

THE DOGS OF KINGS

It is true, as many people would have us believe, that dogs are the possessors of immortal souls, ascending toward higher development, then it is evident that the dogs of kings have obtained the favored place in the whole scheme of evolution. Especially is the dog a pampered and favored individual who lives in the family of King Edward. However that monarch may be noted for uncertainty of allegiance to such personal friends as he has singled out for royal favor, his loyalty to his dog protégés is unquestioned. From his youngest days as prince of Wales he has always been accompanied by some four-footed friend which was his favorite, from all the royal kennels, and which during its brief tenure of life set the pace for the fashionable breed of pets in Great Britain. Undoubtedly, too, the fashion of both the king and queen of being frequently photographed with their canine friends has added much to their popularity. The Irish terrier Jack, for whom the king formed probably the warmest of all his dog attachments, has had not only what was probably a greater collection of photographs than any dog in the world, but he became so familiar to the newspaper artists of London, whose duty it is to make pictures of the king from one to more times a week, that they became familiar with every hair of his physiognomy.

Jack: First Dog in the World.

Jack was a most remarkable example of a sudden rise in the world. He was a stray dog for the time being, having run away from a master for whom he didn't seem to have any special fondness and in the course of his wanderings strayed into Marlborough house and planted himself on the steps. It was just after the king had lost his faithful and beloved black bulldog, known as Peter, or at least long enough after that event to admit of his being open to consolation, when he came down the steps and met Jack, who began by rubbing his head on his trousers in a way that indicated that he had come to stay. None of the flunkies and attendants could give any information about him. The king was won by the dog's friendliness and calm assurance, but as even kings have some scruples about making off with the dog of another man, Edward ordered him to the stables to be fed and at the same time had an advertisement inserted in the papers.

A citizen in plain clothes turned up and proved himself to be the owner, and was invited to name a price for the dog, which, being a loyal and well trained Englishman, he refused to do, and instead presented it to the king. Since then Jack has become the foremost dog in the country, and assumed his royal prerogatives in a way that won him favor, because it was so totally different from his predecessor, Peter, who always had been noted for his gentleness and docility.

Jack, on the contrary, frisked and frolicked his new master with true Irish impudence, which won the king's favor. He had good points, and it turned out that he had a good pedigree as Irish terriers go, and he and his master formed a friendship which was clinched during the illness of the king just before the coronation. The dog was one of the earliest visitors to the sickroom and nobody could persuade him to leave the king's side. He had his meals of dog biscuit at the foot of the royal bed, and whenever the king was able to sit up and let his hand wander down by the side of his chair it encountered Jack's cold black nose. Afterward Jack went with him on the Solent, where the king was convalescent, and later was one of the chief figures in the cruise which was taken half way around the British Isles. On this occasion Jack distinguished himself by abject and overmastering seasickness, which brought forth an example of the strictness of professional etiquette as it pertains to doctors, and especially to royal doctors. The king's own physician was aboard, but could not be called upon to relieve Jack on account of his professional dignity, whereupon his majesty ordered the yacht to run in shore, where a veterinary surgeon was called upon.

Dog Objects to King's Kills.

An incident that followed upon the king's visit to Scotland illustrated the measure of friendship between the two. When his majesty donned the kilts which, according to a rule made by the late queen, every male member of the royal

family wears at Balmoral, Jack emphatically objected. Hitherto the most circumspect of dogs, he barked and whined at the royal calves and made a pretense of snapping at them, and refused to be appeased, all of which the king took with astonishing good nature, even going to the length of putting on trousers for a time and changing back again in the dog's presence. It seems that the more liberties Jack takes with his sovereign the more of a favorite he becomes, and not long ago, when he got a fish bone in his throat he made a mighty commotion and ran past the alarmed attendants to the king, allowing no one else to touch him until that person had poked his royal finger down his throat and extracted the bone.

The latest addition that the king has made to the royal kennels was a French bulldog named Melba, which he recently purchased in Paris.

England's Queen Dog Fancier.

All the English royal family share the king's love of dogs, the princesses being constantly followed by their pets, and the queen, who is the most enthusiastic dog lover of any of them, is rarely without some of them around her. She has little dogs for indoors and big dogs for out of doors and every morning she goes around among her kennels with baskets of bread and biscuits, feeding each dog separately. She has a curious influence over her dogs, as even those who are other-

wise intractable yield at once to her voice and caress. A visit to the kennels is one of the Sunday amusements at Windsor, as the queen always takes her guests about not only to look at the animals but to see the handsome marble memorials to the departed canine pets.

Perhaps the most famous of the queen's pets is the famous Russian wolfhound Alexis, who has carried all before him at many shows. He is a white dog with a fawn brindle patch on one shoulder, beautifully marked head and ears, and a most gentle and affectionate nature. A great contrast to Alexis are the little Chinese and Japanese spaniels, of which the queen is especially fond, and a skye terrier which is one of her house dogs and which sits at table with the family on informal occasions. This pet has his hair combed by a maid every morning before he appears in the family.

Alexandra Mourns Dead Pets.

The Japanese spaniel which the queen is holding in the picture which was painted by Luke Fildes was Fanny. It died recently of pneumonia in the great grief of the queen. No less dear was Bully, a silver fawn pug which recently departed this life at twenty years of age. One of her constant companions, which now follows her everywhere, is Plumbe, a red brown chow, and another is Little Billie, a Tibet spaniel, a tiny, ivory white creature, with brindle markings and lovely revealing eyes.



FRENCH BULL DOG OWNED BY KING OF SPAIN



CROWN PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM AND HIS DOG



QUEEN ALEXANDRA AND HER FAVORITE DOGS



THE KAISER AMUSING HIMSELF WITH HIS FAVORITE DACHSHUND



MELBA OWNED BY KING EDWARD VII

On the first night of Little Billie's arrival, as soon as he was lifted out of his basket, he ran to the queen and put out his forepaws to be taken up. He won his way to her heart at once and from that time has slept on a cushion at the foot of her bed, and in her lap as often as possible. By the way, it is probably due to this fancy of the queen's, who has always made it a practice to hold her small canine pets, that the prejudice against "lap dogs," which is felt in America, is not known in England.

Kaiser Loves His Dogs.

The Kaiser is also fond of dogs, and the German princes, like the English royal children, are each and all brought up with their particular pet puppy. The Crown Prince Frederick Wilhelm has a beautiful collie that follows him everywhere and the Kaiser himself has a favorite dachshund named Fritz. It has never been the custom for the German royal family to be photographed with their pets; the Kaiser preferring the published photographs to show him as a war lord or in some imposing character. A recent criticism of the Kaiser's spectacular tour on his yacht, though expressed in carefully veiled language to escape all danger of lese majesty, has resulted in the Kaiser allowing several simple little photographs to be published. Among these is one in which he is making Fritz sit up and beg for a tidbit which is held in the imperial right hand. He recently has

invested in a beautiful pair of French bulldogs, and as the little picture of Fritz and his master has "caught on" in Germany it is more than likely that the Kaiser will soon be in the shop windows with his new favorites. The King of Spain is a dog fancier and has kennels that are unsurpassed, and contain many breeds and varieties. His kennel of French bulldogs contains some of the smallest and finest specimens in the world.

FROM NEAR AND FAR

JAP AND RUSSIAN NEWSBOYS



The Japanese and the Russian newsboys are the only ones in the world who do not cry war news. The publication of facts concerning affairs at the front has been forbidden in



both countries. The boys are limited to crying merely the names of the papers they read and any mention of the war or the results meets with arrest in either country. The Russians resent this—but the Japanese obey willingly.

FRENCH POODLE



The French have a curious fashion for their pet dogs. They have their poodles' hair cut in the strange manner shown in the picture.

PARSEE WOMAN



This quaint dress is worn by the Parsee women of Baluchistan.

BEDEVILED CRABS



The coral like growths on the backs of these crabs are the work of the serpulæ, or tube worm, so called because it lives in a horny tube and only pokes its head out. Smaller numbers of these tubes are often found on oyster and other shells.

BROUGHT UP BY A CAT



This fox cub has been brought up by a cat who adopted him when his mother died.

NOVEL DIVE



Three cadets from the English ship Britannia dove in this difficult fashion.

JAPS TEACH IGNORANT RUSSIANS



Irony in its bitterest form is found in the schools which the Japanese have established for illiterate Russian prisoners. A school was established at Himeji where Jap teachers are instructing Russians to read and write their own language, so that they may communicate with their families.

LEARNING TO JUMP



This means is employed in French schools of cavalry to teach horses how to jump a ditch.

STORY OF A LAUGH



She whose laugh is here shown is the clever comedienne Patrice, whose simulation of laughter is declared by competent critics to be one of the most artistic laughs known to the history of the stage.

BERSAGLIERI



Bersaglieri are Italian sharpshooters, who perform many clever feats in their drills. Their daring feats of climbing trees, scaling walls, and in missing themselves excite the admiration of all beholders.

BALL AND HELMET HYPNOTIZER



One of the devices to aid in autohypnosis.