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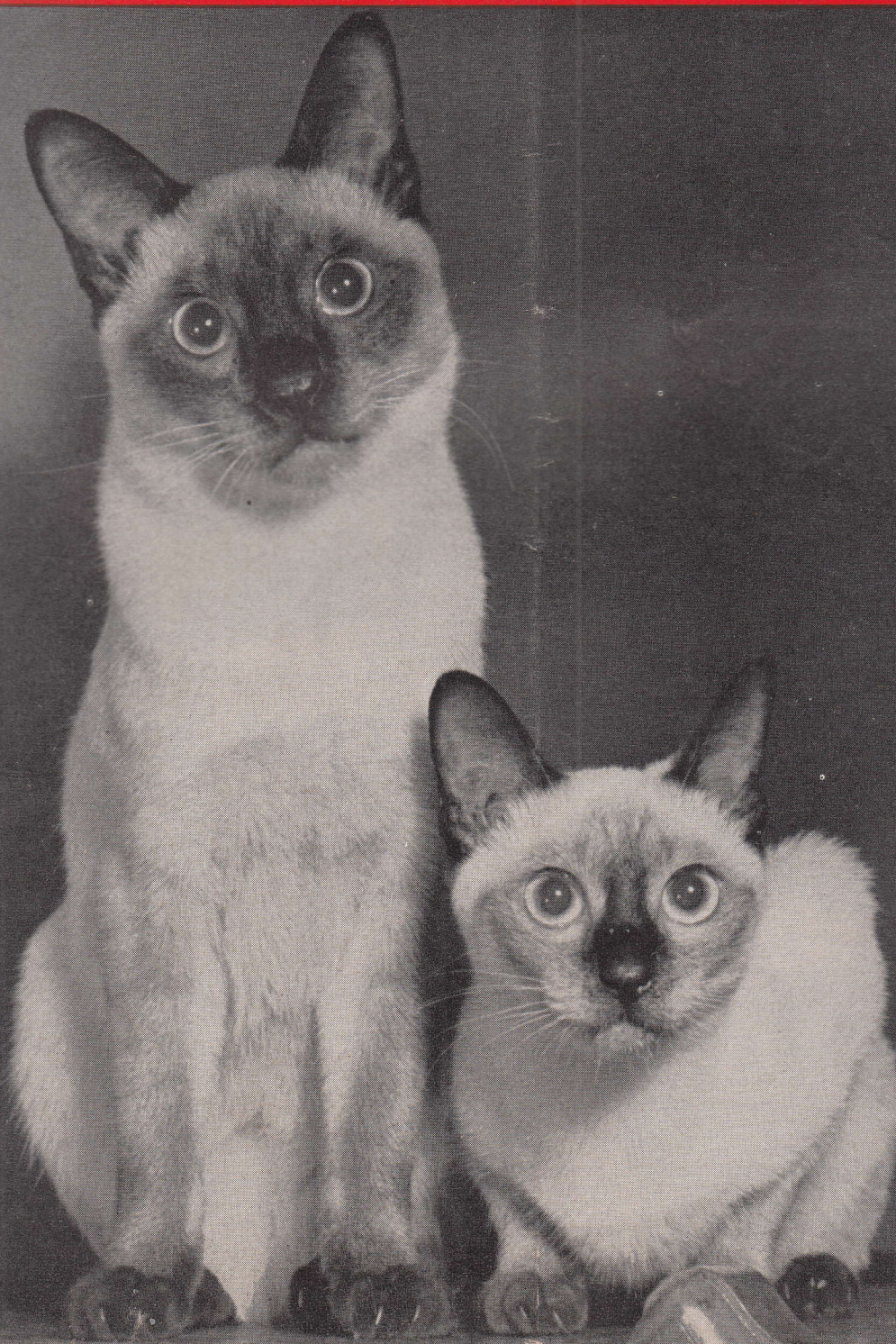
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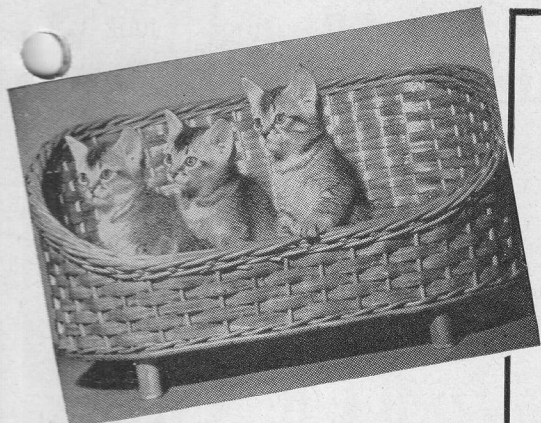
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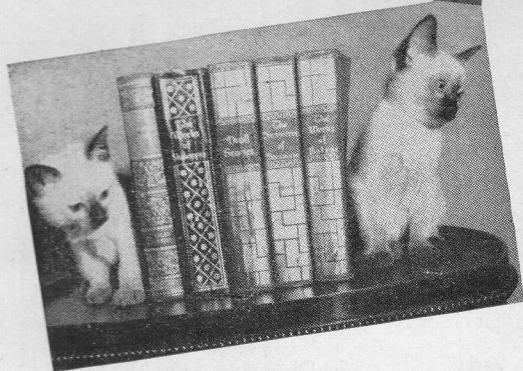
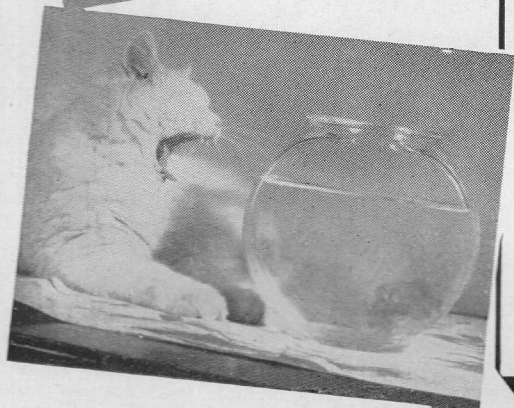
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I trust that CATS magazine will continue to carry news of the shows. Though not an exhibitor, I nevertheless enjoy following the fortunes of the show cats, some of which I have "met" in nearby shows.

CATS magazine is interesting in its present form. However, its value would be enhanced by the addition of a "Question and Answer" column, either as a regular feature or through "The Readers Always Write". Cat-people are the friendliest folk, and are always ready to share their knowledge and experiences in the interest of cats, so such a correspondence should surely flourish.

As a starter, would someone care to answer these two questions:

1. Is there any kind of fence construction which will keep cats in and other cats out?
2. What should be the dimensions of a sand-pit which will be self-purifying?

And here is a contribution that may help some reader... My Siamese refused milk in any guise until I finally hit upon a mixture of a tablespoon of dried milk with just enough water to achieve the consistency of waffle batter. This he will usually accept, if properly coaxed, but unless it is thick enough to be sampled from a finger, he will refuse it.

Minerva D. Desing

Collingswood 6, N. J.

—Thank you, Miss Desing. We invite our readers to carry on with this very good suggestion. The Editors.

DR. GUTHRIE WRONG

My CATS magazine (for May) has just arrived. As usual I read "The Back Fence" first, SO—I disagree with Dr. Guthrie; his experiment proved nothing. Any kitten, eyes opened or not, will immediately hiss and spit, and ridge his fur along the spine even if only one's hand is placed near them.

They do this because they are startled, and are on the defensive regardless, which is a natural reaction.

I raised a Boston Bull and two white cats together. Just recently Dr. Nancy Reser, a Veterinarian who raises Pug dogs and has three adult dogs in her household took a three-month old Siamese Sealpoint named Mr. Gallagher home. Within three days dogs and cats were eating, sleeping, and playing together. From the very day Mr. Gallagher arrived he showed no fear of the dogs.

Dr. Guthrie should try again.

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The beautiful poses and expressions of these two Siamese form another example of the rare artistry of Walter Chandoha. A brilliant new book of Chandoha photographs—"Catnips at Love and Marriage" is reviewed on page seven of this issue of CATS.

"CATS" Across the ATLANTIC

Elsewhere in this issue we are publishing an appeal forwarded to us by Miss Hettie Gray Baker, for old copies of CATS Magazine to be used in the work of the London branch of the Cats Protection League.

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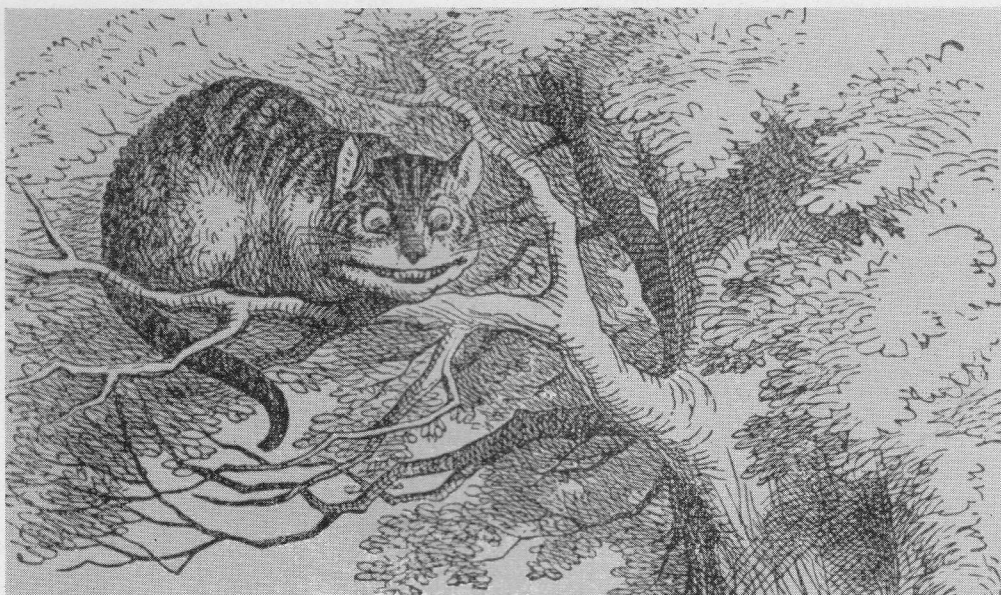
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What Kind of Person Was This Mysterious Friend of Alice's ?



TREATISE ON A CHESHIRE CAT

By David Curtis

The lingering after-grin of Lewis Carroll's Cheshire Cat is probably the most famous smile in literature. We may wonder what private bit of information keeps her so "good natured," as Alice has described her, although it is probably her amusing knack of vanishing at will. We may be certain, however, that the Cheshire Cat wears no smile of hypocrisy: her few pronouncements are much too wise for a hypocritical disposition. She is, in fact, very wise and self-assured, with a touch of disdain that may also amuse her. When she tells Alice, "We're all mad," it is said with the calm conviction of one who has come to great realizations with no loss of values. Besides, she is very accommodating. When Alice complains that her appearances and disappearances are too sudden, the Cheshire Cat quite willingly and patiently vanishes slowly. Alice had little right to find fault, since the incident had only occurred twice, but the Cheshire Cat displays a high degree of understanding of her friend's attitude. When the Cheshire Cat reappears for the fourth and last time at the Queen's party, she does so very slowly and deliberately, as though in deference to Alice's wishes.

Unfortunately for the Cheshire Cat, her efforts to please Alice evoke the displeasure of the King, who gives no real reason for disliking the Cheshire Cat, but says curtly, "I don't like the look of it at all." The Cat can hardly be blamed for her refusal to kiss the royal hand after such a slighting insult. "I'd rather not," she says, and these are the last words of the Cheshire Cat. She lingers at the party, quietly smiling, uninvited but in case, while preparations are made for her own beheading. She has nothing to say in the controversy she has occa-

sioned: how to behead something with no body. Here, again, her lack of concern is an indication of some inner wisdom and private knowledge, reflected in her cat-like smile of satisfaction.

For the literal-minded, the Cheshire Cat presents certain problems. What, exactly, is a Cheshire Cat, and do they always grin? There are two widely accepted theories on the origin of the term: the first holds that taverns and inns in Cheshire often contained a lion in their names: The Red Lion Inn, or Lion and Lamb; and since sign painters in Old Cheshire were not too precise, the figure of the lion on tavern fronts often looked more like a house-cat than the king of beasts. These signs became known as Cheshire Cats. The second theory holds that the fat, round cheeses for which Cheshire is famous were not unlike fat, contented cats, and often the face of a smiling cat was drawn on the hard shell of the cheeses. These also were known as Cheshire Cats. In any event, the smiling cat became a symbol of hospitality and good living. John Wolcot, who wrote under the name Peter Pindar, spoke of Cheshire Cats; Charles Lamb, who wrote under the name Elia, also mentioned them; but Charles Ludwidge Dodgson, who wrote under the name Lewis Carroll, made the Cheshire Cat famous.

The danger of arbitrary classification lies in the controversies which ensue. Some would hold that Carroll's Cheshire Cat is not a kind of cat at all, simply because there is no such thing in all of the classifications of cats. This is sheer foolishness and would bring even a broader grin to a Cheshire Cat. For those very literal-minded people, from whom the Cheshire Cat would quickly disap-



From the Original Tenniel illustration

pear, it would seem that the short-haired Silver Tabby is actually the Cheshire Cat in question. Some will hold that this is an absolutely impossible idea and that it is more logical to presume, since the Cheshire Cat disappears from the tail to the grin, the disappearing tail is the cue. They would say the Cheshire Cat is actually a Tailless Manx. This is not true, even though the supporters of this hypothesis may point out, as added evidence, the proximity of the Isle of Man

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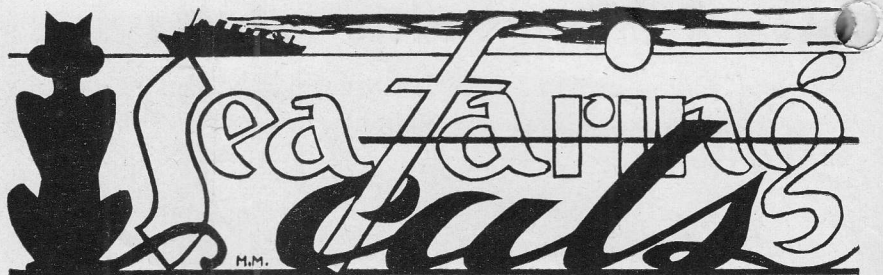
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Whether or not they have been smuggled aboard by a cat-minded member of the crew, is never learned. Oftimes perhaps, in the darkness of the night, they quietly make their way from the shadowed docks, up the gangplank and quickly skirt into the hold to await the departure of the vessel.

Usually the name of a ship's cat is Minnie, regardless of sex. Perhaps the most famous Minnie to sail the seas was the sailor-cat of the famous luxury liner, *Queen Elizabeth*, which has, since 1945, limited its run between New York, Southampton and Cherbourg. The *Queen Elizabeth* was used during World War II

on a world-wide scale and all through that period Minnie remained with the great ship.

Although the *Queen Elizabeth* flies the Union Jack, Minnie is believed to be an American. She joined the crew in Boston in 1941 while the British ship was in drydock there, and since her first day as a sailor, has reported to Frank Garland, a master-at-arms.

Minnie of the *Queen Elizabeth* has since retired from the seas and has taken up residence in England, living comfortably with her sea-faring memories with a Mrs. Irving of Southampton, whose husband is a retired master-at-arms. But the memory of the famous Minnie continues aboard the great vessel since a special leather-covered stool remains in the ship's fire station. It is stenciled with the name, "MINNIE".

During Minnie's nautical career, she missed the boat only once, spending her leave in Southampton. She is a black and white shorthair feline and feasted on turkey and chicken while on the high seas. She turned her nose up at fish and preferred water to milk.

The *American Trader* boasted a prize feline sailor, also named Minnie, who, on her first trip enroute from London to Boston, presented the crew with a litter of five kittens. When *The American Trader* docked in Boston, Minnie went ashore with the rest of the crew. Then the ship sailed to New York, but Minnie failed to board in time. Her kittens were in the hold, and the crew was forced to feed the litter with eye-droppers. When the vessel arrived in New York the frantic crew wirelessly the pier office in Boston requesting that Minnie be corralled and shipped immediately to New York. Minnie was found and arrived in New York, minutes before *The American Trader* started on its return voyage to England. Minnie was brought to her litter, but stalked away in disgust. A mistake had been made! Minnie was not the mother of the kittens! She was a he, although conforming to Minnie's general coloring and conformation.

Minnie of the *Panama-Pacific* ship, *Virginia*, was one of those sea-farers who joined the crew unheralded, but reported for duty on the high seas. She decided to bunk with one Richard Tielkies in the tailor shop. To show her appreciation of Tielkies she constantly presented him with litters of kittens until Mister Tielkies decided he needed a rest from kitten care. He selected a good home for Minnie in Balboa, Panama and the *Virginia* sailed away. Soon after, another *Panama-Pacific* ship arrived in port. Minnie boarded, looked around, found that she was not the right ship and returned to

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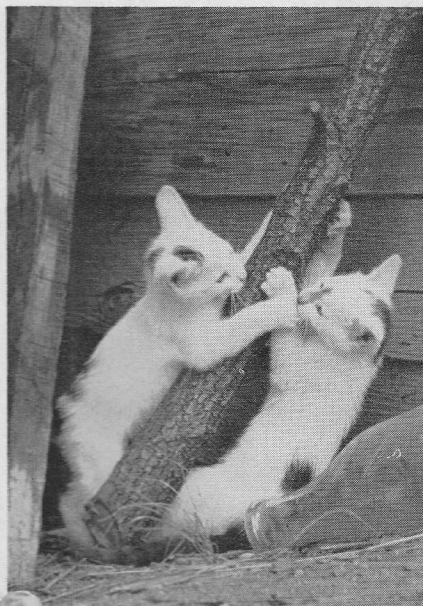
Catnips at Love and Marriage
By Walter Chandoha—Gold Medal

Not exactly in a class with Winston Churchill's memoirs of World War II, but guaranteed to take your mind off that war, this war, or almost any war, is Walter Chandoha's recently published cat picture-book "Catnips at Love and Marriage".

As the name implies, this book, a series of some of the best cat pictures we've ever seen, takes playful bites at Love and Marriage as seen through the eyes of a typical advice-to-the-Lovelorn columnist. In fact, the captions ape the voices of America's many Dorothy Dixes so well that at times the two are indistinguishable, and we are left wondering if perhaps Rhea Dee, who wrote them, is not Miss Dix out for a lark.

Even without captions, however, the pictures would stand alone as triumphs of artistry — artistry, we might add, which must be combined with infinite patience. The expression of the "wife" in the above picture, for example, must have been a fleeting thing, while other "wives" in the book, like "the unthinking wife who dozes at hubby's jokes", the still happy "single girl" who can do away with an undesirable suitor with one look of cold hauteur, all being caught in similar quick off-guard moments, all reflect again the agile way of Mr. Chandoha with a camera.

The "wives" are not the only ones who come in for a ribbing, however, for we see sad-eyed hubbies, surrounded by confetti, top hats and other accoutrements of revelry, unable to join in the festivities because of their overly contemplative natures. "Don't fret", says the caption, "if he is the reserved type at social affairs" . . . "You would suffer



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more if he were the familiar life-of-the-party", and then we see a black cat sprawled out in an undignified attempt to scale what appears to be a Venetian-blind wall.

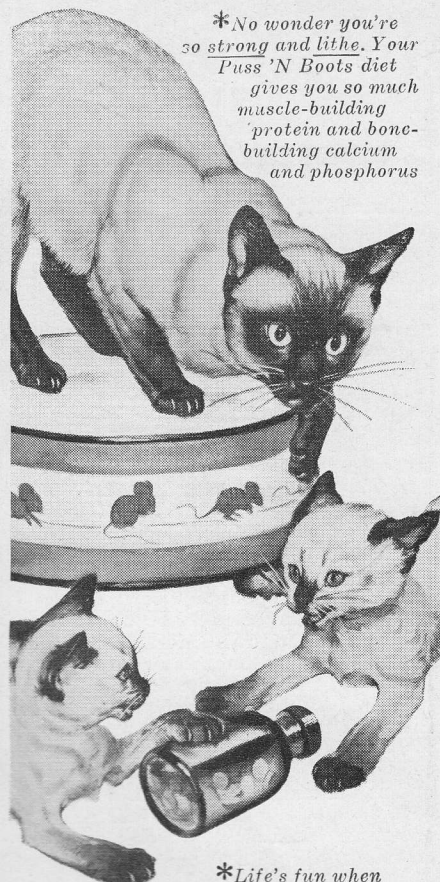
Other "husbands" hide in jugs to avoid arguments, while a few no-accounts spend their days out in the alley, surrounded by empty bottles and memories, or perch in a bedraggled bachelor way among the roof-tops whither they have been driven by their nagging spouses. One bachelor, but he does not look happy, sleeps alone.

The book is certain, in short, to bring many chuckles. You will wonder at some of the photos, and laugh at the apt-or in-aptness of the captions, for they do have a way of being in-apt at the most opportune moments.

The pictures alone, however, are worth many times the almost unbelievably low price of the book (25 cents). Our only possible regret is that someone evidently thought there were not enough cat-lovers to justify a more expensive printing, or else, someone discovered just in time that a good many cat-lovers are indigent artists.

At any rate, Cat Lovers of America, take heart! Here is a pocket-book which you'll love, and one for which you'll not have to empty those tattered, oft-disturbed, old pockets.

The Marin County Cat Club (California), has been organized with Mrs. Spencer Smiley, president; Mark Gerstle III, vice-president; Mrs. Beth Carrithers, secretary-treasurer, and a board of directors including Mrs. Ira L. Fuller, Mrs. Ivor J. Davies and Mrs. Aileen Forwood. The club was formally launched on April 21 with a luncheon at San Rafael.

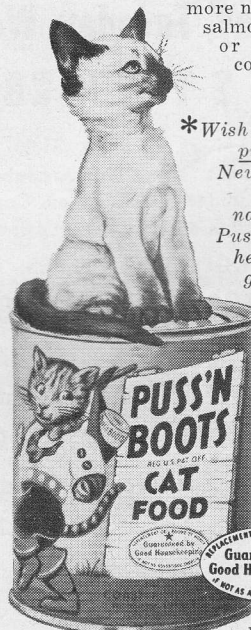


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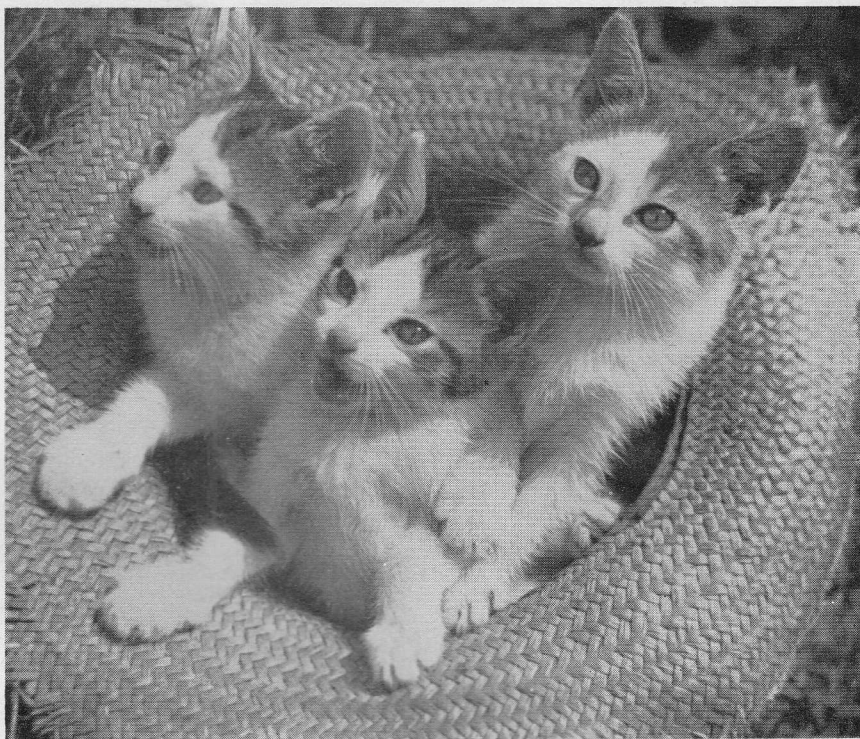
Three kittens, a straw hat, early afternoon sun, and an alert shutter-release finger composed the recipe used by Anne B. Moran of Northampton, Pa., to make the picture that earned her a \$25.00 U.S. Savings Bond for the prize Cat picture for the Month of June, and that also placed her in the running for the \$100.00 Bond Grand Prize for the 1951 Picture of the Year.

Miss Moran set the camera up in her own back yard, placed the kittens in the old straw hat, and then by snapping her fingers gained their attention, and clicked the shutter at just the precise moment to record their prize-winning expressions.

Interesting cat subjects, a basic picture idea, good composition, alert timing—these are what go to make outstanding photographs, and Miss Moran used all of them to cash in on the awards offered in the Cat Picture of the Month Contest sponsored by the manufacturers of Three Little Kittens Cat Food in conjunction with CATS magazine. Each month a \$25.00 Bond is awarded the prize-winner, and at the end of the year an additional \$100.00 Bond will go to the picture chosen as best of the twelve monthly selections.

Now that picture-taking weather is here, every camera fan should be able to submit at least one good photo in this quest for prizes and fame for both the

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PICTURE OF THE MONTH
By Anne B. Moran, Northampton, Pa.

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TEX-The Cat Who Celebrates Fathers Day

Tex is a two-year old Tabby spay of Mount Lebanon, Pennsylvania. Happy, hard-working, well-fed and satisfied at her full-time job as household pet of Mr. and Mrs. Richard R. Fisher and their two daughters, she still has a hobby of her own, and last Father's Day she put it to practical use.

Sunday, June 18, 1950, found the Fishers seated around the breakfast table coffee steaming, bacon frying, and Dad, an expectant smile on his face, waiting to begin opening the gayly-wrapped long, flat and square packages that symbolize the Day.

He had barely reached for the first one, which looked suspiciously like a necktie, when, "Scratch, meow", Tex was at the back door wanting to join the party. Not only did she want to join it, she'd brought along her Father's Day present, too . . . The beautiful live garter snake you see her with in the photograph. From wherever she'd caught it, she'd carried it to the house, through an outside cellar door, down the outside cellar steps, through the cellar, up the inside steps and right to the kitchen door. Even on Father's Day, Father Fisher almost had to take second place to a cat who could do something like that.

Yes, Tex's hobby is going out after snakes—and bringing them back alive. Altogether she has at least five to her credit, every one carried in squirming and unharmed with scarcely a scratch or a tooth-mark to show how they'd been captured. Either she thinks the Fishers like snakes or she's decided to become the St. Patrick of Western Pennsylvania and drive the snakes right out of Mount Lebanon. Whatever the reason, she's doing a good job at it, and apparently having a lot of fun, too.

Although you can't see them in the photo, she has white boots on her back paws, and she's a little bow-legged—the cat equivalent of a cow-girl—hence, "Tex". She's a kind, playful, understanding pet and the Fishers have always loved her, but now she's something even more special—the cat who celebrated Father's Day, and Mr. Fisher's wondering if he's treated her well enough this year to merit another present on June 17, 1951. Let's hope Tex thinks so.

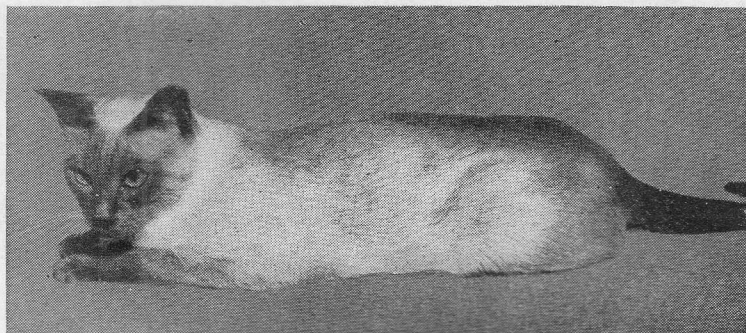
We regret three errors in the last issue; Goforth's Boogie-man, best foreign short-hair at the Alamo City Cat Club show, is owned by Mrs. C. C. Strange, not by Mrs. Lovett as listed, and Babylon's Casanova, best cat in the Detroit Persian show, belonged to Helen Jacobson, whose name we regret having misspelled.

Also, in reporting the results of the Coronado Cat Club show, the owner of Gulita Man'zelle, the Best Opposite Sex Cat, and the Best Opposite Sex Champion was shown incorrectly. The correct owner is Mrs. Walker K. Johnston.



TEX—The Frank Buck of Mount Lebanon, Pennsylvania with one of his most interesting catches.

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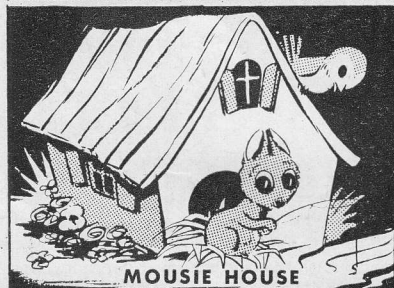
CATS magazine wants your opinion—and on June 1st a poll was begun of a portion of CATS subscribers asking "What do you like best about CATS magazine", and "What do you like least." Return postal cards were sent to about one out of every eleven readers, and among other questions were queries as to what Brand Name products for cats were preferred, how many cats were owned, and whether other pets were kept.

All of this information has special value, and the editors are particularly interested in learning what features of CATS magazine are proving of greatest appeal. Many of our readers will remember that a similar survey was made years ago in May 1948. The results should prove of wide interest and a summary of the returns will be published in an early issue of CATS.

While the ideal method would have been to have contacted each of our readers, the magnitude of such a task made it understandably necessary to compromise on approximately 9% of the subscription list distributed on a scientific geographically proportionate basis.

However, any readers who did not receive cards are welcome to write listing their favorite cat food and tonics, and rating according to their preferences the various features of CATS such as—News Stories, Articles by Special Writers, The Back Fence, Few Lines 'Bout Felines, the All-Sectional and All-America Selections, the Cover or the Advertising. All such information will be compiled and included in a special category in the final report.

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Some three years ago there crawled along Sinclair Road, in Kensington, London, a wretched caricature of a cat—so thin his bones almost stuck through his skin, so hungry he could hardly walk, so dirty one could not be sure of his color. And most dreadful indictment of humanity, so afraid of people that he cowered from every gaze. He paused for much needed rest at #30A—and then the miracle happened. A woman who had been standing by a window, and who then had left hurriedly, opened the door and offered the poor creature a saucer of milk. Not even starvation could overcome the terrible fear of people and he did not dare move a step until she had closed the door; but the milk remained.

For three days food and milk miraculously appeared, but still no response except terror. On the fourth day, taking her courage in both hands, Adele Rudd sat on the lowest step and once more murmured encouragement. Suddenly there was a leap, the bedraggled little animal threw both front paws around her neck and snuggled the filthy little head under her chin—secure and unafraid for probably the first time in its life.

From that moment, Adele Rudd and Mortimer belonged to each other. Although she had not planned it so at first, she called a friend who was active in the London branch of the Cats Protection League, and asked them to find a home for this stray. How right the League was in firmly refusing. "No! He picked you out for his owner and your home for his—so keep him you must!"

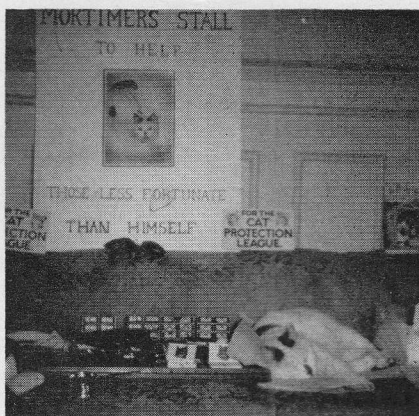
The League could not possibly have known how much to its own advantage this was going to be.

For after washing until Miss Rudd began to wonder if he would ever stop, it developed he was a white cat of great personality and dignity. His few dark spots merely add to his distinctiveness—and he has taken his place in the household with considerably determination and understanding.

He realizes it is his home and his place in the neighborhood and no other cats need appear. Any ill-advised attempts on the part of nearby cats are repulsed immediately and firmly. But let a stray appear in the Road, or any hungry cat or sick one and Mortimer leads them without hesitation to his home and watches tenderly over their welfare until Miss Rudd can restore them to their own homes or find new ones.

He has two favorite places to nestle—

In the CFA news story in the May issue, CATS magazine reported the approval of Mrs. Everett M. Battey as a Chinese Specialty Judge. Actually, it was Mr. Battey who was given the approval. Our apologies and congratulations.



MORTIMER: At the Cat Protection League Booth during a dull interlude on the job.

one is on Miss Rudd's shoulder, and the other is in the bathtub right after the hot water has been drained off.

But it is as an active representative of the Cats Protection League that Mortimer shines and accumulates fame.

Every so often announcements are sent to their friends that, "Mortimer's stall and the Small White Elephants table are ready—so come and buy for the benefit of the Cats Protection League." More and more are these parties becoming known, Mortimer adds names of friends by the dozen to his lists, and he gets more mail than Miss Rudd does!

It is delightful to hear that Americans are being numbered among his friends.

By

Hettie Gray Baker

S. O. S.

The Cats Protection League and the active branch in London run by Mortimer Rudd and his partner, Adele Rudd, in their home need your help.

They report a great demand for CATS Magazine, back numbers, current issues, anything available as long as it is this magazine! Donations of these copies would well be your good deed for the day. Mortimer was a stray himself and knows what needs to be done—and he sure is doing it.

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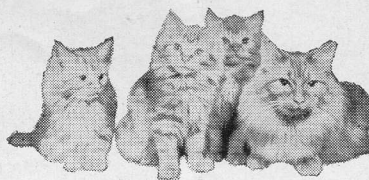
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TWINKIE

By Vernice D. Miller
Prelude

The dew is on the rose
By little fairies put;
But how did it get on
Our little Twinkie's foot?
Her socks like glam'rous ermine gay,
And soft and white and clean,
Now have the look of telltale gray,
Disgraceful to be seen.
She always walks with stately grace,
Her tail waves proud and high;
But now she walks with stilted halts,
And shakes her feet, "My! My!"

Contributed by Mrs. Ivan H. Smith

REFLECTIONS OF A BREEDER OF PERSIAN KITTENS

By Maritha P. Andrews
Every time I sell a kitten
Always by remorse I'm bitten:
But what else can a breeder do?
Other people love them, too.

A PICTURE FROM POOR MATTHIAS

By Matthew Arnold
Cruel, but composed and bland,
Dumb, inscrutable and grand
So might Tiberius have sat.
Had Tiberius been a cat.

*When I play with my cat, who knows whether I do not make her
more sport than she makes me.*

Montaigne

Who should be described as catty unless it be some gracious and
graceful female, dignified and reserved, redolent of beauty and
charm and the mystery of love?

Carl Van Vechten

SHE'S A CAT

By Elsie Ely

*One fact incomprehensible is that
A woman hates to be called a cat.
Yet a cat never gets a double chin,
Time never etches crow's-feet in.
Her forehead never shows a frown
Nor lacks she a becoming gown.
And she knows not the strain and stress
Of shopping for becoming dress.
No glasses mar pussy's eyes, clear and steady,
For every occasion she's garbed and ready.
She never needs to fret and stew
Or changes heed when the style turns new.
Of her size and looks she never mourns.
A fine fur coat she always owns,
And weather causes her no groans,
For she's-equipped for foul or fair
And no impedimenta need she wear.
A cat's joints never get stiff and lumpy,
And never could one call her dumpy.
Puss will ne'r have a dowager's hump
Nor that soft and fleshy width of rump.
When she makes her appearance graceful,
Compliments ensue to fill a pageful.
What dame would find need of "Vogue" or "Glamour"
If she could adopt kitty's looks and manner?
Now, could a Finer Tribute be Paid Than That
A Woman Reminds One of a Cat?*

Contributed by Wreatha L. Dellinger

PRACTICE

By Hippolyte Taine
(Trans. from the French by
Agnes Repplier).

Cultivate your garden, said Goethe to
Voltaire,
Every other task is wasted and dead-
born;
Narrow all your efforts to a given sphere,
Seek your Heaven daily in a bit of
ground.
So my cat behaves. Like a veteran,
He brushes well his coat before he sits
to dine;
All his work is central in his own do-
main,
Just to keep his spotless fur soft, and
clean, and fine.
His tongue is sponge, and brush, and
towel, and currycomb.
Well he knows what work it can be
made to do,
Poor little wash-rag, smaller than my
thumb.
His nose touches his back, touches his
hind paws too.
Every patch of fur is racked, and scraped,
and smoothed;
What more has Goethe done, what more
could Voltaire do?

FROM THE MAUNICIPLES TALE, THE CANTERBURY TALES

By Geoffrey Chaucer

Let take a cat, and foster him well with
milk
And tender flesh, and make his couch
of silk,
And let him see a mouse go by the wall,
Anon, he waiveth milk, and flesh, and
all,
And every dainty which is in the house,
Such appetite hath he to eat a mouse.

A cat may look at a king.

John Heywood (1546).

PUSSY WILLOW TREE

By Marlene Chisman,
age nine years.

Tell me pussy willow tree
Can it really really be
That from your buds of silken fur
Little kittens grow and purr?

I would like to have a pussy cat
I'd feed it milk and make it fat.
So please dear pussy willow tree
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Forty Cats Make 1951 All-Western

CALIFORNIA EXHIBITORS LEAD WITH THIRTY-FOUR WINNERS

Forty outstanding cats of the Western show world are named 1951 ALL-WESTERN for their breed, color, and sex in this issue of CATS. These are the best cats in the Coast and Mountain states as computed by a specially developed mathematical system originated for and used exclusively by CATS magazine.

In this fifth annual listing, California exhibitors lead with 34 winners, an indication of the overwhelming lead of the Golden State in the Fancy. The position, however, is not so dominant as last year, when out of 45 All-Westerns, California claimed 41. The 1951 ratings find Oregon with three winners, Washington with two, and Wyoming breaking in for the first time with one—Champion Hollywood's Blue Velvet, owned by E. W. Krampert of Casper, Wyoming.

Twenty-four of the winners are Long Hairs, 13 Foreign Short Hairs, but only three classes of Domestic Short Hairs are rated. While more classes than these were exhibited, sufficient show wins to earn mention were made only by cats in the 40 classes listed.

Leading the West for Cat of the Year honors is Grand Champion Pied Piper of Barbe Bleue, Black Long Hair Male owned by Frances S. Campbell; and for Best Opposite Sex, Mrs. Fred Wildenhuis's Blue Long Hair Female, Blulace Rosepointe of Leilania is ahead. Both must now compete against the other top All-Sectionals throughout the country for the coveted "Best" rankings.

Four of the 1951 All-Westerns were All-American in 1950—Grand Champion Pied Piper of Barbe Bleue; Quadruple Champion Michael of Beverly-Serrano; Double Champion Briargate Miles Gregory; and Double Champion Laos Santee Wat de Casa Gatos. All 1951 All-Westerns who have earned enough wins to gain a high number of All-Sectional points are in the running for All-American honors, but these can not be determined until the September announcement.

Of last year's 45 winners, only eight were able to repeat. These, in addition to the four listed above were Double

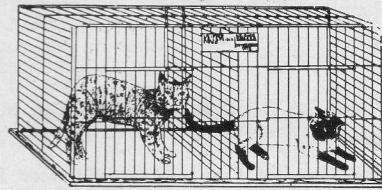
Champion Blulace Rosepointe, Double Champion Kiva's Kachina Doll, Mar Vista's Hassan of Glen Mar, and Double Champion Rosegate's Rosabella.

Quadruple Champion Michael of Beverly-Serrano has been All-Western since 1948 and earns the distinction of being the only four-time winner to be represented this year. Double Champion Briargate Miles Gregory with three straight wins furnishes the only close competition in this respect.

In number of winners, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Miles and Mrs. Blanche Warren lead with three each. Steve and Detta Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Chet Denning, Rita and Bob Wilson, and Mrs. Louise Sylvia all have two.

The CATS magazine ratings combine the results of every sanctioned cat show of the four official organizations held anywhere in the United States and Canada during the show season of 1950-51. The All-Sectional and All-American Cats

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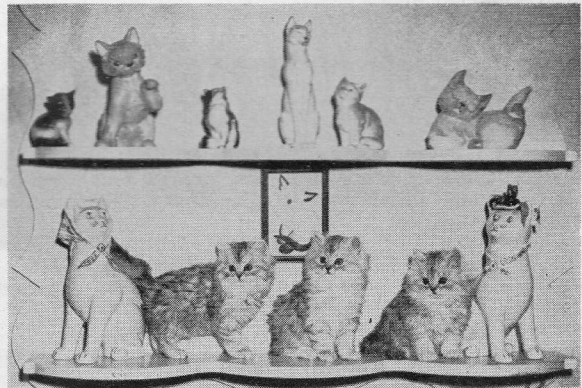
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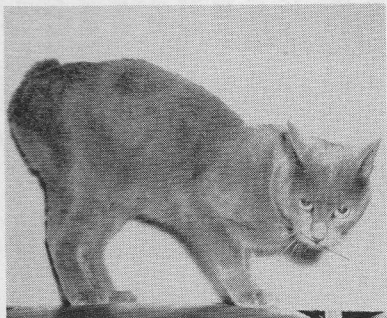


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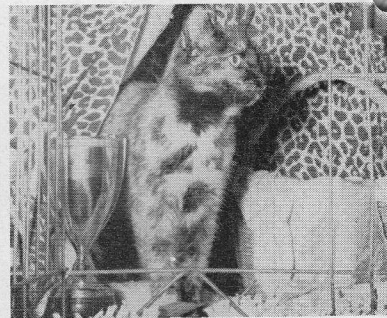
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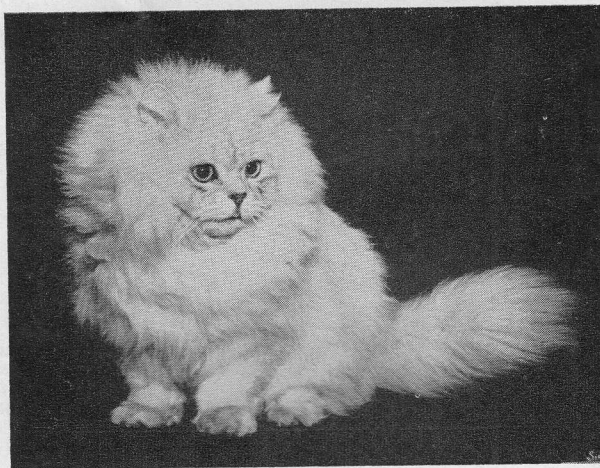
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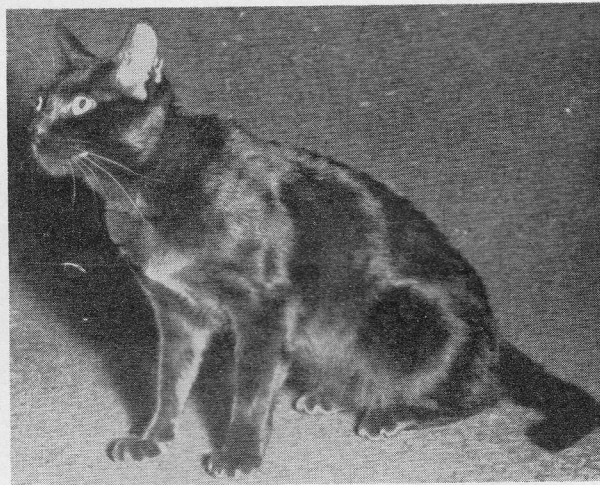


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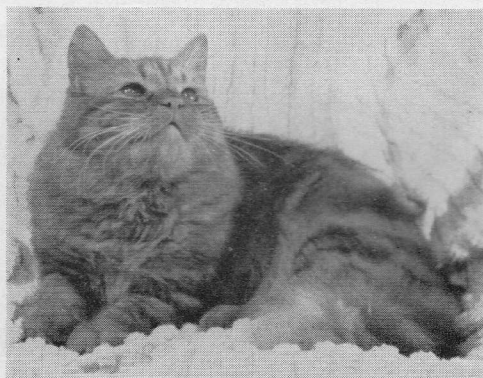
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CAT TAILS . . .

by **Billie Bancroft**

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Jo-Anne Reynolds, from Dover, New Jersey, called me last night to tell me about Heather, the blue Persian queen that rules her family with a paw of steel in a velvet glove. Now Jo-Anne is a very social-minded young matron and likes to give formal dinners or Saturday night Bridge Suppers. Twice she has lit the candles on her dinner table—and when the guests arrived—and walked in—the candles were out—dead, black, out. This proved something of a mystery to the family. No one could understand. Yesterday she set the table, arranged her centerpiece and after she had dressed she went down stairs and lighted the candles. She was called to the telephone, which was in sight of the prettily decorated table. Glancing casually toward the

Dining Room she saw Heather walk in, glance pugnaciously at the lights, and springingly swiftly to the table she began batting them with her paws—when one was finished she started in the other one. Never at any time burning her paws or upsetting the candle-sticks. So the mystery was solved. Jo-Anne seems to think that a lot of things are combining to make her give up lighting her table with candles. First it was her father-in-law who said it was just a lot of new-fangled notions, burning candles. Jo says that she explained to him that candles were cheaper than current (which I personally am inclined to doubt)—and now he is more or less agreeable about the matter.

John English from Norwalk, Conn., called me last week and told me about a Siamese queen he has named 'Oui-Oui'—now Oui-Oui was supposed to have a family and a special room was fitted with all the things she would need. The four little cat-babies did not live and the little mother was heart broken,

she cried and wept and carried on in the most pitiful manner, disturbing the whole family. All the bed rooms are on the second floor—Oui-Oui also had her room on the second floor rear. One morning John's father missed his watch—a beautiful Hamilton—given him by his office employees. He was very much upset. The whole house was upset. Everyone started looking in the most impossible places. The watch could not be found. Some one remarked that Oui-Oui was very quiet for a change—John went in to see how she was making out. There she was in a little music-box—with the watch tucked under her head—John could just see the buckled-end of the strap. She was loving the nice tic-toc, loving it to death. John's mother went down to the maid and borrowed Katy's watch—the one she had saved coupons to get—it had a nice loud tick—much better than the Hamilton. It was given to 'Oui-Oui' as the other was gently removed. She liked it much better too. The result was—Katy got a new watch and now 'Oui-Oui' sometimes wears her very own watch around her neck. Always she must have it to go sleep. If it stops talking to her—she will drag it to one of the family to fix.

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Andy Simpson air-mails me from Tower City, North Dakota, of an event that happened in his home. Last Mother's Day he presented his Mom with a trinket for her Coffee-table. It was a Cigarette holder in the shape of ox-cart, wooden wheels and all. Sister Kathe' has two White Persian kittens with the most heavenly blue eyes you ever looked at. (I ought to know—they are from Cloud Top). Now these little fur-babies can not be kept off the coffee table if the wagon is there—they will knock all the cigarettes out of the wagon with their soft little paws—and never touch the cigarettes. One decided he would drag the wagon off the table but he was caught in time. Now Andy has tied a string to the wagon and both of the kittens will drag it all around the room. Grandire Simpson came in for the weekend and saw the kittens perform. He has promised Kathe that he will make a set of shafts to hitch her Persian team of —and then I am promised a pix—Andy says it will be an action picture.

Cats are nice people—



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land. She repeated the performance when another ship of the same line arrived, with the same results. Several months later, the *Virginia* anchored. Once again she located the tailor shop and her good friend Tielkies. She announced her return after the ship ploughed into the blue Pacific. Then she reported to Tielkies and promptly showed her appreciation and understanding by presenting him with a litter of seven kittens.

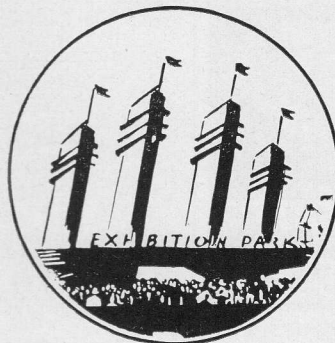
An unusual story about a sea-going cat concerns Frizette, who lived with her mistress, Aline, in Nice, France. In 1947 Aline came to America and married Paul Gleba of Peekskill, N. Y. Frizette remained in sunny France with Aline's mother, but when the latter died, Aline made arrangements for Frizette to come to America.

Mrs. Gleba met the boat and Frizette, but the French puss took one look at America and decided it was not for her. She leaped from Aline's arms and hid until the ship sailed. Frizette sailed back and forth between France and America

seven times without going ashore. The French refused to permit her to land in the country of her birth, and she in turned refused to set paws in America. On her final voyage to America, as the ship entered the New York port, Frizette made an effort to hide. She selected a large ventilator and jumped into it, and was horribly mangled to death by the whirring blades of a huge fan.

There was a happier ending to the

story of Peggy, a spotted gray and white cat, mascot of the Peruvian steamer, *Puerto Suarez*, who popped up on deck when that boat was off the Guatemalen coast. She remained with the vessel for eight years. The crew figured out that she had circled the globe five times, and proudly dubbed her the "world's most travelled cat" with an appropriate nautical ceremony in the Peruvian manner. Whatever that was.



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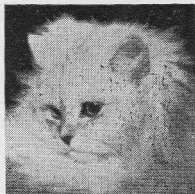
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Treatise on a Cheshire Cat

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to the Western coast of England and Cheshire.

Without further argument or discourse on why the Cheshire Cat is not what she is not, let us examine the reasons why the Cheshire Cat is actually a short-haired Silver Tabby. First, there is the matter of wisdom. Is not the Silver Tabby the wisest of all cats? When Alice asks, "Where ought I to go from here?" and the Cheshire Cat replies, "That depends a great deal on where you want to get to," can there be any doubt that this is the logic of a Silver Tabby? A Manx would certainly have asked, "Where do you wish to go?" and probably, "Where have you been?" The Cheshire Cat knew only too well that these were hardly worth consideration; besides one cannot answer a question with a question. Then, there is the matter of wit. When the Cheshire Cat asks, "Did you say a pig or a fig?" she intends the question to have a humorous effect. A witty play on words or a pun are the favorite forms of humor in Cheshire and typical of the Silver Tabby. Finally, there is the matter of disappearing. It is characteristic of the Silver Tabby to withdraw into some secret place for extended periods of thoughtful

In August 1936 a litter of kittens was born to a cat in Wilmington, N. C. (owner Mrs. Annie Mae Gannon). Only one kit of the four was normal. One had no tail, another only a stub of a tail, and the fourth was dog-like, with short whiskers, black, white and yellow face, ears long and sharply pointed, hind legs bowed, stub tail. Hair short, smooth and dog-like all over its body. It was born twelve hours after the other three with its eyes open and able to crawl a little. Had the voice of a cat, but sniffed like a dog at its food. Did not play with other kits, but stretched out and watched them frolic.

—Journal of Heredity, March 1937

reflection. The Cheshire Cat's trick vanishing would appeal strongly to a Silver Tabby, although not to her alone. A Siamese would enjoy this, too.

As a matter of further consideration, there is the choice of location. The Cheshire Cat is always smiling down from the branches of a tree. No long-haired cat would ever see the advantages of leaving her velvet cushion for a disappearing act in the tree tops, and might even find the practice somewhat vulgar. Moreover, what long-haired cat is capable of admitting, "We're all mad!"

The fact that the Cheshire Cat chooses the tree as her field of operation is a further commentary on her nature. She entertains the same feelings of superiority that every cat enjoys, but at the same time, she wants some kind of an observatory position in the world of events. The tree is a natural choice: elevated and elusive, but in the thick of everything. Another typically Silver Tabby attitude.

Many will disagree with these ideas. Some will point to the obvious exceptions, recalling a short-haired Silver Tabby totally unlike the Cheshire Cat. Others may find reasons, which satisfy them, why the Cheshire Cat may even be a Smoke Persian, ignoring all other considerations. Such controversies always result from attempts at classification, which is probably one reason why the question has gone so long unanswered. The Cheshire Cat, herself, would offer no help. She would simply smile and finally disappear, leaving, as Alice found, only "a grin without a cat."

THE SNOWBALL BUSH

In a neighboring city yard a snowball bush has proved immensely attractive to many cats, though some do not notice its existence. Those that find the bush of interest will spend thirty minutes at a time licking and caressing the bark.

This extraordinary conduct aroused my curiosity to such an extent that in order to ascertain what chemical or other substance in the bark of the bush fascinates cats I inquired of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden and The New York Botanical Garden, but neither had ever heard of the snowball bush's attraction for felines. The Librarian of the Brooklyn Garden, however, sent a list of constituents found in the bark: starch, a little tannin, much ash, some resin, a bitter, water-soluble glucoside believed to be the source of valeric acid and an important component, and stated that the bark is used in medicine as a nervine, astringent, diuretic and tonic, etc. The Director of the New York Garden found that valerian, of which, as we all know, many cats are fond, contains valeric acid and that the snowball bush also contains this acid. He kindly sent me a vial holding a wad of cotton soaked with valeric acid, with which many cats have been tested. Some paid no attention to the open vial, others were charmed by it, two of them batting it around delightedly as though it were a catnip mouse.

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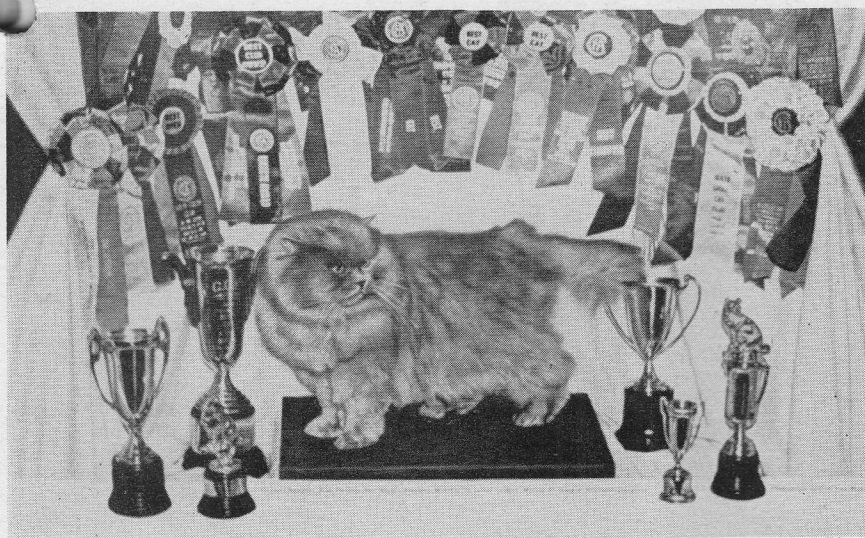
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By Mary Elizabeth Kirby

Many cat-lovers have expressed interest in the recent Cities Service advertisement which ran in the Saturday Evening Post.

The comparison of record-breaking cats was the theme of the advertisement, and it featured "success" stories on two types of cats—one, the story of the famous Nor-Mont's Rosedere Mischief, and the other, the story of the "cats" owned by Cities Service.

"Cats" is actually a short name applied to the catalytic cracking units used in the petroleum industry. These "cats" are the tall pipe-filled skeleton structures which are the distinctive features of modern petroleum refineries. It is through them that the oil is processed, and it is they which are doing the record-breaking job of producing gasoline, fuel oils, and the other excellent petroleum products which are so essential to our present day living.

The picture above shows Mischief as he appeared in the Cities Service ad. During the past year, all cat fanciers have, at one time or another, heard of him, the cat who achieved the practically impossible. It took only 129 days for Mischief to earn the Grand Championship award. He is owned by Mrs. Merald Hoag of Arlington, Virginia, and here is the story of this fabulous Blue Persian.

Mischief was first shown at the Norfolk show in October of 1949 and won his first Winner's Ribbon. In the same year, at the Nashville show, the judge awarded him the "best Cat in Show." The final points necessary for Mischief to attain his championship were made when he was crowned Champion at the Milwaukee show in the same year.

At the Miami and Denver shows in 1950 Mischief was given two awards—Best Cat in Show and Best Champion in Show. Chicago's cat show again tabbed him as Best Champi in Show—and it was at that time that Mischief attained

his Grand Championship . . . an amazing record of a cat who rose to fame in only 129 days.

The excellent photograph of Mischief was taken by Mr. L. S. Van Riper with the able assistance of his wife. Mr. Van Riper is also on the Board of Trustees of the Cat Fanciers of Washington, Inc.

It is very interesting to note that animals, especially cats, are figuring more and more in advertising today—and it is particularly gratifying to find a cat used in the advertising of such a prominent company as Cities Service.

The beautiful color advertisement featuring Mischief which appeared in the Saturday Evening Post has been reproduced in the April issue of Cities Service quarterly publication "SERVICE." There are a limited number of copies available and if you are interested in obtaining a copy of this publication free, write Cities Service, 903 Ring Bldg., Washington 6, D. C.

Incidentally, as a cat lover, you will be interested to know that Mr. Noah Webster terms you as an "aelurophile," while the Cities Service "cat" fanciers, those who are in charge of the huge units, can claim only the prosaic title of "petroleum engineer."

HOUSTON CAT CLUB At Houston, Texas, Mar. 3-4, 1951, C.F.A. Rules.

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Best Opp. Ch.—Cuthpa Dhympo, b.p. siam., Mrs. R. M. Cuthbertson.

Best Kit.—Nor-Mont's Sunny Sue, bl.f., Mrs. Hoag.

Best Opp. Kit.—Ting A Ling, s.p. siam., Pauline Kral.

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TABBY, red tabby female, owned by MRS. MATTIE BOWMAN of Dry Run, W. Va., claims her cat is 25 years old this spring. MRS. BOWMAN keeps track of TABBY'S age because it was born on the same day as her niece, who has just turned 25. Is this the oldest cat in America today? . . . There is a report that RHUBARB, the new movie star, who is playing in the movie by the same name was sick recently with a respiratory infection and was confined to a veterinarian hospital to recuperate, thus holding up production . . . Did you know that fresh raw fish is an excellent bowel stimulus for a cat because it assists the cat to vomit indigestible fur? . . . Two cat club publications have just come over The Back Fence. The first of these is THE BOSTON CAT CLUB YEAR BOOK, a 3 1/2" by 6" booklet featuring the monthly program for the year, plus details of the membership. The BOSTON CAT CLUB celebrates its forty-seventh birthday with a party on September 12. Vol. 1, No. 1, of "The Colorado Cat's Meow," dated April, 1951, is published by the COLORADO CAT FANCIERS of Denver. It is edited by MRS. J. CLAYTON MUDGETT and MRS. WARREN FRENCH, and contains news of the club members as well as other information. Clubs desiring to publish such excellent literature as that produced by the BOSTON CAT CLUB and the COLORADO CAT FANCIERS, should write the club secretaries (see inside front cover).

ROBERTA RICHARDS, selected as MISS PHOTOFLASH of 1951 at the Chicago Photographers' Ball recently, who won a trip to Hollywood as a result, has been signed for a supporting role in the cat movie, "Rhubarb", which stars RAY MILLAND and JAN STERLING . . . MRS. ADA MAE MILES of Sherman Oaks, who scored with three All-Western winners, fell and broke her leg. The following day she received formal announcement of the big wins, which prompted her to acknowledge immediately and say the news did much to start her on the road to recovery . . . Bet you

don't know what May 6th anniversary date is? On that date in 1895, the first formally staged cat show was held in America in New York City's Madison Square Garden. Why don't cat clubs observe the date with special meetings and kitten matches?

MRS. EVELYN BONNER of Dayton, Ohio reveals that her cats have watched TV wrestling so much they can duplicate the holds. They are HONEY, age 3, weighing 10 1/2 pounds, and MIDGE, age 2, weighing 13 pounds. She says the cats go through with the same gyrations as the wrestlers, only the cats move much faster. Who referees? . . . A recent RIPLEY cartoon of the feature, "Believe It or Not!", has a drawing of a tom cat named TOMMY, owned by GLORIA HOFMANN of Baltimore, showing the letter T outlined on the coat of the household cat. The T is in white, very clearly outlined and on the right side of TOMMY.

SWOVIE LUND of Ladoga, Indiana, recently wrote a letter to the editors of Collier's Magazine requesting that pictures of cats be placed on its covers. He wrote: "I have had the hobby of collecting cat pictures and taping them onto the kitchen wall. I'd say there are about 130 cats, roughly counting. Well, on your March 10th cover appeared two very homely little bull terriers, and for the heck of it, I taped them on the west wall one night. Next morning, so help me—may I never touch another drop—there warn't a dad-burned cat to be seen! Vanished! Found a wisp of tape here and there, mute evidence of their hurried flight."

Ireland's legislature is now confronted with a bill known as the Cat and Mouse Act which sets forth that no cat be permitted on the premises of a shop selling food . . . Because of the increased interest in Russian Blue cats in England, a specialty club for owners of this breed has been organized in England. Americans wishing to get the lowdown on the group should write MRS. de CLIFFORD, 21 Holland Park, London, W.11, England . . . RALPH MORRIS, the TV Cat Man of KFI-TV, Los Angeles reports that DR. FERN SMITH of Huntington Park, Calif., owns the Number 1 "stand in" for RHUBARB in the movie of the same name, with LA VONNA WRIGHT of Downey, owning the Number 2 "stand in". Both owners were interviewed in May by MORRIS over Long Beach station KFOX.

MRS. JOSEPH MARSHALL, president of the Alamo City Cat Club of San Antonio, Texas publishes "Cat Tips from Texas" each month, a mimeo news letter of activities among the breeder-exhibitors of the Southwest and elsewhere. If interested write her at 117 East Locust St., San Antonio, Texas. It reports the organization of The Short Hair Club of El Paso, Texas, organized by MRS. C. C. STRANGE . . . GARLAND GRIFFIN, reporter for the Press-Enterprise of Riverside, Calif., writes a news story in his paper that an uninvited opossum has come to live at his house, and he is fearful that it will attack his cats. His article appears as a plea for some advice as to how to get rid of the 'possum. Anybody who can offer some help should write the worried reporter.

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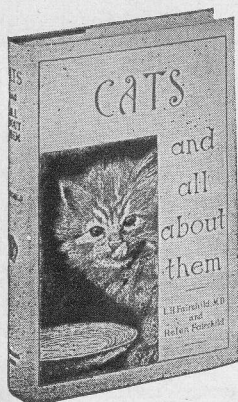
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