

[Hounds]

Jan 15-58- To Editor of Racade.

I've just read the article intitled
How good a Detective are you.
I note your 15 question and answers.
This being a subject close to my heart.
I read the article with much interest.
Having owned some of the best Man
Dogs in the U.S.A (Blood hounds) Keeping
them in use at the Penitaries for a
number of years; And apprehending more
men than any one man of my state I
feel capable of critisizing your man
Mr. Gerard Mosler-

Your question no 12 is this; Blood hounds
have led you through a heavily wooded
area- on the trail of a criminal you do not
know, by sight- Finally the hounds come out
on a clearing where a crowd had gathered you
have a suspicion that the criminal is in
the crowd. Can the hounds sniff him out?
No; you say the dogs follow the scent by
squashed plants, insects, shoe leather and
polish; They do not distinguish a mans
individual scent.

What I want to say is this your answer to question 12- Is absolutely false: incorrect; and couldnt be farther from the fact; I will ask Mr. Mosler what he's going to when the hound carry's a trail on slick concrete; also when in this case: A Well Trained hound would throw his head in air and go straight to the man he's been trailing and identify him; I've owned them that would; and would immediately attack him.

Again I've seen them; When a man would take to a tree; When the hound would get within 300 yds of tree; not being able to see tree; He would raise his head and go directly to the tree and would try to climb the tree; which he would do if tree was not straight: now here the most valuable asset the Blood hound possesses; When he placed on one mans trail he will not quit for another; theres not a man alive smart enough to get him to change tracks; Yes he's honest & also Specient; And dependable.

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I might add that I've 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ century
With the hounds; I've owned pack of
blood hounds. I've owned more fox
hounds than most any man in the U.S.
At one time I owned 100; I've run the
Grey hounds (coursing dog) Russian
Wolf Hounds; I went out for Rip Roar
Pointe Bird dogs for a few yrs.

Well in conclusion I would like to add
that I remember the first 7 mo 3 days
I work the hounds at Mt. Lester Okla.
I apprehended 68 men - Only say
this that you might know that should
have some information on this subject.

Will you please publish this. I've
been told you would not; I think you will
I read your paper regularly -

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