

all of a yellow stage of fire - the next specimen  
 of his abilities in the line of cruelty was to get a dog  
 in a large town of a great population & a tin kettle  
 to his tail & let him run through <sup>the</sup> town or city  
 happened to be getting a large collection of dogs as he  
 proceeded onward in his tremendous noisy & mad march to the  
 number perhaps of an hundred all these ~~to~~ he would  
<sup>take</sup> with him into every store as he passed through thronging  
 the street with dogs of all kinds blocking up the things  
 or ~~open~~ high way leaving no room for passage by  
 bruising foot passengers legs especially boys all this ~~was~~  
 uproar continue to the great amusement of Mr Soldier  
 (or many others like him & of kindred spirit) who very  
 much enjoy the fun until the police interfere & with  
 a very great deal of difficulty amidst the barking  
 of a hundred dogs & shouting of 500 rowdy boys he sets the  
 poor thing at liberty by taking of the frequently not so  
 without getting severely bitten for in many instances the  
 dog is quite rabid or raving mad - the next specimen  
 of his abilities in this line was to hunt up with  
 the greatest assiduity industry & perseverance all  
 the dogs he could find in every city town or country  
 where he happened to be (& this would be a great  
 number as he was engaged as a stable boy in diff-  
 erent inn nearly all over ~~the~~) & engaging in his  
 employ a number of other wicked rascals of like