

Mr. W. SCRIVEN'S

Celebrated Chows

AT ALMA HOUSE, EAST BOWLING, BRADFORD.

THERE is no other reward in the whole fancy quite so complete and so altogether satisfactory as that which is the recompense of the breeder who leads his own productions to the highest honours of the showing, and although Mr. Scriven is the last man to play the part of self-trumpeter, he would not be human if he were not just a little proud of the fact that every Chow he has exhibited has been bred in his own kennels. Notwithstanding his many exhibition triumphs, he remains what he has always been—a far more enthusiastic breeder than exhibitor. And it is not only for himself that his productions score. For instance, at Birmingham Show this year the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and reserve in A.C. Limit Bitches were all his breeding. Mr. Scriven might well rest content with what he has achieved, but the cause of the Chow is too near his heart for him to think of dwelling in the backwaters, so the "Mulfras," whose beneficial influence extends far beyond their own kennel, will increase and multiply more numerous than before.

It is nearly twenty years since the Mulfra Stud was established, and in all that time Mr. Scriven has, with one exception—Carissa, who, going to America, quickly became a full champion there—retained the best for his own kennel, always refusing to yield to even the most tempting offers. Apart from the real Chow characteristics which have invariably been such distinguishing features of the Mulfra productions, there is the phenomenal soundness and purity of colour in the



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kennel's specialities, reds and blacks. These glorious unblemished hues, which are remarked on at every show, have been secured by deliberate aim—"I have always bred for solid reds and solid blacks." He then, if anywhere, are the correctives for that color degeneration which is alarming so many fanciers to-day.

How many of the Mulfras have occupied a conspicuous place in the stardom of this Celestial breed we should not care to enumerate at a mental glance but one thing is certain—Mr. Scriven has not built without making the quality of his stock ever perceptibly and persistently higher. Before coming to the modern however, we must dwell for a moment on GIPSY KING, an old favourite of the ring, and, as his photograph will show, one of the cobbiest, most grandly built, and magnificently headed Chows which ever graced a show bench. The blood of Gipsy King is very much evidence in the kennel's inmates, and as he is by (Sinbad ex Gipsy Girl, by Ch. Hildewell Chu Ang, a through them goes directly to Trump Card and Syn to Ch. Wiggles, Ch. Shylock, Ch. Red Craze, and Mrs. Ad Hok, his merit is a tribute to his ancestry.

But without being in any way disloyal to the old stalwarts, the palm—and it is the palm of progress—must be awarded to the Mulfras of the present day. Two of Chowdom's celebrities of the moment are



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MULFRA FAIRY and CH. MULFRA BUNTY, the former of whom would undoubtedly have also had the one and only prefix had not maternal duties postponed her opportunities. Mr. Scriven is now the proud possessor of two fine promising dog puppies from her Fairy, who is by Gipsy King ex Gipsy Princess, has an ideal scowl, a truly wonderful head, and big bone, with the exquisite proportions which characterise all the members of her kennel. A coat of perfect texture and colour that has no flaw, complete a bitch that stands out by herself in any company.

By Hildewell Grettir-the-Strong ex Cathay, and so directly descended from Ch. Hildewell Chu-Ang, Ch. Gaylet, Hildewell Tao Mu, Hildewell Quigay, and that sire of international repute, Hildewell Ad Hok, Ch. Mulfra Bunty was born in February, 1919, and is just about six months older than Fairy. She excels in body properties, is beautifully put together, with the most typical of expressions, and strongest of heads and jaws, with small, well-tilted ears, and perfect straightness of limb. When she is bred from, her progeny, like that of Fairy, will bring more fame to a kennel of which these two bitches are such celebrated representatives.

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