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At Sanford N. C. yesterday I saw
a young man waiting for a train
to take him to Raleigh for the Postern
treatment. He was talking to some
men who knew him. He told how
the dog attacked him, not fiercely, how
he kicked him off got bit on the leg
and on the hand. None of the wounds
were severe. The dogs head was
sent off for tests and they had sent
him word (by letter or wire I did not
hear) to come take the treatment.

He was evidently a rough un-
educated country man about
twenty three or four years old.

"They told me to eat all I wanted
and so I laid in a big supper. ~~the~~
last night I went to bed but I
didn't sleep none. Let me tell
you something, fellers, dis here
thing of not knowin' if you is
goin' mad is terrible. At this
time he was eating peanuts.
"Tomorrow is the fifth day.
I guess I ain't dangerous tho.

I know I ain't goin' to bite nobody before 'dew. I ain't never goin' to bite nobody unless I gets hungrier than I is now. ~~It's~~ ^{It's} as well laugh as cry about what you can't help. I ain't no use'n gittin' down in the mouth about it afore it happens. All the time eating peanuts and apparently enjoying them. Then the thought came to me that God in his infinite wisdom some-times places courage, fortitude and philosophy of the highest type in the apparently roughest human type. "It's as well laugh as cry about what you can't help. I ain't no use'n gittin' down in the mouth about it afore it happens."

It is just as well to eat one's peanuts and enjoy them, for hydrophobia may not develop and if it does you have at least enjoyed your peanuts and have not added to the world's suffering

until you had to. Such carriage
is worth much.

Last night while eating supper
on the Pullman the train stopped
for a long time. The diner was
almost empty and I could hear
the negroes in the kitchen
talking. One of them said New
York was not like it used to
be. Many of the dives where
the Saloon keepers and their
women used to go had been
cleaned up and good business
houses established in their
stead. You used to get sometimes
\$2000 in tips from them guys
in one night. But since them
suffragist and them Salvation
Army people cum along
them that place is closed up
and you don't get no money there
no longer. I'd rather go to
Chicago now than New York.

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Never before had I combined
Woman's Suffrage with the
Salvation Army. I had no idea
they were doing the same work.
I had felt that the little boy's
definition of a Suffragist was a
better one. "A Suffragist is a
woman who don't want to raise
babies but who wants to raise
the devil."⁹⁹