

250, 1 point. On the Pacific Coast: 500 entries or over, 5 points; 250 entries and under 500, 3 points; under 250, 1 point. That the foregoing be the minimum rating, and in the event of the number of dogs entered in any show being in excess of the higher number for the division in which it is rated, then said shall be rated on its own merits. Specialty clubs holding shows not confined to their own breeds will be rated as regular shows. New clubs holding inaugural shows, having no previous record, shall be rated as one point as a minimum.

That well-known authority, Mr. Halden C. Trigg, in his excellent book, entitled, "The American Foxhound," contrasts the English and American dog as to his adaptability for the United States in this manner: "We have owned and seen many imported dogs, but have yet to see one the superior or equal of our best American animals. This country requires a different dog from England. There, the land is nearly all in a high state of cultivation; the coverts are small and the atmospheric conditions more favorable for holding the scent. The hunters ride to these small covert sides where the fox is known to be located and find him. With us, we must have dogs of superior nose and better ranging qualities, that will do a great distance in our immense woodlands in quest of the game. The large English hound of the same speed in the open would be outfooted by our smaller American dog in the brier fields and heavy undergrowth of our forests."

That well-known collie stud dog, Rufford Ossery (Mountaineer Collie Kennels) has just been sold to an Ottawa kennel for a good figure. As a sire, Rufford has made a great reputation for himself, which we have no doubt will be maintained under his new owner.

Auchearnie Kennels recently sold a very promising puppy out of their imported Scottish terrier bitch Nettie to a gentleman of this city. We understand the price paid was very satisfactory.

There is now no question of the success of the joint stock company, which it is proposed to form for the purpose of holding bench shows annually in Montreal, and for encouraging the raising of pure-bred stock. All the shares have been subscribed for, and among those who have subscribed are some of the most prominent fanciers in Ontario. The shares are of the par value of five dollars, fully paid up. A call has been issued to each subscriber for that amount, and as soon as all subscriptions have been received, incorporation will be sought for and a meet-

ing called to elect officers. The treasurer pro tem. is Mr. Jos. A. Laurin, Imperial Building, Montreal, who will be pleased to hear from any of those who have not yet taken up their shares.

Quite a large deputation of fanciers went from Montreal by the C.P.R. Saturday, the 2nd inst., to take in the dog show in connection with the Toronto Industrial Exhibition. They enjoyed the trip immensely, and there was a large gathering of "auld freends" at the Walker House.

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Dog Chat.

"They say a reasonable amount of fleas is good for a dog—keeps him from broodin' over bein' a dog, meb-be."—David Harum.

The tattooing of pet dogs has grown to be quite a fad with New Yorkers, as it forms a reliable means of identification in cases of dispute as to ownership. One adept is making quite a lucrative business of it. Initials in India ink are much in favor by owners, the letters or monogram being placed usually on the under side of the dog's ear, or on the breast, where the mark cannot be seen except by close examination.

The trustees of Clayesmore School, Enfield, England, have formed a kennel in connection with the school, the building being recently formally opened by the Countess of Warwick. The keeping of dogs at school is a novel experiment, but has been tried at Clayesmore for the past three years with excellent results. Each boy who keeps a dog is obliged to groom and exercise his pet, and to keep its kennel in good order, the whole of the arrangements being in the hands of the school captains. Various breeds of dogs have been kept at Clayesmore, but the committee have found by experience that "terriers only" is the best rule. Fox (both smooth and wire-haired), Irish, Alredale and Bedlington terriers are kept in numbers, but bulldogs and others of that kidney are strictly tabooed.

There are many dogs walking about to-day with artificial legs as cunningly contrived as any made for human beings. They are made of many kinds of material—vulcanite, silver, wood and aluminum—and have movable joints, which make them almost as serviceable as the real legs they have replaced. Many dogs have artificial eyes, so cleverly made that they can scarcely be distinguished from the real ones. A fashionable lady in the West End of London has quite a "surgical kennel." One of her dogs has a glass eye, another an excellent set of false teeth, while a third ambles about on an aluminum leg. Within a single year this lady is reported to have paid over 200 guineas to a "vet." for looking after her pets.

There is a great deal of animal faking done nowadays, more perhaps than ever, the dog being a frequent subject for experiment, in order to enhance its value. An expert will paint a tan spot in a desirable place to stand two or three washings before the imposture is discovered. When a pup's ears refuse to drop in the approved fashion it is only necessary to run a needle

through the skin of the ear and keep the head in splints, when the necessary droop is secured. If this is looked upon as a cruel operation, a small piece of ordinary sticking plaster, in the centre of which is a small piece of lead, affixed to the inside apex of the ear for a week or two will effect the desired result. Moreover, it has this advantage—it cannot be detected by a too scrupulous judge. To make a toy spaniel's eyes protrude and look bright, he is kept in a dark cellar until the change is effected. The tails of puppies are broken to give them the desired kink, and the bulldog's skin undergoes a course of pulling every day until it develops the coveted folds and wrinkles.

Recently a favorite dog belonging to a man living in Strada Acvila died, and so great was the grief of its master that he decided to bury the dog according to the rites of the Greek Church. Accordingly he had the dead dog clothed in a splendid dress and then laid out on an elaborate catafalque and surrounded with flowers, candles and incense burning. He also had a superb coffin constructed, and, finally, after the dog had lain in state for two days, actually ordered a hearse and four. The news got abroad, and thousands of people went to see the Christian dog. But the authorities interfered, and bade the man bury it in a rubbish heap without unnecessary ceremony. Sic transit gloria.

A Handsome Souvenir.

We have been favored, through the courtesy of Mr. R. S. Waddell, Cincinnati, Ohio, agent of the Hazard Powder Co., with a handsome souvenir designed to make known the merits of Hazard powder. Although this may be the case, it will be, from its artistic excellence, held in high esteem by those who are fortunate enough to possess one, as it contains beautiful photogravures, excellently brought out in the printing, of some of the best known pointers and setters in America. The souvenir is appropriately dedicated "to those who love the dog and gun for the pleasure and recreation they promote." The engraving on the front cover of this booklet represents the final scene at a field trial, and is made from a large painting by the late J. M. Tracy, Esq. The perspective is admirably shown by the judicious tint employed in the printing, while every figure is clear and distinct. In the booklet proper such famous dogs are shown as Young Rip Rap, Champion Rodfield, Plain Sam, Lady Webster, Hal Pointer, Minnie T., Sam T., Young Jingo, Champion Jingo, etc. The whole production reflects the utmost credit on the designer, engraver and printer, and as a work of art is well worthy of preservation.

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