

AMERICAN in NEWCASTLE

"Finally one of the visitors from this side of the Atlantic inserted an Advertisement in a Newcastle paper that Mr. James T. Heasley wanted to purchase a good terrier, and dogs were to be shown to him at the Ords Arms, Scotswood Suspension Bridge, Hanlan's headquarters at the upper end of the course. We had come over from Manchester by night train to see how things were going, and driving up the river road became more and more puzzled by the number of men we passed accompanied by dogs-terriers of every description. Finally at the Ords Arms there was quite a gathering of men and terriers, but Jimmy had long since disappeared, having made his escape over the back wall and up the hill to the rear of the Hotel. He got a dog eventually, and Needle was one well worth bringing over." "Although there was some cavil a few years ago at the distinctive name of Manchester for the large show of Black and Tan terrier it was not such a very farfetched distinction. The London fancy was more for the Toy, it being bred by the same class of fanciers that went in for toy spaniels, and held their occasional displays or club shows at various public houses where they met for social purposes. Through Lancashire and eastern Yorkshire the fancy ran to the larger dog, and head and colour, with markings took the place of smallness. Manchester by far had the largest number of the fanciers, and it was by no means out of the way to give it the Variety name of the place where it was specially fostered and encouraged. It is a pity that some of those who have written regarding the "unwarranted assumption" of Manchester claiming the large black and tan, did not first look up to their own stud book-it is only English men who have written-and noted what Manchester did for the breed."

* Quotations from "The Dog Book" by James Watson.

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