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### THE ART OF DOG HANDLING

Often Misunderstood by Sportsmen



MANY sportsmen labor under the delusion that after a dog has been properly trained or "broken," the question of his hunting is settled, little realizing the importance of "handling,"

through proper handling can a dog be kept in training for any length of time. brushing administered when necessary As a result, unsatisfactory field work will do good; but continual cuffing and has caused many sportsmen who have kicking will make a sneaking coward of purchased high-priced, thoroughly broken dogs to believe that the dogs were scolding or word of caution is all that is never properly trained and that they had needed and anything more will do harm. been swindled. The chances are, however, that the trouble was due to lack of knowledge on the part of the handler, a combination of circumstances or unfamiliarity of the dog with his new master.

Pertinent Suggestions on Subject the game, because she is nervous and over-anxious. In the first case the dog does wrong knowingly, and must be mastered; in the second, the trouble is due to over-excitement, and the remembrance of the last whipping is necessary to keep the dog from forgetting. When you whip a dog, whip him hard, taking him by the collar or tying him to a tree and "going at him;" not losing your which is in reality, fully temper and fighting him, but punishing as important as training, for only him as a just master. Don't kick and cuff a dog for every little thing. A good any dog. Again, with other dogs a But while dogs vary in disposition, some being demonstrative and some otherwise, every dog, like every man, likes to be noticed and spoken to.

Secondly, let your dog do the hunting.



"ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT A DOG ON A POINT IS IN A VERY NERVOUS STATE"

quail shooting gives, and none the cause of more dissatisfaction.

First of all, before any dog can be handled properly, it is absolutely imperative that his friendship be gained and his temperament carefully studied, he is a year old, run loose where there for no two dogs can be handled exact'y are plenty of birds and hunt them at alike. I have an old dog which knows will, in this way acquiring "bird sense" more about quail than I ever hope to and before breaking. Thirdly, never forget but once in about so often, he will break to get a large bag. Several years ago I at shot or wing and chase like a puppy. had a dog that the trainer had broken A gentle rap or rebuke has no effect and for me, having devoted a great deal of five minutes of beating is necessary. I time to him, and he was the most perhave tried everything with him only to feetly broken dog I have ever hunted arrive at the conclusion that, at stated over. But after a while he began breakintervals, it is necessary to whip him ing at shot, and later at wing. I called hard. Now this dog is phlegmatic, with the matter to the trainer's attention. He apparently no nerves, and I believe he suggested that I go out with him, while does it out of pure deviltry. Another I handled the dog and he kept in the dog I have requires the same treatment, background. Out of the first covey I because she breaks at shot or does some shot a bird which went down behind a

No test is quite so severe as Southern | If he is any good he knows more about birds than you do, and if he doesn't he will never learn if you keep him running from one spot to another and absolutely under control at all times. If I could, I should let every puppy, up to the time which, as a rule, requires no handling, the dog in your excitement and anxiety other "fool" thing in the excitement of thick bunch of trees, and in my anxiety