

**1913 CHOW HYBRID SWIVELS HEAD**

# MONGOOSE DOG HAS A REVOLVING HEAD

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The first specimen of a Pekingese Mongoose-Chow Chow dog arrived here yesterday from the Far East on the British freighter Indrawadi. It belongs to Capt. Charters, who bought the curious looking canine from Fong-Ta, the Chinese compradore at Wu Wu Wu on the Yangtze River, 650 miles up from Shanghai.



John Nixon, the fourth engineer of the steamship, said yesterday that Billy, as the dog was called, was an entirely new breed that had originated in Fu San. Billy has the Pekingese head with dark tongue, the yellow-colored body and tail of the Chow Chow and the ductile back of the mongoose which, with its slow build, enables the dog to dive under bureaus and settees at full speed. According to the engineer the dog has a revolving head and can turn and gaze at its tail without moving its body. The favorite exercise of Billy, so Nixon said, was to put his head in between an iron stanchion and a boat davit and twirl himself round.

When Billy was pointed out to the reporters on the Indrawadi yesterday afternoon he was standing on the bridge and, instead of looking down at them, he tucked his head between his fore paws and gazed at them with his head upside down.

"We sailed from Yokohama on Jan. 26," said Mr. Nixon, "and left Singapore on Feb. 28 without any particular incident worth mentioning. On the voyage across the Indian Ocean, from Ceylon to Aden, Billy got into trouble with the Seedy boys in the stokehole, and nearly caused a mutiny.

"The Seedy boys whom we had as firemen, with Lascars on deck as sailors, are very pious, and one of their number is selected when a ship leaves India to carry their bible for the trip. This is a piece of tin worn on the left arm like an amulet, with all the prayers inscribed in Hindustanee.

"One afternoon Rustumgee, the bible-bearer for our crowd, came on deck forward and took off the amulet and placed it on the hatch while he washed himself. Billy, who was looking over the bridge in his favorite attitude, was attracted by the sun shining on the tin bible, and rushed down to the forward deck and seized it between his teeth. Rustumgee howled out in his native dialect that their sacred book was being defiled by a pariah dog, and the watch rushed on deck.

"The second officer saw what was the matter and got the amulet away from Billy, but not before his sharp teeth had dented out several of the prayers inscribed on it. The Seedy boys looked so threatening that the Captain sent for the Serang, who explained to him that the men were excited because Billy had spoilt their only bible.

"I have always had a liking for engraving," the fourth engineer went on, modestly, "and offered to take the tin plate down below and fix it up again if the Serang would write out for me the characters that were missing. He did this, and the Bible was restored to Rustumgee's arm again, and all was well. The Seedy boys read the prayers off all right, and the only noticeable difference was that there was a slight lisp in certain places where I had been uncertain of the character of the lettering I had to engrave."

He added, as an afterthought, that Billy's bark since he had bitten the tin Bible of the Seedy boys resembled the words "chopperow glde jow," which mean in Hindustanee, "Shut up. Get out quick."

Billy, according to the deck officers, is a splendid sea dog, because he can swing his head over to starboard when the ship is listed to port, and vice versa, thus keeping his body on an even keel.

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