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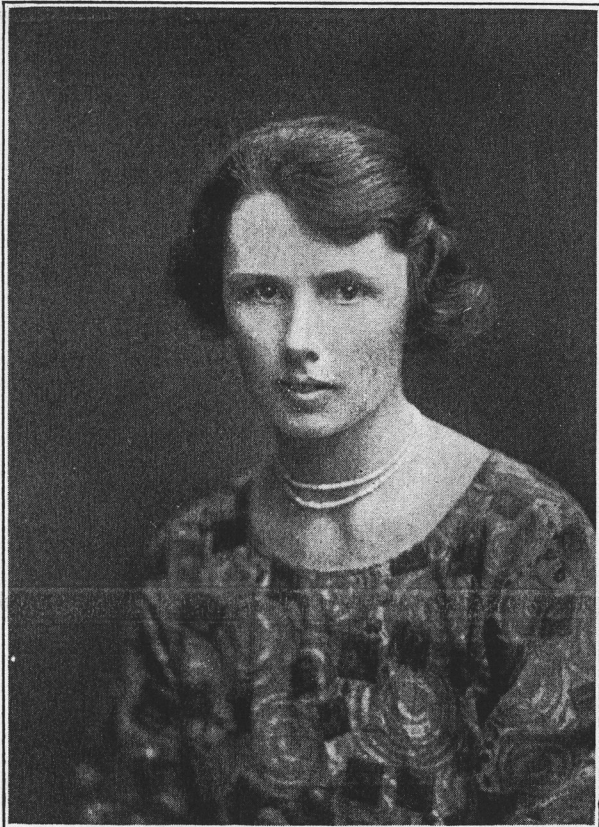
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LADY COOK, who, as stated elsewhere, is the wife of the Financial Adviser to the King of Siam, very kindly presented the insignia of the chief wins last Wednesday, and told us something of the Siamese ideas about our breed.



MRS. WADE, the energetic Secretary of the Club, was, prior to her marriage, well known with the Essex Hounds. She started cat-breeding in 1912—joined the A.S.C. and drove cars from 1915—1919, and has, since demobilisation, lived in London. Breeder of Ch. Billy Bumpet, and owned his half-brother, John of Bedale.

## THE SIAMESE CAT CLUB'S FIFTH SHOW. SEPTEMBER 26th.

Judges: Adults, Miss H. Hill-Shaw; Kittens, Mrs. Hindley. Referee: Mrs. Wade.

This Show (the maiden effort of both Secretary and Manager) must certainly be written down as an unqualified success. As already recorded in "Cat Gossip," the entries were a record, surpassing the previous highest total by over twenty; the specials and donations were a record; the Show day was sunny and bright, the attendance was excellent, the general good humour was very noticeable, and the gate, we are told, being well over £50—a record again! The critique on the exhibits we leave entirely to Mrs. Bassett, merely remarking that the Championships went, in males, to Mrs. Burke's Kitya-Nama, thirteen months old; in females, to Mr. Wicking's Fairlight Gipsy, whose pen was covered with cards; to the joy of her owner, who has given up his only other hobby, that of sea-fishing, to be able to devote himself entirely to his Siamese. A four months old kitten, Mrs. Ward's Asisa, was made Best in Show by the vote of the referee.

Mr. Compton Mackenzie, the President, opened the formal proceedings by introducing Lady Cook, whose husband is Sir John Cook, the Financial Adviser to his Majesty the King of Siam. Lady Cook, who was presented with a beautiful bouquet of carnations by Master Maynard Smith, made some interesting remarks prior to handing the rosettes to the chief winners. She apologised for the unavoidable absence of Prince Venvaidhaya, and said that in Siam the fawn-coloured cat was more valued than the very light one. Old males were usually very dark, far more so than young males and females. Their build should be narrow in front, with heavier hindquarters. Odd eyes—one blue and one yellow—were not objected to in Siam. The kink was considered a sign of admixture with the Malay Cat.

Mr. Compton Mackenzie then spoke feelingly of the work put in on behalf of the Show by Mrs. Wade and Miss Wilson. (Here we may mention that Miss Wilson was at the time suffering from damaged ribs, she having but a few days ago, at great personal risk, allowed herself to be lowered some 65 feet down a disused mine-shaft, into which two of her dogs had fallen a couple of days previously. She found these dogs—heavy sheepdogs—crouching on a transverse beam—trussed them up one after the other, and had them hauled up—and was then hauled up herself, the rope damaging her ribs in the process.) Mrs. Wade replied in suitable terms, eulogising the work of Miss Wilson and Miss Dixon; and Mr. Compton Mackenzie expressed his thanks to the Editor of "Cat Gossip" for his efforts on behalf of the breed.

We were rather struck by Mrs. French's brown kittens, and think this variety well worth developing. They are quite different from the chocolates, their colour being much that of a Havana cigar, with

darker points. If the colour can be fixed and better eye colour obtained we have here a very pretty and uncommon looking cat. Mrs. French had an exhibit of cat baskets and blankets made by six brothers, blind from birth, whose address is: Lambeth Bros., 51, South Street, Chichester.

The excellent collection of Cups, etc., belonging to the Club were on view. Mr. Howitt Lodge had a selection of his dog and cat drawings, and was busy on a portrait of a blue-pointed Siamese. He has recently been busy on paintings of the mating plumage of birds for the "Encyclopaedia Britannica," and some of his bird pictures are being used by scientific explorers to teach the natives what birds they are to seek in the jungles.

We greatly regretted to learn that Mrs. Cate's and Mrs. Stuart's exhibits were absent owing to illness, apparently contracted at Sandy; in fact, Mrs. Stuart's entire stock of cats has been wiped out!

Mrs. Godfrey Tearle has joined the Club; she has had one Siamese for eleven years, and she is the undisputed queen of Mrs. Tearle's Knightsbridge flat, which is run chiefly for her comfort. Mrs. Tuxford showed us some photos of her veteran male, Mr. Woody Pur-pur, seventeen and a half years old, and as pale, with well-defined mask, as any youngster!

The Show was admirably disinfected by Lyptol, an eucalyptus disinfectant, refreshing and not nauseating. The representative of the firm demonstrated its harmlessness by swallowing a glassful of the diluted stuff.

Messrs. Chappell had a stall showing their excellent Kit-E-Ration and Ken-L-Ration—prepared foods "cats swear by," and most useful to keep in stock for any emergency.

The excellent pedigree forms of the S.C.C. were on view, and much commended, and the copies of "Cat Gossip" placed on sale were quickly snapped up.

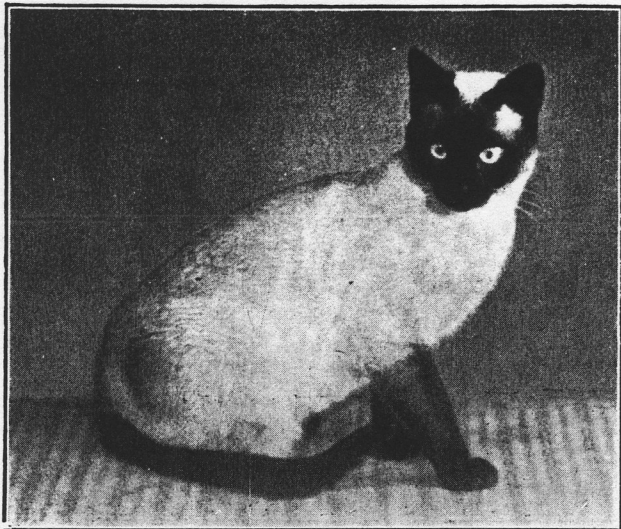
We heard not one discordant note struck from beginning to end of the Show, and "disturbing elements" were, thanks be, conspicuous only through their absence—and so may it ever be!

The sales we should think were remarkably good, we subjoin a list.

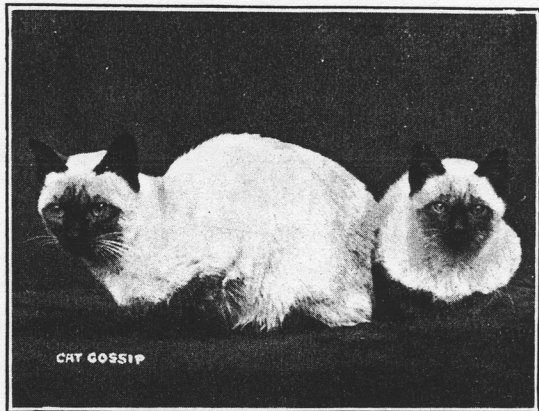
Major Woodiwiss tells us that the blue-pointed Woodroffe Juliana, and Woodroffe Bing and W. Bong, kittens by Ch. Bonzo, ex W. Sliwing, were recently sold to New York. Woodroffe Sliwing should have accompanied them, but was killed in a rabbit snare the day before the consignment left!

On the Monday evening Mr. Compton Mackenzie broadcasted about Siamese and the Show.

Of course, the usual Siamese crowd turned up, as was but to be expected. We also noticed, in addition to those already named, Mr. Lowndes with his daughters; Mrs. Avery (the Secretary of the Cats' Protection League), Mrs. Godfrey Tearle and Miss Maud Cressall (representing the Stago), Mrs. Campbell-Fraser, Mrs. Oglethorpe, Mr. and Mrs. Yeates, Dr. Ayles (Halesworth), Miss Newton, Colonel Lan-



MR. LLOYD-LEWIS' FAMOUS STUD, "CH. BONZO."



SIAMESE CRACKS, PAST AND PRESENT :  
MRS. VELEY'S "DUEN NGAI" AND "KALAHOM" (1885).

don and Dr. Wade (father and husband respectively of the Hon. Secretary), Lady Walker (who recounted to us some of her interesting psychic experiences), and many others were present whom we may have unfortunately overlooked, for which we crave pardon. We have practically lost the sight of one eye from wounds received in one of our sabre-duels, and are very short-sighted in the other! *Hinc illae lachrymae!*

Mrs. Wade desires us to specially express her thanks to those who so ably assisted her at the table—Mrs. Pusey, Mrs. Veley, Major Woodiwiss, Mr. Lloyd Lewis—to the V.S.S., Major Hamilton Kirk and Captain Townson—in fact, to all who have so kindly and heartily helped to make this threatened Show **THE BEST SIAMESE SHOW EVER HELD!**

H. C. B.

**Sales:** Mrs. Allenby's kitten, to Mrs. Whitmoore; Mrs. Boggis' kitten, Bo, to Mrs. Croft, to go to Ireland; Mrs. McDonald's Mossy Face, to Mrs. Nicholson, £4 4s.; Mrs. Weigall's Belinda of the Wandle, to Major Crossley; Miss Hobbs' Annakin, to Mrs. Nicholson, £3 3s.; two of Mrs. Boggis' kittens, to Mrs. Chadbourne, to go to America; Lady Nalls' Gonolvus, to Mrs. Gerard; Mrs. Ward's Nur, to Colonel Hutchinson; Mrs. Ward's Zobeida, to Mr. Woolf, £10 10s.; Mrs. Veley's Ha of the Forest, to Colonel Hutchinson; Major Woodiwiss' kitten, to Mrs. Park; Miss Dixon's kitten to Miss Riley.

#### REPORT OF ADULT AND KITTEN CLASSES.

Before commencing my report I want to send a word of sympathy to those who suffered the disappointment of having to leave their pens empty, misfortune overtaking their four-footed treasures after entering them for the Show, and I very much hope all will soon be well again, and that we shall have

the pleasure of admiring them at the coming Shows. The exhibits at this year's Show were very lovely, and much admiration and delight was expressed by the great number of people visiting the Show—there were times when I was reminded of the Continental Shows, which seem to be like magnets compelling the outside world to flow inside. I made the most of the first half-hour after the door opened to go round the pens before looking at the award board, and very glad I was, because it was almost impossible to get a good view of each pen occupant afterwards with so many people about, which made it harder work than ever for the judges to finish their classes.

#### ADULT CLASSES.

**CLASS 1. OPEN MALE ADULT** (11 entries)—1 and champion, Mrs. Burke's Kitya-Nama, a very handsome son of Ch. Simzo, and grandson of Ch. Bonzo, who were placed 2nd and 3rd respectively in this class. Thus we were able to see three generations—grand sire, sire, and son—all competing against each other in the same class, presenting a very striking trio. The 4th place went to another son of Ch. Bonzo's, Mrs. Harvey's Pedro of Petaling, with Mr. Wicking's Iamit reserve, and Colonel Walker's Valiant v h c. **CLASS 2. OPEN FEMALE ADULT** (15)—1 and ch. to Mr. Wicking's very lovely queen, Fairlight Gipsy (at last year's Show this dainty lady won my admiration when I placed her second to that unforgotten glory, Ch. Simple); 2, Mrs. Harvey's Bluebell of Petaling, another lovely queen; 3, Mrs. French's Dido, also a very typical little lady; 4, Miss Jeffries' Gentle, an old favourite; r. Colonel Walker's Jane of Abingdon; v h c's, Miss Dixon's Simzette and Miss Cadell's St. Adrian's Sylvie. Mr. Woodgate's Scimps of Strover was too nervous to be judged in this class, even when coaxed by the gentle hands of Miss Hill-Shaw, and so paid the penalty and was left careless. **CLASS 3. VETERAN, M. or F., over 5 years old** (2)—1, Mr. Lloyd Lewis's Non Puying. **CLASS 4. Open, Blue or Chocolate Pointed, M. or F. or Neuter, Cats or Kittens** (5)—1, Mrs. Maturin's Southampton Silver Sheen, I liked this blue-pointed male very much indeed; also the 2nd prize-winner, the same owner's Southampton Moon Daisy; 3, Miss Bateman's Oise (failed in head to the 1st and 2nd). **CLASS 5. LIMIT, M.** (10)—1, Mrs. Burke's Kitya-Nama; 3, Mr. Wicking's



Jamit; r, Mrs. Maturin's Southampton Darboy. CLASS 6. LIMIT, F. (10)—1, Mr. Wicking's Fairlight Gipsy; 2, Mrs. Harvey's Bluebell of Petaling; 3, Mr. Woodgate's Scimps of Strover; 4, Mrs. Leith-Ross' Tical. CLASS 7. BREEDERS, M. (7)—1, Mrs. Burke's Kitya-Nama; 2, Mr. Wicking's Jamit; 3, Mrs. Veley's Chula Luk of the Forest; r, Mrs. French's Timkey Browne, a gentleman with a brown body colour and nice head, an interesting specimen. CLASS 8. BREEDERS, F. (7)—1, Mr. Wicking's Fairlight Gipsy; 2, Mrs. Harvey's Bluebell of Petaling; 3, Mrs. French's Dido; r, same owner's Cora Capps; v h c, Miss Dixon's Simzette; v h c, Miss McDonald's Silly Scilla of Achmonie. CLASS 9. NOVICE, M. (7)—1, Mrs. Burke's Kitya-Nama; 2, Lady Nall's Thurgar; 3, Colonel Walker's Valiant; r, Mrs. Maturin's Southampton Darboy; v h c, Mrs. French's Timkey Browne. CLASS 10. NOVICE, F. (14)—1, Mrs. French's Dido; 2, Mrs. Allanby's Salus Populi, a very nice imported queen of good type; 3, Mr. Woodgate's Scimps of Strover; r, Colonel Walker's Jane of Abingdon; h c's, Miss Dixon's Simzette and Miss Cadell's St. Adrian's Sylvie. CLASS 11. NEUTER (4)—1, Mr. Newman Flower's Michael Angelo, an old favourite still reigning supreme; 2, Miss Chichester's Litaman (I was pleased to welcome this fellow again, and to see him step up from where I had to place him last year to the disappointment of his owner); 3, Mrs. Law's Vim of Colston; r, Miss Ryder's Stout Fellow. CLASS 12.—Cancelled. CLASS 13. STUD (8)—1, Mr. Lloyd Lewis's Ch. Bonzo; 2, Mrs. Hindley's Ch. Simzo; 3, Mrs. Harvey's Pedro of Petaling; r, Mrs. Maturin's Southampton Darboy. CLASS 14. BROOD QUEEN (10)—1, Miss Dixon's Simzette; 2, Mrs. Allanby's Salus Populi; 3, Captain Coles' Simour. CLASS 15. PAIRS (5)—1, Mrs. French, Timkey Browne and Dido; 2, Mr. Wicking, Fairlight Gipsy and Jamit; 3, Colonel Walker, Valiant and Jane of Abingdon. CLASS 16. BRACE (4)—1, Mr. Wicking, Fairlight Gipsy and Tuohy; 2, Mrs. French, Dido and Cora Capps. CLASS 17. TEAM (7)—1, Mr. Wicking; 2, Mrs. Coles; 3, Mrs. Harvey; r, Mrs. French.

#### KITTEN CLASSES.

CLASS 18. MALE, 6—9 months (7)—1, Miss Boggis' Beaze, a very handsome fellow, who attracted an American buyer; 2, Lady Nall's Gonolvus, another very nice kit; 3, Miss Stent's Ulex, I liked this kitten very much, but at present fails in density of mask to the former kits; r, Miss Boggis' Bo; v h c, same owner's Barnabas; h c, same owner's Barbo, also going to America; all the kits belonging to Miss Boggis prove the value of Ch. Bonzo as a sire. CLASS 19. FEMALE, 6—9 months (7)—1, Mrs. Burke's Snoo; 2, Mrs. Maturin's Southampton Jewel of Asia, I liked better than the first, both are lovely kits; 3, Mrs. Mègroz, Greenway Cecilia; r, Miss Bates' Peg o' the Moon; v h c, Mrs. Law's Iringa of Colston; h c, Miss Bates' Cinquante Neuf. CLASS 20. KITTEN, M., 3—6 months (25)—1, Miss McDonald's Mossy Face of Achmonie; 2, Mrs. Harvey's Bimbo of Petaling; 3, Mrs. Furniss' Li-Sha, 4, same owner's Keesar, looking at these in their respective pens there seemed little to choose between any of them, all are very promising kits, and the placing of them was not an easy matter, I am sure, in such a very large class; v h c's, Mrs. Coles' Stout Fellow; Mrs. Harvey's Gameboy of Petaling; and Mrs. Maturin's Southampton Prince Sapphire; h c's, Mrs. French's Mikorah and Mrs. Maturin's Southampton Kismet. CLASS 21. FEMALE, 3—6 months (22)—1, Mrs. Ward's Asiza; 2, same owner's Zebeida; 3, Mrs. Harvey's Patsy of Petaling; extra 3, Miss McDonald's Blue Eyes of Achmonie, I liked this kitten very much; 4, Mrs. Harvey's Myrtle of Petaling; v h c's, Miss Hobb's Annakin and Vashiti; Miss Margerison's Biantang; Mr. Williams' Tinka-Belina; and Mrs. Mudge's Shan-Tui; h c, Mrs. Coles' The Gate Crasher; and one kit I marked in my catalogue as "very pretty" was Miss Stent's Mee-Too, who was unsuccessful in winning a card in this very large class. CLASS 22. BREEDERS, M. (19)—1, Mrs. Harvey's Bimbo of Petaling; 2, Lady Nall's Gonolvus; 3, Miss Stent's Ulex; r, Mrs. Maturin's Southampton Prince

Sapphire; v h c's, Mrs. Coles' Stout Fella; Mrs. Maturin's Southampton Kismet; and Mrs. Harvey's Gameboy of Petaling. CLASS 23. BREEDERS, F. (18)—1, Mrs. Ward's Asiza; 2, Mrs. Burke's Snoo; 3, Mrs. Harvey's Patsy of Petaling; 4, same owner's Myrtle of Petaling; r, Mrs. Maturin's Southampton Lady Beauty; v h c, Mrs. Mudge's Shan Tui; h c's, Mrs. Coles' The Gate Crasher; Mrs. Williams' Tinka Belina. CLASS 24. NOVICE, M. (22)—1, Miss McDonald's Mossy Face of Achmonie; 2, Mrs. Harvey's Bimbo of Petaling; 3, Lady Nall's Gonolvus; r, Mrs. Ward's Nur; v h c's, Mrs. Maturin's Southampton Prince Sapphire; Mrs. Harvey's Gameboy of Petaling; and Mrs. Coles' Stout Fella; h c, Mrs. Maturin's Southampton Kismet. CLASS 25. NOVICE, F. (18)—1, Mrs. Ward's Zobeida; 2, Mrs. Burke's Snoo; 3, Mrs. Maturin's Southampton Lady Beauty; 4, Mrs. Harvey's Patsy of Petaling; v h c's, Miss Macdonald's Blue Eyes of Achmonie; Mrs. Mègroz's Greenway Cecilia; Mrs. Harvey's Myrtle of Petaling; and Miss Bates' Peg o' the Moon; h c's, Mrs. Coles' The Gate Crasher; and Mr. Williams' Tinka Belina. CLASS 26. PAIR, under 9 months (8)—1, Mrs. Harvey's Bimbo of Petaling and Patsy of Petaling; 2, same owner's Gameboy and Myrtle of Petaling; 3, Mrs. Maturin's Southampton Lady Beauty and Prince Sapphire; r, Mrs. Coles' Stout Fella and Gate Crasher; v h c's, Mrs. Mudge's Kui and Shan-Tui; and Mr. Williams' Tit-Wittin and Tinka-Belina. CLASS 27. LITTER of 3 or more (16)—1, Miss Dixon; 2, Mrs. Allanby; 3, Dr. Ayley; 4, Mrs. Burke; r, Major Woodiwiss. In this class Mrs. French had a litter (left cardless) the result of an experiment; the kittens are grandchildren of Ch. Bonzo, their sire being Timkey Browne, the brown-bodied male I have previously mentioned. The kits appear to have inherited their sire's brown body colouring and more decided golden eyes than he possesses. To those breeders interested in experimental breeding this new variety should prove very attractive. The mother of the sire and kits is an imported cat.

SPECIALS.—Mr. Wicking's Fairlight Gipsy, 11 specials to herself; the President's Cup, the Breeders' Cup, the Ch. Simple Bowl, the Ju-Jitsu Trophy, the Prestwick Cup, Club Badge, the N.C.C. Silver Spoon, the S.C.C.C. Silver Coffee Spoon, Messrs. Bob Martin's Special, Mr. Brooke's Special, Virol Ltd., Special, Mrs. Ward's kitten, Asiza, secured 12 specials; Mr. Compton Mackenzie's Cup (won outright), the Breeders' Kitten Cup, Bronze Medal, Silver Spoon (N.C.C.), Silver Spoon (S.H.C.S.), Silver Coffee Spoon (S.C.C.C.), the Northern Cat Club Special, Miss Dixon's Special, Messrs. Bob Martin's Special, the M.C.C. Silver Spoon, the Vienna Cat Club Gold Medal for best Siamese in Show, Mrs. Burke's Kitya-Nama, the Novice Cup, Club Badge, Messrs. Bob Martin's Special, Mr. Lloyd Lewis, the Ruan Cup for Ch. Bonzo the best stud cat, Miss Dixon's Simzette, the Britannica Cup II, Miss Jeffries' Gentle, the Shuvelita Cup of Remembrance for best adult female over two years, Mr. Lloyd Lewis' Mon Puying, Litabois Cup for best veteran over five years, Mrs. Maturin's Southampton Moon Daisy, the Blueboi Cup, Mrs. French's Timkey Browne, special for best chocolate body, Mr. Newman Flower's Michael Angelo, the Mikado Cup, the Kinko Bowl, Mrs. Sharman's Spoon, Miss Dixon's litter the Grateful Cup, Miss Hill-Shaw's silver special, the Hon. Mrs. Clive Behren's special, Miss McDonald's Mossy Face of Achmonie, The Novice Kitten Cup, Miss Marion Hill-Shaw's Spoon, Mrs. Maturin's Spoon, Mrs. Harvey's Bimbo of Petaling, Messrs. Bob Martin's special, Mr. Williams' Tinka Belina, Nippi Memorial Special, Mr. Hirst's The Imp, Mrs. Claude Reeve's special, Mrs. Harvey's Bimbo and Patsy of Petaling, the Shuvelang Trophy, Mrs. Harvey's Pedro and Bluebell of Petaling, the Mary Robinson Trophy and the Hon. Mrs. Clive Behren's special, Mrs. Burke's Kitya-Nama won the red and white rosette for the champion male, Mrs. Hindley, the blue and white for second best male, Ch. Simzo, Mr. Wicking the red and white rosette for the champion female, Fairlight Gipsy, also the rosette for the best adult, Mrs. Harvey's Bluebell of Petaling, the blue and white rosette for second best female.

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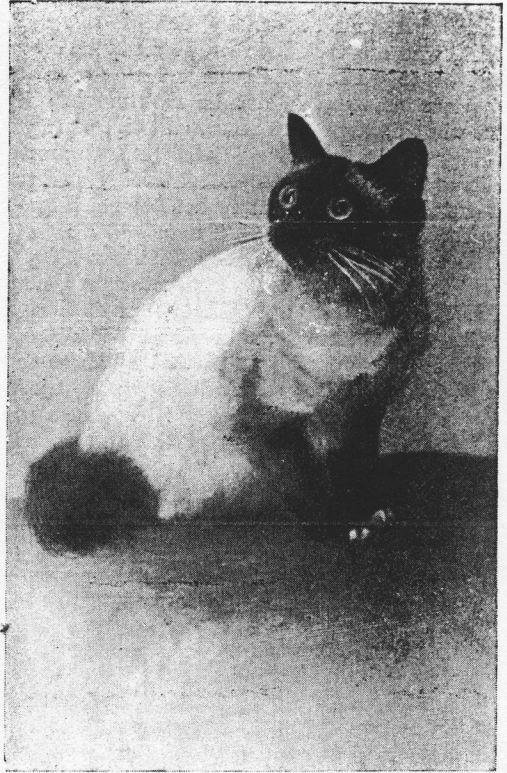
It is difficult to write and thank the numbers of people who have made the S.C.C. Show such a success. Firstly, the Committee owes an enormous debt of gratitude to the Show Manager, Miss Wilson, who has worked for weeks to get this result, and who has her own job to do during the day-time, and worked for us at night. Her partner, Miss Adam, did much of her work so that she could devote more time to us, and we thank her very heartily for this, for so nobly keeping the door at the Show, and for asking Lady Cook to be present.

It was delightful of Lady Cook to come and speak to us, and when she left she said the Show had been a revelation to her, and she'd never enjoyed a function more in her life. And what a splendid President we have! Mr. Compton Mackenzie is always keen to help us in any way he can. The Committee was honoured to have Mrs. Compton Mackenzie and himself at our Show, and our large gate was due to his delightful broadcast for us, and also to our kind friend, Mr. Lowndes, for his article in the "Times" about the Show.

The day previous to the Show all the hard work was done by Mrs. Veley, Miss Wilson, Miss Dixon, Miss Susan Lowndes, Miss Watson, and Mr. Prebble. On the Show Day the arduous job at the Show table was splendidly carried on by Major Woodiwiss, Mr. Lloyd Lewis, Mr. Pusey, Mrs. Veley, Miss Wilson, and Mr. Bassett. Our judges had a colossal task. Both Miss Hill-Shaw and Mrs. Hindley nobly came forward at the last minute to judge for us, because we were in a hole. No two judges could have been better, and their stewards were wonderful, Mrs. Timms, Mrs. Thompson, Miss Lowndes, Miss Susan Lowndes. They worked all day for us, from very early morning till the hall was cleared at night. And what topping stewards they all were!

The Committee's most grateful thanks go to Mr. Wicking for helping on the door, and to Mrs. Burke, who was entirely in charge of railway cats, both on the 25th and 26th, and who always had time to help everyone else at any time on both days. I don't know how we could have managed without her.

Our grateful thanks to all our excellent stewards, who worked so willingly and good-temperedly all day, Mrs. Maturin, Mr. Boccock, Miss Marion Hill-Shaw, Mrs. French, Mrs. Harvey, Miss Maude Cressal, Miss Burke. We are deeply grateful to our honorary vets., Captain Townson and Major Kirk, for all their care of the cats. Last, but certainly not least, is Miss Dixon, who not only took charge of the feeding, but who has worked all the year to make the Club and the Show such a success. The disinfecting of the hall was carried out by Messrs. Lyptol, with their wonderful new non-poisonous eucalyptus disinfectant. Everybody remarked how fresh and clean the hall smelt. We are very grateful to the manager, Capt. Roberts, for his gift both of disinfectant and of his



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time. This should prove a great boon to us cat breeders and show managers.

Miss H. Hill-Shaw has helped and guided us novices through this Show. Will every single member who feels any gratitude for the Club Show on September 26th prove it in a practical way by backing up Croydon Show for all they are worth? I do beg the S.C.C. to return Miss Helen's kindness in the only way we can, by helping that child of her heart—the Croydon Cat Club Show. P. WADE.

## THOUGHTS ON SIAMESE.

BY MRS. ALLEN-MATURIN.

I am writing this on the eve of our yearly Siamese Club Show, and I confess that I am looking forward to it with as great excitement as any budding novice. For the last two years I was unable to participate in any of the joys of showing, as I had had illness in my cattery on both occasions, but that did not prevent me from attending and rejoicing with the winners and consoling the losers! Alas, we can't all win, and it is quite on the laps of the Gods on whom these precious scarlet cards will be placed; everyone has their chance, and we all hope that we shall be the one that is top dog on that occasion. With

such a big crowd of Siamese it makes winning a difficult job, and an equally difficult one for the judges, who are torn between so many lovely specimens, as to which shall receive the coveted cards. But, dear novices, do not be discouraged; if you don't win this time take heart, and try, try again!

I began as a novice in 1908 (I had previously shown once, at the Crystal Palace in 1897, and won!), and certainly some kind fairy has been sitting on my shoulder all these years, as I have had a most wonderful run of luck; up to date I have won 320 prizes; I have kept my prize cards and catalogues, also cut out all Press notices and photos, and it is a great pleasure to look back and read of one's joys and triumphs. My great regret is that all these darling cats who contributed so much to one's enjoyment and happiness have passed away. Well the past is past, the present is here, and the future, no one knows, so why worry?

The Siamese Club was established in about 1901, and at that time there were some very noted and ardent admirers of Siamese, amongst whom were Lady Marcus Beresford, Lady Dorothy Nevill, Lady Vyvyan, Mrs. de Vere Brooke, Miss Forrestier-Walker, Mrs. M. Robinson, etc., etc. It was decided that a Club should be formed for the protection, improvement, and breeding of this very rare cat. Lady M. Beresford, Lady Vyvyan, and the Rev. Mr. Gould were amongst the original importers. The former imported from Siam that most wonderful specimen ever benched, the celebrated Kew King of Siam; in his younger days he had an absolutely unmarked cream coat, dense points, and the most startling blue eyes that have ever been seen. I only knew him in his latter days, when he had almost turned black, but he retained his wonderful coloured eye. He became afterwards the property of Mr. Norris, and lived to a ripe old age and made a world-wide reputation for himself. Most of our best cats of to-day are descendants of Kew King. Since his time several very fine specimens have been imported, but none to touch him for eye colour.

I confess the Siamese Club has always claimed my undivided love and affection. I have been on the Committee for 19 years, almost a lifetime, and it is with much regret I note that so many of my very good friends with whom I worked have passed away. Still we shall hope that the dear old Club has many many years yet to run, and that the younger generation will hold as faithfully to it, and to its traditions, as the old ones did in the past. It is wonderful how, from a small beginning, the Club now registers 170 members, and still they come!

Somehow the Siamese cat has endeared itself to the human race, and once possessed one feels that life without a Siamese would be a very dull and dreary thing. I am the happy possessor of 21 little beings in various stages of life. Unfortunately they possess an exceedingly jealous temperament, and the adults embark on the most hair-raising battles for

supremacy; both sexes are born fighters, and heaven help the poor alien who wanders into Siamese territory. Again, the Siamese cat is a veritable surprise packet. You never know where you are with them; one time they will be a dream of fair beauty, and you congratulate yourself that you can knock spots off anyone; then comes the change of coat, or, perhaps, a passing illness, and, alas, your beautiful cat has vanished, leaving a dreadful dark mottled coat, blurred mask, and eye colour dim! One gets thoroughly disgruntled; what to do with him or her? No one will buy, you can't show, and he is eating his head off. Then, after perhaps 18 months or so, lo and behold in the spring out comes Mr. or Mrs. Siam with a lovely cream coat, and with the softest of dark brown velvet trimmings, and the impudent little blue eyes gaze at you serenely once more!

If you possess a good mother cat, whatever colour she may be, stick to her! Siamese ladies so often do not care about the troubles of matrimony. I know of several cases where they have devoured their offspring, and looked as if they greatly enjoyed these tender and succulent morsels!

## LONG-HAIR LORE.

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

King Sol was kind, and shed his cheery beams most lavishly on Thame Show, which, I hear, on all hands was a great success. Unfortunately, I was unable to be there, but my daughter took our exhibits, and enjoyed the day immensely. It was a pleasure to meet Miss L'Estrange Walsh, and her cousin, Miss McShea, whom lately we have seen far too rarely at the Ch. Shows. The white Persian classes badly require the support of the Gaybrook Champions and youngsters—indeed, the shortage of white Persians in the Cat Fancy is a serious matter, and no doubt will be discussed at the coming Black and White Meeting on October 3rd. I hear Miss L'Estrange Walsh has a particularly handsome "orange" eyed white, and she is specially keen on her kennel of wire-haired fox terriers.

Quoting from the Jubilee Congress of the Folk Lore Society, at Devonshire House, W. ("Morning Post"), Miss B. C. Spooner, discussing some Cornish superstitions, said that "Charming" was still practised seriously by professional charmers. An instance of a charm for a "stye" on the eyelid was quoted as follows: "Stroke the eye from nose out with the tail of a black cat, saying with the stroke to each line, 'I take the queff that's under the 'ee, Oh qualyway, Oh qualyway.'" Miss Mona Douglas said there was a belief in Manx folk-lore that the cats of the Isle of Man had a king of their own. Cats are believed to be on intimate terms with the fairies, and with the inhabitants of the invisible world.

Further purchase by Miss Elsie Hydon: Echo of Culloden, Captain Guy St. Barbe's blue kitten, win-



ner in pairs at Sandy, is to cross the Atlantic. Like all kittens from this cattery, he is a fine standing up youngster. I saw some kittens yesterday by the same sire, Blessing of Culloden; this litter is owned by Miss J. Langton, the dam is Willow Wand, a daughter of Ch. Colneside Billy Bumpet and Wuffy, and is most promising.

"Hefty Harrogate" is to have yet another Cat Show, this time under the auspices of the Yorkshire County Cat Club. It will be quite a considerable show, with three good judges and an energetic committee. A "novelty" class is a new and amusing venture, featuring the "fattest" cat, etc., etc.

Wireless Talks.—9.15 p.m., Monday evening, the 24th, found many enthusiasts listening in to Mr. Compton Mackenzie's lecture on "Siamese Cats—and some Islands." 'Tis well to remember that Mr. Mackenzie is son to that well-graced actor, the late Mr. Edward Compton, whose work as an exponent of Old English comedy is still fragrant in our minds.

Miss Fayre is much pleased with Ch. Northway Shelmerdine's young family, sire Flick-a-Maroo; one boy stands prominent.

### IS IT A FACT . . . ? (WHAT PEOPLE ARE ASKING.)

THAT the Siamese Club's Show was a "smack in the eye" for a certain expert practitioner in the gentle art of mud-slinging?

THAT said practitioner will be well advised to get out of practice before it is too late and the patience of her victims is exhausted?

THAT it will be foolish to drive to extremities people so well furnished with weapons of offence in the way of libellous and abusive letters and proofs of unfancierlike tactics on the part of said practitioner?

THAT said practitioner declared war on "Cat Gossip" directly it became apparent that that journal could not be used as a medium for venomous attacks?

THAT her fickle affections were then promptly transferred to a contemporary,

THAT that contemporary need not feel very proud of its new ally, considering that no one has spoken and written in a more derogatory manner of its cat section, its editing, its printing, and everything thereto pertaining, than has the person in question?

THAT a certain lady who likes to have a finger in every feline pie, has been so ill-advised as to threaten to injure Croydon Show, because Croydon makes its pie without her aid?

THAT she is a bad judge of the Fancy at large if she really thinks that it will allow such universally loved people as the Misses Hill-Shaw to be made to suffer to gratify personal pique?

THAT, incidentally, Croydon yearly gets the blame for a lot of mortality, probably really due to the Show preceding it?

THAT, granted that Shows are unfortunately the chief medium for the spread of disease, as long as Shows are permitted to follow each other in such quick succession, the clause exhibitors sign on their entry forms as to "non-exposure to infection" becomes little more than a well-meant futility?

PAUL PRY.

### GOSSIP OF THE WEEK.

NEWS has arrived at last from Miss Benthall, who is now in Perth (W. Australia). She has seen a beautiful Siamese queen out there—the only one—and is considering the possibility of having a mate for her sent out.

WE make no apology for our small number last week. If our contemporary, which gets more advertisements than we do, no doubt for perfectly good reasons, saw fit to cut its Cat Section to one page, consisting of an appeal for support for a show and the rest registrations, we cannot be blamed if we also cut our coat according to our cloth! The more we get (in the shape of advertisements) the more we aim to give in the shape of reading matter.

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