CAP. xvii.—OF SAYNOLFES AND OF HERE NATURE

Anoper maner of houndes per is that byn clepid Another kind of hound there is that are called houndis for be hauke and spaynels, for be nature hounds for the hawk and spaniels, for their kind of hem commely from Spayn not wilstondyng hat come from Spain, notwithstanding that there are per ben many in ober cuntres, and soche houndes many in other countries. And such hounds have havyn many good custumes and euel, also a faire many good customs and evil. Also a fair hound houn[d] for be hauke shuld haue a greet heede and for the hawk should have a great head, a great greet body and of faire hew or white or Tawne¹ body and be of fair hue, white or tawny,¹ for they for bei ben be fairest and of such hewe bei byn be the fairest, and of such hue they be commonly commonly best. A good spainel shuld not be to best. A good spaniel should not be too rough rough jough but his taile shuld be rough. The though his tail should be rough. The good qualigood custumes pat soche houndis hauyn byn pise ties that such hounds have are these: they love bei louen wel here maistris and felowe hym well their masters and follow them without losing, nyng and playeng with here taile and reyson or and wagging their tail, and raise or start fowl and is of be perterich and of be quale. It is a good bing to a man bat hath a good goshauke or tercelle or sparhauke for he parterich to haue soche sparrow hawk for partridge, to have such hounds. couchers2 bei byn good for to take be parteriche and be quaile with a nette, and also bei byn good whan bei ben taught to swymme and to be good for he revere, and for foules whan hey byn dyued. But in hat ober side bei han many evil condicions after pe contre pat pei byn common of. For a contre draweth to ii natures of men clepen of beestis and of foules, and as men clepyn greihoundes in ende of Scotland of Bretayn3 3i3th so be alauntez and be houndes for be hauke commen out of Spayn, and bei drawen aftire be nature of be4 generacion of which bei commen. Houndes for be hauke byn fighters and grete baffers, and if he lede hem on huntyng among rennyng houndes what beest that 3e hunte to, she shal make hure come out, for bei wil go bifore now hider now pider as wel whan bei fayllen as whan bei goon a right and leden be houndes about and makyn hem ouersheet and faile. Also if ye lede greihoundes with and oper be oon hounde for be hauke bat is to say a spaynel 3if he se geet, kyen or hors, oxen or ober beestis he wil renne anoon, and bygynne to baffe at hem and bycause of hem be greihoundes shall renne perto for to take pe beest porgh his eggyng for he wil make al he ryot and

CHAP. 17.—OF SPANIELS AND OF THEIR NATURE

without lesyng, poo pei be in greet prees of men, although they be in a great crowd of men, and And comonly bei goon bi fore hure maistre ren- commonly they go before their master, running sterten foules and wild beestis but here ryght craft wild beasts. But their right craft is of the partridge and of the quail. It is a good thing to a man that hath a noble goshawk or a tiercel or a houndes, and also whan bei byn itaught to be And also when they are taught to be couchers,2 they are good to take partridges and quail with a net. And also they are good when they are taught to swim and are good for the river, and for fowls when they have dived, but on the other hand they have many bad qualities like the country that they come from. For a country draweth to two natures of men, of beasts, and of fowls, and as men call greyhounds of Scotland and of Britain,3 so the alauntes and the hounds for the hawk come out of Spain, and they take after the nature of the generation, of which they come. Hounds for the hawk are fighters and great barkers if you lead them a hunting among running hounds, whatever beasts they hunt to they will make them lose the line, for they will go before now hither now thither, as much when they are at fault as when they go right, and lead the hounds about and make them overshoot and fail. Also if you lead greyhounds with you, and there be a hound for the hawk, that is to say a spaniel, if he see geese or kine, or horses, or hens, or oxen or other beasts, he will run anon and begin to bark at them, and because of him all the greyhounds will run to take the beast through his egging on, for he will make all the riot and all

¹ G. de F. has "blanc ou tavelé" (white or speckled)—tavelé meaning speckled, or spotted, or mottled.

4 G. de F. says "bad" generation. See Appendix: Spaniel.

VARIOUS KINDS OF SPANIELS

² Setters, from coucher, to lie down. G. de F.: "chien couchant" (p. 113). ³ Brittany. In Shirley MS. "England" precedes "Scotland." G. de F. says nothing about England or Scotland. He says "Bretainhe," meaning Brittany (p. 113).