

KENNEL.

DOGS AND THEIR OWNERS.

Some Recent Purchases Abroad—The Effects to Date of the Adoption of Rule 2, Etc.

Seventeen hundred and fifty dollars for a ten-month-old collie is the startling fact of the past week. Of course it took place in England, for there only buyers, including Americans, give big prices. Anglomaniacs are in dogdom, and a dog imported at a large figure must of necessity be better than one born here. Given judges who know their business and have pluck enough to support their individual judgments and this idea will gradually die out, because the importations are by no means sure of winning over here.

A dog of the third class is worth more money in England than here, and it would surprise book-wise Americans if they saw some of the dogs that have, by judicious placing, won no end of prizes. Here the small number of shows enables a man to "business" a dog, by diving his kennel upon "business principles," by diving deep down into his bank account, to another competitor for a time. Such men, however, have always to be buying, and the continuous outlays sooner or later make them quit the business.

To come back to the high-priced collie, however, his name is Caracacus—what a name for a collie—and the scene of the sale was Liverpool dog show. As *The Stockkeeper* has been so liberal in quotations from this column of late, I can do better than return the compliment and give the story of the sale from the columns of our London contemporary:

"The record has again been beaten in colliedom, and Liverpool 1888 show will be remembered as the exhibition where the collie Caracacus came out and fetched such a great price; £350 was the tremendous sum for which this ten-month-old son of Cromorne and Barb Rose was knocked down to Mr. A. H. Meeson of Manchester, in public auction on Tuesday. The dog was bred and exhibited by Mr. J. J. Steward and was catalogued at £100.

"There were several claimants for him—amongst others Messrs. Meeson, Boddington, Wilson, Smith and Stewart visited the secretary's office. Then came the auctioneer's turn, and the dog was put up for sale. Mr. Boddington made the first move of £125, Mr. Stewart said £150, and Mr. Meeson modestly put in £275, and for some time after the other had a nibble. When £300 was reached things seemed serious, while visitors looked on with open mouths. Even the auctioneer seemed to be dazzled at the remarkable figure being nodded at him. Three hundred and forty-five bids were made for the dog, and at last, after a short pause, and Mr. Meeson volunteered another ten pounds, and the auctioneer again pleaded, but all had failed, and thus, amidst great excitement, the hammer fell and Caracacus became the property of Mr. Meeson for £350.

"Cromorne, the sire of Caracacus, won at Liverpool two years ago, and many thought should have at one time won the Collie Derby. The dam, Barb Rose, was whelped with only one ear. There are six of the same litter as Caracacus now in Mr. Stewart's possession. The dam is a very large bitch.

I quite agree with *The Stockkeeper* in expressing surprise that Mr. J. J. Steward, the breeder of Caracacus, did not know the value of the dog better than to price him at £100.

So result, the champion fox terrier of England, is bound for America after all. Mr. Fred Hoy has been the medium of the purchase of the crack, and his destination is Mr. Thayer's kennel. Rather tough on the Blentons to find such a snapper in Lucifer's road to victory, which seemed perpetual.

I commend to a leading dog owner of this city a note in *The Stockkeeper* respecting his supposed portraits of his dogs. I fully agree with the criticism, for the photographs from which the cuts were made have been tinkered out of all semblance to nature or the animals they are supposed to represent.

"Barry" Smith isn't going to bring Plinlimon over this spring. Probably heard of the registration rule. Mr. E. H. Moore wanted to buy the big fellow, but no trade was made. Then he tried to get a price on Duke of Marlborough, but Mr. Royce, of Manchester, but failed. It is hard to get a real crack nowadays, except at a blood-thrilling price.

Mr. Cugle must feel somewhat disgruntled at the support the clubs seem to be giving rule 2. I said I was going to occupy a seat in the gallery and watch how things progressed, and really it has been very interesting to do a bit of looking on for once in a while. We were led to understand that the registration rule was the long sought for panacea which was to cure every defect and render the exhibiting of dogs one of the pleasures of life. I am not sure but that in the minds of some it would put a stop to all complaints of disappointed exhibitors and every one was to be made as happy as if he had won a first prize.

The indications are that all is not as it should have been under the new dispensation. We have heard from the Boston, New Haven, Hartford, New Jersey, Westminster Fox Terrier Club, and Cleveland clubs or their secretaries, undertaking to voice the sentiment of their clubs, and the result is as follows:—Boston and New Haven have thrown the rule overboard in toto. Hartford says no dogs should be registered unless with authentic pedigrees, and no dogs should be shown unless so registered. New Jersey says it is not right to place mongrels on the same footing as pedigreed dogs. Cleveland, as a matter of course, unqualifiedly endorses the rule. It would not be Cleveland, as voiced by its present spokesman, if it did not make itself a laughing-stock. The Fox Terrier Club will pay the fee for dogs entered on its stakes. Westminster calls for further discussion.

Mr. Mortimer, as an inducement to exhibitors to do so at New York, assured us over his signature that anything traveling on four legs could be registered, that being really the objection to the present rule as urged by Hartford and New Jersey. Then the Westminster Club delegate has proposed an amendment to the rule which, if the amendment is carried, so qualifies it as to turn indignation into laughter. The amendment is to exclude dogs under twelve months of age from the working of the rule. My readers will bear me out in the statement that I have ever spoken of Mr. Donner in the highest terms of respect. My acquaintance with him began under other channels than in connection with dogs, and he has ever been to my mind the beau ideal of a sporting gentleman. In disagreeing with him on certain subjects and methods, I have endeavored to show to him that courteous treatment he extends to those who differ from him. His affiliations with the Westminster Kennel Club, of which he is now president, and the position I have taken on many of the acts of his fellow members, has undoubtedly caused the relations between us to be strained, but nevertheless my opinion of him has never changed. On his part also he has on many occasions shown that, as was to be expected, he rises above the level of many of the A. K. C. delegates and recognizes that the good of the club is the first object to be attained, no matter from whom the beneficial suggestion may emanate.

In thus defining my opinion of and position with regard to Mr. Donner, I can certainly escape any accusation of personality in discussing his proposed amendment. I refrained from doing so last week for no other reason than that I preferred thinking over my own views a little more, solely on account of the source from which the amendment came. I have seen no cause, nor can I raise in my own mind anything in support of the amendment which can by any possibility lead me to alter my first conceived opinion. This was that if the rule is bad the amendment is still worse. If wholesale registration of dogs is advisable or necessary, then it ought to be carried out. To discriminate between dogs by age alone is a virtual acknowledgment that the rule is wrong.

Under the rule a puppy can be shown in the open class, hence there is a possibility of his winning in such a class, and not to put him on the same footing as his competitors is making a distinction neither just nor commendable. I

feel assured that Mr. Donner did not give the amendment proper consideration—in fact I will do my opinion of him the justice to say that he is in this case only the mouthpiece of others. There is also in connection with this and his other amendments a very peculiar circumstance. Mr. Donner's notice of amendments is dated Jan. 23 and is written under an American Kennel Club letter head. Appended to it, but without date, is the statement over the signature of Secretary Vredenburg that the notice had that moment been received. The envelope bears the postmark "New York, Jan. 28, 1 p. m." Can it be possible that a letter dated Jan. 23 and written in the club office, did not reach the secretary until Jan. 28, or are we to find the clue to this peculiar case in the recollection that amendments to the constitution require thirty days' notice, and the next meeting of the A. K. C. is called for Feb. 23? I simply state the facts, others can draw their own conclusions therefrom.

Kennel Notes.

Mr. N. Elmore's stud beagle, Ringwood, is dead. The Graphic Kennel have sold the pointer dog Donald to Mr. J. H. Phelan, of the Clifton Kennels. The Indiana Kennel Club, of Indianapolis, has made application for membership to the American Kennel Club.

Dr. R. B. Evans, of Washington, D. C., has sold his black, white and tan dog Gladstone II. to Mr. Fred Pasteur, of Pittsburg, Pa.

The premium list for the New Haven Kennel Club show, March 27-30, will not be issued until after the meeting of the A. K. C., Feb. 23.

The celebrated fox terrier Result has been bought by Mr. Fred Hoy, of Long Branch, who is now in England. It is stated that the purchase was made on behalf of Mr. L. E. Thayer, of Boston, Mass.

The Philadelphia Kennel Club has decided to invite Mr. James Mortimer, of New York, to judge mastiffs, greyhounds, bulldogs and all the terrier classes, and Mr. J. Ota Fellows, of Hornellville, N. Y., to judge spaniels.

The Miami Kennel, at Madeira, Ohio, last week purchased the handsome white black and tan setter dog Horace T., A. K. C. S. B. No. 5,030. He is by champion Rodrigo, out of Lit., winner of the celebrated Graduate—his \$1,000 bond trial match.

Mr. C. J. Peshall's litter and white pointer dog Moffit of Naeo, by champion Nick of Naeo ex-champion Patti M., whelped Aug. 8, 1887, was stolen from his kennel in Jersey City. Mr. Peshall will not offer a reward for the return of the dog, but will pay \$100 for the conviction of the thief.

Mr. A. Fred Nash has just arrived in this country from England with his celebrated black bitch champion Dolores, by champion Grabber and out of champion Dona Sol. She has won many prizes in England, and will make her first appearance in this country on Feb. 1 at the bench show at Nashville, Tenn.

The following officers of the American English Beagle Club have been elected for 1888:—President, Herman F. Schellings; secretary and treasurer, W. H. Ashburner; executive committee, W. S. Dill, J. M. J. Gaines, Dr. J. W. Downey. The amendment to the constitution, making annual dues \$2, has been carried.

Mr. A. B. Truman, of San Francisco, Cal., sends us for publication a challenge to all California dogs, including the field trial winners, for a two days' trial on quail, points only to count, and names his pointer dog Rush T. The race to be for \$300 each. He states that he has deposited \$50 forfeit with the editor of the *Breeder and Sportsman*.

Several prominent owners of dogs are contemplating the organization of a kennel club on a liberal basis, at Syracuse, N. Y. We believe it is their intention to hold field trials and bench shows. There are many owners in this vicinity who are in sympathy with the promoters of this movement, will find abundant material for a creditable showing.

At the recent dog show held in Liverpool, England, a ten month old collie named Caracacus was entered to be sold for £100. He won several prizes, and there were many who bid for him at the entered price, but he was put up at auction, and at £350 he became the property of Mr. Meeson, of Manchester. This gentleman owns Rutland, for which he gave £200; he also has a dog named £200, and he has only one week before the Liverpool show gave £200 for Glina, who was beaten by Caracacus.

Mr. F. Blackwood Fay, of the New England Kennel Club, has sold to Mr. W. W. Holmes, of Milwaukee, his entire kennel of King Charles and Blenheim spaniels, with the exception of (King Charles) Champlain, Earl Marke and Charley and Dolly, and (Blenheim) Euter Euter and Excelsior. Mr. Holmes' purchase embraces the following:—Blenheims, Joan of Arc, Exeter Lady, Exeter Duke and two pups by King Victor; ex-John of Arc. The King Charles transferred from Mr. Fay to Mr. Holmes' kennel are:—Royal, Nell Gwynne II, Nellie, Minnie, Floss, Ruby and six pups.

There was a meeting of the American Pet Dog Club in New York Feb. 2. There was an interesting discussion relative to the proposed constitution and by-laws, but no final action was taken. The following is the classification so far as adopted:—Doxies; greyhounds, Italian (not over 14 lbs.); Mexican hairless; poodles, black (not over black; jugs, Chinese; pups, 10 to 15 lbs.; 15 to 25 lbs. (including over 15 lbs.); Irish, Blue, Black, Japanese, King Charles, Prince Charles, Ruby, all others under 25 lbs.; Terriers, Bedlington, black and tan not over 7 lbs., over 7 lbs., bull not over 20 lbs., Dandie Dimont, foxhound 8 lbs., Irish, Maltese, Scotch, Skye, Yorkshire blue, and tan, 5 to 15 lbs., Yorkshire other than blue and tan, same weight.

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