

If hunted with knowing old dogs, puppies will soon come to depend on them entirely; will follow them, and watch their every motion, and never learning to beat their own ground, or find their own game, will content themselves with backing, instead of pointing, and will become timid, and ultimately useless.

Hunting puppies, on the contrary, together, will tend to make them all wild and rash, and to induce their mutually learning the faults of all.

On the whole, therefore, it is the better way to hunt young dogs singly during their first season, killing as many birds over them as possible; and, at the beginning of the second year, remembering that brace-hunting is the proper sphere of Pointers, or Setters, to introduce them to mates of their own ages, and thenceforth always to hunt, and, as much as you can, *feed* the same braces together. One brace of dogs, accustomed so to live and beat together, will do better work a-field, than three dogs of equal qualities, all working each "on his own hook."

So much for the rules of dog breaking!

With regard to practice and management in the field, there is little or nothing to be said, beyond what I have already laid down, *passim*, under the heads of the various kinds of Upland shooting.

Dogs should not be harassed by too many, and never by *contrary*, orders. No fault should ever be passed over in silence, and very few will be committed. Punishment should be inflicted as rarely as possible, but when it is inflicted, it should be done thoroughly and severely.

Never holloa at a dog—never run after a dog, but either make him come back to you, or bide your time till he becomes tired and returns of his own accord, then punish for the double event.

When you enter a field, or covert, which you propose to beat, bid your dogs "hold up," and waive them right and left. Turn them by a whistle, and waive them hither or thither. When they strike a bevy of Quail, or other game, never hurry after them, but make them go slow by the word "steady." If they are rash, be you deliberate. If you hurry on, you best encou