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The Grief of an Animal Whose Calf Had Been Killed.

A correspondent writing to Dumb Animals says: Dumb animals are said to have a "sign" language of their own by which they make known the emotions of pleasure or pain and a limited catalogue of wants and sorrows. Recently I had occasion to dispose of a 5-months-old calf which was taken away about noon and butchered a short distance from my residence.

When the cow came home at night, she missed her calf, and although an orphan calf was permitted to suck she continued to call it by affectionate mooing and looking. The cow, however, only gave about one quart of milk instead of a gallon or more, as formerly. During the night she lowed frequently for her calf, and the next morning when it did not appear she exhibited unmistakable signs of grief. The orphan calf was no solace to her. She was driven to the woods with her mate, but came back and continued lowing until noon. She came inside the inclosure, but would not eat grass.

Just after dinner a great commotion was heard in the direction of where the calf was butchered, made by a number of cattle lowing, having scented the fresh blood. The grief stricken mother cow ran to the closed gate and looked beseechingly toward me, as much as to say, "Please open the gate," which being done she started on a run to where the other cattle were lowing.

In a short time she came slowly walking back to the house and was again permitted to come inside the inclosure, when she deliberately took up a position at the kitchen door, wistfully looking in mute despair at each member of the family as they happened to pass her. The tears flowed copiously from her eyes, and there she stood the balance of the afternoon, weeping incessantly, with the same apparent grief that a mother would for her dead child. It really caused me to shed tears of sympathy for the poor animal.

TOLD BY THE GROCER.

His Conversation With a Deaf Woman Lost Him a Customer.

"I'll tell you how I lost a good customer the other day," said the groceryman. "I have one customer who is extremely deaf, and to make her hear I have to just yell at her. It takes about half an hour to get her order, and by that time my voice is pitched so high that I can't get it down to earth again.

"The other day it happened that after she left in came Mr. Oldboy, who is a perfect crank. Was in the army once and a great stickler for bowing and scraping and all that sort of thing. Wants a fellow he trades with to salute and present arms and do all kinds of things. He came in and said, 'Good morning.' I wish you had heard me yell at him. My voice made the windows rattle. He looked surprised, but went on talking to me, and I kept up answering him in a voice that could be heard a block away. He got madder and madder, but I never knew what was up until finally he got red in the face and said, 'Mr. Black, sir, I am not deaf, sir, and I resent your yelling at me as if I couldn't hear a cannon fired in my ear.' With that out he went.

"You see, I had been talking to the deaf lady and couldn't get my voice down again. You try it some time and see if you don't yell at every one you meet. Funny, too, but I always yell at blind people and foreigners, and I always whisper when I go in where any one's sick."—Indianapolis Sentinel.

Tired of Being In Print.

"Mr. Smithers," said his wife, "if I remember rightly, you have often said that you disliked to see a woman constantly getting herself into print?"

"I do," said Smithers positively.

"You considered it unwomanly and indelicate, I believe?"

"Very."

"And you don't see how any man could allow his wife to do anything of the kind?"

"Yes; I think so now."

"Well, Mr. Smithers, in view of all the facts in the case I feel justified in asking you for a new silk dress."

"A new silk dress?"

"Yes; for the last eight years I have had nothing better than four penny calico, and I want something better. I'm tired of getting into print."—London Tit-Bits.

A Dreadful Blunder.

Mr. Jinks—You look all broke up.

Mrs. Jinks—I am. It just makes me sick to think what a fool I've been. You know that commonplace little dowdy next door that I've been snubbing so?"

"Yes."

"Well, I've just found out that her husband gets $5 more a month than you do."—New York Weekly.

To an Extreme.

"I believe in being kind to the birds and all that," said Miss Hankypank, "but I do think Clara Deager carries it too far."

"What has she been doing now?" asked the other girl.

"She refused Harry Singleshell because somebody told her that when he went out rowing he always feathered his oars."—Chicago Tribune.

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