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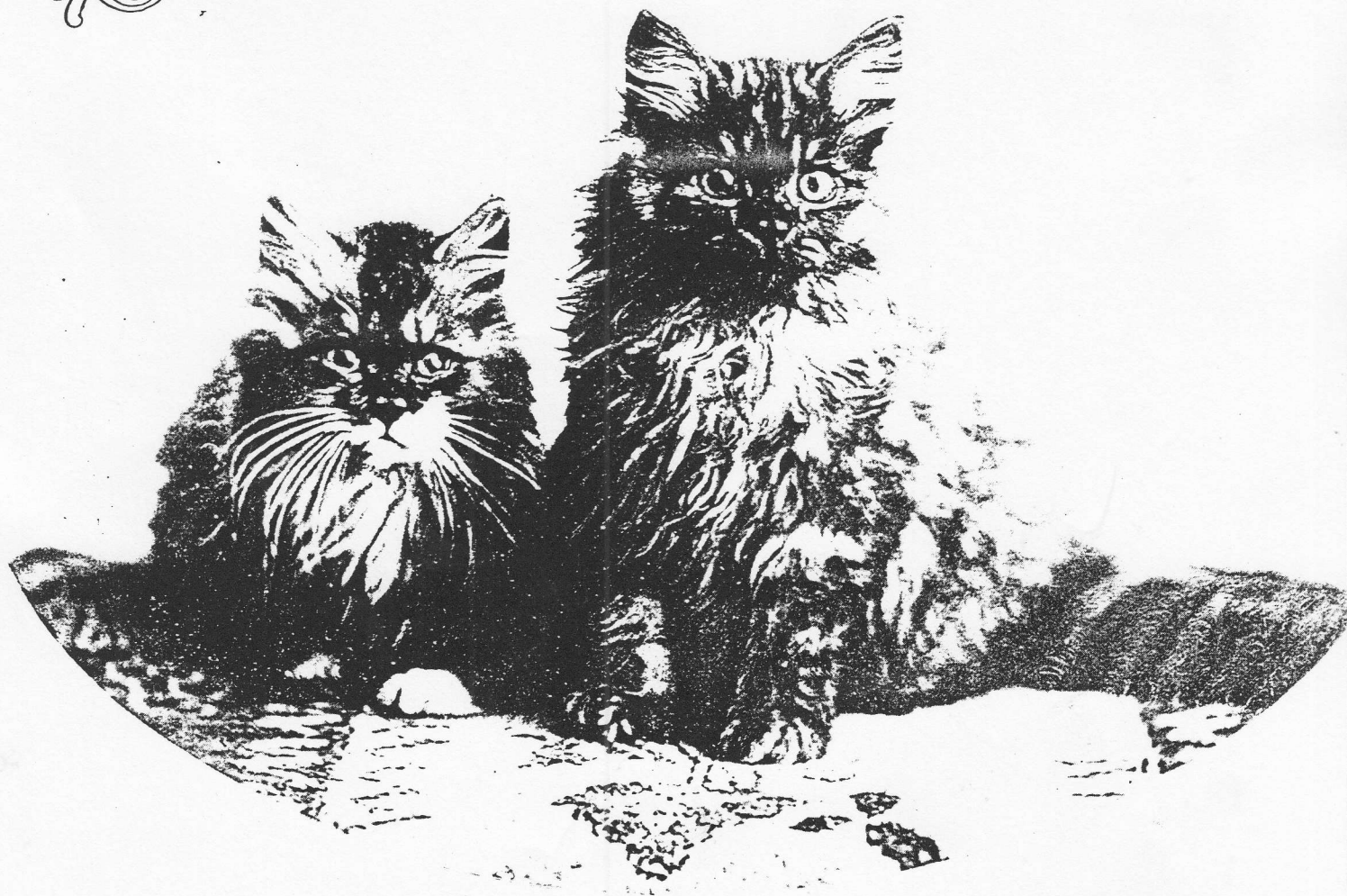
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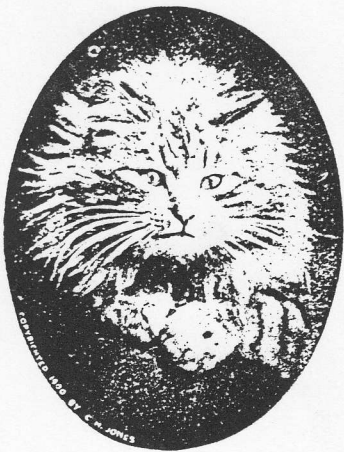
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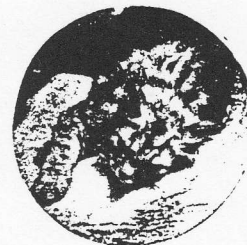
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CATNEP.

BY MRS. EDITH K. NEEL.

Catnep (*Nepeta Cataria*) is one of the most beneficial adjuncts to our cattery medicine cupboards. It is both a tonic and stimulant and may be safely given whenever puss is out of sorts. In colds, influenza and distemper it is invaluable. A strong tea may be made diluted with either milk or cream, the latter forming a concentrated liquid food, which may be administered in small quantities frequently when puss is too ill to lap it herself.

During the winter months give your cats a basin of dried catnep occasionally. It will aid in keeping them in good condition, and save you many a worry.

A few suggestions might not be amiss to breeders who dry this herb for use in their catteries. Let it be in blossom before gathering. The blossoms and leaves may be stripped from the stalk before drying, or the whole stalk may be dried and the stripping done after-

wards. The same rule holds good with this as with any other herb, viz: in order to preserve strength and flavor must be dried quickly. Catnep hung in the

attic to dry is almost entirely useless as far as its medicinal properties are concerned.

Perhaps the most convenient procedure is to strip the blossoms and leaves from the plant, fill a large pan and dry quickly in a hot oven, watching closely to prevent scorching and frequently turning until there is no suspicion of moisture. This may then be put in hot air-tight glass cans; small ones being preferable on account of the flavor not being lost by frequent openings.

These rules observed will give you an herb far preferable to that of our grandmothers, for which puss will thank you when she is poorly, and the baby kits will have many a fine nip and lap to repay you for your trouble.

In suspected influenza or distemper, watch your cats closely—be ready with your catnep tea and cream



CLAY MODELING—THE LOVERS.

(SEE SKETCH PAGE 152.)

and our old friend, the medicine dropper. Pussey's throat often gets in a condition that she cannot eat without your help. Many a poor kitten's life may be saved with the remedy nature has given us, *Nepeta Cataria*.

CLAY MODELING—THE LOVERS.

We are sure that our readers will be much interested in this sample of work from the hand of Mrs. Otillie Borris, of Marshfield, Mass. It was so novel that we asked her to give us a little idea of how it was done and how she came to commence it. She says: "Years ago I got a piece of modeling wax in my hands and thoughtlessly kneading it between my fingers, the first thing I knew it had shaped itself into an old man's face." Her husband who is quite a famous water color artist and has made some beautiful marine views said when he saw it, "do not destroy it; you have a nice head of an old man and you had better make a body to it." "So with this to encourage me I made out of it an old toy peddler, showing his toys, an old peasant woman and her little girl. I was so encouraged over the praise that I had received, and the unexpected talent I had discovered in myself, that I commenced to model heads of celebrated people for a man who dealt in sculpture and he reproduced them in plaster by hundreds and sold them. I in the meantime taking many orders to model people from photographs. I have mostly modeled cat groups. I have cat scenes from life, kittens playing, kittens washing each other, and many others."

Mrs. Borris is a very earnest cat lover and she is able to make these pictures from photographs and is anxious to take orders for this class of work.

OUR FOX SQUIRREL.

The following comment from *The Newark, N. J. Union*, shows that we are not altogether alone in our opinion of the savages that murdered our pet: "C. H. Jones, of Palmyra, publisher of *THE CAT JOURNAL*, is a man with a big heart and devoted to dumb animals. He had a sad experience last Sunday. It seems that he has highly prized for a long time a magnificent specimen of the fox squirrel. This pet escaped from his "run" last Sunday and took refuge in a tree, where he was espied by some of Palmyra's savages. It was known that the animal was a tame and prized pet, and yet stones, clubs and guns were brought into play, with the result that the squirrel was so badly injured that he died soon after being placed in his nest. This is a sad illustration of the depravity of man."

NOTES BY THE WAYSIDE.

MRS. E. K. PIERCE.

It is always more interesting for me to look about with a purpose, even in a new environment. So on coming to a new home I resolved to look up, at my earliest convenience, a cat fancier that I had already had some correspondence with. I refer to Dr. B. H. Kaign, of Newport, Ky., whom I found to be an enthusiastic reader and supporter of *THE CAT JOURNAL*, and a fancier by temperament—as we would say in art circles—and his cats speak well for what real affection, tempered with good judgment can do for the little animals, for healthier and better cats and kittens I have not seen.

To be sure they have more of the comforts and freedom of home than everyone can offer, with grassy vine-covered runs, as well as the house for the little kits, and a truly barn for the big kits to frolic in, which they greatly like, and unless my imagination led me very far astray, they were, everyone, old and young, singing in one grand chorus, "The Sun Shines Bright on My Old Kentucky Home."

With all this comfort and joy, Dr. Kaign tells me he hopes to make some great improvements in the near future for Rookwood Kennels which I believe he proposes to christen his cattery.

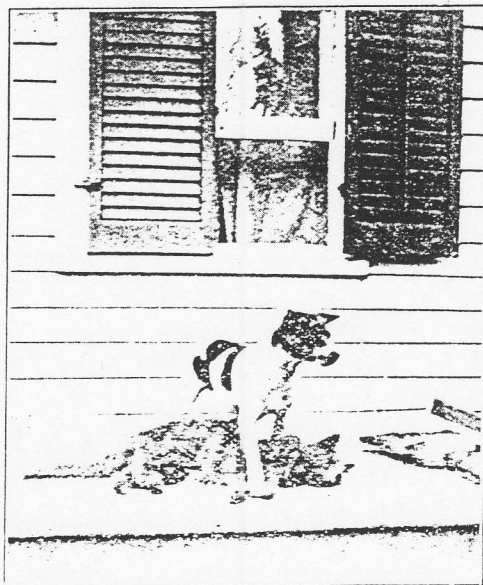
Any little cat might be proud and happy to look to Rookwood as its past, or future home.

HE SAYS WE ARE RIGHT.

Mr. Fred W. Story, an attorney of Chicago and the owner of the noted Bunch, in commenting on our late editorial on "Get the Boy a Gun" says: "I wish to say that I thoroughly endorse your sentiments so well expressed in the September number upon the subject of cruelty to animals and the blood thirsty instinct which is so generally encouraged in children. Teaching the "young idea how to shoot," is a saying that has been misunderstood, and applied literally. You said, that "man is the only animal that kills for mere sport." Inconsistent as we are, and cruel as civilization is at best, we never have relished this ugly truth. Let us try to disprove it by our actions and example.

Rub a little butter on the fore paws of the new kitten. While she is cleaning herself she forgets, to some extent, that she is in a new home. When you introduce a new cat into the home let her investigate every corner. She will never be satisfied till this is done.

Never sell or give a cat to one who is not a cat lover.



PROTECTION.
From Mrs. Walter Sweet.

HIGH CASTE CATS WILL ASSIST THE STRAY AND HOMELESS.

Few workers, among the World's great Charities, have given poor puss even passing thought. Yet, today, and for many years, the streets and alleys of the large cities have been filled with "the maimed, the halt and the blind," starving and abused.

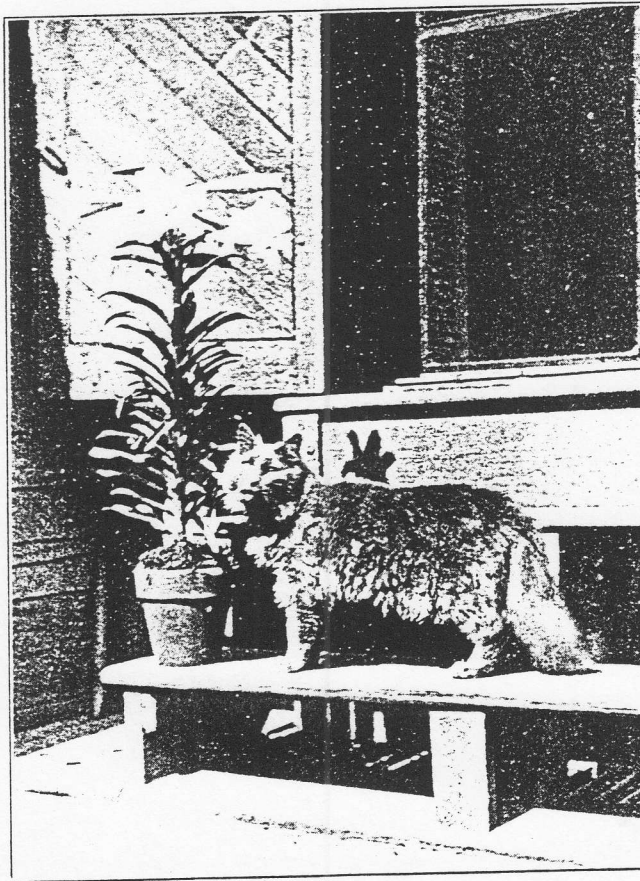
San Francisco, like all other cities of large population, has within its gates, hundreds of such wretched outcasts and thus far no provision has been made for them, except by individual effort, which rather accentuates the position of these wretched outcasts by comparison of their condition with what it might be in the hands of well organized effort to alleviate their suffering through the means of some competent method of disposition for those of suitable condition, in warehouses, factories, mills, ranches, stores and private residences, of this and foreign countries, where puss, through faithful effort might earn an honest living and become an appreciated inmate worthy of its hire.

It is for the purpose of such established effort in behalf of this branch of the animal kingdom, that the PACIFIC CAT CLUB was incorporated under the laws of the state of California. After a year of conscientious work in behalf of the project, of investigation into the methods employed in the famous institutions of this character in the cities of the East and Europe, and the accumulation of much general knowledge upon the subject, the following unique plan has been formulated to place a refuge and hospital for this much neglected animal upon a solid working basis.

In further assistance of the object, a fund has been accumulated during the past year, to which the wide spread interest in the work and the addition to the membership roll of enthusiastic workers will add much. Eminent and aristocratic felines there are, and their numbers are many upon the Pacific Coast, though in the past an ornament, magnificent and luxurious, pampered and admired by friends, puss has heard the call for help from its poor brothers and sisters and its heart has been touched, and behold: Puss

goes into business, and the object of that business is to provide funds for the support of the refuge of the Pacific Cat Club. At a recent meeting of this club, it was decided to open a Cattery, to breed the best strains obtainable, and every effort will be made to improve the status of the fancy cat to perfection. Among other features, the Cattery will accept for sale on commission the stock of other Catteries, owned by members of the Club; and the scope of the work will be extended to whatever length the support of the public will warrant. It is designed that the Refuge will embody both features of home and hospital, a home in which poor puss will be properly cared for, pending its final disposition: the hospital feature will be maintained more

particularly in the interests of high-bred Cats needing medical attention, under the charge of a competent veterinary; and boarding home will undoubtedly be well patronized during the summer months, when master or mistress is on pleasure bent. Many refuges and hospitals for Cats now in active operation: Washington, Boston, Chicago and Philadelphia boast of such organizations. For many years a home has been maintained in London, under the Patronage of the Duke and Duchess of Portland and Earl Percy. There were received at this home in the past four years of its existence, 28,992 cats. It is supported entirely by voluntary contributions. When it is considered that thousands of these were probably



PATRIQUE LAMBERT. — "Color Blue".

seriously diseased, the magnitude and benefit of the humane work accomplished by this society can be properly appreciated.

So far as is known, however, the unique feature of a Cattery to make an institution of this kind self-supporting, is original with the PACIFIC CAT CLUB. As a nucleus toward providing the necessary stock to initiate the work, members of the club have offered donations from well known strains; among those accepted is the well known Grey-Tabby Stud Quaker.

The officers of the Pacific Cat Club are as follows: Mrs. C. E. Martling, president; Mrs. Caroline Hildebrand, treasurer; Mrs. Wm. C. Morrow, recording secretary; Mrs. Wm. A. Deane, corresponding secretary.

THE PRAIRIE ROSE CATTERY.

Owned by the Peacock Sisters, Topeka, Kansas, stands at the rear of their home, with wire runs, under two large plum trees, the runs are all furnished with shelves, boxes and benches for the comfort of their pets. All their cats are high bred and of as good stock as there is in this country. Roscoe, the king of the cattery, is an unusually large Angora, with a long, curly, white coat, a grand head and lovely kind face. He boasts of being a grandson of Beadle and Rosalys, also half brother to Paris. He is a jolly good fellow and has many a romp with his son, Victor, they are the best of friends. Victor is a fine looking white with handsome blue eyes. The stately Nixoline has a beautiful face, large golden eyes and glossy white coat, the mother of many beautiful kittens; she is also of Lockhaven stock. Flossie Gwynne, the imperious, has her sire, Lord Gwynne's handsome white coat with golden-brown eyes. Rosetta, the proud, with her short, broad face, lovely mother-of-pearl eyes and long curly white coat, is a great favorite and shares with her sister, Alfaretta, the admiration of all visitors. Alfaretta, the gentle, is a dark chin-chilla with a small, handsome, well shaped head and remarkably large, round, dark, golden eyes. Her coat is long, fine and silky and her brush, which she carries aloft like a plume, measures eight and one-half inches across. Last, but not least, we must mention Lady Imogene with her sweet, pensive face and large golden-brown eyes and Fonda Le Grand, the pet and darling of all, with his fluffy, white coat so much admired in his grandsire, Lord Gwynne. He has beautiful blue eyes and the sharpest of ears that hear the first sound of the ting-a-ling of the bell that is rung for each meal at the Cattery. The kittens have a back porch fitted up for them and here they all have their play things and romp to their hearts content.

From Miss McIntosh.—I am more than pleased with the JOURNAL and read and re-read it with increased pleasure, especially the Mutual Exchange Department and I trust that Mrs. Barker will long continue to be at its head.

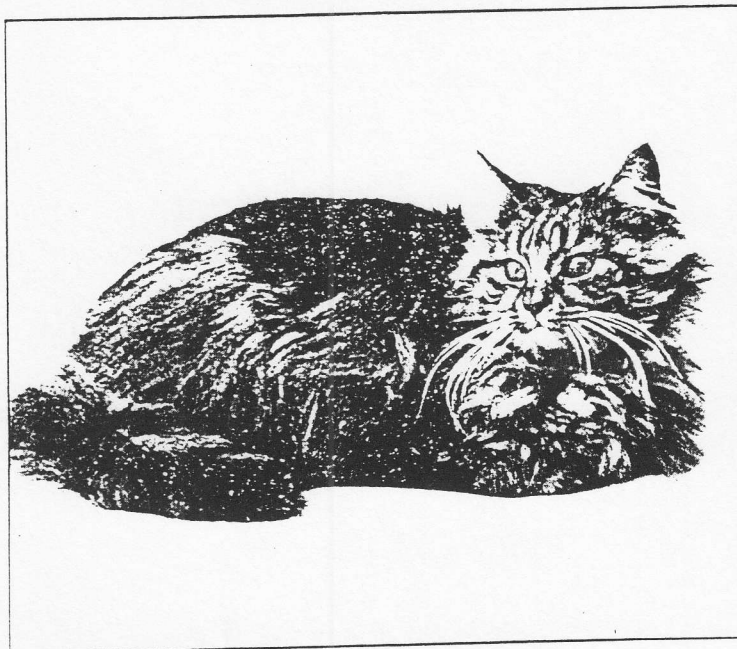
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FROM MRS. L. HODGES.

I am one of your readers and await the coming of the "JOURNAL" each month with impatience, and devour every word of its contents, as I am a lover and admirer of cats of every description, always finding time to stop and caress them, wherever found, no matter whether it be the poor stray and homeless cat on the street, or, the beautiful aristocrats at the homes of my friends.

I have a fine White Angora Queen called "Nini," and this summer purchased from Mrs. Thurston, Oasis Cattery, a shaded Silver Queen, "Curlylocks" and two wee babies, sired by "Argent Twilight." One of the babies died a few days after arriving here, and the other "Prince Twilight" now two and one-half months old, is a beautiful fluffy little ball of silver down, too sweet for anything. He is lying asleep on my desk now, having tired himself out playing with my pen and papers. He

surely ought to get along immensely well if mothers count for anything, for he has two, Nini, the white Queen, vying with Curlylocks for this honor. In fact, she claims him as her bed fellow every night. She will cry and call for him when he is out of her sight, will even try to carry him, large as he is, wherever she wants him to go. Being unable to carry him she will put first one paw around his neck, and then the other, trying all the time to lead him in this way and coaxing by making a faint



JASPER.

Son of King Humbert, Brother of Crystal, bred by Mrs. Barker.

purring mew, until she finally succeeds in getting this much loved foster child to go with her to her bed, and they then take a quiet sleep together. It is really lovely to see the way in which these two mothers care for and watch the little fellow. Then, last, but not the least of my family, is a very dark orange short-haired gelding, whom I call Babe, and who was my baby and companion long before the aristocrats came. I would not cast him off for all the thoroughbreds in the country. The poor old fellow is very jealous of the others in spite of the fact that he is allowed more privileges in the house than any of them. He finds it hard to share his mistress's love, after having been the only pet for so long.

Use paper for bedding in the basket; by burning often you remove one cause of skin trouble and fleas.

FROM MRS. CHARLES McCLOUD.

When the October JOURNAL arrived I was interested to see the amount of comment you had received on the "Get the Boy a Gun" editorial. The editorial was all right. Too many children are allowed to amuse themselves by causing pain and perhaps death to some poor creature. Often times the child does not realize that it is causing a living thing agony; and again, parents and grandparents thoughtlessly teach a child to value life lightly.

Once I cut chickens' heads off because my husband would not and a neighbor, who obligingly did it for me, haggled them so that I became desperate and procuring a good hatchet did the business myself, severing the head with one sharp blow, but now we don't have chicken unless it comes ready dressed (as is the case with you) and it makes no difference to me how many laugh at my change of heart as they have called it; but my purpose was to send you an order, not to write a discourse on cruelty.

From Miss Ellen L. Smith.

I want to congratulate you on your editorial in the September number on, "Get the Boy a Gun." If all editors would be as fearless as you are in regard to cruelty to animals our poor dumb friends would not suffer as they do.

Not only do animals have to endure torture from being killed in "sport," but also in Medical schools, where they are forced to suffer agony and finally death for the sake of "science" (?). I am told that over 2,000 dogs have been bought by medical schools in Chicago in the past two years.

Can we not find some way of at least reducing the numbers of animals that are put to the torture by vivisection? Not only this but what of the women who will wear Persian Lamb fur and birds on their hats? Is there any way of reaching them? I love all animals and it makes my heart ache to think how many poor dumb creatures must suffer at the hands of cruel and thoughtless people.

I enjoy your paper so much and wish you all possible success with it.

THE BERESFORD CAT CLUB MEETING.

The Semi-annual meeting of this club was held at the home of its President, Mrs. Clinton Locke 2825 Indiana Ave., Oct. 26th. The meeting was not held in the Club Rooms on account of repairs being made. The attendance was the largest ever held and the greatest interest and enthusiasm prevailed. The treasurer's report showed a balance in the treasury of \$761.64, which certainly indicates prosperity.

SUCCESSFUL SIAMESE BREEDING.

BY MRS. CHAPMAN.

I have kept Siamese cats for twelve years, and as far as my experience goes, the secret of success in breeding and rearing them is constant personal attention. I need not dilate on the extraordinary charm and fascination my first Siamese exercised over me.

They are far more intelligent and affectionate than any other cats. In course of time I was so fortunate as to obtain in return for her keep a very beautiful Siamese queen, and soon kittens began to arrive. Four or five is about the usual litter, though I have known as many as seven at a birth. If well bred they are at first quite white, and look like so many eggs in the basket of nice dry hay which I always give the mother for a bed. If the hay is changed every day, and the basket shaken out in the air, there will be no fear of fleas tormenting the babies, but to do this, it is necessary to

watch an opportunity when the mother is out for a run, as Siamese cats are very delicate; they should not be allowed to have more than two families in the year at the most. If only one so much the better, and if possible it is well to arrange for them to be born in May, then they have the long summer days to run about and grow strong in before the winter. I never let a mother cat nurse more than three kits herself. It is generally pretty easy to obtain a good healthy foster from some farm or cottage near, taking care that her kittens were born about the same date as the Siamese. If deprived of all her own she will readily adopt the royal babies, but they should be given to her within twenty-four hours of their birth, otherwise their real mother will miss them and be restless and unhappy, for



ECHO.

Bred by Mrs. Leland Norton.

all Siamese can count. For the first six weeks they really require little but their mother's milk, but at a month old, I begin to give them either Benger's Food or porridge made of Quaker Oats morning and evening, always warm, with new milk. They will at first thrust in their little noses, and sneeze violently, but soon learn to lap, and at six weeks old they may have a little raw meat twice a day, chopped very fine, either fresh sheep or lamb's liver, or young rabbit. The latter is their favourite diet, and nothing seems to suit them as well, but great care must be taken that all their food, and particularly meat, is always perfectly fresh and good, the slightest taint is certain to upset them, and is likely to breed worms, to which deadly ailment Siamese cats seem particularly liable. I continue this raw meat diet all through their lives; nothing else appears to give them stamina and build up strong constitutions able to resist chills. Also I believe in plenty of fresh air and exercise for them—*Our Cats, Eng.*



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WANTED—A WORD.

We wish to enter a protest against the common practice of speaking of a man as a "brute" when he has committed some act that is particularly bad. A drunken "wife beater" is spoken of as a "drunken brute," and so on. It is a common term which is applied to human beings when we wish to convey the idea that they are utterly unworthy to be classed with decent people. This is all wrong and contrary to facts. No brute abuses his mate or willfully lets his young suffer. All brutes provide for their young and will starve themselves that their mate and young may be provided for. A man does not possess brutal attributes when he kills for "fun" because no brute does such things.

We are led at this time, to speak of this, because we have been brought very painfully in close contact with this sort of savage.

A year ago the editor had in his home a married son, thirty-three cats and kittens, three dogs, a parrot, four gray squirrels, and during the year a pair of rabbits, a pair of covies, four tame crows and a fox squirrel. The raccoon had made his escape. We were well supplied with pets and enjoyed the whole family. For business reasons we were obliged to practically break up the home. The son and his wife went to another city. As the editor of THE JOURNAL is away from home a good part of his time, many of the pets were given away, and sold, the cats were farmed out for the winter, and the last thing left to us was the fox squirrel, a beautiful pet, intelligent, very gentle, in fine shape and coat. He was provided with a cage in THE JOURNAL office with a large run outside. On Sunday last he got out of his run, and when we found him he was very calmly looking at us from the top of a nearby tree. He seemed so happy and the day was so bright that we concluded to let him run for a time. In about an hour a neighbor came in and said that a lot of men and boys were trying to kill him. We got there as

soon as possible and saw the poor little pet in the top of a tree frightened nearly to death, and bleeding from numerous wounds; while four or five of the male specie, and two females, (we do not call them women or ladies, for that term we apply to something we can honor and respect,) were trying to stone him down. One of them had a Flobert rifle, with which he had been shooting at him. We went up in the tree and got him, a poor, bruised, frightened little animal. One of the bullets had struck him in the stomach and it was easily seen that he was in bad shape. After dressing his wounds the best we could, he was laid in his nest, but he never moved again. He died in about ten minutes.

Now are we treating the brutes right to call that crowd brutes? Could you find on top of God's beautiful earth a lot of ten male or female brutes who would do such a thing and call it "fun"? Did you ever think that there is no beast of prey on earth that will kill except to protect its life or to provide food for itself or family?

Ler us coin a word, if possible, to apply to those we wish to censure for extraordinary meanness and utter lack of heart, but let us stop calling them "brutes."

THE JUDGE IS NOTICED.

There is no doubt that our cat is the finest, best natured, has the most beautiful eyes, the finest and longest coat, the shortest legs, and is, taking it all in all, the very finest cat is this or any other show. We have heard that this judge is "all right," that his experience and knowledge of the cat is extensive. I only hope that he will know a really good cat when he sees one. I think I'll stand by and call his attention to the points when he comes along, as his sight may not be very good. Will my cat win? Well, you just watch him. About four firsts and six specials. "Silver cup for the best in the show" did you say? I think so, but you can never tell what a judge will do; you know he has his friends.

AFTER THE JUDGING.

Well, of all the no account, ignorant pretenders I ever saw, that judge is entitled to "all the flowers." The very idea of bringing a man like that to judge a cat show and paying him good money to show what he don't know about cats. Why, he knows no more about a first-class cat than a mud turtle knows about Greek. I saw at once that he wasn't posted and started in to tell him some things, but he very impertinently informed me that he was doing the judging and needed no help. Needed help, why he needed everything. Did I get a prize? Of course I didn't. How could I. He gave first in this class to that little scrub in cage No. —. What do you think of that? I tried to tell him he had made a mistake but he acted as if he didn't hear me. I don't believe he knows who I am. I told him that the cat he gave first to, belonged to a girl



This department is intended for personal mention, and short items of interest regarding the purchase or transfer of cats or any little items of interest regarding cats—not for notice of visits or births.

Copy Must be in for this Department not later than the 5th.

Miss Nellie Wilson, of Indianapolis, has just completed a new Cattery.

The next meeting of the Beresford Cat Club will be held the last Saturday of November.

Mrs. Smith has already disposed of two of the kittens from Robin Hood and her Treasure.

On account of lack of strength Miss Ellen Smith has been obliged to dispose of most of her cats.

The Premium List of the Rochester Cat Show has a list of thirty-one specials with more to follow.

Mrs. W. C. Colburn is expecting some importations from England, brown tabbies, orange and blue-eyed whites.

At the first annual meeting of the Pacific Cat Club the treasurer's report showed a cash balance of \$103.81.

Mrs. Florence Dyer has recently sold a pair of beautiful cats to Miss Mary E. Wilkins, the famous New England writer.

Mrs. Fred Everett Smith, of Chicago, has just added to her Cattery a fine imported white which she calls White Duchess.

Preparations are now under way for the annual Cat Show of the Beresford Cat Club to be held in Chicago some time in January.

We have received the Premium List of the Rochester Cat Show. The cash prizes are the same as last year, \$4 first, \$2 second.

The Cleveland Cat Show will be under the patronage of the Beresford Cat Club of America who will offer medals and special prizes in their usual generous manner.

We notice by a note in Fur and Feathers, published in England, that Mrs. Thurston, of Newport, has purchased a pair of Silver Tangle's kittens to be sent to her this month.

Prince Royal has been sold from the Pine Grove Cattery to a lady in Rochester, N. Y. He is to appear at the Rochester Cat Show. He is a very dark red with white points.

We learn that Mrs. Dwight Cutler, of Detroit, has purchased from Mrs. Herring, England, her Champion Floriana, Tabby. She, with her sister, Mrs. Sarmiento, have while traveling had an opportunity to see the best Cat Shows, including the Crystal Palace Show and will bring home some fine specimens.

Prizes are offered at the New York Show for 38 classes the same as last year.

Mr. E. N. Barker will do the judging at the New York Show, to be held Jan. 16-18, 1902.

The cat Tokio whose picture was shown in the last JOURNAL, belongs to Miss A. V. Hoe, instead of Miss Hall as was printed.

Mrs. W. H. Davis of Worcester, Mass., is importing a Cream King and a Cream Queen from the Romaldkirk Cattery, England.

Mrs. E. R. Pierce has lately bought of Mrs. Gay the Blue Eyed Stranger, three months old, sired by Paris, and a magnificent specimen of his stock.

Mrs. E. R. Taylor of Medford has made quite a study of the Cat and has some fine ones in her Cattery. She finds ready market for all she raises.

Miss Nellie Wilson sold two beautiful young females, to Mrs. R. Chauncy Clark of Iowa. She reports their safe arrival and is very much pleased with her purchase.

Dr. Kaighn, of Newport, Ky., has purchased the beautiful cat, Winter, illustrated in the October JOURNAL, of its former owner, Mrs. Mabery. He is pure white with orange eyes.

Stuart, shown in the September issue of THE JOURNAL, is a sample of the stock raised by Mr. Fred W. Story at Ravenswood. His advertisement appears in this issue of THE JOURNAL.

Mrs. Clinton Locke, with her usual generosity, offers at the Rochester Cat Show a special silver cup for the best long haired queen owned by a New York member of the B. C. C. of America.

The second annual exhibition of the St. Paul Cat Show will take place Jan. 29th to Feb. 4th, inclusive. Mrs. Knox Bacon, a member of the Beresford Cat Club of America, is superintendent.

The second volume of the Beresford Stud Book is now in press. It will contain a greater number of registrations and a larger membership than the first. This book should be in the hands of every breeder.

Miss Nellie Wilson, Indianapolis, has just imported a prize winning stud a blue eyed white with sound hearing and a blue eyed white Queen with sound hearing. She reports they arrived Nov. 8, in splendid condition.

Miss McIntosh has sent us some very excellent recommendations which she has received from those with whom she has had business relations. They seem to think that she knows how to attend to a cat in a proper manner. It is sometimes a great relief to those having pets to know of someone to whom they may safely trust them while they are away.

The Treasurer of the Cleveland Cat Show is doing all in his power to make the show attractive to all visitors. He has even gone so far as to import a pair of Japanese Dancing Mice which will be on exhibition to entertain the cats. They are curious little creatures, going out in the center of the cage every once in a while and whirling like a top.

The Pacific Cat Club in its first annual statement shows that the club is in a very prosperous and satisfactory condition. The movement that they have just inaugurated in the way of starting a cattery, the profits of which will be used for the benefit of homeless cats, will be watched, by all those who are interested in cats, with a good deal of interest.

who was clerking in a store at \$5.00 per week; while I was running a bank, and he said: "he was only judging cats and not clerks or bankers, and he didn't care a cent about the pedigree of the owners." Oh, there is no doubt that he has been influenced. He did condescend to tell me that it was not sportsmanlike to "kick" at a judgment. I suppose he thinks he can give all the fine prizes to his special friends, who have a lot of cats, not half as good as mine, and I say nothing. I can tell you one thing, I'll never show another cat where he is judge.

CLEVELAND SHOW.

There will be specially fine exhibits at this show. It is so located that it is easy of access to breeders. The beautiful building centrally located, the extreme liberality of the management in prizes, and the many valuable specials, etc., should prove attractive. The management is certainly sparing no pains to show the rest of the country it knows how it should be done, and it is going to do it.

SHOW YOUR CATS.

Every one possessing a good cat, long or short haired, should enter at least one show. The cat may not win but the very fact that there are other cats superior will encourage you to try and raise better stock. Never, well, "hardly ever," "kick" at the judge's decision. He may make mistakes but try and remember that he is doing his best for you and others. Win if you can, but do it by showing fine stock, rather than by trying to secure favor from the judge, and when the judgment has been rendered bear it like an intelligent exhibitor, rather than like a peevish child. Your cat may be a good one, but, according to the opinion of the judge, who is usually a person of large experience, some other is better. Remember another thing—a judge looks for points and pays but very little attention to looks. Silk trimmings, bells and blue ribbons appeal but little to his calloused mind. He is judging the cat and not its environment.

THE DETROIT CAT SHOW.

We understand from those who were at this exhibition last year that it was one of the best in the country. It was their first and the management deserves the praise they received for the entertainment they gave. This year they are to do even better. They are surrounded by breeders of fine animals and there is no reason why those who visit this show, either as exhibitors or spectators, should be disappointed.

OUR CATS—ENGLAND.

This publication issued weekly, has just printed an elaborate special number that we hope the readers of that publication appreciate. If they could know the labor involved in the preparation of such a number we are sure they would. We are a little surprised that the fancy did not give a little better support in the

way of advertising, as we are sure any hurt, bruise enough to pay the cost of this beautiful animals; give publisher none the less deserves special credit for enterprise in issuing such a paper. He at least mixes the satisfaction of feeling that he has done his part towards making the Cat People feel happy.

FROM THE OLD MAN.

IS IT TRUE?

Suppose it were true that cats in a wild state did not associate with their kind and that dogs in the same state did. What would that prove regarding domestic cats and dogs? That wild cats differ in their habits from wild dogs. Would it prove that either of them liked man? No. What then has it to do with the dog's love and the cat's love for man? Nothing.

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Savage man hates civilized man, does it follow that all men hate civilized man? Savage men live continually in company with each other, and go in tribes. Civilized men work and sleep more or less apart from each other, are savages therefore more inclined to love when you stroke them on the back than civilized folks are? No! But these are precisely the arguments Sir Herbert uses against the cat. The dog's kind in a wild state hunt together; the cat's kind separately, therefore dogs love their masters and cats don't.

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These are not exactly the words used by the great man, for he says "mistress" instead of master, when speaking of the cat, as though it would not quite suit the dignity of man to be a master to a cat. But let's have some facts. In the first place it is not true that all dogs and their kind in a wild state hunt in packs and otherwise live in communities, and it is also not true that all cats and their kind in a wild state are solitary in their habits.

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The fox, I suppose, will be reckoned of the dog kind, and it is certain that Reynard is a bit inclined to visit the poultry yard alone, and to show more love for the live stock than for the farmer. But if foxy is not in it as a member of the family, we have but to go across the pond to find various members who bark and bite and hunt their prey, not in packs, but each "on his own hook."

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Then what about the wild cats? Do they not live in communities? I have seen, in the woods, a few dozen at a time. Am I to suppose that they come together by accident? I should much prefer to believe that those who write about them sometimes make the mistake of not coming by their information at first hand. There are cats and cats, just as there are dogs and dogs. Some commune together, some do not. Then, so much for the theory of heredity in the case of the cat.—Sel.

Mrs. E. R. Pierce, who lately moved from Detroit to Cincinnati, has accepted the management of a Cat Department in the show to be given by the Cincinnati Poultry and Pet Stock Association.* This will be a new thing in that city and we wish Mrs Pierce all the success possible under the adverse circumstances under which she will probably be compelled to labor. It is rather difficult to get the Poultry Associations to realize the importance of this department. The show will be held Jan. 13-17, 1902.

The blue-eyed White Duchess, formerly owned by Miss Ellen Harper England, has been purchased by Mrs. Fred Everett Smith. A more important addition to Swamscott Cattery is the white male with deep orange eyes, a direct importation from Asia, to the coast of California. This cat, in company with his two violet eyed kittens, so appealed to Mrs. Smith when she was in California, that there was no rest for his owner Miss S. V. Montgomery until she reluctantly gave her consent to part with him. It is a well known fact that mating a cat with deep orange eyes, to one with blue eyes gives greater strength of color to the blue of the kitten's eyes than where two cats, each having blue eyes are mated together. Good authority says, that just as many blue-eyed kittens will result. This is a point for young breeders—who think they must have a pair of blue-eyed breeding cats—to consider when selecting their stock.



This department will be conducted by Mrs. E. N. Barker, of Albany, N. Y. Mrs. Barker has had experience in breeding and success in raising kittens. The object is to help each other in learning how, when and what to do. If you are in trouble over any question relating to cats, of any kind, write to Mrs. Barker and it will be fully treated in THE JOURNAL. If you want any information that will require an immediate answer, enclose a fee of fifty cents and you will receive the required information at once by mail. This department is not intended for Mrs. Barker, only, but it is for the mutual exchange of experiences, both good and bad. The more free intercourse we have on Practical topics, the sooner shall we arrive at really satisfactory methods of handling Cats and Kittens. Do not imagine that what you are experiencing is trivial. All information is valuable and what we want.

All matter for this department must be in the hands of Mrs. E. N. Barker, 293 Madison Ave., Albany, N. Y., by the 5th of the month so that the copy may be in the hands of the printer by the 10th.

WARNING.

Shall we be obliged to stop this department? We will unless our subscribers and readers show more consideration for its conductor. It does not seem possible that refined and intelligent ladies would be so lacking in common decency as to use Mrs. Barker the way they do. They would not hesitate to pay a Vet. \$10 to \$20 to treat a cat, but they will write her asking questions enough to keep her busy all day and enclose ten cents. She informed us lately that so far all her receipts would not pay for her stamps and paper. We have requested her to throw such letters in the waste basket, but her love for the cat will not permit her to do this. It is a labor of love on her part and she is deserving of more consideration. DO NOT write her at all on matters relating to this department without you enclose 10 cts. and if any question is asked enclose 50 cts.

A list of Homeopathic remedies useful for common ills: Aconite, for fever, thirst and restlessness, ailments brought on by exposure, and cold, dry winds and draughts. If a cat has been exposed to cold give a dose at once as this may avert the trouble. It is excellent for some sorts of colic, viz.: after taking cold when there is inflammation, violent cold and restlessness, sensitiveness of abdomen, and difficult and scanty emission of urine.

Arnica is an invaluable remedy for any hurt, bruise or injury or mauling from dogs or other animals; give internally the pellets, or if not attainable, two drops of tincture in a glass of water, a few drops of the mixture given often as need may be. Bathe externally with the tincture in hot water for contusions and blows, when the skin is not broken.

Worm Remedies—If the homeopathic Cina is used give two pellets three or four times a day for a month or more, or four pellets in the drinking water freshened every twenty-four hours. Absolute cleanliness of dish and water must be observed. If the patent worm remedies are used, I advise Dr. Wurm's Remedy. Give the amount recommended and watch results. If the effects are too drastic give smaller doses or discontinue for a time; each patient must be studied individually. If twice a day is more than can be borne reduce the number to once. Some large cats can take five grains, but kittens and young animals are safer treated with the two-grain doses. Some cats take the capsules, others refuse it; then mix the powder in butter or soup and give in this way. One is obliged to observe. I think, for one's self; advice from a distance will not take the place of these two essentials.

Arsenicum.—Use never lower than the sixth trituration. Is indicated by prostration, sudden sinking, restlessness, burning thirst, drinking often and little at a time, crouching over the water dish. A drug to be considered when an attack from disease is sudden and malignant. What aconite is to simple fever arsenicum is to malignant. To be used in colds, when the discharge excoriates the nose or margins of eyes, with much sneezing, or in ophthalmia, diarrhoea, skin disease, enteritis, kidneys, vomiting, when some of the leading indications are present, especially thirst, drinking little and often.

Belladonna—Hot head; eyes blood-shot, bright or congested; sore throat; cold, when this and cough predominate; in canker of the ear; and suppression of urine; convulsions, etc.

Bryonia—For rheumatism, when the patient is better from keeping quiet; dyspepsia, pneumonia, constipation, liver complaints, hunger but no appetite.

Calcaria Carbonica—Rickets, scrofulous constitutions, gets too fat or thin with bloated abdomen, takes cold easily, inclined to chilliness; useful in scrofula, rachitis, eczema, tumors, incipient consumption, dyspepsia, defective growth, marasmus, soft bones and glandular affections.

China—Weakness and debility from any drain on system, diarrhoea, unnatural labor, weakness from fleas, etc., etc.

Cina—Pre-eminent remedy for worms; cat restless rubs its nose, jumps and jerks in sleep, feverish, unnatural appetite.

Colocynthis—This is the remedy par excellence for colic with terrible cramps, causing the patient to writhe and press the abdomen against something hard.

Euphrasia—Acts on the eyes, especially when filled with excoriating tears, pre-eminently useful in Coryza (colds) where the eyes are much involved; for watery eyes this is a sovereign remedy.

Graphites—The indications are oozing, moist, sticky and scabby eruptions; will clear up many ills where the above conditions are more or less present such as eczema, nasal catarrh, ear canker, sore eyes, diarrhoea when it is foul and brown, etc.

Hepar Sulphur—Sensitive to cold air, takes cold easily, has an unhealthy skin; useful in chronic catarrh when nose is stopped up every time there is the slightest change in temperature; in coughs loose and rattling, difficult breathing, urine difficult of expulsion; in boils, abscesses, ophthalmia, canker of the ear, etc., etc.

Ipecacuanha—Useful in vomiting, diarrhoea, cough with gaping, rattling of mucus.

Kali Bichromicum—Great action on the mucus membranes, characterized by tough, stringy or ropy mucus, or discharge from any part; ulcerations in nose or mouth; useful in chronic rheumatism of the cold sort; the ills of excessive fat, bronchitis, yellow mucus in eyes, catarrh, diphtheria, ulcerated sore throat, and snuffles.

Lycopodium—Rumbling fermentation of abdomen which is bloated and hard, while the body is sadly emaciated; useful in dyspepsia, constipation with hard burnt-looking stools, liver and urinary troubles, stomach diseases, eczema, lung troubles, diphtheria, puny cats, etc., etc.

Mercurius Vivus—Useful in jaundice, torpid liver, colds when the eyes and nose run a watery discharge, scrapy throat and aching bones, i. e., in common colds when lachrymation is evident; also in distemper when these symptoms are present; and in ophthalmia, ear canker, contagious influenza.

Mercurius Corrosivus—The key note to this remedy in bowels and bladder is tenesmus, i. e., painful straining in the effort to evacuate them, the stools are scanty, bloody and painful, with pain and burning in anus and bladder; chief remedy for bloody dysentery.

Nux Vomica—A valuable stand-by and stomachic; given to cats during a show it soothes the nerves, aids digestion, and wards off infection. I never have gone to a show, or on a journey, without it. *Nux Vomica* acts on the nervous centres; is especially useful for fits or convulsions; a mild vermifuge, excellent for constipation and liver trouble, for colds in the head when there is a stoppage of the nose at night; one of my favorite remedies.

Phosphorus—Another of my favorite remedies; if I could have only two it would certainly be *nux* and *phosphorus*. Use *phosphorus* for watery blood, with

anaemic conditions; atrophy of the brain or spinal cord; catarrh in which mucus with blood is blown from the nose. I use it solely for pneumonia, and with exact and careful nursing have never yet lost a cat since I began to use *phosphorus*; for chronic and painless diarrhoea where the stools are often involuntary it is excellent. *Phosphorus* is often my "dernier resort" when I have tried everything else and failed; and it often succeeds. When there are any indications for it, of course it is used for caries of the bones, liver diseases, atrophy of the nerves, ulcerations, catarrh, kidney diseases, constipation, diseases of the chest, fevers and hemorrhages.

Pulsatilla—Given before (ten days), and during labor. If there is trouble of any ordinary sort it hastens and smoothes the way; good for lymphatic temperaments, and light animals which are fat; also for dyspepsia, catarrh, loose cough, canker of the ear, sore eyes when the discharge inclines to a greenish color.

Rhus Tox—Rheumatism and vesicular eruptions.

Silicea—Constitutional remedy—limbs shrunken but "pot-bellied," abscesses, lack of vital heat, takes cold easily, chronic inflammation of ears, etc., a tissue builder, ear canker with offensive odor.

Sulphur—Acts on every part of the body and will often assist other remedies; useful for scrofula, skin diseases, when the eruption is dry and scaly, also burning, itching, rheumatism, ophthalmia, constipation, diarrhoea, fevers, dyspepsia. The indications are rough, dry, dirty skin with heat, itching and burning, orifices of the body, red. One dose of sulphur taken after another remedy will often emphasize the good effects of the first.

It goes without saying that these remedies should not be used without intelligent study and thought. For colds, dyspepsia, etc., two pellets or two drops of liquid in a wine glass of water; a part of a spoonful given three or four times a day will be sufficient. For skin diseases, marasmus, or chronic disorders, twice a day will be better. All Homeopathic remedies can be procured from any good sized pharmacy.

INFORMATION WANTED.

Mrs. V. M. Elder, who lives in Washington, would like some one to give her through the *JOURNAL* some information. She says: "As a student I would like to ask, What are the points to be worked for in breeding that our cats may be prize winners? What constitutes a perfect cat? Are solid colors more desirable than spotted or those evenly marked of two or more colors? Is it not possible to breed for certain colors and have an entire litter that color, as with other animals? Personally I do not like to see two or more colors in one litter of kits."

THE CAT JOURNAL—You are just as handsome, beautiful and interesting as can be and I want you for three months for which I enclose money.—Mrs. H. E. Sanborn.

COLOR BREEDING.

BY MRS. HERRERT RANSOME.

The study of the first record of colors, the earliest stud book of the National Cat Club, is most interesting, and clearly shows the lines on which breeders were already working. Comparatively few cats are there entered under definite colors, such as blue, chinchilla or smoke. But we have chinchilla-tabby, smoke-chinchilla, smoke-blue, silver-grey, (these last two very frequently), slate-blue-chinchilla, smoke-tabby, lavender, nondescript-grey, slate-blue, etc. These colors have been crossed and re-crossed, sometimes at random and sometimes with conscious judgment, in order to produce our blues, chinchillas and smokes to-day.

Blue and silver-tabby was a very common mating, viz., Banjo and Viola, and many blue sires with Pearl and Lady Jane Grey, who were both silver-tabbies. The parents of Backwell Jill were again a blue and silver tabby. From her matings with Backwell Jubilee, a smoke of unknown pedigree, the results appear to have been divided between blacks and smokes. Ch. Backwell Jogram is of this parentage. Ranji, the other smoke Champion, is descended on his mother's side from Miss Leake's famous strain of silver tabbies. Mrs. James, the owner of the Backwell cats, believes, we understand, in breeding a smoke to a smoke, or a light smoke queen to a dark sire. She considers the color should be "cinder-colored," shading to pure white at the roots, with a black mask and grey frill, and holds that a blue shade quite spoils the specimen. In fact, that the results of a black and blue mating which combines the two shades does not give a smoke. Silver and black seem to be the only two extraneous colors possible in producing a "cinder-colored" cat, and as no silvers are really self-colored, and markings tell so heavily against a smoke, it seems to follow that smoke to smoke, light or dark, with an occasional cross with a black to intensify the color, is the right course.

Blues are now invariably mated with blues to obtain sound specimens of this color, and those cats are much sought after for breeding purposes which trace their pedigree back to the ancients. Infinitely would we prefer one of these soundly-pedigreed cats for this

purpose to the highest prize-winner "pedigree unknown." But not all our blues have pedigrees free from chance or erroneous matings.

And we have our "smoked blues"—lovely cats, but with no *locus standi* in the show world, and we had our blue tabbies, but they seem almost to have vanished, for few now would mate a blue with a tabby of any color. A black queen may have good blue kittens by a blue sire, but a blue queen is never mated with a black sire, as generally the desired shade of blue is a pale one, almost approaching grey. Personally, we prefer the medium shade, which more nearly approaches our idea of the color *blue*.

White should never intermingle with other colors, as it may appear in tufts of white hairs or unsightly patches.

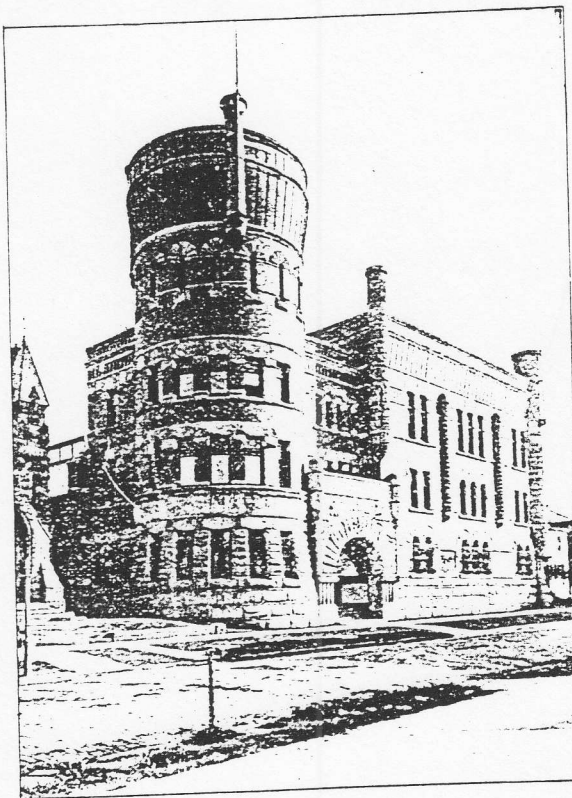
They say that brown tabbies make a black, and certainly blacks do appear in an extraordinary way from such matings. Johnnie Fawe, sire of Dick Fawe, and our best-known black stud, was sired by an orange, and his mother, "Tabitha," has no right to be anything but a tabby! though we cannot find her pedigree; still, when the good is obtained, black to black is the rule.

Miss Simpson told us lately that she had tried the experiment of crossing a brown tabby with an orange in order to obtain richer markings, but that the cross had not answered, the kittens being patchy.

We read the other day of "another breed of cats, the male of which is red tabby and the female tortoiseshell." If this is indeed a distinct breed, it should account for the rarity of the tortoiseshell tom, and at one time there was great difficulty in obtaining red tabby females (short-haired), and those to be had

were sold at a high price. In the absence of the tortoiseshell tom, the red tabby female is usually mated with a black; black, red and yellow being the component colors of the tortoiseshell.

Why a blue should be a good cross for cream is hard to see, but there is no denying the fact, since Miss Beal's "Heavenly Twins," are by a blue father and a "blue and buff" mother. And even now, when Miss Beal has cream males and females, we believe she sometimes reverts to a blue cross. No creams have been bred yet absolutely free from



GRAY'S ARMORY.

Where the Cleveland Cat Show is to be held. Cats going to Cleveland will be guaranteed probably the finest accommodations that were ever offered to a cat in a show. Not only fine in appearance but in internal conditions in the way of heat, light, and all that goes to make a show a success and a cat comfortable.

markings, and we do not quite understand the origin of these, judging from their pedigree.

Many of our very earliest Persians were silver tabbies, and all are familiar with Miss Leake's fine strain of these handsome animals, going back to Ch. Felix, of unknown pedigree.

According to works on Natural History, our original cats were all tabbies, and self-colors, have come about by the gradual eradication of tabby markings by the progress of natural selections—i. e., like to like. Thus we find the tabby breeds the strongest and most vigorous, and the difference is marked between silver tabbies and the other silver varieties which have been evolved from them by crossing with self-colored cats or by the pairing of the most defectively-marked specimens. This poorness in the marking of tabbies is held to be a sign of weakness of constitution, and hence the acknowledged delicacy of our paler silvers is not due merely to inbreeding, but to inbreeding of the feeblest specimens of each litter.

The abundance of silver studs before the public renders it quite unnecessary to make chinchilla outside of their own color, though in former times a blue cross was often successfully employed—e. g., Ch. Bundle is the grandsire of the well-known Lord Southampton. We fail to see the utility of breeding with a smoke, as depth of shading is to be avoided.

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A romp seemed always to his mind,

While I was rather prim than merry.

Yet, when he was my own, I felt

How fond a lover near me dwelt.

Alas! There came a time of change ;

He cared no more for home nor quiet.

His moods were reckless, wild and strange ;

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Returning when the dawnlight came

Quite heedless of reproach or blame.

And so it went, till months were past.

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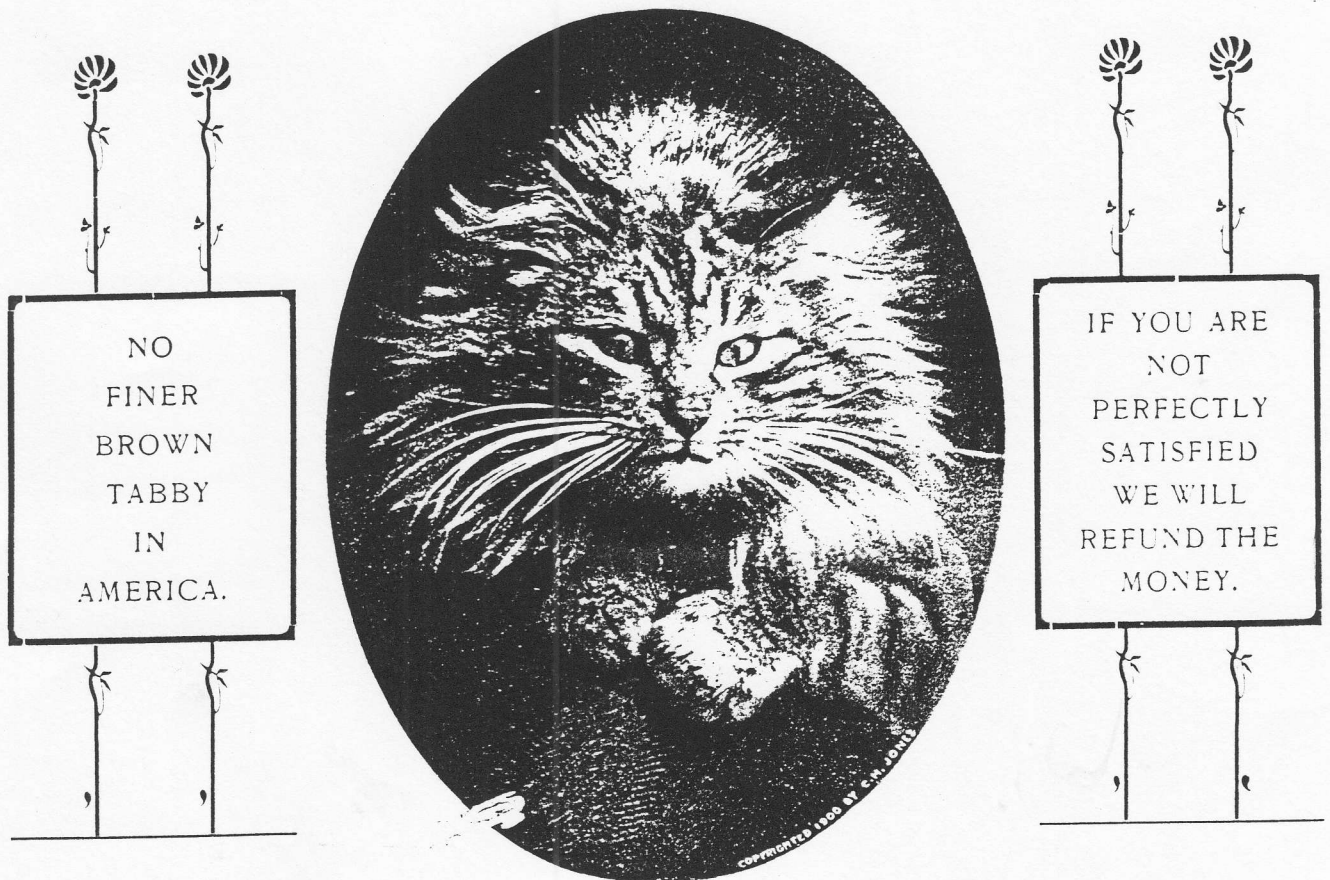
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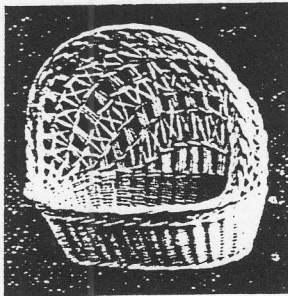
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