

enough and trained properly, the libel will die out. When Blarney (now Mr. P. J. D. Lindoe's, if not dead) was a puppy, I had her and her brother Fudge (who died of distemper), and I trained them to retrieve by means of a tame pigeon, which from some cause or other could only fly a short distance. I used to put it in my pocket when I took the puppies out for a run, and for a period of at least three months they each retrieved it some dozen times nearly every day, without injuring the pigeon in the least. I have seen one of them (the dog I think) so afraid of harming it as to take hold of it by the wing and fairly lead it to me. Can any other breed of retriever beat that for tender mouths? Their dam, Juno, was also so tender-mouthed, and as clever a retriever as any sportsman could wish to be master of, but I will freely admit that some of the breed have been made hard-mouthed, and so also have hundreds of retrievers from the same cause. The Irish water spaniel, as everyone knows who has owned one, is never satisfied unless he is doing something to please his master; for this reason he is kept as a companion, and taught to carry a stick, fetch stones, balls, &c. This kind of education it is which causes them to be hard-mouthed, especially if this is done before they have been taught to retrieve game. They are high-couraged like the Irish setter, and, like them also, when well broken, cannot be beaten.

To be Continued.

#### CANADIAN KENNEL CLUB.

To the Editor of Town and Country:

Sir,—It gives me great pleasure to see by your last issue that the Dog Fanciers are alive sufficiently to their interests to be stirring about a Bunch Show of Dogs, also the formation of a Kennel Club for Canada.

The club should be originated for the purpose of bringing dog breeders together, and to promote the general improvement of dogs, dog shows, and dog trials. To form such a club it is necessary to do away with petty jealousies; let all of us go in for it—North, South, East and West—have a meeting called soon through the public press, not in Toronto papers alone, but in the principal local papers of the Dominion.

Let a few who have this subject at heart guarantee the necessary expenses of holding such a meeting at whatever point may be considered most convenient to the principal breeders, such expenses to be refunded to the guarantors as soon as the club is formed. This, I think, is the first move that should be taken, and it ought to be seen to at once. As I said above, the club is to be formed to bring the various dog fanciers together, not for the purpose of issuing a stud book, as I think the N. A. K. C. book will be quite sufficient for Canada for some years at least, and we could make arrangements with that club to issue a sufficient number of volumes to supply our wants in that respect.

By bringing the different breeders into direct communication with each other it will facilitate very much the breeding and disposal of our stock. At present very few know what dogs are owned or bred in Canada, but if a club were formed each breed would be represented and the interests of that breed would be looked after, consequently a readier sale would be found. My reasons for stating this are from personal experience. I only breed one kind of dogs, but everyone thinks because I have a lot of setters I ought to know where they can get Scotch terriers, spaniels, Bull terriers, Mastiffs, and all the other breeds of dogs. If a club were formed I would have no difficulty in giving information as to where such a dog could be procured, and of the best strain. This point I consider most important and well worthy of consideration as a very great inducement to form a Kennel club in Canada.

I will be happy to place \$5 in the hands of the editor of Town and Country to further such an object as I wish to promote, if twenty other breeders and fanciers do the same. Yours truly,  
J. S. NIVEN.  
London, June 7, 1890.

#### A GOOD SUGGESTION.

To the Editor of Town and Country:

Sir,—In the columns devoted to the kennel in your excellent paper, I should be glad to see a short item each week on any of the following subjects (or others which these would suggest) viz., feeding, housing, bedding, washing, house breaking, chaining, etc. My belief is, and I think you will agree with me that a large number of valuable dogs are lost every year through the inexperience of their owners, and if a club is to be organized and bench shows inaugurated, a dissemination of knowledge as to the proper method of caring for dogs is, I think, most necessary, and in no better way could it be made known than through Town and Country. There must be plenty of gentlemen in Toronto well posted, who would gladly give a short item each week. Would it not be possible to induce some one through your columns to import Spratt's Biscuits. Mr. Knowlton, at my suggestion, got some out a couple of years ago, but gave it up for some reason. Perhaps the kennel club, when formed, may see their way to importing them. Hoping you may see some value in my suggestions.

I am, sir,

Yours truly,  
W. C. B.

Parkdale, June 12.

#### TORONTO GUN CLUB.

There was a large muster of members of the Gun Club at the Woodbine track on Saturday last, to take part in a competition for two handsome medals. The conditions were to shoot at ten wild pigeons, from five traps, 21 yards rise, 100 yards boundary, use of both barrels.

Tied at 10 birds each—Messrs. J. James, T. Taylor, H. Watson, R. Wilson, J. Taylor and C. Perryman. In shooting off the tie at three birds each, Messrs. James and Taylor killed all, and then shot off bird for bird, when Mr. Taylor let his first get away, and had to put up with the silver medal, while Mr. James took the gold one.

Tied at 9 birds each—Messrs. W. Barton, W. Kennedy, W. Taylor, B. Pearsall, D. Smith, W. Thomas and R. Hardy.

Tied at 8 birds each—A. T. Dean, J. Vaughan and J. Collyer.

Mr. W. Bugg was referee, and Mr. George Wright puller.

#### Cricket.

#### THE CANADIAN TEAM.

LIST OF MATCHES TO BE PLAYED.

##### JUNE

18 and 19, at Stockport, v. Stockport.  
24, 25 and 26, at Kennington Oval, v. County of Surrey.

28 and 29, at Halifax, v. Halifax.

##### JULY

2 and 3, at Manchester, v. Longsight and District.

5, 6 and 7, at Derby, v. County of Derbyshire.

8, 9 and 10, at Birmingham, v. Birmingham.

12 and 13, at Stourbridge, v. Stourbridge District.

16 and 17, at Bradford, v. Bowling Old Lanc.

19 and 20, at Leeds, v. Leeds H. G. C. C.

21, 22, or 23 and 24, at London, v. Orleans Club.

26 and 27, at Newbury, v. Newbury.

30 and 31, at Hull, v. Hull Town.

##### AUGUST

2 and 3, at Dewsbury, v. the Saville Club and District.

4 and 5, at Keighley, v. Keighley.

6 and 7, at Royton, v. Royton and District.

9, 10 and 11, at Scarborough, v. Scarborough and District.

#### ONTARIO CRICKET ASSOCIATION.

The following is the result of the first round of matches for the Ontario Cricket Association Challenge Cup.

St. Catharines defeated Galt; Cobourg defeated Peterborough; Whitby defeated Port Hope; Chatham defeated Windsor; Guelph defeated Paris; Sarnia forfeited; Collingwood and Barrie to play.

The Committee, at their meeting on Wednesday evening, arranged the second round as follows. All matches must be played on or before July 1.

Hamilton v. Whitby, at Toronto.

Ottawa v. Kingston, at Ottawa.

Newmarket v. Wanderers (Toronto), at Newmarket.

St. Catharines v. Guelph, at St. Catharines.

St. Mary's v. Chatham, at Chatham.

Carlton's (Toronto) v. Toronto, at Toronto.  
Cobourg v. Winners of Barrie v. Collingwood, at Toronto.

Brantford a bye.

The Secretary of the Association has written to Ottawa stating that in the event of the Ottawa Cricket Club joining the Association, it had been decided that the Ottawa Cricket Club should play the Kingston Cricket Club an Association tie match for the challenge cup at Ottawa, on or before the 1st of July.

If the Secretaries of the winning clubs in the round about to be played will forward scores of the games as soon as a match is played they will appear in the next issue of TOWN AND COUNTRY.

#### TORONTO CRICKET CLUB VS. LACROSSE CLUB.

On Saturday afternoon these clubs met on the Lacrosse Club grounds, Jarvis Street, to decide a match at cricket. The weather was bad owing to the rain and then the excessive heat, and the attendance was not grand. The Cricket Club began with Sproule and Totten at the bat, and they gave the lacrosse men plenty of work as Sproule was the first to leave after having scored 68. Totten made a similar number before he was caught. Of the others only Baines & Wright got into double figures and the side went out for 188 runs. The Lacrosse men had little time for their innings and had only made 29 (W. Starke 18) when time was called at 6.30 p.m.

#### CRICKET NOTES.

Toronto and Hamilton meet on Saturday next.

Brantford beat Paris at Brantford on Wednesday last by five runs in a one innings match.

Aurora played Victoria Square at the latter's ground on June 5, a drawn game being the result, owing to rain.

Uxbridge and Newmarket met at Newmarket on June 7, and the home club won by eight wickets. Boddy, for the winners, and the Bolsters and Gould for Uxbridge batted well.

The Columbia College Cricket Club has a crack in Clarke, who made 78 and 52 for his side against the St. George's, of New York, on June 8.

The Whitby Cricketers' Amateur Theatrical Club is practising for a dramatic entertainment which will be given at an early day.

Clinton beat Dublin by 86 to 88 at Dublin on Wednesday last.

University College beat Trinity College by six wickets in a match played on the University grounds on Wednesday last. Small scores were made.

Montreal and Ottawa decide their annual match at Ottawa on June 30 and July 1. That being the case, Ottawa cannot play Kingston on July 1 in the Ontario Association competition.

We hope the "Canadian" team are not depending upon the gate money they are likely to make in England to pay their way home. 69 runs in two innings against M. C. C. and ground is a nice record to have telegraphed over from England.

A close game was played at London on June 9, between the Wanderers and Dufferin clubs. Score 58 to 51 in favor of the Wanderers.

Kingston defeated the Royal Military College team by 84 to 66 on June 9.

The second eleven of Whitby and Pickering College played a drawn game at Pickering on Saturday. Whitby 101. Pickering 28 for six wickets.

Owen Sound beat Leith by 80 runs at Owen Sound on Saturday last.

Boarders v. Day Boys of Upper Canada College was played at the Upper Canada College Grounds on Saturday last, and the Boarders with 71 and 54 beat the boys (24 and 71) by 80 runs.

Mount Forest beat Palmerston at Palmerston, on June 11 by one innings and 8 runs.

Parkhill visited Forest on June 11, and the home club won by 9 wickets.

The Sarnia Club played Sarnia town on Friday last, and won by 20 runs in one innings.

The Young America eleven, of Philadelphia, will make a grand tour in July, in Canada. They are to play their return match with the Hamilton eleven. The team will include Messrs. George Newhall, Charles Newhall, Dan Newhall, Robert Newhall, Lange, Clark, Bussier, Brown, Dixon, Baird and Van Rensselaer.