

CAT GOSSIP

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GOSSIP OF THE WEEK

The matter to which Miss Busted refers in another column is a very serious one. From time to time in all Fancies the complaints about improper packing of animals—which sometimes arrive suffocated at the Show—are heard. That such a thing should occur in *our* Fancy—the purest Fancy existing—is most regrettable. One would think mere common-sense would tell any reasonable person not to stuff a large cat into a tiny box; but sixty years in this world have taught me that “common” sense is quite wrongly named, it being really quite a scarce commodity. Persons who act in this manner cannot too soon be informed that the Inspectors of the R.S.P.C.A. will quite rightly take action, if such instances of cruelty be brought to their notice. But I think we all, exhibitors, Show Secretaries, stewards, etc., owe a duty to our furry friends. No one wants to bring the law or the R.S.P.C.A. into our Shows, thus casting a slur on the Fancy; but I consider when such a case of cruel packing is noticed, the Show officials should make a proper record of particulars, warn the owner, and acquaint the G. C., which body should utilise the power it holds to warn and instruct the offender if a novice, warn and punish him if an old hand. I must say I think the G.C. would be well advised if it made a little more use of the powers with which it has been invested by the Fancy. For instance, in the way of taking steps to bar warned-off persons from exhibiting all over the country. I shall have occasion again to refer to this matter.

There is rather a pretty Cat legend connected with the Tower of London. At the time of the War of the Roses, one Sir Henry Wyatt (father of the poet of that name) of Allington Castle in Kent, was imprisoned in the Tower, where he inhabited a cold and narrow chamber, lacking a bed, and was insufficiently supplied with food. One day a cat entered his cell, and he held her close to gain warmth from her body, “and by making much of her won her love.” The cat then visited him daily, sometimes bringing him a pigeon, which the jailor used to prepare for him. Not unnaturally Sir Henry retained an affection for cats, and later was always painted with one by his side.

Personally I see no reason to doubt the story. The repeated occurrence of cats in ancient Egyptian paintings seems to prove they were used to retrieve birds. Probably if modern cats have lost this tendency the fault lies not with them but with the humans. The grandmother of old Champion Katzenjammer—the old cat I showed with a 70 lb. Bulldog at the Westminster Aquarium some thirty-two year ago—hereby

hangs a funny tale—the portrait of the pair, by Arthur Wardle, is before me as I write these lines—this cat used to go and forage for my Bulldogs, which she would summon with a peculiar call from the top of the garden wall, and then drop down to them whatever dainty she had collected—maybe a mutton chop from a neighbour’s kitchen!

On the occasion in question the cat was penned at the Bulldog Show with the gigantic Bulldog, Baby Bacchus. In the course of the morning along came one of those well-meaning, but foolish old souls always on the look-out for something to raise Cain about, planked herself down on a seat opposite, and remained there for hours. At last arising in her wrath, she sought out a steward, who happened to be a well-known joker yclept the Doggy Talepitcher, and complained that the cat had not been fed. “Madam,” quoth the Talepitcher, “you are labouring under a very serious misapprehension. The cat is by no means there to eat, but to be eaten! Observe,” lifting the Manx’s hindquarters—“the tail is already gone, when the dog feels hungry he will eat the rest!” The old lady hurried off in search of help, and the Secretary of the Aquarium assured me it took him some time to pacify her and prevent her from going out to look for a policeman!

The opinion expressed in another column by such an authority as Mr. J. G. Dollman, of the Natural History Museum, on the theory voiced by M. Steens, as to the identity of the Siamese with the Sacred Cat of Old Egypt, completely bears out, as will be seen, the views I expressed in CAT GOSSIP last week. Mr. Dollman occupies one of the most important positions at the Museum. Himself an artist of no small merit, he is a son of that J. C. Dollman whose magnificent paintings of wild animals have so frequently adorned the walls of the Royal Academy.

Mrs. Allen Maturin writes as follows *re* Leicester Show (her detailed report on the Siamese will be found in another column):—“The rest of the Short hair classes were poor, and it was so late before I could start to report I was unable to go through them properly. The foreign Blues were terrible. There was one lovely White, Lady be Good, and nothing else striking. I tried to buy the winning Siamese but nothing doing. I have just purchased a beautiful young Siamese queen, perfect in shape and head, densest points, and lovely eyes, a daughter of the late Ch. Manchu and granddaughter of my stud Ju-jitsu. I also have two lovely small kittens; one is a daughter of Ch. Simple and Prestwick Para, the male, also a son of Para, so far much resembles his grandfather Litabois in shape and eye.”

Twenty-three years ago this week, there passed away one of the most celebrated and magnificent cats that ever graced a pen. We refer to that grand Short-haired Brown Tabby, Ch. Xenophon, long the property of Mr. Sam Woodiwiss, and later of Lady Decies. His obituary notice in *Our Cats* reads:—"This cat has probably won more first prizes than any other cat ever exhibited. For years Xenophon was absolutely invincible, and won some hundreds of first prizes, championships, medals, and cups. He finished his show career at the last Botanical Gardens Coronation Show, and there he won his last first prize. Mr. Luker recently painted a very fine portrait in oils of Xenophon for Lady Decies."

And remember, Brown Tabbies *were* Brown Tabbies in those days!

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I am glad to hear that Mrs. Campbell-Fraser has sold her good young blue Queen, Hendon Dame Carruthers, a daughter of Champion Billy Bumpet, ex Hendon Cassilda, to France, through the medium of CAT GOSSIP. The purchaser, Madame Pereyrol, hopes to exhibit her at the Paris Show on 14th and 15th inst., when our contributor, Mrs. Basnett, is judging.

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The cat (Ballochmyle Puff) lost in the Crystal Palace organ has been found. So the scheme to get the organist to play a vigorous selection in the hope of blowing the animal out of the pipes was abandoned.--*The Humorist*.

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Pussy's Portrait. On another page will be found an advertisement of Mrs. Francis's beautiful hand-painted scarves, lamp and candle shades. Those women who do not care to wear skins should give her an order for a hand-painted wrap. What could be more attractive than your own cat's picture on a beautiful shawl or scarf, or, if you like, a table runner, a set of mats, or candle shades, with pussy painted thereon. The great attraction to me is that they all wash and iron up like new. Mr. and Mrs. Francis are both members of the Animal Lovers' League and keen supporters of CAT GOSSIP. I hope some of our readers will send for samples and see for themselves the charm of their work.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES SHOW

To the Editor.

Sir,—I feel I should like to send a few words of thanks and congratulations to the Secretaries, Mrs. Hughes and Mr. Aubrey, of the above Show.

The schedules came out very late, and contained so little information, that I greatly feared the Show would suffer accordingly. But when I and some other Siamese friends turned up to pen our cats on Tuesday evening, everything was in order, the pens beautifully clean; and I was more than delighted to see Elastene in them, and that horrid straw banished. The hall was lofty and had a good light, the pens all well arranged with plenty of room between the rows, and was slightly heated. A watchman was on duty all night. The Siamese had an excellent entry, and I was delighted to see so many really excellent cats among them. We so seldom see such a good lot outside London. Both Mrs. Hughes and Mr. Aubrey did not spare themselves, and did their utmost for us, and the Midland Counties' Club can be congratulated on a most happy Show. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. I sincerely hope the gate was good, the room being so large we were never overcrowded, but there always seemed a good many people about other than Exhibitors.

One thing only made me sad, and that was to see a box divided into three compartments, and in one of these a very big white longhaired cat was to be put. This poor animal would have to sit hunched up all the way to its destination, unable to move an inch, and would get home thoroughly cramped. Is this exhibitor a lover of animals that she can treat them in this abominable way? I saw another exhibitor literally stuff a huge cat into a basket that was only large enough for a three months old kitten. Something ought to be done about such barbarous treatment of our pets. Could we not have an Inspector of the S.P.C.A. on duty with the Vet. to put a stop to such treatment? I sincerely hope something in the future may be done against this cruelty, and I trust I shall never again see such treatment meted out to these gentle loving creatures.

Once again, my hearty congratulations to the hard working Secretaries of the Show.

E. C. BUSTEED, Hon. Sec., S.C.C.

Midland Cat Club Show Leicester, January 5th, 1927

Siamese.

Judge:—Mrs. ALLEN MATURIN.

I FOUND the above Show a most enjoyable fixture, the Corn Exchange left nothing to be desired; large, airy and beautifully warm, and above all, splendid light for judging. Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey were kindness itself, and the officials were all regaled with the most delicious hot coffee on our arrival, most grateful and comforting, as one had to walk through rain and muddy streets to reach the Hall. The judging started at 11 o'clock, giving all comers from long distances plenty of time. The entries, I hear, were about 500, and the Show seemed to be supported mainly by a Southern contingent. There was quite a good entry of Siamese, the quality of the same being tip-top. I felt I wanted personally to possess them all. In the Siamese male there were six entries, but 4 only turned up, the winning male, Miss Dixon's Simzo, took 1st and Ch. This is his debut as an adult. One knew him well as a winning kitten. He is one of the most glorious Siamese I have seen for years, and is without a fault. He finished up his day by being made best adult in Show, beating a most beautiful Chinchilla.

2nd PRIZE.—Mr. Wicking's Tamit, a fine strong cat, but had considerably darkened since his Croydon success.

3rd PRIZE.—Miss Busteed's Robin's Boi. *Res.*—Mr. Woodgate's Takahata. A big cat, beautiful eyes very dark in coat and badly kinked tail.

Siamese Female.

There were 5 entries.

1st and Ch. fell to Mrs. Harvey's Bonzette of Petaling, a gorgeous little queen and sister of Simzo, the winning male. She also was a perfect specimen.

2nd PRIZE.—Miss Dixon's Ch. Simple who had to take a back seat to her daughter, Bonzette. Everyone knows Simple, so there is no need to enumerate her virtues.

3rd PRIZE.—Miss Busteed's Highfield Litamoot, a nice shaped cat and good eyes. *Res.*—Mrs. Hindley's Prestwick Perak, a beautiful cat, but gone dark. 3rd and Reserve ran each other very close.

Breeders.

1st PRIZE—Miss Dixon's Simzo.

2nd PRIZE—Mr. Wicking's Tamit.

3rd PRIZE—Miss C. Bateman's Yunella.

Res.—Mrs. Hindley's Prestwick Perak.

V.H.C.—Mr. Woodgate's Takahata.

Novice, Cat or Kitten.

- 1st PRIZE—Miss Dixon's Simzo.
 2nd PRIZE—Mrs. Harvey's Myosotis. A gem of a kitten and won special for best blue eyes in Show.
 3rd PRIZE—Miss Busted's Highfield Litamoot.
Res.—Miss George's Azuli.
 V.H.C.—Miss Pritchard's Simparaval.

Limit, Cat or Kitten.

- 1st—Miss Dixon's Simzo.
 2nd—Mrs. Harvey's Bonzette.
 3rd—Mr. Wicking's Tamit.
Res.—Mrs. Harvey's Padi of Petaling.
 V.H.C.—Azuli and Highfield Litamoot.
 H.C.—Mr. Woodgate's Takahata.

Siamese Kittens, Male.

- 1st—Mrs. Harvey's Padi Petaling.
 2nd—Miss Busted's Jim-Bois.

Siamese, Female.

- 1st—Mrs. Harvey's Myosotis.
 2nd—Miss Bateman's Yunella.
 3rd—Miss Bateman's Yuneseppo.
Res.—Miss Pritchard's Simparaval.

Siamese Specials.

- SPECIAL 6. Beresford Ch. Cup. Miss Dixon's Simzo.
 SPECIAL 33. Adult, Novice Cup. Simzo.
 SPECIAL 36. Club Medal for best Adult. Simzo.
 SPECIAL 54. Mrs. Leviagston's Special for Myosotis. Best blue eyes in Siamese Male or Female.
 SPECIAL 31. Southern C. C. Silver Medal for best Cat. Simzo.

E. ALLEN MATURIN.

SHORT-HAIR CATS.

There was a very poor show of short haired cats and those that were there were poor in quality.

- CLASSES 43 and 45. Amalgamated, any colour self, Male or Female, and any other colour, Male or Female. 1st—Mr. Taylor's Ch. Even Mask. Nicely marked red tabby and best condition in Class. 2nd—I regret I lost notes of. 3rd—Miss Fairbrother's Tinker's Cuss. Nice jet black Cat, no white, good coat, and condition, lacks in eye colour. *Res.*—Miss Maclaren Morrison's Black Prince.

- CLASS 44. Any Colour Tabby, Male or Female. 1st—G. D. Bulmer's Stranton Lass. 2nd—Miss Maclaren Morrison's Egerton House Lion. A fine, well marked tabby and took special for best tabby short hair cup. 3rd—Miss Winder's Red Ensign, a well marked red tabby, good coat and eye. *Res.*—Mr. Taylor's Cliflette.

Blue Foreign, Male or Female.

- Only two in Class and both very poor specimens. 1st and Ch.—Mrs. Batt's Damisica. Coat poor in texture and rough, not a good colour and I consider not worthy of a Championship. 2nd—Miss Winder's Recluse, a better cat in coat and condition than 1st winner, but neither first class specimens.

- CLASSES 48 and 49. Short hair Kitten, under 9 months, any Variety, self and A.O.V. Male or Female. 1st—Miss Winder's Lady be Good, an exquisite white kitten, in lovely condition and coat and beautiful blue eyes, unfortunately stone deaf as so many white cats are. She is a well known winner and gives promise of a beautiful cat in the future.

Any Variety Breeders.

- 1st—Mr. J. Taylor's Ch. Even Mask.
 2nd—Miss Winder's Red Ensign.
 3rd—Miss Winder's White Tusk.

Neuters, Long and Short Hair.

- 1st—Miss Chichester's Litaman. A fine Siamese.
 2nd—Miss Winder's Jack.
 3rd—Mrs. Finch's Tip.
Res.—Mrs. Aubrey's Langhorne Trace.

National Cat Club Classes.

- Any variety S.H. Cat or Kitten.
 1st—Miss Dixon's Simzo.
 2nd—Miss Winder's Lady be Good.

Midland Counties Cat Club.

Any Variety, Short Hair Cat or Kitten, including Siamese.

- 1st—Miss Dixon's Simzo.
 2nd—Miss Winder's Lady be Good.
 3rd—Mrs. Harvey's Bonzette of Petaling.
Res.—Miss Dixon's Simple.
 V.H.C.—Miss Bateman's Yuneseppo.
 V.H.C.—Mrs. Hindley's Prestwick Perak.
 H.C.—Miss Busted's Highfield.

- CLASS 53. Siamese, Male. 96. 1st and Ch.—Miss Dixon's Simzo. 101. 2nd.—Mr. Wicking's Tamit. 100. 3rd—Miss Busted's Robin's Boi. 97. *Res.*—Mr. Woodgate's Takahata. 98 and 99—*Absent.*

- CLASS 54. Siamese, Female. 103. 1st and Ch.—Miss Harvey's Bonzette of Petaling. 102. 2nd—Miss Dixon's Ch. Simple. 105. 3rd—Miss Busted's Highfield Litamoot. 104. *Res.*—Mrs. Hindley's Prestwick Perak. 106. *Absent.*

- CLASS 55. Breeders (Cat or Kitten). 96. 1st—Simzo. 101. 2nd—Tamit. 107. 3rd—Yunella. 104. *Res.*—Prestwick Perak. 97. V.H.C.—Takahata. 108. —*Absent.*

- CLASS 56. Novice Cat or Kitten. 96. 1st—Simzo. 110. 2nd—Myosotis. 105. 3rd—Highfield Litamoot. 110a. *Res.*—Azuli. 109. V.H.C.—Simparaval. 97. L.C.—Takahata. 108.—*Absent.*

- CLASS 57. Limit, Cat or Kitten. 96. 1st—Simzo. 103. 2nd—Bonzette of Petaling. 101. 3rd—Tamit. 111. *Res.*—Padi of Petaling. 110a. V.H.C.—Azuli. 105. V.H.C.—Highfield Litamoot. 97. H.C.—Takahata. 108.—*Absent.* 100. Robin's Boi. 109.—Simparaval.

- CLASS 58. Siamese, Male, Kitten. 111. 1st—Mrs. Harvey's Padi of Petaling. 112. 2nd—Miss Busted's Jim Bois. 113.—*Absent.*

- CLASS 59. Siamese, Female Kitten. 110. 1st—Mrs. Harvey's Myosotis of Petaling. 107. 2nd—Miss Bateman's Yunella. 104. 3rd—Miss Bateman's Yuneseppo. 109. *Res.*—Miss Pritchard's Simparaval. 108.—*Absent.*

- CLASS 67. Any V. S.H. Cat or Kitten. 96. 1st—Simzo. 89. 2nd—Lady be Good. 103. 3rd—Bonzette of Petaling. 102. *Res.*—Ch. Simple. 114. V.H.C.—Yuneseppo. 105. H.C.—Highfield Litamoot. 104. Prestwick Perak. 78. White Turk.

E. ALLEN MATURIN

- CLASSES 48 and 49. 89. 1st—White, good eyes and pure coloured coat. 90. 2nd—Red tabby; lovely colour, but too dense on back.

- CLASS 52. 95. 1st—Siamese (Neuter).
 CLASS 62. A.V.S.H. 96. 1st—Siamese. 89. 2nd—White. 102. 3rd—Siamese. 82. *Res.*—Red. 78. V.H.C.—White.

- A.O.C. Self-Amalgamated with A.O.C. and Manx.—84. 1st—Tortie. and White (well patched). 77. 2nd—Black (green eyes). 79. 3rd—Black, small eye, good colour. 78. *Res.*—White, longish coat.

CLASS 44. 83. 1st—Good Silver Tabby. 81. 2nd.—well marked brown tabby. 82. 3rd—Red tabby, fair, but good head. 80. *Res.*—Silver tabby, shows promise but outclassed at present.

CLASS 46. 87. 1st—Typical Russian type. 86. 2nd—Smaller and not so true to type.

Mrs. HARVEY.

Long Hair Section.

I should like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Hughes, and Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey for all their kindness to those who came to Leicester for the Show, and for all they did for the comfort of the exhibits, the hall was well heated and during the judging the light was very good. Thanks are also due to the stewards Miss Knight Law, Mr. and Mrs. Guess, Mr. Cave and Mr. Walker, also to our kind friends, Mrs. Fosbery, Miss J. M. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Yeates, Mrs. Yeend and Mrs. F. H. Stevens who all did much work and helped to make the Show the success it was. The long hair judges, Miss Lea, Mr. Western and Mr. C. A. House, got through their work very quickly and everyone seemed very satisfied with the results.

CLASS 1. Black, Male or Female. *Judge*, Miss Lea. 1st and Ch.—Mrs. Sydney Evan's Ch. Heathside Flanark, first time out this season, shown in wonderful form. 2nd—Mrs. Campbell Frazer's Hendon Eastbury Boglie, very nice cat, 3rd—Miss J. M. Fisher's Ivanhoe of Hadley, this cat has a wonderful head and a grand frame.

CLASS 2. White, Male or Female. 1st and Ch.—Mrs. Sams's Powder Puff of Runnymede, lovely condition, nice flowing coat.

CLASS 3. Blue, Male. *Judge*, Mr. Western. 1st and Ch.—Lady Eardley Wilmot's Gentleman of Henley, who now becomes a full Champion which he well deserves, he has a magnificent head and grand bone. 2nd—Mr. Alexander Wilson's Herd Laddie, a beautiful cat, glorious eyes, still very young, head wants maturing, should do very well, shown to perfection. 3rd—Mrs. Wade's John of Bedale; a very fine cat, but not as well shown as last time out, lovely head and very good eyes, slightly shaded behind ears. The first three ran each other very close. *Res.*—Miss J. M. Fisher's Idol of Hadley; a very nice cat, but not quite as good as the first three on day of show.

CLASS 4. Blue, Female. 1st and Ch.—Mrs. Brunton's Wildflower of Dunesk, a lovely daughter of June Rose, and litter sister of Bright Knight, a perfect cat, snubbiest of noses, beautiful head, small ears, slightly shaded, carrying a wealth of coat. 2nd—Mrs. Campbell Frazer's Hendon Dame Hannah, nice broad muzzle, good eyes, 3rd—Miss Langston's Ch. Marice of Allington, in beautiful condition, nice level coat. *Res.*—Mrs. Yeates' June Rose; out of coat to-day, glorious eyes and colour. I could not understand why Mrs. F. H. Stevens' Moon o' Mendip was left cardless; she has a beautiful head and is a very good shape and colour, she should do very well.

CLASS 5. Blue, Breeders. 1st—Mr. A. Wilson's Herd Laddie. 2nd—Miss Langston's Ch. Marice of Allington. 3rd—Miss George's Miss Pert, a very nice cat.

CLASS 6. Blue, Novice. 1st—Mrs. Brunton's Wildflower of Dunesk. 2nd—Mrs. Campbell Frazer's Hendon Dame Hannah. 3rd—Miss George's Miss Pert.

CLASS 7. Blue, Limit. 1st—Wildflower of Dunesk. 2nd—Herd Laddie. 3rd—Hendon Dame Hannah.

CLASS 8. Blue, Junior. 1st—Wildflower of Dunesk. 2nd—Herd Laddie. 3rd—Hendon Dame Hannah.

CLASS 9. Red, Male. *Judge*, Mr. House. 1st and Ch.—Mrs. Neate's Ch. Red Leader, in perfect condition. 2nd—Mrs. Fosbery's Eastbury Baron. 3rd—Hon. Mrs. Maclaren Morrison's Cloth o' Gold, both very nice coats.

CLASS 10. Red, Female. 1st and Ch.—Mrs. Fosbery's Eastbury Rosalind; beautiful colour and shape. 2nd and 3rd.—Mrs. Kennaway's Garboldisham Rose Ann, and Garboldisham Poppy, colour not as good as winner.

CLASS 11. Tortoiseshell and Tortoiseshell-and-White. Male or Female. 1st—Mrs. Western's Holme Dazzle; very beautiful cat. 2nd—Mrs. Furniss' Wallflower. 3rd—Mrs. Tomlinson's Lady Maythorpe.

CLASS 12. Cream, Male. 1st and Ch.—Binkie of Bredon; in fine form, very much improved. Unfortunately Mrs. Stevenson's cats arrived too late for judging which was a great pity as they were in wonderful form and Budge of Hanley would have won his final Championship, and the cream kitten Diamio was a perfect love.

CLASS 13. Cream, Female. 1st and Ch.—Mignonette of the Combe, perfect and in lovely condition; lovely coat and glorious eyes. 2nd and 3rd.—Mrs. Yeend's Ch. Mig of Bredon, lovely but a little out of coat. Norma of Bredon, not up to her usual form.

CLASS 14. Chinchilla, Male. 1st and Ch.—Mrs. Sams's Ch. Cupid of Heyver, very much improved since last seen. 2nd—Misses E. H. Cottrell, M. Grant and M. H. Trefusis, Ch. Langherne Felix.

CLASS 15. Chinchilla, Female. 1st and Ch.—Mrs. Aubrey's Langherne Sunshine; looking wonderful and beautifully shown. 2nd and 3rd.—Miss Langston's Ch. Midget of Heyver; looking very fit, Fay of Allington, a perfectly sweet faced lady, both too well known to need description.

CLASS 16.—Silver Tabby, Male. Cancelled.

CLASS 17. Silver Tabby, Female. 1st and Ch.—Dragon of the Cottage. I believe now a full Champion, beautifully shown.

CLASS 19. Cancelled.

CLASS 20. Any Colour, Breeders' (except Blue). 1st—Langherne Sunshine. 2nd—Eastbury Rosalind. 3rd—Mignonette o' the Combe.

CLASS 21. Any Colour, Limit (except Blue). 1st—Binkie of Bredon. 2nd—Holme Dazzle. 3rd—Fay of Allington.

CLASS 22. Any Colour. Special Limit (except Blue). 1st—Binkie of Bredon. 2nd—Holme Dazzle. 3rd—Dragon of the Cottage.

CLASS 23. Junior (except Blue). 1st—Eastbury Rosalind. 2nd—Mignonette o' the Combe. 3rd—Holme Dazzle.

CLASS 24. Any Colour, Brace. *Judge*, Mr. Western. 1st—Mrs. Aubrey's Langherne Sunshine, Langherne Butterfly. 2nd—Mrs. Yeend's Ch. Meg, Norma of Bredon. 3rd—Mrs. Sams' Ch. Cupid of Heyver, Dimple of Runnymede.

CLASS 25. Any Colour, Team. *Judge*, Mr. Western. 1st—Mrs. Yeend's Ch. Meg of Bredon, Binkie of Bredon, Norma of Bredon, Midas of Bredon. 2nd—Mrs. Langston's Ch. Marice of Allington, Ch. Midget of Heyver, Melusine of Allington. 3rd—Mrs. Aubrey's Langherne Sunshine, Langherne Butterfly, Langherne Charm, Langherne Folly.

CLASS 26. Any Colour, Stud. *Judge*, Miss Lea. 1st—Ch. Cupid of Heyver. 2nd—Binkie of Bredon. 3rd—Ch. Langherne Felix.

CLASS 27. Any Colour, Brood Queen. 1st—Langherne Sunshine. 2nd—Susan of Farnborough.

3rd—Holme Dazzle. Equal 3rd—Eastbury Rosalind.

CLASS 28. Black Kitten, Male or Female. *Judge*, Miss Lea. 1st—Mrs. Yeates' Desert Chief. Palace Winner, looking very well, dense black. 2nd—Mrs. McClure's Hellingdon Negroid, good kitten, nice coat. 3rd—Mrs. McClure's Patsy Dinah.

CLASS 29. White, Male or Female. 1st—Mrs. Sams' Snow Queen of Runnymede, beautiful kitten. 2nd—Mrs. Richardson's Jasmine of Farnborough.

CLASS 30. Blue, Male. Under 6 months. *Judge*, Mr. Western. 1st—Mrs. Stevens' Merlin o' Mendip; lovely kitten, very good coat and head. 2nd—Mrs. Newton's Don of Correndon, nice kitten. 3rd—Miss J. B. Langton's Winkle, pretty kitten, nice coat.

CLASS 30a. Blue, Female. Under 6 months. 1st and best kitten in Show—Miss Langston's Melusine of Allington; a beautiful daughter of Eros, A great pity that he has gone, as the kittens he sired are very fine. 2nd—Mrs. Yeates' Winsome Witch; a kitten that will go far, stood out well both here and at the Palace. 3rd—Miss Langston's Wankie; nice kitten.

CLASS 31. Blue, Male, 6 to 9 months. 1st—Mrs. Sams' Chittabob of Runnymede; very good type, well grown. Equal 1st—Mr. J. M. Bellamy's Downend, a very beautiful kitten. 2nd—Mrs. Goddard's Ashton Tam o' Shanter; good colour. 3rd—Mrs. Walker's Moorside Dandie.

CLASS 32. Blue Female, 6 to 9 months. 1st—Miss George's Mistress Love; wonderful kitten, beautiful eyes, should love to own her. 2nd—Mrs. Guess's Penhorne Princess Dinah; beautiful level coat, very nice kitten. 3rd—Capt. St. Barbe's Barbara of Culloden; much improved since shown at Reading, out of coat on day of Show, shows promise.

CLASS 33. Blue Breeders. 1st—Winsome Witch. 2nd—Moorside Dandie. Equal 2nd—Downend. 3rd—Don of Correndon.

CLASS 34. Blue, Novice. 1st—Melusine of Allington. 2nd—Merlin o' Mendip. 3rd—Penhorne Princess Dinah. Equal 3rd—Downend.

CLASS 35. Cream, Male or Female. *Judge*, Mr. House. 1st—Mrs. Yeend's Midas of Bredon; lovely head. 2nd—Mrs. Tomlinson's Nervino. Mrs. Stevenson's beautiful kitten too late for judging.

CLASS 36a. Red Tabby. Kitten. 1st—Mrs. Fosbery's Eastbury Rosegay. 2nd—Miss Knight-Law's Red Comedy of Marston Trussell.

CLASS 37. Chinchilla, Male. 1st—Misses Grant and Trefusis' Woolley Thistle.

CLASS 38. Chinchilla, Female. 1st and 2nd—Mrs. Aubrey's Langherne Charm, and Folly, two charming babies, could not find better. 3rd—Mrs. Sams' Chick of Runnymede, well grown.

CLASS 39. Any Colour, Breeder (except Blue). 1st—Eastbury Rosegay. 2nd—Langherne Charm. 3rd—Midas of Bredon.

CLASS 40. Any Colour, Novice (except Blue). 1st—Langherne Charm. 2nd—Midas of Bredon. 3rd—Red Comedy.

CLASS 41. Any Colour. Limit. 1st—Melusine of Allington. 2nd—Langherne Charm. 3rd—Winsome Witch.

CLASS 42. Any Colour. Pair. 1st—Miss George's Mistress Love, Sugar Boy. 2nd—Mrs. Aubrey's Langherne Charm, Langherne Folly. 3rd—Mrs. Newton's Don of Correndon, Dainty of Correndon.

I am very sorry not to be able to record wins for long hair in National Cat Club and Midland Counties Cat Club Classes, I find I omitted to mark my catalogue for these.

KATHLEEN YORKE.

Is the Siamese Cat Identical with the Ancient Egyptian Sacred Cat?

The National History Museum Endorses the Opinion of the Editor of CAT GOSSIP.

From Mr. J. G. DOLLMAN, *Assistant Curator*.

As regards Siamese and Egyptian Cats, there is no resemblance between the modern Siamese Cat and the ancient representations of the domestic cat of Egypt. As you remark, the skulls of the latter are very similar to those of the common African cat of to-day, and there can be but little doubt that these Egyptian Cats were practically the same animal as is met with at the present time in Africa. Certainly, the Siamese cat has nothing to do with the Egyptian form. Had it been so we should have had some record of its curious coloration and markings, and not merely the spotted, striped or self-coloration as seen in the Egyptian drawings.

Cat Calls.

From Miss E. C. BUSTEED.

Hon. Sec., Siamese Cat Club.

Sir,

As far as I know, Mr. Steens is wrong in his theory, the Siamese and Egyptian Cats are not one and the same. The Siamese Temple Cat does enter into religious ceremonies in Siam, especially the black Siamese with golden eyes. These are often enclosed in gilded cages with incense burning in front of them, and with offerings of food placed before their domiciles, and this may have given rise to the theory that Egyptian and Siamese are identical.

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From M. OLDFIELD HOWEY, author of *The Horse in Magic and Myth. The Encircled Serpent*, etc.

Sir,

I would like to congratulate you on this issue of CAT GOSSIP and its beautiful illustrations. I am glad, too, that you advocate a natural diet for cats. I am strongly against prolonging the lives of unsound animals by artificial feeding, as it is bound to result in the deterioration of the race, and the sacrifice of physique to show points should not be encouraged to a great extent.

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