

"fanciers' " specimens of Field Spaniels, which were only too common, which led them to establish what they styled "Working Type Classes"; but these classes proved anything but a success, as, besides Norfolk Spaniels or Springers, they were filled with all sorts of nondescripts, the only apparent qualification being the possession of sufficiently long legs. Many, if not most, of them were misfit Field Spaniels, who would have had a short shrift but for the new field of industry opened to them by these novel classes. Indeed, five or six years ago I have several times seen litter brothers at a show, one in the orthodox Field Spaniel classes and the other in the "Working Type."

For the last three years, however, matters have been improving, and, although one can hardly say that the type has ever yet been properly fixed, things are tending that way, and before long we may hope to see as uniform classes of Springers as of any other breed of Spaniels.

As the officially recognised life of the breed has been such a short one, there are naturally not very many names of note among the prize-winners. The principal breeders and owners have so far been Mr. W. Arkwright, Mr. Harry Jones, Sir Hugo FitzHerbert, Mr. C. C. Bethune Eversfield, and Mr. Winton Smith; the dogs which have most distinguished themselves in the show ring being Ark, Fansome, Tissington Fan, Tissington Bounce, and Beechgrove Will. These dogs have done very well indeed at the field trials, notably those owned by Mr. C. C. Bethune Eversfield, Nimrod, Velox Powder, Casmonite Powder, Amberite Powder, Nitro Powder, and Schwab Powder, and Mr. Gardner's Tring, who was the first Spaniel to lower the colours of the redoubtable Clumber bitch Beechgrove Bee.

They are undoubtedly the right dogs for those who want Spaniels to travel faster and cover more ground than the more ponderous and short-legged Clumbers, Sussex, or Field Spaniels do, but I do not think their work is equal in finish and precision to that of either of the two former