

Mr. Davidson's Sagacious Dog.

Mr. Davidson has a farm bell on his premises, which is erected on the top of a twelve foot post and which is rung by a rope. Not long since the bell began to ring at night about 11 o'clock. The ringing continued for some time, and Mr. Davidson's family were badly frightened. They got out of bed, opened the door, went to the bell, but not a soul was in sight. The night was during the moonlight, and everything outside was almost as clear as day. Mr. Davidson was astonished. He went indoors, but noticing the dog in the house, made the animal go outside. The family had just got into bed, when the bell sounded once more, and the ringing kept up until the outside door was opened, when it ceased. The dog was noticed at the kitchen door when the door was opened.

Mr. Davidson could see no one and he was greatly mystified. Thoughts of ghosts entered his mind, and he went inside, but remained at the kitchen window, where he could see the bell. He had closed the door but a few moments and got to the window, when he noticed the dog acting in a strange manner. The animal would run to the kitchen door, and from there to the bell-post. It kept this up for at least five minutes, when it jumped on a box that stood directly under the bell. It seized the rope in its mouth and the mystery was soon dispelled, and the bell clanged merrily in the clear December air. The dog now sleeps in the house, and the family is not awakened at night. "Jyp" was cold and wanted to go into the house.

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