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### LONG-HAIR LORE.

By Mrs. CAMPBELL FRASER.

"COLNESIDE" air is full of "happenings," for Mrs. Bazeley tells me her pets keep her world merry. Crisalinda, daughter to Ch. Billy Bumpet and Colneside Bubble, who won 2nd in a large kitten class at the Palace, 1925, has joined the Runnymede Cattery. The tortie has a very handsome red male kitten, which, having the Ch. of Champions, Billy Bumpet, for sire, and Ch. Azure and Ch. Shazada for grand sires, should, Mrs. Bazeley thinks, mature to a good stud. Last year this same tortie, Colneside Charmant, had two winning cream kits, Cream Bunne and Cream Cracker; the latter was bought by Mrs. Flanders and shown at the S.C.C.C. Old Bubble has three fine kittens, and Bluebell has five, and dark-eyed Correen has four babes. Mrs. Bazeley recently bought a good pale blue queen from Mrs. Riddell, of Norwich, from whom, mated to Billy, she hopes for something extra special. (Curiously enough I know this queen quite well, as she came several times to Hendon Pooh-Bah; she is a fine daughter of Blue Britisher.)

From Marston Trussell Rectory, Miss Knight-Law sends the following news: "I have had fair luck with kittens this year. Merriment went to Mrs. Rouet's Tyndale Chieftain, a Hyver-bred Chinchilla, in hopes of a good-headed daughter to mate back to Buffalo. She had two very nicely built males. Her mother and Buffalo had four males—a very nice silver tabby who has gone to Rugby, and another even better also to a non-exhibitor, a smoke and a very pretty, but too light, well-marked brown tabby are at present with me. Silver Tista and Buffalo had a beautiful litter of four males and one beautiful female, but, alas, mother became ill, and all the babies died at six weeks old. Is it not a record that in my first three litters of eleven kittens only one a female? Merriment and Fatima kitted within 24 hours of each other, and had a 'communal' nursery, Merry insisting on carrying her kits into her mother's box. Red Cinchona is nursing, or, rather, has just weaned, three torties and one red male by Red Leader. I am most anxious to find her a home as soon as possible, as she will soon be calling again, and someone might like her second litter. I am

trying to nerve myself to sell Comedy, but he is the sweetest and most loving cat I have ever met, and though a sire is at present quite alright in the house, and sleeps upon my bed." (Here I must put in a little note of my own just to say how sorry we are to hear Miss Knight-Law is thinking of giving up her cats: such a good fancier will be a severe loss, and we hope she may still be able to reconsider it.)

"I hope Miss Bracey will take Merriment for me, and try to breed a 'wonder' kit from her; also show her and get her full championship. Fatima I must keep, but the rest, alas, must go. It is very heart-breaking, I was just getting really keen, but I shall have no time or room for cats, so must just drop out. I hope someone will take Tista for me, she is such an excellent brood Queen."

Madresfield Show, Thursday, August 4th, will commend itself to all West Country breeders. Mr. T. J. Ambrose is judging; the Hon. Secretary is Miss George, and 20 Classes for cats and kittens are provided.

Mrs. Brunton, of Dunesk, has now four queens—Meadow Sweet, her daughter Cornflour, Wildflower, and Narcissus; the three first are blues, the latter a white female. Meadow Sweet (whose pet name is Bubbles) is nursing a very nice family by Mercury of Pensford, one a particularly lovely pale blue male. Meadow Sweet is Mrs. Brunton's "star" breeder, having produced three years running 1st prize kittens at Championship Shows. She is the sweetest of pets. Wildflower has one handsome son by Milord o' Mendip, an enchanting boy with big eyes, beautiful head, and such a darling. She watches over him like a tigress, growling at the sight of any stranger even at the other end of a field. Being the only one he is a huge kit, and if he takes after his mother will be full of mischief! Cornflour has been mated to Barry Prince Blue. Narcissus of Dunesk is a lady of leisure, following us everywhere, always doing mad things, with no idea of danger. She is not yet nine months old, so I am eagerly looking forward to seeing how she will turn out. It was a grief to part with Ch. Sensation, her mother, but I really do not want to keep more than four pets.

The "Hadley" Cattery is shortly to have a new home, as Miss J. M. Fisher is leaving Hermiston to live near Haslemere. The cats will have even more

ample accommodation than before. Miss Fisher does not expect to move before August.

Blue Craggie, Mr. Freeman's winning stud, has sired a nice litter of five kittens, ex Anna Felicitas, that pretty queen of Mrs. Jepson's, bred by Mrs. Comber, by Love-a-Duck, ex Infanta.

An almost unbelievable incident came to my certain knowledge the other day. A queen of the name of Julia, a black Persian, belonging to Mrs. Hamilton, had a litter of kittens in 1921, by Barry Blue John, amongst them being one which became later my stud cat, Hendon Black Guron. For one reason or another, Mrs. Hamilton's whereabouts being unsettled, it was not convenient to mate Julia, as kittens would have been in the way. Therefore Julia was shut up every time, and the months grew into years. In January this year, however, home affairs being more settled, and Julia again "talking," Mrs. Hamilton once more remembered her old hobby, and sent Julia, on the chance, to a stud near by. "After six years," said the stud owner, "you can hardly expect her to have kittens, much less bring them up," but we will try! and to Mrs. Hamilton's delight and the stud owner's surprise Julia not only brought four beautiful kits into the world without turning a hair, but crowned it by being, as of old, the best of mothers, and bringing all four up unaided. Imagine it! After six years—half a cat's lifetime! I should like to hear of anyone who knows of a similar instance.

A committee meeting of the S.C.C.C. was held on Thursday, June 23rd, at Raymead, Hendon, the pretty home of the Misses Langton, famous for its roses. The members were pleased to welcome Mrs. Yeates back amongst them after her serious illness. The Committee concerned themselves chiefly with 1928 Show business and the allotting of special prizes to be awarded at the various Shows of the coming season.

#### WEEKLY INQUIRIES.

S.L.—How does one send cats to France?

If the cat can be met in Paris it can be despatched by the Southern Railway, Mail Service, Express Parcels; the two forms, insurance, etc., to be obtained at the Continental Traffic Office, Victoria Station, a day or so beforehand. Carriage forward if desired. 9 a.m. train from London reaches Paris 4.5 p.m., Gare du Nord, the same afternoon. The despatches should be at the Parcel Office an hour before the train starts. The cat should be packed in a strong wooden box, made comfortable with hay, having a sufficiency of air—too much air is better than too little. For a further journey it is better to employ the live stock agents.\*

Enquiries for this column should reach me first post Thursdays, in order that I may answer them in next issue.—G. C. F.

\* For any journey Messrs. Van Oppen will take all bother off owner's hands. See their advertisement weekly in "Cat Gossip."—ED.

## COMING CATS.

### No. 4. RED L.H. KITTENS.

Mrs. Timms, Kiss-me-quick; Mrs. Fosbery, Eastbury Anthony, Perella Rosemo, and Rosegay; Miss Knight-Law, Red Comedy of Marston Trussell; Miss E. H. Hill, Galsun; Mrs. Reynolds, Sams, Scarlet of Runnymede; Miss Grant Ives, Rhine Wine; Mrs. Kennaway, Garb: Rosetta and Garb: Roseda.

Kiss-me-quick was best L.H. kitten at Croydon last season, and was noticeable for her deep tabby markings; she is by Little Slam ex Patsy; breeder, Mrs. Nathan. Mrs. Timms has mated her to Brown Deer, in the hope of procuring a ruddy brown Tabby. Red Comedy is already at stud, and Miss Knight-Law speaks of his sweet disposition in the preceding article. Garb: Roseda was entered at the Newbury Show as a "self"; Mrs. Kennedy says she has turned out well. Her dam was that pretty little cat, Rose Ann.

Last, but not least, I must draw attention to Mrs. Fosbery's handsome quartette, all of her own breeding. At Reading Anthony was taken out by the specialist judge for best kitten in Show; he was eventually sold to be a neuter. Perella, his sister, is in kitten to Rosemo, who did so well at the Palace and at the S.C.C.C. Rosemo is of great promise, his dark red markings coming up well in his new coat. Rosegay was first in kitten classes Newbury, N.C.C., and Midland, and, what was almost more remarkable, she was second in Championship Class at the S.C.C.C. to Eastbury Rosalind, her half-sister. She now has a family by Eastbury Barron, a cream male and a lovely red tabby female, and is proving herself an ideal mother. Scarlet of Runnymede was sold soon after the S.C.C.C.

Next Week: No. 5. Cream L.H. Kittens.

## Gossip of the Week.

THE unlucky cats at the Berlin Show this month had five days of it, from 3 p.m. Thursday to 7 p.m. Tuesday. We note the advertisement says "Only" five days! It was the first show organised by the League for Breeding and Protection of Cats. For many of the exhibits we expect it will also have been the last! It was announced to be for "House, Pedigree, and Bird-room cats; the cat in art, in artistic crafts, literature, and as a plaything." One of the pens contained a cat, three rats, two squirrels, and some chickens.

MR. BARY-SAUNDERS (who has already published a little book entitled "My Dog, and How to Treat Him," writes from Berlin that his projected cat book is to be on similar lines, and will be written more with the object of helping the owners of common cats to



manage their pets properly, than as an aid to the instructed fancier.

From Mrs. Broughton-Hawley come the following interesting notes: "I see Miss Busteed asks about Angora Blues. I had the last descendant of a pair of Brindled Blues imported from Quetta; she was a beautiful cat, blue-brindle, not spotted or striped, with very dark blue; her eyes, large and very round, of the deepest emerald. A very big cat, weighing over 12 lbs. She only had one litter of kittens, by a white S.H., brother of my Indian cats. Two were lovely unmarked creams, one white, all with coats like finest floss silk. Alas, they all died of pneumonia; one cream lived to be five months, but he got pneumonia during a very cold spell, when it went down to zero; it went up to 100 in the shade next hot weather, and then they talk of the English climate! Indian Twilight (tortie) I was bringing home with me, with my Indian cat, Scorpion, but she died of pneumonia before I sailed. I should say it was a well-known breed, as I showed her to a Persian trader who came through with a caravan of carpets, and he said 'Good cat that! Angora cat!' The real Persian L.H. comes from the centre of Persia; most Persian cats are tabby and white S.H. I am going to send to see if a friend can get for me any of the white breed I left behind. I should like a pair of L. and S.H. whites of my own breed, and another spotted Indian, like Scorpion, to cross with the blues, for the silver-blue tabbies. All Indian Dawn's kittens are dead. These were blue-marked on a silver ground, and were so admired by Mr. Yeates, who called them silver-blue tabbies. I also lost Tritona's four lovely reds, born with their eyes open, though one lived for a fortnight, and I began to hope. My L.H. and S.H. silver-blue tabbies, by Ben of Lo-Kie, are turning out very well, though not as beautiful and fairy-like as Indian Dawn's, still I am glad I can breed them from Tabbiana. My little tortie kitted nearly three weeks too early; sickening luck! I have mated her again to Papyrus. The same occurrence took place with Funny Face and her daughter, Short Story. All this ill-luck due to Ben getting loose and upsetting these young queens!"

Mrs. CRAN, we learn, is away on a tour of the Gardens of England. A delightful trip, which will doubtless greatly enhance the interest of her wireless Garden Talks; or will it result in another of her charming Garden Books?

Mr. PERCIVAL, we regret to say, writes, "I have decided to entirely retire from the Cat Fancy."

Mrs. EVANS writes that she has sold her black L.H. stud, Heathside Flanark, to go to Canada.

WE ASK for expressions of opinion as to the policy and features of this paper, which we want to run on lines to suit our readers' views.

MISS J. M. FISHER has had rather a worried time of late, as her house was to be auctioned on June 28th. If not sold she will remain there, but if sold she contemplates removing to Hampshire, with, perhaps, an

interval of hotel life in between. Such uncertainty is very unsettling and trying.

Mrs. HIGGINS (Chelmondiston) has had her two L.H. queens kitten prematurely, but has a fine strong litter of Manx by Jetsam.

CAN anyone help Sir Claud Alexander, who wants this information for Miss Bisbee's book: 1. The colours of litters in which one parent is white. 2. Exact details of cases in which coloured kittens have occurred in litters from both white parents?

MISS H. HILL-SHAW writes: I had two beautiful Manx kittens from my tortie, Paulmenski, with very long hind legs; they looked like frogs. The red tabby always had difficulty in breathing, and I had to put him to sleep; the P.M. showed he only had one lung! I have a lovely Siamese kitten by Croham Boi-Bois. The black male Siamese you saw here is very interested, and has made himself her guardian; it is so pretty to see the kitten between her mother and big brother.

WE ARE SORRY to hear Miss Fitzwilliam has lost her litter of Siamese kittens by Brian de Listinoise. A maid carelessly left a window open, and the entire family of nearly three weeks old kits caught cold, only one female surviving.

THE SIAMESE Club propose giving 26 classes at their September Show. Two Championship classes, one Veteran, two Limits (not more than three first prizes), two Breeders, two Novice, one Neuter, Stud, Brood Queen, Pair, Brace, Team of Three, and ten Kitten Classes. Donations to show fund will earn Miss Busteed's gratitude.

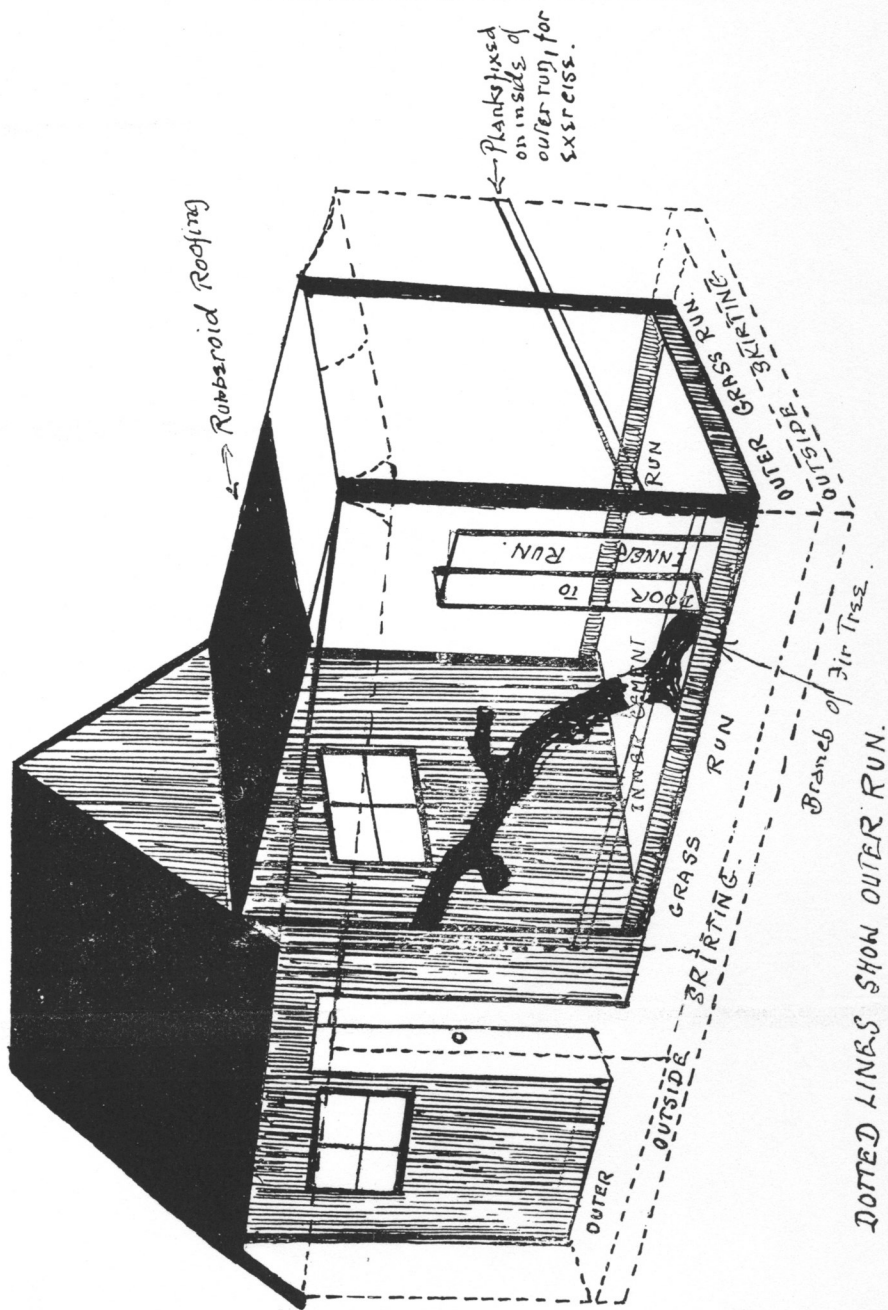
WE ARE starting a fortnightly Siamese column, by a contributor who as yet wishes to remain anonymous. If sufficient items come to hand it will be weekly. The matter lies entirely in the hands of fanciers. If they approve of this innovation on the part of "Cat Gossip" (the first paper attempting to cater specially for Siamese!), all they have to do is to support it. Surely the Siamese Fancy is of sufficient importance to have and support a regular column of its own?

Mrs. OGLETHORPE writes the bad news that she has lost Perdita, who produced two kittens, one of them dead, and then, twenty-four hours later, was again taken ill, and, despite the efforts of the V.S. who spent the whole night with her, died, being unable to give birth to a large kitten weighing half-a-pound and measuring eight inches. This was mis-shapen and deformed, with a huge head. The one kitten (by Simeon of Westfield) is doing well on a foster. Mrs. Oglethorpe also mourns the loss of her old pet, Adam (the first cat she ever bred), who never recovered from being bitten by a rat some time ago. We are sure all join with us in sympathising.

OWING to pressure on space the conclusion of "The American Bobtail Cat" is held over.

PLAN OF MRS. DUNCAN HINDLEY'S SIAMESE CATTERY.

STUD HOUSE WITH DOUBLE RUN.



## MRS. DUNCAN HINDLEY'S SIAMESE CATTERY

USEFUL STUD HOUSE, WITH DOUBLE RUN.

AT THE end of April I spent a delightful week with Mrs. Duncan Hindley, in her lovely home on the Surrey Hills, and had the great pleasure of seeing her beautiful Siamese and their comfortable houses.

I want to try and explain her stud house, which has a double run, and where her fine stud, Simzo, lives and enjoys life, as I think for anyone who keeps a stud cat and has only limited room, this might give them an idea of what can be done to ensure the cat being well housed and yet having plenty of run for exercise. There is no question of "limited room" at High Prestwick, as all the cats have acres of ground to roam about, but I am glad to say that Mrs. Hindley is now wise enough to keep her stud at home, and not let him roam like his lost predecessor, Prestwick Para, at his own sweet will. Although I have seen the Prestwick Cattery before, this particular stud house had not become what it at present is. Originally this house was used as a store room for apples. It lies in a spot where it gets the full sun, but is sheltered on two sides by trees that keep off the bitter winds; it is cool and yet warm enough, and is in full view of the larger cattery, where the ladies and their kittens disport themselves, some forty feet away; and yet Simzo and Ch. Prestwick Perak can still hold converse with each other when they feel inclined, and make each feel they still have company across the road. The house itself is roomy, with a wide shelf on one side and two windows, giving good light. On the shelf is the visiting queen's pen, and Simzo's sleeping box. He can go round this pen and make friends; there is a good bed in it on one side, and a small run from it, so that the lady is not cramped. The door leading from the house opens into a grass run, from which one can pass by another door into the inner run, which has a cement floor, and a large branch of a fir tree, coming from the side window, which is a sliding one, and has a small shelf on the inner side. Half of this inner run has a rubberoid roofing over it, so the cat is protected both from sun and rain. The door of this run opening into the grass run can be closed when the queen takes her walk. It is wired all round and at the top, like the outer run. The outer grass run has good planks fixed for a shelf, where Mr. Simzo can take exercise or sit and sun himself and talk to Ch. Prestwick Perak across the way. If no visiting queen is there the inner and outer runs are opened up, and by means of the fir branch Simzo can get in and out of the house as he pleases. It was rather amusing to watch a visiting lady make her way out of the window into the run one morning by way of the fir branch. She was not at all sure about it, and wondered if she could possibly land safely on the ground; having accomplished this, it became a problem how she was to return, but after a while she found it was quite an easy job, and amused herself by walking up

and down it and talking good Siamese to Simzo all the while.

This house and runs can cover whatever space is available. Mrs. Hindley's house measures 12 x 8 feet, and with the two runs measures 27 x 12 feet, the outer run projecting on the side where the house door is, a couple of feet wider, to allow the outer wired door to open inwards; by this means you can close the outer and inner runs, by closing the window to inner run, and both cats are safe inside the runs, and you can comfortably clean out your house without fear of either escaping. The sketch will show exactly how all is made, and a useful carpenter or handy man can soon put up both house and runs, making them fit any limited space.

The larger cattery, where the ladies and kittens live, has also an outer grass run, and contains, besides the main house, which was originally a carpenter's shop with a large window all on one side, giving plenty of light and sun, two smaller houses off it. The first one entering the cattery is where Ch. Prestwick Perak had her last litter of kittens. It is quite a small house, with a shelf on which the good roomy box stands, half the side of which has a curtain over it, and also over the sliding window to keep the light from the kittens' eyes. This house is closed off the main house by a small run with cement floor and wire door. Then you go through this to the main house, off which is another small stud house, having a small run opening into the outside grass run. It is here that Mrs. Hindley's second stud, Prestwick Punya, has his abode. The main house also has a wide shelf with comfortable boarded-in boxes, where Kichel, the second lady, can have her kittens. Here also we have plenty of room space for the kittens to play about, and climb by means of short ladders, like those used in hen houses, to the old beams near the roof, which is a great joy to all of them, and gives plenty of exercise on days when they cannot use the outside grass run, or if its too cold for them to be out in the cement run. Both the stud house and large cattery have linoleum over the boards, and are easily kept clean. There is circulating hot water, by means of pipes and a small stove in the cement run that burns coke and wood, so in winter the house at night is gently warmed. The stud house is heated by a lamp. The larger cattery is more complicated than the stud house, but it shows how a building already there can be converted into a cattery.

Mrs. Hindley kindly made me a sketch of the stud house, and I hope it may help anyone starting a stud house where space is limited. E. C. BUSTEED.

Ancient these cats, we learn Simzo has already sired four litters. Ch. Prestwick Perak, having reared her litter by Bonzo, has now been again mated to Simzo. The young neuter, Pra, is a sort of "bonne à tout faire," as he is willing to enact the part of mother, nurse, best man, or chaperon, as circumstances require.—Ed.



## BIRTHS.

May 21, 1927.—Miss Moxham's *Aloma of Paris* (imported), seven fine kittens by Madame Tostia's *Continental Boy*.

May 26.—Mrs. Veley's *Mia Song of the Forest*, four kittens by *Chula Luk of the Forest*.

June 1st.—Miss Arletti's *Tetuah*, five kittens by Mrs. Kidd's *Ch. Tarzan*.

June 6th.—Mrs. Tydeman's *Gillian*, two fine males, by Mrs. Kidd's *John of Downside*.

June 21st.—Mrs. Veley's *Flame of the Forest*, five kittens (two died) by *Chula Luk of the Forest*.

## CAT CALLS.

THE EDITOR, "CAT GOSSIP."

The attitude of the Railway Companies has been referred to in "Cat Gossip." Can the G.C. not do anything in the matter? Last week I had occasion to take a cat to the vet.; my fare was 3d. return, a dog of any size would have been charged 5d. return, but for a small cat in a basket, which I held on my knees, I was charged 10d. each way. Could anything be more ridiculous and unfair?

(MISS) W. FRENCH.

18, Kingswood Avenue, N.W. 6.

(We have been "rooked" at about the same rate for a cigar box containing two mice!—Ed.)

THE CAT was to have played a notable part in one of the earliest known schemes for poison-gas warfare. In an extremely rare work by Lorédan Larchey, on the Origin of French Artillery, there is a facsimile drawing of a cat, bearing, strapped to its back, a sort of toy cannon, which the inventor schemed to be filled with poisonous gases; these "chats cannonniers," sent into the ranks of the enemy, were to spread terror and cause the soldiers to flee. The very quaint original sketch is in the manuscript work of the Master of Artillery, Christophe de Habsbug; presented in 1535 to the Council of XXI. of Strassbourg, it is to-day preserved in the Library of that city.

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IN THE children's section of "The Winnipeg Saturday Free Press" appear the following lines, by Jane Crosby, offering a solution of the mystery of the Manx Cat's origin. She says that when the Ark was about to sail,

Said the cat, and he was Manx,  
"Oh Captain Noah, wait!

I'll catch all your mice to give you thanks,  
And pay you for being late.

I don't get up in time it's true,  
But wait just a minute and take me too,

Don't leave me to drown, oh wait,  
I'm coming—just hold the gate!"

Said Noah—with such a frown!—

"Step lively, don't block the gate,  
I think that I really should let you drown!

You're keeping the whole Ark late!  
Move up past there, you kangaroo,

And let this tardiest animal through."  
So the cat got in, but oh,

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