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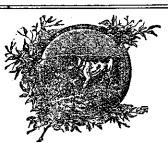
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## Kennel Notes.

Entries for the Invercargill Kennel Club Show require to be made on or before Saturday, May 8, as that is the date of closing entries.

Mr Jas. Lilico informs us that he has had a rare breeding season with his working collies and although in possession of a large number of pups he is unable at present to fulfill a fresh order owing to all his pups having been sold in advance.

The demand for Lilico working collies is always great, but at present the demand for exceeds the supply.

Mr Eric Hay of Waikiwi, informs as that at the present time he has a very strong kennel of cocker spaniels.

Two pups by Papanui Surprise—Red Ribbon show much promise. One being black and white, the other blueroan and tan.

Papanui Surprise is perhaps the best coloured cocker in the North Island at the present time, having done a lot of winning in the best of company.

We hope that all dog fanciers will rise to the occassion and give the new Kennel Club a good start. Enter your dog even though he may not be a crack-a-jack remembering that you are helping along the fancy.

A dog owner asks advice re ear trouble, so in answer we give the following advice:—

#### EAR CANKER.

Ear canker is a disease which is particularly common amongst sporting dogs, and perhaps no variety is more susceptible to it than the spaniel. There are two kinds of ear canker—internal and external.

The earliest symptoms of the approach of canker is frequent shaking of the head, or holding the head on one side, or violent scratching of one or both ears. Redness of the integument, or covering inside the ear, is observed, and particularly that portion of it which covers the annular cartilage. This is usually accompanied by some enlargement of the folds of the skin. As soon as any of these symptoms are observed, the ear should be gently but well-washed out two or three times a day, with lukewarm water, and after that, a weak solution of "formalin" should be applied and a few doses of cooling medicine administered.

If the disease is neglected, the pain will rapidly increase. The ear will become greatly inflamed and of an intenser red; the folds of the integument will become enlarged, and there will be a deposit of red or black matter in the hollow of the car.

When such symptoms appear the case is becoming serious, and should receive immediate attention. The red or black deposit should be gently but carefully washed away with lukewarm water and soap, and after this one of the wellknown cures should be frequently apthe latter in the proportion of a scruple to an cunce of water, until the inflammation is abated. I have found formalin, a most reliable and speedy specific. It is necessary with this, as with all other cures, to first cleanse the ear of all offensive deposit, then take half a pint of lukewarm water and add to it one teaspoonful of formalin. Pour a little of the solution into the car, about a teaspoonful will usually be sufficient, then close the car and mould it gently until the liquid has insinuated itself as deeply as possible into the passage of the ear, after which carefully dry the ear and dust with beracic powder. This is a very simple but effective remedy if persevered with, and in ordinary cases of ear canker a very handy remedy.

If the disease is neglected entirely in the first stages, alceration will surely result. It will be found lodged deep in the passage, and can only be detected by moulding the ear

Occasionally the inflammation becames so great as to cause the integument to swell to such an extent that the ear is perfectly closed up. This form of the disease is annoying, and extremely painful to the animal, and it is much the better plan to secure the services of a veterinary surgeon, as after all, no mild ointment or lotion will dispose such an ulcer to heal.

o heal. I have seen several cases of this particular kind of canker in New Zealand, and in one or two instances much difficulty has been experienced in effecting a cure even by veterinary aid.

External canker is a mangy inflammation of the edges of the ears, often accompanied by much heat and scurfiness of the skin.

Several dressings of salphur ointment, with an eighth-part of mercurial ointment, will usually effect a cure. In all cases when dogs show signs of ear canker, they should be given a course of cooling medicine.

#### HERE AND THERE.

Good nature is often mistaken for virtue, and good health sometimes passes for genius. Anger blows out the lamp of the mind.

Candour is the courage of the soul.

life is a shadowy, strange and winding road on which we travel for a little way—a few short steps—just from the cradle with its lullaby of love to the low and quiet wayside inn, where all at last must sleep, and where the only salutation is—Good night.

No one should throw away his reason—the fruit of all experience. It is the intellectual capital of the soul, the only light, the only guide, and without it the brain becomes the palace of an idiot king attended by a retinue of thieves and hypocrites.

The superior man is strength for the weak, eyes for the blind, brains for the simple; he is the one who helps to carry the burden that nature has put upon the inferior.

Liberty is making the tour of the world.

The idea of non-resistance never occurred to a man who kad the power to protect himself. This doctrine was the child of weakness, born when resistance was impossible.

Everything is right that tends to the happiness of mankind, and everything is wrong that increases the sum of human misery.

Every virtuous deed is a star in the

moral firmament.

Happiness is not a reward—it is a

consequence.
Suffering is not a punishment—it is

a result.

.There is this rainbow on the darkest human cloud—the worst have hope of

I have tried to take from the coffin its horror, from the cradle its curse, and put out the fires of revenge kindled by the savages of the past.

Everything in nature tells a different story to all eyes that see and to all ears that hour

Mrs Caller: "I suppose you find your daughter very much improved by her two years' stay at College?"

Mrs Proud Mother: "Oh, yes, Mary is a carnivorous reader now, and she frequently impoverishes music. But she ain't a bit stuck up, she's unanimous to everybody, and she never keeps a caller waitin' for her to dress; she just runs in nom de plume, and you know that makes one feel so comfortable.—"N.Z. Bulletin."

A human scalp, with a segment of skull attached, and some splinters tangled in the hair, was recently picked up in Vallejo, and exhibited for identification at the office of a local newspaper. For several days nobody came forward to claim it, but at last it attracted the attention of a passing lady, who on being told the circumstances of its discovery, explained to the editor that she thought it was the melancholy remainder of her husband, "Has he been in Vallejo recently?" asked the compassionate editor. "No, he lived in Benicia." "And why do you think it is his, madame?" "Well, when I left him last Wednesday, he had a pinch of snuff in his fingers, and he was a sneezer from Bitter Creek, poor man! I think I had better go home now and repair the proof." And successfully expelling a tear the afflicted relict turned away without making any arrangements for the funeral or even leaving the name of the deceased. He was respected by all who knew him.

#### THE MESSAGE.

The dull, grey day was wearing to its close,

And still the rain streamed down.

And on the wet and leafless elm tree
branch

A thrush, all dappled brown, Sang all his song, nor asked for sun, or flower;

But felt his duty clear To tell the world in spite of cold and

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