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FRESH AIR TREATMENT

BY MRS. E. F. CUSHING

I wonder if all fanciers have found out the value of fresh air for long-haired cats as a preventive of disease. It is astonishing how much better cats are, raised in cold quarters when fresh air is plenty. When I first started raising these cats as pets I thought I must keep them quite warm and be very careful to keep them indoors where they would have fire heat. It took me several years to learn better and at considerable expense besides. Now, I place my cats in unwarmed quarters and they are perfectly well. Kittens thrive as well and there is not half the danger of colds in the head which are so hard to cure when allowed to frequent rooms heated. The worst case of this head trouble I ever had, was a pregnant queen sent from the west poorly protected. Her family came in three days after her arrival, and she contracted a severe cold *enroute* which complicated matters to such an extent she developed a severe case of head distemper, and grew rapidly worse until I gave up all hope, but by the advice of a specialist from Boston I placed her in an east room with a large grassy run and left her to go out or in as she pleased. She was a very sick cat for three weeks and had to be fed her food as she could not hold her head down to

eat at all. I gently worked raw beef into her mouth and after she got a taste she ate well, but her throat was sore, and the saliva ran from her mouth for two days. She was a forlorn object with eyes weeping and half closed. but with careful bathing of the eyes, generous feeding, and fresh air she made a complete recovery in a short time. During her illness she took no medicine at all, but as much raw beef as she could be induced to take. It was summer, of course, and I gave her good care which is more essential than medicine in such cases. When the sun came up she took her station in the yard and sat there a forlorn picture until the sun was too warm. If she had not been in the open air all the time I feel sure she would not have recovered, but there was no chance for her to get where the fresh air could not reach her and she seemed to enjoy it as much as people who have tried it for pulmonary troubles. I have come to believe the best thing to keep cats and kittens in a healthy condition is to give them plenty of exercise in the open air and feed well in the morning when they can exercise in the early part of the day. A light, easily digested supper instead of a hearty meal at night is best.

When kittens show signs of having contracted a cold, equal parts of Homeo, Bryonia, Aconite and Gelsemium, *not Gelseminum*, 3X, using 10 drops in a half pint of water and placing it where they can drink as they wish, will cure them in nearly all cases. I salt the food quite well at those times to induce thirst, as they do much better if allowed to doctor themselves. Cina 3X placed in the drinking water will keep kittens from having trouble from worms. Eupheasia, for weepy eyes, given in the same way, does wonders and saves much work doing it better and quicker.

Too much medicine is not to be recommended, but plenty of fresh air will keep disease away I believe. The coat is far better on both cats and kittens raised in this way, and certainly are brighter, more active and more lovable. A screen placed in a window with cheesecloth tacked over it to prevent the wind from blowing in is a very good way to give air and keep drafts away. Dampness is very bad for our pets, so it is advisable once in a while to use a little heat to dry off the inside if it seems at all damp. I was surprised at the progress my first kittens made raised in this way and the length of fur and texture. So let me say—*Don't be afraid of fresh air.*

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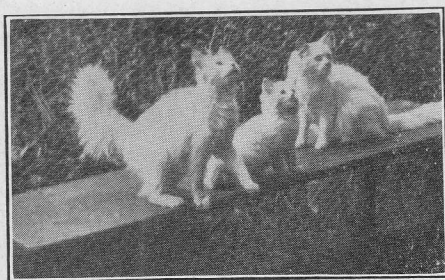
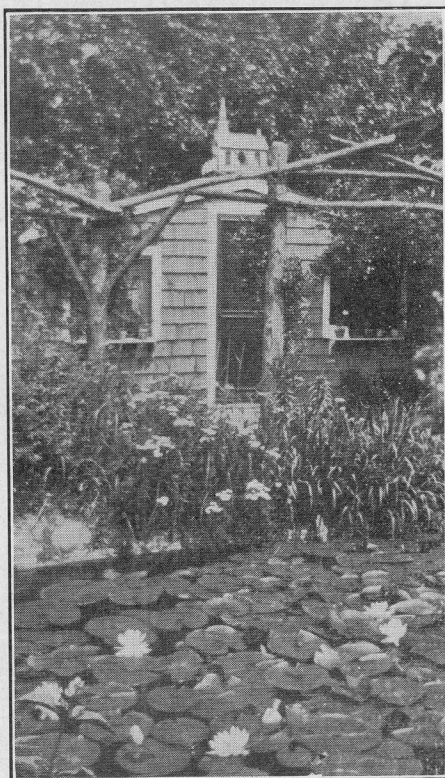
Wants 5,000 Stray Cats

Squire S. S. Gilbert has received a request for one thousand cats. Albert J. Randall, of Okanogan County, Washington, is coming here to get all the stray ones that can be found, and will pay a fair price.

Mr. Randall and other property owners are determined to rid Okanogan County of gophers that destroy gardens. Five thousand cats are to be shipped by April 1.

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The Cat Journal reaches the best class of Cat Fanciers—the ones that buy.



Some of the Cats and One View of the Beautiful
Devon Kennels, Bridgewater, Mass.

From Miss L. B. Pattee, St. Louis, Mo.

I noticed in one of my CAT JOURNALS a request to give experience in using pulsitilla. My Doctor is an Eclectic and he advised me to use it. After by queens have been mated about three weeks I give a pulsitilla tablet three times a day. During the birth of the kittens I give one every fifteen minutes, after the kittens are born I give one every hour for two or three days then three times a day till the kittens are three weeks old.

Patty Cat

BY MRS. KATE R. DILLON

Dear little friend we sadly miss
Your angel face and your sweet caress;
Your cunning tricks and your dainty ways
Were a joy all the hours of the long, long
days.

"Now give me a kiss sweet Patty cat,"
And Patty always understood that;
A dainty pink nose would upward turn,
To kiss and "touch noses" was easy to
learn.

For the little heart knew only love,
And how to express it he always strove;
A message of sweetness was Patty cat's
mission;

The winning of hearts was his sole
occupation.

The dear little creatures to earth thus given
Are the bright smiles from our Father in
Heaven;

And if I must an eternity spend
I shall ask him to give me my sweet little
friend.

**How to Choose a Kitten**

BY KADUN KAHIA

From a health point of view I should never choose a kitten that feels limp in the hand. In Persia these often have the longest coats, but their bones are small and loosely hung together—if one may so describe it, at any rate it is easy to understand what is meant. A firm, closely built kitten at least meant health, strong bone, and vigorous generally. The body will as a natural consequence, be short; the paws will be strong, and the kitten will step well on them, making them nice and round. The tail should stand away from the body, but not carried high or curl over the back, or have any other eccentricity. The ear should be tiny, like the corner of a postage stamp cut across in half. In reality it is bigger, but the long fur should entirely cover the base of the ear, and only the tip should be seen peeping out.

Eyes should be large and round; and at six weeks should at least give a hint of future splendor, of the right color. All this applies equally to shorthaired kittens, excepting, of course, as regards the length of coat, and the apparent size of the ears, as there is nothing to deceive the eye about a shorthair's ears.

The various show-points, I cannot well go into here. There are books which give these, and every Club has its own standard. But when you have got the firm, short body, the strength implied in good carriage and firm step, the round head, small ears, well-open round eyes, and short nose, then turn to the pedigree, and see what you find there. If all these points have been transmitted steadily through generations, with proper matings, these should be absolutely reliable for reproduction, and you must not expect to give less than £5 5s. (\$25) for such a kitten.

In a recent very interesting article, we read of a lady who was disappointed to find that a certain cat, with a really good pedigree, was quite unfit for show. One should never lose sight of the fact that the best queens to breed from are often quite unlikely to win at a show. The strain of reproducing her kind is enough to require of most queens, and those that are exhibited should not be allowed to bring up more than one litter a year. The best queen to breed is *usually* "long in body"; and if her ears are too large, or anything else the matter, you must find a stud with just those points specially accentuated. Remember also, that there is seldom more than one really perfect kitten in any litter; and some people think themselves fortunate if they breed one "topper"—isn't that the word?—in a season! So novices should realize that they are looking for a very rare thing, when they set out in search of a perfect kitten, and expect to obtain it, by being given their pick of a litter.

Besides all this, it is not a wise thing for a novice to begin on show specimens. I am afraid they would soon lose some of their points in inexperienced hands. But never suppose you can, in the first litter, get a show specimen with second-rate stock. All new varieties are made of the most promising material, but it

often, indeed usually, takes years to establish perfection.

A very good breeding queen can often be found for 30s., (about \$7.50) and promising kittens occasionally for a guinea. But don't stick to that! Go on! Keep your best kitten and mate that to the most suitable stud you can find, if you want to exhibit. If you merely want to breed kittens for sale then buy a thoroughly good queen at a fair price,



Mrs. Aten of Mill Valley, Calif., and Janice Meredith

mate her to the most fashionable stud and sell out every litter, letting other people do the progression.

I have just received a letter from a lady who asked my advice a little while ago about advertising, and I really feel that at least I have been of some use. An advertisement which had been inserted more than once brought not a single reply. In all humility I offered to draw up an advertisement which I hoped might be more successful, and I hear now that there is a possibility of both cats and kittens being sold from my advertisement. Apropos of this I would say, never despair if your first advertisement brings no replies. Try again, and word it differently. As I said before, show people that you have something worth having, and word it so

that they will even telegraph in their eagerness to possess the rare thing you describe so well.—*Our Cats.*

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The Family Cat

Ruth Cameron says in the Rochester *Democrat & Chronicle*:

We have a family cat. She is an extremely gentle little ball of silver gray fur with benevolent yellow eyes. Such is the amiability of her disposition that we call her "Sweetness." Like the cat of washing powder fame, "she has never scratched yet."

That doesn't sound particularly alarming, does it?

And yet this inoffensive creature was the cause of a tremendous scene recently.

A visiting lady with a sturdy little boy of five or six years old was in the living room with me when Sweetness took into his head to stroll in and pay her respects.

The youngster looked up, caught sight of the little furry creature strolling towards him, and with a series of blood-curdling shrieks, which must have convinced the neighbors we had gone insane and started murdering each other, and a leap which by no fault of his just failed to upset the lamp, landed in his mother's arms.

It was some time before I grasped the situation and left the room with the astonished Sweetness.

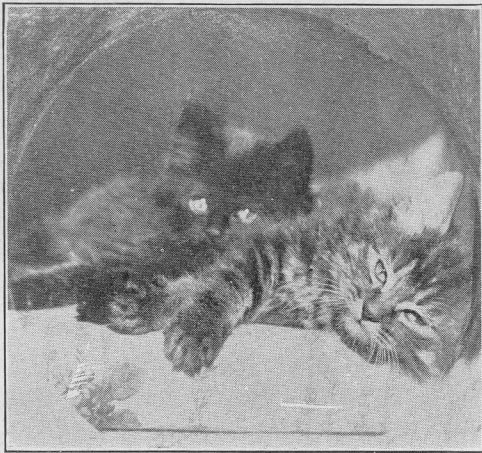
It was some time longer before his mother ceased to murmur "No, no, the wicked old kitty wouldn't hurt him." "Was he frightened to death of the terrible kitty?" and similar courage-inspiring remarks.

When it was possible for her to set the boy down she smoothed out her dress, straightened her hat, and turning to me with the same peculiar pride with which women tell of their illness, explained, "Yes, he is frightened to death of cats. We have to be so careful not to let one

get anywhere near him. Does he inherit? Oh, no—you see, when he was a baby a big cat jumped upon him as he was lying in his carriage and frightened him, and he has never gotten over it. We have had such a terrible time with him. Why once—”

And for ten minutes the visiting lady related occasions on which a bold feline had approached too near unfortunate Harry.

During the recital Harry stood beside her listening proudly and occasionally prompting her with “And I had to have the doctor, didn’t I mamma?” “And I tipped the table over, didn’t I, mamma?”



TAMMA AND KIJU

Owned by Mrs. Geo. Story, Sansalito, Calif.

“He has never gotten over it,” the visiting lady had said.

Of course not.

Why should he, when he realizes the pride his fond mother takes in his peculiarity?

Why should he when every time he performs he holds the center of the stage for the next hour or two?

Why should he, when he is continually urged on by the fear-stimulating suggestion of, “The terrible kitty won’t hurt you,” and things of that sort?

Why should he, when every premium

is placed on fostering his terror, and none on overcoming it?

Sensible boy—of course he will always regard the appearance of a cat as his cue to take the center of the stage with a warwhoop.

I don’t criticize him one bit. I think his course is the inevitable one.

My only blame is for his mother, and for any mother who, like her, encourages a child to make a fetish of his fear instead of helping him to overcome it.

There are, of course, cases of inborn terror which cannot be entirely eradicated.

But such terror surely can be modified and as far as possible hidden.

And even of such cases, I am afraid I am a bit apt to feel like the unsympathetic Dr. Johnson when he says:

“There is one species of terror which those who are unwilling to suffer the reproach of cowardice have wisely dignified with the name of ‘antipathy.’”

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Afraid to Kill Cats

Fear of possible political complications has deterred the police from making any attempt to kill unmuzzled cats in Leavenworth, but the other for muzzling all dogs on account of an epidemic of rabies among dogs and cats is being strictly enforced. Police, armed with shotguns, are patrolling streets outside the business district to kill unmuzzled dogs, but thus far only three have been killed.

Most cats are family pets, and the city commissioners are afraid that a wholesale killing of them would stir up the women. Women have votes in Kansas.

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¶ If you wish your animals to bother you at the table commence to feed them when you are at the table. In one week you can teach them habits that it will take months to overcome.

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¶ An animal with indigestion is liable to have many troubles. The first thing to do is to cure the cause and you can usually do this yourself by regulating the diet.



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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Notwithstanding the fact that we have repeatedly printed in the Journal the fact that we are behind with date of issue, we are constantly receiving letters from subscribers asking why we are sending back numbers. The Journal was suspended for six months. The Post Office Department will not allow us to skip dates, print double numbers or do anything but try and catch up as fast as we can. We are printing every twenty days or less, and will be behind until printing in that way catches up with date. We intend to print this notice until we catch up so that every subscriber, every month, will know that we are still behind and will be until the date on the paper agrees with the month in which you receive it.

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Even an editor gets a shock once in a while. A lady sent in her renewal for her CAT JOURNAL and apologized because we had to send a bill for it and enclosed a stamp to pay for the postage used. She had not owed the money for over a week but it seemed to trouble her because we had to even let her know that her time was out.

We have people who have owed us advertising bills and all sorts of bills that we have spent almost the amount in trying to get it but in many cases can not even get an answer to our letters so when we come across a real lady like this it is like a watery oasis in the midst of a burning, sandy desert.

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An Unfortunate Condition

It seems an unfortunate thing when two societies that are supposed to be organized for humane purposes commence to fight among themselves so that neither have any real usefulness. This seems to be the condition in Baltimore.

It seems that the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals kill most of the animals taken up on the streets while the Animal Refuge obtains homes for them. The Animal Refuge have been obtaining their cats from the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and they now object to letting them have as many as they desire, hence the trouble.

If it is a fact that the Animal Refuge have been finding homes for stray animals our sympathy would all be with them for we think there is altogether too much killing done at most of the homes that are kept alive ostensibly to help the animals but many of them are nothing more than slaughter houses where thousands of animals each year are killed. Many of these animals could have good homes if an opportunity was properly presented for people to adopt them.

It is easy to kill while it takes time and money to provide homes but it seems as if this should be the work of every home or refuge.

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It Kills the Shows

Nothing will sooner kill a show than to have an ignorant amateur do the judging. Some times the officials who perhaps themselves are not fitted for the position, in order to economize, will have judges that are not qualified for the position. They may be cat breeders but that does not make them a judge. They go into the show meaning well and so far as they know do well but their knowledge is not of that kind which makes a judge.

They make a lot of rank decisions, the exhibitors are disgusted because they know they are bad, being many times better posted than the judge and the result is that while a few dollars may have been saved any show given thereafter by that club has a black eye.

This does not mean that every judge has to be a professional. The editor is a believer in having judges that are familiar with the breed or color that they are judging. No one is so familiar as the ones who have bred them.



The Kitten is Saving Money

One of the liberal contributors to the Humane Fund of the Rochester Cat Club in writing and sending a contribution says: My dear little cat "Buster" is helping me write this letter and wants me to tell you that on his birth day he was given a bank and is now saving money for the Humane Fund and on his next birthday which comes in Oct. is to send it to the Club." The mistress adds, "so you can see he tries to do a little good although only a cat."



To Importers

Regulation 1—Certification of Purebred Animals

SECTION 1. *Bureau of Animal Industry to issue certificates.*—The Bureau of Animal Industry of the Department of Agriculture is hereby authorized to issue certificates of pure breeding under the provisions of this order.

SECTION 2. *How to obtain certificates.* In order to obtain such certificates of pure breeding, importers shall conform to the following procedure:

Paragraph 1. Application for certificates.—An application for certificates shall be made to the Bureau of Animal Industry on forms furnished or approved by the Department, showing the number of animals to be imported, the breed and sex, the port of shipment, the port of entry into the United States, the name of vessel by which shipped, and the probable date of arrival. This application may be signed either by the owner, the importer, or the agent, stating the name and address (in the United States) of the owner of the animal or animals.

Paragraph 2. Certificates of pedigree.—Certificates of registration and pedigree for said animal or animals, issued by the custodian of one of the books of record given in Regulation 2, section 4, of this order, shall be furnished to the Bureau of Animal Industry with the application.

Paragraph 3. Vendor's certificates.—A certificate from the seller or his agent shall be furnished to the Bureau of Animal Industry with the application, giving the name and registry number of each animal sold to the importer, the date of sale, the place of purchase, and the name and address (in the United States) of the purchaser. Vendor's certificates furnished by the custodian of foreign books of record, containing the above information, may be used; otherwise, the form of vendor's certificate furnished or approved by this Department must be used.

SECTION 3. Applications will be given consideration by the Department in the order in which they are received. When the application and accompanying papers are satisfactory, certificates to that effect will be issued promptly and forwarded to the inspector of the Bureau of Animal Industry at the port of entry or at the station where the animals are quarantined, which officer will compare the animals imported with the data furnished in the foreign pedigree certificates, and where satisfactory, both the foreign pedigree certificates and the certificates of the Bureau of Animal Industry will be given to the owner, importer, or agent. All papers for animals which do not meet the requirements of this order will be retained or returned in the discretion of the Department.

SECTION 4. *Eligibility of animals.*—Where the provisions of this order have been otherwise complied with, animals will be certified as purebred which have been fully registered in good faith in

one of the books of record for one of the recognized breeds given in Regulation 2, section 4, of this order, except those which have been registered on inspection.



Hotel for Tramp Dogs and Cats

Tramp dogs and cats in Chicago are to have a \$20,000 hotel, the gift of society women who are interested in the work of decreasing the suffering of dumb animals. Members of the Anti-Cruelty Society are active in the movement, but others will aid the project.

At a special meeting of the Anti-Cruelty Society \$8,000 was pledged in a few minutes as a nucleus for the hotel fund. If a suitable building cannot be found the hotel will be reared, probably on the north side. The names of the donors and the amounts they subscribed have not been disclosed, but there were three or four \$1,000 subscriptions.

The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. R. Hall McCormick. Others present were Mrs. H. L. Hamlin, Mrs. Henry Askin, Mrs. Norwood Pierce, Mrs. S. Cobb Coleman, Mrs. Herbert S. Stone, Mrs. Ida M. Cobe, Mrs. C. G. Snow and Mrs. S. R. Tabor.—*Chicago Herald*.



The "Best Way" With Our Animal Friends

Once upon a time, a great many years ago, the cat was not only treated kindly and well, but she was actually worshipped. When the family cat died the members of the household put on signs of mourning, and often her body was embalmed, which shows how highly she was esteemed. If we compare the lot of the cats of our own country to-day with that of those in ancient times in Egypt, we cannot but be struck by the great contrast between them.

What can we do to improve their condition is a question needing immediate attention, for of all our domestic ani-

mals there is none who is so despised and badly used as the poor homeless, unwanted puss. By nature so dignified and independent, she has, through our treatment, become a miserable, gaunt shadow of her former self.

Too many cats in the world you will say, and that, of course, is quite true; but are we not partly responsible for this, and what are the facts? You find a family owning a cat, who is fairly well treated. Soon kittens arrive, and no one troubles about what will happen in the future—for the present they are "dear little things," and the children like them for pets. In a few months they are no longer pets, they are "too many cats about the place." They are turned adrift, and share the fate of thousands, ill-usage, starvation, and death.

MOVING HOUSE.—This is a time when the cat often suffers greatly from want of consideration, but there is a "best way" which you may adopt in times of removal. Place her comfortably in a covered basket, and when the new house is reached shut her up, that she may have no chance of escaping. You may butter her feet, which will engage her attention, and you should spare a few moments to soothe and talk to her. When it is dusk carry her about the new place, and she will soon get reconciled as long as she has her "own people" about here. You should keep her shut up until the house is in order and the rooms comfortable again.

Never pat the cat as you do a dog; she should be stroked with the palm of the hand. Their bodies are tender, so never let children snatch them up and squeeze and hug them, even if it is meant kindly. Children should be taught first to respect the animals' feelings, and have explained to them the reason why they do not like rough handling.

FOOD.—Your cat may like one kind of food, mine another, and it is useless to

lay down any hard and fast rules. Some people give fish, and many think "cats' meat" the one and only article of diet. As the latter is often the flesh of diseased horses, we cannot think it wholesome or suitable food for any kind of animal. Cats will generally share with their masters the food they take themselves.

Feed at a regular hour twice a day. Butter, cream, milk, oil, these are good and necessary for health, and make the performance of her toilet easier. If you lightly pass a rag dipped in a little cream or butter over a cat's coat, she will at once set to work cleaning her fur.

WATER to drink should always be within your cat's reach. You never know when she may feel the need of it—and she cannot ask.

GRASS is good for them as a medicine. Some people in towns keep a little growing in a flowerpot on purpose for pussy.

PLAY.—They need exercise, too, and that is not so easy to provide for them as it is for dogs, but if encouraged they will play for hours with a pingpong or little rubber ball, or with a cotton reel attached to a string. It is not only kittens who enjoy a game; quite elderly cats are fond of play.

AT NIGHT the best place for your cat is in the house in a basket or box of her own. Encourage her to come in for her supper at a certain time. If she insists on going out, see that there is a shed or box placed where she can go in for shelter. Cats are no longer wild animals, and cannot look after themselves in this climate, which is not natural to them. We who own them must do the best we can for them.

HOLIDAY TIME.—When leaving home in the summer do not forget to make some provision for pussy. Either take her with you, or find a neighbor or friend who will take care of her for you.

Lastly, make a note that October the

first is known as "Every Cat's Day," when, if you care at all for the welfare of animals, you should see if you cannot spare a trifle to send to one of those institutions which are doing their best to lessen some of the suffering we all know to exist amongst our cats.—*Our Cats.*



The Island's Wild Cat

BY GEORGE ETHELBERT WALSH

It was right up here on one of these islands in the St. Lawrence that a family came one summer from New York to spend a few months, bringing along with them several dogs and pet cats.

They left the island early in September, and when the house was closed up the place was entirely deserted. I passed the island late one afternoon, and decided to land for a few moments.

The sides of the island were bluff and rocky, and I scrambled up with some difficulty. When I reached the summit I heard the deep baying of my hound. I whistled, and in response to it he came tearing toward me from the thicket.

But what a sight he presented! Riding on his back and tearing mercilessly at his neck and head was the strangest looking creature I ever saw. It was so gaunt that it looked more like a starved wolf than a cat.

No wonder the hound was frightened. The half-starved cat was fighting fiercely, and actually enjoying the taste of fresh blood which his claws drew from the hound's warm body. The creature had been a pet house cat the summer before, but its lonely, desperate life on the island had made it fiercer and wilder than its primitive ancestors.

I examined the island hastily, and found that the cat had taken possession of an old dog-kennel for its lonely home. There it had gathered the few bones left behind and gnawed them half up. A few birds had apparently been caught

and eaten, and the bones of a squirrel and several rats were also scattered around. The bark of the trees was nibbled as if the poor thing had in desperation tried to satisfy its hunger with green things.

It had broken through the shutters of one window and entered the closed house, but there was nothing to eat in there. An old fur blanket that had been left behind was chewed half up, and an old shoe was also nibbled and chewed. The marks of the cat's teeth were on nearly everything which promised a mite of nutriment.

The cat's tracks were found in the snow and on the ice to the very edge of the frozen surface. It had contemplated escaping on the ice, but the channel was too swift and deep for it.

I tried to make friends with the creature, calling it by pet names, and trying to coax it toward me. Wherever I went the baleful eyes watched me, but always at a safe distance.

I had only a single biscuit with me, but I threw this to the starving animal. It would not approach near enough to touch it, but when I moved away it leaped for the biscuit and swallowed it at one gulp.

The next day I returned to the island with an ample supply of fresh milk, bread, and meat. These I spread out on the snow and called "Kitty! kitty!" in my most alluring voice. But the cat wouldn't come a step nearer. It backed away and disappeared in the thicket. I hunted around for it, but couldn't find it anywhere on the island. I was disappointed, and finally returned to my boat.

Imagine my surprise when I reached the place where I had landed to see the cat perched in the stern of the canoe. It glared at me, and when I attempted to step in the craft it spit and hissed in a threatening manner. It had taken pos-

session of the boat, and had no intention of leaving it.

Again I tried to make friends with it, throwing bits of meat toward it, but these it ignored, still facing me and hissing. Finally I tipped the canoe suddenly and nearly dropped the creature in the icy water. It touched the water with its tail, and then with a snarl and hiss leaped toward me. I ducked just in time. It went over my head, but before it landed on the rocks it gave me such a dig with one of its claws that the blood spurted out in a tiny stream.

Such a reception wasn't encouraging, and I felt a little squeamish about returning the next day. But I did, and took more food. This time I placed the food on the rocks and pushed off. At a safe distance I could see the cat come out of the underbrush and crawl up to the food. What a ravenous appetite it had! It bolted the pieces of meat and bread and lapped up the milk with marvelous rapidity. It licked its chops and smelled around for more. Its appetite seemed insatiable.

For three days I made regular trips to the island to feed pussy. By the third day the cat was tame enough to eat the food in my presence, although I had to stay at a safe distance. Then gradually by degrees it permitted me to approach closer. A sudden spit and hiss always informed me how far I could come.

A cold wave came up one night and froze the river so quickly that the channel was closed. When I finally dared to venture out on the ice I made straight for pussy's island.

When I reached it I heard dismal howling and barking. I hurried up the rocks, and found the cat treed with four dogs howling anxiously at the foot of the tree.

I had to use a good deal of violent persuasion to drive the dogs away. They were loath to leave the island with pussy on it.

I tried to coax the cat down from the tree with food, but only succeeded after two hours of patient endeavor. Then I was surprised and not a little frightened when it suddenly dropped down on my shoulders. I expected to feel its claws in my head and neck, but instead it snatched the meat from my hand and swallowed it. I fed it all I had. I wondered what next to do, with the cat on my shoulder, when a gentle purring noise startled me. It was soft and low at first, and then louder and more rhythmic. I felt the furry head pressed against my cheek in a rub that made me happier than if I had found a small fortune.

I had won the cat's trust and affection, and she was now showing it unmistakably. I put up a hand and rubbed the purring head. It licked the hand and then permitted me to hold it on my shoulder as I walked away.

Pussy and I scrambled down the rocks to the ice. I must have talked and crooned to pussy all the way home, for I was fearful all the time it would get frightened and leave me. When I got it home I made a comfortable bed for it in the kitchen, and there it sleeps every night. I don't think I'd part with that cat for any amount of money, and I know pussy is satisfied with me.

It's a pretty, sleek, fat cat today, and the most affectionate pet you ever saw, but when I think of my first sight of it on that deserted island I feel very much like saying some hard things about the people who left it on the island without any thought of what might happen to it.—*The Epworth Herald*.



Why Do Cats Hiss?

Why do otherwise well-bred cats hiss and spit when enraged? Dr. Louis Robinson answers the question in an article on "Wild Traits in Tame Animals." Says Dr. Robinson: "The hissing

and spitting of young kittens, even before they see, was, in the first place, probably an attempt to intimidate enemies by making them think that the hole where the helpless wild kittens resided contained a venomous snake." It is a very curious and remarkable fact that many different kinds of creatures which have their homes in shallow holes have a similar habit of hissing or spitting when an enemy approaches. Furthermore, I think it probable that the expression of a cat at bay is part of the same instinctive stratagem. We know how general is the horror of the serpent tribe throughout all nature, and hence it seems likely that the very serpentlike aspect of the head of an enraged cat, together with its threatening hiss, might disconcert an enemy sufficiently to give an advantage to the cat. Curiously enough, cats of all aspects have their tails marked transversely in a way which resembles the markings of a serpent, and several naturalists have remarked how similar are the sinuous, waving movements of the tail of an angry cat to the movements of the tail of a snake in a state of excitement. The true tabby when it is curled up asleep has a curious resemblance to a coiled serpent, and the same is true of many wild cats of different varieties and coming from different parts of the world. If this really is an instance of protective mimicry, I think it is probable that the chief foe guarded against was the eagle. Eagles are very fond of cat's flesh, and it has been remarked by naturalists in various parts of the world that these formidable birds habitually make war upon the smaller felidae."



Strongheart, one of the best blacks ever in this country is dead. Apparently perfectly well at night and found dead in the morning. There are so few good blacks that it is a pity to have any of them die. It is to be hoped that Strongheart has left some kittens to take his place both as a stud and in the show world. He belonged to Mrs. H. A. Stearns of Pasadena, Cal.

The California Cat Club have just had a very successful show at Oakland, Cal. The committee in charge were Mrs. E. S. Warren, President; Mrs. Frank B. Baker, Secretary; Mrs. P. S. Keefer, Treasurer; Mrs. Charles Rhodes, Mrs. C. F. Baxter, and Mrs. Frank Baker, Show Committee; Dr. Tom Carpenter, Veterinarian; Mrs. P. S. Keefer and Mrs. Rhoda Davis, Cage Committee; Jacob Schwartz and A. J. Oliver, Committee on Transportation of Cats; Mrs. Irene De Witt Martin, Judge.

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Stories of the Cat

"There are few tales of cat fidelity and many of dog, yet one thinks no worse of the cat for this," says an observer. "His very independence compels respect. He walks 'by his wild lone, waving his tail, through the wild woods,' as an inspired modern writer has set forth. The most famous cat lovers have been drawn from the ranks of politicians and poets, those whom reasons of state or a sensitive temperament have rendered averse from trusting their fellow creatures and who consequently bestow all their affections upon the 'fireside sphinx.' We are invited to believe that the most famous of all cats, he who brought fame and fortune to his master, Dick Whittington, was no four legged animal at all, but merely the French word 'achat'—to buy and sell at profit—and that the great merchant made a pet only of his merchandise from the very beginning. Thus in later years do the idols of our youth topple about our heads.

"But other legends—nay, facts—are left us. Cardinal Wolsey, for instance, when acting in his official capacity as lord chancellor is said to have had his favorite cat always seated beside him, and another prince of the church, Richelieu, found his only relaxation in keeping a number of kittens in his private cabinet and watching their gambols during his spare moments. We cannot really reckon Richelieu as a true lover of the race, however, for directly the kittens grew to three months he had them sent away and replaced by others. Lord

Chesterfield left in his will life pensions to his favorite cats and their kittens. Victor Hugo's great cat Chanoine always sat on a large red ottoman in the center of his salon and received his guests in state, showing marked displeasure if any one failed to caress or praise her.

"Tasso wrote a sonnet to his favorite cat, and Petrarch had one he loved as dearly, we are told, as Laura. No doubt she was the confidant of many of his trials and consoled him for much of the fair lady's disdain, and when pussy died the poet had her embalmed in the Egyptian fashion and carried her mummy about with him everywhere. Baudelaire, the French poet, a very shy man, was always ill at ease in any new house he entered until the family cat was brought up and introduced to him, after which, with the cat on his knee, he was perfectly happy in his silent poet fashion.

"Traditions respecting cats are, of course, legion. From time immemorial they have been regarded as somewhat uncanny, omens of weal or woe, beings to be either conciliated or crushed. The cat worship of ancient Egypt and, later, the Roman creed that the cat was sacred to Diana speak of the one; the wild charges of witchcraft—or concern in it—rife during the dark ages of Europe will attest the latter. But there is another popular belief deserving also of mention, that which sets forth the old maid as the cat's only friend, a legend arising in the mediaeval nunneries overrun with mice, where one or more cats were always kept and were no doubt much petted by the good nuns."—*Chicago News*.

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Cats With Sore Eyes

HARRY L. F. IN BUFFALO [N. Y.] EVENING NEWS

In reply to Mr. R., who asks what to do for kittens with sore eyes, permit me to point out the treatment recommended by J. Woodroffe Hill, an eminent English veterinarian, as follows: The lids

should be opened and a careful examination made for the presence of foreign matter, which, if discovered, must be gently removed, and a spot of sweet oil may be applied with a feather or camel-hair brush, or simply dropped in the eye. Afterwards warm sedative fomentations with a soft sponge are useful and soothing. Exposure to light or cold, especially the near approach to a fire, must be avoided. When the eye becomes opaque (milky), I advise the application of dry oxide of zinc, after first bathing with warm milk and water. Ulceration of the cornea in the cat will equally yield to oxide of zinc, which in canine and feline practice is practically a specific in these cases. Conjunctivitis often occurs in young kittens from exposure to cold and the eyelids become glued together with the discharge; they should be gently separated with a warm, wet sponge, and a little oil applied to the edges of the lids.

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A Cat - Astrophe

BY A. G. RIDDICH, DENVER, COLO.

We've got four baby kittens
From where I do not know
Three of them like their mother
As white as any snow,
One gray, just like a rabbit
As different as can be
How loud the three white kittens
Would laugh if they could see.
I take them up and pet them
I've given each one a name
To hate dear little kittens
Is sure a dreadful shame
But Mama said this morning
"Two kittens are enough,"
I'm 'fraid she'll california them
I hate the drowsy stuff,
And so I have been wond'ring
All day just what I'd do
To save my four dear kittens
The whole long winter through,
I've written this little letter
"Dear Santa Claus come quick
And rescue two dear kittens
Before they're taken sick,
Take either two you fancy
And find for each a place
Where they'll be always happy
Your loving little Grace."

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A happy trio—the person to whom you gave the year's subscription to the Cat Journal, yourself, and ourselves.

Kansas City Cat Show

Blue-eyed white male kitten—First, Argentine Royal, Mrs. Walker; second, Argentine Laddie, Mrs. Walker.

Blue-eyed white male novice—First, King Zar, Mrs. Walker; second, Billy Blue Eyes, J. R. Black.

Blue-eyed white female kitten—First, Beauty Girl, Mrs. Chris. Skillman; second, Periwinkle, Mrs. Walker.

Blue-eyed white female novice—First, Happy, Mrs. O'Dowd; second Beauty Girl, Mrs. Skillman.

Blue-eyes white female queen—First, Fluffy Ruffles, Mrs. H. A. Baer; second, Happy, Mrs. O'Dowd.

Golden-eyed white male kitten—First, Heamshe, Mrs. Walker; second, Muffles, Mrs. Dillon.

Golden-eyed white male open—First, Fritz, Mrs. Charles Culver; second, Bizzzy Izzy, Mrs. Baer.

Golden-eyed white female open—First, Miss Mickydoodle, Mrs. Walker; second, Tillene, Mrs. Black.

Black male witten—Second, Lew Dockstader, Mrs. Walker.

Black female kitten—Second, Sisseretta, Mrs. Walker.

Black female novice—First, Nigger, Mrs. A. Atcheson.

Cream male, open—First, Cream Boy, Mrs. J. Speas.

Silver male kitten—First, Silver Thought, Mrs. J. Speas.

Silver male novice—First, Silver Tim, Miss Helen Topping; second, Silver Thought, Mrs. Speas.

Silver male, open—First, Silver Tim, Miss Topping.

Silver female novice—First, Persis, Miss Topping; second, Blanca, Mrs. F. Rooney.

Silver female, open—First, Fatima, Mrs. Speas; second, Bettina, Mrs. Speas.

Silver tabby male kitten—Second, Victor, Miss Topping.

Shaded silver female novice—First, Rosie, Mrs. Rooney.

Orange male kitten—Second, Babys, Mrs. Bagnall.

Orange male, open—First, Buster Braght, Mrs. W. E. Schilling.

Orange female, open—First, Walpurga, Mrs. E. Conway.

Orange tabby male kitten—First, Chipmunk, Mrs. Walker; second, Captain Dandelion, Mrs. Charles Freeman.

Orange tabby male novice—First, Poona, Mrs. S. D. Smith.

Brown tabby male kitten—First, Romeo, Mrs. Charles Freeman.

Brown tabby male novice—First, Romeo, Mrs. Charles Freeman; second, Tiger, Mrs. Bert Scott.

Brown tabby male, open—First, Brayfort Viceroy, Mrs. S. D. Smith; second, Tawny Boy, Mrs. Shannon D. Smith.

Brown tabby, female novice—First, Florinda, Mrs. Shannon D. Smith.

Brown tabby female, open—First, Shireen, Mrs. Shannon D. Smith.

Tortoiseshell-kitten—First, Bequeta, Mrs. Walker; second, Butterfly, Mrs. Gatchell. Oddeyed white kitten—First, Be-Be, Mrs. Rooney; second, Princess Zara, Mrs. Walker.

Oddeyed white female, open—First, Betty, Mrs. W. C. Buttles.

Any other color kitten—First, Polly Fawe, Mrs. S. D. Smith; second, Brownie, Mrs. Charles Freeman.

Any other color female, open—First, Leibling, Mrs. Walker.

Any other color with white kitten—First, Kyrle Bellew, Mrs. McClure.

Any other color with white female kitten—First, Lady, Mrs. Gatchell.

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Golden-eyed white male kitten—First, Bonnie Czar, Mr. and Mrs. Little.

Blue female, open—Second, Cuba Little, Mr. and Mrs. Little.

Silver Tabby male, open—First, Tiger, Mrs. Martin.

Any other color with white female, open—First, Cathena, Mrs. W. M. Silver.

Black neuter—Second, Spades, Mrs. E. E. Cummings.

Blue neuter—First, Jack B., Miss Nell Hall.

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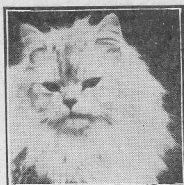
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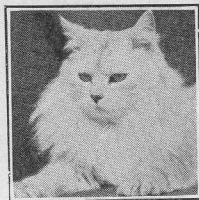
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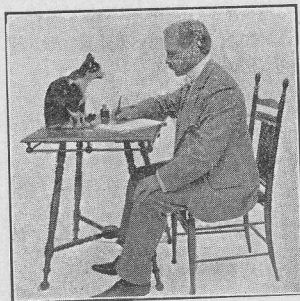
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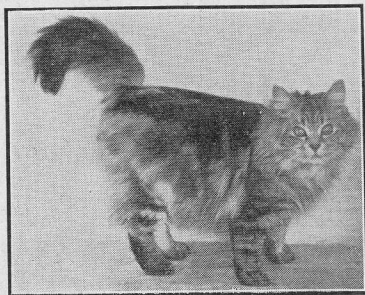
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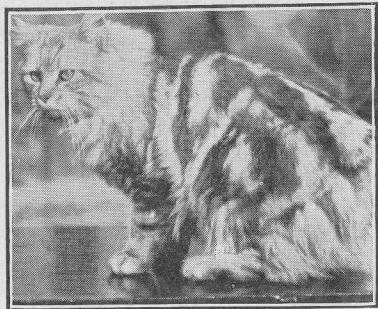
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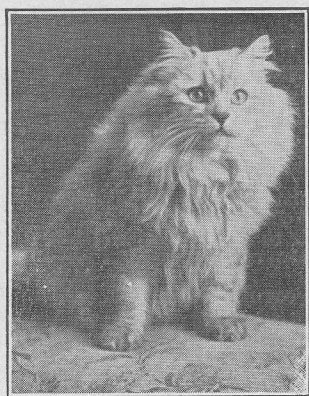
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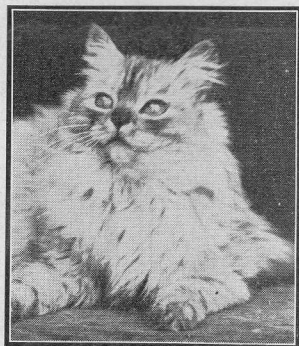
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