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### Gossip of the Week.

JUST TWENTY-SIX years ago this week there died one of the best Abyssinians ever penned, the beautiful Sedgemere Peaty. This queen and her mate, Sedgemere Bottle, were the property of Mr. Sam Woodiwiss, by whom Peaty was given to Mr. H. C. Brooke, in whose possession she died. They were both big winners, and we have never seen anything to equal them in colour, a beautiful ruddy-brown or hare colour, with superb ticking; in shape and make also they were exceptionally typical, slender in build and limb, with pointed faces.

SIXTY YEARS ago bills, headed with the Royal Arms, were exhibited in London, bearing the following announcement:—Great novelty! To be seen at 267, Strand (opposite the West entrance to St. Clement's Church), a most beautiful Tortoiseshell Tom Cat, weighing upwards of 9 lbs. It has been shown to several gentlemen belonging to the Committee of the Zoological Gardens, Regent's Park, and considered a most splendid animal and a great curiosity. It is not only admired on account of its richness of colours and immense size, but also for its sagacity in going through a variety of pleasing performances, even at the command of strangers, and is allowed to be the only one in the Kingdom. Admittance, one shilling, from ten o'clock in the morning till nine in the evening.

WHAT A PITY Cream S.H. are now practically non-existent! Yet about twenty-five years ago an anonymous writer in "Our Cats" stated that she had bred them for years, but never done much with them, though she thought them very pretty!

WE ARE glad to announce that Mrs. Campbell-Fraser, having now a little more time, will write regular articles on L.H. topics for "Cat Gossip." Do please send her all possible news items to enable her to make them interesting. Please let Mrs. Campbell-Fraser have your weekly news by Saturday morning's post at latest. Any happenings later should be sent direct to "Cat Gossip," to be in time for next issue.

THE LATE naturalist, W. H. Hudson, in whose honour probably one of the most discussed pieces of modern

sculpture was erected in London, related the following instance of thought on the part of a cat in an article in "The Strand Magazine," entitled "Do Cats Think?" The cat in question was very friendly with a fair-sized dog which was kept in the same house. In due course, as usual, the cat had kittens, and after a day or two came to the conclusion that she would prefer them to be in a room on the floor above. The narrator continues:—"Now the queer part of the business came in: she did not remove nor, as far as was seen, attempt to remove them herself, but trotted off in search of her friend, the dog, and he, well able from long custom to understand her, got up and followed her to the spot where the kittens were lying. Then, when he had looked at them, she started off to the upper room, and he after her; but seeing that he was following empty-handed, so to speak, she doubled back and returned to her kittens, and eventually, after two or three false starts, he understood her, and picking up one of the kittens in his mouth, followed her up the stairs to the new place. This was as far as his understanding went, and she had again to conduct him back to the others and repeat the performance until the kittens were all removed by the dog and she was happy in the new place." In the sequel the cat again became dissatisfied with the nesting-place, and again summoned the dog to carry out her "moving job," which this time, knowing what was expected, he accomplished with more diligence and dispatch. The late naturalist concluded:—"The only possible explanation of the cat's actions is that she found herself powerless, probably after trial, to accomplish the task herself: that she remembered her friend the dog, mentally visualising him as a big strong creature with a big mouth to carry . . . and accordingly went to him for help."

WE WOULD call attention to Miss Wakeford's advertisement, her strain of S.H. Blues is famous. Dog lovers will also find something of interest—an advertisement of dogs in "Cat Gossip" will doubtless sometimes be found worth while! A word to the wise!

A BACCHANALIAN cat is rare, though we've known several dogs that liked beer. Peter, the late black cat of the Savoy Hotel cellars, had for twelve years been accustomed to his daily glass of wine. Punc-

tually at half-past twelve he would ascend from the cellars to dine with the dog of the chef, who sadly misses his feline companion.

ONE of the most beautiful of the many beautiful objects found in Tut-ankh-amen's tomb is a gold statuette of the young King, carried by a black feline, entering the nether world. The monarch bears in his hand what appears to be a scourge, and is supposed to be the pastoral chief of Lower Egypt, but the exact signification of the statuette, which was found in the "Inmost Recess," adjoining the actual burial chamber, is unknown to Egyptologists. The King is standing upright on a plinth, which is supported on the shoulders and hips of his feline steed, which in conformation resembles a leopard. But while black leopards of the Asiatic variety are fairly well known, they do not seem, at any rate nowadays, to occur in Africa, so why, if a leopard was meant, did the ancient craftsman depict it as black? At any rate, this is a further instance proving the importance of the feline tribe in those days of thirty centuries ago. WE THINK that animal-lovers, when they are taking into consideration what charitable institutions to support, should not forget the Anti-Vivisection Hospital, at Battersea, the announcement of which will be observed in another column.

"CHASSE ET PECHE" contains an interesting article, by M. Armand Steens, on the Manx Cat. We shall very shortly publish some notes on the American Bobtail Cat, showing the peculiar similarity of its reputed origin with that of the Manx.

MRS. LAWRENCE (Tatsfield) writes: I do not know if lovers of blue-creams would be interested in my breeding experiments. Last year I mated my queen with a pure black, and she produced two blacks, one blue-cream, one gorgeous red (she is herself of the Hampstead Red Sand strain). This year I put her to a too-black Smoke, but after being mated she escaped, and wandered about for weeks, so I can't be sure who is responsible for her litter, one red, and two torties, one with tabby markings on head and paws. I think the beauty of the blue-cream is the immense variety of shades one can obtain. I wish there were more cream studs round London, as I dislike sending my queens by rail.

WHEN ONE looks at our American contemporary, the "Cat Courier"—forty well-printed pages about the size of "Cat Gossip," numerous illustrations, **hundreds** of advertisements, hundreds of "Visits"; and then sees how little cat matter is contained in English catty papers, it makes one wonder whatever is wrong with the English Fancy!

MISS CURRIE, who had such a successful season last year with Ch. Jill and Ch. Rosemary of Ashburnham, is now so busy helping Miss Cochrane with the Dogs' Nursing Home that she fears she may not have much

time to devote to the Cat Fancy. Jill is to go to Mrs. Wade's John of Bedale; Wendy of Ashburnham, daughter of the late Ch. Misty Morning, to Ch. Billy Bumpet; and, in the shortage of British Blues, Miss Currie is wondering to whom to mate Ch. Jill.

WE ARE SORRY to hear that Mrs. Carew-Cox has had a nasty fall through slipping on polished oilcloth—dangerous stuff! She has a beautiful apricot-tinted Abyssinian kit by her young stud, Ras Isis. This sort of colour is badly wanted in Abyssinians, this breed having lost much of its early beauty of colouring, largely, in our humble opinion, owing to the introduction of the "Silers," which we consider an absolutely alien coloration, and in no wise to be compared in beauty with the warm apricot or ruddy tints.

WE HEAR that Mr. Ivor Novello's Siamese kitten, "Gimme," was given him by Miss Constance Collier. Mr. Novello has also a "stray" black and white, we are informed, named "Smutyie."

WE SHALL shortly publish an interesting and, we think, little known account of Charles Dickens' cats.

MISS BUSTEED has sent two Siamese to Mr. Breatton, of Vancouver, B.C. Miss Woods, of New Orleans, is importing a blue female from England, to be mated to Barry Prince Blue before leaving. The "Cat Courier" says this will be the first cat to go direct from England to New Orleans. The same paper says that Mrs. Ullman is leaving New York for a trip round the world, accompanied by her cat.

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## VISITS.

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April 16th.—Mrs. Gorst's Yugalina;  
 April 29th.—Mrs. Scott-Russell's Kuching Kama, both to Mrs. Hindley's Simzo.

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## BIRTHS.

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April 9th.—Mrs. Lawrence's Colleen Bawn, 4 kittens by Mrs. Wade's Oliver Twist; two reds, one smoke, one tortie.

April 23rd.—Miss Wakeford's Sandra of Cleave, 5 kittens by owner's Ch. Prince Mordkin (Russians).

April 12th.—Mrs. Aubrey's Ch. Langherne Sunshine, 2 kittens (one dead) by Mr. Drake's Peter of Aldwych.

April 21st.—Mrs. Aubrey's Ch. Langherne Beauty, 4 kittens by Mr. Drake's Ch. of Aldwych.

April 15th.—Mrs. Hindley's Ch. Prestwick Perak, 5 kittens by Ch. Bonzo.

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FURTHER proof, were it required, of the fact that the Cat was known in Europe in quite early days, would seem to be found in the statement by Palliot, a French author, writing in 1664, that certain Companies of Cæsar's soldiery bore cats emblazoned on their banners. It appears that the Companies or Regiments were thus distinguished, one of them being the Alpine section.

## THE CAT IN EGYPTIAN MYTHOLOGY.

BY ARMAND STEENS.

From "Chasse et Pêche" (translated by H.C.B.).

THE cat has not always occupied the position of an humble Cinderella which it now holds in this world of ours. There was a time when it was an epic figure. This was at that distant period when the Egyptians believed that a celestial river, a replica of the terrestrial Nile, took its course in the Heavens, from East to South, and thence towards the Setting Sun. This river rose in the Jalou Fields, dwelling-place of the Dead, and in the first hours of Day, the bark of the Sun God, Amon-Ra, appeared upon its floods. This fairy-bark slid over the waves without aid of oars or crew, acclaimed by the lower gods gathered on the celestial banks, whilst simple mortals, full of love and veneration, followed it with their gaze until it disappeared in the Western Mountains. After a night of voyaging in the obscure Kingdom of Osiris, Amon-Ra would reappear in the Eastern horizon.

### THE STRUGGLE WITH THE SERPENT.

But all this did not always happen without interruption. The magic bark was sometimes arrested in its course by a ferocious enemy. The Spirit of the Shades, the great Serpent Apopi, would arise from the depths of the flood to attack the Sun God. This caused the solar eclipse. Then a terrific combat took place: the sky was darkened, and impotent in the presence of the titanic struggle between Darkness and Light, Evil and Good, mankind, watching with anguish from below the peril of their God, panting with fear, shouted and sounded the loud sistrum in the hope of terrifying the foe. At this moment, amidst the general terror, arose the Celestial Cat as rescuer. With flaming eyes and bristling coat he arrived with a bound, and soon the horrible reptile fled bleeding and torn to the watery depths. The eclipse was over: pure and dazzling arose the Light, and the triumphant bark of the Sun God resumed its course.

### THE VENERATION OF THE PEOPLE.

After each of these eclipses the popular adulation of the Cat, this paladin of the Sun, increased, and their adoration for the terrestrial cats was greatly intensified. At ordinary times, when a native or a stranger killed one of these animals, the priests might save him from the vengeance of the populace, whilst inflicting a heavy penalty. But, during the period of worship consequent upon a solar eclipse, even the power of the priesthood was impotent to save the guilty, however high his estate. Thus it is related by the Sicilian historian, Diodorus, who travelled in Egypt in the first century before our era, that a Roman soldier, stationed at Alexandria,

killed a cat. And such was the power of tradition even at this comparatively modern epoch, that the people seized and executed the murderer, despite his position as a Roman citizen, and in spite of the prayers of King Ptolemy, who feared the vengeance of Rome.

How sweet must life have been for our feline friends during the six thousand years of which we have knowledge of Egyptian rule. To be the equal of a God—to sleep on the throne of Pharaoh, Master of the world—to see upon the rack the criminal who had struck them—to pass their time chasing the Blue Birds of Nile! Theirs was, indeed, a lot which might well make the poor cats of to-day dream enviously of bygone ages!

## LONG-HAIR LORE.

BY MRS. CAMPBELL-FRASER.

ALL friends in the Fancy will be relieved to hear that the severe operation which Mrs. Cyril Yeates underwent last Monday is safely over, Sir John Bland Sutton expressing himself satisfied.

MRS. SINGLETON, so long a breeder of some of our best L.H. Smokes, has disposed of the greater part of her cattery to Mrs. Reynolds-Sams. Mrs. Singleton is kindly giving her services as judge of her favourite breed. Ch. Shows will gladly avail themselves of her thorough knowledge of her subject.

MISS J. M. FISHER's pair of Hadley Blue Persian kittens met with such approval from the Russian purchaser that a further requisition for a black female kitten has been booked. The kittens arrived safely in good condition, although their destination was almost on the borders of Siberia.

MISS LANGSTON has acquired a fine son of her beautiful stud cat, "Eros of Allington," who, it will be remembered, died so suddenly in the midst of his winning career.

SAD NEWS comes from Bookham, Surrey. Miss Winifred Longley, for several weeks in a nursing home, following a severe attack of influenza, is just returning to her bungalow. As, unfortunately, she may remain an invalid for some time to come many of her much loved pets will have to find new homes.

MRS SYDNEY EVANS is shortly leaving Hampstead for her old favourite locality of Taunton, where she will have more than ample space for her famous black cattery, a recent addition to which is a young daughter of Mrs. Mackenzie's "Remembrance," sired by "Hendon Eastbury Bogle."

MISS GWEN MORANT has just parted with a granddaughter of "Barry Blue John," a young queen bred by Mrs. Britton. This purchaser is to be the foundation of a Blue L.H. cattery in France.

## ABOUT OURSELVES.

THE QUESTION is often asked us: "Why cannot we obtain the paper through the news trade?" It is, we regret to say, out of the question. The trade wants the lion's share of the proceeds; they will not help us. The big firms want a big premium to put the paper on their stalls; it would often be necessary to "square" the stallholders to get them to display the paper; it would entail the printing of an enormous quantity of numbers which would but come back as "returned unsold." This shows the attitude of the trade towards publications of this nature: We recently approached the manager of the local branch of a great wholesale firm of newsagents, and asked if he would show and sell the paper. He replied: "If you can send us buyers for it, we will be pleased to obtain it for them!" Commonsense says that if we find buyers ourselves we had better sell direct to them instead of sending them to an agent who will take half the subscription money! Will all friends of the paper try to gain new subscribers for us, recommend us to purchasers of kittens, and so forth? If every subscriber obtained one new subscription we might see our way to lessening the price of the paper.

WE WANT you all to understand it is not by our wish that "Cat Gossip" has only been a six-page paper for two issues. Naturally a six-page paper costs us less than an eight-page one to produce, but we would rather give you an eight-page one if you enable us to do so. But in the first place you have of late sent us hardly any news items, and we cannot week after week fill up a paper without news. Secondly, we need more advertisements and "Births and Visits" to make a regular eight-page paper feasible. We would draw your attention to the fact that this paper is dependent entirely on the cat world, and has not other paying sections to fall back upon like contemporaries, who can "make up on the swings what they lose on the roundabouts"! We think the twenty-five guarantors, or, rather, twenty-six—for Mrs. Wade has kindly signified her desire to be added to the list—deserve consideration. It is our aim and fervent desire to reward their generosity by making NO call upon them—but only you can make this possible. And as regards news items, we imagine each one of you wants to read plenty of news from your fellow-fanciers! Well, **they** also want **your** news! Do please all co-operate in this matter, and do not let the **still active** opposition (we'd like to publish the criticism on them we lately received even from America!) and the pessimists, those who constantly say that no all-cat paper can ever prove a success in this country, the triumph of saying "We told you so!" One of the opposition, we learn, went about saying (the wish being father to the thought) that not a single guarantor

was likely to come forward!! Is it not better to prove them badly mistaken all round, and that an all-cat paper **can** and **shall** succeed? To this end cordial co-operation is necessary.

## AILMENTS OF THE CAT.

Motto:

So sickly cats neglect their fur attire,  
And sit and mope beside the kitchen fire.

Bombastes Furioso.

DIARRHŒA is responsible for many deaths in the cat-ery, especially amongst youngsters; or possibly it would be more correct to say it is the principal outward and visible sign of many dangerous and fatal ailments. It may be caused by sour or tainted food—one of the most frequent causes; by mechanical irritation set up by some foreign body which has been swallowed; by something licked off the fur, as when a cat has rubbed against wet paint; by injudicious skin dressings; great summer heat often causes it; a splintery bone or piece of gristle may cause it; it is present in certain forms of distemper and in the dread gastro-enteritis. When it is reasonably considered that an irritant, whether tainted food or other poison, or a foreign body, is the cause, this must first be got rid of. A little castor oil may be beneficial here, but I most strongly object to the continuous use of castor oil, which some people like to indulge in for their dogs and cats. Castor oil is a good slave, but a bad master, and overdone may have very bad results. Some fly to it directly their animals seems a trifle constipated, when it is not necessary. When diarrhœa persists, becomes very offensive, and, perhaps, mixed with blood, things are looking bad. I have found a few drops of chlorodyne beneficial; but nowadays there are excellent remedies on the market specially prepared by firms which have made a study of the feline internal economy, and these may be given as directed. Special attention must be given to diet; nothing greasy, or indigestible, or placing any strain on the digestive organs, must be allowed. Rice boiled in milk, but, mind, **thoroughly well** boiled! is good. Meat should not be given just now—though frequently when a dog or cat is too loose in the bowels habitually, good sound raw meat is beneficial. If the trouble is due to worms, little benefit can result until these are got rid of. Arrowroot is also good for ordinary diarrhœa; a little may be given dry on the back of the tongue, or it may be prepared in the ordinary way. White of egg may also be beneficial in simple cases. The patient must, above all things, be kept warm, dry, and clean. The use of dimol, procurable in tablets from any chemist, is also to be recommended as a purifier of stomach and bowels. Above all, especially now the warm weather is coming, make sure any milk or fish cats have access to is fresh and sweet. Tainted, they are dangerous irritant poisons.

## THE WITCHING HOUR.

By M. A. NORTHCOTE.

THE misty silver twilight thickens over the great sweeping hills, dusk slowly deepens into the clear darkness of the night.

The long cry of the hunting owls breaks the stillness, sounding the reveille of little bright-eyed furry creatures, that peer and scuttle and cower among the tufts of weedy grass.

All around are the great turbulent-looking hills, studded with huge chimneys, and the ruins of deserted mine buildings.

These may be accounted disfigurements to an otherwise perfect landscape, but the nooks and crannies of the broken stone walls form most delightful and convenient homes for jackdaws, owls, bats, and doubtless many other of the lesser air folk.

Slowly, like a great, silent, incoming tide, the darkness creeps up and around, and engulfs the little bungalow on the heights.

Through the kitchen window an oil lamp casts a yellow glow, and close to the panes gleam a pair of orange and a pair of jade green eyes, gazing out eagerly into the enticing darkness. Who knows what cats' eyes see, and cats' ears hear of what is beyond our human ken?

What scent of fur and feather may penetrate to the little twitching pink and black noses? What stir of tiny feet makes music in the grass?

Jason, the white cat, is a mighty hunter, and little insignificant PUNCHINELLO, the tabby, who admires everything that Jason does, is fast following in his footsteps; and together they watch their opportunity to slip out, through some unguarded door, and wander far afield.

For years Jason had known only a little closed-in town garden, snugly walled in with red bricks, and with one small plum tree in the corner.

His first sight of far hills, and great distances, seen through the bungalow windows, caused him to dive, terrified, under the shelter of the nearest table.

Gradually, however, curiosity, that deeply-rooted characteristic of the cat tribe, tempted him forth again, and before long the "Call of the Wild" found an eager response in the little cat-soul; and now he sallies forth on hunting expeditions as one to the manner born.

The long cry of the hunting owl sounds for him the horn to which his spirit answers: "Tally ho!"

Midsummer night is on the road—that night of strange and sweet enchantments.

Do you know what is to happen up here on the Cornish hills?

The Lent lilies—those little golden gossips—have been whispering about it, so loudly that the secret has got abroad.

The Fairies—of course you believe in Fairies, else whom do you think the cats are dancing with when they spring, and twist, and pirouette in the silver dusk of the Witching Hour? The Fairies will hold their annual revels; they must have sent out their invitations, and all the little ghost cats of the back streets are coming!

All the little kittens that died of mangle and starvation, or were run over because they had not the sense to get out of the way, and no one troubled to look after them; all the neglected, forlorn strays, that were turned out to fend for themselves; all the cats that were left behind when their owners changed houses; all that have suffered and died, unwanted, neglected, ill-treated. Here they will gather on Midsummer night, to be the guests of the Fairies.

The cows are to be milked dry for miles and miles round, but no one will mind, because it is the Fairies' Charity Night!

There is to be no hunting, the spirit of the Garden of Eden is to reign for those few sweet short hours. The field mice will hold sports and racing competitions; the bats and owls will give a display of air quadrilles and lancers, and other dear dead dances of long ago. Bands of blue harebells have been commandeered to ring joy peals all night; and Jason and PUNCHINELLO say that they have been invited.

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Any humans invited?

Well, it is very unusual, but the Lent lilies have whispered something about Mr. Louis Wain!

### TRAPPED CAT BEATS DEATH.

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After the rescue, Robert Preston, owner of the cat, found that Rusty had lost four pounds, but otherwise was normal.—The "Cat Courier."

### THE SOUTHERN COUNTIES' CAT CLUB.

THE Annual General Meeting of the S.C.C.C., preceded by a Committee Meeting, was held at 82, Eaton Square, S.W., by kind permission of Mrs. Zoe Bell, Vice-President, on 14th April. There were present: Mrs. Allen-Maturin, Miss Lea, Miss J. M. Fisher, Miss J. Langton, Mrs. Sidney Evans, Mrs. Reynolds-Sams, Mrs. Campbell Fraser, Mrs. Barclay, Mrs. McClure, Miss Stapeley, Miss Greta King. A most satisfactory meeting was held. The Treasurer submitted the yearly Balance Sheet, by which the Club was shown to be in a solid financial position. Two new members were elected on Committee; the re-election of officers also took place. The show business for 1928 was well advanced, popular judges, etc., being chosen. It was decided that the policy of the Club should be a still more generous one, and that more trophies, etc., be offered at other Club Shows. The Champion Show of 1927 had been a most successful one, entries exceeding all previous years.

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