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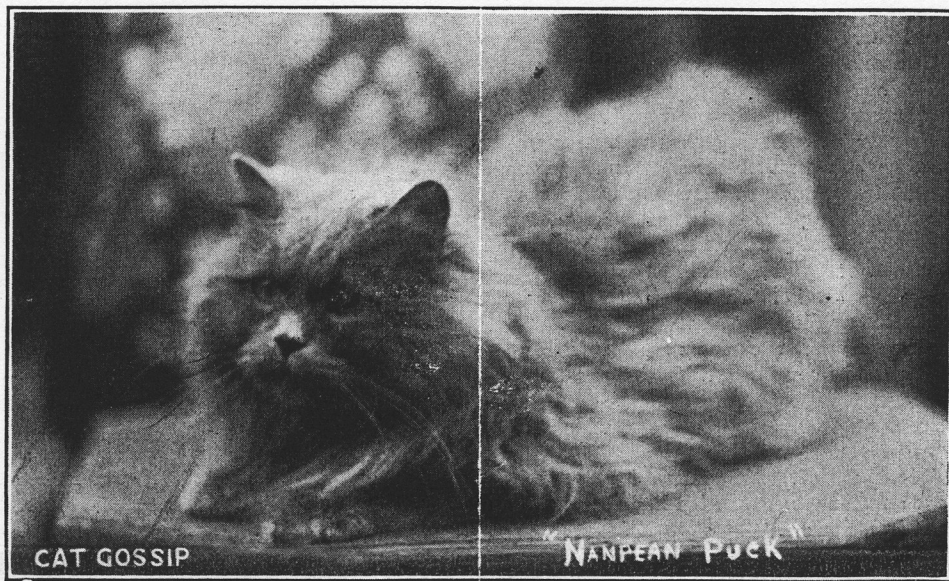
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MISS NEPEAN'S YOUNG BLUE STUD "NANPEAN PUCK."

OUR ILLUSTRATION.

Nanpean Puck, Miss Nepean's young blue stud, was bred by Mrs. Rogers, of Surbiton. A grandson on the maternal side of Buzz Buzz, and on the other of Blair Athol. He is now in the prime of life: a massive cat with broad muzzle, good bone, and plenty of coat. Some of his kittens have already made their mark at shows. He is very good-tempered with queens, and his kittens seem to inherit his disposition. He is placed at stud in our business columns.

NOTICE.

Please do not post any matter for "Cat Gossip" to Bishop's Hull after Thursday night, or it will be delayed. From then until Friday, 28th, morning post, address all communications to H. C. Brooke, Regent Palace Hotel, Piccadilly Circus, W.—where Mrs. Brooke and self will be staying.

SIAMESE AND THEIR OWNERS.

BY MUANG T'HEAL.

Mrs. Allen-Maturin's team of Siamese joined our stud columns last week. It will be observed that a new member is present, in the person of Dicky de Luxe, a proved stock-getter and an exceptionally sweet-tempered cat.

For some time the great topic of conversation in Siamese circles has been the campaign carried on in a certain quarter to seduce some members of the Club (the "seducer" not having the pluck to openly approach the whole membership) from their allegiance to the Club, and get them to form a rival Club. We have nothing but contempt for a person who, **whilst still remaining a member**, endeavours to injure the Club in every possible way! There is an old proverb, "It's an ill bird that fouls its own nest," which seems applicable to such action. Every attempt has been made, by rude (to put it mildly) letters and so on, to injure the Club and the Show. We are, therefore, pleased to note that the Club has sent out a circular letter to its members, which will open the eyes of many, we think, to the state of affairs, and we only wish it were possible for the members to see the abusive letters, which have been thick "as leaves in Vallombrosa."

In view of the determined efforts made to injure the Show, and prophecies of failure (the wish being father to the thought), how bitter it must be to the parties concerned to learn that there is the grand entry of 125 cats, over 60 special prizes, and £25 in donations!

Thus has the Siamese world shown its opinion of a campaign of backbiting, and of the tactics of any one who puts up a bluff and, when it is called, complains. May it prove a salutary lesson.

A correspondent—incidentally, one of our best known and respected pioneers of the Fancy—writes that she and many others were astonished and disgusted at seeing the notice in a contemporary of the death of Mr. Percival, considering the treatment the

deceased had received at the hands of the writer thereof, and that such obituary notice would have been far more suitably written by any other person, it constituting, in the circumstances, the very essence of bad taste.

Mrs. Ellaby writes regarding Mrs. O'Brien's statement that Siamese take no interest in Catmint (by the way **is** this Catnip?) that she has been compelled to fence in her bed of this plant as her cats squashed it flat, revelling in it.

It is most unfortunate that Mrs. Cran has been strictly forbidden by her doctor to judge, as her heart is not strong enough to stand the strain. The kittens will, therefore, be judged by Mrs. Hindley.

Miss Bateman is feeling very sad at the recent death of her queen, Lady June Noisette, from pneumonia. Although never herself exhibited, her kittens were very successful. She had several blue-pointed kittens, which took the Bluboi Cup at the Club shows; Junetta was another winner. Croydon, Worcester, N.C.C., etc., have all seen June's progeny take premier honours. Miss Bateman has now, thanks to the kindness of Mrs. Harvey, that very charming cat, Marigold of Petaling.

Mrs. Ellaby's Bello has recently taken to snake-hunting, and has brought in several specimens.

Mrs. Wade writes: "We are going to have a record Siamese Cat Club Show with regard to entries, donations, and special prizes. I have many, many kind and generous friends to thank for this, but I do publicly want to thank Mr. Edmonds, the Secretary of the Governing Council, for all his help and kindness. People **will** leave the registering of their cats until the very last moment before entries close, which naturally gives Mr. Edmonds a terrible amount of extra work at high pressure. Nothing is too much trouble for him. His help, patience, and good temper are marvellous, and I for one want to thank him most heartily. I regret to say that Mrs. Cran cannot judge for us on September 26th. I have had a letter from her doctor absolutely forbidding it. He says: 'She is only carrying on by the sheer energy of her nature. I have been obliged to warn her that she must very materially reduce her activities, at any rate for some time to come, otherwise there is no question she will have a very bad breakdown.' Mrs. Duncan Hindley has very kindly undertaken to judge kittens in her place. She is so well-known as one of our most successful breeders and exhibitors that I need say no more about her, except to mention that I think we are very lucky to have secured her at such short notice. I regret to announce that owing to the illness of the Siamese Minister in Paris, his Highness Prince Vonvaidya will still be out of England. He writes: 'I have to be in charge of the Delegation to the Assembly (League of Nations) and the Paris and London Legations as well. Siamese cats are usually a little bigger than European cats; front part of the body small in proportion to the hind part; grey-blue eyes; tawny coloured short coats; their tails have a kink at the



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end and darker in colour towards the tip; black mask. They feed on fish and mice.' He adds: 'I am sure the Cat Club know more about it than I do.' I wonder. Anyway I am very interested. I have always thought we made a mistake in barring a kink, and I am interested to see he says the colour should be 'tawny,' not cream. I sent him our standard of points, and this was his reply. Lady Cook will take his Highness's place, and speak on Siamese cats.'

Mrs. O'Brien (Chicago) wishes to thank the Siamese lovers who have written her, and to whom she will presently reply.

THE SIAMESE CAT CLUB. (COMMUNICATED.)

As the 5th Annual Siamese Show is now close at hand the members of that Club will probably be interested to hear of the progress made. The most successful year hitherto was 1926, when 107 cats were entered, and the entrance fees amounted to £59. The Show of 1927 was not so successful, and both the number of cats and the entrance fees dropped—the former to 86 and the latter to £47. This year the number of cats is 127 (322 entries), and the entrance fees £64, thus not only exceeding last year's figures, but actually beating the Club's previous record by a handsome margin. The donations are also greater than they have ever been before, and there are over 60 specials.

Since the General Meeting last February four old members have resigned and 39 new members joined.

This is also a record, and the Club is to be warmly congratulated upon the happy manner in which Mrs. Wade has worn the Hon. Secretary's mantle, transferred to her from Miss Busted. The duties of Show Manager were accepted by Miss K. Wilson, and although she pleaded inexperience in this particular capacity, the success of her efforts will make a similar plea in the future impossible. It is both Mrs. Wade's and Miss Wilson's first year, and no praise could be too high for an enthusiasm which has created records all along the line. The entries and donations have come from both the old and the new members, and most of the well-known older cats will be present at the Show to compete or compare with the younger generations.

While they will appreciate the work done on their behalf by Mrs. Wade, Miss Wilson, and the Show Committee, the Club members should also congratulate themselves upon the generous spirit in which they have supported their new officials. It is to be hoped that this loyal and generous spirit has for ever closed the schism of last year, and that the success of the forthcoming Show will knit the Siamese Cat Club into a strong and happy body, to which one may be glad to belong and may be pleased to give service.

BIRTHS.

September 10, 1928.—Mrs. Oglethorpe's **Dainty Ladye of the Court**, 5 perfect pale kittens (3 male, 2 females) by Lady Eardley-Wilmot's **Ch. Gentleman of Henley**.
September 15th.—Mrs. Sharman's **Jessamy of Coryton**, 3 fine male kittens by Owner's **Puck of Coryton**.



MRS. CRAN RETIRES FROM THE FANCY.

It is with unfeigned and sincere regret that we publish the following letter from Mrs. Cran. We may hope that things may yet improve, though we know, from experience in our own family, that a weak or faulty heart is a thing which can never be made light of, and that whatever seeming recovery may be made, the greatest care will always be necessary. To one whose life has been so active as has Mrs. Cran's—for she has travelled the world in search of matter for her works, many of them on behalf of the Government—a life of inaction will, we feel sure, be specially unbearable. It is a good thing that she is so fond of gardening, a restful hobby if one takes it quietly. Many will miss her bright presence at the Shows, and in journalism, too, her work, if it ceases, will be much missed. She was one who was not afraid to bring into her catty writings that touch of sentiment which added so much to their beauty, although, in these terribly commercial-minded days, sentiment is liable to be severely frowned on and snubbed.

We feel sure Mrs. Cran, if she drops the Fancy, takes with her the very best wishes of all true cat-lovers, amongst whom includes himself.

THE EDITOR.

TO THE EDITOR OF "CAT GOSSIP" AND ALL GOOD FRIENDS.

The doctorman has forbidden my judging on the 26th, so I must say good-bye to the cat world. It is not easy dropping out, because I have enjoyed it all tremendously, and found much fun, many friends, and lovely animals there. Very lovely, loving, loveable animals. To the nervous strain of writing, which only my fellow-craftsmen will appreciate, and of lecturing and broadcasting, I have had also much hard work in the garden, the incessant toil of travel in all weathers up and down from my remote home in the Kentish Weald, and an **overwhelming** mass of correspondence. There have been times when the sight of my desk frightened me! The work keeps on

increasing, and I am warned that the borders of it must now be defined; so I have to give up the Cat Fancy . . . because I have been overworking . . . and I would like now to say "Good-bye" to everyone in the friendly columns of this enterprising little journal. We travel the same road to the same dusk; I am of the generation which goes now toward the twilight. I hope we shall leave a band of young enthusiasts, clean and straight, to carry on the work for us, as we fall out one by one; for we have loved and served the graceful, sensitive, dumb creatures with all our strength in our day, and we wish them well in the years to come at the hands of those who follow.

September, 1928.

MARION CRAN.

LONG-HAIR LORE.

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

"Something old, and something new,
Something borrowed, something blue." Anon.

From the pen of Mrs. Jarvis come the following notes: "The Mersey Persians. The Mersey cats had their 'becomings' in the days of my childhood, when, as one of a large family, I played at amateur theatricals with my sister and brothers, enshrouded in my grandmother's silken and be-fringed trappings of long ago, which were donned with great pride when loaned for this purpose by my mother. We saw nothing unusual in the patience of my pet cat, who also submitted to be dressed in doll's clothes, and wheeled in a doll's pram, afterwards being rewarded with buttered sponge cake and cream. Nor in the spectacle of my younger brother departing for an afternoon's fishing with rod and basket, accompanied by his cat, Woody, a very large sleek and shining tabby, who sat beside his master hour after hour waiting for a bite. They were treasured creatures, unfortunately unable to speak, but their pleasure and their woes were ours; they participated in our play, and hindered our lessons as they would. One cat, clad in a red jacket and a pair of slack velvet shorts, made to accommodate its tail, walked into the presence of a distinguished visitor, much to his amusement and our discomfiture! It is easy to revert to the loves of one's childhood; one invites them to return to fill those little niches (left in the heart by some of life's sorrows and disappointments) with animal love. My showing days have been crowned by many successes since 1925. Mersey Atholine, my best blue queen, has made her mark, and will, I hope, continue her winning career. Mersey Star of Eve is my black queen, daughter of Dan Derby of The Cottage, ex Bibby of Lyndhurst; she is a beautifully shaped cat, with the deepest of orange eyes; she has one first prize and two seconds to her credit. Mersey Patchwork is a well-patched promising tortie kitten of three months, already winner of a first; she is sired by a blue, ex a tortie dam. Miss Langston, judging, spoke highly of her. Mersey Prince Athos is the blue Persian stud of my cattery, and I also have two

fine blue short-haired males; they promise success. Three things are essential to cat-keeping. They are: 1. Patience. 2. More patience. 3. Most patience."

All who have had the pleasure of meeting Miss Elsie Hydon will welcome her return to the Old Country. Now visiting her paternal home in Somerset, she promises a run up to London during the latter end of the month, and we shall no doubt find her at some of the shows of her loved four-footed friends then taking place. She tells me Croydon Dog Show on the 25th is one of her certainties, and I expect the Siamese Ch. Show, the day following, will be another. I do not know for a certainty that the Bogota world-famed catteries contain any of this fascinating variety, but it will be up to the exhibitors that day to persuade her to annex some specimens. It is always most interesting to hear Miss Hydon's views regarding the relative qualities of the American cats compared with those of the Homeland.

From Gunnersbury: Mrs. Freda Smith has purchased from Mrs. McClure that nice snub-nosed blue queen, Dainty Dulcie of Rayleigh, daughter of Jester of Hadley. Colneside Sonia is her "stable companion."

I want to remind readers that Mrs. Mansfield Sharman, Hampton-on-Thames, is now the Hon. Secretary of the Neuter Cat Society. Mrs. Sharman, though a very busy woman (amongst other good works being Commandant of the Girl Guides), gives a large portion of her spare time to the furtherance of the cat cult, and many lovely specimens are to be found down at the Coryton Cattery—comprising chiefly Chinchilla and Red Persians. Now for a little description in her own words: "Here's for my cheery news: Trysha had her Shere Khan kits on Sunday last, two red girls and one cream boy. I thought the boy was never coming; the girls were born at 0.15 and 0.45 a.m., and the boy did not arrive until 3.45. They are nice kittens, and the three together at seven days old weigh 1lb. 10ozs., so you can tell they are pretty hefty. Langherne Betty, my Chinchilla, expects hers any moment now, she generally waits four days over time, which brings her to Wednesday, and Jessamy is due on Friday. We are very excited about her, as you may remember we had given her up as a bad job, and had decided to have her neutered, but Puck arrived, and all is well. A good advertisement for her, isn't it? The Gaffe (Trysha's mistake) is turning out a short-hair after all, so he will have to be re-registered. I have also a dear Siamese person, who is the killingest soul! She is not as long as Julie's nose, but yet she will turn her out of her bed or anywhere else, if she, Nush-Ki, wants it!"

Now with all due deference to my kind friend, Mrs. Sharman, I do not think she need have worried over Jessamy—her winning Chinchilla kitten at the S.C.C. Ch. Show last January. Consider the lady's tender years—she was born on the 12th May, 1927.

Re advertisements, Mrs. S. E. Tomlinson writes: "In answer to advertisement I put in 'Cat Gossip' regarding Sandstone's two kits for sale, I received

a letter from a lady in Illinois, U.S.A., desiring a red without markings (a self). I have not seen one yet, but if any of our friends of 'Cat Gossip' have such a male kitten and will let me know, I will give them the address."*

* Note by Editor.—"Cat Gossip" circulates in the U.S.A., Canada, South Africa, Australia, France, Belgium, Austria, and Germany. Verb. sap!

GOSSIP OF THE WEEK.

MRS. FOSBERY asks us to state that she will be away at the Yarmouth Conservative Conference from 26th—28th inst., and schedules must be out by then. She still requires help in the way of guarantees and donations, especially in S.H. She hopes to be at the Siamese Show in the morning to seek support in this section, but is not sure if it will be possible. Well-wishers to Newbury C.C. Show are asked to help. Specials still wanted for "Bests" in each section. SIAMESE Show visitors are reminded the nearest station is Earl's Court Tube.

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