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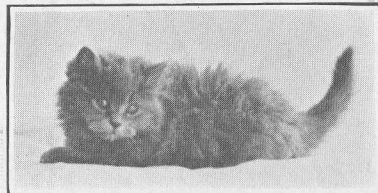
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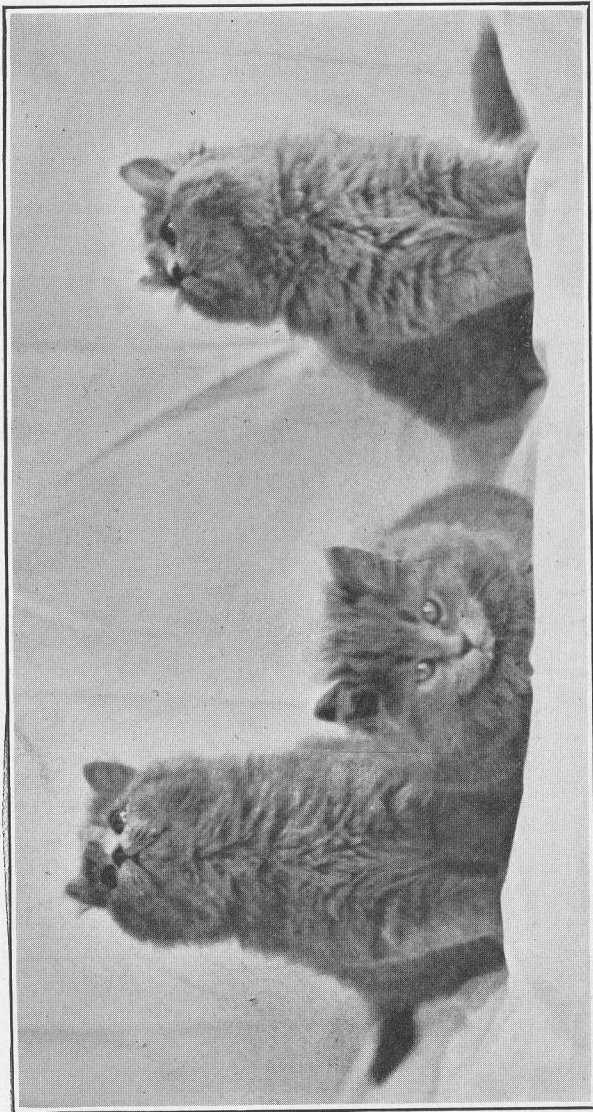
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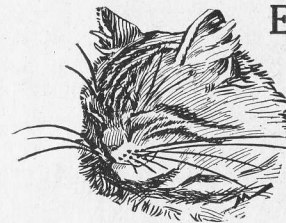
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DIARRHEA IN KITTENS

BY J. R. KROEH



EVERY summer the cry goes up, "What shall we do to check diarrhea in our kittens?" There is the old adage, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," perhaps under these conditions it is worth two pounds, but I will take up the cure first.

Diarrhea may be caused by one of several things; improper diet, over-feeding, contaminated food, cold, and worms, etc. Carefully brought up kittens should not be troubled with worms, to the extent of causing diarrhea, but practically all kittens have worms unless they have had preventative treatment, so first make sure that there are no worms (either wire or tape) to contend with in the intestinal tract of a kitten with diarrhea. Then give a small dose of castor oil; three drops in a little olive oil is ample for a kitten under five months old, and then starve for at least twenty-four hours, allowing plenty of fresh water. If in doubt about the quality of your drinking water boil what is used at this time. By starving I mean give no food of any kind, and do not allow the kitten to nurse. If a kitten is much weakened Protonuclein tablets may be given every two hours, or less frequently as the case requires.

The simplest remedies are often the best. Pond's Extract, one half water, one half teaspoonful every three hours; charcoal, preferably the powdered willow charcoal in capsules, the size of the

capsule to be determined by the size of the kitten, No. 4 for babies, No. 3 for larger kits, and No. 2 for adults; although some cats can take No. 1 very nicely. Other intestinal disinfectants are Ichchalbin, which is corrective and soothing, and Zeroform, which should be used at once when the excretion becomes offensive. Should the condition be known to come from catching cold, as from being caught in a shower, or sleeping on damp ground, Humphrey's A. A. is excellent.

Now if the above directions have been carefully followed promptly on the onset of the attack, the kitten will in all probability be bright eyed and hungry after its twenty-four hours' fast, but nothing at all will have been gained if the owner goes back to the same diet that was either causing or aggravating the inflammatory condition in the first place. Fluid diet in small quantities should be given until normal digestion is established, and then there may be a gradual return to solid food. By fluid diet I mean diluted evaporated milk, or a quite thin gruel of Robinson's patent barley, to which has been added a little fresh milk, provided really fresh raw milk can be obtained. Pasteurized milk is an abomination. Raw egg is usually too much for the deranged digestive tract to manage at first.

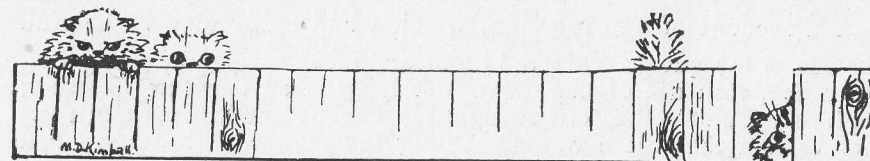
As I lost a good many kittens from diarrhea in my early experience as a fancier and as I have had no real trouble for the past ten years, except a case here and there which was quickly over, I feel qualified to say positively that while diarrhea in kittens is not readily curable it is quite certainly preventable.

The one cause of diarrhea which I did not mention, and which is at the bottom of nine cases out of ten, is a previous case of constipation. Constipation causes diarrhea more often than all the others put together. And that being the case remedies are simple, and constant vigilance is all that is needed.

I begin to feed my kits when they are between three and four weeks old, giving a few drops with a teaspoon until such time as they are ready to lap, once a day at first, then twice a day until at six weeks I begin giving a tiny bit of solid food at noon. With each fluid feeding I give a tiny pellet of Homeopathic Nux Vomica 6x. Within a day or two, after four weeks of age, there should begin to be small formed movements. By five weeks there should be at least one a day. If not, one half grain Cascara Sagrada is indicated. As soon as the kits take the solid food readily from the plate I begin to add one or two drops of olive oil to each feeding and gradually stop the Nux Vomica and increase the amount of oil if necessary. The best grade of olive oil is the only safe kind to use. Inferior grades, or cotton seed, or other vegetable oils are not satisfactory. The kits learn to like the olive oil and when a dose is needed will often lap it from the spoon which is much simpler and pleasanter than having to force it down when much spreads itself over the outside and musses up the fur.

After regular habits have been established daily dosing may be discontinued. The careful fancier will be as sure of the regular

habits of her cats and kittens as she is of her children. Where many are kept together it is almost impossible to know definitely and the moral of that is: Never crowd your youngsters or the adults either.



A WORD FOR GRIMALKIN

J. H. A. WARNER IN BANDO DE PIEDAD DE CUBA

There are few animals which have suffered more from human ignorance and superstition than the cat, and it has often been pursued and killed as though it had some intimate connection with the author of evil. From early times the cat has been associated, in the popular mind, with witches and sorcerers. No picture of a witch's den is complete without a black cat perched over the chimney or on the back of the witch's chair. Incantations and diabolical rites frequently included a black cat as part and parcel of Satan's instruments. Weird and horrible tales often feature a cat with telling effect. One popular belief is to the effect that it is dangerous to have a cat in a bedchamber because the animal may "take your breath," and so cause death. I have never learned what the effect on the cat is supposed to be, but I can imagine what it might have been, in some cases, before the days of prohibition.

Like other domestic animals, the cat instinctively knows those who love it, and is peculiarly responsive to affection. It is not lacking in intelligence; in fact, from personal observation, I doubt if its intelligence is much below that of the dog. But its nature is very different, and cognizance must be taken of this fact in dealing with it. People often try to treat the cat "like a dog," viz., they give it the same sort of treatment they are accustomed to give to their pet dog, and when the cat does not respond in the same manner they at once conclude that it is due to lack of intelligence.

I once had a cat which not only learned to open a screen door by pushing it from the inside, but also opened it from the outside, a much more difficult matter, for it had to be pulled open. When the door was fastened, Tupi (for that was his name) would come and call me and lead me to the door, and, when asked what he wanted, would stand up on his hind legs and reach for the knob with his forepaws. At meal times, at a command from my wife, Tupi would jump up on the corner of the table, but would touch nothing, not even fish or meat, unless it were given to him. Also, at a word, he would jump down on the floor again. Evenings, when we went out for a walk, Tupi would go with us, trotting along in front of us, no matter how long the distance. He was a great hunter, and when-

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ACID STOMACH

BY G. STAR

An account of an experience which I had lately may be helpful.

One of my queens had five kittens and all seemed to be going well for a day, then one of the kittens was lying in an unnatural position; its legs were stretched out straight, so I looked at it often and soon was certain that there was something the matter. The queen had milk, but the kitten nursed very little. The next day it began crying, so I fed it a few drops of warm evaporated milk, one part milk to five of water, and put it on a hot water bottle wrapped in flannel. As it continued crying I thought that there must be something more than hunger which was causing trouble, so I gave two drops of olive oil. It did not give relief. I fed again, two hours after the first time, and it stopped crying, but was very weak and it died. This was the lightest of the kittens—a beautiful female. By that time none of the kittens seemed quite right and the next lightest one was unmistakably sick. It began crying as the first one did, and I called up my veterinary late at night and told him how one had died and that, although the mother had milk, the kittens would only nurse for half a minute and then drop off. Word came back: "I think the cat has acid stomach. Give her five grains of bicarbonate of soda in a little water; repeat in an hour, and feed the kittens." The soda was in the house, so I began at once, but the sickest kitten had begun crying pitifully, so I put it to sleep. The darkest one of all was in very bad shape; twitched its legs and would not nurse at all—of course I was feeding them every two hours as nearly as I could. It soon began flopping about the box. The mother cat tried in every way that she could to comfort it and finally both she and I gave up in despair. I prepared things to put it to sleep, but when I took it in my hand it quieted down and, as it did not cry, I thought that I would give the hot water bottle treatment a trial. It took the milk from the medicine dropper well and stopped flopping. After about half a day when I turned it over as the mother cat does and gently touched along where the bowels and bladder are with absorbent cotton it urinated freely and then passed a large movement and I said to myself, "You will be well again." In a little more than twenty-four hours from the time that I took it from the cat it seemed to be well, though weak, so I gave it back to the mother who at once made it her own again by a most thorough cleaning. The veterinary said to give the cat five grains of the soda three times a day for several days after the night when she had the two doses an hour apart. The two kittens that were with the mother all the time picked up quickly when I began feeding them, and I continued feeding the three several times a day until everything seemed all right.

This cat lost all of her kittens last year and I am wondering if it was from acid stomach instead of from what I had supposed. They did not cry much, but just faded away one after the other.



LISTENING IN

A beautiful puss sat on a shelf,
Close up beside a plate of delft,
And her eyes grew round as she "listened in,"
For the Cat Club ladies were at tea.
Oh, the things she heard! Oh, me! Oh, me!

This beautiful puss had never known
The joys and sorrows of being shown,
And her eyes grew round as she "listened in,"
For the Cat Club ladies were at tea.
Oh, the things she heard! Oh, me! Oh, me!

This beautiful puss, with attentive ears,
Decidedly had no ground for her fears,
But her eyes grew round as she "listened in,"
While the Cat Club ladies were at tea.
Oh, the things she heard! Oh, me! Oh, me!

"This beautiful puss of yours, my dear,
Will beat all the cats from far and near,"
And her eyes grew round as she "listened in,"
While the Cat Club ladies were at tea.
Oh, the things she heard! Oh, me! Oh, me!

Pussy Purr Meauw.



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ever he caught a rat or a bird he would bring the trophy to the house and lay it at our feet, arching his back as he rubbed against us, and purring, plainly proud of his exploit and seeking approbation. Once Tupi seemed to grow apathetic about his hunting, and for some time did not hunt. One day my wife was explaining to a visitor how lazy Tupi had become, saying that he was no longer any good for hunting. Tupi sat listening; then he walked out of the house, and after a while returned with a mouse, which he laid at my wife's feet. From then on he resumed his hunting diligently and kept the house free from vermin of all kinds.

Treat Grimalkin as he deserves, and see how splendidly he will respond. Be patient and kind with him, study his ways and learn his nature, and you will find, not merely a catcher of rats and mice, but a noble animal, full of affection and loyalty. Being of royal blood, an aristocrat in the animal kingdom, he has his pride and is of lordly temper, but he knows how to be true to those who really love him, and will repay kindness with gratitude and friendship. Not by noisy yapping, but by dignified purring does he express his good-fellowship. When properly treated he keeps himself sleek and clean, and is free from offensive odors. Consummate grace is in his every movement, and his courtly air and quiet manner make him an ideal companion for gentle and well-bred people.

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Correspondence

Editor Cat Review:

Several people have asked me recently what I did when the people with whom I had "cat dealings" procrastinated in giving me a pedigree. This is a great inconvenience, and I have been wondering just what the legal status is regarding this particular crime. To whom may we turn for information?

I have found the breeders worse about it than the novices, who usually are prompt in giving the pedigree, even though it may not be correctly copied. This is not to be wondered at, since the hieroglyphics on some pedigrees are not easily deciphered, and the novice, not knowing the names of the cats, sometimes makes an incorrect translation.

When one breeds a queen, when should the pedigree be forthcoming? I would say that it should be given at the time of service, unless it had been given previously for the purpose of study, and

should be delivered in return for the payment of the stud fee.

When one purchases a cat or kitten, and pays the sum asked, should not the pedigree be given at this time also?

When one takes a queen on breeder's terms and the litters are divided as per agreement, should not the pedigree be given at the same time?

When breeding for a kitten, should not the pedigree be given at the time that the kitten is delivered?

I have always made it a practice of giving with my payment of a stud fee the pedigree of the queen bred, and asking the same of any queen sent to my stud, for the purpose of a complete stud record. However, I have had great difficulty in getting the pedigrees to keep my own record to date. I do not mean that, in writing this letter, I am accusing the breeders of dishonesty, but of an overwhelmingly large amount of procrastination. It takes time for the filling out of a pedigree, and we are apt to think that the days ahead of us are going to be longer, our duties and our social obligations less, and so the days, the weeks, and, I am sorry to say, sometimes the years, roll by before that glorious day comes.

"When I get time,

Oh, glorious day of bliss!

A month, a year, ten years from now—

But I can't finish this;

I have no time."

Procrastination may be the thief of time, but sometimes it has reached down into the pocket-book, as it did last summer, when I had to sell as pets and give away some very good little kits, since they were without the papers relative to their breeding. I had taken two queens on breeders' terms, fulfilled my obligations by rearing the kits to a saleable age, divided the litter and returned the queens. A pedigree was promised. Weeks passed by, and finally, for lack of space, I was forced to send the little kits out into the world at a greatly reduced price and without pedigrees. They are of the best breeding, and if I ever do manage to extract their pedigree from the owner of their dam and sire I shall surely see that they are looked after. Procrastination, no doubt, in this case. However, the other kits went forth with their pedigrees, proving that that breeder does not procrastinate all the time, and that while there is life there is also hope.

I feel that it is the pedigree that completes the money obligation, and that the cat or kit is of small monetary value until that paper is in the hands of the owner. What is the remedy?

Shall we refuse to surrender our money until the pedigree is ready for delivery? Shall we refuse to deliver our kits till we have the pedigrees, in cases of breeding for kittens and on breeders' terms, or shall we calmly sit and let this same old condition of affairs continue to the end of time?

Will not someone in the fancy, or whose husband is of the legal profession, write in answer to this, and tell us just how we stand

legally on this matter, that we may hope to cope with it when it comes before us.

I have found many answers to my problems in the pages of The Cat Review, and I do not see how any breeder or novice can be without it.

Very sincerely yours,
"The Spirit of Inquiry."

Editor Cat Review:

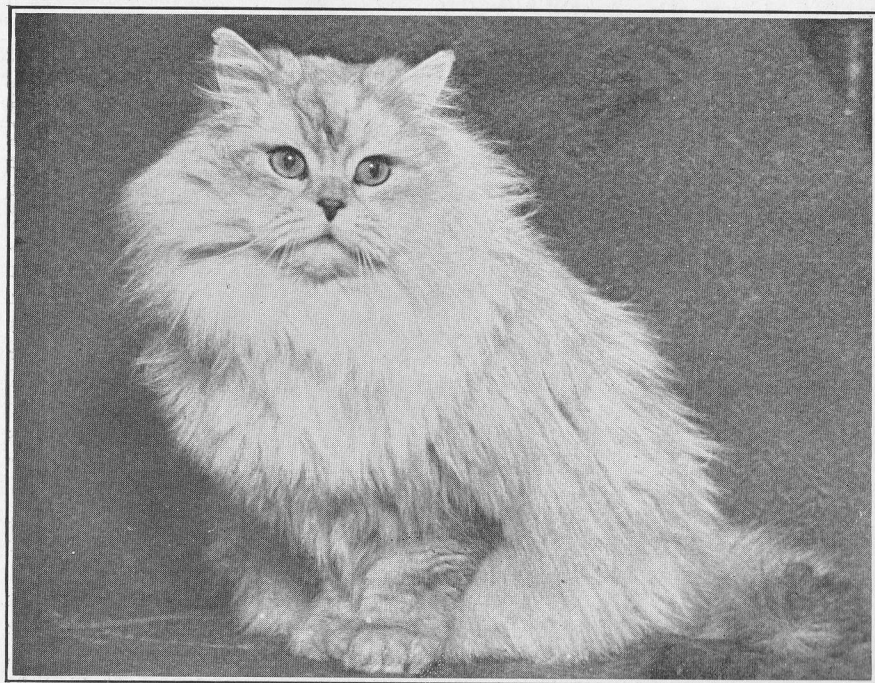
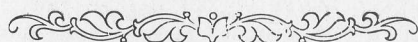
In last September's issue a correspondent advised using Cuticura ointment at night and Cuticura soap in the morning in order to make the cat's hair grow in the space between the eyes and the ears, where it is so often thin. I gave this treatment to three cats, and it turned the skin black.

Can anyone explain how this happened?

Yours truly,

Summit, N. J., July 17, 1924.

Regular Reader.



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EDITORIALS



We wish to sound a note of warning. We are said to have remarkably fine silvers in the eastern part of the country and a number of cats with good wins when brought from further west to the east, to be used as breeders, have not stood well in comparison with those already in the field. But without care all this may be quickly reversed. A couple of years ago one of our best studs was sold to a breeder in California and at about that time another grand champion stud, still in his prime, died. Now we hear that another is about to go to California and another of our great champion studs has just died. This takes away the leading males in two of the best lines, and there are none ready to take their places in those lines, though they have left their mark and their blood is in many of our best cats.

About ten years ago we lost another great cat family, as such, through the breaking up of the cattery, but in this case also their blood is in many of our best cats. Another noted strain has not held its own, through mistakes we believe; it might be worked up again, but it would take years. In the south there is a line which is coming to the fore. But in the best known center of the east there is just one really bright spot that we know of for the silvers and this one is not enough; it will force people to inbreeding or to use either not certain or inferior studs. One grand old stud of another line is still living, but we do not find that he has left a worthy successor. In the middle west there have been two lines that we know of started, but they both sprang from eastern stock and it needs a little more time to make them distinct families, and one of them is not now being worked out on its own line. This leaves us, as far as we know, with one great and well established line on the Pacific coast, strengthened by cats from the east, and one on the Atlantic, into which there has been a wise and successful working of outcrosses.

There have been at least two other very fine studs on the Pacific coast lately: one is not living now and we believe that the other is, although he is old. We do not know how much of a line either of these has established.

This survey is not perfect; it could not be for we are not in communication with all silver breeders and have not seen for ourselves the western cats, but we hear a great deal and good show reports

are enlightening, so we are giving a condensed view of things as we see them. It is meant to be suggestive and we hope that all breeders will think it over and work it out to their own good and the good of the whole fancy. Not only the breeders of silvers, but breeders of all colors. Preserve the great lines.

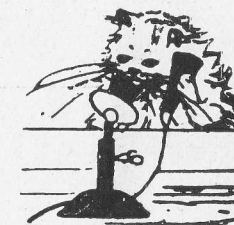
Then comes the question with some people: Which are the great lines? Many people think that their stud or their queen is fit to head a family of note. We quote from a letter just received from Mrs. Eva T. Harris: "You ask in one editorial whether the cats have grown better in the last five years. Just take those districts where the judging at shows has been severe, and honestly done, and you will see improvement in the general class of the show cats, but where the blue ribbons and the tri-colors were passed out with the chief idea of making everybody feel good, you will see the same heterogeneous mess year in and year out to the end of time."

BUY extra copies of the July Cat Review and give them to people who do not know much about cats. Mrs. Bussing's article may start them thinking. The Editor.

FIRST class mail will always be forwarded, but for quick work address care Mrs. C. H. Manee, Cragmoor, New York, until September 5th.



NEWS



Miss Emily Pond, of Indianapolis, Indiana, writes: "It seems to me that if more judges sent in their show notes on the various cats when they send in the show reports to be published it would be a great help to fanciers and exhibitors. Mrs. Smith's report of the Indianapolis show was so interesting as she gave the strong and weak points of the winners. This makes selecting a stud cat for a female so much easier."

We feel that the cat fancy is entitled to know this unpleasant news. Mrs. A. G. Johnson, of Cleveland, Ohio, purchased Ch. Holden Silverkin last August, to use as a sire. Since she bought him he has not sired a litter although six queens have visited him, each one three times. Mrs. Johnson has returned the mating fees and has learned that Silverkin had failed to sire at least once shortly before she bought him.

In a letter from Mrs. Leontine Andrae, of Louisiana, Mo., she says: "I want to take this opportunity of telling you how much your little book on 'Care and Training of Mother Cats and Kittens' has helped me. I don't know what we should ever have done without it when Pattie presented us with seven babies when we only looked for three or four." It makes us happy to know that our little book is doing exactly what we hoped that it would.

We very much regret to hear of the death of Ch. Cranreuch II. He was sick last fall, but picked up in the winter, and looked as well and as beautiful as ever. But later on he became paralyzed, and Mrs. Gerberich mercifully put him to sleep. She writes: "He was the most human animal that I ever had anything to do with. He loved us just as much as we loved him." We also were very fond of Cranreuch. He began life in the room where the editor is now writing.

Mrs. A. F. O'Brien, of Chicago, has purchased from Mrs. Leoti Rice a beautiful pair of imported Siamese, brought to this country by L. Winterbottom on a recent trip around the world. These cats have wonderful blue eyes, kinky tails, and deep chocolate points; they are nearly perfect. Mrs. O'Brien now has two Siamese queens and a stud.

CAT FANCIERS' FEDERATION Special Meeting

A special meeting of the Cat Fanciers' Federation was held on Thursday, July 10th, at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York, at 3 o'clock, to consider the votes of the various clubs on the amendments to the show rules proposed at the annual meeting in March.

In the absence of the president and vice-president, Miss J. R. Kroeh was voted to the chair. The roll of clubs having been called the votes of each were recorded by the secretary, and the amendments offered were finally passed as re-worded, in two cases, by the clubs.

These must be printed in all premium lists of shows held under the rules of the Federation, from this date, and read as follows:

Amendment 1 (To be printed in red on entry blanks).—"Any exhibitor who shows a cat or kitten from a house or cattery where there has been any infectious or contagious illness within fourteen days prior to this show, shall forfeit all winnings, be subject to a severe fine, and be suspended from exhibiting at all shows held under these rules for such time as the Cat Fanciers' Federation sees fit."

Amendment 2.—"That the Kitten Register be abolished and all kittens entered directly in register or stud book; if not so registered they shall be recorded by the show management for a fee of 25 cents each show."

Amendment 3.—"That the kitten age be extended from eight to nine

months," making the limit "over four and under nine months."

E. R. B. Champion, Secretary.

Mrs. Joseph Richmond, of Springfield, Mass., has sold a very good unmarked silver female to Mrs. Adams, of Adams, Mass. This makes a pair she has bought of me. The first sale was through the Cat Review, the second sale following.

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Central States Exposition, Fair Grounds, Aurora, Ill., August 16, 17.

Eastern States Exposition, Springfield, Mass., September 16, 17.

Royal Cat Club of Kansas City, with the American Royal Stock Show, American Royal Pavilion, November 15, 16, 17.

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Heart of America Cat Society, Kansas City, Mo., December 2, 3, 4.

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JULY 5—Mrs. Wright's Rusty Tangola, five kittens by Mrs. Haggard's Prince of Darkness.

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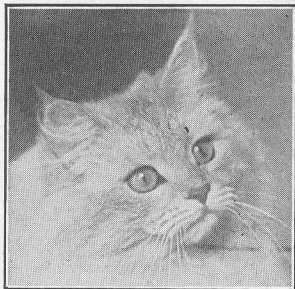
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