

## Conditions in California

I found that breeding stock in the urban areas are usually, but not always kept in smaller cages than in Britain. The reason for this was fully and fairly explained in a letter from Mrs. Letaigne printed in the May 22 issue of *Fur and Feather*. However, in every cattery I visited I found the owners highly conscious and particular about cleanliness, feeding and medication, and the cats were obviously well loved and cared for. Good balanced foods are in greater variety and more easily available in America. If my daughter's experience is typical, veterinary services are excellent, if expensive. Respiratory diseases, particularly rhinotracheitis and pneumonitis, are serious troubles, and shots against the latter are compulsory at regular intervals for show cats.

I found that our American friends have a great respect for and interest in the British Cat Fancy but there is a thing or two one can learn from the American scene.