

"DOGGIN" RABBITS.

A. Reminder of Boyhood Days.

Ernest McGaffey, in the Chicago Record.

After all has been done and said there is something in the primitive savagery of a boy that outkeens the savor of later days.

As the environment is bent the boy is inclined, and there in Nodaway County we were inclined to hunt.

Oscar and Juno were the other dogs, and they were just valiant dogs—peaky fighters, small and able to worm through brush piles slicker than a blacksnake.

Henry Clay usually ran them into brush piles or hollow logs, and either way it was suicide for the rabbit.

A certain amount of this was bound to discourage the most ambitious rabbit. As for Henry Clay, he never tired in the woods.

Cold or hot, we never backed down when the hunt had been arranged.

Of course, all firearms were strictly prohibited in these hunts, and indeed there was no need of any.

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We kept the dogs hungry while we were hunting, for to feed them would have been to destroy their usefulness.

Coming home we would string the rabbits on a sapling and trail through the town with the admiring comments of old and young following us.

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Not Dried Currants.

"Mother wants a pound of dried currants," said a little girl, who came into the learned grocer's store in Eighth avenue.

"I hain't got a dried currant in the store and there hain't none in the city," replied the learned grocer.

The learned grocer brought forth a box of the little, sticky, sugary, gritty currants, and which is used in fruit cake, plum puddings, mince pies, buns and the like.

"Why, them's 'em," exclaimed the little girl.

"Yes, them's 'em," assented the grocer, "and if the Grecian maiden who trod this particular lot of 'em into ship shape had used a little water or even a feather duster on her feet before she began there wouldn't be so much grit in 'em as there is.

"What's the reason they ain't dried currants?" demanded a disputative customer when the girl had gone.

"They ain't dried currants any more than they are dried pumpkins," replied the grocer.

"Cause they don't know any better," said the learned grocer.

"What should they ask for, then?" inquired the customer.

"If any man should come in here and ask for dried corinths," replied the learned grocer, "he would not necessarily be a gentleman, but I'd bet on him being a scholar.

"How's that?" the customer wanted to know.

"Because it was a grape before it was dried," said the grocer, "and if raisins ain't grapes, what are they?"

"But you said these were dried corinths," persisted the customer.

"What's a corinth, anyhow?"

"A corinth is the smallest grape that grows," replied the learned grocer, "and it lost its name years and years ago because it was gradually corrupted into 'currant,' which became also the name of the acidulated little berry of our garden, which you might dry from now until Gabriel sounds his horn without getting it nearer the condition of a raisin than a pea is.

This little grape grows all over the islands of the Grecian Archipelago, and was first exported from Corinth, and that's what gave it its proper name. The bunches don't grow much bigger than a stem of red currants, and they are so full of sugar that when they are picked and dried in the sun they actually seem to melt and run together like gumdrops, and it takes a lot of care and work to separate them again.

"Still, I shall expect folks to come in here right along and ask for dried currants just the same," said the learned grocer, as he went to wait on a new customer.—New York Press.

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