

### How a Big Mastiff Had Fun With a Farmer's Wife.

"When we moved up on the brook farm," said Mrs. Lynam to a friend, "Aaron was determined for me to have a good dog to protect me in case he was away, and so he got a big mastiff. You know men that are real smart about some things will be sort of weak where pets are concerned.

"Now for clear intelligence and gentleness I should have much rather called in the heifer; for of all the awkward, lumbering things, that dog was the leader.

"He seemed to grow in spots. First his head was too large for his body, and then his legs grew long; and then there were times when his feet looked big enough for an elephant. He was a playful creature in his heart, but he couldn't gambol much more than one of the oxen.

"He had a noble, expansive kind of a bark, though, and showed his breed, and so when Aaron went away I did feel a little safer.

"The first morning, when I got up to make the fire, he came walking round, and seemed as clever as could be. The wood I was using was rather green, and so I decided to put a little kerosene on it. I suppose I got on more than I thought, for it flared up awfully when I put a match to it, and the first I knew my sleeve was all afire.

"I didn't lose my presence of mind at all. I got down and rolled myself up in a rug, head and ears, and began to roll over the floor.

"It put the fire out, but that dog thought it was something to amuse him, and began to be playful. He gave a curious sort of a howl, and landed his four paws, which

weighed ten pounds apiece, on my chest, and lolling his tongue out, looked down at me.

"I tried to roll him off, but he took it for play, and belted me over and jumped about until I was completely bound up in the rug.

"He would give a short sneeze, and dab his paw into my hair. He scratched my face, and tore my dress into strips.

"Every time I tried to rise he would give a little bark, and butt me down again with his head. The more I shouted, the faster and louder he barked, and springing about, he overturned chairs and tables.

"I don't know where it would have ended if one of the farm-hands hadn't heard the commotion, and come in. I was bruised and torn, and in a terrible temper.

"Aaron sent the dog off, and we haven't had another; but he is like most men about a dog, and says now, 'He was only a little playful.'

ruined by pie.

Love for Pastry Barred Him Out of the Pulpit and Drove Him to Forgersy.

A most singular case is now in the courts at Kingston in New York State. A young man living there was lately found to be a forger, and when he confessed he said he was driven to crime by an ungovernable gluttony for mince pie. To satisfy his craving he had forged the signature of a wealthy man to a note for \$1,000, and had got the paper discounted. With the proceeds he went on a mince-pie spree and had devoured \$60 worth of this pastry before he was arrested.

According to his story his extraordinary liking for mince pie began to show itself when he was a boy. He seemed even then to feel that there was something abnormal in his appetite, for he went voluntarily to Bloomingdale Asylum in the hope of being cured of his gluttony. After he came out he believed he was cured and began to study for the ministry. But in a fatal hour, about two years later, the mania for pie came upon him with irresistible power. He broke into the housekeeper's closet in the Auburn Theological Seminary, where he was a student, and gorged himself with mince-pie. His release preyed upon him that he went to the faculty, and they advised him, he says, to drop his studies, as it would be detrimental to the ministerial calling for him to enter it with such a fatal appetite for mince pie. He would be likely to suffer a seizure of his mania at a supper in the church parlors or at the table of one of his flock, and create an unforgettable scandal. He took the advice of the faculty and went to peddling clothes wringers and bed springs, but his malady was now so deep seated that he subordinated everything to his craving. He developed an unusual cunning in stealing mince pie, or in getting the money with which to purchase it. "I would be tempted," said he, "and fall; go to a restaurant and eat a pie and a half or two pies. I became as helpless a victim of the mince-pie habit as the drunkard is of the drink habit. Sometimes I have pawned my overcoat or my watch when I have seen an uncommonly luscious pie in a window and have not had enough ready money to buy it."

Then came the forging of the note and the pie orgy which ended in his arrest. After hearing his story a commission was appointed to inquire into his sanity, and it is likely that, instead of being sent to a penitentiary, he will be placed in a lunatic asylum. He is described as a thin, nervous-looking man with a wild expression, which is disappointing, for many a man of New England ancestry would be glad to cultivate this lunacy if it would not spoil his complexion and keep him awake nights.

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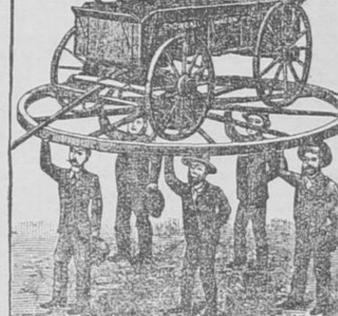
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