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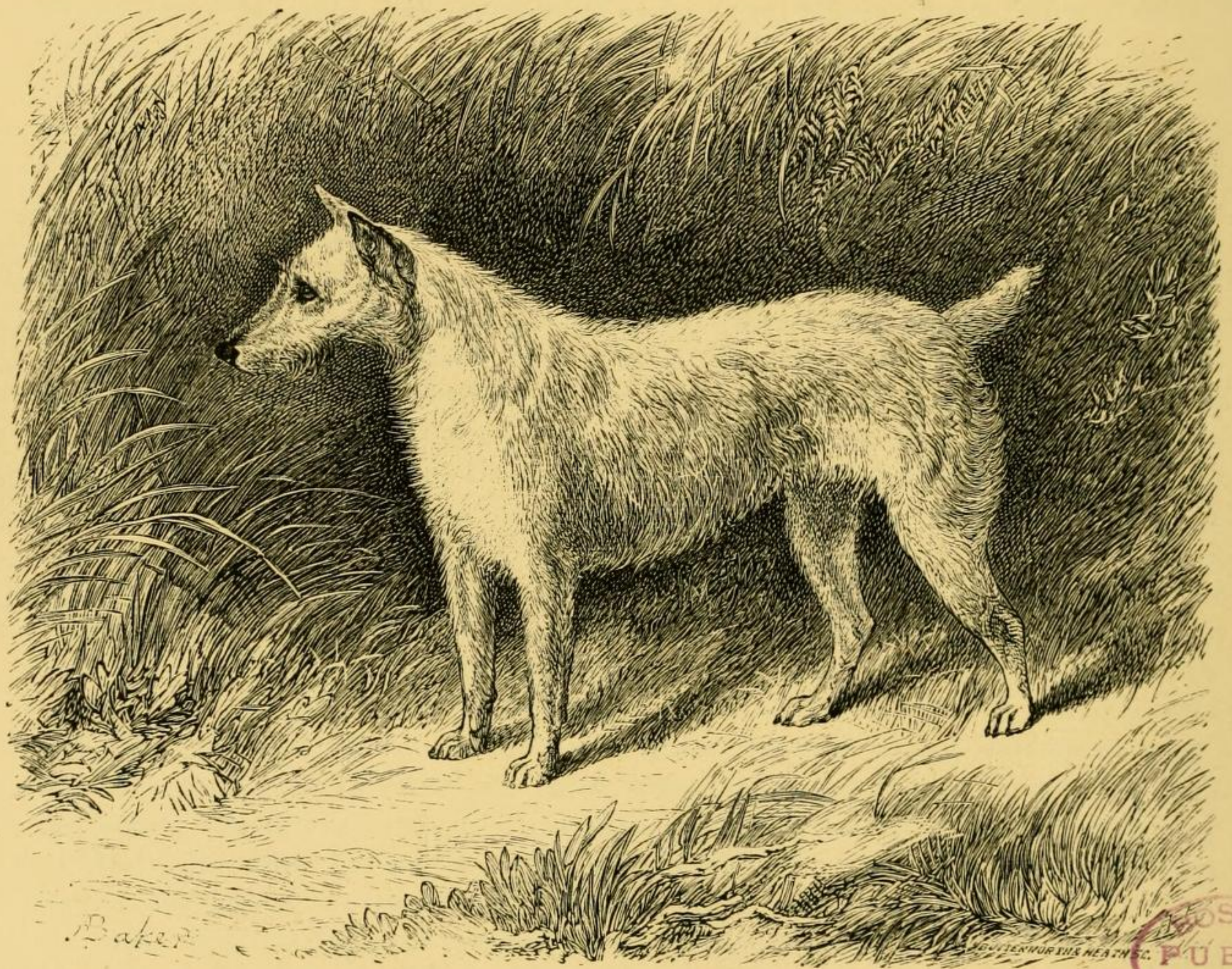
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MR. G. JAMISON'S IRISH TERRIER "SPUDS."

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VALUE OF POINTS.

	Value.		Value.		Value.
Symmetry	15	Length of coat	10	Tail	5
Clearness in blue	15	Texture of coat	10	Condition in which	
Distinctness and rich-		Straightness of coat ...	10	shown	10
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	<u>45</u>		<u>40</u>		<u>15</u>

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THE IRISH TERRIER.

BY R. G. RIDGWAY, WATERFORD.

That the Irish terrier is and has been a pure breed of dog indigenous to Ireland is a fact undoubted and undisputed by the oldest fanciers and breeders still living, who can well remember this dog fifty and sixty years ago, and at a time before the introduction to this country of the Skye, Yorkshire, or English bull terriers now so fashionable in many parts; as a breed they are peculiarly adapted to Ireland, being particularly hardy and able to bear any amount of wet, cold, and hardship without showing the slightest symptoms of fatigue. Their coat also being a hard and wiry one, they can hunt the thickest gorse or furze covert without the slightest inconvenience.

No doubt this breed has of late years been allowed to degenerate sadly, from want of proper interest having been taken in it, but, notwithstanding this, we can

still bring forward specimens of our Irish terriers, such as have been seen at several of our leading Irish shows, which for usefulness, intelligence and gameness as well as general appearance, are second to no breed of terrier in the kingdom.

As to their capabilities for taking the water, and hunting in it, as well as on land, I may mention as one instance, that a gentleman in the adjoining county of Tipperary has kept a pack of these terriers for years with which he will hunt an otter as well as any pack of pure otter hounds can. Within the last few years and since the introduction of dog shows into Ireland, a far greater interest than heretofore has been taken in this dog, and consequently a greater amount of care is evinced now in selecting the proper specimens to breed from, so that in a short time we may look forward to see the *Irish terrier* just as fashionable and as much sought for in England as the English fox terrier is at present.

The following code of points represents the correct type, and such points are now agreed to by the several breeders, fanciers, and exhibitors who have given their signatures at the foot:—

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Neck.—Tolerably long and well arched.

Legs.—Moderately long, well set from the shoulders, with plenty of bone and muscle, must be perfectly straight, and covered like the ears and head with a similar texture of coat as the body, but not quite so long.

Eyes.—Small, keen, and hazel colour.

Feet.—Strong, tolerably round, with toes well split up, most pure specimens have black toe nails.

Chest.—Muscular, and rather deep, but should not be either full or wide.

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Coat.—Must be hard, rough, and wiry, in decided contradistinction to softness, shagginess, and silkiness, and all parts perfectly free from lock or curl. Hair on head and legs is not quite so long as rest of body.

Colour most desired is red, and the brighter the colour the better, next in order, wheaten or yellow, and grey, but brindle is to be objected to, thereby showing intermixture of the bull breed.

Tail if uncut, carried gaily without a ring, and showing absence of feather and bushiness.

Weight of good working Irish terriers, varies from 17lb. to 25lb., in olden times I understand that they ran up to 30lb. and 35lb., but it is better to fix the standard weight as mentioned, viz. 17lb. to 25lb.

The following table shows the value of the points :—

Head.....	20	Muzzle and jaw	10	Back and loin (and general make of body)	15
Ears and eyes	5	Teeth	5	Legs and feet.....	10
Nose.....	5	Neck and chest	10	Colour and coat	20
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	30		25		45

Grand Total 100.

Here follows the signatures and addresses of the exhibitors, fanciers, and breeders of the Irish terrier who have agreed that the foregoing code of points represents correctly the pure and true specimen :—

Signature.	Address.	If an Exhibitor, state Number of Prizes Taken.
R. G. Ridgway	Waterford	Breeder.
Geo. Jamison	{ Movilla, Newtownards, } Co. Down.....	Breeder and Exhibitor ; 54 prizes.
Thomas Erwin	Ballymena, Ireland	” ” 1 ”
David Wilson.....	Ballymena	Breeder.
Nathl. Morton	Brookville, Ballymena.....	Winner of Champion and other Prizes. One of the earliest (if not <i>the</i> earliest) Exhibitors, and Breeder for about 17 years.
Micke Dooly	Ballymena	Breeder for about 40 years ; Breeder of Mr. Morton's Champion "Fly."
William Moore	Ballymena	Breeder for many years, and Owner of many that have since won Cham- pion and other Prizes.
Robert A. Simms	Newtownards, Co. Down...	Breeder and Exhibitor ; 2 prizes.
T. Hutchinson Smyth	17, Trinity-street, Dublin	Breeder and Exhibitor.
Peter Tyrrell	4, Lennox-place, Dublin ...	Breeder and Exhibitor ; 1 prize.
T. M. Hilliard.....	{ Laburnum Cottage, } North Strand, Dublin... }	Breeder.
C. E. Clibborn	Anner Park, Clonmel	Breeder and Fancier.
J. Crosbie Smith	Upper Park, Queenstown	Breeder and Exhibitor of several Prize Winners.
George J. Adams	Cork	Owner and Fancier.
John Frame	Comber, Belfast	Breeder and Exhibitor ; 7 prizes.
James Shane	Comber, Belfast	” ” 1 ”
Thos. Jas. Andrews ...	Comber, Belfast	” ” ”
James M'Entee	Newtownards	” ” 4 ”
Edward F. Despard ...		” ” 6 ”
George F. Richardson	Springfield, Lisburn	” ” 1 ”
Robert Erskine	74, North-street, Belfast...	” ” 1 ”
William Graham	Newtownbreda	” ” 6 ”
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CHAPTER III.

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(OTHER THAN TOYS).

THE BLACK AND TAN TERRIER (OR MANCHESTER)—THE WHITE ENGLISH
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