

# Dog Racing a Popular Fall Sport



VIEW OF KEARNEY FAIR GROUND DURING THE COURSING MEET.—Photo by S. D. Butcher. Copyright Reserved.

**H**UNTING of hares with fleet-footed hounds pursuing their quarry by sight only is of ancient date. The dog most used for this sport is the greyhound, and the sport is technically known as coursing. Rules governing coursing are numerous. The matter of greatest consequence relates to the points of the course on which the merits of the competitors are decided by the judges. The points of the course are:

(a) Speed—Which is estimated as 1, 2, or 3 points, according to the superiority shown.

(b) The Go-By—Two points; or if gained on what is known as the outer circle, 3 points. The go-by is where a hound starts a clear length behind its opponent, and yet passes him in a straight run, and gets a clear length ahead of him.

(c) The Turn—One point. The turn is where the hare is brought around at not less than a right angle from her previous line, or course.

(d) The Wrench—Half a point. The wrench is where the hare is bent from her line or course at less than a right angle. Where she only leaves her line to suit herself, and not from the hound pressing her, no point is allowed.

(e) The Kill—Two points, or in a descending scale, in proportion to the degree of merit displayed in the kill, which may be of no value. The merits of a kill are estimated according to whether a hound by his own superior dash and skill bears the hare, whether he picks her up through any little accidental circumstances in his favor, or whether she is turned into his mouth, as it were, by another and competing hound.

(f) The Trip—One point. The trip, or the unsuccessful effort to kill, is where the hare is thrown off her legs, or where a



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ing the last few years has grown to really great proportions in the middle west. Several extensive organizations are now devoted to it and a great deal of money has been invested by dog fanciers in their kennels. Two great meetings were recently held in Nebraska, one probably first in importance in the United States. At Friend a large number of dogs competed, with results entirely satisfactory to their owners, but it was at Kearney that the interest rose to its real pitch. Here the great

Mississippi Valley Futurity, the leader of all events for the racing dogs, was decided. It had the largest number of entries and starters ever sent to the slips. The All-Age stake was also an important event, although it does not mean so much to the breeders as the Futurity.

During the days at Kearney the weather was the most favorable and the sport drew large crowds to the coursing grounds every day. The pictures taken for The Bee, reproduced on this page, give an idea of the

appearance of the winners in the Futurity event and some notion of the crowds that watched the running.

## A Good Guess

Her dearest friend had dropped in for a call and she straightway put out a five-pound box of expensive candy.

"Oh!" cried the friend, "have you been squandering money like that?"

"I didn't squander it," was the reply. "It was a present to me."

"A present," repeated the friend. "Let's see! Who's been here lately? Any of your girlhood friends?"

"No."

"Sometimes a family friend, passing through—"

"Not the case this time."

"Mrs. Baxter felt very grateful to you for—"

"She didn't send it."

"There was that friend of your husband that visited here—"

"It didn't come from him."

"Oh, I know now. You won it on a bet."

"Wrong again."

"Has any old friend disappointed you at dinner? Sometimes they try to square things—"

"No."

"Well, I give it up."

"Try guessing the most unlikely person in the world, considering that it's five pounds of the most expensive candy and not a little 50 cent box."

"Your husband?"

"Right."

"Heavens! He must have been doing something awful."—Brooklyn Eagle.



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hound flecks her, but can not hold her.

In estimating the value of the speed of the greyhound to the hare, the judge takes several things into consideration. These include, for instance, the merits of a lead obtained by a dog which has lost ground at the start, either from being unsighted or from a bad slip, or which has had to run what is known as the outer circle. Another case would be where one hound leads the other so long as the hare runs straight, but loses the lead from the hare bending around decidedly in favor of the slower dog of its own accord, in which case the one hound shall score one point for the speed shown and the other dog score one point for the first turn. Under no circumstances is speed without subsequent good work allowed to decide a course, except when great superiority is shown by one hound over another in a long lead to cover.

Coursing has long been a favorite sport in some parts of the United States, but dur-



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