

HOW JOSSELLE KENNEL WAS STARTED WITH DOG TAKEN FROM GERMANS

DOG OF THE WAR LAYS FOUNDATION FOR KENNEL HERE

Is Shepherd Pet Which Lieut. P. A. B. Widener Captured in France.

SHOW POPULARITY HURT

Little to Tempt Breeders and Exhibitors to Mississippi Valley Exhibition.

By FRANK F. DOLE.

A French philosopher and a close student of the canine family has said that the *raison d'être* of the various breeds of dogs and their spontaneous groups of fanciers supplies the material for the most exhaustive and fantastic study of the animal. From time immemorial men and women have been fond of fancy and devote their lives to the development of some one particular variety, and in innumerable cases it has been found that they have been attracted to their particular favorites through some incident, sometimes of great importance, and at others of a very simple nature.

The history of dog shows fairly bristles with incidents showing how some breed or another will attract a man even though he cared little about dogs. Not long ago a wealthy man on the outskirts of New York spent thousands of dollars on one particular type of terrier because his favorite daughter fancied it. The brothers Mayer, in a shop, English enthusiasts, spent their lives in the development of the Sealyham terrier and in his latter years the late King Edward VII. loved the fox terrier because one day he saw one of the little dogs chase a weasel and kill it, and he thought the performance was one of the cleverest things he ever saw on the part of a dog. Up to the day of his death the King always was accompanied by his favorite fox terrier in his rambles around Windsor Castle or wherever he happened to take a stroll about.

One of the latest yarns as to how a breed attracted the sympathies of an enthusiast is connected with Lieut. P. A. B. Widener of Philadelphia, owner of the Joselle Kennels. His interest in a shepherd dog is responsible for the patronage and support the breed is being given by the Widener family at the present time. One day during the late war Lieut. Widener, who then was serving in the United States at the front, was skirmishing around close to the firing line when he ambushed a German officer and took him prisoner. The German had a shepherd dog with him and the first thing Lieut. Widener did was to take possession of the dog after he turned over the prisoner to the outpost.

Dog and Man Part Company.

To all appearances the dog had not dined that morning, and when offered food he gulped it down like a starving coyote. Then and there Lieut. Widener and the dog became fast friends and the gray coated canine was the closest and most constant companion of his master until peace was declared and Lieut. Widener came back to America. He could not bring the dog with him on the transport and left it with an old Alsatian woman with strict injunctions that she take good care of it, which instructions she must have carried out to the letter, as subsequent developments illustrate.

On his return to America Lieut. Widener took steps to bring back the dog and was aided by Tom Welsh, trainer of his father's stable of racers. Tom has a relative named Jerry living in France and engaged in caring for the Widener plant there. Tom sent Jerry in quest of the little old woman in Alsace. He found the dog hale and hearty and after bringing it to England had it shipped to the Widener home in Philadelphia. The dog was minus a pedigree, but nevertheless it laid the foundation of the Joselle Kennels of shepherd dogs by siring Nip of Joselle and other good ones. Joselle's Doif Von Dusterbrook was winner of the prize for the best of the breed at the recent Westminster Kennel Club Show at Madison Square Garden, is no relative of the unknown dog, but it is the pedigree of the unknown dog could be untraced it might be found to be as impressive as that of the imported champion.

One of the gets of the unknown dog is now owned by Tom Welsh and may be seen daily around the Belmont Park track, where he is known to the stable boys and trainers as "Two Bits." He knows every stable lane and habitus of the track by name and from dawn to dark nothing passes him unnoticed.

A glaring instance of how unwise management can mar the popularity of a prominent dog show is contained in the premium list to hand of the Mississippi Valley Kennel Club annual show, which will be held at St. Louis the last week of this month. The exhibit to be nothing more than a "blue ribbon show," and there will be little to tempt the general run of breeders and exhibitors to patronize the fixture. The cash prizes have been arranged on the percentage basis, that is, if the entry in

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any one class happens to be a good one the winner comes out fairly well, but should there be only one entry the winner will get back his entry fee of \$3 and his blue ribbon. To the ordinary exhibitor in small country towns the blue streamer might seem a big thing, but to exhibitors from afar it means very little and would not go far toward paying the expenses of the dog and his owner.

One might claim that no class will be trusted to one entry, but when it is remembered that in all there are 1,067 classes it might be asked reasonably where are the entries to come from. Of course here and there the fanciers have come forward with cups and other fairly valuable trophies, but against that it is noticeable that the show people are offering nothing but medals and ribbons. A time there was when this show at St. Louis was not carried out on that plan, and when the cash prizes totalled nearly \$4,000 and every prominent exhibitor from Boston to New Orleans prepared his dogs for a visit to the Mound City. Some day the St. Louis dog lovers may see the error of their ways and go back to the old order of things.

A purchase of more than passing interest was effected during the week

when John J. Barret of this city became the owner of Little Mint, a Boston terrier of great quality and formerly owned by J. H. Jordan of Medford, Mass. The little dog which will be a contender in all the specialty and other shows is one of the best intruder gets and his pedigree embraces many of the most celebrated show dogs of the breed. In color he is a dark seal brindle perfectly marked, and with a screw tail. He weighs about fourteen pounds.

A Question of Coat.

I am in possession of a communication from J. C. Buiton of South Hamilton, Mass. He takes exception to my remarks about champion Gallach Gip, winner of the fox terrier prize for the best of the breed at the recent Boston show. He says: "At Boston she was in better coat and better weight and showed with a keener spirit." It would be interesting at this stage to know how the bitch's coat was improved in less than two weeks. Perhaps someone has invented a preparation to grow hair on a dog in a few days. If so it will be a blessing to the kennel world.

No more will we have the imitations of Belgian tar, bears' grease, extract of marrow bones and other solutions with

which the public have been gulled for years. Then again if Gallach Gip was in such wonderful fettle at Boston why was she not shown in the variety class for terriers, where the Sealyham terrier, Barberry Hill Gin Riskey, swept the decks under the experienced eye of George S. Thomas, with Trevelac Tit Bits in second place. When the hour arrived for the best of all breeds contest it was noticed that Champion Gallach Gip got the gate along with the rest of the terriers. Mr. Thomas declared that the other candidates had been "dilled" and that Barberry Hill Gin Riskey was the only terrier shown in his natural coat.

The American Field makes the following significant announcement: "Three all rounders—Norman Swire of Canada, Vint Breeze of Caldwell, N. J., and Charles G. Hopton of New York—will officiate at the annual all breed exhibition to be held by the Maryland Kennel Club at Baltimore, Md., April 15 and 16." It no doubt would interest the fanciers from all quarters if the cozier Midkiff Seductive, the bull terrier Hagmarket, Faultless and the Peko Phantom of Ashcroft are among the prospective entries. If they are the three experts should be appointed to decide upon the all breed special for the best in the show.

Season's Schedule of Bench Shows

Washington Boston Terrier Club, Washington, D. C., March 2. George E. Foley, superintendent.
Northern Ohio Beagle Club, Cleveland, Ohio, March 9. G. G. Black, secretary.
Fort Worth Kennel Club, Fort Worth, Tex., March 9, 10, 11 and 12. S. E. Collier, secretary.
Western Reserve Kennel Club, Cleveland, Ohio, March 10 and 11. W. E. McNaughton, secretary.
Akron Kennel Club, Akron, Ohio, March 12 and 13. S. L. J. Lescaubeau, secretary.
Elm City Kennel Club, New Haven, Conn., March 22. Mrs. H. R. Westcott, secretary.
Cincinnati Kennel Club, Cincinnati, Ohio, March 24, 25 and 26. Dr. Henry Martin, secretary.
Mississippi Valley Kennel Club, St. Louis, Mo., March 28 and 29. G. B. O'Reilly, secretary.
Lynn Kennel Club, Lynn, Mass., March 31. C. E. O'Connor, secretary.
Chicago Kennel Club, Chicago, Ill., March 31, April 1 and 2. J. A. Hugh, secretary.
Detroit Kennel Club, Detroit, Mich., April 4 and 5. C. H. Greenfield, secretary.
Pinehurst Dog Show, April 7 and 8, at Pinehurst, N. C.

COLUMBIA FENCERS BEATEN BY NAVY

Blue and White Athletes Win Only Four Bouts of the Thirteen Contested.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. ANNAPOLIS, March 5.—In a match in which foil, sabre and duelling swords were used the Naval Academy fencers won from Columbia here this afternoon by nine bouts to four. The contests were good in all branches, and Columbia lost with the foil by only one point, making the best fight against the Midshipmen of any college team in years. Reaves did good work with sabre and duelling sword, winning with the former weapon against Midshipman Mahstrom, one of the Academy's best.

rapid pace with the foil and defeated Chandler in the first bout by 8 to 2. With the score tied at three bouts each and Benno having two more bouts the prospect looked gloomy for the Navy, but Shears and Becker defeated him, the latter by a single point, while Farley, Columbia, defeated Chandler. The summaries:

Foil: Benno, Columbia, defeated Chandler, Navy, 8-2; Shears, Navy, defeated Naton, Columbia, 6-4; Becker, Navy, defeated Farley, Columbia, 10-7; Naton, Columbia, defeated Chandler, Navy, 17-7 (extra period); Farley, Columbia, defeated Yoss, Navy, 10-2; Becker, Navy, defeated Naton, Columbia, 12-8; Shears, Navy, defeated Benno, Columbia, 10-6; Farley, Columbia, defeated Chandler, Navy, 8-3; Becker, Navy, defeated Benno, Columbia, 10-6.

Duelling Swords—Hunter, Navy, defeated Reaves, Columbia, 1-0. Sabre—Gulder, Navy, defeated Ferris, Columbia, 7-0; Reaves, Columbia, defeated Mahstrom, Navy, 7-5; Gulder, Navy, defeated Reaves, Columbia, 7-4; Mahstrom, Navy, defeated

PENN FENCERS BEATEN.

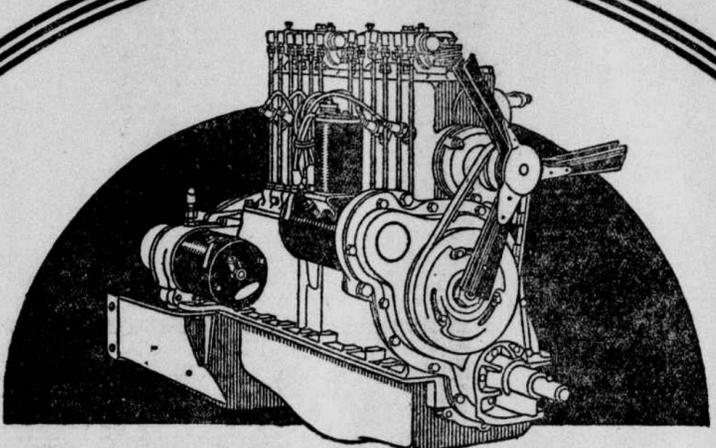
Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. CORNWALL-ON-HUDSON, March 5.—The New York Military Academy fencing team defeated the University of Pennsylvania swordsmen in a dual meet here this afternoon by 7 bouts to 2. The competition was with the foil.

Filer and Farnum were the only members of the visiting team to win their matches. Filer defeated Richards of the local team, 5 touches to 2, while Farnum downed Johnson, 3 touches to 2. The summaries:

Johnson, New York M. A., defeated Farnum, Penn, 4 to 2; Pease, New York M. A., defeated Filer, Penn, 6 to 2; Richards, New York M. A., defeated Farnum, Penn, 3 to 2; Farnum, Penn, defeated Johnson, New York M. A., 3 to 2; Pease, New York M. A., defeated Filer, Penn, 5 to 2; Pease, New York M. A., defeated Farnum, Penn, 6 to 0; Richards, New York M. A., defeated Farnum, Penn, 2 to 1.

SOCCER SECRETARY TO RETIRE.

Thomas W. Cahill, secretary of the United States Football Association, has announced that he will not be a candidate for reelection at the forthcoming annual meeting of that body, in which he has held office since it was organized in 1915, largely through his efforts and influence.



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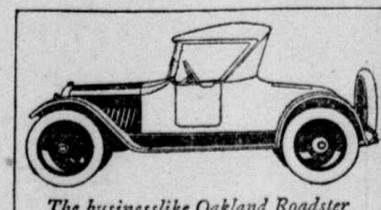
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