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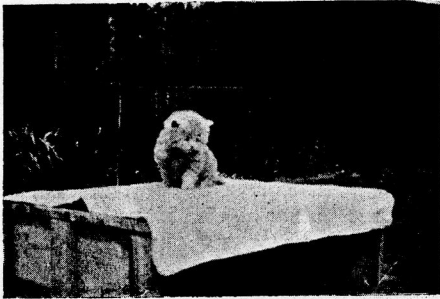
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Mrs. Elliott's kitten says:

"I am the pride of 'Moorings' and my mistress's heart. I am one of the loveliest kittens you could wish to see (although I says it as shouldn't!). My mother, Mistress Billy Bumpet, says she has never had a better kitten than I. I do not mew when hungry like my little brother, but wait quite patiently until mother chooses to come back. We have a nice house with two large windows in, just for our family, and a run attached, but I am only a month old, so I do not yet run in and out, but gambol on my hay bed in a large tea chest. Although I am over-little to concern myself about the future, I do wonder what it will bring for me? Shall I live always with my rather peremptory mummie and my adoring missis, or shall I adorn the London show pens, and grace another home?"

"My little brother, who is the talkative one of us, is going to London to live with Miss Hilda Cleary, and make a name for himself, but until now my fate has not been decided. Our kind friends, the Yeates, have returned from their summer holidays, and so Son o' Flick, who has been staying with us, has gone home again. My missis is so silly she cried when he went, and never nursed me all day; I sulked in the corner of my box until I couldn't bother to any more.

"But our good Editor will say I've talked enough, so good-bye everybody, and I wonder if any of you will take such a fancy to my portrait that you will want to buy me—if so, my price is not a fancy one.

"POLLY FLINDERS.

"'Moorings,' Willaston."

GOSSIP OF THE WEEK.

CAPTAIN POWELL writes: "I am sorry to see that your efforts to establish an orange-eyed white class have not met with due response. The kitten I re-

ported on at Kensington Show should turn out a very fine specimen, as it was blue-bred and had the purity of colour one would expect to find." The lack of interest taken is, alas, but another sign of the deadly apathy which has been deplored by so many writers, and is really a blight on the cat world.

THE Secretary of the Cat's Protection League (Mrs. Avery) personally protested to Sir Harry Lauder against the manner in which the cats used in a recently made film were terrified. It appears they were syringed with water, shots were fired from a pistol, and objects thrown against the scenery near which they sat. Some, it appears, were reduced to a pitiable state of terror. We have seen no reference to **this** side of the question in the Daily Press, which was quick to seize on the humorous element when owners brought some sixty cats to the studios in answer to an advertisement.

A MAN has got fourteen days for hanging a cat, which suffered for twenty minutes. A neighbour who "remonstrated" was told to mind his own business. But what a state we've got into, where we hardly dare say "Bo" to a goose, but must run and tell the police. Unless the neighbour was a very old man or a cripple, why did he not "remonstrate" with a broom, a spade, or any useful toy handy? That's the sort of thing that "puts the wind up" such people more than fines or imprisonment. That man should daily go on his knees for the rest of his life and thank his stars it was not **we** who did the "remonstrating!"

We fancy we hear some of you murmuring "It's all about Siamese nowadays!" Now, do you know the remedy for that? Send in your news—never fear but we'll find room for it. Do not do like a certain lady—a very old fancier, too, who should have known better—an eminent fancier of let us say Green Persians, who wrote stopping her subscription "because nothing ever appears about Green Persians in 'Cat Gossip.'" Now, we had written that lady asking her to keep us supplied with Green Persian items—she had promised to help, nothing more was heard from her, and she dropped "Cat Gossip!" Could inconsistency go further?—and was it fair to us? Go not thou and do likewise! Pity the worries of a poor devil of an editor.

We observe in "Les Tablettes" that at the recent Antwerp Show a number of morocco cases containing money were presented by the Dowager Duchess of Cray, for those children who took the best care of

their cats during the year. It is just these little "touches" which make so many Continental Shows—and, he it added, Continental papers—so much more interesting than our English ones, with their terrible air of commercialism and efficiency, and absolute lack of sentiment, which, if allowed to appear from time to time as in certain of Mrs. Cran's writings, is liable to be severely snubbed. Business is business, certainly—but are we the better for this lack of all sentiment? without a touch of which a "Fancy" must sink to the practical but unpoetical level of, say, cattle-rearing.

LONG-HAIR LORE.

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

From the Maythorpe Cattery, the home of many reds and tortoiseshells, Mrs. Tomlinson sends the following little budget of news: "This year for me, with regard to breeding, has been a poor one, but from the 'health' point of view a record, for with the exception of one or two head colds I have had no sickness. I attribute this to allowing my pets as much liberty as possible, plenty of fresh air, and no dosing, with the exception of a worm tablet occasionally. Nature usually does its own work, a lesson we may well learn. My tortie, Lady Maythorpe, usually presents us with two families in the year, but this time, although two visits were arranged, nothing has transpired. She is, however, in splendid health and condition, and if all goes well I am hoping to show her at some of our Ch. Shows this season, when I hope she may even yet, although in her sixth year, pull off her third champion certificate, and so become a full champion. Her daughter, another tortie, whom I am going to register Autumn Tints, so far as breeding is concerned has followed in her mother's footsteps, but as she is only 13 months old I am leaving her until next year, as I am not keen on winter kittens, and I think mistresses, as well as pets, require a little rest. Autumn Tints is a beautiful colour, and if she will only produce the length of coat she had as a kit, should have a future. She made her début at Chester Agricultural Show, a fortnight ago, and took third prize in a red hot class, any colour, 10 or 11 entries. Sandstone, my red tabby queen, has upheld the honour of the Maythorpe Cattery by presenting us with four lovely red tabbies by King of the Reds. Two have gone to new homes, and two still waiting, nearly five months old now, and all is going well, and I am expecting another litter from Sandstone by Red Viking any day. Peter, my old red neuter, is in his 13th year, and wonderfully well."

More kittens destined to cross the briny! Miss Elsie Hydon is out on the "long trail" to find and secure some of our "Balls of Fluff." That they must be "top hole"—of our very best—goes without saying. Two blue Persians have already been bespoken, one a child of Simeon of Westfield, the

other a kitten by Flick-a-Maroo, dam Sweet Lavender of Dunesk. This queen is a daughter of the lamented Wildflower, whom Mrs. Brunton lost from pneumonia in the midst of a winning career; and Lavender herself, when under Miss J. M. Fisher's ownership, was "best blue kitten in show" at the last Southern Counties. Miss Hydon is also anxious to discover several typical Poms, for which breed the Bogota Kennels are already famed.

"Stir it, and stump it, and blow your own trumpet, or, trust me, you haven't a chance." Most people know the above comes from W. S. Gilbert's "Rudigore"—'tis sung by Robin Oakapple, the disguised Baronet, who is "cursed" with diffidence! Now to approach the point. I have bought from Mrs. Mackenzie a very promising young black daughter, sired by my Hendon Eastbury Boglie; she excels in eyes, and has a sweet chubby face. Being an only child, she is big for her age, and will probably be spoilt—the usual lot of the one and only! I have sold to Mrs. Jarvie a black male kitten, the sweetest natured thing in the world; he was the "white-headed boy" of the family.

Three boys and two girls have arrived to gladden the heart of that excellent mother, Dainty Ladye of the Court—Ch. Gentleman of Henley, the best living son of Barry Blue John, is their sire.

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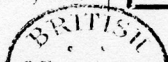
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and then the brush and comb must be doing its daily office on the coats of cats and kittens intended to grace the show bench. Competition is extremely strong nowadays, and even a good cat or kitten may lose place through being badly shown. Good health is the first great factor, care and attention follow closely.

THAME SHOW, 1928.

Thame Show, which was a record one, was favoured by glorious sunshine, which made everyone feel happy. The exhibits were varied and numerous, too numerous to narrate, so I must confine myself to the Cat Section. Miss Langston, one of our most popular judges, very kindly consented to take the onerous duty of judging. The cats were penned in a roomy marquee, one end of which was devoted to cage-birds and table decorations. The coveted prize for best in show was won by Lady Eardley Wilmot's Eliza. Miss Campbell-Fraser came for the day, and brought her beautiful black female, Ch. Lorina of Hadley, which took first prize; she is a beautiful black queen. Miss Campbell-Fraser also took first prize with her tortie kitten, Hendon Pitti Sing. Miss George and Mrs. Oglethorpe brought two beautiful blue males, both prize-winners. Mrs. Fosbery was very much to the fore with her well-known reds, with whom she secured four firsts. The kitten class was a very strong one, the kittens varying so much in age and size to say nothing of beauty. They were a most attractive lot. Among the visitors I noticed Mrs. Yeates, her first visit to Thame Show I believe. There were several others, including Mr. Western, but by the afternoon the tent was so besieged by people it was very difficult to distinguish anyone; however, each and all appeared very happy and contented, and the cats came in for a great deal of admiration, which must have been very gratifying to their owners.

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SHORT-HAIR.—STAMIESE ADULT—1. Mr. F. G. Woodgate's Skimps of Strover; 2. Colonel J. K. Walker's Jane of Abingdon; 3. Colonel J. K. Walker's Valiant. STAMIESE KITTEN—1. Mr. Western's Sieme; 2. Mrs. de H. Pickard. A.O.V., Adult—1. Miss Mellor's Alice Hawthorn; 2. Mr. Kuhnel; 3. Mr. Western's Starker. A.O.V., Kitten—1. Mr. Kuhnel; 2. Mr. Western's Crazette; 3. Mr. Jackson. A.V., L.H., Neuter—1. Mrs. Fosbery's Eastbury Roger Cream; 2. Miss Betram; 3. Miss Clay.

SPECIAL PRIZES.—The Southern Counties' Cat Club silver coffee spoon for best adult in the show was won by Lady Eardley Wilmot's Eliza; as was also the diploma for best female in show. The diploma for best male in show was won by Miss George; cat's name not catalogued unfortunately. Diploma for best kitten in show was won by Mrs. H. Reynolds; kitten's name not in catalogue. Mrs. Fosbery won the special offered to a member of Newbury Cat Club for best kitten in show, Mrs. Reynolds not being a member.

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