

A Little Brown Dog

(Continued.)

He got home from the store that evening too late and too tired to go out for the things he wanted, but the next morning he was up before the sun rose—and the sun rises pretty early during the summer months—and dressed and out in the street as the first sunbeams told the eastern sky morning had come. The streets were almost deserted, and no fire crackers or pistol shots yet broke the silence. But before he had walked another block some cannons boomed in the distance, and a peal of bells nearer by began ringing "Yankee Doodle" very merrily. Whistling, and jingling the coins in his pockets in tune and time with the music of the bells, and wishing the stores where he meant to buy the materials for his party would open, he sauntered slowly along until he reached the dog pound—a place where all stray dogs are taken in hot weather and kept a day or two, so that their owners may, if they choose, seek and reclaim them. If found to be friendless at the end of that time, the poor things are put in a large tank, prepared for that purpose, and drowned.

Harry heard the imprisoned dogs barking and yelping; and stopping a moment to listen to them with a pitying face—for, like all kind-hearted boys, he dearly loved animals—he saw, sitting upon the door-step, a very pretty little girl. She wore a faded calico dress and blue checked gingham apron; the apron she held gathered up in her hand, as though it held something of value, and her head and feet were bare. Her large eyes were of a soft brown, and her hair, of the same color, hung in straggling curls about her face. There wasn't another creature, man, woman or child, with the exception of a milk-man on the next block, in sight, and Harry looked at her with surprise. At last he said, with a smile, "I thought I got up much earlier than I did."

"I've been here all night," said the child, in a sweet, patient voice.

"Here all night!" repeated Harry, with a long whistle. "Good gracious! what'd you do that for?"

"'Cause I want to go in the very minute the door opens. My Prince"—with a sob—"is in there."

"Your dog?" asked Harry.

"Yes. He's the dearest little brown dog in all the world, and I love him best of everything 'cept granny, and I love him just the same as her when she scolds, and my mamma brought him home one day just before she went to heaven, and I've had him ever since, and he's the best dog that ever lived, and never did anything wrong in his life 'cept once, when he stole a piece of boiled corn beef somebody'd set in the back yard to cool, and he wouldn't have done that 'cept he knew how hungry granny and me was;" and the tears rolled down her cheeks.

"Oh! I'm so sorry! Don't cry," said Harry. "Here, take my handkerchief and wipe your eyes."

"They'll kill him," commenced the child again, "if I can't coax them to let him out, and I don't want him to go to heaven that way. I'd rather we'd both go together; and he could run on in front, and then mamma'd say, 'Why here's Prince—Nellie must be coming.'"

"Are you sure he's in there?" asked Harry.

"Oh! yes. He was playing by our door yesterday afternoon, 'most night, and I was poking chips in the stove to make the kettle boil, and I heard him calling like he was in some trouble, and I run out, and two awful men had him in a cart, and Jimmy O'Neil said they was going to take him to the pound. So I run after the cart without putting my hat on, and soon it went so fast that I couldn't see it, and then I asked everybody where the pound was. I remembered the name by thinking of a pound of brown sugar; and at last I got here, and it was shut up, and so I staid here all night; and do you think they'll open it soon?"

"What are you going to do when they do open it?" asked Harry.

"Go in and beg the dog man to give Prince back. He's such a little dog they won't miss him."

"But he won't give Prince back unless you pay two dollars," said Harry.

"I haven't any money—not a cent," said the child; "but I've brought these," rising and holding out her apron, which held a tiny china doll, a head—cat of the same material, a string of glass beads, two pink motto papers, and a round white shell. "These were all given to me Christmas," she said; "and I've kept them good, all 'cept the cat, and her head's in my pocket, and he can stick it on somehow, and the candies out of the mottoes—I ate one and gave the other to granny—and the man may have them every one if he will let poor Prince go."

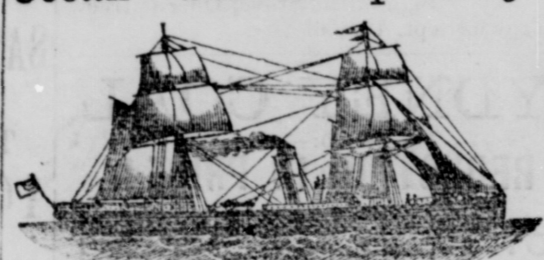
"I'm afraid he won't take them," said Harry, shaking his head.

"He won't? Oh, dear! what shall I do?" cried the child. "My dear little dog! my dear, dear little dog!"

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