

SOME FINE DOGS.

Specimens of the Canine Race That Are Highly Prized.

MAN'S BEST COMPANION.

Intelligence, Fidelity and Affection Manifested by the Best Breeds—The Setter, St. Bernard, Greyhound, Bloodhounds, Collies and Other Kinds That Are Popular.

It HAS BEEN OFTEN said that man's truest friend is his dog, and history tells of many acts of bravery and kindness of this noble brute. During the last few years the breeding of dogs has become a business, and hundreds of thousands of dollars are invested in the dog business. The origin of the dog is clouded in mystery. Fossil canines have been found in Egypt, and monuments have been unearthed showing the forms of dogs in bold relief, probably the fond companions of some great ruler of the Nile. Some authorities maintain that dogs are descended from wolves, jackals, etc., while others claim that they spring from a separate and distinct race. There are many species of dogs, and each year or so another breed springs into existence.

THE REFERENCE AS TO BREED. Just which is the most popular breed is a difficult question to answer. The men generally prefer the setter or the pointer, while the ladies have for many fancies as there are breeds. Some like the tiny toy terrier, others go for the big dog, and a few are partial to the fox terrier. The best known of this latter species is the setter. In this class are the English, Gordon, Irish, Scotch, Laverack and Llewellyn. Representatives of each of these breeds will be present at the coming dog show, and for the benefit of those who are not conversant with the names of each might be interesting. First comes

THE FOX TERRIER. The rich black and tan coloring of the terrier by that name is the color of the coat. In selection the dog should be of a few years of age, have the dog's coat good. The black should be deep and solid and the tan rich mahogany. The patches on the legs, chest, neck and under side of flag should be looked for. The legs and tail should be provided with long hair or fringes known as feather. This feather adds greatly to the grace of the dog. It is the largest, heaviest and finest of all the terriers. The Irish terrier, known as the most stylish of the breed, with his rich coat of dark or mahogany red. He is a dashing hunter, full of vim and endurance. The Scotch terrier, known as the Laverack and the best known. The Blue Belton has a large following and is considered by many the handsomest of the setter family.

THE ST. BERNARD. The noble, big, gentle St. Bernard has many friends, and is, perhaps, the most popular of the large dogs. Great importance is attached to size, and the head should be massive, with a short muzzle and broad nose. The tail should be large and carried down in repose. There are two breeds of St. Bernard recognized, but they differ only in coat, one being smooth and the other rough. Color of coat is of no importance, but the St. Bernard, Orange and white markings are now preferred, with white markings and dark shading. Solid colored dogs are not considered the best. There are certain white markings that are absolutely necessary. The chest should be white, as should the feet, tip of tail, muzzle and collar show.

THE NEWFOUNDLAND. For many years Americans looked upon the Newfoundland dog as the best of the large class, but either through inattention to breeding or else through lack of enthusiasm the breed has steadily diminished until now it is a rare occurrence that you see one. It is preferable to a dog of any other breed, and a life saving has been chronicled far and near. He came originally from the island for which he is named and is still used for draught work. There are several other types of Newfoundland, such as the St. John's or Labrador dog and the Landseer. These are smaller than the original and are not so highly prized. There will be a whole kennel of Newfoundland on exhibition.

THE BULLDOG. Every dog breed has a bulldog. The British bulldog always gets a crowd of admirers at the shows. Though possessing a good temper you have but to arouse their ire and then all other dogs had better stand from under. Their wide chest, immense nose, lion-shaped head and small ears and little ears make them the "king of fighters."

THE COLLIE. Bull terriers combine the severity of the bulldog with the fire of the terrier and make an acceptable companion. A large representation of basset hounds, dachshunds and beagles will be seen at the show. The basset hound is a French origin and much esteemed in that country for hunting, while the dachshund is of German origin, and properly translated means badger hound. The beagle is the typical rabbit dog, and is much used in this country for hunting that game. He, like the preceding two, is a funny little fellow, with short legs and a long tail.

THE MASTIFF. For terriers as usual will muster in grand force. Each year finds this dog in greater favor and the much prized by the society ladies. In fact he is quite a fad with the bon ton. Among the other breeds which will be exhibited are the black and tan terrier, Dan, Dinmont terrier, Welch terrier, Bedlington terrier, skye, Scotch and Yorkshire terriers, King Charles spaniel, Blenheim spaniel, Prince Charles, ruby and Japanese spaniel, Mexican hairless dogs and a large miscellaneous class.

Wants Damages for Being Put Off a Car. Charles Beverley, by her next friend, John Beverley, seeks to recover from the Anacostia and Potomac River Railroad Company \$5,000 damages by suit filed for her by E. M. Hewlett today. She claims that on February 9 last she entered one of defendant's cars at Hillside and finding that she was on a 2d street instead of G street called the driver's attention to the fact and she was put on a G street car by the driver, who informed the conductor that she had paid her fare and she was to go on another car, which she refused to pay, and she thereupon alighted, beat and bruised her and her property and she was taken to a police station and arrested and carried to a police station.

Leap year girl—'Livvymann, is this horse 'Livvymann—'Yes, ma'am, exactly what you want, he is used to being driven with one hand.'—Binghamton Republican.

TOPICS FOR CYCLISTS.

The Great Meet in July is Not—The One Subject Discussed.

TALK OF THE CLUB HOUSES.

Where Will the Races Be Held?—Eight Thousand Wheelmen to Be in the Grand Parade—Eminent Officials on Road Improvements.

ARCH GAME IN LIKE A lion and the first week proved a very unsatisfactory one for the wheelmen, although many clerks and messengers were seen going through the drizzling rain and snow on their way to the office. The meet here in July is the principal topic discussed in bicycle circles now, and at a meeting of the executive committee and chairman of the local committees held Tuesday evening an encouraging report was heard. The meeting was held in the offices of the Overseas Woolen Company at 13th street. Chief Consul Dyer presided, and Col. Burdett, the new president of the L. A. W., was present. He gave the local men the benefit of his knowledge of the various clubs, which present a list to those in charge of the committee.

THE BLOODHOUND. The name bloodhound is rather blood curdling and suggests the terrible and runaway slaves. Their ferocity is fiction, for the bloodhound man trailer when finding his game displays the greatest pleasure. They are noble, dignified beasts—the Chesterfield of the dog family. Each year thousands of dollars are expended in the purchase of these dogs, and they are distanced all others in popularity. It is the Russian wolfhound. He is not well known in this country, but is rapidly making friends. He resembles the English greyhound in general outline, with long fringed hair and small intelligent eyes. In Russia these dogs are used for hunting and are of great service in minding the flocks.

THE CHEESAPEAKE BAY DOG. Returning to hunting dogs, the Chesapeake bay dog is, perhaps, the best known of the water-retrieving class. Of late years this species has gradually died out until at present they are probably the scarest of American dogs. Surely they are the hardest of hunters and retrieve game from water full of floating ice. They are used principally for duck hunting and for long hunting on the water from the cold water. They are sable brown in color and supposed to come from a cross between the Newfoundland and Irish water spaniel.

THE GREAT DANE. The great Dane is the fad for this year. In Germany he is much beloved, and in olden times he was used for fighting and for active frame and fierce appearance has justly made him the king of watch dogs. There will be some ones at the show, and fox hunters from the city have entered their dogs. This one originally came from the St. Bernard, and great amount of endurance and possessed of a keen scent.

THE CRESTED BUTLER DOG. A visitor to a dog show never fails to inquire for the spaniel. There will be several varieties of the spaniel dog and it is used for hunting woodcock principally. The dog does not stand the heat, but is a good hunter. The cocker spaniel is a general utility dog and is used for hunting the quail and the pheasant. They are an active, restless little dog, ready to play all the time and easily tamed. They are a favorite with the children, and are clean, gentle and an excellent watchman.

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NEW BASE BALL RULES.

Important Changes That Will Benefit the Game.

FARCES ON THE DIAMOND.

They Will Be Prevented Hereafter—An End to "Dilatory Tactics"—Work Well Done by the League—Scheme to Encourage the Losing Side—Current Goals.

ALTHOUGH NO RADICAL changes are made in the laws of the game by the recent league convention yet some decided reforms are likely to result from the changes that were made. One reform will be the prevention of the party practice on the part of players who for one reason or another wish to delay the game. This has been no small evil and it has probably hurt base ball more than all the fighting in the courts and in the newspapers between the league and brotherhood and the league and association. Lovers of the game have been repeatedly disgusted with the dilatory exhibitions given by full-grown men, who, hired to play ball and to play the best ball of which they were capable, would, to gain a fancied or even a real advantage, allow the contest to become a mere farce.

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An Army Officer's Ideas in Regard to the Dress Uniform.

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ICONOCLASTIC IDEAS.

Some of the Best Things That Have Been Said in the House, So Far as the Militia Matters Are Concerned.

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