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Dear Editors:

I am the proud owner of a Siamese but I am a fan of a long haired cat named Cleo owned by Samuel Hoffman.

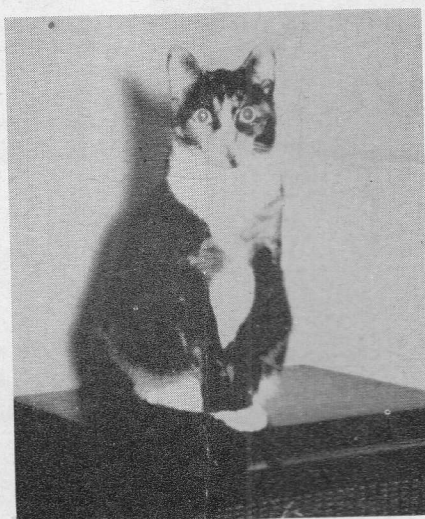
This cat is one of the many tails of Hoffman and what impresses me is the regality with which she carries off the role of Cleopatra.

You see, I played Cleopatra and John Mason Brown observed "Tallulah Bankhead barged down the Nile as Cleopatra last night—and sank."

At any rate, Mr. Hoffman's Cleo is the most queenly cat I have ever seen and I am sending you her picture in the hope that you might see fit to publish it. Mr. Hoffman, incidentally, took the picture.

Sincerely,
Tallulah Bankhead

Poundridge
New York



...AND SOME THEATRICAL CATS

Dear Editors:

I am a new subscriber to CATS and like it very much.

You may be interested to know that I have raised the paternal grandmother of Tony—of the article on page thirteen, Dec. issue. (Mexico's Cat Star, by Dick Hayman.) She is almost thirteen years old.

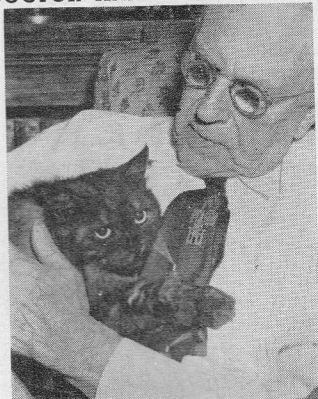
I sent Tony's parents to Mrs. Vitaich when she was living in Mexico City—she in turn gave Tony to his present owner.

Tony's grandmother, KoKo, has also appeared in *Bell, Book and Candle*.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Conrad Vierhus

Stratford, Calif.

DOCTOR HARRY AND SMOKIE



Dear Editors:

We find we were a bit hasty in reporting our "Cats Magazine" had not reached us. Not only did the current issue arrive last week, but also your follow-up to our appeal.

"Smoky" Langdon and I read it from cover to cover, and we look forward to each issue . . . Pardon the personal touch, a photo of Smoky and myself.

Sincerely yours,
Harry K. Langdon, M. D.

3264 No. Pennsylvania St.
Indianapolis 5, Ind.

Dear Editors:

I enjoyed very much the article by Robert Downing, featuring the various "cat" roles in plays and ballets.

Here in Miami, another Siamese cat played the role of Pyewacket in *Bell, Book and Candle* presented by Sidney Cassell's Grove Players.

Mrs. George A. Miller, a member of the Poinciana Shorthair Club of Miami donated her lovely well-behaved neuter, Reynal Motu. He conducted himself as an aristocrat . . . his sire was the late champion Chirn-Sa-Hai Naranoda, All-Southern Bluepoint a couple of years ago. Mrs. Richard O'Donovan, our club president and breeder of both the sire and dam was justly proud of her "grand-child."

Thanks for an interesting and informative magazine.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Reynolds Moody (Secretary)
Poinciana Shorthair Club

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HOOKED RUG HOBBYIST

Dear Editors:

Thank you for printing a picture of my Christmas card in your last issue. I was surprised and delighted. You noted that Christmas cards were a good way to publicize and popularize our pets. If any of your readers hook rugs or design them, they might try making a hooked rug design with their favorite pets as subjects. Two years ago I made one that turned out quite well, with the black angora and two Siamese cats in a basket.

It was displayed at a local hobby show and admired, although my actual rug-hooking technique leaves much to be desired. One really appreciates the delicate shading of Siamese cats' fur when trying to match it in wools. My cats were still young when I started it; they colored up gradually during the months that I worked on the rug, and I had to keep



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COVER

Our cover this month honors America's greatest Chinchilla, **DOUBLE GRAND CHAMPION MICHAEL OF BEVERLY-SERRANO**, whose owner, Helen C. Amos of Rollywood Cattery, Route 2, Box 543, Lakeside, California, is announcing his retirement from show competition at the close of last year's show season, at the height of his career after having received his sixth All-American award for having been the best Chinchilla male in America for every year from 1947-48 through 1952-53! He is the only Longhair cat of any color ever to have earned this distinction for so long a period. "Michael" was bred by Mrs. Mabel Fischer from Gr. Ch. Duffy of Beverly-Serrano x Mitzi of Beverly-Serrano and compiled the early portion of his great record under the ownership of Mrs. William Bunburg and Miss Lucille Laird before making his final great wins with Mrs. Amos. The cover picture was taken by Mary Lucille Carothers of La Jolla, California, under the direction of Mrs. Amos especially for CATS magazine.

changing my original color scheme.

If anyone wants to put a hooked rug pattern (the canvas) on the market with a Siamese cat motif, I promise to be one of the very first customers.

Sincerely yours,
Lucille Itter

26 Hillcrest Rd.
Wakefield, R. I.

COUNT 9 FOR CHARNY

Dear Editors:

By a unanimous vote, we, the Colorado Cat Fanciers, Inc. wish to add our protests to those which have already been received by you about the cruel, inhuman practices advocated by Miss Gertrude Charny as exposed in your July issue.

Sincerely,
Myrtle J. Johnson
Secretary

4751 E. Virginia Ave.
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William Shakespeare did not care for cats. In each of the few references to the cat in any of his plays, he deals with them testily, if not unkindly. The most provocative line about cats in Shakespeare is to be found in *Much Ado About Nothing*, when Benedick, having sworn to remain a bachelor, is told he will someday fall in love. "If I do," he replies, "hang me in a bottle like a cat and shoot at me." Bottle, in this sense, is an old English word for bundle or basket, and such a sport actually existed. There were two variations of "cat in the bottle," one in which a group of contestants ran under the basket, whacking at the bottom as they passed. For one of the contestants, the bottom would, of course, break open, spilling the infuriated cat out on his assailant. This was the highlight of that cruel, Elizabethan sport. The other variation was, as Shakespeare referred to it, simply a matter of archery. The practice of shooting at imprisoned cats continued to prevail in the North Counties of England until the end of the Eighteenth Century. The domestic cat has done well to survive the brutality of serving as a trapped target.

Another reference wherein the cat fares second-best to Shakespeare's thrusts is found in *All's Well that Ends Well*. Parolles, a soldier in the service of the young count, Bertram, has been bound and blindfolded by his own comrades-in-arms. As a trick, his captors imitate the enemy, to make Parolles believe he has been captured. In fear of losing his life, he answers all of their questions concerning Bertram's plans and past activities, and ironically enough, in Bertram's presence. When it is clear to Bertram that Parolles is not his true and trusted friend, he says: "I could endure anything before but a cat, and now he's a

cat to me." As the questions progress, Bertram repeats his comparison of Parolles to a cat: "A pox upon him, he is more and more a cat."

These are unusual situations. Benedick is annoyed at being doubted; Bertram is angered at his faithless friend's supposed betrayal. In each case the poet has chosen the cat as a symbol of his characters' angered reactions. In *Romeo and Juliet*, the despair of Romeo brings another Shakespearean slur on the cat. Romeo has said that "heaven is where Juliet lives," and bitterly adds, "every cat and dog and little mouse, every unworthy thing" may look at her. Shakespeare echoes the same idea later in *Lear's* lament at so much death, when the old king cries, "Why should a dog, a horse, a rat have life, and thou no breath at all?"

In *Cymbeline*, one of Shakespeare's less popular works, the Queen has requested the preparation of a poisonous potion which the doctor brings her. He suspects that she plans to use this drug for some malicious purpose, so he prepares a harmless, sleeping powder which

The BARD and The CAT by David Curtis

he knows will fool her, when she tries it out on "creatures vile as cats and dogs."

Shylock, when he spurns a generous offer of money over the "pound of flesh," maintains that he must insist on the original bargain without a reasonable explanation, just as "some are mad if they behold a cat." In *Othello*, when Roderigo bemoans the fact that Desdemona has chosen Othello rather than himself, he tells Iago, "It is silliness to live when to live is torment," suggesting that he will drown himself for grief. The crafty Iago urges him to continue living and courting Desdemona, and rather than drowning himself, "drown cats and blind puppies."

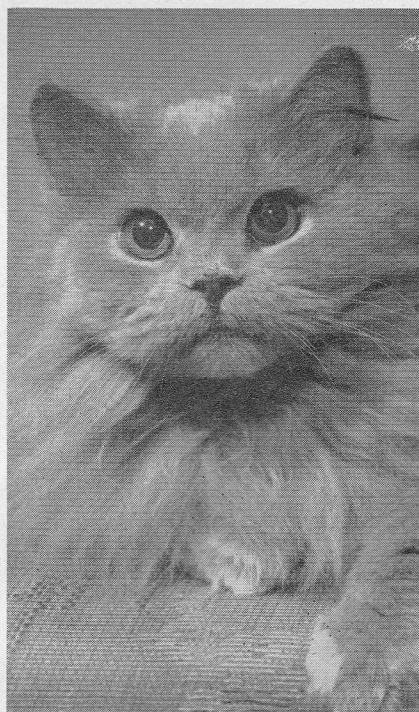
Taken on the whole, although Shakespeare does not seem to like cats, his symbols are good ones. It is quite true that a distraught lover, such as Romeo, would be jealous of the cat in his loved one's house. It is also true that a man betrayed might liken his betrayal to a cat's seeming disloyalty, particularly if, as Bertram admitted, he had never liked cats anyway. Few domestic animals are disliked in the manner that cats are disliked, as Shylock pointed out; but on the other hand, few animals are as little

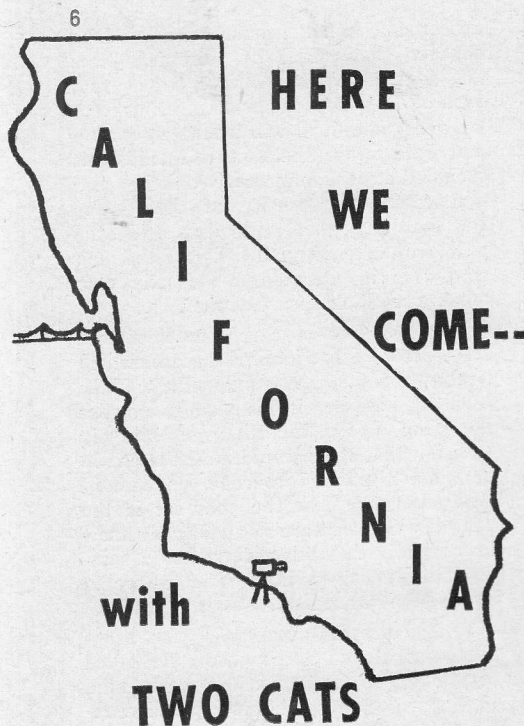
concerned as the nonchalant cat. We may shudder at the idea of poisoning "cats and dogs" to test the efficacy of a drug, even though the doctor assures us that the drugged animal will ultimately get up and walk away. Shakespeare intends this incident as a commentary on the cold and calculating cruelty of the Queen. For that, it is good symbolism. It speaks well of the writing and badly of the man who says it. Cats do not usually care much for Shakespeare, either.

There is one obscure, but important reference to a cat in Shakespeare, which is not altogether uncomplimentary. When Macbeth hesitates in his plan to murder the King, Lady Macbeth urges him on, advising that if he would have the crown he must also have courage, or he will live a coward "like the poor cat in the adage." Shakespeare's audiences knew immediately that this referred to a famous Elizabethan saying: "The cat would eat fish but would not wet her feet."

The Shakespearean actor, Robert Mantell, once owned a cat, whom he called Hamlet. The cat travelled with him, sharing his hotels, pullman accommodations and dressing rooms all over the United States and Europe. Mr. Mantell addressed him as "sir," "mighty Dane" or "melancholy prince," and when he, himself, played the role of Hamlet, he would take leave of his cat by saying, "And now, from the real to the make-believe." He sometimes took curtain-calls, holding Hamlet in his arms. When the cat died—less dramatically than Shakespeare's Hamlet—Robert Mantell buried him with Horatio's tender words, "Good night, sweet prince, And flights of angels sing thee to thy rest."

Hamlet might have approved, but Shakespeare, never.





By

Mary Tris Koneeny

The saga of the 1849 California gold rush has been fully recorded, told and retold in the stories of the hardy miners who made history in that stirring era. Our story is a modern one, by car and one-wheel trailer, two adults (*homo sapiens*), with two adult cats (*felis libyca domestica*).

When we decided to start out, with the object of acquiring a little "rancho" in the California foothills, we never once considered the possibility of depriving ourselves of the company of our two cats, little "Blackie", a dainty female, and her progeny "Skippy", a smoky-colored larger male. IF WE HAD BUT KNOWN . . . !

The embarrassments and trouble they caused have largely been forgotten by us now, and we can laugh until the tears flow. But at the time of the various contretemps we were by turn amused, exasperated, finally, near-nervous wrecks.

We had taken steps for successful traveling with cats. We had bought cute little harnesses with leashes on which the cats were to be allowed out every noon along the way. We always had sandwiches and coffee in the thermos kit which our friends had given us as a parting gift, so that we thought we and the kitties would have a nice break in the middle of the day. But they hated to have the harness put on and insisted on rolling instead of strolling to some convenient sand pile as we had planned. Alas, we had them so well "paper-

broken" that they couldn't consider a nice sandy place, but politely waited until "later."

Beginning to worry, we thought of looking for a veterinarian so as to purchase the equivalent of a candy ex-lax for them, when finally poor Skippy had an accident in the car. He was broken-hearted and so shame-faced that we apologized profusely for putting him in such a painful predicament.

Our plan to give the cats the freedom of the motels at night after their confinement in carriers in the car during the day, just didn't work out. The cats decided that was not for them. After the evening meal they looked the place over carefully, under the bed, behind the furniture, in the bath, and then would go to sleep innocently on the bed. Unlike children, who are prone to bury their noses in comic books while gorgeous scenery unfolds, the cats slept nearly all the time during the day. They were not interested in the passing kaleidoscopic scenes. But at night when the lights were out, they played, they chased each other over our prostrate bodies trying to sleep, they pawed our faces, as much as to say, "wake up and have some exercise after that confining day."

One of us would get up, put them in the bathroom and shut the door. In a minute plaintive meows and scratchings would be heard. **THEY WANTED OUT.** In desperation we would put them in their respective carriers, but that was no good either. They still wanted out. Who could blame them?

At first of course, we felt very guilty about the cats when registering at a motel and only once mentioned them to see if they were acceptable. They were that time, so we decided not to push our luck too far in that direction. Their carriers look like grips, if you are not too observing, and it was my job while Joe was registering, to start unloading the smaller impedimenta from the car and sneak the cats in carriers into the bathroom until any preliminary bringing of towels etc. was finished. Later on we became more bold and carefully refrained from reading the rules posted by the door. They might say **NO CATS ALLOWED.** Once, dogs, cats and parrots were barred, but I decided to forget I had read that one.

After about a week of sleepless nights of too much cats, after trying everything we knew to keep them quiet, one night the **CRISIS** occurred. Bedlam reigned! "Skippy" was bouncing around in his carrier and yelling cat curses at us for putting him in. "Blackie" was ladylike but quite vocal. At three A.M., I opened one sleepy eye to see Joe letting Skippy out and saying to him, "All right, you want your liberty, you can have it." With which he opened the door and pushed Skippy out. Blackie followed. Of course we thought we might never see them again. Strange town, a row of identical doors with cars in front, who

could expect a mere cat ever to find his way back. So what. We tumbled into bed and slept in utter exhaustion.

I woke up about seven A.M. **BUT I FELT AWFUL.** The poor cats had a difficult time; they couldn't understand why they were being hauled away from their happy home in Illinois where they knew every other cat and dog within six blocks and all the hiding places and trees to run up. **WE FELT LIKE BRUTES.** Sadly I went to the door. Lo and behold, the cats had come back. They were waiting on the doorstep and wanted in. They wanted their breakfast and—thank you, they had enjoyed a very pleasant night.

That was the beginning of a much happier time for all concerned. We let them out whenever they asked.

It was really funny and much appreciated by us, that motel owners ignored the cats so completely. We began to think "Blackie" and "Skippy" had achieved the power of invisibility. The cats were not mentioned by mutual consent and the motel people were really lambs about our little pets. I was much relieved, as on starting the trip, I had fully expected to be refused lodging on account of them, or to be tossed out on their discovery.

But came the time when our solution of just letting the cats out, was punctured like a toy balloon. Came the night of the cacophonic outburst of feline prowess. The night was not only made hideous but sleep impossible by all the cats in the near and far vicinity. Our faces were indeed red, and we felt like apologizing to all and sundry in the motel. I slunk in and out on my little errands to the store, (we were staying a week at this particular spot), feeling as guilty as if I robbed a bank. From then on the cats were put in the car every night. That is, except one night in the redwoods. That motel was one of the nicest yet as to appointments. Surrounded by immense redwood trees, the furnishings were in good taste, and best of all, the windows were casement and opened out toward a beautiful forest. We just left the windows open and let Skippy and Blackie get acquainted with the great big trees, hoping that no cat arguments would develop during the night. None did, and at daylight our pets came back, well satisfied and happy with their roamings and adventures.

We are now at the end of our traveling, having located a "rancho" out in the foothills of the Sierra Nevadas in northern California after coming 3,372 miles. We are beginning to regain some degree of poise and we are still glad we came to California with two cats, but we are happy that the end of our wanderings is at hand. Nine acres of trees, grass and orchard, with a house to come back to, mountains to look at and all the beautiful views and citrus smells. What more could any one of us want?

CATS UNDER COVERS

Four Interesting New Volumes

LUCKY BLACKY by Eunice Lackey
illustrated and designed by Winifred Green, Franklin Watts, Inc., New York.
\$2.50.

In the middle of a storm which sounds frightfully Vermontous, a tiny black kitten arrives at the doorstep of the dirty little white house, her last stop before the winds consume her, for she has already by-passed the tiny green house, the tall grey house and the big brown house. In the tiny green house, five children raced and chased, frightening her; the man and the woman in the tall grey house could not see, far down below in the snow; and in the big brown house, they could not hear her, for they were hard-of-hearing.

Thus it was Blacky arrived at the dirty little white house, where Miss Lucy emerged looking like a little old witch, as she whirled about on the porch with a broom shouting "Scat! Scat!"

How Miss Lucy was conquered, and the tiny settlement changed in logical manner to a thriving country village is actually the story of Lucky Blackey, for it was he who brought about both metamorphoses. An ingenious story children will take and keep close to their hearts. The illustrations won for Winifred Greene a place among the ten best-illustrated books for children, as selected by the New York Times Book Review and a special art jury. This in a competition of some 800 books. The story of its kind is equally outstanding.—A. M.



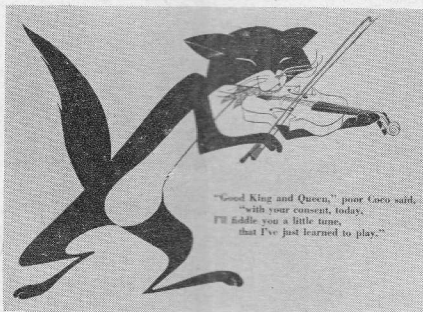
Finnegan was completely alone, always had been.

THE MUSICAL PUSSY CAT by Pat McGlennon, Comet Press Books, New York. \$2.00.

Miss McGlennon, whose elfish verses appear in our "Fewlines 'Bout Felines" occasionally, has written a long narrative poem about a fiddling feline which with its attractive illustrations will be a sure hit with the younger cat-loving set.

Coco, our hero, learned his violin lessons well from the wise old owl, his teacher, so that even when the royal bull dog caught him and hauled him before the king, Coco still retained his pussy cat aplomb and soon had the whole court dancing to his tune.

Whether your small fry will follow Pat's advice and practice their music lessons daily so that they, too, may some day charm royalty, we can only guess, but perhaps it's worth a try!—R. D. S.



Fiddling for Dear Life

DORIS BRYANT'S CAT BOOK, Ives, Washburn, Inc., New York. \$2.95.

There can be no doubt of Miss Bryant's tremendous love for cats, and her two previous manuals and her daily experiences in her cat shop have provided her with the depth of background from which this honest and understanding book is written.

However, we think it only fair to point out that much of the advice in this book is not for the easy-going cat lover. Miss Bryant's cats are not satisfied with canned foods or with fresh frozen horse meat. To quote her: "Every cat should have not less than one raw beef meal daily", and "a meat grinder and a scale which measures ounces are two indispensable items of equipment" for it's only too likely, she warns, that the butcher will balk at your instructions as to how your cat's steak is to be ground.

Nor, although she admits it's by far the easiest way to housetrain a cat, does Miss Bryant approve of the prepared litters now almost universally used by knowing breeders and pet owners. Instead, she uses ten full pages discussing the disadvantages, but nevertheless, the necessity, to her, of using torn newspapers despite their messiness and inconvenience.

Except for such pedantisms, which most readers can take or leave, the book contains the sound advice found in most



After Blacky Won the Battle

of today's manuals. It definitely, though, is designed for the person whose entire time is at the command of her cats; not for the novice, the mother, or the working girl.—O. I.

FINNEGAN II, HIS NINE LIVES, by Carolyn Sherwin Bailey, illustrated by Kate Seredy, The Viking Press, New York. \$2.50.

This story of a cat born on MacDougal Street and reared in an adjoining alley will strike a most familiar note with New Yorkers. Finnegan II drew his name from a member of New York's finest, the same who rescued him, only to see him vanish forever. Yes, Finnegan the Second even went to New Hampshire for that usual summer exodus from the City.

All little cat-lovers will like the story of how Finnegan endeared himself to his Boy, then to the Boy's Granny. They will hold their breaths as one by one those nine lives are used up, through falls into drains, subsequent adoption, breakages of housewares, resultant shipping to Granny's farm, Fourth of July celebrations, hikes in the wilderness of Greenville, N. H., subsequent rescues by new-found cat and other animal friends.

Suspense grows until only the ninth life is left. Those of tender years who cannot stand an ending which ends forever unhappily, need only the courage to read on, for Finnegan's Irish luck brings him safely through the ninth and most harrowing, seemingly sure-to-be fatal adventure to a surprise happy ending. Just in time, too, for we're not sure the small fry could stand much more suspense, the last of the recorded adventures unfolds.

The drawings by Kate Seredy present a cat unmistakably of the alley but nonetheless charming. The other animals in the story, of which there are several, are equally captivating.—J. H. R.

FEW LINES 'BOUT FELINES

A TRIBUTE TO FU

If you yearn for a cat
Who will swamp you with love,
Make you laugh most all of the day,
For a cat who'll draw close
When your heart's filled with pain,
But who knows when it's time to be gay,
A cat who'll talk back and demand his
full rights,
Yes, a cat with spirit and force—
The only cat then, I'm sure this is true,
Is a Siamese (from a good source).
The Siamese cat is a feline sublime,
He's in a class all by itself,
It's my true belief that this breed stands
alone,
That each one's a mischievous elf.
He's as smart as a whip, and the cour-
age he shows
When protecting himself or his right,
Put an ache in your heart, and a lump
in your throat,
And your love for him grows out of
sight.
Yes, I loved my cat, and the void that
he's left,
Is much greater than anyone sees,
Who says, "Just a cat", and I pity these
folk
Never loved by a Siamese.

—R. R. Barry

SCRATCH AS SCRATCH CAN

Careful, Doctor, when you probe
Deeply the ailurophobe—
You may find below the hatches
Something else that bites and scratches.

—Peg Wagner

GRATITUDE

"Mew", I said as she passed by,
I thought she understood
I had no home to which to go
And that I needed food.
I watched her as she climbed the steps
Then followed close behind,
Would she treat me like the rest?
"Oh, lady, please be kind."
She turned and saw me standing there,
"Mew," again I said,
The door was opened—of her heart
She gently stroked my head.
My fur, once white, was all begrimed
Yet who was there to care,
But now I washed and felt content
And curled up in a chair.
Suddenly I heard a sound
That made my ears alert,
Was someone sick and in distress
Or maybe badly hurt?
So, quietly my pussy feet
Went bounding up the stair
Perhaps some comfort I might bring
To someone lying there.
I jumped up quickly on his bed,
And then began to purr.
I felt his warm and friendly hand
He gently stroked my fur.

—Nathalie M. Farr

Collected by ANNE METCALF
If you would go beneath the
surface of things, explore un-
imagined lands of the spirit, find
out how to face life stripped to
the core, take into your home a
female black cat. You will never
find another Isabel—the god of
cats broke the mold when she
was littered—but you will have
contacts with reality unknown to
the world of dog-lovers.

McAlister Coleman in *A Lady
With Whiskers*, from *Cats and
Cats*, by Frances E. Clarke

CATAGORY

When someone calls a girl "a cat",
She shouldn't frown at hearing that:
It really isn't any jibe
To say she's of the feline tribe.
For cats are watchful, cats are wise,
They choose friends with appraising
eyes;
As kittens, playful; patient later,
(Observe the moveless mouse-hole wait-
er);
Fastidious with paw and whisker,
At vacuum cleaning, none is brisker.
In fact, it savors much of flattery
To say a girl is of the cattery!

—Ina S. Stovall

NIGHT OUT

Michael, the Persian, a dignified cat,
Yearned in his heart for a nocturnal chat
And having indulged far too freely in tea
He left his good home for a catnippy
spree.
He prowled through the alleys all over
the town
He sought for adventure up back streets
and down
Never once thinking of comforts he'd
left
Until of a sudden his heart felt bereft.
He'd stayed on his bender far into the
night
And now he's crawled home in a terrible
plight;
For it is apparent to all in the house
That over each eye, Michael wears a
huge mouse.
His fur is all tattered, his tail thick with
burrs,
And where, oh dear, where are his vel-
vety purrs.
With a hoarse little chuckle and meek
little cough,
He's dropped to the hearth rug to sleep
the thing off.

—Florence Eakman

HEART WARMING

Who wants things like fancy furs
When we can have these cheery purrs.
Much nicer and more fun, I think—
A real live kitten than dead mink!

—Win Eckhardt

CAT ON THE HEARTH

The fire place flames throw shadows
round,
And sudden gleams of golden light,
While you and I sit resting here
In the quiet night.
Your crouching furry form is starred
With fire, in luminous sparkling line.
Your mitted paws lie innocently,
To all intents, benign.
But in your eyes a tawny beast
is ranging darkly to and fro,
With dreadful deeds in view that I'm
Too civilized to know.
Here on my peaceful hearthstone rug
Are met in you, the untamed wild
And breeding's poised gentility,
In splendor reconciled.

—Lorene D. Heineman

CALLING ALL CATS

A hoary, back-fence prowler spoke:
Let us no longer roam,
Target for bottles, boots and blame.
We must devise a home.
There must be room for old and young,
And space for great and small;
So let us all unite to raise
A towering caterwaul.
We must make elegance our aim,
Nor canny be of siller;
On each side of the porch will rise
A graceful caterpillar.
Simple yet rich the furnishings
In our delightful home;
Each dresser boasts a cat-tail brush
And handsome catacomb.
A treasurer we must appoint,
The one who best can count;
Then, weekly, each one will subscribe
The proper catamount.
When nights are cold, with wind and
rain,
Or days are damp with fog,
Within our fire-place high will blaze
A well-dried catalogue.
To catsup prompt each puss will come,
With catkins to adorn her.
Then, later, each will seek repose
In a cozy catercorner.

—Esther W. Buxton

SUNDAY MORNING

My cat purrs out his Sunday prayer
Upon the sunlit cushion there
And though it seems a trifle odd
I listen as he talks with God;
He prays to find the haunts and holes,
Come Spring, of mice and meadow moles
He yearns to snare a bird some day
When mistress haps to be away;
He hopes if worst should come to be
To beat old Rover to the tree;
For saucer filled with milk and food
His heart is full of gratitude;
Direct and plain, with no caprice,
His prayer is purred in utter peace.

—Anna Matthews Cole

ABANDONED CATS . . . THE SHAME OF THE CAT WORLD

and a Story About One of Them; MR. FLAT TAIL by Elinor Rohlf

Mr. Flat-Tail and I met by accident! It was after midnight when the mournful howl of the wind through the mill awakened me. It isn't often that we have strong winds. The lumber mill is tall with its stacks, shaving pipe held up by taught guy-wires, and three storied buildings. The whistle of the wind reminded me of the last "blow" that had come our way. Two tall stately pines, well past the age of maturity, were swaying precariously and one had toppled taking out telephone and electric lines. I was awake in an instant. All sleep left me as I thought of the danger the 'twin' pine could cause when its rain-soaked roots finally would tear loose.

Taking a flashlight to check from a window, I soon found that I was not the first to worry about the storm. Three Persian females, one soon to kitten, were already pacing the floor. My big Tom was in the kitchen window looking into the dark and his tail was flailing the air. Storms frightened cats—so I thought.

'Dawnstorm' is my tom's given name, but because of his sweet nature and loving affection we were soon calling him 'Dumpling'. Now that he is grown we lovingly call him 'Dump'. Dump doesn't get excited easily, but something in the back yard had him excited now. Putting an arm around him to reassure him made him press his face closer to the window and wave his tail harder. By playing the flashlight around the back yard I soon saw what he was trying to show me. There in the storm, the wind vainly trying to part his thick fur, stood an orange alley-cat eating potato peelings out of the garbage can from which the wind had so obligingly removed the lid. When the light hit him he ran like a streak to the mill. I'd seen a little of him—his good head, strong build, heavy coat and the terror in his eyes—but something was wrong with his tail!

I knew of two 'mill' cats. One was a tortie female at the 'Power-house' who regularly repaid the fireman who fed her, with assorted kittens. These kittens as soon as they were old enough to leave their mother were taken home by men who worked in the mill and needed cats on their farms. The other was a black and white female which was fed by the lady that ran the boarding house. This cat would show up at meal times and the rest of her time was spent under the mill or catching moles in the upper piling-yard. Her kittens were born in the mill somewhere and when they were large enough would follow their mother to the boarding house for food. These kittens never lived long, many of them being found dead before they were half grown.

I fixed a plate of meat and a bowl of milk and Dump and I placed it on the walk under the window. We watched from the window, but no cat came. The wind slowed and we all went to sleep. In the morning the dishes were licked clean. Next night, and the next we placed food and watched. We never saw him but always in the morning the food was gone. On the third night at dusk the big orange Tom slipped under the gate and as we watched, headed for the plates of food. He was getting braver, or perhaps his hunger kept him from waiting longer. He ate as if it was the first food he had seen in years. We could see him quite clearly, and in taking a second look at him I could see where his ears had been chewed shorter. His coat was extra-heavy from a life in the weather. His tail was normal for about three inches from his body and then it was flat for about four inches, this flat length ending in a ball and then the tail was again normal for the rest of the way to the end. Some accident had squeezed the



There in the storm stood an orange alley cat—the wind vainly trying to part his thick fur.

flesh from the flat part into a ball, but had not been severe enough to tear the skin. I named him Mr. Flat-Tail.

With continuous feeding and watching I learned a little about him. Mr. Flat-Tail lived in a world of his own and made his own laws. The hardships of his life had not helped any in making his laws kindly. The grey and white half-grown tom-kitten from the mother cat who ate at the boarding house was found choked to death in a circle of orange and grey fur. Mr. Flat-Tail believed in eliminating anything in the way in his fight for survival.

Dump doesn't let me forget to put out food. After dinner he follows me until plates are filled and he and I place them on the walk. Then, and only then, is he content to sit at the window and wait. It has become a little ceremony that we must perform every evening.

Last winter we had four feet of snow for about two months and the thermometer went as low as thirty below zero. I know Mr. Flat-Tail probably found one of the several places under the mill where steam-pipes were and could keep himself from freezing, but what on earth had he done for food? How long had he stayed huddled from the cold, but getting weaker waiting for the snow to release him so he might once again search for food? His suffering and hardships are reflected in his behavior. Lawless and cruel as some of his ways may be, he has more than his share of courage.

Spring is arriving now, and true to the old saying—In the Spring a young man's fancy—ah yes, I saw Mr. Flat-Tail whispering sweet nothings to the power-house cat, and tonight Dump and I had just placed his food on the walk and hooked the porch screen behind us, when out walked Mr. Flat-Tail from behind the shed. He is trusting us more and more and I hope to really know him and pet him someday—hope to make up in some small measure for the cruelties life has handed him so far—hope to erase the terror from his eyes and show him life is kind and good. Forgiving? Who but a cat could forgive and offer to trust again a member of the same race that was the cause of his lonely life of suffering?

A memo before me says 'April 23—visit the power-house cat babies.'

I hope they are like their father!

"The impulse to tell Mr. Flat-Tail's story," Mrs. Rohlf writes, "was born the day a new car stopped and threw a tiny kitten out at our back fence. If they only knew . . . This horrible practice of dumping cats would diminish if more people did know what happens to them after the former owner drives off and forgets them. Mr. Flat-Tail's plight touched me. His life was not a happy one. This fall he missed his meals for three days and when we found him his body was covered with scabs (from some parasite), and although we tried to catch him and help him he was still able to crawl away. Although the story was written when it looked like a happy ending, it didn't really end happily for Mr. Flat-Tail. We know that he died. Someone has now dumped on us a female with one front leg missing who is just as wild as Flat-Tail. When kittens come, her hardships will be doubled . . . she can't even catch a mouse or climb a tree."

MISGUIDED KINDNESS by Irene Castle Enzinger

Kindliness is a virtue sorely needed in this upset world today; but if some common sense is not applied with it, the effect often is the opposite from that intended.

People will not realize, and particularly kind people, that the cruelest thing you can do is to let *all* puppies and *all* kittens live to grow up. At birth, many—in fact, most—should be put to sleep humanely before they have become attached to people and have grown to enjoy life—only to be abandoned (“dumped”) or passed on into careless or worse than careless, downright cruel hands.

I have begged, pled with, and scolded people who love animals too much to put kittens to sleep humanely at birth—knowing full well that instead they will press them on their neighbors or give them to farmers or little children passing by; or ring doorbells of strangers to “get rid of them” at six, seven or eight weeks old. It is difficult for most people to understand that the sensible thing is to put all but one male to sleep at birth, and thus help check further over-population of the cat world.

What happens later? Let's look at the seriousness of their crime and see how much suffering they will have caused for years and years to come. We are speaking of cats now because recently we have run into more cat cruelties than dog.

Don't think that just because *you think* you have found nice homes for all of them, that the responsibility of the future inevitable suffering does not rest squarely on *your* shoulders. First of all, you should have had your female cat spayed—or should not have accepted a female. Secondly, you have no humane right to give female kittens away. Cats can, and do, have three or four litters a year. If *one-half* of each litter are females (and often the quota is much larger), they in turn will each have three or four litters a year. One carelessly given away female can in two years produce several thousand cats. Do you know of several thousand good cat homes? When I protest because even my friends often won't bring their unwanted kitten family to Orphans of the Storm, they bring up those old arguments of “they have a right to live”—or—“they were so darling the children wouldn't hear of our parting with any of them”—or—“we gave them to a farmer”—or—

“a young couple at Ft. Sheridan” or—“to a little boy who had lost his kitten a week ago”—etc., etc.

Let's take up, first, the farmer. All farmers have too many cats — people drive by and dump them on a farm. The females he has, are continually adding to his number and cold and weary strays in blizzardy winters sneak into his hay barn for refuge if not sustenance. Some farmers may buy food for cats, but all I've ever heard of their giving them is skimmed milk, justified by that vicious old adage that “they won't kill the rats if I feed them.” Rats are not good food for man or beast, and a good rat is a good rat even if pig-fat.

Let's take the home at Ft. Sheridan. We have learned to our sorrow, that Army people do not stay put, and while they may take their dog with them, you can bet your bottom dollar they won't take their cat. The little boy who has “lost his kitten,” will also lose the new one you give him. Children handle them too much and their kittens run away, or they take them to play in a neighbor's yard and forget about them. So the kittens drift off—to be killed by a dog or be run over or swallowed up by the nearby woods—or be picked up to be sold to a laboratory.

Please remember that many people *despise* cats. It's not easy for a cat to get itself “a good home”—and most of the homes that the unwanted kitten family are given to will not be “good homes” six months later. Just call up and ask about the kittens you gave away last year before you start saturating the neighborhood *this* year with your “too cute to be put to sleep” kittens.

We had a call recently to send our humane officer post haste to rescue a cat three little boys were using for a football. They actually were kicking it high into the air from one to another when our humane officer got there and quickly took possession of the cat, bringing it safely to Orphans of the Storm.

We had a janitor arrested for throwing a live cat into a furnace and he was fined only a dollar! Had it been a dog—he might have been fined \$100.

Stop and think, you tender-hearted animal lovers—before you give female kittens away! You must bear the burden of the suffering it generates. Remember that every grocery store, bakery and butcher shop has a mother cat with kittens they are trying to give away. The result is that Orphans of the Storm places only one-fourth as many cats as dogs in homes each year!

One Sunday, just a few weeks ago, ninety cats (including kittens) were brought in which had to be added to the twenty-five or thirty we already had for adoption. People *must* come to realize that it is not fair to the cat world to

keep every kitten born to their female cat and expect someone else to do the dirty work later.

Hundreds of cities and towns need active humane societies. Let's help them organize. Let's build our existing societies into stronger organizations. Let's broaden our program of humane endeavor to take in all creatures dependent upon us for protection. This must not be a war of containment. Let's spread it far and wide.

We admire Mrs. Elzinger's great love and compassion for animals, are grateful for the work she has done in their behalf. At the same time, although we agree in principle with her propositions to reduce the cat population, we cannot help feeling she may have overlooked a more natural, and hence, to our way of thinking, better solution to the problem.

Why should kittens be born to die? Why should the mother cat's body prepare for this large family, which will vanish, or nearly so, as soon as it lives and breathes and exists? Why should the mother cat perhaps (not always, but often enough so that even a casual observer knows it does happen) suffer through a long birth, giving life to litters which will be taken away and drowned?

Wouldn't it be better to see that these kittens were never born, if one is going to restrict population? This in itself is not natural, but we have come to believe such limitations is necessary for the good of cats, so that they will be respected in this world, not mocked or the object of slurs. To this end, we suggest altering of males, especially, (please note, you people who “would not keep a female,” but allow your male to run loose, creating far more cat families than one female could), as well as the spaying of females when you have competent Veterinarian assurance that it will not endanger their lives.

Sentimental fools that we are, with a cat we love, male or female, we cannot bring ourselves to do this until the loved cat has become a parent one or two times. If you have no such sentimental feeling at all, your task is easier, but please, for the good of the cat race, which is this day maligned and in many quarters held in low regard, quite possibly because cats are so common (even the Siamese fanciers will tell you this extraordinary breed is multiplying so fast that it may soon become commonplace), please for this reason, practice limitation when possible with your own cats and with other felines whose destinies you influence.

Let's make cats patiently sought after, as only uncommon objects can be.

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In the last week in September the Pasadena Humane Society captured twenty-three cats in the vicinity of Brookside Park and the San Rafael Hills.

My husband is head gardener in a large estate in San Rafael Hills and a mother cat with three kitens took residence in the hillside of the estate. The Humane Society managed to capture two of the kittens, but were unable to capture the mother cat and third kitten, for when she came back and found her two gone, she took the remaining kitten and left. She had been eating across the street where the people had one cat, but for a few days she took to the hills and refused to have anything to do with anybody. I would have taken the last kitten if they could have caught it, but it was so wild that all anyone ever saw of it was its head peeking around a bush; beside, its mother had apparently told it never to have anything to do with those deceitful human beings.

That incident is what inspired me to write STRAY CAT. I am very fond of all cats, and my heart goes out to any stray cat, as I guess all of us do.

—Coral Nilsson

STRAY CAT

by Coral Nilsson

The wind blows cold tonight within the branches
Setting every transient leaf astir,
Yet I'm content, my kitten here beside me
Sheltered by the warmth within my fur.

Do not leave me, only one, for I would be the lonely one.

I came to feline life within a stable,
Among a litter sheltered by the hay;
There was not food to stave my growing hunger
So I, coerced by Fate, became a stray.

Sleek brown gopher, wily rat, kept a growing kitten fat.

I found a plump black Tom upon my wandering
Who kindly let me share his daily food;
In the Spring I paid him with my ardor
And he became the father of my brood.

Kittens three with needle claws, satin coats and velvet paws.

Two of them cavorted in the open
Though chastised quickly with maternal ire
For showing touches of domestication
Inherited from their black fraternal sire.

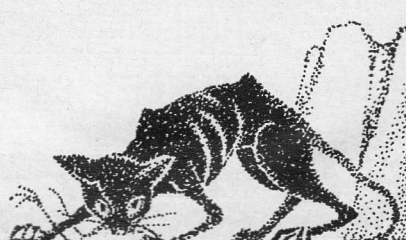
I went to hunt one summer dawn, when I returned the two were gone.

Ignore the coaxing hand, the gentle calling;
Scorn the promise of the waiting bowl;
Only through a body thin from hunger
Can you protect your frail incarnate soul.

Take council, little one, from me, roam the hills both wild and free.

The wind blows cold tonight within the branches
Whispering secrets to the canyon's edge,
But what care I when I can shield my kitten
In a crevice covered by a ledge.

Let slow sleep assuage my sorrow, giving strength to face tomorrow.



THE CAT IN BINGHAM'S BOAT

by

James H. Turner



Fur Traders Descending the Missouri by George Caleb Bingham

There was something wrong! The canoe, a long dugout, rode low in the water. The Missouri River, fairly wide and placid at this point, was within a few inches of the gunwales. This was due probably to the cargo of carefully baled furs riding amidships. The two fur traders were facing us. The older man tanned and light bearded and wearing a rose colored shirt and pointed cap, sat in the stern paddling easily. His partner, younger and handsomer in green shirt and maroon trousers was draped across the cargo in a lazy half reclining position. In the prow watching us with green impersonal stare sat a cat, big and black and ominous.

We were looking at a picture in the Metropolitan Museum called "Fur Traders Descending the Missouri." It had been painted by George Caleb Bingham about 1845. Suddenly I knew what was wrong! It was that cat! If I were a fur trader back in 1845 would I be taking a cat along on my trips? Not a chance! I would have a dog—the finest dog I could get. Maybe it would be only a mongrel, but in any event it would be a dog—not a cat.

George Caleb Bingham, I told myself, probably never saw a fur trader or the Missouri either. Perhaps he painted that picture in his studio. I looked up a biography of the artist and learned that he

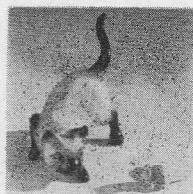
had spent much of his time upon the frontier and that he painted from a first hand knowledge of the people and their habits.

Still I felt that a dog belonged in that boat. I had to find out why the cat was there. What I learned amazed me—that nearly all fur traders carried cats—certainly all who could obtain them did. I learned too that the cat played a far greater role in the development of our country than I had even dreamed.

Supplies on the frontier were precious. They were obtained and transported at a great cost of time, money and often of life. Wherever they were stored rats and mice gathered with appalling results. Furs, the common currency of the day, suffered especially. Food, clothing and equipment of all kinds were in constant danger of damage or ruin. Rodent destruction of grain for horses at times actually limited the number of animals that could be used.

The answer to the problem was our old friend Tabby. Old records bear testimony to the cat's importance in frontier life. The prices paid for them too is an indication of their worth. One enterprising freighter bought cats in town at twenty-five cents each and sold them in Deadwood, South Dakota, then a mining camp, at prices ranging from ten to twenty-five dollars each.

So the cat *did* belong in Bingham's boat. They belonged also in the barges of the rivermen and in the oxcarts and Conestoga wagons of the homesteaders and gold seekers. They belong in the picture of all of our pioneer trails from the Wilderness Road to the Santa Fe and Oregon Trails. They too had a part in building America.



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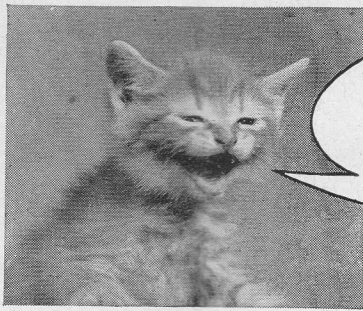
Ringworm or fungus infections of the skin require accurate diagnosis and the help of a Veterinarian for cure. It takes a good deal of patience to see that all infected spots are treated. The more we have seen of this condition, the more we are convinced that the best way to prevent its spread is to control fleas. If there is a flea problem in your Cattery consult your Pest Control Man. New medications have been invented which rid the premises of all fleas. Skin conditions which were especially bad during the flea season rapidly improve with control of fleas. My advice then on treatment and prevention of skin conditions is as follows:

1. Get Veterinary advice before treating skin conditions. Every few weeks I receive inquiries about how to treat certain skin conditions in a cat. The owner of the cat has tried all suggested remedies and now, at her wit's end appeals for aid. I would like very much to be able to help such cases but I have found it almost hopeless to treat them properly without seeing the condition of the individual cat and having proper tests made. No matter what the condition is, the majority of cat owners think their pet has either mange or ringworm. If each cat owner whose pet gets a skin condition would consult his Veterinarian before applying any remedy, there would be far less trouble in treating these conditions. However, instead of getting expert advice, the average cat owner consults another fancier on the 'phone and begins applying one kind of medicine and then another. The pet shop owner is next consulted, then the Druggist and finally the Veterinarian.

I wonder how many chronic skin diseases are simply the result of too much medication? The skin often becomes sensitized and a weeping eczema results. Many cats with skin conditions are given special diets, concentrated vitamin mixtures and enemas when what they may have needed was a lotion applied externally to the affected areas. Quite often people tell me that their cat has Mange. Mange in a clean, well groomed cat rarely exists. If the cat does not itch it does NOT have mange! This disease is an intensely 'itchy' condition and requires specialized care to cure it.

2. Give your cat a good, well balanced diet with all vitamins and some calcium added to the regular food.

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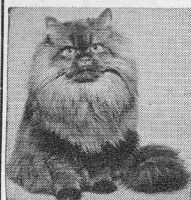
Anne Corson's new interpretation of Kitten on the Keys gives her this month's Picture of the Month \$25 U.S. Bond awarded by the American Crabmeat Company in their contest co-sponsored with CATS magazine.

Miss Corson, who lives in Melfa, Virginia, shows the use of excellent photographic technic in this well-scaled shot, but paramount in the judges' reasons for selecting it was the appeal of the kitten and the story the picture tells.

Ten more \$25 Bonds, one each month, are to be awarded this year, climaxed with a \$100 Picture of the Year selection. All photographers are urged to send their top cat photographs to the Contest, Box 403, Boston 2, Mass. Full contest information, if desired, can also be secured from that address.

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I shall walk in the sun alone
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And, stiring, touch an empty place:
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(Would that your gentle paw
Could stay my moving pen just once
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I shall see beauty
But none to match your living grace:
I shall hear music
But none so sweet as the droning song
With which you loved me.
I shall fill my days
But I shall not, cannot forget:
Sleep soft, dear friend,
For while I live you shall not die.

—Michael Joseph

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How brief the blossoms that invite

The hungry heart and yearning sight

To come discover.

—Gladys Verville Deane

*Beautiful as ever
a cat*

*That wanted in the
joy of kittenhood.*

—Robert Southey

*Nor, though, Persephone's own Puss
you be,*

Let Orcus breed Oblivion of me.

—Graham R. Tomson

LINES TO A SIAMESE CAT

I shall not find my garden half so sweet
Without you little, gentle, blue-eyed cat;
The ageratum's fuzzy blue,
The butterfly bush and the roses, too,
Will blossom, of course, as they used to do,
But I'll find them paler, I think, without you.
In the Heavenly Gardens is it ordered and mete
For you, a so-blessed celestial cat.
To pad your sinuous way along
Humming a throaty jungle-song,
Or is it only on earth such sounds belong?
The quince-bush is flaming—but something is
wrong.

I do hope the angels are finding you sweet,
Prim little courteous blue-eyed cat,
That your pale tan coat and your sepia gloves
Are fitting and proper there Above
In the star-pied fields where They let you rove
And oh!—that you've found somebody to love!
—Betty Burnett Fisher

*And for Peter, for an instant it seemed as
though Jennie had returned and had kissed him
over the eyes as she used to do, and again he was
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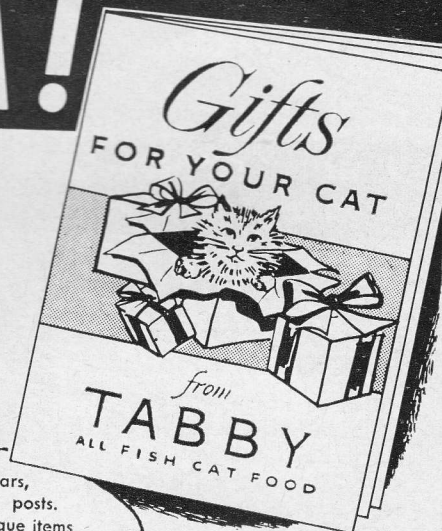
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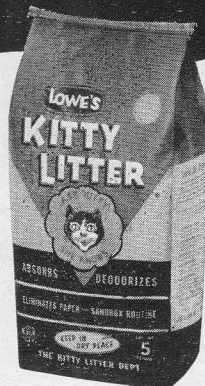
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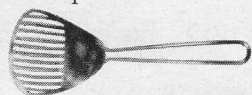
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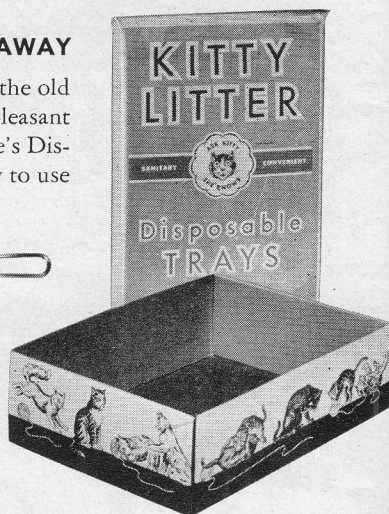
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Too late to include with her very interesting letter about her tamed bush cat published in CATS last month, Mrs. J. A. Schuurman of Djakarta, Indonesia, has sent us this excellent photograph of *Felis bengalensis*, the species to which her "Boskat" belonged. The picture was taken by the late Dr. F. Kipstein and is published by courtesy of the Museum Zoologicum Borgoriense (Indonesia). *Felis bengalensis*, or leopard cat, is a wild cat of Indonesia about the size of our domestic cats.

Cats Question Box

Conducted by Norman Haidy, D.V.M.

Can you give me any information about this new disease something like distemper in dogs? My cats have a heavy discharge from nose, eyes, throat, ears, and almost every part of the body, and boil-like sores which gather and break. Eyes are always involved and fever is high. It has spread among all the cats on our farm.

—Mrs. W. B. O., Carlinville, Ill.

This disease is, I believe, a relatively new entity—in itself a specific infection. Generally, it resembles diphtheria in the human. It is distinct from, and must be differentiated from Cat Coryza (Cat Cold). The disease has a high mortality rate, and is definitely on the up grade. Antibiotics seem to be of no value. Good nursing, sanitation, and supportive nutritional therapy are of prime importance. Post mortem findings point strongly to the fact that this disease is a feline form of infectious hepatitis.

Can you tell me what to do for gravel in the bladder from which my nine-year old neutered male has suffered for the past several months?

—Miss L. P., Patterson, N. J.

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- 6-7—Phoenix, Ariz.—Canyon State Cat Club (ACA). All Breed (Mrs. Jess Adair); Longhair and Shorthair Specialties (Mrs. June Williams).
- 6-7—St. Petersburg, Fla.—Sunshine Cat Club of Florida (ACA). All Breed (Miss Doris Hobbs); Solid Color and Siamese Specialties (Mrs. Louise Fiedler).
- 13-14—Detroit, Mich.—Detroit Persian Society, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. John S. Hunter); Windsor Solid Color Specialty (Mrs. Carl R. Johnson).
- 13-14—Dallas, Texas—North Texas Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Miss Dorothy Hunt); Solid Color and Shorthair Specialties (Mrs. Marguerite Goforth).
- 20-21—Napa, California—San Francisco Cat Club (ACA). All Breed (Miss Floy McGill); Longhair Specialty (Mrs. Rosamunde Flynn); Shorthair Specialty (Mrs. Roberta Knight).
- 20-21—San Antonio, Texas—Alamo Cat Club, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. J. H. Revington); West Texas Shorthair Specialty and Solid Color Club of the South Specialty (Mrs. C. C. Strange).
- 27-28—Cleveland, Ohio—Lake Erie Cat Club (CFF). All Breed (Mrs. Silas Andrews); Solid Color Specialty (Mrs. M. E. Thorne); Short Hair Specialty (Mr. Rollin Cable).
- 27-28—Houston, Texas—Houston Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. Ralph T. Mabie); Solid Color Club of the South Specialty and Shorthair Society of So. Calif. Specialty (Mrs. Carl Keller).

March

- 6—Minneapolis, Minn.—Minneapolis Persian Club (ACA). All Breed (Mrs. E. F. Hamaker); Longhair Specialty (Mrs. Jess Adair).
- 6-7—Hyattsville, Md.—Cat Fanciers of Washington, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. John Revington); Solid Color of the South and National Siamese Specialties (Mrs. Lester O'Neill).
- 7—Minneapolis, Minn.—Land O'Lakes Cat Club (CFF). All Breed (Mrs. Jess Adair); Shorthair Specialty (Mrs. E. F. Hamaker).
- 13-14—New Orleans, La.—Cat Fanciers of New Orleans, Inc. (ACA). All Breed (Miss Doris Hobbs); Longhair Specialty and Shorthair Specialty (Mrs. Ella Conroy); Tabby and Tortie Specialty, Foreign Shorthair Specialty, Solid Color Specialty and Silver Specialty (Mrs. Doris O'Connel).

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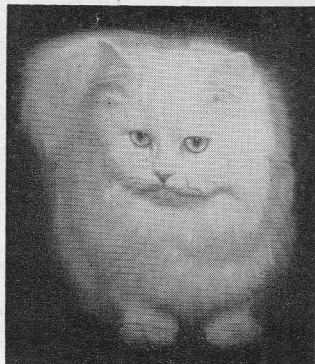
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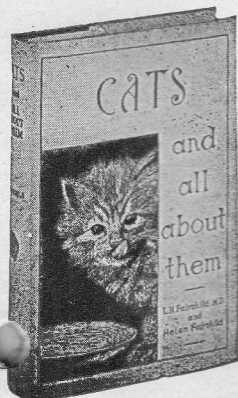
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The Atlantic Cat Club Show, Piccadilly Hotel, New York City, January 8th, 9th, 1954.

We enjoyed the show in every way, but wish it could have been held in more spacious quarters if possible—but anyway it was a grand show.

—Mr. and Mrs. Crook, 852 Fifth Avenue, New York City

Lovely room and loads of beautiful kitties. I found it rather hard to understand some of the judging however and found many others had the same trouble. The aisles were much too narrow which made it quite a fire hazard.

—Margaret L. Siskind, 364 Lenox Rd., East Hemstead, L.I.

A nice Show but very poor lighting, also a bit crowded.

—Mrs. Gilbert Rose, 56 Jacobus Avenue, Great Neck, N.Y.

I like the Show very much. Beautiful cats but the aisles are too crowded according to fire laws. Hotel McAlpin was a much better place and more spacious.

—Ethelind M. Ritter, 26 Morris St., Hackensack, N.Y.

We could have used more publicity for this show—more promotion and sufficient advance announcements to induce larger attendance. Also we should have more rosettes for the best Opposite Sex.

—Helen Picciano, 6409 55th Ave., Maspeth, Long Island

A nice Show but Judges were handicapped by lack of space and there was no room to watch the judging. Both Judges tried their best. BUT WHY IS THERE SO MUCH DIFFERENCE IN SIAMESE JUDGING? They are all the same cats in competition but there are complete reversals in views.

—Agnes F. Rand, 29 Liberty Avenue, Mineola, Long Island

It was a fine big Show with a lot of beautiful cats, a good challenge to breeders. The management did an excellent job and every-

thing went smoothly.

—Mrs. Bertha Costello, 1st Vice Pres., 18 Ormond St., Springfield, Mass.

We have enjoyed this Show—the people were all friendly. Being a Novice I have learned a lot about cats, the way to show them, groom them, etc.

—Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Mordarsky, East Hartford, Conn.

Very nice Show. The cages could have been larger, the cats were crowded. Good to see so many friendly breeders. I was pleased to find such a lot of Burmese at this show. Why was there no Coffee or Refreshment stand?

—Judith Engelsku, 119-18 Hillside Ave., Richmond Hill, New York

An excellent idea having no kittens. Lillian Pedulla handled the Siamese extremely well.

—Louise Fiedler, (Judge CFF), Media, Pa.

This Show is one of the most pleasant events I have ever attended, everyone is so friendly and such a grand bunch of cats on display. My cat was first and winners in the Silver Specialty and then again under the All-Breed Judge. My cup is really running over with joy. May we have more of these lovely shows.

A fine show—and I have attended shows for twenty years. We had a wonderful manager and she truly deserves all the credit for its success.

—Mrs. F. W. Freudenthal, Darian, Conn.

A good Show, but rather slow in getting started. Exhibitors seemed slow in bringing up entries.

—Mrs. Luddy, Hazardville, Conn.

A nice Show, but it does not compare with the usual standard set by The Atlantic Cat Club. The room is much too small and the lighting is poor.

—Mrs. M. Chilson, 83 E. Raymond Avenue, Roosevelt, L.I.

Lighting very poor, reflecting on cats gives them poor coloring. Crowded aisle and judging space too small.

—Mrs. John Cerra, 441 S. 12th Street, Newark, N.J.

Not enough space to move around and see the cats due to exhibitors sitting by threes and fours in the aisles obstructing passage and views of cats. Show seems fairly satisfactory except the space set aside for the 'Torties' is VERY dark.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. Milhaven, 531 William St., East Meadow, N.Y.

I think the Atlantic Club has put on a very nice Show, nice catalogue, as nice as I have seen in some time—all the judging seemed very fair to me.

—Mrs. Joseph Richmond (Recorder C.F.F.), 25 Clayton St., Springfield, Mass.

This Show does not compare with past Atlantic Shows. Lighting very poor. Benching very poor. A larger room would help.

—Richard Gebhardt, (President of Garden State Club) 38 S. Walnut St., East Orange, N.J.

A fascinating exhibition. I would suggest that the breeds of cats be posted on cages more plainly, also suggest that Show be advertised more widely.

—Dr. William Bafewar

I've enjoyed this Show so much—everybody was so very friendly and kind. Lots of lovely cats, good judging and wonderful handling of the cats.

—Mrs. Hattie Grant, Detroit, Mich.

The Show was nicely put on—but due to lack of space was rather crowded.

—Mrs. G. Kathe, 1402 84th St., North Bergen, N.J.

I am in favor of large cages. Some of the larger cats looked so crowded. The cats are beautiful, the people are friendly.

—Mrs. Genevieve M. Gibson, 7203 West Chester Pike, Upper Darby, Penna.

I think this Show is outstanding in all features, for me especially, I got a ribbon I never expected to get.

—Marion Baisley, New York City

I have really enjoyed this Show, it was in very, very good order and the Whites were wonderful—I hope to make it next year.

—Blanche Wolfram, Pittsburgh, Pa.

It was a nice Show. Better place to have it than we had last year. I did object to the Judge combing the cats without disinfecting the comb for the next cat. I'd like to see the Shows close at 9:30 P.M. so that the breeders can get home before all hours in the morning.

—G. W. Lowe, Hamden, Conn.

The Show was good. Judges good. Lovely catalogue and many beautiful cats. I should have had a better hotel for the cats.

—Molly Brennan, New Haven, Conn.

I think this was a good Show for two reasons, all officers and committees were co-operative in every detail including the breeders who were requested to keep floors clean.

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By Dick Hayman



The author with "Trap"

One of the favorite gathering-places for North American tourists in Mexico is Sanborn's famed "House of Blue Tiles" on the avenue of Madero, named after one of the country's martyred presidents.

Across from Sanborn's are the venerable remnants of what was once an elaborate Franciscan monastery. Today, any day of the week, in front of the rebuilt chapel stand very special Mexican vendors, usually wearing battered gray felt hats, faded blue denim jackets over blue shirts, faded gray pants and scuffed black shoes. The wares they offer for sale are tiny kittens, pups, monkeys and, once in a while, full-grown cats and dogs. These are the pet salesmen of Mexico's colorful "Street of the Dogs and Cats."

Where else but in Mexico can you look in vain for an ordinary pet shop, only to find instead that you must purchase your kitten from the curbstone of a main downtown street?

While the automobile traffic zooms one-way toward the Zocalo, Mexico's central square, the strange assortment of Mexico's population walks leisurely both ways on the two narrow sidewalks. Occasionally someone stops to admire a Persian kitten perched half asleep on a vendor's shoulder, or to scratch behind the ears of a Cocker Spaniel puppy nestling in the crook of a pet-salesman's arm.

Sometimes when the traffic halts, ped by the policeman at one of the cross-streets, a car passenger sticks out an arm from his open window to stroke the tiny head of kitty or pup and pass a

few friendly remarks with vendors who have only one idea in mind—sell today's supply as quickly as possible for there are more pets to be sold tomorrow.

As soon as a potential customer indicates real interest in one of the animals, he is overwhelmed with assurances of its qualities, good health, fine ancestry, future obedience and long life. This rapid salestalk is followed in quick order by "and for you I'll make the price only ninety pesos."

Although you've probably never associated bargaining with the purchase of a pet kitten, a definite adjustment to the situation is needed on Avenida Madero. When I bought my scamp of a feline fancy, I had to work my way through all of the stages of price-settling in Mexico. Initial horror at the price mentioned is overcome by a sudden mild disinterest in the tiny beast. This wavers back-and-forth with infrequent praise of the puss-in-hand's beauty, obvious intelligence and cleanliness—until finally you have brought the ninety down to something more like twenty or twenty-five pesos. Then, at last, the kitten is yours, and the vendor turns to the church railing behind him to fish out another heart-catcher from his burlap bag of miniature animal life.

Seeing all of the cats and dogs offered for sale so casually by the "Pet Men of Madero," as you may be innocently bound on some shopping spree, sooner or later you're destined to succumb to that arousing of a latent desire for the kitten of your childhood. If aroused strongly enough, one of the vendors has a new customer caught before him!

My trap was a black-and-white furry ball nestling under the ear of an amiable middle-aged Mexican fellow. The smoothness of his murky copper-colored face was marred by three large moles and his sharply black eyes had a friendly light dancing within them. The ball-of-fur kitten was alternately wide-awake and fast asleep, or so it seemed.

Two fashionably dressed young women stopped to pet this heart-winning bit of felinity. They spoke smilingly to the salesman, who answered them in similar good humor. They spent two or three minutes petting the kitten and talking. Then they moved happily on.

I stepped up next. The vendor must have guessed, for he took the kitten from his shoulder and set her into my offered hand. It didn't take too much bargaining until the animal was my new pet and the curbstone cat salesman had made what to him was just another sale of the day.

That's one of the joys of shopping in Mexico City—you can't tell what your purchases are apt to be. But if you're not in the market for a new pet, well, you might as well avoid walking down Madero. Its sidewalk wares are mighty hard to resist!

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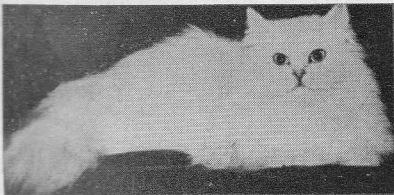


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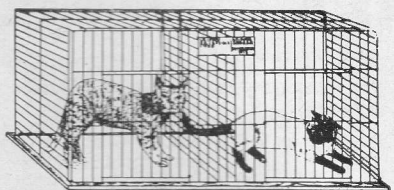
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Mews and Views from the West

On December 12-13 the Long Beach Cat Fanciers, of which Miss Floy McGill is President, held their annual show (ACA) at the Long Beach Municipal Auditorium, where there is always plenty of space - and as it is right on the Amusement Pike, one does not have to go far for diversion should the cat show become uninteresting. It was a large show, 350 cats. Show manager, Dr. Fern Smith, as well as the other officials of the show, was untiring in her efforts to make an enjoyable and successful show.

While it is almost too much to ask one Judge to do, Mrs. J. Oken of Seattle managed to have the All Breed finals completed by 10:30 P.M. Sunday night. A Christmas motif prevailed throughout, Christmas trees on the stages - the cages decorated with this motif, and even the catalogue had Christmas pictures.

Mr. and Mrs. Mervill G. Stevens drove down from Seattle with ten Short Hairs, Burmese and Siamese and I notice they took home some fine wins, even to Best S. H. and Best Opposite Sex in the All Breed with their female S. P. Ch. Ching Tzu of Tang-Wong, sired by Lamar's Kris Nara of Tang-Wong x Boo-Tang of Tang-Wong.

The Long Hair Specialty was judged by Mrs. Ruth Lentz, and surely Lucille Laird (Purr-Mew Cattery) felt she had THE Christmas present when her well known Quad. Ch. Don Roberto of Beverly Serrano, bred by the late Jessie Hazlett, was Best Ch., completing his Grand Championship. In this same show his grand son, Kerry Lu Ramon of Casa Contenta, owned by Dr. and Mrs. Van Zele, was Best Cat. Ramon's great grandfather was Gr. Ch. Duffy of Beverly Serrano, so I predict a future GRAND in this fine boy. You will find his picture in the next issue.

Howard Casassa of San Francisco judged the Short Hair Specialty, put on by the Southern California Short Hair breeders. He was popular with the exhibitors and after his explanations of his decisions I heard many applauses - the loudest when he gave Pukka Rajah, Seal Point male, eleven years old, first and winners. Pukka is well known in this region and is the sire of many fine Siamese. He was bred by the late Mrs. Effie Frazier, and now resides at The Pines Cattery.

I was sorry to hear of the automobile accident of Mrs. John Bloem of Des Moines, Iowa, in which Mrs. Bloem suffered a fractured leg. She informs me, however, that this will not deter her from being as active as possible in their forthcoming show. It was fortunate she was able, before this accident, to exhibit Bloemhill Alladin, Cream male kitten, sired by Ch. Northland Autumn Cloud x Ch. Kansas City Rosy Morn. Alladin has been four times Best Kitten

and three times Best Opposite Sex Kitten, three of these wins being in All Breed shows. I have his picture before me and he is quite a guy. My sincere wishes to her for a speedy recovery.

The San Diego Cat Fanciers' Inc. (CFA) held its 7th Annual Championship All Breed show January 7-10 in San Diego. Mr. L. F. Stephens, Pres. and show manager, at no time appeared unruffled or tired from the duties entailed in this prodigious job.

Several exhibitors drove or flew down from Northern California: Mrs. Althea Wedel; her fine Silver Tabby S. H. male, Ch. Tiger Tag of Fiddler's Green attracting much attention and taking home the Best Dom. S. H. Opposite Sex. Mrs. Phyllis Whitney who again took home Best Cat award in both shows with Ch. Burke Lee's Creme de Le Creme. Mrs. Adele Deeth whose Kwan Yin's Chocolate Point kits won in their classes. Also Dick and Bonnie Birkett, receiving the award of Best C. P. in both shows with their Ch. Tempurra's Truly Fair. On Friday night when Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Williams arrived from San Francisco they immediately went to work helping set up the show, which is the spirit we like to see among the Fanciers.

Timiest Kitten, Sun Dial's Capt. Courageous, kept a continuous gathering around his cage. Mrs. Dial raised him with an eye dropper, never having him away from her for weeks and weeks - whether it be marketing, driving or household duties.

Congratulation to a rather new and happy exhibitor, Mrs. Hyland Hayes of Hermosa Beach, whose S. P. female, Hollywood Cognac of Sea Change, was Best S. H. in the All Breed show; which show was judged by Mrs. Helen Fairchild, and ably assisted in handling of the cats by her steward, Mrs. M. E. Farmer.

The Short Hair and Solid Color Specialties were judged by Mrs. Edith Schulte of Los Angeles. The exhibitors enjoyed watching her judge. She loves her cats and handles them beautifully, which of course is the *Purpose* of the *Point System* which the associations have set up. She explains her decisions after each class award, which exhibitors wish every Judge would do. I heard breeders express the desire to see Mrs. Schulte judge our All Breed shows. Donald Battishill, a comparatively new enthusiastic breeder, most capably stewarded part of the show for Mrs. Schulte.

Mrs. Schulte's Best Cat was a popular award - Ch. Storm Cloud of Ontario, Blue Manx male. His owner Mrs. Virginia Sweem is a well known Manx breeder and has worked diligently to perfect the Manx breed. I learned much about Manx from her in our short conversation that I could in reading a

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Cats Club & Show Reporter

Twin City Fanciers Meet

The following new officers were elected at the January meeting of the Twin City Cat Fanciers, Inc. (CFA): President, Mrs. C. F. Rotter; Vice President, Mr. L. L. Lessard, Secretary, Mrs. L. D. Sample, 1818 State Avenue, Anoka, Minn.; Treasurer, Mrs. Fred Krahn; Membership, Mr. Don Clapp; Program, Mrs. H. Buechener; Social, Mrs. Wesly Novak; Publicity, Mrs. A. Rystedt; Show Manager, Mrs. H. Wallman, 4014 41st Ave. So., Minneapolis, Minn. The 1954 Show will again be held in the large Ballroom of the Hotel Dyckman. It will be a triple show, with full announcement to be made later.

Other New Officers

ALAMO CITY CAT CLUB, INC. (CFA): President, Mr. L. E. Mounger; First Vice President, Dr. Ellen Beall; Second Vice President, Mrs. John J. Schulz; Secretary, Mrs. Joseph Marshall, 117 East Locust St., San Antonio, Texas; Treasurer, Mr. H. M. Spinelli. Board Members: Mrs. L. E. Mounger, Mrs. M. H. Spinelli, Mrs. C. C. Strange, Mr. Joseph Marshall.

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Fadyen, 9137 Baldwin Drive, Rockford, Ill.; Treasurer, Mr. V. A. Jamison; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Archie Stray, 1232 No. 16th St., Milwaukee, Wisc.

Norfolk Show Cancelled

The Norfolk Cat Fanciers, CFA, show scheduled for Fort Monroe, Virginia, February 13 and 14 has been cancelled.

NOTES FROM BREEDERS

Regal Madura of Lan Yen is BURMESE

I was glad to see the report of the Dayton show in your January issue except for one item—my Regal Madura of Lan Yen is a lovely little BURMESE, not ABY! She says a scratch to you from her!

—Mrs. Donald Warner, Dayton 7, Ohio
(We're sorry, Madura, and Mrs. Warner. Please sheathe those pretty little paws, and we'll promise not to be so bad again.—ED.)
"Baron" Best Gr. Ch.

In your December issue you forgot to give credit to Triple and Grand Champion Dixie-Land Baron of Shanna Groith for being Best Grand Champion in both the All Breed and the Long Hair Specialty at Marin County ACA Show. Please correct this in the next issue.

—Colleen Aslyn, Bodega Bay, Calif.
(See our note to Mrs. Warner above—Ditto for you and the Baron, Colleen.—ED.)

TWIN CITY CAT FANCIERS (CFA), October 10-11, 1953, Minneapolis Minn. ALL BREED: Best Cat, Best Ch., Best SH.—Ch. Krampert's Ace, BP m., Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Krampert; Best OS Cat, Best Nov., 2nd Best Cat—Cymri Pizie, SP f., Mrs. Helen Ahola. Best OS Nov.—Oakwood's Glamour Boy, GE Wh m., Mrs. Alfred Hoff. Best OS Sh.—Marhan Min Dear, BP f., Mrs. Hanson. Best DSH—Samdar's Spice, Rd Thy f., Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Sample. Best Aby—Ch. Disston's Bengal Boy, m., Mrs. Waldo Schulz. Best Manx—Ch. Ba-Lo's Queen Desira, BC, Mrs. R. W. Boehlow. Best Kit—Bloemhill Aladdin, Cr. m., Mrs. John Bloem; OS—Wee Sal of Medicine Lake, SP f., Mrs. Adolph Olson. Judge—Mrs. Walter Lippert. **MINNESOTA SIAMESE CAT CLUB SPECIALTY:** Best Cat, Best Ch.—Ch. Krampert's Ace, BP m., Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Krampert. Best OS Cat—Vee Roi's Lovlai, SP f., Mrs. R. H. Hecht. Best OS Ch.—Ch. Chindwin Charm of Millbrook, SP f., Mrs. Laverne Chapman. 2nd Best Cat—Vee Roi's Hershey, CP m., Mrs. R. H. Hecht. Best Nov.—Samdur's Baron Von Wolfgang, SP m., Mr. R. G. Wolfgang; OS—Wollman's Talula, SP f., Mrs. H. J. Wallman. Best Kit—Wee Sal of Medicine Lake, SP f., Mrs. Adolph Olson; OS—Wah-Lee Saterius, SP m., Mrs. Robt. Ross. Judge—Mrs. C. F. Rotter. **TWIN CITY SOLID COLOR CAT CLUB SPECIALTY:** Best Cat, Best Nov.—Oakwood's Glamour Boy, GE Wh m., Mrs. Alfred Hoff. Best OS Cat, Best OS Nov.—Longhill's Marina of Red Top, Red f., Mrs. B. Walenty. Best Ch., 2nd Best Cat—Ch. Khyber's Kalypso Joe of Longhill, Blue m., Mrs. Archie Stray. Best OS Ch.—Ch. Knoll's Princess Snowwhite, BE Wh f., Mrs. Paul Swan. Best Kit—Bloemhill Aladdin, Cr. m., Mrs. oJhn Bloem; OS—LaBouffante Lion, Blk f., Dr. and Mrs. James Cutler.

MEWS

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dozen books.

And who says *CATS* don't like shows. Mrs. Charles E. Gillies formed her lovely Burmese Spay, Mrs. Alexander's Fa-Ying of Far Cry she couldn't go to San Diego. However, upon arrival in San Diego, Mrs. Gillies was astounded to see that Fa-Ying had disregarded this information and "stowed away" in one of the carriers with Far Cry's Bess, Black female, who completed her championship in this show at the age of 9 mos.

Blanche and Howard Warren were there with their lovely Burmese, and it is good to see the Burmese in the CFA shows again.

Two imported queens took my eye, Lady Gai of Pensford, Imp., Cream Persian female, sired by Elmwood Cavalier x Ch. Dawn of Pensford, bred by the well known English Judge Joan Thompson. Gai is owned by Mrs. Alberta M. Paris of Norco, California.

The other import was Ch. June Rose Bear of Dunesk (Imp.) Blue Persian female, sired by Ch. Dylan of Allington x Ch. Wildviolet of Dunesk, bred by Mrs. M. Brunton. She was brought over here by Mrs. T. R. James, and I notice in my last column it stated *BRED* by Mrs. T. R. James, which is in error. Certainly Mrs. Brunton is to be congratulated on breeding such a beautiful queen. She has exquisite color and the head type the Persian breeders are struggling for.

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QUOTES

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all suggestions were strictly obeyed.

—Mrs. J. Kohlus, 13 Marjorie Lane, E. R.
 This is my first show and I have found it a splendid opportunity to talk with experienced breeders who have added to my information regarding cats. I have been given help in solving my problems and I must add that all information was generously given. I think if the Hotel Piccadilly would allow us to use more and larger signs pointing the way to the Oxford Room where the Show is being held it would assist the breeders in finding the Show Room.

—Flora Zbar, 555 Ocean Avenue, Brooklyn, New York
 Lovely Show, nicely caged. We could have used a larger room. Cats all seem to be in good condition.

—Mrs. E. Fouque, Glenolden, Penna.
 'Swonderful.'

—Pauline Filkin, Andover, New Jersey
 It is a very nice Show—I don't think the All-Breed Judge should have combed the cats with her comb. She used the same comb every time without disinfecting it. That is a bad way to spread skin diseases.

—No name or address.
 The finest Show I have ever seen. Bouquets to Lois Bode for a first class job in management.

—Mrs. Peter Keiser, 144 Hayes Ave., Massapequa, L. I.
 Very good Show—sorry there were no kittens.

—Donna Wendel, Elizabeth, New Jersey
 I think this has been a very fair Show. The aisles could have been wider.

—Mrs. L. J. Hannon, 1072 Woodcrest Ave. Bronx, N. Y.

In spite of the grape-vine comment—I think the Siamese Judge was excellent, the Silver Specialty was all right and Judge Conroy, the All-Breed Judge, needed no assistance in making her decisions. I've seen her judge before today—she is good—pulls a nice gate and the breeders have confidence in her. I know my mother has. (I am visiting her for a few days).—I think Judge Conroy will go far—if given a chance.

—Arlene McDonald, Augusta, Maine
 (More Atlantic quotes and the Empire Show, next month.)

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THANKS, MAMA

Dear Editors:

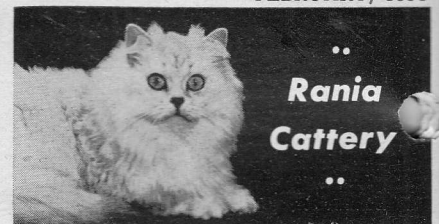
At the outset of this letter, I want to tell you how wonderful my daughter and I think your magazine is. We have just subscribed to it and are anxiously awaiting the coming issue.

However, the main purpose of this letter is to send you a poem which my four-month old Siamese kitten sent me with her Christmas present, which I thought you might be interested in printing in one of your future issues. It is as follows:

*Tho' I scratch and tho' I bite;
 And sometimes spit and sometimes fight;
 And tho' I sometimes get your gall;
 I love you best of all.
 Can I help it if the curio shelf entices me;
 And if the leaves on the fireplace I have to see;
 I know I'm a curious son-of-a-gun,
 But how's a kitten to have some fun?
 So bear with me a little longer;
 Until I grow up to be much stronger;
 Just by being a Siamese,
 Seems to me I have to please;
 So feed me good and throw the ball;
 Because I do love you best of all.**
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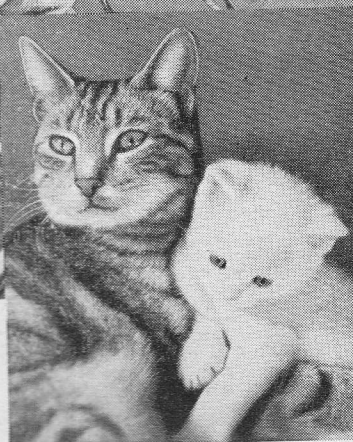
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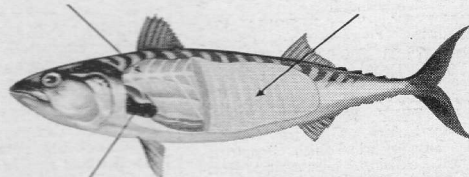
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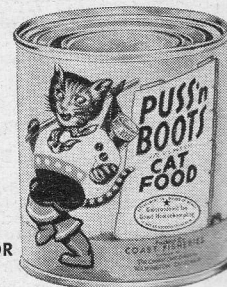
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