

of the dog out of the wagon, his object being to flush another rabbit. As the dog was very much attached to the major, — by a rope, as before stated, — the major accompanied his faithful animal.

Next time I go shooting quail, I shall take several imported dogs, if they can be obtained. I find that they add much to the interest of the sport.

While in Austin, I borrowed a history of Texas for the purpose of verifying some historical dates. It was called "The Pictorial History of Texas," and written by the Rev. H. Thrall.

As a history, the book is unique. It contains three hundred pages of compilations from Yokum's "History of Texas," one hundred pages of portraits and biographical sketches of



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old veterans and colonists, whose chief merit seems to have been that they furnished names for the new counties created in Texas in 1860 and 1872. The rest of the book consists of descriptions of towns and counties as they existed in 1878. But it is the pictorial part of this history that is full of interest to the searcher after historic lore, and the true inwardness of past events. The appropriateness of some of these illustrations, and their bearing on history, might be questioned. Nevertheless, it must interest a foreigner, who seeks acquaintance with the history of Texas, when he pays five dollars for Thrall's "Pictorial History," and, opening the volume, finds a woodcut representing the unpretentious Masonic Hall at Palestine