## FRANK FORESTER'S FIELD SPORTS

rage their hurrying. Never mind if they flush one bevy, and you lose one shot. Be steady, and punish, so that they will not do so again.

When they point, flush your own bird, even if you get a worse shot at it than you would do by hieing on your dog. To do so will make him heedless and headstrong.

If you kill, stand still, cry "down-charge," and load your gun. If the dogs run in, don't run after them, it will only make them run the faster. Stand still, and cry "down," till you have done loading. Then go on deliberately, never heed the dead bird, which is probably half eaten by this time, but drag the offender back to the place whence he started, crying "downcharge," and lashing him all the way,—then hold him down, and flog himmost severely. Make him lie still, without stirring, till you have brought the bird, and laid it close under his nose. Then make him pick it up, and give it you,—he will not run in many times, if so dealt withal.

Break your dogs thus, or have them thus broken, and when they are broken, handle them thus in the kennel, and in the field, and my word on it, they will be, and continue good ones.

I am induced, by some experiments, to qualify my opinions, as expressed on page 340, in relation to the use of Indian meal as dog food, so far as to observe that the meal must be *old*, since, if *new*, it is too laxative. Where oat-meal can be procured, I incline to the belief that the mixture of it with Indian meal, in equal proportions, will be found the best possible dog food.

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