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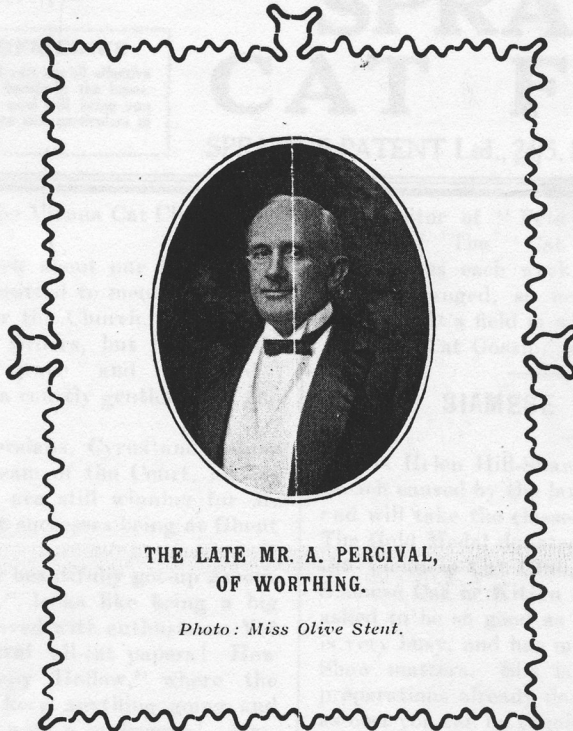
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**THE LATE MR. A. PERCIVAL,  
OF WORTHING.**

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## LONG-HAIR LORE.

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

Miss E. M. Hill and her friends who have been rustivating during this delightful weather, tells me that Brabourne Witch had a lovely litter of six babes on August 19th, sired by Galdorn. One kitten was accidentally killed at birth, but the others are huge, and so forward that one has already started on a "walking tour" to investigate his surroundings. It will be remembered that Brabourne Witch was the mother of Rena and Redmayne, winning kittens at last year's Croydon Ch. Show, both remarkable for their vivid red colour. The pair were bought by Messrs. Brown and Wilson, of Newcastle. Brabourne Witch is a fine big cream Persian, bred by Mrs. Shubbrook from the Ruckholt strain. Ruckholt Wiliyati, her sire, finished his career in the Thorpe Cattery. Ruckholt was the prefix used by Miss H. Lea in days before the Great War.

Again news comes to hand of yet another kitten who carries his tail "au Pom"—flat on his back—this time it is quite a baby kit, and it will be interesting to note whether growth and maturity alters this peculiarity. The kitten in question, a pure-bred blue Persian, is in the best of health and condition, in fact, a remarkably good specimen. The position of the tail gives a very smart appearance, and it would be a curious venture to try and stabilise a breed of cats with this distinguishing feature!

Ashton Gifford House Cattery is very busy, as usual, and many little families of kittens are round about! There are five reds, besides Tritonias' second family, one of which promises, Mrs. Broughton-Hawley says, to be a red self—a real self; this will be a bit of good luck, and their mistress was so pleased that she decided that May Queen, who fortunately had a litter to date, should undertake these valuable babes of Tritonias, as this little lady tires of her infants when about a fortnight old. Papyrus, that beautifully-coated cream, bred by the late Miss Knowles, Mrs. Broughton Hawley's sister, is the gentlest and dearest of cats; he much loves the kittens, and will play and fondle them like a mother. Flickers has some blue youngsters by Ben of Lokie, and Cherry Ripe's kittens hail Ch. Schazada as their sire. Mrs. Broughton Hawley is one of those who keep the flag flying for our much neglected and handsome shorthairs, and I hope soon she will be good enough to send in some notes upon the position of her cattery for the interest of those of us who cherish a weakness for the true English fireside cat. Before passing from the Ashton Gifford Cattery a word of gratitude relative to my sweet-tempered pet, Hendon Eastbury Boglie, who Mrs. Broughton Hawley kindly allowed to pass into my hands, some time after one of the C.C.C. Shows, at his catalogued price, notwithstanding his having annexed a championship at the said Show.

"Cat Emulates Tschingel's Feat" ("Referee")

"There was some talk in the papers last week of a black cat which found its way up the Blumlis Alp, and did not want to come down. The top of a snow mountain is certainly one of the last places in which anyone would expect to find a black cat, or any other cat; but there have been dogs which have learnt to climb the Alps, and have enjoyed doing so. The most notable of them was the dog Tschingel, who accompanied his master, the Rev. W. A. B. Coolidge, on many of his expeditions, and made 53 important ascents of virgin peaks. A stone was specially brought from the Alps to mark the site of Tschingel's grave at Dorking."

Mrs. E. Evans, of Belvedere, has been rather disappointed by her B.T. queens this breeding season, but 'tis good news to hear that Brown Deer is in the best of health, and no doubt some of his progeny will shortly be appearing at our coming shows.

A handsome photo of Nasspean Puck lies before me on the table as I write—a blue laddie, with the heaviest of coats. He was bred by Mrs. Rodgers, and is grandson on his maternal side to Buzz-Buzz. Miss Nepean says: "Puck was only two years old last November, and I have a half-brother of his, sire Lady Eardley Wilmot's Dazzler, rather a beauty, who won a 1st as a kitten at Croydon last year; he is registered Wizard. My queen is a daughter of Ch. Billy Bumpet; I bought her from Mrs. Bazeley two years ago, she has three pretty kittens by Puck. I mated her (Colneside Carla) to Blue Craggie, and Mrs. Thompson, of Kew, bought a female, which she registered Pandora. Mrs. Thompson also bought Juno of Pensford from me, from one of the first blue litters I ever bred. My cats are very happy, possessing four well-built cat houses."

## GOSSIP OF THE WEEK.

WE see in "Cat Courier" that a rancher starting in San Antone Desert brought 300 cats to clear out the chipmunks (a kind of ground squirrel). This they did, and scattered; now the rodents are increasing again, and another hundred kittens are ordered. This is the sort of thing that upsets the balance of Nature, and we foresee trouble over swarms of wild cats ere long. It is but rarely that these introductions of alien animals turn out successful in the long run.

To the list of "Zoological" dances is now, we read, to be added the very latest dance to be introduced to London by Major Cecil Taylor, the movements of which are based on those of a kitten playing with the inventor's shoe laces. If only one dared hope that its devotees would imbue their dancing with one quarter of the kitten's grace of movement, it should surely be a welcome relief from the elephantine gambols or the stiff, agonised shuffle round so often honoured by the name of dancing!

"CAT COURIER" announces, on the authority of one Mehmet Ali, that Vienna possesses neither Cat Club nor Cat Paper. It seems funny to us, after judging,





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but a few weeks back, at the Vienna Cat Club's Third Annual Show!

In our paragraph last week about our late friend, Mr. Gambier Bolton, we omitted to mention that he was originally educated for the Church. We forget whether he actually took Orders, but he certainly always preserved a "grave and reverend" demeanour, and was quite a courtly gentleman of the old school.

We note that the blue Persians, Cyrus and Tamar of Downside, and Day Dream of the Court, all exported from this country, are still winning for M. Armand Steens, their latest successes being at Ghent Show.

THE "Cats" section of our beautifully got-up American contemporary, "Pets," looks like being a big thing, and is evidently received with enthusiasm. Yet America has **already several** all-cat papers! How different from this "Sleepy Hollow," where the Mother Cat-Fancy cannot keep anything going and news had to be extracted with a corkscrew! Mrs. Bassett writes a Siamese article in the August number: Mr. Killip on Manx; Mrs. Wade on Siamese. Mrs. Dobbin does not think much of English white cats, which she considers score in coat only, but concludes: "It will be a shame if the type of blue-eyed whites . . . produced in this country should be allowed to die out, and this long-legged, long-tailed, long-bodied English type takes its place." Well (as they say over there), what do you know about that.

THE Editor of "Pets" writes: "Hear the 'Cat Gossip'! The 'Cat Gossip,' a delightful magazine, comes each week. We know no magazine so nicely arranged, so newsy, so satisfying, as 'Cat Gossip.' Its field is wide, covering all cats. . . . Let the 'Cat Gossip,' and tell you!"

### SIAMESE SHOW ITEMS.

Miss Helen Hill-Shaw has kindly stepped into the breach caused by the lamented death of Mr. Percival, and will take the classes which were allotted to him. The Gold Medal donated, through "Cat Gossip," by the Viennese Cat Club, will be offered for the best Siamese Cat or Kitten in the Show. Exhibitors are asked to be so good as to enter early. Miss Wilson is very busy, and has much to occupy her apart from Show matters. She is feeling the strain of Show preparations already done, please lighten her burden as best you can by timely entries.

### BIRTHS.

August 27th.—Mrs. Dodgshun's *Carina of Langton*, 4 kittens by Mrs. Bergman's *Simeon of Westfield*.

### SANDY SHOW.

AUGUST 26th.

The Sandy and District Floral and Horticultural Society, which holds its annual exhibition in the Park of Sandye Place, by kind permission of Mr. Graves, is



an event which is eagerly anticipated by people all over the country. The exhibits are varied and numerous, and, given a lovely day, there is no more enjoyable fixture. The exhibition this year was held under ideal conditions, and attracted an unusual amount of visitors. Special trains running from King's Cross were crowded, but there was room for everyone and ample provision. By kind permission of Colonel Francis Alston, C.M.G., D.S.O., and Colonel the Hon. H. R. L. Alexander, D.S.O., M.C., we were able to enjoy the music of the massed Bands of H.M. Scots Guards and H.M. Irish Guards, which added greatly to the enjoyment of the day.

A Kitten Section, judged by Miss Langston, and held under the sanction of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy, proved a great attraction, and although there were few kittens present the quality was exceptionally good, many of them being unusually lovely. A very fine marquee was provided, and this was literally raided during the afternoon, and although notices were put up asking people not to touch the exhibits it was quite impossible to enforce this, as owners were crowded out of the tent, and were quite powerless to cope with the situation. People not able to get a good view inside went outside and tore down the sides, thus exposing the kittens to view on every side. Luckily the day was so warm they would not be likely to take any harm. Mrs. Aubrey once more won the coveted honour of Best in Show with her lovely Chinchilla kitten, Langherne Darling. I think I am correct in saying that this is the third time Darling has been Best in Show. When I went to see her she was evidently feeling the heat, because she repeatedly dipped her dear little paw into her bowl of water and then proceeded to wash her face with great enjoyment. Mrs. Aubrey told me that her mother helps herself to cream in the same way, when she thinks no-one is looking! Miss George, as usual, brought a bevy of beautiful kittens with her. One, an exquisite little blue cream, Cheeky Wench of Balbedie, was mistaken by the veterinary for a blue, and disqualified because he thought the little cream patch on her lip was something that should not have been there. It was a great pity, as she was such a little beauty, and would most certainly have done well. Another outstanding kitten was Mrs. Yeend's little blue male, of lovely type, called Mischief of Bredon. He is by Cupid of Callow, ex a daughter of Flick-a-Maroo, and should make history. Miss George also won again with that lovely little blue female, Nectarine of Balbedie, and Captain Guy St. Barbe won with a sweet kitten called Sovinya of Culloden, by Mrs. Yeates' Son o' Flick, ex Thelia of Culloden. Mrs. Thompson penned a charming pair of blues—Adam and Eve of Pensford. She has sold Kinkee of Pensford, by Flick-a-Maroo, ex Jumo of Pensford, to Mrs. Mackenzie, who recently bought Captain Guy St. Barbe's winning kitten, Chang of Culloden. We were sorry Mrs. Western's brown tabby, Unity Malone, was absent. It will be remembered that Mr. Western bought her recently at Kensington from a promising litter of brown tabbies shown by Mrs. Kennaway. It was also a pity Mrs. Sharman could not be present to enjoy the success of her winning shorthair, Papillion of Coryton. The remarks of the crowd on seeing the kittens were most amusing. One woman exclaimed on seeing the cream kittens, "Look at these pink cats." A great many could never have seen a blue before, and could hardly believe their eyes when they beheld these silken beauties of the show bench. Mrs. and Miss Campbell-Fraser came to Sandy for the day, and Miss George, Mrs. Yeend, Miss York, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Thompson, Miss Busted, Mrs. Harpur, Mr., Mrs., and Miss Western, Miss Tyrwhitt Drake, Captain Guy St. Barbe, Mrs. Mackenzie, and others were also there.

BLUE, M.—1, Mrs. Yeend, Mischief of Bredon; 2, Captain Guy St. Barbe, Echo of Culloden; 3, Mrs. Thompson, Adam of Pensford; r, Miss Tyrwhitt Drake, Barney of Borogate; v h c, Mr. Freeman, Ladywell Son; v h c, Captain Guy St. Barbe, Hero of Culloden; h c, Mrs. Mackenzie, Chang of Culloden. BLUE, F.—1, Miss George, Nectarine of Balbedie; 2, Captain Guy St. Barbe, Sovinya of Culloden; 3, Miss Tyrwhitt Drake, Buntly of Borogate; r, Miss George, Optimista of Balbedie;

v h c, Mrs. Thompson, Eve of Pensford; h c, Mr. Freeman, Ladywell Lass; h c, Mrs. Spencer, Howil Dda. BLUE, Breeders—1, Captain Guy St. Barbe, Echo of Culloden; 2, Captain Guy St. Barbe, Sovinya of Bredon; 3, Miss Tyrwhitt Drake, Buntly of Borogate; r, Miss George, Optimista of Balbedie. BLUE, Novice—1, Mrs. Yeend, Mischief of Bredon; 2, Captain Guy St. Barbe, Echo of Culloden; 3, Miss George, Nectarine of Balbedie; r, Captain Guy St. Barbe, Sovinya of Culloden. BLUE, Pairs—1, Captain Guy St. Barbe, Echo and Hero of Culloden; 2, Miss George, Nectarine and Apricot of Balbedie; 3, Miss Tyrwhitt Drake, Betty and Barbara of Borogate; r, Mrs. Thompson, Adam and Eve of Pensford; v h c, Mr. Freeman, Ladywell Son and Ladywell Lass. TORTOISESHELL OR TORTOISESHELL AND WHITE, M. or F.—1, Miss Margaret Morley, Anne Goodcat. CREAM, M. or F.—1, Miss Langherne, Lad's Love o' The Combe; 2, Mrs. Yeend, Mix of Bredon; 3, Mrs. Yeend, Mirabelle of Bredon; r, Mrs. Yeend, Maybelle of Bredon. CHINCHILLA, F.—1, Mrs. Aubrey, Langherne Darling; 2, Mrs. Aubrey, Langherne Dawn. A.O.C., M. or F., Breeders, except Blues—1, Mrs. Aubrey, Langherne Darling; 2, Mrs. Yeend, Mix of Bredon. A.C., Novice, except Blues, M. or F.—1, Mrs. Yeend, Mix of Bredon; 2, Miss Morley, Anne Goodcat; 3, Mrs. Yeend, Mirabelle of Bredon; r, Mrs. Aubrey, Langherne Dawn. A.C., Open, M. or F.—1, Mrs. Aubrey, Langherne Darling; 2, Mrs. Yeend, Mischief of Bredon; 3, Mrs. Yeend, Mix of Bredon. SIAMISE, M. or F.—1, Mrs. Marie Coles, Happy-go-Lucky; 2, Miss Winifred Western, Sieme; 3, Misses Webb, Pook o' Misty Morn; r, Miss Busted, Nessie. A.O.C., Open, M. or F.—1, Mrs. Sharman, Papillion of Coryton; 2, Mrs. Harpur, Mifanwy of Plaiacey; 3, Captain Guy St. Barbe, Speckles of Culloden; r, Mrs. Western, Crazette. A.V. KITTEN, Longhair or Shorthair—1, Mrs. Aubrey, Langherne Darling; 2, Mrs. Yeend, Mischief of Bredon; 3, Captain St. Barbe, Echo of Culloden; r, Captain Guy St. Barbe, Sovinya of Bredon; v h c, Mrs. Yeend, Mix of Bredon; h c, Mrs. Aubrey, Langherne Dawn. A.V. SHORTHAIR KITTEN—1, Mrs. Western, Crazette; 2, Mrs. Harpur, Cream Courtier of Plaiacey; 3, Miss Western, Sieme; r, Captain Guy St. Barbe, Speckles of Culloden; v h c, Miss Busted, Derna; h c, Mrs. Harpur, Mifanwy of Plaiacey.

SPECIAL PRIZES—The Society's handsome Silver Medal for Best Kitten in the Show, the Midland Counties' Cat Club Special for Best Kitten in Show, the N.C.C. Silver Spoon for Best Longhair Kitten, the Southern Counties' Cat Club Silver Coffee Spoon for Best Longhair Kitten, the Newbury Cat Club's Spoon for Best Kitten, Miss Trefusis' Special for Best Female Chinchilla Kitten, all the above specials were won by Mrs. Aubrey's Langherne Darling. The Blue Persian Cat Society's Silver Challenge Cup for Best Blue Male Kitten was won by Mrs. Yeend's Mischief of Bredon. The Silver Challenge Cup for Best Blue Female was won by Miss George's Nectarine of Balbedie. The Silver Spoon for Best Blue Pairs was won by Captain Guy St. Barbe's Echo and Hero of Culloden. Mrs. Coles won the N.C.C. Special for Best Shorthair Kitten with Happy-go-Lucky. She also won the Southern Counties' Special and the Shorthair Cat Society's Special with the same kitten.

M. ESTELLE OGLETHORPE.

## CATS IN CRAVEN.

After a lapse of many years, before the war I was told, cats were again included at Skipton. Three classes were guaranteed by the Yorkshire County Cat Club, and a Household Pet Class was provided by the Agricultural Society's Committee. Entries came up well, and we had a pleasant time, meeting still more new fanciers. Placing awards was a difficult task, but before my slips were handed in Mrs. Budd kindly gave 5s. for Best Cat in



Show. Mr. J. S. W. Budd, of Harrogate, and Mr. L. Atkinson, of Bradford, sportively gave six extra thirds. Blues were rather rusty, and the majority of blue kittens were very shaded. Shorthairs were in good coat, and well shown, beating the longhairs in the kitten class. Mrs. Dodds was a most efficient steward, and saw that all exhibits whose owners were not present had some milk and a little meat. On behalf of the Yorkshire County Cat Club Committee I tender grateful thanks to Mrs. Dodds, Mr. and Mrs. Budd, Mr. L. Atkinson, and all the exhibitors who helped to make our section such a success.

LONGHAIR, Adult, A.C. M. or F. (12)—1, Mrs. Gill, cobby blue female, beautiful eyes, lengthy coat, sweet tempered; 2, Atkinson, blue female, copper eyes, snub nose, coat rather dark, bad to handle; 3, Gardner, blue female, eyes and head not so good as second, dark coat, also bad to handle; extra 3's, Budd, cobby blue female, not-coat of winners, rather shaded; Mrs. Dodds, promising young male, plenty of bone, good skull, lovely texture of coat; r. Budd; v h c, Guy, h c and c, Pick-up; pen 3 wrong class. SHORTHAIK, Adult, M. or F. (8)—1, Best Cat in Show, and extra 3, Kuhnel, nicely coloured, well marked red tabbies; 2 and r, Mrs. Curran, silver tabbies, male well grown and nicely marked; 3, Mrs. Marshall, tortoise and white, good coloured patches; v h c, Marshall; h c, Hough. KITTEN, A.V., 5 months (17)—1, Kuhnel, rich, well marked red tabby; 2, Miss Margerison, promising Siamese, good markings; 3, r, and v h c, Mrs. Soper, promising Chinchillas, leader best head, eyes and coat; extra 3's, Brown and Wilson, blue longhair, good head, ears and eyes, changing coat, very promising; Reed, another nice blue, much younger; Mrs. Marshall, Siamese, coat rather dark, markings goods; h c, Miss McNulty; c, Mrs. Gill. HOUSEHOLD PET (3)—Miss Conray, playful blue longhair kitten, good condition; 2, Mrs. Chew, friendly and contented blue tabby; 3, Gardner, blue longhair, very nervous.

On account of classes being so mixed I made a report on each case, and will be pleased to answer any inquiries by any exhibitor on hearing from them.

ALLISON M. ROYD.

**CHESHIRE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY  
ANNUAL SHOW.  
AUGUST 29th, 1928.**

Under the auspices of the C.A.S. once again we were allowed a Cat Section, and for the first time allocated a special tent. There were six classes—Shorthair, 12 entries; Longhair Male, 9 entries; Longhair Female, 11 entries; Longhair Kitten, Male, under 9 months, 5 entries; Longhair Kitten, Female, under 9 months, 10 entries; Longhair Kitten, under 4 months, any sex, 28 entries; record entries, 75. Mr. G. A. Townsend judged, and what the onlooker particularly notices in his judging is his patience and his accuracy for every detail. He was ably stewarded by Mrs. Elliot and Miss Wrench. The Roo Dee, where the Show is held, is beautifully situated, the River Dee running alongside and the Welsh mountains in the distance, and a happy day is always spent. It would take too long to mention all friends in the Cat Fancy who came along to make the Pussy Section such a success, but we did welcome Miss George, who came all the way from Worcester, and was awarded a few prizes, and, I believe, sold a kitten. Awards:—

SHORTHAIK, M. or F., any age, any colour—1st and 2 Specials, and Best Cat in Show, silver tabby, Mrs. Curran, beautiful markings, fine head and eyes; 2nd, red tabby, rich red, good markings, Mr. R. Kuhnel; 3rd, red tabby, Mr. Hough, good markings, failed in deep colouring. LONGHAIR, M., any colour, adult—1st and Special Best Eyes, red tabby, Miss Lowe, gorgeous colouring, magnificent cat, well worthy of his honour; 3rd, blue, Mrs. Stirzaker, a huge cat, splendid limbs and long coat, uneven in colour. LONGHAIR, F., any colour, adult—1st and Special Best Female, blue, Mrs. Jarvis, beautiful even colour, grand head and small

ears, very long coated; 2nd, blue, Miss George; 3rd, tortoiseshell, Mrs. Tomlinson, well patched, rich colouring, fine head, short of coat. LONGHAIR KITTEN, under 9 months, any colour, M.—1st, blue, Mrs. Hoult, even colour, but on the dark side; 2nd, red tabby, Mrs. Tomlinson, rich colour and fine head; 3rd, blue, Miss George. LONGHAIR KITTEN, under 9 months, F.—1st, blue, Mrs. Comber, beautiful pale shade, deep colour eyes, an easy first, and much improved since Manchester Show; 2nd, red tabby, Mrs. Tomlinson, splendid markings, deep coloured eyes; 3rd, blue, Miss Buckley, deeper in colour than winner and not so even, good head. LONGHAIR KITTEN, under 4 months, any colour or sex—1st, blue, Mrs. J. Lewin, a lovely baby, most promising; 2nd, blue, Mr. I. Hackney; 3rd, blue, Miss Buckley.

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