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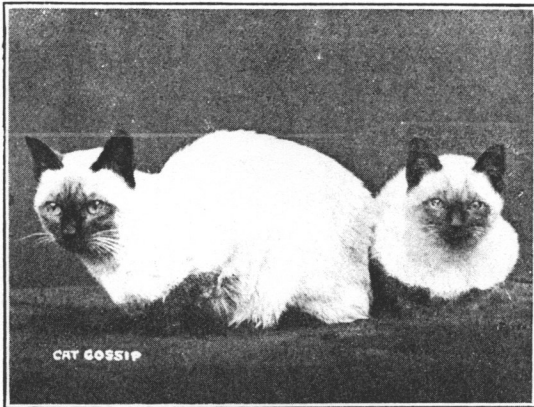
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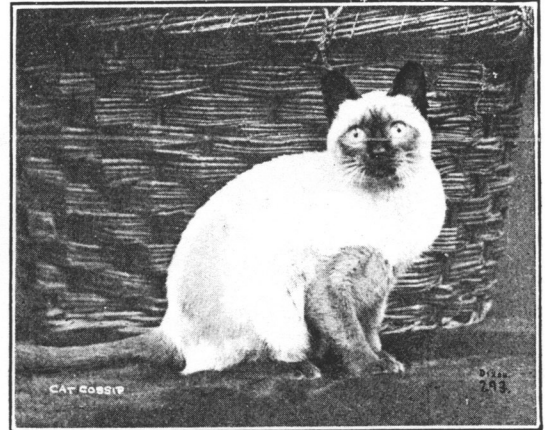
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Mrs. Veley's Siamese, Duen Ngai and Kalahom.

SIAMESE OF DAYS GONE BY.

Duen Ngai (Moonlight) is considered by Mrs. Veley to have been the lightest and densest pointed cat she ever saw, hence the name. Kalahom and Khronata were her full brothers from a later litter: their names signify respectively "Foreign Minister" and "Minister of Finance." Kalahom was sold to Mrs. Bazalgette, but all three contracted distemper at the C.P. Show and



Mrs. Veley's Duen Ngai.

died a week afterwards—a very great loss to the Siamese world, as their portraits show. They were bred in 1885 by Mrs. Veley (at that time Miss Lillian Gould), and were by Pho ex Mia, both imported by Mr. Owen Gould in 1884 from Bangkok. At the ill-fated Palace Show which cost them their lives Duen Ngai took two firsts, also specials for best S.H. in Show and best of any variety in Show. Her two brothers also took firsts in their classes.

THE SIAMESE CAT CLUB'S SHOW, SEPTEMBER 21st.

JUDGES—ADULTS, MRS. BASNETT; KITTENS, MRS. WADE.

The Siamese Cat Club held their 4th Championship Show at the Philbeach Gardens Hall, Kensington, on the 21st September. Considering the very trying weather conditions experienced throughout the breeding season this year, the entries were remarkably good, especially in the kitten classes, where the general quality was far superior to the adult classes. Mrs. Wade, judging these former classes, must have had a difficult task in many cases to pick her winners. My train stopping many times between stations to Victoria made me doubtful about arriving punctually for my judging. However, I arrived at the Hall on the stroke of 10, to find many exhibits still arriving to be penned, and many more arrived after, preventing one from starting until

well after the scheduled time. In spite of our late beginning the award cards were on the pens very early, giving much satisfaction to exhibitors and visitors. The Hall filled up well after lunch, so it is to be hoped that the gate returns will make up for the fewer entries made this year in comparison to last. Some of the unaccompanied exhibits came from Devonshire and Lancashire, these being carefully packed and sent off home in good time at the close of the show. Good fortune, in the way of a warm fine day, smiled kindly on the Show, bringing more visitors than otherwise might have responded to the pleading voices of the exhibits, plainly heard calling from outside the Hall. Miss Busted and her many willing helpers are to be congratulated on the

management of the Show, I, for one, not hearing a complaint from anyone. It was nice to see Mr. Percival (Referee Judge) taking an active interest in the Show again, and renewing his freindship with many there. Before passing on to my classes I would like to warmly thank my two stewards, Miss Harmer and Mrs. Martin Timms, for their kind help and patience.

CLASS 1. OPEN MALE, ADULT—1 and ch., Mrs. Duncan Hindley's Simzo; 2, Mrs. O'Grady's Khubsurat; 3, Mrs. Calvert's Tai Long; r, Mr. Wicking's Iamit; v h c's, Mrs. Hindley's Prestwick Puteh Punya, Miss Busteed's Jimbois, Mrs. R. F. Hearnshaw's Andro, Mrs. Veley's Chula Luk of the Forest, and Mrs. Rogers' Baski; h c, Mrs. Law's Beda of Colston. Absent, Mrs. Maturin's Southampton Beau Siam and Southampton Ni-Perm; Miss Busteed's Litason. I walked past the pens in this class before having the exhibits taken out, to see if there was one standing out from the rest, and, looking roughly along, thought I had found it, but on examination proved myself wrong; more of this one later! I gave the 1st and ch. to Simzo, because he excelled in type and his head is the shape I admire, and his eyes are such a nice blue, but his coat has darkened so very much and showed signs of not having finished growing, but it is tight and close lying, and I did not find another (although many had very pale coats) to equal his general aristocratic type in this class. Khubsurat expressed in strong language his objections to being handled, which my stewards were forced to respect! This cat is quite an opposite type to Simzo, his coat is very pale, points clear and defined, eyes a good blue, Tai Long I liked, but he has developed cheeks to his face, robbing it of the wedge shape I found, when holding the cheeks back, and he failed a little in coat colour to the 2nd prize winner. Iamit pleased me very much for better type again, and if his head had not been so strongly barred with tabby markings his place would have been higher in this class. I liked the quality and colour of coat Jimbois possessed, also the density of points. The cat previously referred to "as more later" is Prestwick Puteh Punya; he looked so promising reclining, and I was so disappointed to find, when taking him out of his pen, that he had no colour on paws or legs; his eye colour was very nice, and coat colour particularly. Andro had a fine type of head, his coat was very dark, and his mask rather spoilt by the density of his head colour, otherwise he appealed to me for general good type more than some of the paler ones; his eyes could have been deeper, although they were a sound blue. This cat, being weary of waiting for any possible awards, decided to play truant by choosing the "emergency exit" as a means of escape, but his intentions were nipped in the bud, for he was caught and placed in his pen just as judging commenced. As a class, I was disappointed in the good quality of the exhibits, which were, with one or two exceptions, much below the standard of last year's exhibits. The eye colour generally in the adults left much to be desired. CLASS 2. OPEN FEMALE, ADULT—1 and ch., Miss Dixon's Ch. Simple; 2, Mr. Wicking's Fairlight Gipsy; 3, Mrs. Wood's Chista; r, Mrs. Harvey's Bonzette of Petaling; v h c's to Mrs. Holmes' Jennifer, Miss Busteed's Ch. Kiweena, the Misses Pritchard and Norrie's Simparaval, Miss Smythe's Migoreen; h c's to Mrs. Wilkie's Chunla Scilla and Chunla Chusie. Absent, Mrs. Veley's Flame of the Forest and Major Woodiwiss's Woodroffe Sliwing. Ch. Simple has now four championships to her credit, and is so well known that no further comments are necessary. She looked remarkably well, and was shown in excellent condition. Fairlight Gipsy is a true type of queen in every way; her eyes also are a good blue. I went over the next three again before making a decision, and chose Chista for my 3rd because of her better general condition, but Bonzette and Jennifer as r and v h c would have done better had general condition allowed. Bonzette had so much white blended in her mask, resulting from an illness, and Jennifer (Mrs. Holmes' 4½ years old queen) had not

finished changing her coat, which was quite a good colour for her age. Ch. Ki-weena scored over the whole class for coat colour, which remains a beautiful creamy white in spite of her 30 years, but in head shape and eye colour she must bow to the former cats mentioned in this class. I found much better type in this class than in the male class, but the eye colour in many could have been blue. CLASSES 3 and 4, for Veteran and Blue Pointed and Chocolate Pointed, respectively—Cancelled. CLASS 5. LIMIT, MALE—1, Mrs. O'Grady's Khubsurat; 2, Mr. Wicking's Iamit; 3, Mrs. Rogers' Baski; r, Mrs. Hearnshaw's Andro; v h c's, Miss Busteed's Jimbois, Mrs. Baker's Koung, Mrs. Veley's Chula Luk of the Forest; h c to Mrs. Law's Beda of Colston. Absent, Mrs. Maturin's Beau Siam and Ni-Perm, Miss Busteed's Litason. CLASS 6. LIMIT, FEMALE—1, Mr. Wicking's Fairlight Gipsy; 2, Mrs. Wood's Chista; 3, Mrs. Harvey's Bonzette; r, Mrs. Holmes' Jennifer; v h c's, Migoreen, Simparaval, Mrs. Veley's Mia Song of the Forest, Mrs. Ellaby's Princess Cleo; h c's, Mrs. Maturin's Southampton Myosotis of Petaling, Mrs. Wilkie's Chunla Scilla and Chunla Chusie. Absent, Major Woodiwiss's Woodroffe Sliwing, and Mrs. Veley's Flame of the Forest. A little hitch occurred in this class. Miss Butler's Tono Bungay remained with her litter in another part of the hall, and when judging this class I found her pen empty and nothing to tell me that the exhibit was in the hall, consequently she was marked absent. I had notice of another queen going to her litter, and was able to judge her there instead. CLASS 7. BREEDERS, MALE—1, Mrs. Calvert's Tai Long; 2, Mr. Wicking's Iamit; 3, Mrs. Hindley's Prestwick Puteh Punya; r, Mrs. Veley's Chula Luk of the Forest; v h c, Mrs. Rogers' Baski; h c, Beda of Colston. CLASS 8. BREEDERS, FEMALE—1, Mr. Wicking's Fairlight Gipsy; 2, Mrs. Wood's Chista; 3, Mrs. Wilkie's Chunla Chusie; r, Mrs. Wilkie's Chunla Scilla. Absent, Major Woodiwiss's Woodroffe Sliwing. CLASS 9. NOVICE, MALE—1, Mrs. O'Grady's Khubsurat; 2, Mrs. Calvert's Tai Long; 3, Mrs. Veley's Chula Luk of the Forest; r, Mrs. Hearnshaw's Andro; v h c's to Prestwick Puteh Punya, Jimbois, Baski; h c's to Mrs. Mayrie Hughes' Simon of Sabrina, Mrs. Baker's Koung. Absent, Mrs. Maturin's Beau Siam and Ni-Perm, Mrs. Byatt's Clatterford Boy. CLASS 10. NOVICE, FEMALE—1, Mr. Wicking's Fairlight Gipsy; 2, Mrs. Wood's Chista; 3, Misses Pritchard and Norrie's Simparaval; r, Mrs. Veley's Mia Song of the Forest; v h c's to Mrs. Maturin's Southampton Myosotis of Petaling. Absent, Major Woodiwiss's Sliwing, Mrs. Harvey's Buffy of Petaling, Mrs. Veley's Flame of the Forest, Miss Norton's O'Samara. The cat already mentioned as being absent at the time of judging, Tono Bungay, for the same reason lost an opportunity in this class also. CLASS 11. NEUTER—1, Mr. Newman Flower's Michel Angelo; 2, Mrs. Wilkie's Chunla Hurzie Mull; 3, Miss Chichester's Litaman; r Miss Hobbs' Baa-Baa; v h c's to Miss Ward Higg's Ming of Siam; Mrs. Hanbury's Si, Mrs. Casson Smith's Thakin; h c to Mrs. Hindley's Prajadhipok. Michel Angelo stood out well in this class, he is a very handsome fellow, show in excellent condition, his coat a beautiful even colour and very pale. Chunla Hurzie Mull, another fine fellow, shown in very good condition. Litaman scored in type of head to the other two, but had to bow down to them for coat colour, eye colour, and a more even lying coat, Baa-Baa and the remainder in this class have not had time to properly develop yet, all being much younger cats than the first three and not long neutered. CLASS 12. STUD—1, Mrs. Hindley's Simzo; 2, Mr. Wicking's Iamit. (These classes judged by the progeny.) CLASS 13. BROOD QUEEN—1, Mrs. Ellaby's Princess Cleo; 2, Miss Dixon's Ch. Simple; 3, Miss Butler's Tono Bungay; r, Mrs. Veley's Mia Song of the Forest; v h c, Mrs. Holmes' Jennifer. CLASS 14. PAIR—1, Mr. Wicking's Iamit and Fairlight Gipsy; 2, Miss Busteed's Jimbois and Ch. Kiweena. CLASS 15. BRACE—1, Simzo and Prestwick Puteh Punya. CLASS 16. TEAM—1, Mrs. Ellaby's Princess Cleo, Marko, and Pairo; 2, Miss Dixon's Sibo, Simzette, and Simour; 3, Mrs. Hindley's Simzo, Prestwick Puteh Punya, and Prestwick Peri, r, Bonzette of Petaling, Harebell of Petal-



Mr. Lloyd Lewis' Siamese Stud, Champion Bonzo.

ing, and Marigold of Petaling, belonging to Mrs. Harvey.

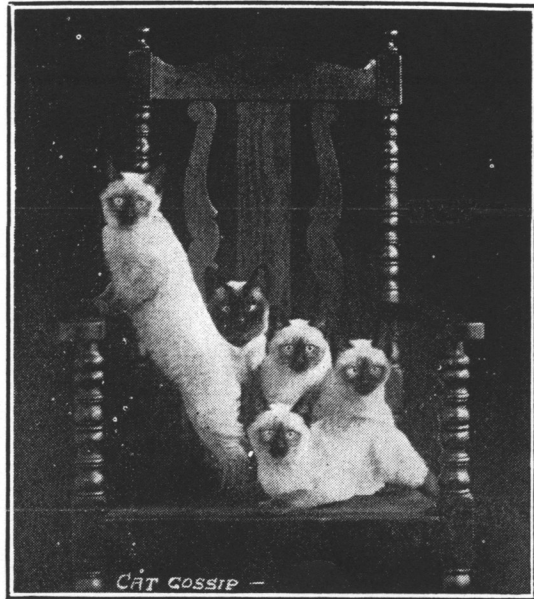
SPECIAL PRIZES—The Sancho (President's) Cup, for best male or female adult, Ch. Simple. The Breeders' Cup, for best male or female cat, bred by exhibitor, Iamit, Novice Cup, Fairlight Gipsy. The Chee Moo Cup, Ch. Simzo, Mikado Cup, for best neuter, to Michael Angelo. The Mary Robinson Trophy, for best adult pair, male or female, Iamit and Fairlight Gipsy. The Ju-Jitsu Trophy, best team, Mrs. Ellaby. The Britannia Cup II., for best brood queen, Mrs. Ellaby. The Ruan Cup, for best stud cat, Ch. Simzo. The Prestwick Cup, Ch. Simzo. The Shovelita Remembrance Cup was erroneously awarded to Chista, whose age I miscalculated as being over the two years necessary, but which now goes to Miss Busted's Ch. Ki-weena instead. The Club Badge goes to Ch. Simzo for best male adult, and to Ch. Simple for best female adult. The National Cat Club's Silver Spoon for best cat, and also the Short Haired Cat Society's Siamese Cup for best adult, Ch. Simple. The Newbury Cat Club's Silver Spoon for best adult bred by exhibitor, Iamit. The Neuter Cat Society's Siamese Cup for best neuter, Michel Angelo. The Southern Counties' Cat Club's Silver Coffee Spoon for best adult cat in show, also the Northern Cat Club's special for best adult, male or female, Ch. Simple. Miss M. Hill-Shaw's Silver Spoon for best blue eyes in adult, male or female, to Ch. Simzo. Mrs. Murray's Silver Special for best slanting (Oriental) eyes, to Mrs. Hindley's neuter, Prajadhipok. Mrs. Marion Cran's Special for the best group, to Mrs. Ellaby. Mrs. Veley's Silver Spoon for best blue-eyed brood queen, to Ch. Simple. Mrs. Ellaby's Silver Special for best adult bred by exhibitor, to Fairlight Gipsy. Mrs. Maturin's Silver Spoon for best adult pair, Iamit and Fairlight Gipsy.

C. BASNETT.

THE KITTEN CLASSES.

By Mrs. Wade.

In my opinion Siamese cats are the most delightful in the world. Does a charming cat make a charming owner, or is it vice versa? Any way, I think the Siamese breeders and exhibitors are the nicest people in the world! There is always such a true sporting spirit at the Siamese Cat Club Show. When I was a kid and first rode my own ponies at horse shows my father said to me, "Remember that any



Mrs. Merz's Miette and Family.

fool can **win** well, but only a **sportsman loses** well." And according to that standard the Siamese exhibitors are true sportsmen. No one groused at me for my awards. Thank you, exhibitors, for being so kind to a novice judge. I was never so nervous in my life, and when I saw the quality of the kittens I was to judge my heart was in my boots. I don't think I have ever seen so many really first rate kittens at any show before. The eye colour was marvellous, and so was the body colour. In most classes I should have liked to have given every exhibit a first prize, and they deserved it, too! Consequently, I took a terrible time making up my mind over some classes, especially in Class 20. There was not a single "dud" kitten in the Show, and that is saying something! May I now say how enormously grateful I am to my two stewards, Miss Kit Wilson and Miss Susan Lowndes. Never did any judge have such topping stewards. Without them I just could not have got through. I must have tried them sorely, for sometimes I had two cats out of their pens as many as six or eight times before I could make up my mind. They both love cats, and handle them accordingly, and I must say all my kittens were most good-tempered in their hands. Miss Wilson came from Nice, travelling for three days, and arrived in London late the night before the Show, simply and only to steward at the Show. She returned to Nice the following day. How about that for practical support and enthusiasm? Personally, I feel it is the biggest compliment I ever had paid me. Thank you, Miss Wilson and Miss Lowndes, more than I can say for all you did for me. And now, Miss Busted; last, but by no means least. That

the Show was the success it always is, is thanks entirely to you. You work like a galley slave for us. You have made the Club and the Show a huge success, and I don't believe you get half the thanks or gratitude that we owe you. You are a dear. Thank you most awfully for everything.

CLASS 17, MALE AND FEMALE KITTENS, over 6 months—1. Miss Bates, Darboy; a very lovely boy; finely grown, with beautiful head, and really lovely eyes; a trifle dark in body colour. 2. Miss Stent, Herself; a lovely little lady, but very small; perfect body colour and points; failed to the winner in eye colour and on size. 3. Mrs. Cotes, Pekois; a female with glorious eyes, but darkish body colour; a very nice kitten. r. Mrs. Harvey, Harebell of Petaling; I should much have liked to have put this female higher; she is really beautiful, with a lovely head and glorious eyes, but she had obviously been ill, and still had a lot of white in her mask; when she drops these white hairs she can't help winning. v h c. Miss Bates, Little Zip; nice kitten, but dark body colour. h c. Mrs. Veley, Ava of the Forest; this kitten failed a little in eye colour. **CLASS 19, MALE KITTENS**, over 3 and under 6 months—1 and best exhibit in show, Mrs. Ellaby, Marko; one of the finest kittens I have ever seen; he has the ideal wedge-shaped face, glorious eyes, and dense points; absolutely typical, and when I say that he beat the lovely Ch. Simple as best exhibit in the show, I have said enough! 2. Mrs. Redfern, Wow; a very fine kitten; lovely eyes and shape, and good body colour. 3. Miss Dixon, Sibó; beautiful eyes and body colour; I had to put her third on account of a kink. r. Mrs. Burke, Sunni-Ming; a very nice kitten, with lovely eyes and good body colour; unfortunately he has a rather curtailed tail. v h c. Miss Turner, Kikimona; good eyes; rather too loose in coat. h c. Miss Chichester, Jackson; rather round in head, nice eyes. **CLASS 20, FEMALE KITTENS**, over 3 and under 6 months—This was a wonderful class, and no kitten lost because it was bad, but just because it was not quite as excellent as the one that beat it. 1. Mrs. Ellaby, Fairo; a little gem; lovely eyes and shape, and really beautiful body colour; she ran her litter brother, Marko, very close for being my best kitten in show. 2. Miss Dixon, Simzette; a beautiful kitten; lovely eyes, shape, and body colour. 3. Mrs. Harvey, Marigold of Petaling; she had the most marvellous eyes of any kitten I have ever handled; unfortunately her coat is rather on the dark side and a bit loose, but I hated not putting her higher. Extra 3. Mrs. Duncan Hindley, Prestwick Purda, a little round in head; r. Miss Dixon, Simour, good eyes and body colour; v h c. Miss Dixon, Rainie, lovely body colour; h c. Mrs. Duncan Hindley, Prestwick Peri, good eyes, coat a bit patchy in colouring. **CLASS 21, KITTEN, BREEDERS, MALE**—1. Mrs. Ellaby's Marko; 2. Mrs. Redfern's Wow; 3. Miss Dixon's Sibó; r. Mrs. Burke's Sunni-Ming; v h c. Miss Chichester's Jackson; h c. Mrs. Baynes' Marley Cote Mick; c. Mrs. Harvey's Saddle of Petaling, good colour. **CLASS 22, KITTEN, BREEDERS, FEMALE**—1. Mrs. Ellaby, Fairo; 2. Miss Stent, Herself; 3. Miss Dixon, Simzette; extra 3. Mrs. Hindley, Prestwick Purda; r. Miss Dixon, Simour; v h c. Miss Chichester, Jilly; h c. Miss Dixon, Rainie. **CLASS 23, NOVICE KITTEN, MALE**—1. Marko; 2. Wow; 3. Sibó; r. Sunni-Ming; v h c. Kikimona; h c. Jackson. **CLASS 24, NOVICE KITTEN, FEMALE**—1. Fairo; 2. Herself; 3. Simzette; extra 3. Pekois; r. Marigold of Petaling; v h c. Mainie; h c. Jilly. **CLASS 25, KITTEN, PAIRS**—1. Marko and Fairo; 2. Sibó and Simzette; 3. Darboy and Little Zip; r. Laddie and Harebell of Petaling; v h c. Chin-Ram and Chinny Poo. **CLASS 26, LITTERS**—All the litters were wonderful, and such big litters, too, with strong, healthy babies; I loved them all, but I do think one litter, which was under a month old, was very young to start the strenuous business of being shown—1. Mrs. Scott Russell, litter of six; a most lovely bunch; very big, very good eyes, and very even as to size; Kuching Kama, you are a wonderful mother! 2. Mrs. French's litter of six; another grand lot, again very even sized and splendidly healthy. 3. Mrs. French's litter of six;

little darlings, with lovely eyes. r. Miss Butler's litter of four, fine big kittens, with very lovely eyes; v h c. Mrs. Gourlay's litter of four, nice kittens and good eyes, failed to reserve on body colour; h c. Miss Dixon's litter of four, very lovely kittens, but one, and I believe two, had bad kinks, very good eyes.

SPECIAL PRIZES—Kitten Cup, for best kitten, male or female, Mrs. Ellaby's Marko. Chepping Cock Robin Trophy, for best kitten bred by exhibitor, Mrs. Ellaby's Marko. Shovelang Trophy, for best kitten pairs, Mrs. Ellaby's Marko and Fairo. Grateful Cup, for best litter, Mrs. Scott Russell's litter of six. Novice Kitten Cup, for best novice, male or female, Marko. Breeders' Kitten Cup, for best male or female bred by exhibitor, Marko. Silver Medal, for best kitten, male or female, Marko. Silver Spoon, for best kitten, Marko. A Silver Spoon, for best cat or kitten, by both judges, Marko. A Silver Spoon, for best kitten, male or female, Marko. Silver Spoon, for best kitten bred by exhibitor, Marko. Mrs. Fosbery's Special, for second best kitten bred by exhibitor, Fairo. The Club's Silver Coffee Spoon, for best kitten in show—Marko. Mrs. Campbell Fraser's Special, for reserve in Class 20, Simour. Best kitten, male or female, Marko. Miss Hill-Shaw's Special for best litter shown by member of the S.H.C.S., Mrs. Scott Russell's litter. Miss Dixon's Miniature Cup, for novice kitten, opposite sex to winner, Fairo. Miss Dixon's Spoon, for deepest blue eyes in male kitten, 6—9 months, Darboy. Miss Dixon's Spoon, for deepest blue eyes in female kitten, 6—9 months, Marigold of Petaling. Mrs. Harvey's Special, for best male kitten bred by exhibitor, Marko.

SIAMESE CAT CLUB.

I am very pleased to say the Club Show passed off once more without a hitch, and I was very delighted to see so many members who came from long distances to it; they journeyed from Wales, Worcestershire, Nottinghamshire, and the South of England, mostly with their exhibits, and they all seemed happy and pleased over the arrangements for their pets. My most grateful thanks to both judges, Mrs. Basnett and Mrs. Wade, who carried out their duties so well, and took endless trouble over their awards. It was a heavy task for novice judges, since the quality at the Club Show and the competition is greater than at any other show during the season. To my stewards, Lady Holt (who, I am sorry to say, was badly bitten), Mrs. French, Mrs. Timms, Miss F. Dixon, Miss Harmer, Miss Bateman, Miss Susan Lowndes, Miss Turner, and Mrs. Yeates, who so kindly undertook the feeding of the exhibits, and Miss K. Wilson, who so nobly came to my aid, travelling all the way from Nice to keep her promise and not to disappoint me, and returning the following day back to her work, I tender my most heartfelt thanks, and I cannot say how grateful I am for all the loyalty shown me. To Mr. Yeates, who came at a moment's notice to help me with the entry book, and to Mr. Lloyd Lewis, who undertook the award cards, I have nothing but the highest praise and very grateful thanks for their most generous help. The public also showed their appreciation by giving us the best gate we have yet had at the four shows already held, and bought some of the best kittens, one having to go to auction since two people claimed it. I am very touched with all the kindness and help given me so generously, and I thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

E. C. BUSTEED, Hon. Secretary.



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Enquiries have come to hand with regard to "Colours" in Chinchillas; by the kindness of the Hon. Secretary of the C.S.S.S. I am enabled to give the following from the Club's standard of points in Chins or Silvers:—"Colour." The undercoat should be pure white; the coat on back, flanks, head, ears, and tail being tipped with black, this tipping to be evenly distributed, thus giving the characteristic sparkling silver appearance; the legs may be very slightly shaded with the tipping, but the chin, ear-tufts, stomach and chest must be pure white, any tabby markings or brown or cream tinge is a drawback. The tip of the nose should be a brick red, and the visible skin on eye-lids and the pads should be black or dark brown. In scale of points, 25 is allotted to colour, 20 for head, 15 for shape, 15 for eyes, 15 for coat and condition, 10 for tail.

Miss Baggs has bred a handsome son of Idol of Hadley; the kitten went last week to join his sire at Eyeley. I hear the youngster has exceptionally fine eyes.

Mrs. Broughton-Hawley is hoping to support Salisbury Show with a large contingent from her cattery. The Show is about 15 miles distant from Ashton Gifford, but the cats, both L. and S.H., will

arrive comfortably by car, and as the Cat Section is in the Market Hall the weather may do its worst! We hope nothing will prevent Mrs. Broughton-Hawley giving her kind help, as the Cat Section at Salisbury Show is a new venture. The Ashton Gifford Cattery has a good record of kittens—16 males and 2 females in three litters—but misfortune overtook an almost perfect tortie through the mother (Funny Face, a great pet of Mrs. Broughton-Hawley's) contracting a chill. Mrs. Yeates spoke very highly of this kitten, and its death was a loss to the tortie cult.

I have just received the yearly balance sheet of the Black and White Club. Its Hon. Secretary has pushed it forward most gallantly, and, considering the size of the Club, its generosity is quite an example, over £11 having been spent during the year on trophies, specials, etc., not including the deficit on the guaranteed classes. A record, I think, for a small Club comprising only about 45 members.

By a well known judge and exhibitor at Thame Show I heard "Cat Gossip" described as "The Social Cat Paper"—rather a good name, was it not? Sounds friendly.

The Maharajah of Kolapur was wishful to purchase more of Mrs. Oglethorpe's blue kittens, but, unfortunately none were old enough at present to be parted from their mothers. I hear the little people, two nice litters, are getting along very well. While Mrs. Oglethorpe is having a pleasant time in Bourne-

mouth, she tells me she purposes a visit to Misses Brown and Bayliss, and will give me on her return some notes on their pets. Bournemouth is a lovely place for a holiday: one can cover by car all the places Thomas Hardy wrote of, including his own house, and the music in the town is of the best.

"Gimlette of Pittachar," Mrs. Colquhoun Fitzgerald's handsome Chinchilla stud, is to travel South next season, taking up his abode for the nonce with Miss Langston. I am pleased to hear this, as I admire him much for his stamina. He will be an asset to southern fanciers.

Madame Péreyrol writes me that Hendon Dauntless took first and championship certificate at Biarritz Show.

I was delighted to hear, when visiting Thame, that the Gaybrook Cattery is most flourishing. It has been a most successful breeding season, fifteen "snowflakes" defying the damp weather! By the way, Miss Walsh has three living white champions, and a good export of some members of this cattery has taken place during the year. We hope, when Miss L'Estrange Walsh's health is more robust, that she will again take her place at our big shows.

Dick of Allington has been sold to Australia, and sails with his purchaser next month; he is by Champy of Betley, and is a fine fellow, much improved since Madresfield. Another of the Allington kittens has gone to that good fancier, Mrs. Aubrey; he is a son of Gimlette's, and Mrs. Aubrey thinks much of him.

Our Editor speaks of the 3d. insurance per £ in last issue's "Gossip of the Week." I invariably insure at these rates when returning visiting queens, and find the rule still holds good at London termini.

GOSSIP OF THE WEEK.

REMEMBER entries for Salisbury (see advertisement) close Monday next. If you support these four classes well more will be provided next year. At the request of Mrs. Broughton-Hawley, who donates a silver spoon as special, a Class for Neuters, No. 76, is added to the original four.

TO A SIAMESE CAT.

With loyal sonnet let me praise my queen;
 Beneath the bushes where she loves to bask,
 Her bright blue eyes light up her dusky mask;
 Her creamy form shows up amid the green.
 Her seal-brown velvet gloves and silken hose
 Proclaim her royal blood; and when she moves,
 With head alert, her gliding swiftness proves
 Some pleasing odour tempts her dainty nose.
 No feline creature can her equal be
 For grace and sweetness, dignity and fun,
 For lissom length of limb, and slim brown tail,
 She is the queen of cats; I love to see
 Her sprightly kittens sporting in the sun,
 And may they soon at every show prevail.

PHYLLIS K. M. LEATHERDALE
 (Member Siamese Club).

BIRTHS.

September 12th.—Miss Rusher's **Ygerne** ("Dinkie," lent to Miss Sladen), three typical Manx kittens, stumpless, by Miss Kent's **Eubonius**, two males, one female.

SIAMESE AND THEIR OWNERS.

By MUANG T'HAI.

From Mrs. Croucher, who lived for some time in the Far East, come the following interesting notes: There are no true black Siamese; there are chocolate Siamese, dark brown with blue eyes; I brought one of them, as a kitten, back with me from Siam, but he died last Autumn. Then there is the Siamese cat which we breed here, light fawn with blue eyes, and there is a brown Siamese cat with yellow eyes.

THE RARE KORAT CAT.

The Korat cat, to which reference was recently made in "Cat Gossip," is blue with orange eyes, and frightfully rare; all the time I was in Bangkok I only knew of two, one belonging to my neighbour and the other to Mr. B. O. Cartwright, B.A. I went on purpose to this gentleman's house the other day to obtain some notes on these cats for you. He told me he was offered £100 for his cat.

THE TEMPLE CAT A MYTH?

There are no Temple cats; no doubt the origin of this idea was the fact that when a cat is chased by the natives he oftens seeks shelter in a Temple; once there he is on sacred ground, and may not be touched. Therefore there are usually many cats to be found prowling round the "Wats" (Temples).

The late King Ramâ VI. did not breed cats; he was mostly to be seen with toy dogs following him about. But I believe his father, King Chulalongkorn (1868—1910), kept some.

[Note by Ed.—It will be seen that Mrs. Croucher knocks some cherished beliefs very hard on the head. As regards the chocolates, at the last Paris Show we saw more chocolate Siamese than we have seen in all our experience before, and really remarkably handsome some of them were. Those of a very decided chocolate, the "half-and-halves," were not so attractive.]

This dreadful year is still taking toll of our breed! Miss Sybil Bate has lost her queen, Pekin, kitting. Pekin was bred by Mrs. Bassnett, and was a favourite of Mrs. Marion Cran. She was the mother of Little Nymph, a winner at the Club Show in 1924. Nymph belongs to Mrs. Bassnett, and has now a family by Croham Boi-bois. Mrs. Bassnett is very busy now, as she has altogether seventeen Siamese kits of various ages, and her 7½ year old Blue Persian, after two "misses," is expecting a family by Mrs. Wade's John of Bedale.

Miss Leatherdale wishes to make it clear that her kitten with the fish-hook tail is not one of the short and kinky ones, but has a long straight tail finished off with the hook.

We mentioned recently that Bonzo, though not present, would doubtless be well represented by his progeny at the Club Show. We should think his family performance must be pretty well a record. Of the 207 entries, 67 were of his get; and these 67 obtained 50 cards, including 13 firsts. The male championship winner, Simzo, and Marko, the best in Show, were sired by Bonzo, this being the second

year in succession his progeny have achieved these distinctions. Simzo has now won his third Champion Certificate, and is a full champion. Simple obtained her fourth certificate. Put in a nutshell, Bonzo progeny made up one-third of the entries, and scored two-thirds of the obtainable first prizes, and all the cards in the class for breeders' female kittens (12).

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