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GOSSIP OF THE WEEK.

WE much regret to hear Miss Cochrane has lost her beautiful blue-eyed white S.H., Ch. Fairy Flax, from an internal tumour. We awarded her her last Challenge Certificate at the Crystal Palace last year.

WE believe in fairness to all, even to vivisectionists! Therefore we regret that having failed to observe a line in "The Abolitionist" we were wrong in stating that Lord Knutsford himself bargained with an Editor that his article be published and no reply allowed. It was that notorious vivisector, Stephen Paget, who did this, and Lord Knutsford presided at a lecture in his honour. Lord Knutsford having described some legitimate A.V. propaganda as "underground methods," "The Abolitionist" remarked that this was rather curious on the part of one who took such a prominent part in honouring one who had descended to far more underground methods. We regret to have done Lord Knutsford this amount of injustice, even though he is a bitter foe to Anti-Vivisectionists, is always pouring scorn on them and their cause, and has been one of the chief opponents of the Bill to exempt dogs from vivisection when this Bill has been before Parliament.

INCIDENTALLY, we would remark that we have now, for the present, said all we have to say on this evil subject, unless anything new, **specially threatening the cat**, should arise. We have done all we can to arouse readers and try to get them to do a fair share in combating this terrible evil; if their apathy is such that (their own pets being safe, **until they stray**) they prefer to ignore matters, we are very sorry for it, but have done our best—"Angels can do no more."

Miss Helen Hill-Shaw writes: "To those who are seeking holiday quarters for their cats I should like to recommend the delightful home and personal care offered by Mrs. Chas. Buffard, of 23, Ross Road, South Norwood, S.E. Mrs. Buffard is a devoted animal lover, and has had many years of experience in the care of both cats and dogs. She has unlimited patience and understanding, and a kindly, happy nature, all of which I consider accounts for her wonderful success in the rearing of kittens and the care of cats.

LONG-HAIR LORE.

By MRS. CAMPBELL-FRASER. (Phone: Hendon 1019).

Miss North-Andrews sent me this week a striking photo of her blue stud, Nicholas of the Broads. I have rarely seen a cat with such a profuse coat, and I feel much interest in Nicholas, having had his brother, both litter sons of my dear old friend, Ch. Colneside Billy Bumpet. The Tower Hill queens have been disappointing this season, refusing maternal duties, all but one, who is in kitten to Nicholas. With her we wish Miss Andrews the best of good fortune.

From Galbraith, Beltinge, comes the welcome news that Miss E. M. Hill is in much better health, and meditating a month's holiday in August, letting her house, and so getting rid of all responsibilities. She does not tell me, but I am sure the red family accompany her, for she loves her pets so, that a holiday without them would be only half a joy. Galdorn's perspective visitors must send Miss Hill early notice.

I came across the other day some of the daintiest of catteries, ornamented in washable paint in the following colours, orange, black and white, and green and black and white—oilcloth and walls all in harmony. In such surroundings no wonder Mrs. Wade's kittens are happy; three blues have it all their own way, pretty pale coloured babes, one with a cherub's face. The home pets are just as one loves to see them, and these trusty friends comprise four Pekes, an Aberdeen, a Siamese queen, with the true wedged-shape face, and a big blue queen. It seemed a pity that the kittens, sired by John of Bedale, are not to be seen at the coming Kitten Show. Miss Atkinson is looking after the mother of two of these kits, and a sister kitten who, I hear, is a great beauty is with Mrs. Buffard.

Mrs. Kennaway is fortunate in having two litters of brown tabbies, sired by the late Ch. Garboldisham Mascot, so we hope that his prestige will live on in his children.

From Northway House, Tewkesbury, Miss Fair writes: "Shelmerdine is in kitten again to Flick-a-Maroo, and is due at the beginning of August, and I hope Ch. Meg is in kitten to Ting-a-Ling. My lovely little blue female, by Ting-a-Ling, nine months old, is coming along splendidly. She is very like Shelmerdine, only a paler blue. I have just acquired a



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litter of five nice Flick-a-Maroo kits from a friend, some of whom I hope to be able to show at Madresfield, and I have also bought in three Ting-a-Ling kits, as I have none of my own, isn't it sickening! Two queens have absolutely refused to breed this year for some reason."

Cornflour is quite a good food for older kittens, but I must draw attention to the note on Brown and Polson's packets: **For Infants.** Cornflour should not be given to infants until teething is well advanced—they cannot digest it before then. The question is at what age is a kitten no longer an "infant"?

That pretty red queen, Karita of Beltinge, is proving herself the best of mothers, and Mrs. Hackett sends the following: "Hendon Red Arate has just cause to be proud of his family if he could only see them! The last two days I have had the babies out in the garden, and Karita is so pleased to show them off; three weeks old last Friday, fat, big, and beautiful, with snubby noses, and squat faces, real Red Indians. Miss Adye (owner of Ch. Endymion) thinks I should show them and their mother. My young daughter is **most** keen to do so, and perhaps we will make a beginning! I shall only be able to

keep one kitten myself, which I think of naming Nokomis, she is so red. I only keep my cats as pets, and three to four is my limit, and now, besides Karita, I have a dear copper-eyed affectionate little blue lady, whom I have named Jenny Lind (daughter to Miss Fair's Northway Ting-a-Ling and Singing Hinny), who expects her first family in early September, and the sweetest cream kit, two months old, I have just had from Mrs. Reynolds Sams (daughter of Firefly and Symbol). My blue tom, Ben Hur, I keep at Usk, Monmouthshire. My boy being at Cheltenham College, I am here during term time, and my younger daughter helps to look after my three lady cats, who only go for a change to Usk in the holidays, while I go backwards and forwards between the two places."

BIRTHS.

July 8th.—Miss Grayton's **Daphne**, 4 kittens by **Ch. Colneside Billy Bumpet**.

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VISITS.

June 10th.—Miss Richardson's **Deare Jane** (tortoise-shell) to owner's blue shorthair, **Anton**.

June 21st.—Miss Richardson's **Robinetta** (brown tabby) to Mrs. Neate's **Guards' Brigade**.



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