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OBITUARY.

The present parlous state of the Brown Tabby renders doubly regrettable the death of

CH. GARBOLDISHAM MASCOT.

Not only Mrs. Kennaway, his breeder and owner, but the whole Cat Fancy, are the losers by the death of this practically unbeaten son of Holme Surprise Packet and Garboldisham Bran Pie, who was born in 1922, and had already six Championships to his credit.

GOSSIP OF THE WEEK.

WE are sorry to learn that Mrs. Allen-Maturin has been rather severely bitten in the ankle, and cannot yet put her foot to the ground.

WE were shown a curious deformity or freak the other day in the village. A red tabby and white kitten, about a fortnight old, had one forearm bent up from the shoulder in exactly the position assumed by the arm of a person scratching the back of his neck. Further, the paw had but three toes, the middle one of which stretched out straight in front, with un-sheathed claw, like a middle finger when the other fingers are kept closed. The tiny paw reminded one of the foot of some bird. In addition there was a stumpy tail with a knot at the end. This would be attributable to the sire, a reputed Manx.

THE supporters of vivisection showed themselves in their true ruffianly colours at the British A.V. Union's meeting, at Caxton Hall, last month. Long before the time of opening a large number of medical students arrived and took up positions, many of them being from University College, notorious through a recent dog-stealing case. One of their professors,

Dr. Crowden, Secretary of the Research Defence Society, asked permission to come on the platform and reply to Dr. Hadwen. With the usual courtesy of the anti-vivisectionists, this permission was granted, and he was allowed to enunciate his pro-vivisectionist views. One might have thought this courtesy, even if it produced no effect on the embryo medicos, would have caused Dr. Crowden himself to use his influence with his students to ensure that they display an equal courtesy; but no, the anti-vivisection speakers, men and women, were howled down and "limehoused." The police were sent for, and a dozen faced the students, who, however, continued to raise pandemonium until a number were ejected. After a little rest the row started again, and a lady reciter was howled down by the medical hooligans, who, after "ragging" the Countess of Tankerville, who courageously went amongst them, gave a grand finale with stink bombs and rattles!

SUCH are the fair and gentlemanly tactics of the Friends of Torture! (Some of whom we will credit with honesty of purpose, but many of whom we conceive to be **sadistic degenerates**.) Tactics on a par with those of their egregiously leader, Lord Knutsford, who, as "The Abolitionist" records, bargained with a certain Editor that his pro-vivisection article was only to be published if a guarantee were given that **no reply to it be published!** The chivalrous and noble Lord being doubtless afraid his arguments might well be proved fallacious, and thus adopting the manly course of preventing in advance a possible reply!

THE mentality of these young gentlemen (?) was shown up afterwards at the Westminster Police Court, when a student, fined for insulting behaviour, pleaded with the magistrate to be allowed to have his rattle back! Poor loutish, half-fledged cub, he doubtless felt lonely without his noisy toy, the racket of which sustained his courage! Horace Edwin Offord, Braydon Road, Stamford Hill, is the "moniker" of this delectable specimen of "Young England," who, like Tweedledee, "lost his nice new rattle."

LET it not be forgotten that the number of vivisectionists and of experiments in this country **increases yearly** with leaps and bounds; and that, partly because dog owners are constantly working up public opinion against the victimisation of dogs, whilst the

Cat Fancy sits with folded hands, the use of **cats** for the most devilish experiments is becoming more common! Those who do **not** approve of this, see Miss Parker's advertisement, and **HELP!**

WE are sorry to hear from Mrs. Veley that her brother, Mr. Owen Gould, one of the very earliest importers of Siamese, has been very seriously ill, and has had to give up his cats during his long illness, though he is now better.

MISS LANGSTON is sending a cream kitten to Berlin this week—one of Mrs. Soame's—and has recently sent over a blue and a Chinchilla. Miss Langston is determined to put a stop, as far as lies in her power, to the sending over of inferior or faulty stock at good prices, of which several Continental buyers have complained—more power to her elbow says "Cat Gossip."

PAULMENKIE, the imported tortoiseshell Manx frequently shown by Miss Hill-Shaw, his joined the great majority. Miss Hill-Shaw has two new black Manx queens, one with lovely orange eyes, and expects quite a number of kittens presently.

MRS. HIGGINS (Ipswich) has been in great trouble of late, her young son having sustained a serious accident; however, he is, we are glad to hear, now out of danger.

THE growers of tomatoes and melons in Washington Territory believe that cats can solve the problem of the crop failures of recent years in the sections where tomatoes and melons are grown extensively. The cats are to wage war on the field mice that eat the bumble bees that help to pollenate the blossoms. No other insect has the strength to force open the calyx of tomato blossoms as the big buzzing bee.—"Cat Courier."

IN sharp contrast to above is the news we find in "Unsere Katze." It appears that in some district in Saxony, at the instance of bird lovers and of the Orchard and Garden Culture League, a local police order has been made, setting forth that from beginning of March until end of June all cats running about free must be hampered by a little board affixed to the neck and reaching thence to the joints of the fore-legs, to prevent them from climbing trees. Further, to keep a check upon the amount of obedience paid to this law, certain officials will set cage-traps in the orchards, etc., and will be allowed to kill cats caught unprovided with this board. Owners of cats not complying with this regulation will be fined up to £7 10s. "Unsere Katze," naturally, takes a strong stand against this abominable piece of local legislation. In Germany the cult of the bird is far more pronounced than here, and, unfortunately, bird lovers are frequently deadly enemies of the cat, and (as here) are at times not above secretly baiting for neighbours' cats and secretly destroying them. The June number of this paper is up to its usual "champion" form, and, apart from pictures, poetry, veterinary, Fancy, and other articles, contains the

official reports of the numerous clubs formed in Germany to protect the Cat, and we note that just when you read this a public meeting will be held near Berlin to protest against the misuse of the cat for experimental purposes. And here . . . ?

CAT lovers in Berlin are collecting funds for the formation of a Cats' Home in that city, over £125 being subscribed.

MISS WOODS writes from New Orleans: "Even when I'm away down in Dixieland I anxiously await my 'Cat Gossip.' . . . The four kittens I purchased in your country last Fall have never had a second of illness; the pair of Speedwell kits are a joy, as also the pair I had from Mrs. Voss. . . . I was impressed with the photo of the Egyptian Cat Statuette."

MRS. CLARK (Bath), who at one time owned some beautiful Abyssinians, but now only has L.H. blues—has very kindly sent us the skin of old Champion Ras Dasham, who was in our possession for a while. We are placing this skin in the Natural History Museum. Mrs. Clark kindly adds: "'Cat Gossip' is a charming little paper, and was **much needed.**"

LONG-HAIR LORE.

BY MRS. CAMPBELL-FRASER. (Phone: Henden 1019).

"COURT" CIRCULAR.

Ladye Fayre has presented her owner, Mrs. Oglethorpe, with six lovely blue babes; mother and infants doing well!!

Now for our promised cheerful news of the Nantwich Cattery. Mrs. Elliot writes: "I know you like to have news from this part of the world; all my cats are thriving. Mistress Billy Bumpet has visited Mrs. Furness' stud, Kemlin Mask Marvel, who won second prize at Croydon; as Mistress Bumpet has not had a litter since August last year, you can imagine my anxiety to have a family of her's to look after. My other, Queen Delecia, will, I hope, be a proud mother very soon. This queen is by the late Barbe Bleu, ex Japonica, a medium blue, with glorious deep eyes and snub nose, and when in coat she looks terrific, there is such a wealth of it. She has never yet had a litter, so my hopes are, I trust, going to be fulfilled. I have seen many nice kittens by MacAlpine of Stand, and Delicia is really a lovely queen. My two other maiden queens, each nine months old, complete the 'grown-ups' of my cattery just now. I do not intend keeping more than three queens, and later I hope a stud of my own, though that will not be this year. Then I have some very promising youngsters, whom I hope to show—one, by Dazzler, is very pale, with fine eyes and square head, although but 10 weeks old; she is a huge kitten, too, and I am expecting great things from her."

Mrs. Allen Maturin is judging the Siamese Classes at the coming S.C.C.C. Show, on January 24th, 1929.



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In the dim and distant ages I remember reading of a spider who was never abashed, but tried, and tried, and tried again! and the words of that spider often recur to me. Thus they went: "Never say die," said Mrs. Crawley Web the Spider, as at length she reached the top corner of the hen-house, and from her grimy eminence surveyed the weaker struggles of her less persevering rivals—and "never say die" recurs to me once again as I read the following letter from Miss French: "I have little to tell you from the Fancier's point of view, but rather a curious thing has happened this week. I have a five-year-old blue female, daughter of Miss Longley's Little Dorrit and Ch. Azure, and a granddaughter of Hendon Pool-Bah. In her prime she was a most beautiful cat, with all the necessary points, but could not be shown owing to a little growth under one ear. She has been mated repeatedly, both under supervision and 'on the loose'—but every time, though apparently in kitten, she makes her bed at six weeks, there is a slight discharge, and nothing further happens. I had her examined, but no reason could be discovered, and I gave her up as a bad job. Last Monday she produced five mongrel kittens—four of which are alive and, so far, flourishing! I believe this does happen occasionally, but I think Bluebell is rather an extreme case, in view of her age, and the number of times she has missed. Curiously enough my queen, Stella Mount (the tortoiseshell tabby given me by Miss Hotson), who abandoned her two first litters, is now bringing up a fawn-coloured kitten sired by Mrs.

Bryan's silver tabby, Bennie of Serrano. Would that it had been a brown tabby—but one must not expect miracles! I am looking forward to the Kitten Show, though, alas, I have no kitten to put in it."

I am glad to learn that Mrs. McClure, who, after a severe attack of influenza, had a serious breakdown, is now regaining strength during her absence. Mr. McClure is carrying on bravely, and all the cats of the Hillingdon Cattery look in first-rate condition. There is great hope that that beautiful black queen, Ch. Jill of Ashburnham, is in kitten.

Word has just come to hand from Mrs. Yeates that her young stud, Son-o'-Flick, has three fine litters of six to his credit—Lady Fayre of the Court, already mentioned, Miss Peake's Speedwell Tinkerton, and Mrs. Yeates' black queen Waratara (bred by Miss Langton) being the happy mothers. Waratara's litter comprises three very pale blue girls, one blue boy, and two black boys.

Entries for the Kensington Kitten Show number over 300. Unfortunately no black L.H. kittens are being shown.

DEBUTANTE'S DIARY.

Kitten Feeding at Shows.—My personal experience has always been—the less we give our kittens on show day the better the kittens weather the unavoidable changes and excitement—a crowd of folk, strange surroundings, often handled far too frequently, the little excited brains are still more severely tried if

the tiny interiors are loaded with food, which the system is too strained to digest, crowding extra heavy meals—no wonder we court disaster. 'Tis far better to starve that day than over-feed. Feed very lightly, give the food to which the kitten is accustomed, but give less than it would receive on a normal day at home. Myself I do not feed kittens before starting on the railway journey in the morning, as the unaccustomed "jolting" frequently causes sickness, and sickness is particularly painful to either a cat or a kitten. Whatever milk food young kittens have been accustomed to, I should revert to it for show day, and for older ones sponge cake and milk, or a tiny quantity of Brand's essence is easily obtainable. The real "baby feeding" will do no harm, and if the kittens refuse food, do not keep tempting them with variety—believe me, they know best.

A kitten travelling to Scotland, for instance, gets nothing to eat or drink on the way, yet we trouble little about this enforced "fast," and the kit suffers not a whit.

MRS. B. H. SOAME ON BROWN TABBIES.

I must say a few words about this discussion going on in "Cat Gossip" re the brown tabbies being worth reviving. Surely we all agree with Miss L. Hotson that our answer is a decided "Yes"? She says "If only a few of the old Fanciers would take up the breeding of brown tabbies again." Well, I maintain they are taking it up, and trying their best to produce more like Brayfort and Persimmon were. But, alas, we have so few browns to start with. Personally, bad luck follows my efforts so far. I thought when S. Miss Detroit came to me with her long pedigree of browns I really had a start, but then her health broke down, and one litter she had died. Then Mrs. Neate kindly allowed her to run free on her nice farm, the result being that she improved, and chose a blue husband. Now I hear she is ill again, and the kittens almost due, so we fear both for her and her litter. I have another brown queen now, Soame Dinah. She was a gift from my friend, Mrs. Yeates. She is a lovely cat, with grand head and eyes, nice markings, and carried a heavy coat. She has been mated to a brown, and we are anxiously awaiting results. There is a lot of discussion about breeding browns through reds, but I have no faith in it. I had a litter last season from one of my best red queens by a brown stud, and only one of them had any pretensions to being a brown, and she has a red back. Still I hope to mate her to a brown, and see what happens then. Another well known breeder has had three kittens lately from red and brown, and the results are one orange male, one brown tabby with red spots on it, and one blue tabby. Not very encouraging, is it? Still, we all mean to persevere, and one of these days there will suddenly arrive a "winner." (Amen!—Ed.)

SIAMESE KITTENS NOT HARD TO RAISE.

(By Mrs. Naatz, Hon. Sec. Siamese Cat Society of America, in "Cat Courier.")

Commonsense care, the fundamental principle of raising any pet, is applicable to the Siamese. By commonsense care is meant, cleanliness, proper feeding, dry living, quarters, and regularity in worming.

First take cleanliness. Fresh air, clean water, and sunlight will prevent most any disease. We all know that doctors prescribe plenty of fresh air and sunlight for our well being, so why not apply it also to our pets.

By proper feeding we mean not to overfeed and not much mushy food. A Siamese loves raw beef cut in small pieces, cooked lamb with vegetables, such as spinach, carrots, and tomatoes. Canned salad, codfish and haddock one or twice a week is very good for them. Condensed milk mixed with Robinson's patent barley makes a nice light lunch for them at noon. Feed but one meal on Sunday.

With Siamese, as with any other animal, it is absolutely necessary that the living quarters be dry and as near an even temperature as is possible. Dampness is the greatest foe to all kittens, as winter weather does not affect a Siamese as long as they have warm, dry living quarters.

My Siamese cats and kittens are wormed regularly every six weeks with Wilson's imported worm capsules, and I find that these capsules not only worm the cats, but keep them in wonderful condition, as they also are a tonic.

When my kittens are eight weeks old I give them small bones (preferable T-bones or round steak bones) to chew on. **A great deal of the kitten's troubles comes at the teething age, and their chewing on bones before and while teething eliminates most of the trouble.**

When a queen is having her kittens I always use newspaper in the box, for it is absorbent, and at the same time the kittens do not get crushed as the mother turns around, for the paper is smooth, and they slide out of the way. After I am certain that she has had all her kittens I give her a soft bed for them.

In the last two years, for instance, I have raised one hundred and one of the one hundred and twelve Siamese kittens born. This average is high, which shows that there is no possibility of its being just luck, but a strict adherence to what I term "commonsense" care.

BIRTHS.

July 2nd.—Miss F. Dixon's *Simzette*, 5 kittens by Mrs. Hindley's *Prestwick Puteh Punya*.

THE SIAMESE CAT CLUB.

In sending in the report of the General Meeting of the Siamese Cat Club, I am very sorry that I forgot to add Mrs. French's name amongst those who sent in apologies for absence. I am more than sorry to have been so careless, as she wrote me a most kind letter before the meeting, and is one of the many people who has instantly come forward with a most generous offer of help for the Siamese Cat Club Show. I hope we see her wonderful little golden-eyed Siamese at the shows again this year, and I trust she will forgive me for being so careless.

P. WADE, Hon. Secretary.

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