

TRACING THE DOG'S DESCENT

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It seems to be generally accepted by naturalists and the world at large that the domestic dog is in some sense a collateral descendant of the wolf or jackal.

A professor in the Natural History museum in Paris has communicated results of his study of various canine skulls to the Academy of sciences. He appears to have noticed certain peculiarities of growth which have hitherto escaped zoologists. He states that the skull of a jackal differs from the skull of the shepherd dog to an extent that makes it impossible that this dog should belong in the same classification. The skull of the Indian wolf, on the contrary, shows some points of resemblance. This, indeed, is the only savage canine the top of whose head projects like that of our dog.

There are, moreover, other characteristics which the Indian wolf shares with the domestic dog, and which the ordinary dog does not share with them, although his origin and that of the dog have long been supposed to be a common one.

The conclusion of this scientist is that the Indian wolf is the progenitor of the shepherd dog and the bloodhound. There were two primitive races of dogs analogous to these which were first domesticated in central Asia, whence they passed to Europe, and there seems no reason to doubt that the bloodhound of today is the direct descendant of the dog spoken of by the ancients as "the dog of the age of bronze."—Harper's Weekly.

THE FATIGUING PART



Dicks—I see you've got an auto. I don't suppose it's hard to run. Wicks—Not nearly so hard as it is to walk. That's what makes me tired.

FORCED INTO ODD GROWTH

Idea of Revolutionary Veteran—That Has Made Hawthorn Trees a Veritable Curiosity.

In 115 Hancock street, Cambridgeport, near where Center street enters, stand two hawthorn trees. They were planted ninety years ago by John Michael Duhig, the late owner of the house at No. 115. Mr. Duhig was the first landscape gardener of Cambridge. He not only planted the hawthorn trees in his yard, but he originated the method of their cultivation. This method was simple. He selected cuttings from horticulturally perfect bushes of hawthorn. These he planted together with iron bands and painted. The bands resisted any tendency to outward growth. Therefore the soft wood growing inward was welded together. In time a single trunk—the point of difference between a tree and a bush—was formed. The tree finally burst the confining bands, the marks of which can still be plainly seen.

These two trees, being of the white-flowering variety, are especially rare. One other hawthorn tree was also grown by Mr. Duhig in a unique manner. It is a pink-flowering one, in the yard of Dr. Willard A. Putnam's house, corner of Hancock street and Massachusetts avenue. With two trees Mr. Duhig left in the care of Mrs. Martin at 115 Hancock street a wistaria vine. This vine, which is 125 years old, was planted by John Duhig, the father of John Michael. John Duhig fought with Gen. Joseph Warren at Bunker Hill and he planted the wistaria to commemorate the event.—Boston Globe.

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