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### LONG-HAIR LORE.

By MRS. CAMPBELL FRASER.

FROM Oaklea, Kilcreggan, N.B., comes the news that the well-grown smoke female, Selma Susie, sired by Ch. Dannyman of The Cottage, has been purchased by Miss Bowden-Smith. Mrs. Graham-Coltart further writes: "I am hoping to bring back to Scotland a good type of smokes, and I am much indebted to Mr. Peter Connor, who takes charge of Brunette for me; for with an invalid husband I am not able to give the time to my hobby that I used to do. Selma Brunette did so well at the Palace that I sent her to the S.C.C.C. Show at Kentish Town, where she again topped the class, but, no doubt owing to her small size (she was just over the kitten age, but not yet ten months), the championship was withheld, which was a great disappointment to me. I think if a judge gives a first and special in a championship class, it is obvious that the exhibit is worthy of its full honours. However, I am not a member of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy, although I have owned, and shown, and bred cats for a quarter-of-a-century. My other cats are two young maiden queens, blues, by Hampstead Stratherry, and a blue baby male kit, by Marcus Superb."

Miss J. Langton has two promising black female kittens; when old enough they are to join the Hendon Cattery.

To-morrow I am to see three blues, ex Mrs. Campbell's queen, Yonny—this daughter of Ch. Billy Bumpet won creditably this year at the Southern Counties, and is full sister to my Hannah.

Re "Coming Cats" in No. 27: The first prize black kitten at Croydon, No. 114a (late entry), which I could not trace, belonged to Miss G. L. Caddick, and was a very nice kitten, named Raffles, who won two firsts and two specials. I have to thank the owner for so promptly sending me the information.

On re-reading this Black article I noticed I had omitted to mention that Desert Chief, Mrs. Yeates' winning kitten, had become the property of Mrs. B. H. Soame. He is now one of our much-needed L.H. Black studs.

It may interest some of my readers to know the names of the clubs affiliated to the G.C. of the Cat Fancy in 1912: National Cat Club, Black and White Club, Blue Persian Cat Society, Brown Tabby Cat Society, Chinchilla Silver Specialist Society, Midland

Counties Cat Club, Newbury Cat Society, Northern Counties Cat Club, Orange and Tortoiseshell Society, Richmond Cat Club, Scottish Cat Club, Short-haired Cat Society, Siamese Cat Club, Southern Counties Cat Club, Wilson's, Ltd., Cat Club.

It will be noticed that the Orange and Tortoiseshell Society has been re-named "Red, Cream, Brown, Tabby, and Tortoiseshell Society." The Chinchilla Silver Specialist Society has now become the Chinchilla, Silver Tabby, and Smoke Society. The Richmond, Wilson's, Ltd., and alas, the Scottish, have ceased to exist. Two others have since arisen—the Croydon Cat Club and the Neuter Cat Society.

Mrs. Mackenzie's Black Dot visited Ch. Flanark just before his departure for Toronto.

Miss J. M. Fisher is leaving Hadley at the end of this month; her new address will be: Eveley, Standford, near Liphook, Hants. There is an excellent service of trains to Liphook from Waterloo.

The Southern Counties Cat Club have decided this season to present silver coffee spoons, instead of the club silver medals at the various Ch. Shows and other fixtures. At the larger Ch. Shows four spoons will be presented for members of S.C.C.C. only; at the smaller Ch. Shows two, under same conditions. The date of the S.C.C.C. Ch. Shows is fixed for January 26th, 1928, Prince of Wales Baths, Kentish Town, and popular judges have consented to undertake the following classes: L.H. blue adults, Mrs. Ambrose; black and white, Mr. Frank Norris; Chin., S. tabby, and smokes, Mrs. Singleton; short hairs, Mr. House; Siamese, Mrs. Duncan Hindley. The judge for the red, cream, tortie, and brown tabby is as yet unsettled, as also the blue kitten judge, although the committee still hopes Miss Ethel Savory will see her way to accepting these classes.

Miss E. M. Hill is disappointed that pretty Brabourne Betty has not presented her with a cream kitten in her litter by Prince Boscoe—the kits are lovely, but all blues.

### DISAPPEARANCE OF BUDGE OF HANLEY.

The whole fancy will sympathise with Mrs. Stevenson. This grand well-known cream stud disappeared some six weeks ago, and, notwithstanding all efforts of the police, nothing has been heard of him.

### WEEKLY ENQUIRIES.

The following query requires an answer from our readers: A fancier bought two cats—mother and

daughter. Mother had been previously registered; her new owner changed her name, and re-registered her. Under which of her mother's names should the daughter appear?\*

M. F. (Herts.), likely to be for a while in the depths of the country, wishes to know of a suitable tinned meat diet for cats?

New Zealand rabbit, in tins, to be obtained at the Army and Navy Stores, 2lbs., 1s. 9d.; puppy or Ken. L. ration, 8d. per tin, Chappel Bros., U.S.A., to be bought at Selfridge's; also stocked by most corn chandlers. These are both excellent standbys. They can be given plain or mixed with one of Messrs. Spratt's biscuit foods. A bag or two of Spratt's cod liver oil puppy biscuits, which, dry or soaked, are most nourishing and helpful to the putting on of coat.

K. C.—My cats, living in a cosy room in a flat, are sometimes much troubled by the hair which they have swallowed. What can I do to prevent them licking themselves?

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## "ARE TIBBIES MORE AFFECTIONATE THAN TOMS?"

"Les chattes, sont-elles plus douces que les chats?" (which may be translated "Are tannies more affectionate than toms?") was the question put by the Paris Girls' Debating Society at its last meeting. The golden-haired President upheld the superior affection of the lady-grimalkin, quoting many a convincing instance which had come under her personal observation. . . . "Apart from the mamma-cat's love for its offspring," said the well-practised speaker, "she welcomes the caresses of strangers. The papa-cat, on the other hand, is apt to disregard—and in a supercilious manner—these well-meant and friendly overtures. He is, like all males, an egoist! A wretch!"

The golden-haired girl was not far off the mark. The he-grimalkin, whether a tom or an abelard, usually rejects the advances of those to whom he has not been formerly presented. His masculine thoughts no doubt run on mousing, ratting, and other forms of sport, while he is so used to being petted by the Minousettes and Mimis of the neighbourhood that the attentions of human beings mean little to him; unless they are accompanied by some fried or boiled dainty, some really luscious tit-bit. Exceptions may exist; but they are (and especially in Paris) hard to find.

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Upon a poll being demanded by the adherents of the sexes, an even number of votes followed. Both parties, consequently, were contented.

GEORGE CECIL.

## BIRTHS.

July 4th, 1927.—Mrs. Scott Russell's Siamese, **Kuching Kama**, six fine kittens by Mrs. Duncan Hindley's **Simzo**.

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L. I. VELEY.

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The case of Cassoulet recalls that his grandfather Flic, to whom a former Prefect was not so considerate as the present chief, M. Raux. Flic also prevented the archives from being gnawed by rats and mice. The Prefect decided to knock off the

penny a day allowed to him for lights, arguing that he ought to feed on rodents. "But he has scarce! them all away," protested the accountant. "Very well. Let the employment be suppressed," said the Prefect. Flic was dispossessed of his job and adopted by an usher, but two months afterwards rats and mice again began to gnaw the dossiers, and he was brought back.

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