

As I left the castle I heard the roar of a cannon which is fired nearby by remote control, from the tower of London, at one o'clock every day. This was a signal for me to go up the Royal Mile to Holyrood Palace where a lone sentry still guards the spirit of Mary, Queen of Scots.

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MAN'S BEST FRIEND?

Much has been written and more will no doubt be written concerning the domesticated breeds of the canine species, which in late centuries have come to occupy an exalted and esteemed position in the family circle. Time was when these creatures served humanity and earned their keep; but no more. The family pooch is today a parasite of the first order, resting on the laurels of his ancestors and exhibiting at times a dual personality which smacks of Jekyl and Hyde. With all the fervour of a temperance crusader I take pen in hand to unmask this household tyrant.

To speak of first things first (a normal procedure), let us consider puppy-hood. Naturally we purchase an animal of character and breeding; or, to cite the only appreciable distinguishing feature between a fifty dollar pure bred and one that you get from Joe across the street, we buy a pup that has supposedly been housebroken (a term understood by all dog fanciers). Elephants are described as never being able to forget; puppies on the other hand seem to specialize in forgetting. Not only do they forget, but they do the very opposite of what they know is proper. Put outside they frolic, roll, bark, and look cute, (not to mention digging up prize geraniums) but always wait until they get back inside to do what they were put outside to do.

Another aspect of the case is food. No matter how strong the makers of Waggy Tail Biscuits argue to the contrary, it is my studied opinion that puppies do NOT "love em". It has been my experience that a puppy's diet consists of slippers, furniture upholstery, rubbers, (on damp mornings), and piano legs. Nor does the animal develop a liking for Waggies as he grows older and realizes how wholesome and crammed full of energy they are. NO sir. Needless to say he is also strictly non-vegetarian; hard lines during rationing. No meatless Tuesdays either.

One alleged faculty ascribed to the species in general, which is constantly harped on by the canine lovers in their efforts to keep the creatures from leading a dog's life, is that of saving you if you ever happen to be drowning. Now

I don't wish to be quoted outright as saying that Old Shep didn't plunge in and save Lanky, the Yodeling Roamer (I won't argue the merits of the deed), but it does sound a little far fetched to me. Particularly when I recall the trickery and deceit I had to employ to persuade our flea farm to submit to a light monthly once over with H20.

Another vaunted accomplishment of Rovers and Pals is being able to recognize burglars and thieves, and of watching over little children and protecting them. No matter how often I tell him, though, my prize-winner can't seem to realize that the mailman is a friend of ours and he chases him twice a day. Just playful I guess. And protecting children! Our Thorndyke didn't walk till he was three. Every time he got up faithful old Pal knocked him down.

I could go on indefinitely citing examples, but I believe those given above are sufficient. Everything points to one conclusion. The domesticated canines have gone to the dogs. There must be a purge. They have to go.

I suppose that some of you associate the phrase "a man's best friend" with these four-legged monsters. But I always use the quotation in its true form and add "is his mother".

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WHAT WILL WE DO WITH GERMANY?

It is not the thought nor the will of the United Nations that a defeated Germany should be wiped off the face of the earth. On the contrary there is the abiding hope that a people, poisoned unto death by decades of evil teachings, may be restored to health and returned to a place in the community of nations. Until proofs of such recovery are offered, however, it is the United Nations' insistence that stern restraints be imposed.

The form and extent of these restraints have not been fully decided. It is held that a conquered Germany should be permanently disarmed and demilitarized. The Master Race must be reduced to an impotence so complete that not even the most fanciful can nurse the hope of another venture in world conquest. The arrest of all war criminals from the highest to the lowest is necessary for this. Neutral nations must be warned that the right of refuge for political fugitives may not be made a cloak to provide protection for those men of infamy.

Another claim of the United Nations is that the German people should be compelled to aid in the recon-