KENNEL.

DOGS AND THEIR OWNERS.

Mistakes of a New Club—The Latest English Scandal—The New National Dog Club—A Breeder's Hard Luck, Etc.

The Syracuse Kennel Club is going in for sporting dogs very heavily, under the guidance, as I understand it, of Major Taylor. I am informed that the club is composed of some ten or a dozen wealthy gentlemen of Syracuse, and I am rather inclined to fancy that their capacity for organizing a kennel stops there. They have the money; by and by they will have the experience, and the other fellows will have the money. The dogs they are buying are not the right stuff either, and are not likely to be shown under any of our Eastern club judges. The prices announced as being paid for Dad Wilson, Lillian and others are simply ridiculous and three times what either of them are worth. It reminds me a good deal of that memorable ransacking of the country for setters for Mr. Lorillard's kennels, which culminated shortly afterward in the dogs being sold for a very small fraction of their original cost.

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Can any of my Cincinnati readers tell the true story of the black pointer business at the late show in that city? It seems to require elucidation.

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Another thing that needs looking into is the Yorkshire terrier substitution case. Mr. Mortimer may probably have something to say in respect to Mr. Campbell's statement that he endorsed the exhibiting of a dog in place of the one entered. This is a relic of the old Lincoln system of trying to please everybody and knocking the rules sky-high.

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Another case is that of ——, but no, we will wait until the pointer club is established, and then if the result is as I expect it will be somebody will have to get down and out.

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While on the overhauling racket I might as well give the latest English scandal affecting Dr. Edwardes-Kerr, whom I had always supposed to be one of the top-toppers on the other side of the water. The *Stockkeeper* considers the case of sufficient magnitude to write editorially upon it as follows:

For some time past rumors, which seriously reflect upon the conduct of a well-known breeder and exhibitor, have circulated in the kennel world. The report has become so circumstantial that it is no longer possible for a journal safeguarding kennel interests to ignore the same, and no longer possible to withhold from the accused an opportunity to clear his character publicly of such grave charges.

The case is this. Dr. Edwardes-Ker, whose name is widely familiar as an exhibitor of terriers and sheepdogs, entered in several classes and exhibited at the last Ipswich show a fox terrier bitch named Hannah Bohun. It is said he also exhibited a fox terrier bitch named Teign Trump, which he had not entered, and that did not even belong to him. This bitch was led into the ring and competed as Hannah Bohun, and as Hannah Bohun won a prize. After the show was over, Dr. Edwardes-Ker told the person who had led Teign Trump into the ring that his man, having so many entries to attend to, had become confused, and sent Teign Trump among them by mistake, and Dr. Edwardes-Ker sent a £5 note to the person referred to, on condition that he would tell anybody to whom he had mentioned this affair that he was mistaken. The money was returned.

Now, if what we repeat is true, and if it was due to a "mistake," Dr. Edwardes-Ker's course was single and clear. He should have informed the Ipswich committee of the mistake, the prize money improperly won should have been returned, Hannah Bohun's name struck out as the winner of this prize, and the dogs which were awarded second, third and reserve should all move up a point. If Dr. Edwardes-Ker has not done this, and is not prepared with a plausible explanation of the five-pound note business, we fear he will find it difficult to extricate himself from a very doubtful position.

An additional reason to those already mentioned for publishing this case is that the Kennel Club are stated to have declined to take it up unless the formal and ofttimes tiresome routine of lodging an objection be gone through; but we do not realize how the Kennel Club can possibly fail to take cognizance of an affair which unless cleared up, must throw the stud book in confusion. The Kennel Club, by Rule X., constitute themselves the guardians of morality in the ken- [illegible] and cannot afford to stand by idly while [illegible] their rules are broken or ignored. We can- [illegible] these remarks without an expression of sin- [illegible] that it should [illegible]

It seems [illegible] likely that the English Kennel Club has been taking lessons from our derelict in how not to do it. It reads for all the world like the Sensation case or the Pittsburg "gold" and "silver" medals affair.

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With reference to my comments of last week on the National Dog Club committee, Mr. Wade sends me the following for publication:

"'Porcupine' voices my sentiments to a whisper. I expressly told Dr. Perry that under no conditions would I be a member of the committee; that there were plenty of the very best men, who were as disgusted with associations as I am, who had not become prominent as "kickers," and who could not prove Jonahs to the newly launched ship. I even took the liberty of suggesting that 'Porcupine.' Mr. Mason and Mr. Craig had better be left out of office for the present. All of us will do our best for the club, but we can do it best as high privates, not as brigadier generals. I also agree with our prickly friend as to the organization of the committee; the idea of having it distributed among breeders of different breeds, is a very good one, if adopted as a general rule, but might be troublesome if made a positive one. For myself, I would not object to them all being setter men, if they were all Childs or 'Dad' Wilsons; or spaniel men, if all were Hemingways or Willeys; bull dog men, if all were Porters; or mastiff men, if all were Craigs, etc. The *right men* is the thing sought for first; what breeds they represent is secondary. Yours truly, W. WADE."

I don't agree with my correspondent as to Mr. Craig being left out. Mr. Craig is too clear-headed a man to be overlooked, and besides he hasn't got as far as Kicker's Camp yet. His present address is Independence Island, and a mighty good place it is to be located at.

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Mr. Mason has given me another tip about his book, and this is "straight." Attending the shows prevented its anticipated completion, but in six weeks it will be out of the printer's hands. It will have to be, for the races and the hot weather are coming on apace, and that is the combination that knocked out the book last year. Since I wrote the foregoing I have seen some of the proof sheets, also some of the illustrations. They are grand.

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Last year it was my bad luck, this spring it was Frank Dole's, but listen to this harrowing recital of the experience of my friend, Mr. Geo. Raper, and say if it does not beat the record:

"I have, during the last five months, attempted to breed from six bull bitches. Two missed and the other four had twenty-one pups, all of which died before attaining the age of seven days, and one of the bitches died three days after she pupped. Four out of the six were kept in cottages, so that the fault could not rest with either kennel accommodation or feeding. In fox terriers Richmond Olivebud had six to Raby Mixture about the same time as Richmond Mystery pupped to Dusky Splinter. Both these litters gave endless trouble. After attaining the age of fourteen days they fell off and went to skeletons. Three of the former litter died. Then I put Sister to Richmond Splice to New Forest Rustic. She had five; they all died. Next I sent Richmond Tangle, dam of Richmond Nymph, to Stipendiary. She pupped five, but two died directly they were pupped, the bitch died two days after, and the three remaining puppies, after doing fairly well for a fortnight, pegged out. Richmond Regency, sister to Rock Mixture, was in pup to Resist. Two days before her time was up she died. I had her opened and found one of the puppies in a putrid state—evidently the cause of her death. Then a young dog ten months old, the flower of my eye, died, nearly without notice. He was a scorcher—the best I have owned, without a doubt."

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Mr. Frank B. Richards, formerly of the *Turf, Field and Farm*, is now with the Boston *Globe*. Mr. Franklin Satterthwaite, one of the best newspaper men, sends in a note to the effect that, owing to severe illness, he will not be able to attend to his specialties this season. Mr. Satterthwaite's specialties, I may add, are cricket and lawn tennis at and about New York. I was in hopes of hearing that he had entirely recovered from his illness, and learn of the true state of affairs with much regret.

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The A. K. C. has been distinguishing itself, as usual. It never meets but it does something exceuciatingly funny. Mr. Child declined having anything further to do with a club run upon the principles governing the New York end, so everything was made lovely by the election of Mr. August Belmont, Jr. Mr. Belmont's kindness in accepting the office is a fitting return for the club's breaking down its Rule 2 for the accommodation of one of his dogs.

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The suspension of the Hornell Kennel Club is a [illegible] considering that the Hornell K. C. said [illegible] could not be represented as it saw fit they would get along without the "protecting" wing of the A. K. C.

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How is it that the A. K. C. would not entertain the case of Farley? He was disqualified by the Hornell Kennel Club, a member in good standing of the A. K. C., yet his dogs were entered and shown at the Westminster Kennel Club show. He could not go straight even then, and was again disqualified. The A. K. C. then sustained the W. K. C. disqualification.

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Another joke perpetrated by the 44 Broadway wits was the "sustaining the action of the Philadelphia Kennel Club in refusing the entry of James Watson at their recent show." I was not aware that the individual named was entered at the Philadelphia show. Perhaps it was the previously decided case of the St. Bernard bitch Margery, the resurrected. The solons didn't know, I suppose, or couldn't remember, that they made the egregious blunder of saying their dog show rules were by-laws, and thus put the case out of court at their last meeting.

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If the case was to be heard again why was it that the appellant received no notice as required by the club rules? Common fairness is hung up with the hats of most of the frequenters of 44 Broadway. The student of Livy loses his head at every step and there is no one there now to check the steady succession of blunders.

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There will be a dog show held at Washington on May 29, 30, 31, and June 1, under the same management as at Baltimore. Cash prizes are to be offered in many of the classes.

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London, Ont., dog show is announced for Sept. 24, 25, 26 and 27, and I believe Buffalo is down for a big affair in the fall.

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Mr. A. Fred Nash, like a good many new arrivals in this country, proceeds to demonstrate that we know nothing about what he supposes he knows so much about. He owns the bull bitch Dolores, which he thinks a world-beater. Happy ignorance. Mr. Naylor, of Chicago, put Romulus over Dolores at Cincinnati, and Mr. Nash thereupon treats us to as pretty a specimen of bad temper and ignorance as I have seen for some time. He says he does not write as a disappointed exhibitor. Pray what does he pose as? He was not at Cincinnati, does not know how the dogs looked in the ring, and so far as there is any evidence in his letter, does not know Romulus that beat Dolores. Here is a pretty extract from the dolorous plaint of this exhibitor who is not disappointed:—"Mr. Kirk was advertised to judge bulldogs, but was unable to do so at the last minute, and Mr. Naylor was asked to judge in his absence. Of course, under some circumstances, such as illness, etc., it is impossible for a judge to keep his appointment, and in such a case I think dogs would be better left unjudged, if a competent judge is not to be found. In such a case as this why not put off the judging until the last day of the show, and in the meantime try and secure a competent judge?" Before Mr. Nash enters into the arena again it would be well for him to read the rules governing American shows. If he had done so in connection with the Cincinnati show he would have found that in the absence of a judge the committee had the right of appointing a substitute.

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Mr. Naylor is too well known as a thoroughly straightforward man and judge to be affected by criticisms and attacks of the Nash order and to Mr. Nash I would offer the following advice:—Learn to show your dogs in condition before you criticise judges who relegate skeletons to the background.

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Mr. J. H. Winslow has, I regret to hear, lost an entire litter of wire-haired fox terriers. Mr. R. H. Barton recently presented him with a brace from his kennels.

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Some people want to push wire-hairs here. How about getting barbers to "fake" them? That will be the trouble. PORCUPINE.

THE POINTER CLUB.

Details of the Recent Organization of the New Club.

About a dozen breeders and exhibitors of pointers met at the office of the American Kennel Club rooms on Tuesday, May 8, for the purpose of forming a pointer club. On motion of Mr. James L. Anthony, Mr. C. J. Peshall was called to the chair. Mr. J. H. Winslow was elected secretary pro tem.

Those present were A. C. Collins, E. H. Morris, James L. Anthony, F. R. Hitchcock, C. J. Peshall, Elliott Smith, J. M. Arnolt, J. H. Phelan, E. R. Bellman, J. H. Winslow, George L. Wilms and Jacob Pentz. The following is a list of those who desire to become members of the club, but were unable to be present in person:—Dr. W. W. E. Alcott, Avon, Conn.; Hon. John S. Wise, Richmond, Va.; Dr. W. F. Strong, Bridgeport, Conn.; B. F. Seitner, Dayton, O.; C. M. Munhall, Cleveland, O.; Charles Heath, Newark, N. J.; Thomas M. Steele, Dover, N. H.; Geo. N. Beckwith, Pittsburg, Pa.; F. W. Fawcett, Savannah, Ga.; Richard [illegible], Detroit, Mich.; Wm. Tetterington, Wyanet, Ill.; W. A. Anderson, Kansas City, Mo.; Dr. John R. Daniels, Cleveland, O.; Albert Smithright, Cleveland, O.; Phillip Trottner, Cleveland, O.; F. S. Stockey, Cleveland, O.; Fred Stringelin, Hartford, Conn.; J. E. Isgrigg, Indianapolis, Ind.; J. P. Swain, N. Y.

Mr. Anthony moved that the chair appoint a committee of three to draft a constitution and by-laws This was seconded by Mr. Phelan and carried. The chair appointed Messrs. F. R. Hitchcock, A. C. Collins and James L. Anthony, who submitted the following, which, on motion of Mr. Hitchcock seconded by Mr. Bellman, were unanimously adopted:

It ws decided that a copy of the constitution and minutes of this meeting be furnished to the sporting papers by the secretary, and further, that the charter members be given until July 1 to join the club and pay their dues, which were placed at $5 a year; and also, that a meeting of the charter members be held on or about July 1, at the call of the chairman of this meeting.

Any one desiring to join the club can do so by forwarding their name and residence, together with $5, before July 1, to the temporary secretary, Mr. J. H. Winslow, 608 Chestnut street, Philadelphia.

Kennel Notes.

Harry Malcolm, of Baltimore, is endeavoring to organize a Gordon setter club.

Mr. William Scully's thoroughbred Irish terrier bitch Poppy III., died at Toronto May 12 while giving birth to a litter of eleven pups.

Mr. W. S. Diffenderfer, whose retirement from beagle circles was announced a short time since, has returned to his old love, and will astonish fanciers of the breed at future shows.

The Essex County (Mass.) Kennel Club has elected the following new officers:—President, Robert Leslie; vice president, Dr. O. P. Macalister; secretary, Ernest C. Tarr; treasurer, Charles H. Leonard; executive committee, Robert Leslie, chairman; W. H. Beede, Willey Barker, A. J. Hoitt, W. H. Walton. The club has changed its name to the Massachusetts Kennel Club.

The Southern Trial Club was organized at Chattanooga, Tenn., May 14, with 35 charter members. The following officers were chosen:—J. W. Renfroe, Ga., president; Pat. Henry, Tenn., first vice president; W. R. Halliday, Miss., second vice president; T. M. Grumby, Ga., secretary and treasurer. A guaranty fund of $2,000 was subscribed and paid up. A Derby Stake of $750 was opened, entries to close July 1; all age Setter Stake of $500, and an all age Pointer Stake of $500. The trials will be run, commencing Dec. 3.

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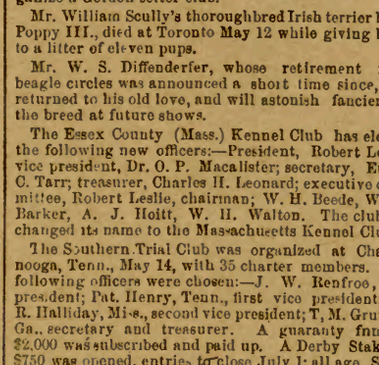

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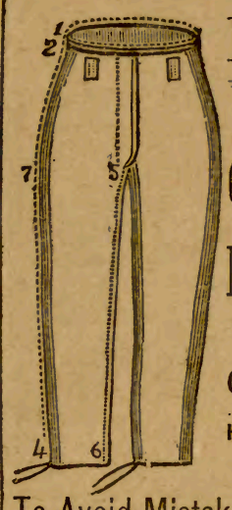

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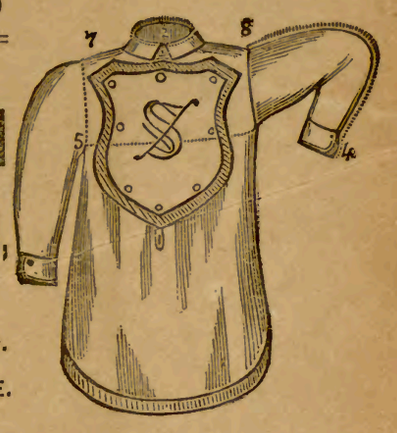

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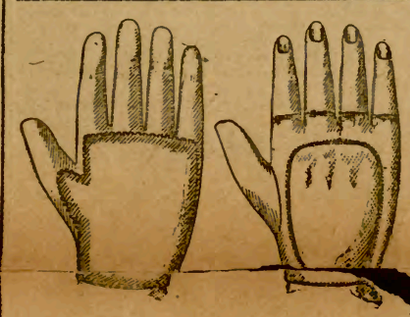

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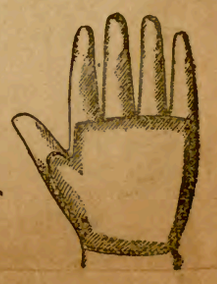

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