

# The Caledonian.

VARIETY.

## Old Dog Tray.

Mr. Charles R——, a poor author, living in the outskirts of Paris, had owing him a debt of five hundred and twenty francs, which he never expected to get, so long had it been due, and so often had he applied in vain for it.

However, finding himself entirely without money, a situation by no means uncommon among authors, he resolved to try the non-paying debtor once more.

What was his amazement and delight when a note of five hundred francs and a twenty franc piece were placed in his hands. Regarding it as an absolute providence he resolved to change the good piece, and testify his gratitude to Heaven by giving it in alms on his way home.

Placing the note in his pocket-book, he fulfilled his benevolent design, and no beggar implored in vain during his long walk.

As he drew near home a wretched little dog came to him, and besought his attention to its starving condition. At any other time he might have easily driven it away, but this evening his heart was open, and he concluded to take the poor brute with him. True, his wife hated dogs, but he trusted to his good fortune to soften her heart as it had his.

It was quite dark when he reached home, and he entered the house with his dog close to his heels.

"What is that?" cried the lady, preparing to drive the intruder out of the house.

"Only a poor little dog I have made bold to bring home with me. But listen, wife, to my good fortune."

As he related the story, the good lady became mollified, and the little dog was almost forgotten.

"See, here is the money safe in my pocket-book," concluded the husband, putting his hand into his pocket, to furnish the proof of his story.

But no pocket book was there! It was gone! And despair seized the poor author's heart.

Rage again rose in the good wife, and the dog was an admirable scapegoat. Seizing a stick—

"Get out of my house," she cried. "But for attending to you, that stupid man would not have lost his money."

But the dog did not move, and cowered closer to the feet of his friend, who had not now the heart to save him. So lifting him in her arms, the angry lady prepared forcibly to eject him when, lo! there, tightly grasped in his mouth, was the missing pocket-book, which the obscurity had prevented their seeing before. It had fallen through a rent in the man's pocket, and the grateful creature had picked it up and kept it safely till discovered.

There is at this day no more honored member of the author's family than the now fat and sleek dog, who ever occupies the warmest corner of the hearth.

## True Greatness.

Chief Justice Marshall was in the habit of going to market himself, and carrying home his purchases. Frequently he would be seen returning at sunrise with poultry in one hand, vegetables in another. On one of these occasions, a fashionable young man from the north, who had removed to Richmond, was swearing violently because he could find no one to carry home his turkey.

Marshall stepped up and asked him where he lived. "That is my way and I will take it for you."

When they came to the house, the young man inquired, "What shall I pay you?"

"Oh nothing," said the Chief Justice, "you are welcome, it was my way and no trouble."

"Who's that polite old gentleman, who brought home my turkey for me?" inquired that young man of a bystander.

"That," replied he, "is John Marshall, Chief Justice of the United States."

"Why did he bring home my turkey?"

"To give you a severe reprimand, and teach you to attend to your own business," was the reply.

True greatness never feels above doing anything that is useful, but especially the truly great man will never feel above helping himself. His own independence of character depends on his ability to help himself. Franklin, when he first established himself in business at Philadelphia, wheeled home the piano which he purchased for his printing office, upon a wheel-barrow, with his own hands.

"We remember once seeing a very thick headed little rascal, struggling to keep his eyes open before the school-mistress, and to recall the name of the letter 'a.' At last, in a very abasement of despair, he exclaimed, 'I can't read with this darn great apple in my pocket!'

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