## (2). TITLE .: - BLESSING THE HOUNDS.

Picture : It is the Fete of St. Hubert; an occasion upon which the Church bestows its-

-blessing upon the hunting packs of France. XXXXXX (Fine looking fellows, aren't they?) XXXXXXXXX The religious ceremony no doubt means little to--

-the hounds themselves, who prebably have no thought beyond the day's sport they know is ahead for-

-- them. XXXXX I can't quite imagine this happening in England, or anywhere in --

--Britain, for that matter. IXXXX Well, now they're off to get an appetite for breakfast. XXXX I wonder if you've ever thought how long hunting--

-has been practised? XXXXX I'm not referring to man's chase of woman, although-

-that's old enough ! IXIX No, this sort dates right back to Ancient Egypt !