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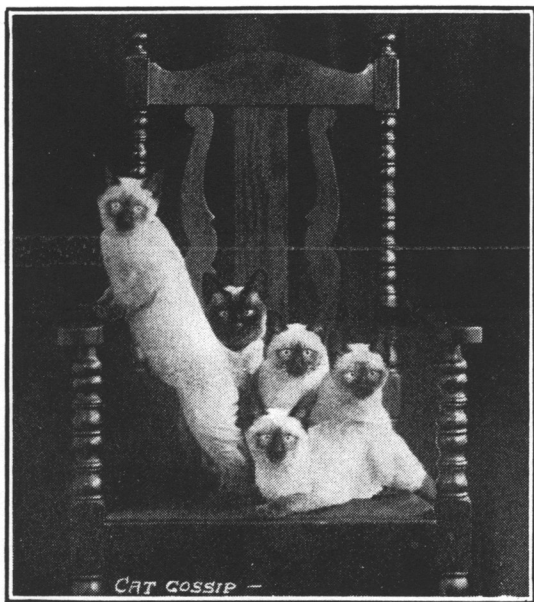
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A CHARMING SIAMESE FAMILY GROUP.

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THE very charming group portrayed to-day is of Mrs. Morz's Siamese Miette, with her three-months-old kittens by Manchu. Miette, as recorded in last week's "Cat Gossip," is no longer with us, having been sent to America. The story of Miette was told in last week's "Cat Gossip."

LONG-HAIR LORE.

BY MRS. CAMPBELL FRASER.

Mrs. Bazeley has some very nice young stock, sired by Ch. Billy and his son, Colneside Carol; a female, which she thinks is specially promising, she has named Carol's Fairy, and the little lady is at present passing her time with her breeder, Miss Bateman. The brood queen, Colneside Camelia, has a nice litter of kittens by Ch. Billy, who though, of course, at present out of coat, is perfectly even in colour, his massive limbs showing to advantage.

Miss Winifred Peake, owing to her friend, Miss

Ridley's serious state of health, may have to winter in the south, and, if so, may have considerably to reduce her Speedwells.

WHY NOT A 1928 RICHMOND SHOW?

1916 was, I believe the last Richmond Cat Show that took place, and questions are floating round as to the advisability of its being revived. Mrs. F. Thompson writes: "I visited this most enjoyable Dog Show, and wondered when I saw so many hundreds of visitors if it would ever be possible for a marquee to be added for cats and kittens? Richmond, I believe, was the venue of such a show before the war, and it is so well situated, being, of course, within half-an-hour of Waterloo, Victoria, and Charing Cross. If such an event ever does take place I offer my services to help in any capacity, together with a donation to the show funds and a special."

I warmly endorse the above wish, and I can see a well organised cat section, with joint hon. secretaries, Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Oglethorpe. It will be well for one of the big clubs to remember it, and give their helping hand. Richmond would be a most stimulating show for the fancy.

I am glad to see that our energetic North Country fancier, Mrs. Gilbert, of Gateshead, has been supporting Lanark, Hexham, Bingley, and Harrogate Shows. Raoul was 1st L.H. male at Lanark, and his sister 2nd at Otley. The latter has gone to new owners, who adore her square face and deep orange eyes and pale blue coat. Mrs. Gilbert's winning tortie, Pompilia, has four kittens by To-To; they have good coats and broad heads, and the two torties in the litter have sweet owl-like faces.

From Mrs. Timms' litter of red tabbies, by Brown Deer, ex Kiss-me-quick, I had hoped to purchase the one female, but, following woman's prerogative, "she" has become a "male"—to my disappointment.

Sprite of Argovie, belonging to Mrs. Lawrence, is a nice blue queen, who is most entertaining with the up-bringing of her family. Privately Mrs. Lawrence calls the two kits Dempsey and Sharkey—they spar so. One day, Sprite took Dempsey, the beautiful one, up a tree because she thought it might be safer than the ground. Of course, she dropped him, but he is too fat to hurt much. She refuses to let them play with any common kittens, but lies on guard, and boxes any other kitten that comes near.

When their own special room was invaded by the "char," Sprite came to her mistress in a fearful state to complain about it, and at once took the kittens away to hide until it was all over. Whatever others may think of them, "she" considers them, especially Dempsey, the most valuable kittens on earth.

In Coming Cats No. 6, L.H. Smokes, I noted that this handsome variety was again making headway. Now I hear of several fine litters on all sides, so that classes at our coming shows ought to be well filled. Mrs. Eric Nathan is most pleased with her litter of five strong healthy kittens by Ch. Tarzan, now three months old. Raffles, owned by Miss Caddick, who won 1st at Croydon last year as a kitten, is now a full-blown stud; his dam was Blue Bubbles, his sire Ch. Tarzan. Another litter by this well-known cat has crossed the Channel to France, and is doing well.

Mrs. Jourdain is going in for smokes on a large scale, and Mrs. Reynolds Sams has some promising youngsters by Ch. Dannyman of The Cottage.

Ebonette, Miss Longley's black L.H., who was best black kitten at the S.C.C.C. Show 1925, has now become Hendon Ebonette, as a daughter of my Hendon Black Guron, I welcome her. She joins my present family of black adults—Hendon Eastbury Boglie, Princess Flandria, Hendon Black Inez, and Lorina of Hadley. Five black adults, at the moment has any fancier a larger number? Oh! wait a bit, there is one more, "the boy without a name!"

Thanks to the kind introduction of our Editor, Mr. Brooke, I have been enabled to send three queens to France—Hendon Dame Carruthers, Celia, Edith; also a litter of kittens by Hendon Alexis, Ch. Azure's son. Dame Carruthers was full sister to Dame Hannah; she has done some first-class winning, besides having presented her owner with a litter of four fine kittens. I hope to persuade Madame Pereyrol to allow me to have reproduced in "Cat Gossip" a beautiful picture she has had taken of Dame Carruthers.

WEEKLY ENQUIRIES.

G.C., Chester.—Could you kindly say how soon as a rule queens come into season again when kittens are destroyed?—Almost certain in six weeks' time, occasionally in three.

L.S., Park Drive.—How shall I feed my young kitten at Sandy Show?—Personally I never feed either cats or kittens prior to the railway journey. During the day I give a small amount of Brand's essence, or fish. Kittens on these exciting days really are better with very little food, water to drink; their meal on return ought also to be sparing. The adults can have their ordinary evening meal on their return. I always mark on entry form "please do not feed." Of course, I am speaking of a one-day show, to which I accompany my exhibits. Too little on these occasions is infinitely better than too much. I often think if we did away entirely with meat feeding at shows a certain much debated disease would be minimised.

COMING CATS.

No. 10. L.H. TORTIE KITTENS.

Mrs. Morton Stubbs, Hera; Miss Bowtell, Chrysanthemum; Miss E. V. Nicholls, Autumn Tint; Mrs. B. H. Soame, Yvonne.

Tortie and White.—Mrs. Kennaway, Garb, Dame Patch and Mr. Wu; Mrs. Blandford, Gay Sal.

Hera is the daughter of Mrs. Glenfield's Captain Cody, and was given to be a pet in the country after winning 1st under Miss Lea at Newbury. Chrysanthemum, bred by the late lamented Miss Bowtell, is now the property of Mrs. Eric Nathan, and is renamed Parkside Tricolor, and mated to owner's Little Slam. Soame Yvonne was bred by Miss Drummond Bird, who showed a charming litter of torties at Croydon, winning 1st with them; Yvonne has a very sweet short face.

Tortie and White.—Gay Sal took 1st at the Palace, and appeared as an adult at the S.C.C.C. in January, when she took 3rd in the Championship Class; she has since had a litter by one of the Garboldisham Studs. Dame Patch was litter sister to Gay Sal, to whom she took 2nd N.C.C., and Newbury; breeder of both was Mrs. Conduit.

Gossip of the Week.

Mrs. McClure has purchased the black L.H. Champion Jill of Ashburnham, who has done so well of late for Miss Currie. We wish her every success with her new purchase; she also acquired the black stud, Dr. Boglie, who is bred the same way as the late Hillingdon Negroid, whose death we reported a fortnight ago.

SANDY Show to-day, about ninety cat entries; otherwise the Show is a record, with 665 more entries than last year.

THE SIAMESE Schedule is out. Twenty-six classes. We note that, quite rightly, stud and brood queen classes are judged by their progeny present—the only correct way of judging these classes. Judges: Adults, Mrs. Basnett; kittens, Mrs. Wade; referee, Mrs. Percival. Forty-seven cups and other special prizes.

"BEACHCOMBER," in the "Daily Express," thinks, on the strength of letters he has received, that cat owners are gnashing their teeth at his ridiculous assertion that they are "ale-wallopers." We can assure him they are but mildly amused at such nonsense. Can he explain why there is almost always a "bar" at Dog Shows, but **never** at Cat Shows, if cat lovers do so much "ale-walloping"?

A new terror has been added to cat fanciers' troubles—the fear of theft en route. We heard last week a case of two cats being despatched, properly packed, to Guernsey—only one arrived. Last week we sent for a kitten advertised by a lady on the reference list of "The Bazaar" as "spotted like a

wild cat." There arrived an ordinary black kitten, which we, of course, promptly returned, receiving a wire from vendor that it must have been changed en route. The Guernsey kit may have been lost through some "Nosey Parker" opening the box and letting it slip out; the second case looks like a clear one of theft and substitution. This might happen in the case of any cat going to a show, to stud, or for sale. It seems hardly likely that the black and the spotted kits were both travelling together by the same train, both escaped from their packages at the same time, and were wrongly repacked—yet how else account for the change, if the good one was not deliberately stolen?

MISS HILL-SHAW has acquired from Mr. Killip a beautiful brown tabby Manx, closely related to the late Ch. Katzeujammer's Ghost.

MRS. OGLETHORPE has shown us some photos of M. Armand Steens' "Heide-hof" Cattery, at Antwerp—really palatial places! Our friend and confrère, M. Steens, has been staying at Interlaken lately, and notices, as we ourselves did, the number of brightly marked tortie and whites in that district. M. Steens is a real cat lover in the best sense of the word, and, therefore, it was, as he says, very hard that one of the thousands of visitors to Interlaken it should just fall to his lot to see a lovely T. and W. kitten run over by a motor and have it die in his arms!

MISS SAVORY writes: My sister's Brown Riband,

blue, by Blue Riband of Emberton, has three brown tabby kittens by Mrs. Evans' Brown Deer; there was also one black kitten.

WE ARE requested by Dr. Jumaud to announce that in connection with the third open cat show held by the Cat Club de France, in Paris, which will take place in January next, there will be held the first International Feline Congress, when all kinds of questions of interest to cat fanciers in every country will be discussed.

CAT CALLS.

TO THE EDITOR.

I noticed in a recent issue a remedy for ringworm. A friend tells me she has found flowers of sulphur dusted dry into the coat and brushed in with a tooth-brush excellent. A kitten suffering from this complaint was isolated whilst all kinds of ointments, washes, etc., were used; it always broke out again until the sulphur was used. The coat needed well brushing frequently during the treatment to get all dead skin away.

C. M. E. VOSS.

NOTE BY ED.—We think if this remedy is used the utmost care should be taken to remove all superfluous sulphur from the coat and skin, or the cat, licking itself, would be liable to absorb too much internally.



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But there is one drawback to the part they play, and that is that they are inclined to overshadow the work of individuals to such a point that work of almost vital importance to the animals has to cease for lack of support.

I could not help thinking on this matter after I went to see Mrs. Egerton Free, and was shown the really wonderful little home she has struggled so hard to support at Croydon. To her are brought all the sick, wounded, and dying cats and dogs from the thickly populated district which lies almost at her door. With infinite tenderness she ministers to them, and, when they are beyond her beneficent aid, with what gentle kindness does she put them safely to sleep beyond the reach of pain for evermore. Mrs. Free works practically single-handed. She has seven lethal boxes, and four of her rooms are devoted to lethally sick and well. There are model catteries for boarders in the beautiful garden attached to the house, and here I saw, in a little house all to itself, a poor pussy whose tail had been almost cut through, recovering and beginning to take a fresh interest in life.

One or two stories will show how necessary the work done in this hostel has become. Returning one night Mrs. Free saw a shadow at the bottom of her steps. She spoke, but the shadow did not move. Descending she found a poor cat, totally blind, and with its ears eaten off with canker. Late though it was, Mrs. Free got to work, and in a very few minutes the poor suffering animal was quietly sleeping to complete forgetfulness. On another occasion Mrs. Free found two sacks full of squirming life waiting her return. On opening them she found five cats in each, rapidly approaching kitting, thrown down and deserted by the callous creatures who had left them, regardless of consequences to themselves or to the person who should rescue them.

Just inside the gate Mrs. Free has installed a "stray box," where those who cannot or will not pay may leave their unwanted animals to be lethally free of charge. This box is rarely empty, and it is tended last thing at night and first thing in the morning. I could go on for pages with case after case, but space forbids, and these few details will touch the hearts of most.

Hundreds of unwanted animals pass into this home in the course of the year. Alas, unless help is forth-

coming, and that speedily, the home will have to close. Mrs. Free has spent all her own money, and has struggled on in the hope that some animal lover will help to support her efforts. Two or three have been splendidly generous, but she needs more and more if her work is to go on. Such important work, too! What will **you** do to help her?

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BIRTHS.

August 14th.—Miss Savory's **Brown Riband of Ember-ton**, 4 kittens (3 brown tabby, 1 black) by Mrs. Evans' **Brown Deer**.

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August 11th.—Miss Richardson's **Tatiana**, two male kittens by Miss Hill-Shaw's **Prince Petrie of Cademuir** (Russians).

"The Farm Cat" says:—Just been readin' a novel that makes my blood boil. The author, describin' an unpleasant woman, says, "Mrs. Dix was a cat." Why do authors single out disagreeable women for comparison with us cats? In the story this Mrs. Dix is forever barkin' at her husband—

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and that makes her more like a dog. That would be a more appropriate comparison. Dogs are an over-rated lot. I've licked every farmer's dog in the neighbourhood, and all they've ever licked is the hand that throws 'em a bone—the grovelin' worms! A cat's more independent. Take me: no matter how much you feed me, if I don't like you I'd as soon claw you as not.—“Cat Courier.”

The ancient Greek historian, Herapollon, drew an analogy between the eye of the cat and the sun; he states “that the cat was adored in the Temple of the Sun at Heliopolis, because the pupil of this animal follows in its proportions the height of the sun above the horizon, and in this respect resembles the marvellous planet.” Plutarch stated that if the image of the cat was often placed on a sistrum it was as emblematical of the moon, “because,” says Amyot in his translation of the Cult of Isis and Osiris, “of the variety in its skin and because it is busiest at night; and because it bears first one kitten in its first litter, two at the second, three at the third, then four and five, up to seven times, so that it bears in all twenty-eight, as many as there are days in the moon!” Either the ancient writers were unobservant or credulous, or the ways of the cats have greatly altered since those days!

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