

Never was any film star so fussed over and dolled up as one of these potential champions in the days before the great Cruft's Dog Show. ^{TAF 4-9} One of their most important engagements is a visit to the Bath Club. And when you say Bath Club --- it really is just that. ^{Army 16} Dogs of this kind are so aristocratic that, if only they could speak, they wouldn't speak to any of us ²¹

Getting a little bit thin on top, sire? ² ~~3~~

And --- the next gentleman, please ² ~~3~~ ⁴

Although all this is in preparation for the great show at Olympia, you mustn't suppose that this is the only time of year they have a bath. But it is a sort of ^{undress} ~~dress~~ rehearsal for the time of facing the judges --- and that's an anxious time. ¹² ~~3~~ ~~XXXXXXXX~~
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Fashions in dogs change very quickly. At one time, terriers were the top. ⁵ And now ~~M~~ goodness knows what this is --- but at least he has that pathetic look that you find in all good dogs and comedians. ¹² ~~10~~

^{was} ~~ix~~ Out of all the champions --- this year's champion of champions was Tzigane Aggri of Nashend, a poodle. And the losers work off their bad temper, by kicking over the cat's milk. ⁹ ~~4~~

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