

The BLUE-BLOODED DOGS of SAN FRANCISCO SOCIETY WOMEN



MRS. GEORGE FLEXNOR & MISS FLEXNOR HOLDING BULL-TERRIERS. SPECTATORS WATCHING THE JUDGING ON THE GOLF LINKS.

MR. AND MRS. NAT T. MESSER AND THEIR AIREDALE TERRIERS MOTOR DACE AND SANDY MONK.



Mrs. F.A. WOODWORTH'S YORKSHIRE TERRIER "CAHOOTS"



Mrs. L.T. SMITH AND HER COLLIE "PRINCESS BONNIE"



Mrs. LEON ROOS HANDLING POMERANIAN "TOODLES" IN THE RING



Mrs. J.W. HELLER AND HER JAPANESE-JAPANESE "TOGO"

By Arthur Inkersley

WHEN the great fondness of Californians, both men and women, for sports is considered, it is not remarkable that many of the best known women in the society of San Francisco and the neighborhood should have acquired considerable reputation as dog fanciers, owning bulldogs, bull terriers, or representatives of other species of the canine genus. The most notable dog owner in this region is, of course, the mistress of Uplands, San Mateo county—Miss Jennie Crocker, who is a regular exhibitor at the dog shows that take place at San Francisco, Oakland, San Mateo, Del Monte and other places. Miss Crocker owns the most famous Boston terriers in the United States—Champion Dick Dazzler and Champion Endcliffe Totoro, the former being regarded as the finest specimen of his breed in this country. Dick Dazzler was bred at Danvers, Mass., by a man who did not at all suspect what a wonderful dog he had the good fortune to possess. When he was about a year old, Dick Dazzler was polished up and sent to a dog show at Boston, where no one noticed him particularly until the keen eye of George S. Thomas of Hamilton, Mass. (who was one of the judges at the second show of the Del Monte kennel club in August, 1908), happened to light upon him. Thomas quickly observed the broad and flat skull, the forehead free from wrinkles, the small and thin ears, the short, square, wide and deep muzzle, the broad chest, small feet, and short, fine coat that are the chief distinguishing marks of a Boston terrier of high degree. Dick Dazzler's owner being anxious to sell, Thomas was lucky enough to pick up the canine wonder for the small price of \$60. When the dog terriers came up before the judges Dick Dazzler proved an easy winner in the class, capturing the gold cup, the grand challenge cup and \$100 in gold coin. Ever since he has been a constant winner, capturing championships at the dog shows of New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Milwaukee, Buffalo, San Francisco, San Mateo, Del Monte and other places.

Miss Crocker is one of the richest young women of California and belongs to a family that is known almost universally in the west. She and her Boston terriers, which she handles herself in the ring, are always the objects of much attention. It is generally understood that Miss Crocker paid the tidy sum of \$1,500 for Champion Dick Dazzler and that Champion Endcliffe Totoro cost her \$1,000. Now \$2,500 for a few pounds of animate dogflesh seems to most of us a pretty stiff price, but it is not beyond the bounds of probability that a wealthy heiress should part with that sum for dogs that are the best of their kind. Yet so prone are people to

believe tales of the "wicked extravagance" of the rich that a feminine spectator at the August Del Monte show was heard to remark that Miss Crocker paid \$10,000 for Dick Dazzler. Miss Crocker also owns Frisco Cinders, Hazlewood Statesman and other Boston terriers.

Miss Alice Hager is the owner of a brindled Boston terrier, which on a certain memorable occasion worsted a quarrelsome bull terrier owned by another young lady equally well known in the society of San Francisco and Burlingame. Mrs. P. E. Bowles, wife of the banker, owns a Boston terrier named Kirk, and Mrs. Ella F. Morgan of Millbrae has one named Millbrae Allie, the father of which is Champion Dick Dazzler, the mother being Mrs. Morgan's Vixen III. Mrs. E. F. Morgan also owns an Irish terrier named Endcliffe Curate.

The bull terrier is quite a favorite among the fair dog fanciers. Mrs. Horton F. Phipps owns the famous bull terrier named Dunvegar Admiral, and Mrs. C. R. Armstrong of Oakland has an Airedale puppy named Hilo Coronet. Nearly all the local owners of French bulldogs are ladies. Halcyon Alexandre, owned by Miss Jennie Crocker, was bred by Mrs. C. F. Allison. Miss Leola Spofford Stone, daughter of General George Stone, has a dog of this breed named Bizango, and Miss Lydia Hopkins of Menlo Park owns a puppy that struggles along under the voluminous name Mimi de Pantin de la Mare, her father having been Champion General de la Mare and her mother Champion Margot de Pantin.

Handsomely animals are the Russian wolfhound Tybo, owned by Miss Alice Wilkins of San Francisco, and Princess Telka, the property of Miss Ethel Dean.

While pointers, English and Irish setters, Gordon setters, Irish water spaniels and other sporting dogs are owned naturally almost always by the sterner sex, cocker spaniels are such alert, quick, merry animals that they have charms for the fair sex also. Miss Kempf of Burlingame owns a red cocker with the appropriate name of Commodore Carrots. In the part colored class Champion Delverton Dolores and Paprika are the property of Mrs. W. C. Ralston of Oakland. Mrs. L. M. Mack of San Francisco has a black cocker named Lassie Kathleen.

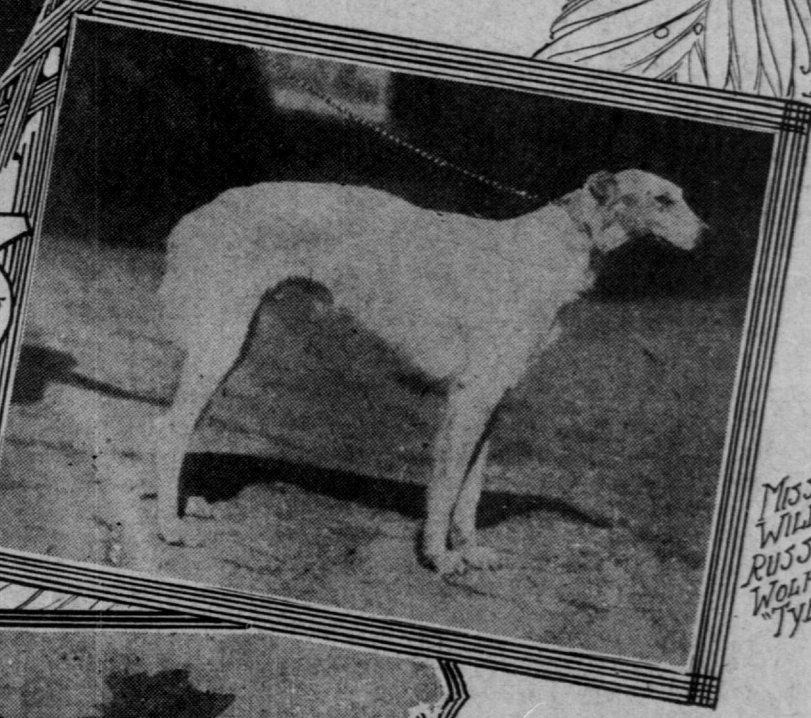
A scarce dog in this state is the



MISS GENEVIEVE HARVEY HANDLING HER BOSTON TERRIERS IN THE RING



Mrs. H.F. PHIPPS AND HER BULL-TERRIER BROOKLYN PATSY AND JUDGE E.P. SHORTALL'S SILKWOOD BEN ALI. JOHN SPARROW HANDLING



MISS A. WILKINS' RUSSIAN WOLF-HOUND TYBO



MISS FRANCES M. REID AND HER POMERANIANS ROLLO AND BABY



Mrs. H.F. PHIPPS AND HER BULL-TERRIER "BROOKLYN PATSY"

breed in this locality is Mrs. Nat T. Messer's Champion Motor Dace, who is shown in the photograph with Sandy Monk, another Airedale of considerable merit. Sandy Monk was the subject of an amusing lawsuit, in which Nat T. Messer testified that he had bought him from a boy for a dollar; and, when the dog fell ill, sat up at night with him, hired two doctors to prescribe for him, supplied him with a quart of milk a day and showered other attentions upon him. In spite

of all this testimony tending to show the high esteem in which Nat Messer held the Airedale, a hard hearted judge awarded the dog to an ex-supervisor, who said that he had lost him about the time at which Nat Messer gave one hundred cents for him. Miss Evelyn Cunningham, daughter of Mrs. J. Athearn Folger of Woodside, San Mateo county, has exhibited an Airedale named Dunvegar Admiral, and Mrs. C. R. Armstrong of Oakland has an Airedale puppy named Hilo Coronet.

Small dogs, such as Pomeranians, Blenheim, Pekinese, Japanese and English toy spaniels, the leading characteristic of which seems to the mind of mere man, to be their supreme utility, generally owe allegiance to ladies. One of the prettiest figures in the ring at the August show at Del Monte was Mrs. Leon L. Roos handling her fine Pomeranians, Major Toodles and Sister. Mrs. Norman J. Stewart of Carmel owns a "Pom" named appropriately, no doubt, Imp of Achray, and Mrs. Irving C. Ackerman is the proud possessor of Champion Humbertona Master. Miss Frances M. Reid of Belmont has her Pomeranians, Rollo and Baby. Mrs. Charles Patton owns a toy poodle, Jeannette, bred by Mrs. John Hartnoll. Little Pal Ki and Shi Li are Pekinese spaniels and are the property of Miss Margaret Barron. Miss Eliza Draper, daughter of Major and Mrs. T. W. M. Draper of San Rafael, has a pet English toy spaniel named Ladene, while Mrs. S. W. Heller's almost constant companion is Togo, a Japanese spaniel. Miss Genevieve Harvey is an enthusiastic dog owner and is attended faithfully by a Boston terrier and Buff, a Blenheim spaniel. The terrier, being the stronger, thinks it his duty to look after the spaniel, which, with eyes almost hidden by its long silky hair, seems ill-fitted to cope with a rough world. It is highly amusing to see the terrier grasp in his teeth the leading strap of the spaniel and pull him in the direction in which (in the terrier's opinion) he should go.

Among ladies who own well bred dogs, though they do not enter them at exhibitions, may be named Mrs. McDonald (formerly Mrs. de Ruyter) and Mrs. Phoebe Hearst, both of whom are interested in collies. Mrs. Blythe raises cocker spaniels and Mrs. Hume the skye terriers.