

THE KENNEL.

The dogs at the Sydney Agricultural Show were a good collection. The best of the winners were Mr H. F. Marr's Laird of Petersham and Petersham Belle in the two open classes of collies, Lord Clifton in St. Bernards, Recklaw (by Champion Jonathan) in Mastiffs, and Champion Philgarlic in Bull terriers. Most of the leading Fox terrier fanciers did not exhibit, and Medlow Monarch was the best shown.

"Sir Tatton," writing of Dog Shows in the Melbourne Sportsman, says:—"From what I can gather, the prospects for the coming season shows are not very encouraging. The general feeling appears to be that there will be a great falling off in entries in nearly all classes, more particularly in young stock. This will not be very cheerful news to show promoters, but should put them on the *qui vive* when preparing their schedules. It is simply folly to play the game of the ostrich and to trust to luck, particularly when careful enquiries can throw light upon the subject. I flatter myself that I am in touch with most of the leading kennels and know how matters stand, and I regret to say that I am compelled to take a very gloomy aspect of affairs."
D.H.

The Feathered World.

Mr Johnny Walker's Poultry and Bird Establishment in Queen Street, with its constantly-changing stock, is quite a small poultry show, which is an education for the would-be poultry fancier. On almost any day in the week one may see a dozen or more varieties exhibited in the pens and show baskets which crowd the place.

The fourteenth annual meeting of the Wellington Society has been held. The balance-sheet is as follows:—Assets: Plant, pens, cages, etc., £224; amount of deposit with the Post-Office Savings Bank and interest, £103; sundry amounts due and subscriptions, £10 14s; Auckland Society, hire of pens, £5; total, £342 14s. Liabilities: Bank of New Zealand, overdraft, £10 1s 3d; treasurer, 6s; balance, £332 6s 9d; total, £342 14s. The various offices have been filled, thus—President, the Mayor (Mr J. R. Blair); hon. treasurer, Mr W. L. Curtis; secretary, Mr J. Speck, with a remuneration of 10 guineas per annum; committee, Messrs D. Murphy, A. H. Fullford, T. Erskine, W. Lowrey, H. Ross, J. Iremonger, E. Faller, F. Cooper, and H. Pitcher. It will be noticed that the name of Mr Bob Bannister is missing from the list. The Wellington fanciers must have turned right round if they will not elect "Brahma" Bannister as one of their officials.

This year's show of the Sydenham Poultry Society is to be held in the fine wool stores of Messrs Dalgety and Co. The committee has been very fortunate in securing such a commodious building, without doubt the best in the colony for an exhibition, and being situated immediately alongside the Christchurch Railway Station, it is particularly convenient for outside fanciers. The committee has arranged with several local dog fanciers to place their dogs on show, and as the display will include several of the most noted dogs in the colony it will be an attractive feature. Messrs Dacre, Wilson, and Deal will judge the poultry, Messrs E. D. Rees and Dacre the pigeons, and Messrs J. Stapleton and R. Evans the canaries. The committee still offers the usual prize money, which is amongst the best in the colony. Altogether the society is endeavoring to encourage the fancy in a praiseworthy manner.

The following from the Birmingham Post will be of interest to all exhibitors and show committees. H. Russell sued C. J. Hands for £5 damages for non-delivery of a Game cock which plaintiff said he purchased at the Leamington Show in October last, in accordance with the rules, which said—"Exhibitors may state on their entry form the price at which they are prepared to sell the exhibits, and the sale must take place at the offer thus made to the purchaser." Plaintiff found, on reference to the printed catalogue, that the price of the bird in question was 10s, and he deposited that sum with the secretary, but it was returned with the explanation that the price given in the catalogue was wrongly stated as the result of a printer's error. He contended, however, that he was entitled to the bird, as he had complied with the conditions in the catalogue. His Honor, Judge Ingham, asked for the production of the entry form, and found the price entered on that was £2 10s. He said it was clear the price of sale was that entered on the entry form, and not in the printed catalogue. He non-suited plaintiff with costs.
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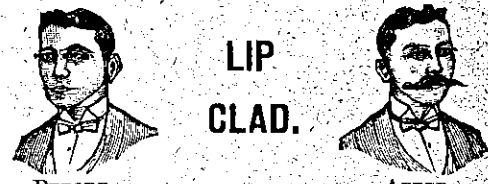
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