

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## DOGS ON HOLIDAY

SIR.—Many a dog shares the family holiday and a little forethought will help to ensure that he has an enjoyable time.

If a dog is left in a parked car, make sure that it is ventilated and in the shade, and will remain so when the sun moves round.

Dogs are thirsty souls and wise motorists will carry a bottle of water and a drinking vessel for the dog as these are often difficult to obtain when most needed. Many R.A.C. patrol boxes, however, possess bowls supplied by this league.

Over-indulgence in bathing is bad for a dog's eyes and skin. Give him a rub down after his bathe to avoid chill.

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## KINGLY SPORT

SIR.—Among his many sporting accomplishments His Majesty is credited with being "an excellent shot, possessing the characteristic stance and quickness of his father" who, in his day, with ex-King Alfonso of Spain, was reckoned among the ten best shots in Europe. Our late King George V certainly left his impress as a marksman during his visit to India when, as guest of the late Maharajah Sir Chandra Shum Shere, Prime Minister of Nepal, he took a prominent part in a ten-day shoot in the Nepal Terai.

In one of the many organised shoots three tigers, emerging simultaneously from the jungles, confronted the elephant upon which His Majesty rode. Quick as thought King George fired at the two nearest tigers, then calmly exchanging his empty weapon for a loaded one, shot down the third beast before it could make good its charge or effect an escape. Each animal was killed with one shot apiece. This remarkable feat of marksmanship, probably

unequalled in tiger shooting in India, made a deep impression on the Maharajah and his *entourage*.

On another occasion King George V's elephant was charged by a rhino enraged at being disturbed during its siesta. Had the rhino made contact, the incident might have ended disastrously, as, in all probability, the elephant would have been overthrown by the force of the impact; but King George himself again settled the issue by killing the rhino outright with a single shot when in full career. The head, mounted on a shield, was later presented by the King to the 1st K.G.O. Gurkha (Malaun) Rifles, of which regiment he was then colonel-in-chief.

G. D. SCOTT.

Hazaribagh,  
E. I. Ry-Grand Chord, India.

## AIR-CUSHION WADS

SIR.—Now that the shooting season is once more upon us it will be interesting to see how far our marksmanship will be improved by the use of the new I.C.I. air-cushion wadding.

It is a matter of common knowledge that the better the obturation in a cartridge the better the results in velocity, pattern and regularity. Just how far the best white felt wadding falls short of the maximum ballistics it is difficult to say, though it does seem that the new system should more nearly ensure optimum results. Cartwheel patterns and unaccountable misses may well become mere bugbears of the past.

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## ANGLERS CAN HELP!

SIR.—Many of your readers are doubtless aware of the existence of occupational clubs for unemployed men, and of the recreational and other activities which are provided in an effort to brighten the lives of those who are unfortunately suffering from unemployment.

In an endeavour to provide useful week-end recreation for our members, we recently formed an angling section among those who were interested in coarse fishing, and permits to fish in the reservoirs of the Metropolitan Water Board have been granted and good sport enjoyed.

Week-end camps and fishing expeditions have been asked for along the River Lea, another spot habitually visited by those of our members who can afford the fare.

Our chief difficulty, apart from financial distress, has been the matter of tackle, which is far too expensive for the majority of our members to obtain, and it is in this direction that I write, asking the courtesy of the columns of your publication for an appeal to your sportsmen readers for unused fishing tackle.

We shall be only too grateful to receive gifts, no matter in what condition, of rods, winches, nets and lines, which may be directed to me at the address below, and which will be acknowledged with our thanks.

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## HINDES DOG BRUSHES

Every dog, whether thoroughbred or cross-bred, needs to have his or her coat combed and brushed regularly if perfect condition is to be maintained. Dandruff is one of the commonest and most detrimental ailments to which a dog's coat is prone and only thorough and systematic brushing will keep coats clean. Readers are invited to write to Messrs. Hindes, Ltd., Bromsgrove Street, Birmingham, who have specialised in combs and brushes for dogs, for their illustrated booklet on the subject.