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They say the lion is a wild and cruel animal. They also say that the lion is lazy, it lays about for whole days and does nothing.

By a strange coincidence a certain man became the owner of a lion. A lion in a cage. For quite a long time he could find it no activity. Then finally he managed to get some piecework for it — knitting.

The lazy lion did not want to knit. The man bought a whip and a riding crop. With a help of these instruments he encouraged the do-nothing to work. But the widely held opinion of a lion’s laziness was confirmed. Under the influence of the man’s determined action, the animal did start to work, but it did little and ruined a significant amount of expensive wool in the process.

The widely held opinion of the lion’s cruel character was also confirmed. One day it broke out of its cage and ate its master.

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