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## NEWBURY CAT CLUB'S SHOW, READING, OCTOBER 24th.

A wonderful Autumn morning dawned for the Newbury Cat Club when they held their 13th Championship Show at the Reading Corn Exchange on Wednesday, October 24th, and the Market Square was thronged with cars which had brought their owners and their exhibits from far and near to this, the first Championship Show of the season. I was delighted to welcome Mrs. T. Gage-Burrell and Colonel and Mrs. Williams, who motored from Bournemouth, and paid a flying visit to the cats before going over Huntley and Palmer's works, and returning to Bournemouth the same evening in time to dine at 8 o'clock. It was also a delightful surprise to see Mrs. Field and Mrs. Field, jun., who came from Caversham, and who much enjoyed seeing the various exhibits. Mrs. Wade made a most successful debut as judge of blue Persian kittens, and ably fulfilled the difficult task allotted to her. The quality in type in blue Persian kittens appears to be improving at each Show, but we shall have to be careful not to sacrifice eye colour and soundness of coat, and in our attempt to produce pets akin to the pug dog and Pekinese we may lose the characteristics which have always been the attribute of the feline. Blue Boy of Kenton, who won in blue males—a cat of only ten months—is a fine big animal with a heavy coat of a sound medium blue. Congratulations are due to Mrs. Taylor for the excellent manner in which he was shown. For the first time I had the pleasure of making friends with Ch. Dion of Allington, and was surprised to find him such a fine animal, as he has always given me the impression of being lightly built. On this occasion, however, I had leisure to observe and handle him. He is a cat of lovely shape and size, very cobby, with a perfect snub face, tiny ears, and beautifully set eyes. A coat of lovely quality and a most charming disposition complete the picture of this splendid blue male champion. Miss Langston was also showing her darling Chinchilla, Mab of Allington, and a perfect blue kitten, Dorinda of Allington, winners both, as well as many others. Miss George was, as usual, most successful, and her young blue male, Bunkered of Balbedie, carried off the honour of Best in Show. Fortune is ever

Ludum insolentem ludere pertinax, and it seems hard when a cat, a winner of many championships, can be put below one who has never won any. Cats in the early part of the season are not always in perfect show condition, and one judge admires traits not considered by another. On the whole it is fair, for where should we be if all judges thought alike? In blues, where the standard is so high and the competition so keen, it is quite understandable for the slightest deviation from the perfection of show form makes all the difference in the world, and cats are not all at their best at the same moment. Mrs. and Miss Campbell-Fraser had a most successful day, winning a fourth Championship with Ch. Lorina of Hadley, 1st with their tortoiseshell kit, Hendon Pitti-Sing, and 1st with their black female, Mad Margaret. Ch. Colneside Billy Bumpet's progeny still keeps up their high standard. At this Show he had Madame Dolli's Cream Bunne (Champion), Lady Eardley-Wilmot's Eliza Queen of the May, and Mrs. Thompson's lovely pair of winning blue kits to his credit. Incidentally, Mrs. Yeend's exquisite blue male kitten, Mischief of Bredon, hails him as grandsire. Mrs. Ronald Bailey, who won 1st and ch. with her silver tabby, Viscount Grey of Marston Trussell, has decided to become a yearly subscriber to "Cat Gossip." There were not many sales, but Mrs. Jepson sold her winning kitten, Tabsfield Jill, to Mrs. Moore. Mrs. Yeates announced that Croydon Show would be held on January 2nd. I noticed a lovely blue litter of kittens, the palest ever seen, shown by Captain Guy St. Barbe. I think the pen in which they were shown is unlucky, for I myself was showing a litter last year in the very same pen, and was by some mischance overlooked, and these kittens belonging to Captain Guy St. Barbe, a perfect litter, received an award in every way quite inadequate. The weather was propitious, and the light throughout the day excellent, and altogether I think we may say that the 13th Championship Show of the Newbury Cat Club was a most happy meeting.

M. ESTELLE OGLETHORPE.

BLUE MALE—1 and ch., Mrs. Taylor, Blue Boy of Kenton; 2. Mrs. Oglethorpe, Aristocrat of The Court; 3. Miss George, Bunkered of Balbedie. BLUE FEMALE—1 and ch., Lady Eardley-Wilmot, Eliza, Queen of the May; 2. Lady Eardley-Wilmot, May Morn of Henley; 3. Miss Joyce Fair, Northway Blue Gem. BLUE NOVICE CAT—1, Mrs. Taylor, Blue Boy of Kenton; 2. Lady Eardley-Wilmot, Eliza, Queen of the May; 3. Mrs. Oglethorpe, Aristocrat of The Court. BLUE

**BREEDERS**—1, Mrs. Taylor, Blue Boy of Kenton; 2, Mrs. Ogleshorpe, Aristocrat of The Court; 3, Miss George, Bunkered of Balbedie. **BLUE JUNIOR**—1, Mrs. Taylor, Blue Boy of Kenton; 2, Lady Eardley-Wilmot, Eliza, Queen of the May; 3, Mrs. Ogleshorpe, Aristocrat of The Court. **WHITE, M. or F.**—1 and ch., Mrs. Reynolds Sams, White Satin of Runnymede. **WHITE KITTEN**—1, Mrs. Richardson, Snowdrop of Farnboro'; 2, Mrs. Richardson, White Heather of Farnboro'; 3, Miss Street, Hurrah Harmer. **BLACK MALE** 1 and ch., Mrs. Soame, Desert Chief; 2, Miss Alexander, Toby Philpot; 3, Mrs. Campbell-Fraser, Hendon Black Adam. **BLACK FEMALE**—1 and ch., Mrs. Campbell-Fraser, Ch. Lorina of Hadley; 2, Mrs. Mackenzie, Remeembrance; 3, Mrs. Yeates, Ch. Zulanda. **BLACK KITTEN, M.**—1, Miss J. M. Fisher, Nimrod of Hadley; 2, Mrs. Soame, Soame Black Star; 3, Mr. Cyril Gill, Tybie of Cotsall. **BLACK KITTEN, F.**—1, Mrs. Campbell-Fraser, Hendon Mad Margaret; 2, Mrs. Soame, Soame Desiree; 3, Mrs. Peters Little, El Diablo. **CHINCHILLA, M.**—1 and ch. Mrs. Reynolds Sams, Gitter of Runnymede; 2, Mr. George Drake, Peter of Aldwych; 3, Mrs. Sharman, Puck of Coryton. **CHINCHILLA, F.**—1 and ch., Miss Heywood, Silvabell of Porchester; 2, Miss Heywood, Cara of Porchester; 3, Mrs. Aubrey, Ch. Langherne Sunshine. **CHINCHILLA KITTEN, M. or F.**, over 5 months—1, Mrs. Aubrey, Langherne Darling; 2, Mrs. Jepson, Tabsfield Mignonnette; 3, Mrs. Aubrey, Langherne Dawn. **CHINCHILLA KITTEN, M.**, under 5 months—1, Miss Langston, Desmond of Allington; 2, Miss Langston, Dante of Allington. **CHINCHILLA KITTEN, F.**, under 5 months—1, Miss Langston, Dolores of Allington. **SILVER TABBY OR SMOKE KITTEN**—1, Mrs. Spencer Smith, Smoke Princess; 2, Miss Roberts, Marmaduke of Frampton; 3, Mrs. Bryan, Antony of Merioneth. **SMOKE, M. or F.**—1, Mrs. Reynolds Sams, Dragon of The Cottage. **SILVER TABBY, M. or F.**—1 and ch., Mrs. Ronald Bailey; Viscount Grey of Marston Trussell; 2, Miss Roberts, Lady Avril of Frampton; 3, Mrs. Bryan, Benny of Serrano. **SILVER BREEDERS**—1, Mrs. Aubrey, Langherne Sunshine; 2, Mr. Drake, Peter of Aldwych; 3, Miss Langston, Desmond of Allington. **SILVER NOVICE**—1, Mrs. Sharman, Puck of Coryton; 2, Miss Langston, Desmond of Allington; 3, Miss Langston, Mab of Allington. **RED TABBY, M.**—1 and ch., Miss Morant, Dragon Fly of Drumblair; 2, Mrs. Green, Rufus of Wolborough; 3, Miss Hill, Galdorn. **RED TABBY, F.**—1 and ch., Mrs. Soame, Soame Orange Mist; 2, Mrs. Fosbery, Eastbury Rosalind; 3, Mrs. Fosbery, Eastbury Rosegay. **RED SELF, M. or F.**—1 and ch., Mrs. Teeling, Amberette; 2, Mrs. Fosbery, Eastbury Barron; 3, Mrs. Prince, Just in Time. **RED TABBY KITTEN, M.**—1, Mrs. Fosbery, Eastbury Sunbeam; 2, Mrs. Green, Dandelion of Wolborough; 3, Mrs. Fosbery, Eastbury Gaikwar. **RED TABBY KITTEN, F.**—1, Mrs. Fosbery, Eastbury Moonbeam; 2, Mrs. Soame, Soame Tangerine; 3, Miss Fawcett, Girl-in-Red. **RED SELF KITTEN**—2, Mrs. Kennaway, Garboldisham Marygold. **TORTOISESHELL**—1 and ch., Mrs. Tomlinson, Lady Maythorpe; 2, Mrs. Prince, Pride of Hill View; 3, Mrs. Adam, Ch. Ginger Belle of Barnsley. **TORTIE OR TORTIE AND WHITE KITTEN**—1, Miss Morley, Anne Goodcat; 2, Mrs. Campbell-Fraser, Hendon Pitti-Sing; 3, Mrs. Fosbery, Eastbury Ketta. **CREAM MALE**—1 and ch., Madam Dolli, Colneside Cream Bunne. **CREAM FEMALE**—1 and ch., Mrs. Stevenson, Meave of Hanley; 2, Miss Joyce Fair, Ch. Meg of Bredon. **CREAM KITTEN, M.**—1, Mrs. Stevenson, Dandy of Hanley; 2, Mrs. Soame, Soame Desert Man. **CREAM KITTEN, F.**—1, Mrs. Yeend, Maybelle of Bredon; 2, Miss Langherne, Lad's Love of the Combe; 3, Mr. Gill, Honey of Cotsall. **BROWN TABBY KITTEN**—1, Mrs. Western, Unity Malone; 2, Mrs. Alexander, Tripper; 3, Mrs. Soame, Soame Ripple. **A.V. CAT, not Blue**—1, Miss Langston, Mab of Allington; 2, Mrs. Aubrey, Ch. Langherne Sunshine; 3, Miss Heywood, Cara of Porchester. **A.V. KITTEN, not Blue**—1, Mrs. Fosbery, Eastbury Sunbeam; 2, Mrs. Aubrey, Langherne Darling; 3, Miss Fawcett, Girl-in-Red. **BREEDERS, M.**, not Blue or Silver—1, Miss Hill, Galdorn; 2, Mrs. Fosbery, Eastbury Rosemo; 3, Mrs. Fosbery,

Eastbury Sunbeam. **BREEDERS, F.**, not Blue or Silver—1, Mrs. Campbell-Fraser, Hendon Pitti-Sing; 2, Mrs. Fosbery, Eastbury Rosalind; 3, Mrs. Soame, Soame Orange Mist. **NOVICE**, not Blue or Silver—1, Mrs. Teeling, Amberette; 2, Mrs. Stevenson, Dandy of Hanley; 3, Mrs. Fosbery, Eastbury Sunshine. **LIMIT**—1, Miss Heywood, Silvabell of Porchester; 2, Miss Heywood, Cora of Porchester; 3, Mrs. Yeend, Mischief of Bredon. **NOVICE EXHIBITORS' CLASS**—1, Col. Walker, Jane of Abingdon; 2, Col. Walker, Valiant; 3, Mrs. Ronald Bailey, Viscount Grey of Marston Trussell. **MEMBERS OF NEWBURY, Cat**—1, Miss Hill, Galdorn; 2, Miss Langston, Ch. Dion of Allington; 3, Miss Dixon, Simzette. **MEMBERS OF NEWBURY, Kitten**—1, Mrs. Yeend, Mischief of Bredon; 2, Miss Langston, Dorinda of Allington; 3, Mrs. Maturin, Southampton Prince Sapphire. **MEMBERS M.C.C., Kitten**—1, Mrs. Aubrey, Langherne Darling; 2, Mrs. Yeend, Mischief of Bredon; 3, Mrs. Fosbery, Eastbury Sunbeam. **MEMBERS OF NORTHERN, Kitten**—1, Miss Langston, Dorinda of Allington; 2, Mrs. Aubrey, Langherne Darling; 3, Mrs. Fosbery, Eastbury Moonbeam; extra 3, Mrs. Yeates, Columbine. **N.C.C., Long-haired Cat**—1, Miss George, Bunkered of Balbedie; 2, Miss Langston, Mab of Allington; 3, Lady Eardley-Wilmot, Eliza, Queen of the May. **N.C.C., Long-haired Kitten**—1, Miss Langston, Dorinda of Allington; 2, Mrs. Aubrey, Langherne Darling; 3, Mrs. Yeend, Mischief of Bredon; extra 3, Mrs. Fosbery, Eastbury Sunbeam. **SELLING CLASS**—1, Mrs. Morley, Anne Goodcat; 2, Mrs. Aubrey, Langherne Dawn; 3, Mrs. Fosbery, Eastbury Gaikwar; 4, Mrs. Yeates, Columbine. **BROOD QUEEN**—1, Mrs. Aubrey, Ch. Langherne Sunshine; 2, Mrs. Soame, Soame Orange Mist; 3, Captain Coles, Simour. **STUD CAT**—1, Mrs. Taylor, Blue Boy of Kenton; 2, Miss Hill, Galdorn; 3, Mr. Drake, Peter of Aldwych; r, Madame Dolli, Ch. Cream Bunne.

#### SPECIALS.

Special for best red kitten was won by Mrs. Fosbery's Eastbury Sunbeam. Special for best red tabby exhibited, won by Mrs. Fosbery's Eastbury Sunbeam. Special for deepest coloured red cat or kitten with good eyes, won by Mrs. Soames's Soame Orange Mist. Cream Male Challenge cup, for ch. prize-winner, won by Madame Dolli's Ch. Cream Bunne. Red Tabby Female Challenge Cup for champion prize-winner, by Soame Orange Mist. Breeders' Champion Cup, for 1st prize tortoiseshell or tortie and white kitten, by Miss M. Morley's Anne Goodcat. Breeders' Challenge Cup, for 1st prize red tabby or red self kitten, by Mrs. Fosbery's Eastbury Sunbeam. Mrs. Kennaway's special, for best brown long-hair kitten, won by Mrs. Western's Unity Malone. Mrs. Reynolds Sams' special, for best head and ears in self red kitten, won by Mrs. Kennaway's Garb. Marygold. Miss Joyce Fair's special, for best blue male kitten under 5 months, won by Mrs. Thompson's Adam of Pensford.

#### THE SIAMESE CLASSES, BY MRS. HARVEY.

Personally, I must admit I was rather disappointed in the Siamese on the whole. They seemed to lack quality, and there was nothing there outstanding, and generally they were not up to the usual Reading standard. I noticed several particularly white-coated kittens, which, I think, lacked character, and are not of the true Siamese standard. A very pretty blue-pointed Siamese female cat was shown by Mrs. Baker. If there had been a special class for blue-pointed cats no doubt this specimen would have done well. She has a beautiful even coat of pleasing colour and texture. It seems to me a most difficult matter to judge blue-pointed cats in the same class as the ordinary Siamese, and I heard one exhibitor say that she had left her blue-pointed cats at home, as she did not know they were allowed

to compete with seal and chocolate pointed cats. Mrs. Burke's male, Kitya Nama, won premier honours as best short-hair cat in the Show. Mrs. Coles' Gate Crasher was taken out as the best Siamese kitten in the Show. I think it was a great pity that a kitten with such obviously poor eyes should have been selected to represent its breed, for, after all, the crowning beauty of a Siamese is its blue eyes. Needless to say, this kitten did not obtain the honour of being the best short-hair kitten in the Show. The Siamese were judged by Miss Lea.

In the SIAMESE MALE CLASS the 1st and ch. went to Mrs. Burke's Kitya Nama, a very nice all-round cat, and worthy of the position; 2nd, Mrs. Maturin's Darboj, personally I cannot admire this cat because he is so obviously barred; 3rd, Miss Busteed's Jimbois, this cat was in good show condition, and has a nice even coat, but I do not admire his head; r, Col. Walker's Valiant, I should have liked to see this cat placed higher, as he is a good type, and has an excellent coat; Pedro of Petaling was placed very low on the list, he is a real good cat, but is not a good showman. SIAMESE FEMALE—1 and ch., Miss Dixon's Simzette, I admire this cat very much, but her coat was rather patchy; 2, Mrs. Harvey's Bonzette, an equally good cat, and, although she is a year older than the 1st prize-winner, she has a distinctly lighter and more even coat; 3rd, Mrs. Maturin's Southampton Dusky Dawn, a nice little cat, with good eyes and coat and nice shape; r, Capt. Coles' Simour. SIAMESE MALE KITTEN, over 5 months—1st, Mrs. Coles' Stout Fella, a pretty kitten with pale coat and good points; 2nd, Mrs. Harvey's Bumbo of Petaling, a good kitten, and, personally, I think superior in type to 1st prize-winner, although rather darker in coat; 3rd, Mrs. Furniss' Sapho, a nice type of kitten, but coat unusually dark for age; r, Mrs. Coles' Happy Warrior. SIAMESE FEMALE KITTEN, over 5 months—1st, Mrs. Coles' Gate Crasher, distinctly lacking in eye colour, otherwise a nice little kitten; 2nd, Mrs. Burke's Snoo, another nice kitten, with good shaped head; 3rd, Mrs. Megroz's Greenway Cecelia; r, Mrs. Baker's Rainella, I should like to have seen this kitten placed higher, as she is an excellent type, with lovely head, the only fault I could see was some grey hairs in her tail owing to an accident to that appendage. SIAMESE MALE KITTEN, under 5 months—There was only one entry in this class, and even that was absent. SIAMESE FEMALE KITTEN, under 5 months (this again was a very small class, 2)—1st, Miss Lowndes' Miss Midget; 2nd, Col. Walker's Verity. SIAMESE BREEDERS' CAT (3)—1st, Mrs. Burke's Kitya Nama; 2nd, Miss Dixon's Simzette; 3rd, Mrs. Baker's Koti. In the Mixed Classes Miss Busteed's Litason, Jimbois, and Cleotte were 1st in the team, under Mr. Ambrose. In the Novice Exhibitors' Class Col. Walker scored 1st and 2nd with Jane of Abingdon and Verity. In the Cat Class for Members of the Newbury C.C. Miss Busteed was 1st with Litason; and Miss Dixon 3rd with Simzette; Bonzette was unplaced; this judging seems so curious that I hope I have not made a mistake in entering up my book. In the Kitten Class for same Club, Mrs. Maturin's Southampton Prince Sapphire was placed 3rd. Members of the Midland C.C. Miss Dixon's Simzette 3rd. National C.C., Siamese Cat or Kitten, judged by Mrs. Wade—1st, Mrs. Burke's Kitya Nama; 2nd, Miss Dixon's Simzette; 3rd, Mrs. Maturin's Prince Sapphire.

### THE SHORT-HAIR CLASSES, BY MISS RICHARDSON.

A deeply grateful vote of thanks is due to Mrs. Campbell-Fraser from all those who travelled to Reading under the arrangements so kindly made by her; at reduced rates both for man and beast, in this

case, woman and cat, and in reserved carriages. Short-hairs came up rather better in numbers this year at Reading, and there were some nice cats in some classes, but only three short-hair kittens present. There were no black, white, or cream short-hairs.

In RED TABBIES, Mr. Hough's well-known Clayton Buchan came 1st; with Miss Meller's also well-known Ch. Rosy Morn 2nd; Mr. Kuhnel's Fire Spark, 3rd. In SILVER TABBIES there were 3 entries—Mrs. Higginbottom's Silver Bell of Westfield, 1st, a pretty little cat, with a nice type of head, and well marked; 2nd, Vagabond Giles; 3rd, another little female, Mr. Hough's Mavis of Westfield. Perhaps Silver Tabbies have not the quality that both judges and exhibitors desire, but it is hopeful to find them turning up in better numbers, and with greater competition improvement should be found. BROWN TABBIES—The well-known Ch. Brown Star (Mr. Taylor) 1st, stands alone for quality; 2nd, Mrs. Hawley's Tablette; 3rd, Hon. Mrs. McLaren Morrison, Timothy, a mackerel striped. TORTOISE-SHELL—Most unfortunately Mr. Taylor's Hopeful had been entered in the wrong class, so didn't compete; the three competitors were all well known—1st, Miss Meller's Alice Hawthorn; 2nd, Mrs. McCowatt's Blythwood Bramble; 3rd, Egerton House Fifi; only one T.W., the well-known Ch. Evenmark, wears well. In MANX, all well known, 1st, Mrs. McL. Morrison's Ch. Egerton House Douglas, stands out, nice tabby of right stamp; 2nd, Fairbrother and Wilson, Starlight Algy; 3rd, Mrs. Higgins' black, Jetsame, not yet in good coat. One ABYSSINIAN, richly coloured and good eyes, also polydactylous, Miss Morant's Zeila of Drumblair, very taking. BLUE BRITISH MALE—1st, Mrs. Hendry's Gugnunc, will be remembered as a kitten last year; the 2nd, new to me, Captain St. Barbe's Toni of Collden; 3rd, Mrs. McL. Morrison's Scaramouche, a very large cat. BLUE BRITISH FEMALE—The winners, all well known and beautiful, and must have been difficult to place—1st, Capt. St. Barbe's Gwnette, who will be remembered as a much admired kitten last year; 2nd, Misses Fairbrother and Wilson, Ch. Rosemary of Ashburnham, who, if I remember, won her laurels two years back, and wears splendidly; 3rd, Bilateena, Mrs. Jackson, also a nice one, and a winner last year; Foxlaw, dam of male winner, reserve. BLUE FOREIGN Only 3 entries, but here was a real find in Misses Wilson and Fairbrother's Paddiwiski (1st), of real foreign type, wedge-shaped head, strikingly so, and truly green eyes, also a pale colour, she will make others look to their laurels; 2nd, Mrs. Stevens' Boo o' Mendip, with the beautiful quality coat we look for in this variety, a bloom on it; 3rd, Miss Richardson's Anton. S.H. KITTENS—1st, Papillon of Corvton, evenly marked and richly coloured little T. and W.; 2nd, Mrs. Bailey, a novice exhibitor, with a Silver Tabby male, Kitty Wee, well grown and richly marked, and should do well when ground colour clears. This lady is very keen on improving the Silver Tabby both long and short-hair; more power to her. The two other entries were apparently absent. In Class 77, A.V. S.H. NOVICE CAT OR KITTEN, was Mrs. Stevens' Nick o' Mendip, a beautiful little Russian, with the same lovely bloom on the coat as his elder sister. He was for sale at only 2½ guineas, but I heard of no one who had snapped him up, as I left early. Mr. Aubrey was deploring the lack of enthusiasm shown by short-hair exhibitors for Worcester Show, and would be glad, I know, to receive any offers of help for those classes.

### MRS. WADE'S CLASSES.

BLUE MALE KITTEN, over 5 months (on the whole I thought this rather a disappointing class, and not nearly so good as the corresponding class in females)—1. Mrs. Yeend, Mischief of Bredon, lovely head, good eye and coat, a very beautiful kitten; 2. Miss George, Squirrel, a good even coloured kitten, good head and lovely kitten, but his coat was shady, and he failed to

eye; 3, Captain St. Barbe, Marzel of Culloden, a very the winners on eye colour. **BLUE FEMALE**, over 5 months—1, Captain St. Barbe, Souriya, a lovely kitten, beautiful pale coat, lovely eye, a bit shady in coat at present; 2, Miss Langston, Pleasance of Allington, a fine large kitten, good head, long dense coat; 3, Miss George, Oenone, this was really a lovely kitten, and should like to have put her higher, but she had a funny little tail, for which I put her down; r, Mrs. Yeates, Princess Nadia, a fine big kitten, most lovely eyes and colour, but a bit shady. **BLUE MALE**, under 5 months—1, Mrs. Thompson, Adam of Pensford, this kitten was most beautifully shown, a well grown kitten, good eyes, good colour; 2, Lady Eardley-Wilmot, River Mist of Henley, good head and eyes, lovely colour, but a bit shady; 3, Miss Langston, Boris of Allington, nice kitten, good head, good colour. **BLUE FEMALE**, under 5 months—1, Miss Langston, Dorinda of Allington, to my mind this was the most beautiful kitten I handled at the Show, and I brought her out as my Best in Show, beautiful head and coat, eyes at present not quite deep enough, but large and well shaped, well placed tiny ears; 2, Mrs. Yeates, Columbine, ran the winner close, and if she had been two months older it would, indeed, be hard to choose between them, a real little picture kitten, grand shape, tiny ears, bold eye, a perfect little darling; 3, Mrs. Boyden, Rebecca, this kitten was in first rate condition and splendidly shown, beautiful colour and shape. **BLUE NOVICE KITTEN** (a very hot class, with 21 entries)—1, Miss Langston, Dorinda of Allington; 2, Capt. St. Barbe, Souriya of Culloden; 3, Miss George, Squirrel; r, Captain St. Barbe, Marzel of Culloden; r, Mrs. Ellaby, Quarry; and Miss D. Fisk, Blue Peter of Winchfield. **BLUE BREEDERS' KITTEN**—1, Miss Langston, Dorinda of Allington; 2, Mrs. Thompson, Adam of Pensford; 3, Captain St. Barbe, Souriya of Culloden; r, Mrs. Yeates, Columbine. **BLUE KITTEN PAIR**—1, Mrs. Thompson, Adam and Eye of Pensford; 2, Miss Langston, Dorinda and Boris of Allington; 3, Captain St. Barbe, Marzel and Souriya of Culloden. **BLUE NEUTER**—1, Mrs. Knapp, Andy Maroo, a grand big fellow, with deep copper eyes and a good head; 2, Mrs. Taylor, Mischief, good colour, failed to win in eye colour; 3, Mrs. Glynne Williams, Hailey Peter, a nice big cat, but very dark in colour. **SIAMSE CAT OR KITTEN, N.C.C.**—1, Mrs. Burke, Kitty Nana, a most lovely shaped male, really magnificent eyes, perfect head and mask, my own fear about this cat is that as he gets older he might grow too dark, at present I think him perfect; 2, Miss T. Dixon, Simzette, a beautiful female, grand shape, a most taking head, with wonderful eyes and grand mask, coat a little patchy in colour; 3, Mrs. Maturin, Southampton Dusky Dawn, a good female, good eyes and head, nice shape. **LOCAL**—1, Mrs. Knapp, neuter, Andy Maroo; 2, Mrs. Richardson, Snowdrop of Farnboro, white kitten, lovely little face and eyes, colour a shade yellow; 3, Mr. Powell, Casilda, a rich coloured red kitten.

#### SPECIALS.

Nos. 7, 12, 70, Miss Langston's Dorinda of Allington; Nos. 11, 69, Mrs. Thompson's Adam of Pensford; Nos. 74, 101, Miss George's Squirrel; No. 75, Mrs. Yeend's Mischief of Bredon; Nos. 98, 2, Mrs. Knapp's Andy Maroo; No. 102, Miss Langston's, Pleasance of Allington; No. 103, Mrs. Richardson's Snowdrop of Farnboro; No. 75, Mrs. Sharman's Papillon of Coryton; Nos. 113, 114, Miss George's Oenone.

I should like to thank Miss Joyce Fair for all her help and kindness to me as my steward. I am, indeed, very grateful to her.

P. WADE.

#### GOSSIP OF THE WEEK.

It is such a common thing for cats to take charge of each other's families that we are surprised to see the daily Press devote about seven inches of space to chronicling this occurrence in the case of the Siamese cats living at the Zoo in the lion-house

How widespread is "Cat Gossip" is shown by the fact that the appeal we published on behalf of Mrs. Eyres Simmons' Cats' Home brought a contribution from California.

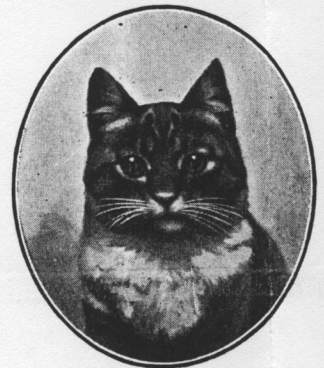
We learn that Belgium has now a cat paper of its very own. M. Armand Steens, the well-known catophile and anti-vivisectionist, of Antwerp, having severed his connection with the French paper and started the "Revue Féline Belge." Thus we have yet another foreign paper which will attend to the "kindness to cats" side (especially anti-vivisection) as well as to purely Fancy matters; a side which has been utterly neglected—and this, we can assure you, to the disgust of hundreds of cat lovers—by the British Fancy Press, since the days of that sympathetic writer, Mrs. Singleton, whose writings were those of a genuine cat lover.

THE Belgian Cat Fancy is a growing one; fanciers would be well advised to keep an eye on it. Possessors of blocks of their cats who will lend them to our contemporary will thereby secure for themselves a good advertisement. The big Antwerp Cat Show will be held on December 9th, and already promises well.

Just a kind word from America (one of many). Mrs. Springer writes: "'Cat Gossip' is a real newsy magazine; I would not be without it." And by the same post Lady Eardley-Wilmot writes that she "always enjoys the paper very much."

Miss Helen Hill-Shaw has become godmother to

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Major and Mrs. Sydney Woodiwiss' child, christened on 22nd.

THE Black and White Club's Kitten Cup for Best L.H. Black was won outright at Newbury by Miss J. M. Fisher, with Nimrod of Hadley. Miss Fisher is generously presenting another Cup in its stead.

Miss Evelyn Langston, who appears (we are rather glad to see) to have captured the German market, is judging at Cologne Show in the first week of December.

Miss Northcote tells us she has a little book of verses and stories for children in the printer's hands; we feel certain they will be of exceptional merit.

WE were interested to hear that the Hon. Mrs. McLaren Morrison, who in days gone by introduced several new varieties of foreign dogs and cats to the show bench, has now some new Chitral Spaniels, which have just come out of quarantine.

## SIAMESE AND THEIR OWNERS.

BY MUANG T'HAU.

We heard that Mrs. Adelma (not Adelina as the printer made it) O'Brien, of Chicago, has had an attack of ptomaine poisoning, but is now better. Mrs. O'Brien writes sympathetically about our loss of Mr. Percival, whom she had learnt to esteem through correspondence.

In the "Birmingham Gazette" "Mary Abbott" writes: "In Siam pussy is a symbol as well as a pet. Along with a grindstone signifying firmness, a gherkin for happiness and the grains of prosperity; a white cat was carried by the Court Chamberlains in procession to the Throne Room when the young King of Siam was crowned."

We much fear the market will soon be overstocked with Siamese, seeing what a number of kittens are just now for sale; we do not know how they can all find buyers.

Mrs. Ellaby writes that all her cats are now restored to health, and that she only used plain commonsense remedies and foods.

We observe that the Club judges of the S.C.C. are asked to meet the Committee at Anderton's Hotel on 14th inst., at 11 a.m., to discuss the standard.

There appears to be a very strong feeling that many judges do not attach sufficient importance to the type of head in Siamese. Personally, we strongly object to a round, or "ordinary shape" head in this variety. It is, of course, idle to expect a male to have the dainty head of a female, and the older the cat gets the rounder its head is likely to become, but we are certainly of opinion that a little more stress might advantageously be laid on this property; the standard distinctly says "Head rather long and pointed."

## COMING RETIREMENT OF MR. YEATES.

We are sure the whole Cat Fancy will learn with regret that it is true, as has already been rumoured, that Mr. Cyril Yeates has decided to retire from his position as Secretary of the N.C.C., in which he has done such good work. We are afraid we are correct in saying that it is largely Mrs. Yeates' state of health which is forcing him to take this action. We therefore feel sure that the Fancy in general will wish to fall in with the suggestions made by Lady Eardley-Wilmot, who writes us that she hopes to be able to send a well started list of subscribers to Worcester Show, to do honour to one who has undoubtedly, in the past years, done a very great deal for the Cat Fancy. Quite unofficially, we understand that there is a possibility of Mr. and Mrs. Yeates going abroad to live; and whilst we personally quite commend the idea (regarding Continental life as far pleasanter) it will be a very great loss to the Fancy, in which real workers are not too common.—EDITOR, "Cat Gossip."

Members of the Cat Fancy will have learnt with regret that it is the intention of Mr. Yeates to retire from the arduous honorary position which he has held as Secretary of the National Cat Club for so many years, during which time so many have been indebted to him, not only in his official capacity, but both to Mr. and Mrs. Yeates, for valuable help and advice so freely given. It is proposed that some token of their appreciation should be presented on the occasion of his retirement. Those who agree with this suggestion and are glad of the opportunity are invited to forward subscriptions to Lady Eardley-Wilmot, Tollgate Cottage, Henley-on-Thames. A list of subscribers will accompany the presentation.

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