

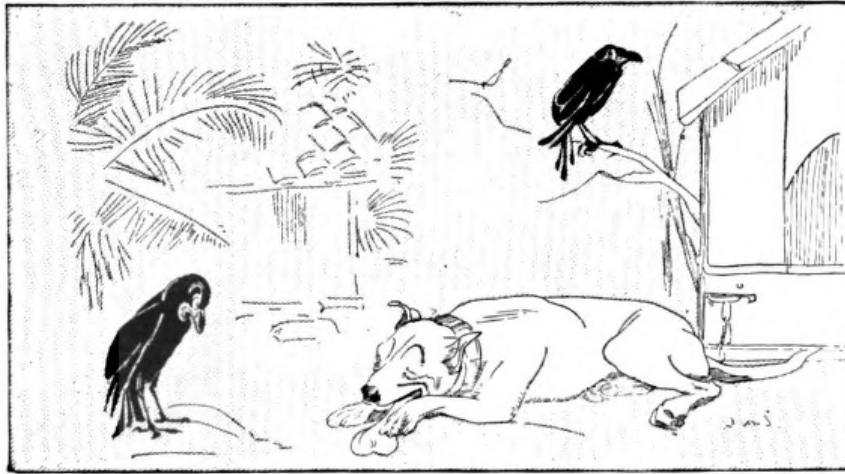
*Animal Actualities.*



ALL the family of crows are birds of demoniac ingenuity and malicious humour. Perhaps the small black crow of Ceylon—

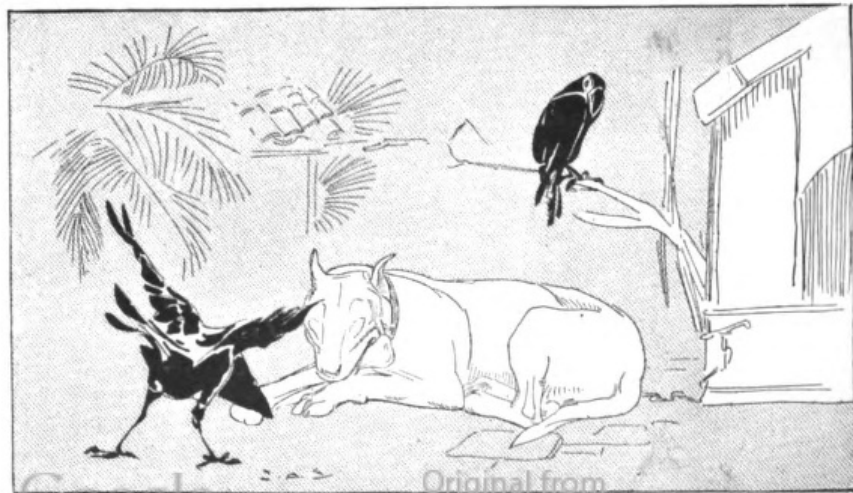
attracts the affectionate regards of a crow. The bird comes straightway to the ground a foot or two from the dog's nose, and begins

to dance and attitudinize, with the view of inducing him to drop the bone as he watches. The dog, however, though perhaps lazily interested, is not quite such a fool as that, but holds tight to his prize. So, after much twisting and clowning and skipping, the crow flies off, and takes another crow into consultation and partnership. The articles of con-



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called *Corons splendens*, because of its glossy, blue-black plumage — is quite the most cunning. There are many tales of its cleverness and audacity, and among them perhaps the most characteristic is the tale of its habitual manner of robbing a dog. The dog sits, we will say, by his kennel, enjoying a bone—a bone which



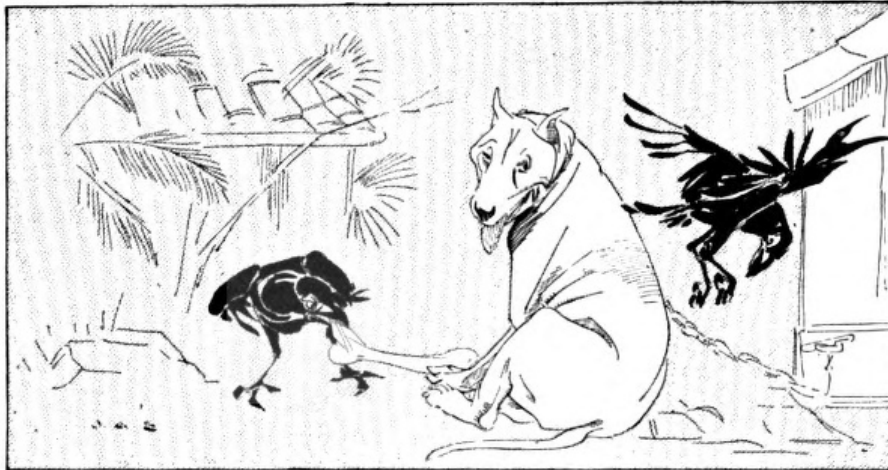
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federacy having been duly agreed on, back comes crow number one, and recommences his comedy with great vigour, hopping and pirouetting. The dog's attention thus

that with a yelp of anguish he turns on his assailant, who instantly gets out of danger. But the momentary turn has been enough: crow number one has snatched the bone,



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engaged in front, crow number two makes a sudden swoop from behind, and fetches that dog such a mighty peck on the spine,

and the despoiled dog is left lamenting, while the crows retire to divide the plunder according to partnership agreement.



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