

tiff breeder and exhibitor, Mr. W. K. Taunton.

Champion Ilford Chancellor cost Mr. Moore upwards of \$1,000, and he was well worth the money.

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Talking of celebrated dogs; the world renowned Collie dog, Champion Caractacus has recently passed out of the hands of Mr. Megson. This dog will be remembered as the one who created such a sensation when at the Liverpool show of '88 he was bid in at auction by his ex-owner for the immense sum, for an eight months old puppy, of \$1,750.00.

Caractacus has held his position at the head of Collie affairs in England handsomely, beating at the last English K.C. Show at Olympia, Champion Dublin Scot who had been sent over from America to compete for the championship honors, and it is safe to say that a handsome sum changed hands over this sale.

Champion Rutland, the Collie, too was sold by Mr. Megson to the same parties. He was the sire of upwards of seventy first prize winners.

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There is a split in the kennel fancy camp in England. The mooted point is whether dogs in London shall or shall not be muzzled. The alarming spread of Rabies set the ball rolling, and one party fiercely contends that muzzling will act as a preventative while the other is equally hot in the opposite direction. For my part I think that if thoroughly carried out muzzling could not fail to be of benefit, but would it be done thoroughly?

If you muzzle 90 per cent of the dogs only, no good would accrue. 100 per cent must be muzzled if the epidemic is to be stamped out.

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Although the Toronto Show will nearly have been held when these lines meet the public eye, and therefore what I write will be too late to be of use, I

cannot refrain from entering a protest against the Toronto management for having decided to recognize English wins in qualifying dogs for the challenge classes. The Show is announced to be held under Canadian Kennel Club rules and they do not recognize English or Continental wins. Neither does the American Kennel Club count them. How then can the Toronto show be conducted under C.K.C. rules and at the same time act at variance with one of its leading principles? [See our Notes and Comments. Ed.]

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The question of holding Spaniel field trials was brought up at the last meeting of the English Spaniel Club, but the proposition was promptly shelved. Sundry worthy members did not fancy their "crocodiles" shown up by a trial afield.

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By the way, the proposition was made by Mr. J. Thorpe Hincks of Leicester, a leading Clumber breeder and exhibitor, and if Clumbers are the useless creatures afield some persons would have me believe, it is strange that the only men to speak publicly in support of Spaniel trials, in this country and in England are Mr. F. H. F. Mercer of Ottawa and Mr. Hincks, for the former is well known to be a thick and thin supporter of the ducal breed.

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Field Trials for Setters and Pointers will be plenty this year. In Canada we will have two—the C. K. C. and the Manitoba club's trials. Over the border there will be the Eastern, Central, Southren, American, Indiana, Pacific Coast and Texas club's trials. A goodly array, indeed.

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For the first time on record, I think, an American bred dog has won at a show, on the other side. This was Dr. M. H. Cryer's, of Philadelphia, Pa., Pug bitch, Champion Bessie, who won third prize at the K. C. Show, at Oly.

mpia. That she may not be the last, as well as the first, is the heartfelt wish of a

GROWLER.

CHAMPION JOHNNY.

The Clumber Spaniel dog, Champion Johnny, (A. K. R., No. 5,561, A. K. C. S. B., No. 4,896, C. K. R. 47,) was whelped in June, 1884, at Ottawa, Canada. He is the champion of America.

His winnings are as follows:—1st, Newark, N. J.; 2nd, Providence, R. I.; 1st and special, Boston, Mass.; 1st, Philadelphia in 1887. In 1888 he won:—Championship of New York, and special silver cup for the best stud dog with two of his get, and Championship at Philadelphia. He is a superb field dog, and retriever from land and water, and the sire of several prize-winners, from the Atlantic to the Pacific. He is by imported Ben, a dog of direct Clumber House descent, out of Joan, A. K. R. 5,861, by Flash, out of Flirt, who were both imported direct from the Duke of Newcastle's kennels, at Clumber House. Champion Johnny is owned by the Clumber Kennel, (Messrs. F. H. F. Mercer and W. B. Almon Hill, proprietors) Ottawa, Canada.

THE ENGLISH MASTIFF DOG, MODE, C. K. C. 187.

We have the pleasure this month of giving a portrait of this dog from a photograph from life. Mode is from Trust, A. K. R. 5,433, out of Bess, A. K. R. 5,429, and is well bred; Trust's sire being Champion Ilford Caution, A. K. R. 2,780, and dam Countess A. K. R. 2,220. He was whelped on Dec. 25th, 1887, which makes him just 20 months old, and though not yet at his best, his weight is 150 lbs. in fair condition, in fact, rather under condition; he stands 30 inches high at shoulder, and is not yet done growing.

We understand Mr. Falconer intends showing him at Toronto this month.