

CAN DOGS BE MAGNETIZED?

Stories of the Power of Will Force over Canines.

Mr. Jingle or Mr. Jesse never of applying animal magnetism to dogs. But this is part of "The Education of Dogs" as practised by "H. H.," whose book is published by Messrs. Sampson Low. "I have done wrong hundreds of yards from me," says "H. H.," and he adds to a friend, the spell was broken. It is the power of the human eye, he says, that acts thus, for how can the eye be a quarter of a mile's distance? He shut his eyes and try if the magnetic spell still lasts. "To be a first-rate dog, a man must have lots of animal magnetism," which, according to this philosopher, is developed by force of will. But is it will, or is it a form of "magnetism?" In dog-breaking we reach at once the land of metaphysics, and are embarking on Schopenhauer's speculations before we know it. Of animal magnetism exercised by the rider on the horse little need be said. The man may influence the beast unconsciously, not by "will" but by "magnetism." It is a different when "H. H." turns to a dog from a particular corner of a field simply "wishing" with all his force, and the will had better be kept as much as may be, and some dogs obey the will which merely sulk under the cleverest of "H. H.'s" dogs retriever. He was fishing in her coat caught his fly on a stump on the opposite bank, sent the retriever across the water and she brought it safely. When the dog's fly caught in a bough of a willow, she climbed above the water, the dog swam a bough into the top of the bush, jumped on the bough as she fell, bit it and restored the tackle. This dog was sent for a wounded mallard, was swimming below the ice. She ran yards down stream, broke a hole in the ice and waited like a cat at a mouse hole. There she caught the mallard as he came up to breathe. If this was not reasoning what is reason? But some other power has been exercised in the following case. "H. H." left his dog at the front door of a house, with a friend to watch its proceedings. He left the house by aid of a ladder against a high window in the back garden. The dog began to be uneasy as the master had thus escaped, and was with him in five minutes. Can he be guided by smell or was he attracted by animal magnetism? If the human mind really influences that of a dog from a distance, the force which we call mind must be common to man and beast, and "in that sky" retrievers may keep "H. H.'s" company. The attention of Mr. Romaines of the Psychical Society, as well as the attention of sportsmen, should be given to H. H.'s book. His anecdote of how the dog in the cockney is excellent, but a little in the manner of Dean Swift. We are only beginning to study the psychology of animals, and it may be the proper starting-point for these investigations.

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