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HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION

OF THE

MODERN DOGS

OF

GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

(THE TERRIERS.)

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PREFACE.

THIS, I believe, is the first occasion upon which a volume has been published dealing entirely with the Terriers. Of late years these little dogs have come very much to the front, and, if no new varieties have recently been established, many of the older ones are much more popular at the present time than has previously been the case since the first history of the canine race was written.

As in my preceding volumes, the illustrations must be taken as typical of what they represent, and not as portraits, although the drawings are from living specimens, or from the best photographs of such to be obtained. With the exception of the Bull Terriers, which are from a drawing by R. H. Moore, the whole of the illustrations are from the pencil of Arthur Wardle, who has done so well for me on

previous occasions. Included are groups of terriers of a variety, or varieties, which are at present not recognised as quite distinct, though possibly they may be so in the near future. The one group represents the "Border Terrier"—a dog used in Northumberland and on the Borders in conjunction with hounds, and for other purposes. The other group includes an extraordinary type of short-legged wire-haired Fox Terrier, which Mr. W. H. B. Cowley is taking pains to perpetuate in Hertfordshire; a specimen of the Sealy Ham Terrier, of which something has already been written; and of an old-fashioned terrier once common in many parts of England.

In describing the Terriers in all their varieties, I have endeavoured to give particulars as to their working qualifications and their general character, as well as their so-called "show points;" and my desire to prevent a useful race of dog from degenerating into a ladies' pet and a pampered creature, only able to earn his owner gold on the show bench, is my reason for treating so fully of him as he is concerned in that sphere which Nature intended him to occupy.