was caught by the wheel and his legs was broken, besides being pretty badly bruised all over his body and having a cut in the mouth, which bled profusely.

He lay in the street unable to move as the herdic passed on, but a boy about 16 years old standing on the corner, with a great big heart under his jacket thumping away, was ready for the emergency, and at once made a rush for the sufferer.

The boy had no interest whatever in the dog, and had never seen him before, but he probably had a dog at home that he loved, and was ready to do something for this one.

So he picked him up carefully in his arms, carried him over in front of Dr. Stone's office, fixed him as comfortably on the pavement as he could, and then went in after the doctor.

The doctor is tender-hearted himself, and at once responded with arnica, bandages, etc., and, assisted by the boy, went to work to fix up the setter.

The dog, although among strangers, appeared to know what they were about, and he submitted to their ministrations with only now and then a little whimper.

While they were at work a friend of Dr. Stone came along, followed by his own dog, also a Gordon, and this dog at once took a great interest in the stranger and after watching him and the workers intently for a time he licked the dog on the head and then crouched down on his stomach and knees as close to the sufferer as he could get and cried like a baby, while the doctor and the boy were completing their work. It wasn't a howl he put up at all, but a genuine low cry of sympathy and pain, and he didn't quit until the strange dog was ready to be moved, and then he got up and followed his owner away.

When the bandaging was done and the arnica bottle was shut up, the doctor wanted to know what was to be done with the patient, and the boy said he'd take him home and care for him till he got well, and keep him if the owner never came for him. Then he picked up the dog and hailed a herdic going down F street. The driver first refused to take the dog into the herdic, but the boy told him a herdic had hurt the dog, and there would be row if a herdic didn't carry him home. The driver consented at last, and the boy laid the dog down carefully in the aisle of the vehicle, got in himself, and that was the last seen of them.

Taken all around, it was one of those pictures in which the humanity of man and the inferior animal is put upon the canvas with a touch of tender, tints which makes nature greater than art and gives those who see it something they will remember always.—*Washington Star.*

Ground for Suspicion.

The French have a proverb, "*Qui s'excuse s'accuse,*" he who excuses himself, accuses himself. This was evidently in the mind of M. de Solihac, whose amusing account of his ride in a diligence is quoted by the Baron du Casse in his volume of "Sourvenirs."

My companion in the coupe was a litigant who was going to Neufchatal to sustain a lawsuit against a M. de Hollonde, of Amiens, who demanded of him the payment of a debt, and who repudiated as false the receipted bill which my companion showed.

He gave me the argument in his defense to read, and I had no sooner looked it over than I hastened to put in my pocket my purse, which I had placed in a pocket of the carriage. He exclaimed with considerable feeling that in taking this precaution I did him an injustice.

I replied, "Monsieur, I have read your defense.

Crossing the equator on the 9th of June, we continued to drift lazily northward, until we took the northeast trades about 24 degrees north latitude and were [illegible] towards the end of the voyage.

It was afternoon of the 4th of July when we entered the Golden Gate. The hills about the bay were dressed in the arid garb of the dry midsummer. Until Telegraph Hill was rounded no habitation or sign of civilization was visible save the dilapidated earthworks at Fort Point and the few crumbling adobe buildings that then constituted "the Presidio," or old Mexican military post. Alcatraz Island, now covered with fortifications and barracks, and crowned with a lighthouse at its summit, was then naked and white with the guano of the myriads of cormorants, gulls and pelicans that nested and hatched their broods upon it. The hills of Contra Costa and the plains at their feet were rank with wild oats, and were the pasture grounds of herds of cattle. Here and there across the broad and beautiful bay the white-washed walls of an adobe ranch house were visible. Rounding Telegraph Hill, however, there was a change of scene. As the harbor of San Francisco opened up before us a whole fleet of vessels of every class and description were seen at anchor. Clearly some kind of talisman was drawing hither the commerce of the world, although on shore, as viewed from the ship's deck, one saw but a few adobe buildings, relics of Mexican methods and habits, some small wooden structures here and there, and tents large and small dotting the hillsides and beach.

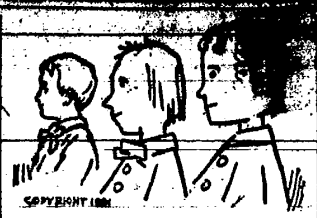
Landing on the rocks at Clark's Point, a spur of Telegraph Hill (for no wharf then existed), we skirted along the cove round into the center of the town, then fairly embraced within the space now covered by the few blocks bordering upon the Plaza or Portsmouth Square. A locality more replete with bustle and excitement than this then never existed. Gambling and gamblers were in full possession of the field. Tents were crowded with people surrounding the tables where the Mexican game of "monte" and other so-called banking games were in full blast. These were the first and most conspicuous features of the scene. The mercantile establishments were thronged with men flitting out for "the diggings." Activity prevailed everywhere, occasioned mainly by the innumerable expeditions and squads of men about to depart for the mining region. For aside from the gambling fraternity, and the comparatively few older and wiser heads who saw a safer and more profitable field of operations in the opportunities which existed for trade and speculation in San Francisco, the heart of the multitude was set upon gold-digging, the "making of a pile"—in the parlance of the day—and a quick return to the old home again. Indeed, it may be safely estimated that ninety-five per cent. of the "Forty-Niners" who had then arrived, and were still arriving, in California were animated by this sentiment. For at that time the country, with its arid and uninviting aspect, presented few or no attractions for permanent residence. Much less did it then exhibit any of the evidences of the resources of soil and climate which the subsequent forty years of American energy and enterprise have developed.—[The Century.

Into the Heart of Alaska.

Last April Lieutenant E. J. Glave and Jack Dalton started from Seattle, Washington, to explore the interior of Alaska. A letter has been received from Glave, in which he says: "We have been entirely successful with our venture of taking a pack-horse into the heart of Alaska. The attempt was considered by many quite quixotic, but I am writing this from one of the most central parts of inner Alaska, from a part of the land entirely different from the snow-covered heights so popularly supposed to be the only grounds in these regions. From my present position an immense valley, thickly covered with luxuriant grasses, stretches away for miles in all directions. Alaska's inaccessibility has kept the country undeveloped, but now that we have proved that transportation by pack-horses is practicable, nothing is to prevent Alaska at once assuming an important position as a mineral-producing region. Alaska is encircled at all limits by rugged walls. When the difficult barriers are crossed, a splendid country is reached, with deep, swift streams and lakes well stocked with fish, and fine pasture and wild fruits in abundance. The winter is severe, but not so dreadful as generally supposed. With the practicability of pack-horse transportation proved, nothing should hinder an important mining return to Alaska.—[New York Post.

Ravages of Coyotes.

A gentleman residing near enough to this city to hear the town clock strike says he can hear coyotes around his residence almost any night. He was talking about the bounty offered by the State for coyote scalps and favored the law, saying that he had lost more than $400 within the last two years by the coyotes and that it was almost impossible to raise young pigs where these animals were found. He was of opinion that the coyotes would all be killed off within the next two years.—[Tulare (Cal.) Times.



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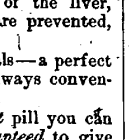

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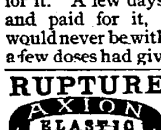

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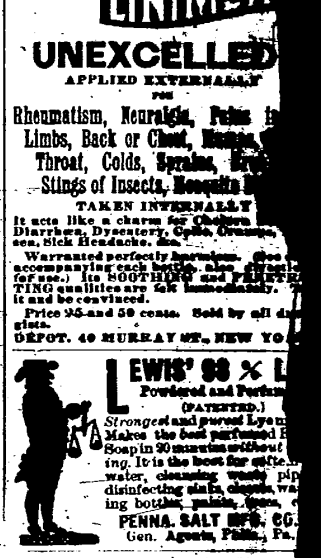

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