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ANIMALS HAVE SOME VERY HUMAN TRAITS

Men Share Many Characteristics and Instincts With the Brute Creation

One of the most noticeable things in studying animal life is the large portion of nature akin to human with which the brutes are endowed.

The instinctive and emotional natures of men and animals are identical in many respects. Sensation, perception, the power of association, curiosity, jealousy, joy, anger, love, the home instinct, fear, chivalry—all these are present in the animal nature. Many of these traits, especially the homing instinct, are much keener than in man, and many of the senses, sight and smell particularly, are much more developed than in the human animal.

One of the strongest of the animal instincts is that of blind anger, the venting of spite on inanimate things. For example, animals caught in traps will punish the sticks and stones that lie conveniently near. It is the same impulse that causes the child to smite the stool it has fallen over or that causes the grown person to kick the door against which he has rammed his head. But there are many instances where we can learn lessons of patience and forbearance from the animal world. The wind may blow away a robin's carefully constructed nest time after time, yet the bird apparently never loses its temper, but patiently builds another home.

Conceit is a human trait very common to animals. Trained animals are noticeably affected by the attitude of the audience before which they are performing. They will give a much better exhibition before one that applauds heartily than before one which is cold and unresponsive. Bears seem especially afflicted with this conceit and pride; and their attempts to "show off before company" are often very ridiculous.

The social instinct among animals is strong; the instinct to stand together, the ideas of the clan or the union and of fellowship are universal. An animal is lonesome away from its friends; hermits are very rare in the animal world.

There is a powerful instinct on the part of all animals to protect the young when in trouble. Hogs and cattle are among the most dangerous of domestic animals when aroused; the surest way to arouse them is to injure their young. Let a bird utter a call for help, and instantly the air around will be filled with feathered champions of the victim. The maternal instinct is so intense that animals will oftentimes mother the young of their enemies or their prey. Cases have been recorded where squirrels, chickens and even mice have been adopted and tenderly cared for by

Fear in human beings is distinctly of animal origin. The fear in beasts is almost identical with that in the small child, and sometimes the man. The effect is also the same—the trembling of the limbs, rapid beating

The mob element is present among animals. Any danger, real or fancied, will cause an instant stampede away from the disturbances. Emotion in one animal of a crowd will beget it in another.

The dog exhibits more human characteristics than any other animal, presumably due to his close association with man. He shares many of the emotions of man. In fact, it seems sometimes as if dogs were shrewder than their masters, 1t seems as if dogs can even show contempt, especially in their treatment of smaller dogs. The lordly dignity with which the large canine stalks through a crowd of yapping, jumping pupples and his superior indifference to their frisking and frolicking, certainly shows a feeling pretty close to contempt.

Co-operation is almost universal in the animal world. Wolves often hunt in relays or in couples. When attacked cattle and horses form a circle. Beavers always work in companies when building their dams.

READING CAMP WORK

How the Foreigners Doing Frontier
Work Are Being Assimilated

The Reading Camp Association does a splendid work by sending its instructors, who are usually college men, into the lumber camps, construction gangs, and the mines of Canada.

In the evening these instructors

spend their time teaching their companions how to read and write and spell and speak the English language, and generally giving them an education. They provide a tent where the men may spend their spare time in reading newspapers or books, or in writing home. Next day they are down in the mine cr out in the woods again swinging pick or axe like any other laborers. Experience has taught the instructors that it is the workman who shares the rough toil of camp or mine rather than the clerk or storekeeper who makes the best teacher. He is upon a footing with his pupils that only hardship shared or common danger can establish. inerefore by choice the instructors take part in the roughest work.

We hardly realize that the Canadian navvy has practically disappeared, and that even the French-Canadian. navvy is scarce, but such is the case. The rough frontier work of Canada is done almost altogether by foreigners-Russians, Italians, Bulgarians, Greeks and other Europeans, who come to this country unacquainted with the English language. It is plain that it is of the utmost importance to the country that these men should be taught English as speedily as possible, and thus be prepared for assimilation into the English-speaking population. Without such service as the reading camp gives these men would never learn the English language. They would herd together in their own little colonies, and as soon as they had saved enough money would return to their homes to spend the remainder of their days.

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