

Taffy White's Christmas.

BY CHARLES E. HURD.

Continued.

But Taffy knew his power too well to be got rid of so easily, and it required the combined bribe of two Baldwin apples, a stem of raisins, a doughnut and two figs to get him into the back kitchen where Silius was boiling potatoes for the pigs. Here for ten minutes, he watched the kettle, and questioned Silius, and then getting restless, insisted on being let out into the door-yard again.

"Now don't you go fussin' with the axe," said Silius, as he lifted him down the slippery step. "I knowed a little boy once 'bout as big as you be't cut all his toes on one foot clean off, jest playin' with his fathers axe."

The axe had been Taffy's objective point; but this bloody precedent, manufactured out of whole cloth upon the instant by the ingenious Silius, rather staggered him and he turned his attention in another direction.

"I shall sake some on my little sled, then," he said in a disappointed tone.

"Well, skate away," returned Silius, "only don't get under the horses feet in the road. Why don't you go up back of the house and slide down hill? I would, if I was you. The wind cuts awfully down in the road, and ye'll freeze to death in ten minutes."

The advice which was given with chattering teeth, was lost on Taffy, who dragged his sled into and along the road, while Silius returned to his warm quarters in the back kitchen. Hardly had the door closed upon him when, with a prodigious jingle of bells, a big double sleigh dashed along the road, past the house, toward the village, scarcely a mile away. Had Taffy been a size smaller, or had the driver not been looking directly at him, he might not have been seen, and the horses might have gone over him before he had known they were there. As it was, the team was pulled up just in time.

"Hello, Taffy!" shouted one of the party. "Aren't you getting lost? Jump in and have a ride. We're coming right back."

Taffy was only too willing. "Let me tie your sled on behind," said the driver, one of the neighbor's boys, and a great friend of Taffy's. "We're just going to the store after some cooking things and the folks won't know you're gone till you get back."

So the sleigh skimmed along the ground after the horses, till the village store was reached and the boys got out.

"You'd better stay in the sleigh, Taffy," said one of the boys, the largest. "We shan't be more than ten minutes, for the women folks are in an awful hurry for their stuff."

Five minutes passed. It seemed a long time to Taffy. He tried to crack the whip, but it was too long and heavy, and every attempt was a melancholy failure. He stood up on the seat. Then he formed the idea of climbing the horses' back. Whether he would have successfully accomplished this feat will never be known, for that instant the shrill sound of the approaching train struck his ears.

"It's the cars," said Taffy to himself.

"Nobody ever lets me see the cars much as I want to; Gran'pa Was'burn always pulls my hand so when the cars go by."

In an instant he was out of the sleigh and going as fast as his little legs would carry him to the station which was hard by. When the train rolled up to the platform, Taffy was there awaiting it; and hardly had it stopped before he was on the steps of the rear car.

"I'll just peep in," he thought, "Gran'pa Was'burn won't let me see anything, ever."

The brakeman opened the door for him and closed it behind him, and the next instant the train was off again.

Taffy wasn't frightened. Far from it. He clambered into a seat by the side of a fat old woman, and looked around him very composedly.

And now, while he is sitting there trundling away from home at the rate of 20 miles an hour, we will seize the opportunity to tell the reader who Taffy was. In all, only plain Johnny. A fancied likeness to a picture in "Mother Goose" of the legendary Welshman gave him the name while he was yet in arms and it stuck to him. Taffy's mother died before he was two years old, and he was left to the care of his grandmother, who spoiled, pretty much as all grandmothers spoil their children's children, when the opportunity is given them. His father, unsettled by his loss went to Australia, and afterwards to California; and now, after two years' absence, was on his way back again. He was, according to his letter, to reach home on Christmas Eve, and here was Christmas Eve coming on as fast as the hands of the clock could scramble round the dial-table.

By and by the conductor came along. "Where are you going my little man?" "California?" "California?" "Yes. Going to find my papa."

"When do you expect to get there?" "Are you alone? Where did you get on the train?"

To all these questions Taffy only looked straight at the conductor, and nodded his head.

"You're a runaway, I'm afraid. Where's your ticket? How are you going to pay for your ride?"

Very deliberately and slowly Taffy put his hand in his pocket and took out the remaining Baldwin apple, which he laid in the hand of the conductor.

"You'll do," said that official laughing. "I'll look out for you when we get to Springfield."

And he passed on.

It was four o'clock when Taffy commenced his journey, and it was half-past six when the train rolled into Springfield station. Something unusual had happened, as was evident from the excitement among the throng of people upon the platform.

"What's the matter?" asked one of the passengers, as he stepped from the car.

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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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