

THE FLORIDA WEST COAST.

Editor Forest and Stream.

I have this day mailed you Fort Myers Press marked, calling your attention to an angling excursion of J. J. Tooke and self week before last. I am, I think, conservative in my statements as to this locality, since I am not a boomer. The Press editor made a mistake as to the number, we caught 143 instead of 144 in two hours' time on live bait, the fish were small, only averaging about 1 1/2 to 2 lbs. Mr. Tooke hooked a jewfish that was undoubtedly 5 to 6 ft. in length, and would probably weigh 250 to 300 lbs. The tackle parted, hence we failed to weigh him. I have rigged up some heavy tackle and will try them again next week.

Mr. G. S. Loyd took my Gordon Betsy Bobbet one day last week and after dinner killed 30 quail. Of course in the immediate vicinity of the town deer and turkey are not plentiful, but by going 12 to 20 miles one can find the finest shooting in the United States, I believe, on turkey and deer. Our deer are small, very much smaller than in the North, but they are the same wild deer, and can jump, dodge, buck and caper the same as the bucks of the North Woods. Once the Northern sportsman learns this country (I used to be one of them, but old age, I reckon, more than anything else, holds me close to my office) they will come here during the winter months where they can hunt in a temperature very like that of New York in May and June; and that a world of game is here there can be no question.

I have several friends coming down this winter to investigate my "big lies," as they call them. Tell the boys to come, and they will see more deer and turkey in a given length of time than they can find elsewhere, outside of Florida. We have parties here who can be engaged to guide any one through the cypress, and will guarantee sport. There are no regular guides, as the Northern sportsman is unknown here. WALTER F. MICKLE.

FORT MYERS, Florida.

The Press item reads: One day last week, we think it was Saturday, Messrs. W. F. Mickle and J. J. Tooke caught 144 jack fish, weakfish and channel bass in two hours' time. We acknowledge the present of one of the jack fish, which was highly relished for one meal.

TENCH FOR AMERICAN WATERS.

MR. E. G. BLACKFORD, president of the New York Fish Commission, has given these interesting facts about a new fish for American waters:

These tench are an entirely new variety of fish to American waters. The original parent fish were brought over from England and placed in breeding ponds in Washington, D. C., of the United States Fish Commission. These fish were hatched at the United States Fish Commission's station at Neosho, Me. Two years ago twenty-three fish in number were taken from the ponds at Washington, D. C., to the above station. This year there will be distributed 36,000 young fish, the product of the original twenty-three of two years ago. These fish will grow to weigh 2 to 3 lbs. each, and are said to be a good table fish as well as affording sport to the angler.

The tench prefers still waters to running streams, more especially thriving in reservoirs, ponds full of water weeds and pits from which clay has been excavated for brick making. It seems also to do better in foul and weedy than in clean water, and in broad and sluggish rivers rather than those which flow with considerable velocity.

It is generally seen in small companies, and appears to frequently keep near the bottom, except during the summer, when, more especially during the spawning time, it lies near the surface among the weeds. Although possessing a very thick skin, covered with a large amount of slimy mucus, it seems to be very susceptible to cold, and has been credited with passing a considerable portion of the winter months in a semi-lethargic condition, buried in semi-aquatic mud. It will dive down into the mud in order to escape from nets. It is very tenacious of life, in which respect it is little inferior to the eel. Examples have been known of the tench living for an entire day out of water. It feeds on insects, larvæ, worms and vegetable substances.

The largest tench on record in England weighed 11 lbs. 9 1/2 oz. In angling for them the best bait is worms. They spawn during the months of June and July. The eggs are small and are deposited in the weeds. Over 300,000 eggs have been found in one single specimen. According to an English authority, it is esteemed as a fair table fish. These fish are found in nearly all the fresh waters of Europe as well as those of Asia.

Fishculture.

CASTALIA TROUT AGAIN.

Editor Forest and Stream:

I notice that Mr. Hough comes at me again in your issue of Nov. 12 concerning the matter of the origin of the trout in Castalia stream. I have not at hand the articles written upon the subject by Mr. Hough and myself some months ago, but my recollection upon the matter is that I did not question his statements but did question the reliability of his sources of information. As yet I see no reason to change my views upon the subject, notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Potter never caught or saw any trout there before the artificial stocking. Scores of people were born and raised contiguous to that stream who never dropped a hook into those waters or any other, and who had not the slightest knowledge of the subject in question. Hundreds of people have fished in known trout streams without getting a bite. Others again have had success and their testimony is worth a cloud of witnesses who never caught anything. I have heretofore named two well-known gentlemen who did take trout there 40 years ago and I saw the trout in at least one instance.

Mr. Potter says he never saw or heard of me until within the last year or two. Just what that has to do with the origin of trout in the Castalia stream I leave it for Mr. Hough to explain. Mr. Potter thinks it very strange that as many years as he knew Dr. Garlick, he never heard him mention the name of Castalia or Milton P. Peirce. Well, I lived several years at Cleveland (Dr. Garlick's residence), and probably saw the Doctor five times where Mr. Potter did once; took my first lessons in fishculture from him and Dr. Garlick, and in all those years did not hear either of them mention the name of Mr. Potter nor Castalia; but as before stated, they did several times speak of taking trout from Cold Creek, which is identical with the Castalia stream. Mr. Potter's argument reminds me of the "old chestnut" story of the chap who was being tried for a crime, and several witnesses were introduced who saw him commit the crime. He sought to offset this testimony by introducing double the number of persons who did not see the crime committed. At the very outset of Mr. Potter's remarks he says he is averse to entering into any controversy with me, yet he opens one with such uncompromising as-

sertions as I have quoted. The very fact that he claims to have never heard of me until within the year or two will cause a smile to come over the features of the readers of FOREST AND STREAM for the past twenty years, and they will smile to think what an attentive reader he has been of the current fishculture literature which has appeared in all these years.

I will say that I am quite familiar with the history of the fish preserves of the Castalia Stream, and have the highest admiration for those connected with them and besides have only sentiments of commendation for the enterprise, yet "all the same," I front inhabited most of the headwaters of streams discharging into Lake Erie at the time the region was settled by white people.

Ohio Clevelanders acquainted with Dr. Garlick will be amused at the assertion that the Doctor would for an instant attempt to buy a friend, particularly one who entered fully into his fishculture views, which were ridiculed by some of the "smart Alecks" of that day. That class would have been liable to have been grieved by Dr. Ackley, who was a grim wag indeed, as well as a more enthusiastic and expert sportsman than his co-laborer and friend Garlick.

Several Ohio anglers besides Mr. Potter have disputed my assertions concerning native trout being in northern Ohio waters, say fifty years ago, declaring that the domestic trout of Castalia were the first ever seen in Ohio waters. As I believe I have already stated in your columns, I repeatedly saw wild trout in Ashtabula county waters fifty years ago, and now Mr. Potter remembers having caught many a good string of native trout in the Chagrin River in company with Dr. Garlick. He locates that stream in Granger county. There is no such county in Ohio. Chagrin River discharges into the lake from Lake county, which adjoins Ashtabula county.

MILTON P. PEIRCE.

COLUMBUS, O., Nov. 16.

The Kennel.

Dogs: Their Management and Treatment in Disease. By Ashmont. Price \$2. Kennel Record and Account Book. Price \$3. Training vs. Breaking. By S. T. Hammond. Price \$1. First Lessons in Dog Training, with Points of all Breeds. Price 50 cents.

All communications must reach us by Tuesday of the week they are to be published; and should be sent as much earlier as may be convenient.

FIXTURES.

(For fuller details see issue of Nov. 12.)

DOG SHOWS.

Dec. 4 to 8.—Sixth Annual, at Rockford, Ill.
Dec. 10 to 14.—Freeport, Ill. T. E. Taylor, Sec'y.
Dec. 30 to 31.—Gloversville, N. Y. F. B. Zimmer, Sec'y.
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Jan. 5 to 8.—Albany, N. Y. W. C. House, Fort Plain, N. Y., Sec'y.
Jan. 5 to 9.—Charleston, S. C. Benj. McInnis, Sec'y.
Jan. 13 to 18.—Columbia, S. C. F. F. Capers, Greenville, Sec'y.
Jan. 21 to 25.—Albany, N. Y. C. E. Rowman, Sec'y.
Feb. 9 to 12.—Chicago, Ill. John L. Livman, Sec'y.
Feb. 16 to 19.—Jackson, Mich. D. E. L. Kimball, Sec'y.
Feb. 23 to 26.—New York. James Fortimer, Supt.
March 1 to 4.—Philadelphia, Pa. F. S. Brown, Sec'y.
March 8 to 11.—Washington, D. C. F. S. Webster, 738 B'way, N. Y.
March 15 to 18.—Pittsburgh, Pa. W. E. Little, Sec'y.
April 7 to 10.—Boston, Mass. E. H. Moore, Sec'y.
April 20 to 23.—Los Angeles, Cal. C. A. Sumner, Sec'y.
May 4 to 7.—San Francisco, Cal. H. L. Miller, Sec'y.

FIELD TRIALS.

Nov. 30.—Central Field Trials, Lexington, N. C.
Dec. 14.—Philadelphia Kennel Club, Deatonville, Va.
1892.
Jan. 10.—Bever Field Trials, San Antonio, Texas.
Jan. 18.—Pacific Field Trials, Baker, Ore., Cal.
—Southern Field Trials, New Albany, Miss.

EASTERN FIELD TRIALS.

I HAVE already given particulars in last week's issue about the opening of these trials, and there is little more to add. The trials did not seem to awaken so much interest among owners, and visitors were few compared to former years. Among the visitors not already mentioned, and who came after the trials commenced, were Messrs. Bayard Thayer, A. D. Lewis, C. C. M. Hunt, L. N. Cox, W. B. Meares, J. Mahone, Angus Cameron from England, and one or two others whose names I did not catch. Birds were plentiful enough, affording ample opportunity for varied work. The vegetation is quite rank this year, and wide-ranging dogs were hard to keep track of. The judges did their work carefully and gave every dog ample opportunity to show his merit. Excepting in the Champion Stake, there was little or no comment made on the awards, and in this stake the foregoing remarks do not apply.

The spotting system was in vogue and much less time was consumed in the running off of the various series. At the meeting of the club held on Thursday last, Mr. F. R. Hitchcock was elected president; Pierre Lorillard, Jr. and H. B. Duryea, vice-presidents, and Washington A. Coster, secretary and treasurer.

TUESDAY.

When we drew up our blinds this morning it was found to be raining hard, and it seemed as if the day was to be a holiday. The weather cleared, however, about 9:30, and a start was made at 10 o'clock, the rendezvous being the Glass House, about two miles from town. The sun peeped out of the heavy clouds as the first brace in the continuation of the

Second Series of the Derby.

AMY ROBSART—MAUD NOBLE, was called at 10:54. The heat was notable from the fact that the two handlers, H. M. Short for Amy Robsart and S. C. Bradley for Maud Noble, are the tallest handlers present, both being about 6 ft. 6 in. high and proportionately broad. Starting in sedge, it was not long before Maud pointed at the edge of pines, Amy honoring, when Bradley put up the bevy, fired, and dogs showed that their training had not been neglected. In pines Maud pointed false, Amy dropping to back. Directly after she pointed again and a single sought the open, dogs were steady to Bradley's shot. In open Amy stiffened out and Maud honored her, but nothing came of it. Then the horsemen flushed a bevy as Amy came up with them, and she was not steady to wing. Lower down Amy scored a single on these birds, and was steady to Short's fire. Nothing more being done, dogs were ordered up at 11:19, with Amy having the best of the heat.

CAMILLE.—This bitch was now put down alone in sedge at 11:23. The heat was short, but showed that Camille's nose was in the right place. After a gallop round in bottoms she pointed a nice bevy very stylish. Twenty yards further on she pointed again and another bevy rose. This was nice quiet work. Nothing more needed and dog ordered up at 11:34.

BOB COOPER—WUN LUNG.—Starting off at 11:39 they passed some birds which were afterward flushed by horsemen. Points without result from both followed, and though they made game several times they failed to locate anything and were called up at 12:21. Both ranged in their usual snappy style.

HOPE'S MARK was put down alone at 12:23 to work toward the old schoolhouse. Some time after the start at edge of pines on hillside he stiffened on a bevy, and waiting till judges came up Rose flushed birds and fired, dog dropping to wing. He hardly went in his usual clever style and did not show such good work as at Bicknell, where the ground seemed to suit him better. Called up at 12:44.

BOB COOPER was now put down for a turn by himself at 12:46. In pines, he soon nailed a single and was steady to shot; roading on he did some nice work in cover, and working carefully into open and again into woods he came to a stylish point on a bevy, which Rose flushed and fired at, dog very steady this time. A little more training on birds and this dog will make a name; at present he fancies himself a little too much when the birds get up. Judges had a little talk and then we trotted off to lunch, after which

CAMILLE—BOB COOPER were tried to settle their final places in the stake. Down in stable at 1:47 almost immediately Camille pointed a bevy which Avent flushed and fired at, dogs steady. Points on footscen followed. Then Bob roaded to a point on two birds and was not steady to flush, putting another bird to his credit, while Camille, to right, pointed but failed to raise anything. Going on to some fields, Bob did a good piece of work on a bevy, Camille honoring the point; Rose flushed the birds and fired, Camille steady, but Bob, as usual, moved a little. Dogs then called up and judges after a little consultation decided Wun Lung first, Bob Cooper second and Camille third.

Summary—The Derby.

N. Wallace's black, white and tan setter bitch Maude Noble (Rowdy Rod—Pearl Noble)

Pierre Lorillard's black, white and tan setter bitch Lora (Gladstone's Boy—Ruby D.).

Charlottesville Kennels' liver and white dog Exile (King of Kent—Hops).

J. M. Avent and Bayard Thayer's black, white and tan setter bitch Camille (Jean Val Jean—Haydee).

Charlottesville Kennels' black and white ticked pointer dog Mainstay (King of Kent—Hops)

Royal Phelps Carroll's black, white and tan setter dog Robespierre (Roderigo—Ollie S.).

O. W. Donner's black, white and tan setter dog Wag-tail (Roderigo—Belle of Piedmont)

Col. J. R. Purcell's pointer dog Tall Son of York.

Harry Northwood's lemon and white setter bitch Amy Robsart (Dad Wilson—Bohemian Girl)

Blue Ridge Kennels' chestnut, tan and white setter dog Bob Cooper (Roi d'Or—Nellie Y.).

Royal Phelps Carroll's black, white and tan setter bitch Iza (Roderigo—Ollie S.)

N. T. Harris's black, white and tan setter dog Wun Lung (Captain Bethel—Erid).

Blue Ridge Kennels' black, white and tan dog Hope's Mark, a byc.

Second Series.

Robespierre with Bob Cooper.
Wun Lung with Lora.

Camille with Hope's Mark.
Maud Noble with Amy Robsart.

Camille alone.
Bob Cooper with Wun Lung.
Hope's Mark alone.

Bob Cooper with Camille.
N. T. Harris's Wun Lung first money, \$500.
Blue Ridge Kennels' Bob Cooper second money, \$250.

J. M. Avent and Bayard Thayer's Camille third money, \$150.

F. F. Miles wins the breeder's cup, value \$100, to breeder of winner of the Derby.

Wun Lung and Bob Cooper are very fast, merry workers, small-sized, but full of go. Camille, though not so fast and wide a ranger, has lots of bird sense and uses it to good purpose.

ALL-AGED STAKE.

After the conclusion of the Derby little time was wasted before the first brace in the All-Aged Stake was put down.

The drawing for this stake has been already published in FOREST AND STREAM. It is said that the All-Aged this year in point of numbers beats the record since both pointers and setters ran together and after the rather poor filling in the Derby it was as surprising as complimentary to the club. Mr. R. L. McCook leaving for home Tuesday night, Messrs. Duryea, Merriman and Rowe judged the All-Aged.

RUPERT—TOP MARK were started in grass field at 2:30. Names of owners are given in summary, so that it is needless to repeat them in each heat. Rupert (Roderigo—Bo Peep) was handled by his part owner, J. M. Avent, and Top Mark (Gath's Mark—Burd Helen) by H. M. Short. Both started off freely and not long after Mark pointed in sedge, Rupert backing in fine style; nothing found, but after we had passed several birds flushed wild. Top Mark's next work was the nailing of a good bevy, Rupert doing his duty gallantly; Short put up birds and dogs were steady to shot. Rupert, after going over a good deal of ground, pointed, backed by Mark, but nothing found; several quasi points followed until Rupert, on the side of a hill in thick cover pointed two birds, Mark honoring. A pretty point by Rupert in a road, Mark backing, result nil. Then Rupert scored a bevy in briars and was steady to flush. Then Mark thought it time to interfere, and getting out of woods Mark pointed, honored by Rupert. Short put up the birds and dogs were steady. On in sedge, where Rupert casting back, secured an outlying bird in same place. Avent fired, dog steady. They were then called up at 2:55. Both had good range and speed, quartering their ground well, Mark having a little advantage on birds.

FRANK W.—JOYE H.—These were put down in same place at 2:57. John N. Lewis handled Frank W. (Duke of Vernon—Royal Cute), a liver and white pointer, and W. W. Titus looked after Joye H. (Paul Gladstone—Gypsy), a black and white setter. Neither dog ranged out with the style or speed of the first brace. Little work of any merit was done, although considerable ground was covered. In some sedge by pines Frank pointed, Joye brought up to back, but Lewis could find nothing. Going down in hollow, then on hillside Joye found birds, Titus shot, dog steady. Another point to Joye without result and the dogs were ordered up at 3:45. Neither showed the necessary class of work to entitle them to further consideration in the stake.

ALBERT'S DUCHESS—GRAPHIC VI.—Albert's Duchess (Warwick Albert—Princess Belton) was handled by Prof. Schuyler and Graphic VI. by J. B. Taylor. Down at 3:55 in open field on hillside, both ranged out fairly well. Both soon pointed, drew on, the pointer pointed where Duchess had the birds, but broke point, and when birds flushed started to chase, but stopped to order. After the birds in woods Albert pointed and Graphic did his duty, but nothing was found. Higher up Graphic pointed a single which Taylor shot at; dogs steady. Then in open down the hill four wild turkeys were sighted trotting along leisurely. This caused excitement, and Judge Duryea and J. M. Avent galloped down to head them off before they got to brook. Avent fired two shots from horseback, and it is more than likely he shot a bird as only three flew into the pines. It could not be found, however, Avent only getting some feathers to show, stream very likely carried it down. Just after the turkeys were sighted, and Mr. Duryea was off duty for the time being, Albert's Duchess nailed a bevy nicely down the field, birds flushing wild. Dogs were called up at 4:40 and we galloped home.