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CHAMPION OBO II.

The Property of Mr. J. P. Willey.

Obo II. (A.K.R. 432).

About a year ago, it was rumored among the spaniel men that there was a clinking young dog up in New Hampshire, owned by a person named Willey, who had lately taken to the fancy. Rumor is frequently astray in such things, but this time no mistake was made. Obo II. was imported in utero by Mr. F. F. Pitcher, of Claremont, N. H., and in the litter were Obo II., Black Gem and Young Obo, two youngsters shown at New York in 1883. Of the latter, Mr. Leavitt's Black Gem died of distemper. Her owner still says: "She was the best, barring her crooked legs, born in this country so far." A little exaggeration, may be, but still they were a fine lot. Mr. J. P. Willey gave Mr. Pitcher quite a long figure for Obo II., especially for those days, and it was not long before we heard of breeders of experience sending their bitches all the way to Salmon Falls. Young as he was at that time, he had yet matured so early that large litters were the rule from the beginning, and that his vitality has not been impaired is evidenced by the announcement, in the August number of the REGISTER, of Critic, his first love, having

thrown a second litter of twelve to the young champion. As is usual in his litters, all are black, and none of the difficult-to-sell livers crop up to annoy the breeder.

Obo II. was first shown at Manchester, N. H., in September, 1883, where he won first. At Lowell, in December, he won a championship and a special for the best cocker in the show. At New Haven, last March, he won first and a silver cup for the best cocker in the show. At New York the championship fell to his share, and the special for the best cocker owned by a member of the American Cocker Spaniel Club. He is the sire of the winning puppy at Lowell, also of the first three puppies at New Haven; of three prize winners at Toronto, and of first and second at New York.

Obo II. is a nice, compactly built little fellow, perhaps a trifle short in the back, but his stock are remarkably long and low. His head is a little strong, but it is nicely carried; his coat is dense and flat, and his legs and feet first-class. Obo II. is a long way in front of any of his sex seen so far in this country either as a show dog or sire.