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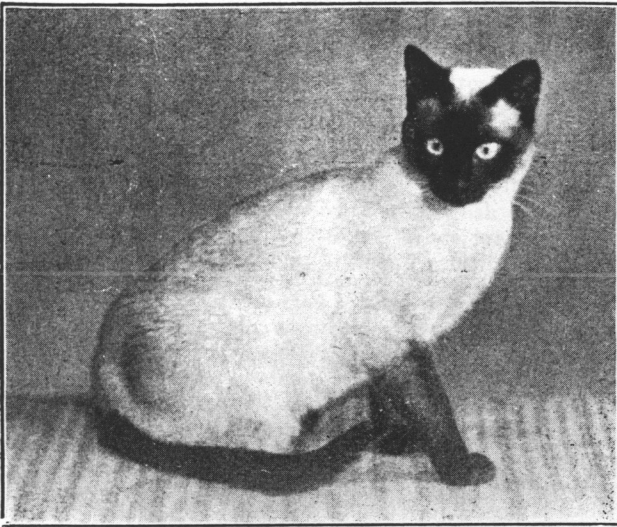
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Mr. LLOYD LEWIS' SIAMESE STUD : "CHAMPION BONZO."

LONGHAIR LORE AND WEEKLY GOSSIP.

By MRS. CAMPBELL FRASER.

A smoke queen belonging to Mrs. Waber is expecting a litter by that good-headed blue, son of Barry Blue John, John of Downside, owned by Mrs. Kidd. A smoke female kitten, about four months old, is shaping well, with fine eyes and a light under-coat. A smoke male, with bright golden eyes, is still a bit uncertain with regard to colour of under-coat, and two blue queens, who have already bred winners, constitute the L.H. portion of the Kostany Cattery. Mrs. Waber is very interested in showing, and believes in being optimistic over catty matters.

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP OF CH. MEG OF BREDON.

Miss Joyce Fair has just purchased this most beautiful champion cream queen from Mrs. Yeend. Meg has been mated to Ch. Endymion, and there ought to be some wonderful kittens—surpassing in colour. Miss Fair speaks in her letter of not having any kittens for the coming season's shows, but she will hold a strong hand in blue adults. Northway Shelmerdine has grown an enormous cat, and pro-

mises to be even more lovely as a cat than as a kitten. Ting-a-Ling and Billy Bunch are studs in the making. Miss Fair says they are model cats—eat together, sleep together, never fight, and never wander. Unfortunately, while their owner was absent, three queens of Northway escaped, and presented their mistress with "unwanted" little strangers.

What about "smoke" breeding for black kittens? Miss Caddick (St. Helens, Wallington) has mated a black queen to Raffles, son of Ch. Tazan of The Cottage. Result—three beautiful intensely black kittens!!

Mons. Armand Steens is delighted with Day Dream of The Court, and has mated her to his stud, Sadi, who is, I believe, a son of Hendon Archibald. He wrote a charming article about her in "Chasse et Pêche," the Belgian "Field."

Perdita of The Court's little son, Mrs. Oglethorpe tells me, weighs about 1 lb. though only three weeks old—has a big head, round eyes, and is pale blue. At present the kit is being fostered, but Mrs. Oglethorpe hopes soon to have him at home with her, for he is the legacy left her by her special pet. When I went to Wimbledon last I saw all four queens. Dainty Lady and Dewdrop are old friends of mine, they are two thoroughly good queens, both for colour and type. I do much admire that even pale blue, and both queens are excellent mothers. We shall see some good kittens from this cattery this season.

The veteran sire, Hampstead Red Sand, belonging to Messrs. Brown and Wilson, of Newcastle, has completed his 14th year, and three queens are shortly to have litters by him. Almost a double record!

Lady Eardley Wilmot is not placing Herd Laddie at stud this year. She speaks enthusiastically of him, and says "he has improved since last show season, and is quite a big cat now, glorious blue, and most gorgeous eyes." After her loss of Adorable April she is now looking forward to another litter by the same mother, Jill of Henley—the sire is Barry Prince Blue, chosen by the queen herself. Lady Wilmot wished her to mate with Dazzles, but the queen took her own way, thus demonstrating Lady Eardley Wilmot's theory—that cats have strong likes and dislikes, even males make up their minds that they will never mate with certain females, and

never do so, from year to year. She speaks also of the different nature of each of her studs. This I thoroughly endorse, each cat in my cattery is a separate entity, entirely different one from the other; this personality can be traced even in baby days.

The Governing Council have allotted the following championships to the Southern Counties Ch. Show, to be held on January 26th, 1928: Twenty-one championships for long-hairs, and fourteen for short-hairs. These are arranged on the fairest of bases—the filling of each respective class at the previous Ch. Show of each Club.

L. T. W. (Yorks).—Does an “astray” mating spoil a queen for future pedigree litters?

With some this is a debateable question, my own opinion is on the negative side. With a difficult breeder, a mongrel litter often saves the situation, and an excellent mother to future litters is obtained.

Miss Violet Onslow, anxious to enter the Fancy, would like advice on how many queens she should start with, and whether it is advisable to buy a stud?

Two well-bred queens, or two well-bred female kittens are the best number for a novice to commence with. It is best to send queens to a well-bred sire, rather than start a stud of your own. In this way you can have a choice of studs, and find out which is most suitable to your queens. Holding only two queens, a stud cat would only prove an unnecessary trouble, and possibly might not suit either queen.

B. N.—Sorry, your question is impossible to answer through the paper, will write.

Mrs. Grove-Brown (New Malton) would be glad to have names of Fanciers' Shows near by, with affiliated cat classes.

I think any of the following would be within your easy reach: Hexham, August 1st; Harrogate, August 5th; Bingley. Of the latter I am not quite sure of the date, but I think it is also in August.

COMING CATS.

NO. 7. L.H. SILVER TABBY KITTENS.

Miss Knight-Law, Silver Winnefred of Marston Trussell; Miss Roberts, Flora of Frampton; Miss B. V. Bracey, Orlando of Silverleigh; Mrs. Lichford, Silva of Serrano; Mrs. A. R. Higginbottom, Mona Lisa of Westfield.

At Croydon, Midland S.C.C.C., I could not trace a single entry. Three out of the five kittens were of the Frampton strain, and of Flora of Frampton Miss Roberts writes that she is quite fulfilling her early promise, beautifully marked, and more like her grandsire, Ch. Felix of Frampton, than any kitten she has bred. Later on Flora is to visit Toy of Silverleigh, Miss Bracey's handsome young silver tabby stud, as he is not too nearly related to her. Orlando of Silverleigh was bought by Miss Roberts

and given the title of Frampton, which his sire, grandsire (Ch. Florizel), and great-grandsire (Ch. Felix) had borne before him. He is a much improving cat, and will join the Frampton stud in the spring. Miss Roberts showed a litter of silver tabbies at Newbury. Desmond of Frampton, one of these, will join Orlando as a second young stud cat. Silva of Serrano has been mated back to Ch. Florizel, her grandsire, but owing to Mr. Lichford's illhealth the Serrano silver tabbies are under the care of Mrs. Bryan. Mona Lisa was bred by Miss Bracey, and won first in her class at the N.C.C. Ch. Show.

Next Week: No. 8. L.H. Brown Tabby Kittens.

Gossip of the Week.

THE attention of readers is drawn to Mr. Jeal's advert. of Cedalit, which insect pests strongly object to. It has earned the commendations of leading Siamese fanciers.

MISS J. M. FISHER writes: Will you please notify that my correct new address is: Eveley, Standford, Bordon, Hants, and for the next six months also 10, Argyle Mansions, W. 14, where we have taken a furnished flat.

WE note that a scare of plague in connection with cats has been started in Australia. The “Daily Mail” has done good service by publishing, along with the news, the opinion of a prominent V.S. to the effect that cats are **not** subject to plague, and that doubtless the cats in question are victims of gastro-enteritis. These deplorable scare rumours, too often started on quite insufficient grounds, frequently lead to cruel massacres, the mob-instinct of panic being given free rein.

WE have again been asked why we do not give more “tips” as to treatment of ailing cats. We must again say it is not our policy to broadcast all kinds of semi-miraculous “cures.” Such are, for instance, certainly at times effected by tar preparations, the use of which, however, is **very risky** in the case of cats. So little, too, is known of cat ailments that the inquirer may well have wrongly diagnosed the case. There are regularly advertised in our columns by Messrs. Spratt's Patent and Messrs. Sherley—firms which have for years studied the matter—well-tried and proven remedies which should meet any ordinary case, and certainly a case which they cannot cater for is a case for the skilled veterinary surgeon, and not for the novice. (Here let us beg the novice to be very careful not to give any tainted meat, milk, or fish this weather. The cat cannot stand tainted food as can the dog. If no other supply is available, **far better let the cat fast till next day**, rather than let it consume any tainted food, which is quite likely to cause serious if not **fatal** results!) However, for those who prefer to have their own remedies, here are a few by an eminent veterinary practitioner:—

For Mange—Ox. zinci, 1 oz.; sub. sulph., 2 ozs.; balsam of Peru, $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.; paraffin, 2 dr.

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For cough—1 drachm chlorodyne, 2 dr. syrup of squills, 2 ozs. glycerine. Dose, half-teaspoonful, or little more for large cat.

For Ringworm—Wash with 30 grains hyposulphite of soda in 1 oz. of water, and paint with iodine liniment, daily until cured.

By this morning's post we receive letters about "Cat Gossip" from such widely separated places as Penang, in the Malay States, Barbadoes, in the West Indies, and New Orleans, U.S.A., whence Miss Bea. M. Woods writes: "I do hope 'C.G.' will continue, if only to keep me abreast of English cat news." Verb. sap! Thank you, Miss Woods, we have every intention of continuing, if health permits!

We were very interested to observe a statement "in another place" by a veterinary practitioner of note, that the cat never suffers from "rickets" (rachitis). This disease is common in dogs, and we have seen cats which showed every outward sign of what is ordinarily called "rickets"—crooked legs, weakness in joints, and so forth. We always thought that the "Peke-faced" cats which have appeared in various countries, some with projecting "bulldoggy" under-jaws, and turn-out paws, were showing a form of rickets. However, this it appears is not the case. The note by the V.S. in question is of very great interest.

A contemporary, we observe, publishes at third hand the little American yarn and part of the verses about Manx, which appeared in "Cat Gossip" a few weeks ago, though they have certainly not yet had time to "become current in Manx nurseries."

PLEASANT to hear from Mrs. Carew-Cox that she is having unwonted good luck this year in rearing Abyssinian kittens, and that there are unmistakable signs that more interest is being taken in this very beautiful breed.

NOTICE.

HITHERTO we have been rather fortunate, but it appears that what are euphemistically called "losses" in post are now beginning. Will subscribers and advertisers sending P.O.'s be sure either to make them payable to **H. C. Brocke, at Bishop's Hull; or** to make them payable to H. C. Brooke, and **cross them Westminster Bank, Balham, a/c Payee.** Either plan is calculated to foil the light-fingered brigade. We think small sums of two or three shillings are best left **uncrossed**, and made payable at Bishop's Hull; **larger ones crossed**, but place of payment not filled in. Keep counterfoils.

THE AMERICAN BOB-TAIL CAT. A MYSTERY.

IS IT IDENTICAL WITH THE MANX?

(Continued from Page 10.)

That the descendants of this couple of Manx cats should have been carried to New York would not be unlikely, as many kittens are brought into that city by excursionists every year. Odd tailless cats would make exceptionally attractive pets. In time it would be natural for their tailless offspring to drift up the Hudson River, and these would continue to multiply by the very reason of their rabbit-like appearance.

The date of that wreck would be all of sixty years ago, and might easily be seventy-five years."

L. D. B.

Editorial Note, "Cat Review," March, 1925.

"We are much pleased to have the letter by L. D. B. to print for our readers this month. It seems to give the solution of the heretofore unaccountable appearance of tailless cats in different places near New York city.

Cragmoor, New York, where we first noticed these cats twenty years ago, is a hundred miles from the city, by rail, but its population in the summer is drawn mostly from the city and the mountain natives have often blamed the summer sojourners for going off and leaving their cats behind. One of these may have been the ancestors of the tailless cats of which we wrote. This is the only cat family on the mountain which produces them.

The next question to be answered is: Have these bobtail cats appeared in any other parts of our country or Canada, and if they have, can their origin be traced? Do not fail to give us any information that you have.

It seems wonderful that the Manx characteristic is so persistent when the Persian cats lose most of their distinctive feature of long hair in the first generation of breeding with a short-haired cat, though the long hair is occasionally inherited for several generations."

Note by Editor, "Cat Gossip."

It is very singular how the shipwreck origin idea clings to the tailless cat. In addition to the legends noted above, we have yet a third, which I have never seen quoted anywhere. The long hind legs so characteristic of the typical Manx—look, for instance, at Miss Hill-Shaw's Kelpie!—seem to prove that the mere propagation of a taillessness resulting either from an injury or a freak of nature does not supply a sufficient explanation of this curious form. In Fennell's "Natural History of Quadrupeds," 1843, we find the following:—"A hereditary variety or breed of tailless cats is very abundant in the Isle of Man, especially in that part called the Calf of Man,

where specimens may be purchased for a trifle. The Rev. W. B. Clarke, who in 1820 saw several in the huts of the peasantry between Ramsay and Peel Town, says that he was informed by a person at Balla Salla, not far from the Calf, that a vessel from Prussia, or some port in the Baltic, was wrecked many years ago on the rocky shore between Castle Rushen and the Calf, and that on her driving close in to land, two or three cats without tails escaped from the bowsprit, and were taken by the wreckers, and that these were the first of the kind ever seen in the Island. They are described as being rather taller than the common cat, but not so broad and strong; their colour is generally a lightish grey; they resemble more the hare and rabbit in their movements than the domestic cat, which, perhaps, may be owing to their hind legs being so much longer than those of the common cat." From this we see that the length of hind leg we now ask for is an old property of the breed; and I have on occasions stated that I hold grey tabby to be a very typical Manx colour.

And then we have the oldest origin of all attributed to the Manx:—

Noah, sailing o'er the seas,
 Ran fast aground on Ararat,
 His dog then made a spring, and took
 The tail from off a pretty Cat:
 Puss through the window quick did fly,
 And bravely through the waters swam,
 Nor ever stopped, till, high and dry,
 She landed on the Calf of Man.
 Thus tailless puss earnt Mona's thanks,
 And ever after was called Manx.

L. & N.W.C.C. SHOW.

By MRS. TOMLINSON.

The Annual Summer Show of the Lancashire and North-Western Counties' Cat Club was held in the Zion Hall, Stretford-road, Manchester, on July 9th. Mr. F. Hough, one of our old S.H. Fanciers, judged L.H., and Mr. Dobson S.H.

There was a good attendance, and entries numbered 35. The numbers in the kitten classes predominated, and they were all of first-class quality, premier honours being won by Mrs. Elliot, of Nantwich, and deservedly so. I was especially fascinated by her female; her small well placed ears, snubby nose, beautiful face all enveloped by a huge frill and wonderful ear tufts, made a perfect picture, added to which a pale even blue; this young lady should make her mark in the show pen this next season.

In the blue female class Mrs. Goddard won 1st with a notably large and long-haired specimen; she had three of her babies with her, and they all seemed quite at home in their pen.

In the A.O.C. class Mrs. Furniss' Wallowflower, who was taken out for best in show at Croydon, still held her own; she certainly wants some beating in the Torties. I think if she had a little more red in her colouring she would be perfect.

In the blue male adult class Mrs. Furniss' Kemlin Mask Marvel beat Ashton Tam o' Shanter. They are both so even in points I think if I had been judging I should have given them equal 1st, or called in a referee to decide. "Tam" is much the larger cat.

In the A.O.C. male adult class Miss Lowe's Lancashire Evening Sunset came 1st; this superb red I consider is one of our best red selfs, his colouring is gorgeous, and he improves with age.

My ideal short-hair red, Ch. Clayton Masher, was beaten by Mrs. Curran's silver tabby. Congratulations, Mrs. Curran, a little recompense for all your recent losses!

The Club Cups went respectively to Mrs. Goddard, Miss Lowe, Miss Buckley, and Mrs. Macfarlane.

A hearty invitation to all to join our Club, 3s. for half-year for any joining now, and help us to hasten the day when Manchester can have a Ch. Show. Our Hon. Secs. are Misses M. and C. Waterhouse, Beveran House, Woodbine Crescent, Stockport.

SANDY SHOW, AUGUST 25th.

Judge, Miss Langston. Kitten classes:—L.H. one each, Black, White, Red T. Self or Shaded, Tortie or Tortie-and-White, Cream; Chinchillas, 2; M. and F. Blues, 5; M.; F.; Breeders; Novice; Pairs; A.O.C. M. or F.; A.C. Limit; A.C. Open; A.C. Breeders; A.C. Novice, Blues excepted. S.H.:—Siamese, 1; A.O.C., 1. Club specials offered by B.P.C.S., Siamese, Midland Counties, and Black and W.C.C. £2 2s. Medal best kitten exhibited by member Sandy Society.

CAT-CALLS.

THE EDITOR, "CAT GOSSIP."

I am writing to tell you of my recent interesting experiment in breeding, which produced a Siamese kitten from a S.H. blue and a S.H. black. My blue-pointed Siamese, Kuching Susan, made a stray marriage with a black cat, and had two beautiful S.H. blues. One of these, Bunty, I kept, and mated her to Sammy, a black cat, whose sire was a Siamese, Michael, a son of Kuching Susan and Kuching Bilkon, and the dam an unrelated black cat, the resulting progeny being quite a good little Siamese with chocolate points, and two blacks, one excelling in Siamese type pointed head, long slim body, and close-lying fur, while the other is a half-Persian. They are now three months old, and I may exhibit my little freak at Philbeach Gardens. Kuching Kama is busy with her first litter of six, by Mrs. Hindley's Simzo, and is being assisted in her duties by Bunty. Wishing you every success in your much appreciated paper.

Yours truly, K. SCOTT RUSSELL (Mrs.).

With the signs of an increasing interest being taken in Blues—we refer, of course, to S.H., as the popularity of L.H. Blues never seems to wane—we think the following article, written over a quarter of a century ago by our late friend, Mrs. L. S. Baker, will interest many, and we make no apology for quoting it in extenso.

THE BLUE CAT OF THE WORLD. HIS DISTRIBUTION.

WHETHER fanciers may choose to bestow upon the long-haired blue one or all of the various designations of Angora Persian or Maltese, matters very little. Historically viewed, he came from Persia, Angora being a province in the Shah's dominions, and Malta a place of trade from earliest times to which his introduction might well extend, whether as the cat of a Phœnician ship, or of a Turkish caique.

Were one scientist enough, it might be possible to argue that the long-haired variety had been produced from the short, just as one finds the hairless dog among the earlier canine forms. As far as I know, there is no breed of puss which lives in the sand, though cats still love the sun. Let us suggest that the long-haired cat is not of the plains, but a mountain breed brought into being near altitudes which mark the home of perpetual snows. His colour, too, is in accord with Darwin's Theories of Analogy of colour, with surroundings and local climatic conditions

"In a turquoise twilight, crisp and chill,
A Kafilâ camped at the foot of the hill,
And the Persian pussy-cats, brought for sale,
Spat at the dogs from the camel-bale,
And there fled on the wings of the gathering dusk
A savour of camels and carpets and musk,
A murmur of voices, a reek of smoke,
To tell us the trade of the Khyber woke."

It is a modern singer who sings this lay, but all those who have "heard the East a-calling," know that in all the ages until now its life has changed in nothing.

The present caravan routes were the old highways of the world's first migrations of peoples. From somewhere a little North West of the Himalayas it is believed the old world was peopled, and its languages had their rise. The old Sanskrit might tell you something about the first blue cat. I don't know that it does or doesn't. Though cats occasionally take to the woods and become wild, and all the rest of it, they are not migrating animals, and have little sense of the possibilities of change of locality, or they would not stay starving outside the empty houses where they once claimed a footing. Where the cat is, he has been taken, and following up the old trade routes, where he has been taken you will still find him. Especially the blue cat. Some of his late travels have landed him in strange places very far from each other.

His home is the Himalayas, Siam, Japan, Afghanistan, and Siberia claim him; Russia, Norway, Sweden, and Denmark possess him; he is found in England as the imported Russian and the occasional colour

sport among English breeds in the country; Constantinople, the Greek Archipelago, Malta, all know him; perhaps Gibraltar and the northern coast of Africa; he is seen in Ceylon and Singapore; even Iceland and New Zealand, islands so wide apart, have blue cats similar in every point.

Returning to his habitat north-west of the Himalayas, you will see how he reaches east to Japan, south to Ceylon, north to Siberia, and westward; and you would thence expect to find him along the coast and on islands, for cats from tradition are as much a sine qua non on a ship as the crew, and the first ships were little boats when he wasn't needed for the rats, but was part of the cargo. When he reached the banks of the Neva, maybe upon the slow current of Russian rivers, possibly in the caravans to Nijni Novgorod, you will see how he got spread all over Scandinavia, and you will know that Vikings, and neither Cossacks nor Kurds, took him there and thence to Iceland. They brought him also into Britain.

A later "blue" is the Russian, with this descriptive title. He has been bred to show points until he resembles so much the British tabby that his cousin, "the sport" which you light upon in England country villages, bears quite a strange likeness, with its pale eyes and pointed face, to the imported Scandinavian or Asiatic. After the Crimean War, there was quite an influx of him. Those who settled the matter of classification of breeds and grouped all under short-haired blues were more right than, perhaps, they thought themselves. There is doubtless an English blue, a trace of Scandinavians, like the patches of common called Norman or No-man's Land, but both he and the latter Russian came first from Asia.

There is a lovely bay in New Zealand, called Akaroa Bay, the waters of which are the loveliest blue. Its people boast that three blue things make it of all places in the world the most to be envied. These are blue sky, blue waters, and cats blue as the bay. But the first Europeans to settle there were French, and they brought with them the blue cat. They did not, however, come from France, but from French East India Settlements, maybe Goa or Cochin China, probably the latter. *Ecce Felis!*

I have not heard that the short-haired blue is a native of any part of North America, but were it proved, I would still give him to the Vikings, for Eric the Red, sea-king and explorer, armed with his snow shoes, crossed Greenland, and down about New England built his farmhouses with cow-byre and bæjarstett like those of Iceland and old Sussex, and in a flourishing colony of Normans, do you mean to say there was no blue cat?

These are theories mainly speculative, I admit, but they have in them a grain of underlying truth, that I feel excuses their enunciation. It may be that I start a vein of research, which someone better qualified than I will take up and enlarge for us.

L. S. BAKER.

AILMENTS OF THE CAT.

Motto:

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

Bombastes Furioso.

BLADDER AND KIDNEY TROUBLES.

THESE are less easily noticed, or, rather, their earliest symptoms are not brought to one's notice in the case of the cat as they are of the dog, owing to the sanitary habits of the first named animal, which, in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred, prevent the quality of the urine from being observed. If there is any reason to think a cat is suffering from any urinary troubles, it becomes necessary to inspect what is passed. This, whilst easy in the case of the dog, becomes difficult in the case of many cats, which would retain their urine to a most injurious extent if deprived of their sanitary box or pan. The best plan is, in such a case, to provide the cat with the very minimum of clean white sawdust, which will induce it to relieve itself, and an effort should be made to remove and inspect this directly used, before the cat has time to scratch it over. Roughly speaking, if the urine be mixed with blood so as to cause it to be of a ruddy colour, it is probable that the kidneys are affected, but if a drop or two of clear blood be observed, probably bladder trouble is present; but these conditions are far more easily noted in the dog.

In my opinion, such cases are quite unfit for treatment by the lay, and should always be treated by an experienced veterinary practitioner. The cat is subject to calculus (gravel or stone) both in bladder and kidney. A cat sent me a couple of years ago, which had been much written about in the columns of a contemporary as being of some extraordinary South American variety, proved to be only a small cat misshaped through rickets, and, in addition, had its kidneys full of small calculi, which must have caused it intense suffering, and which did make it occasionally fall over as if paralysed. I counted over thirty of various sizes, and then left off counting. This was, of course, a hopeless case, but a skilled practitioner can afford relief in less severe cases of calculus. Inflammation of the bladder (cystitis) is quite common in the cat. It may be caused by a chill, by improper drugging, or by absorption through the skin of certain preparations. The use of unsuitable disinfectants and washes in the cattery may cause it. Frequent and evidently painful micturation may be the first symptoms observed. It may become necessary to use a catheter, a job which should only be undertaken by a practised operator. Retention of the urine (involuntary) is frequently fatal. It is sometimes a result of distemper; also it may be caused by gravelly deposits. An extraordinary case of mechanically induced retention is recorded, due to hair having become tightly wound round the organ of a male cat, acting as a ligature.



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Incontinence, or involuntary passing of urine dropwise, even when the cat is quietly sitting still, is a complaint to which I have found Manx cats peculiarly liable. In slight cases tonics are indicated. It may also appear as a legacy of certain forms of distemper, and as the result of a chill.

THE "Cat Courier" says:—An advertisement for twenty-five mother cats with young kittens is run in a Norwalk, Ohio, paper, for the Norwalk Chick Hatchery. It is stated the cats are wanted for wet nurse service at the Silver Fox Farm, three miles south of Norwalk. Vixens, as the mother foxes are known, are very fickle in their maternal duties, and often refuse to nurse their baby cubs.

OF A certain Count of Combourg who had a wooden leg, the country people held that even three centuries after his death, on certain occasions, his wooden leg, accompanied by a black cat, could be met perambulating the grand staircase of his Tower.

Ruskin exclaimed: " I hope I shall meet that cat in Heaven!" on hearing of a mother cat who rushed through flames and smoke to save her kittens, three of which she rescued, perishing in her attempt to save the fourth. Yet our Universities and institutions contain men—and women—or creatures in the shape of women—who would love to have opened that living cat's brain, or crucified her with a " belly window," through which they could examine her spleen (Cambridge) for a fortnight, occasionally forcing her to work a treadmill!

FOR SALE, Blue Persian Female Kitten, by Lord MacAlpine of Stand, three months old. Also well bred Queen.—MISS KING, Windy Howe, Alderley Edge, Cheshire.

SIAMESE AT STUD.

Ch. BONZO.

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