

## THE KENNEL

### SAVE THE YORKSHIRE TERRIER.

CERTAINLY there should go up a plea for the Yorkshire terrier, which seems to be degenerating into little else than a bundle of beautiful hair, whereby its usefulness and its grace of outline are being wholly lost. This is not as it should be. Though this terrier is a little one, not a single member of the entire terrier family has more real grit in its jacket; yet to such a degree has everything else been sacrificed to the growing of a long and silky coat that to-day it is essentially a pet of the most tender character. The moment the faddist gets his demoralizing clutches on any one breed it seems to be the end of the real value of the dog until it is again rescued by some fanciers who are bold enough to stand up and fight for its legitimate rights. There are fully a score of breeds that have thus been saved and it is time now that the Yorkshire should be. Coat it is true is a great factor in this breed, but when it is carried to its present excess it makes almost the entire dog. Tremendous prices are paid at some of our shows for dogs with phenomenal coats that bring disappointment and chagrin to the purchaser. Coat is much, but it is not everything, and when the growing of it is carried to excess its real value is lost. In order to keep the coat in show form and to win, the poor little creature must be booted and kept in oil; else in a few weeks it will never be recognized as the one that won the great prize at some large event. In its present state it can never be of any value or pleasure to a real dog-lover, but rather a source of constant care and great annoyance.

### MRS. GILES INAUGURATES A NEW TREATMENT.

MRS. OUGHTON GILES, who lately returned to England, is one of the, very first lady exhibitors to fairly face the issue. In a recent letter she has boldly thrown down the gauntlet to the faddists and fanatics. She is letting her beautiful Yorkshire live a life of peace and enjoyment by keeping it out of swaddling clothes, and giving daily care to its coat with brush, comb and chamois cloth, whereby she keeps the gloss and coat fee of all dust. So treated this little chap will certainly be a source of great pleasure to its mistress and the sooner our lady owners on this side of the water so treat their favorites the sooner we will see this gamy little terrier back in, its proper place. It is one of the brightest of all our small dogs and

its equable temper and cute little ways will ever make it a favorite with the gentler sex. It remains with them to demand the abolition of its excess of coat.

### HOW TO AVOID SKIN TROUBLE IN DOGS.

SINCE the show season opened early last autumn all exhibition dogs have been kept high in feed, often too closely housed and deprived of much freedom of action. The result is that with the change of season to summer it is necessary to take especial care that the blood is cooled and aperients given so as to avoid those most offensive and worrying skin troubles, commonly known as mange and surfeit. Now is the time of year when the dog's hair begins to fall out, and if there is the lend more heat in its body than there should be, eruptions will at once make their appearance and soon there will be a fight against the most obstinate affliction a dog can have, namely skin trouble. Think too of the suffering of the poor animal that must scratch, scratch and scratch the livelong day and night in order to obtain any relief from the incessant itching. It often nearly drives the dog mad. All this can be avoided by proper precautions if they are only administered in time. Nor does the danger stop here, for if the affection be of a contagious nature it is but a very short time before it contaminates all the dogs about the place and then—well there will be months of constant labor to kill all the parasites. In such a calamity the bedding, beds, blankets and all things touched or worn by the dogs must be destroyed and burned, and the kennels subjected to some powerful wash that will kill every microbe, which seem to live and hibernate in the smallest places so that even after a year's disuse the kennel may still be infected. You may avoid all this scourge by using say a half tablespoonful of flower of sulphur in the dog's food twice a week for a month, or by the use of prepared aperients you may attain the same end. Attack the very first symptom of the ailment and obliterate it as soon as possible. So fell is this disease at times, especially in the long-haired variety of dogs, that every spring and summer many valuable ones have to be "planted." The trouble if neglected becomes incurable. This is especially the case where the disease assumes what is known as follicular mange.

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