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Thacker on Courtship & Breeding
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author's sold by Bohn. London.

4. Race horse & greyhound appears the most suitable select - & the greyhound is the better because not overrated & left to his own control.
5. Many qualifications must be united. Good blood with defective shape & speed or vice versa will not do.
7. You may have a fast dog out of a pure & good breed & breed him him with a well-bred bitch, you may possibly have a good puppy or two but they will never do & go on with.
9. Quoted from Buffon, who argues that each individual is a whole, uniform, contracted in all parts, a collection... of particles every way similar, an assemblage of germs... which in certain circumstances, are capable of becoming new beings like those from which they were originally separated...
... So crystals. — Death disunites these particles but does not destroy them... (book.)
24. Animals require to be fostered in their youth so as to reach their full measure of stature & their offspring will be more diminutive than themselves... this doctrine is disputed by some.
25. Perfection in all the attributes again insisted on.
26. (note) thinks dogs might be kept from breeding till much older than now.
27. traces debility & diminutiveness of women to their education - farmers' daughters are burly lasses. 28. men are therefore only half bred.
In strength & stature.
32. It seems established that the best greyhounds are generally where there are the fewest kept at a house. though of course there is much greater choice in large establishments. Nurture is better - can run about ^{as they like} & lie down at its fire-side fed with the family leavings & so have more change of food. 'tricks' of change.
43. Artificial selection
43. Do not breed for ~~some~~ a greater or less size than the original perfect ones (mind about perfection of nature!) as you may destroy that unity which alone gives the best &c.
44. The great thing is to avoid deterioration - many things which may appear trivial in themselves will contribute to produce it. None require most to be guarded against. It is a very common error to expect great improvement from a fanciful cross.

- 59-60. Natural selection (mind sense & in his nonsense)
61. "coursing hares and the strongest survive & multiply"
62. "where the crops mated" again p 71 "an expression in every breeder's mouth"
65. Mod symmetry & the eye does not always prove the best.
66. deep-chested bitch. their choice in the female is particular holds good in breeding all descriptions of animals.
68. There are a vast many good bitches for me Thorough Good dog.
77. Arrican is quoted, in greyhounds - in 78 of p. 78. (What is the Cynogelid?)
Several authors?
80. The best greyhounds are those of most attachment to man.
83. Certainly white greyhounds are considered more delicate than the others
109. Family likeness; without you have a resemblance, I hold it impossible for any man to make a good selection (quoted from Mr. Drake)
- Interbreeding recommended by him. Drake.
111. Again good remarks on natural selection. It keeps the breed from degenerating.
112. Bad effects - greyhounds become "fools."
119. Again on advantage of variety of blood, & therefore of analogy, of breeds.
123. Nature requires a change
131. Breeding in, we gain in fineness of coat, firmness of muscle & solidity of bone, but lose in size
146. Breed under change of soil climate &c. may constitute sufficient alienation
148. ditto.
158. Proper age for breeding - he strongly advocates old dogs & bitches - 180 -
159. Bulls are wanted by full work, too young
161. Buffon has their opinion - the older the better the better the front
164. Fit working & preservation and the like
178. Exhaustion to dog - Arrican would not let him run for 60 days all the time.
180. Mr. Drake declares that the best bitches are the longest before they go to heat
182. If one bitch goes to heat, her companions are apt to do so also.
184. The early instinct is fallacious - like the desire to eat unwholesome food.
185. Bitches breed to the last year of their life though women do not
- 189-190. Game cocks & horses - a habit of breeding from 1 old & 1 young parent.
197. The time of year of heat is not within our control; some b. offener than others generally 12 months interval; varies from 6 to 15 - old b. a shorter interval than young

199. Selfish of very young people - if they are misfed in the end they seldom come to much perfection & if very much checked in their growth then they never do. never mind how checked - want of milk. - cold - confinement
201. Arcan says - he agrees that dogs must not be run so fast as b. their bones get weak
210. Markham says it is the ugly puppies that grow most shapely & vice versa
215. Variable degree of shyness (modesty) in dogs - b.
224. Cow is bred in 2 days; mare 1 week. & cow 2.
232. The second whelp of a dog in one day had no animalcules
235. 1 horse has effectual served to master in 1 day.
236. Pangenesis!
241. Gentleman & wife both young who had no children - remedy, 1 week.
247. Dogs as well as horses may be overstrained; too much exertion long periods is apt to destroy the vigor of the animal
328. Top top condition - he cannot get higher, he is not likely to remain stationary, he must get lower (man: Hippocrates)
335. Change of diet heightens appetite. - is necessary to health & not a mere whim.
342. Fasting a well fed dog now & then is very good.
343. Recommends to a man a little better way - except a deficiency.

