

This is the time of year when we always like to give you a hunting picture, to remind the younger generation that there is still a use for horses apart from carrying cowboys. Buck up, Hopalong --- you'll lose 'em! This is a day out near Tunbridge Wells with the Old Surrey and Burstow Hunt; and, for the benefit of the town-dweller, the idea is that the hounds try to pick up the scent, among the paper-bags left behind ^{from} last summer's picnics.

But you get a bit suspicious when the hunt is joined by a herd of cows because it looks as though they're going to advertise something.

--- Oddly enough --- it's in London that cattle really steal the picture --- at the annual Smithfield Agricultural Show at Earl's Court. Alongside the cattle are some fine specimens of sheep --- these are South Devons.

And this bull calf is from the Queen's famous Red Poll herd at Sandringham. Experts say the 1955 Show has some of the best exhibits on record.

Cattle are well to the fore in another city exhibition; but this is a Christmas display of toys --- in Dublin.

The Christmas lights for more than eighty shops were switched on by Dublin's Lord Mayor --- and revealed a cat with an unusual fondness for sausage.

But you have to go over to America to see an annual Christmas party for orphan dogs. Once again it's sausage on the menu. It takes place in Seattle --- and the idea is to draw attention to the local dog-pound, in the hope that some kind person will find some of them a home.

We complete our animal capers with a look at Fifi, the skating dog from Paris --- in the Ice Capades of 1956 in Toronto, Canada.

The special Christmas presentation is Peter Pan on ice -- half on and half off.