

Taffy White's Christmas.

BY CHARLES E. HURD.

It was the 24th December. A sharp stinging sort of a day that made the boys on their way to school put their caps down tighter over their ears, and stick their well-mittened hands deeper into their pockets. The icicles which hung from the eaves were brittle with cold. The snow looked whiter and the ice in the meadow bluer and smoother. There was not a breath of air stirring. The smoke rose straight up from the chimneys, and the half-dozen withered leaves that clung to the shaggy limbs of the maples in deacon Washburn's door-yard hung as still as if they were only parts of a painted picture and had never moved at all.

On the front steps of the Washburn mansion stood a sturdy little fellow of four years vigorously kicking the lower panels of the door and endeavoring by shouts to attract the attention of the inmates. He was well protected from the cold; his warm fur cap and heavy woolen comforter showing hardly more than the tip of his little nose, which the sharp air had painted a bright pink color.

"Emme come in! Emme come in!" he shouted, impatiently, as he ceased kicking for a moment, to rattle the door knob.

The door suddenly opened.

"Now, Taffy White, go right away from the front door this minute. Your feet are all over snow, and I ain't going to have you stamping through the front entry all day. There's enough to to in the kitchen without keeping a girl to run 'round after you with a broom. If you want to come in, go 'round the other way."

"But I want to come in this door, Gran'ma Washburn. I got some business."

"Your business ain't very driving, I guess. Why don't you go and stay with Silias, in the back kitchen? Its nice and warm there, and may be he'll tell you a story."

"I don't want any story. I want to come in the front door, and I want my papa's letter."

"Bless the boy," said Mrs. Washburn impatiently, "he will have his own way and there can't any of us help it. Come in then, and don't keep me standing in the door with my bare arms, all day."

Taffy's point was gained, and he marched behind his grandmother into the kitchen, conscious that he had achieved a single victory.

Such a delicious whiff of mince meat and spices, and plum cake, and hot pies and doughnuts as saluted his nostrils as he entered the room! There was flour over everything; raisin stems and apple parings were scattered about; and paper bags, with mysterious contents, fresh from the grocery, filled the side table. Piles of plates stood in the chairs, and the great brick oven set forth its hot breath every time it was opened for the inspection of its contents.

"There," said Mrs. Washburn, wiping the flour from her fingers on her apron and taking down a letter from behind the clock.

"There's your letter. And now what are you going to do with it?"

"Keep it," replied Taffy.

"But you can't read it. I should think you'd want to keep it nice, to show papa when he comes."

"I want you to read it to me, then."

"I've read it to you, over and over, and so has everybody else in the house. I can't spare the time. Go and get Silias to read it."

"I want you to read it," and Taffy's chin quivered and his voices grew louder.

"Don't cry. Mercy on us, child, don't you see how busy everybody is? Your papa'll be here to-morrow, perhaps; and that'll be ever so much better than your letter."

But Taffy insisted.

"Well, then, do read it to him, Jane. It's the quickest way to get rid of him. We shant have any peace till you do."

"So Jane stopped chopping mince-meat for a moment, leaning on her knife while she read the letter aloud:

"My dear little boy—I shall leave California by the first of December, and hope to be with you Christmas. I send this inside Grandma Washburn's letter so it will go safe. I hope to find Taffy a good boy. You must come with grandpa to meet me at the station Christmas Eve. With ever so many kisses. PAPA."

Taffy listened as intently as if he had never heard a word of it before, and as soon as it was through demanded a second reading of it.

"Jane was obstinate.

"Well, read on the outside, then. You didn't read that."

"Taffy White, Esq., That's all. Now don't plague me any longer. Run out, like a good boy."

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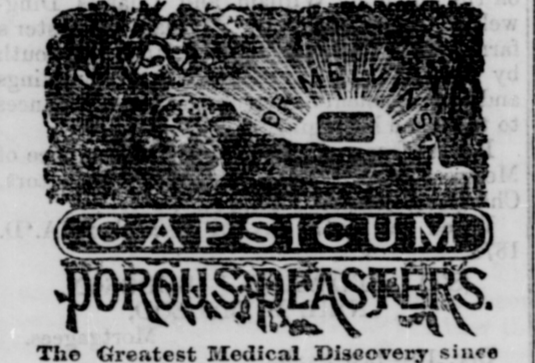
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A By-Law, Relating to Dogs and the Taxing Thereof.

[Passed by the City Council, 4th Dec., 1878.]
BE it enacted by the City Council of the City of Charlottetown, as follows:—

1. The owner or keeper of any dog or bitch within the City of Charlottetown shall report in writing to the Clerk of the City Court of the Stipendiary Magistrate, at his office in the said City, the name of such dog or bitch, in order that the same may be registered in a book to be kept for the purpose; and, hereafter, whenever a person may become owner or keeper of any dog or bitch within the said City, he shall report the fact in writing, as hereinbefore directed, in order to have the name of the owner or keeper and the name of the dog or bitch registered.

2. A tax of one dollar shall be annually paid for each dog or bitch within the said City by the owner or keeper thereof, to the Clerk of the City Court of the Stipendiary Magistrate, at his office in the said City, on or before the first day of February in each year; and upon the owner or keeper neglecting or refusing to pay the tax herein imposed, he shall be prosecuted for the same, and it shall be recovered in a summary way, with costs, in the City Court of the Stipendiary Magistrate, and on non-payment thereof, the party convicted shall be confined in the Common Jail of the said City for ten days.

3. The owner or keeper of a dog or bitch who has paid such tax shall affix thereon a collar, with the name of the owner or keeper and the registered number.

4. The owner or keeper of a bull dog or bitch shall not permit him or her to go at large unless sufficiently muzzled, to prevent his or her biting or doing mischief.

5. Every fierce, malicious or dangerous dog or bitch shall be kept muzzled and chained by the owner or keeper, and not permitted to go at large.

6. No owner or keeper of a bitch shall suffer such bitch to run at large during the season of her being in heat.

7. If any dog or bitch shall, unprovoked, bite any person, on complaint at the City Court of the Stipendiary Magistrate, on oath, the owner or keeper shall destroy the dog or bitch, or remove him or her from the said city and keep him or her so removed.

8. No person shall wantonly or maliciously throw any stone, stick or any other hard substance at any dog or bitch, and lame or wound the dog or bitch.

9. Any person in possession of any dog or bitch, or who shall suffer such dog or bitch to remain about his house or premises, shall be deemed the owner of such dog or bitch for all the purposes of this by-law.

10. No dog or bitch shall be permitted to run at large in the said City without the collar mentioned in the third section of this By-law, and any dog or bitch running at large contrary to this By-law may be forthwith destroyed by the police.

11. All prosecutions under this By-law shall be in the name of the City of Charlottetown, and any person guilty of an infraction of any of the provisions thereof shall, upon conviction in the City Court of the Stipendiary Magistrate on the oath or affirmation of any credible witness, forfeit and pay at the discretion of the said Magistrate, a penalty not exceeding Ten Dollars for each offence, exclusive of costs; and in default of payment thereof it shall and may be lawful for the said Magistrate to commit the offender or offenders to the common jail of the said city for any period not exceeding ten days, unless the said penalty and costs be sooner paid.

12. The By-law intitled "A Law relating to Dogs and for the purpose of taxing the same," assented to on the fifteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six; and all other By-laws contrary to and inconsistent with this By Law are hereby repealed.

L. S. W. E. DAWSON,
Mayor of the City of Charlottetown.

W. B. MORRISON, City Clerk.
Dec. 5, 1878—17 ins, h 2w

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