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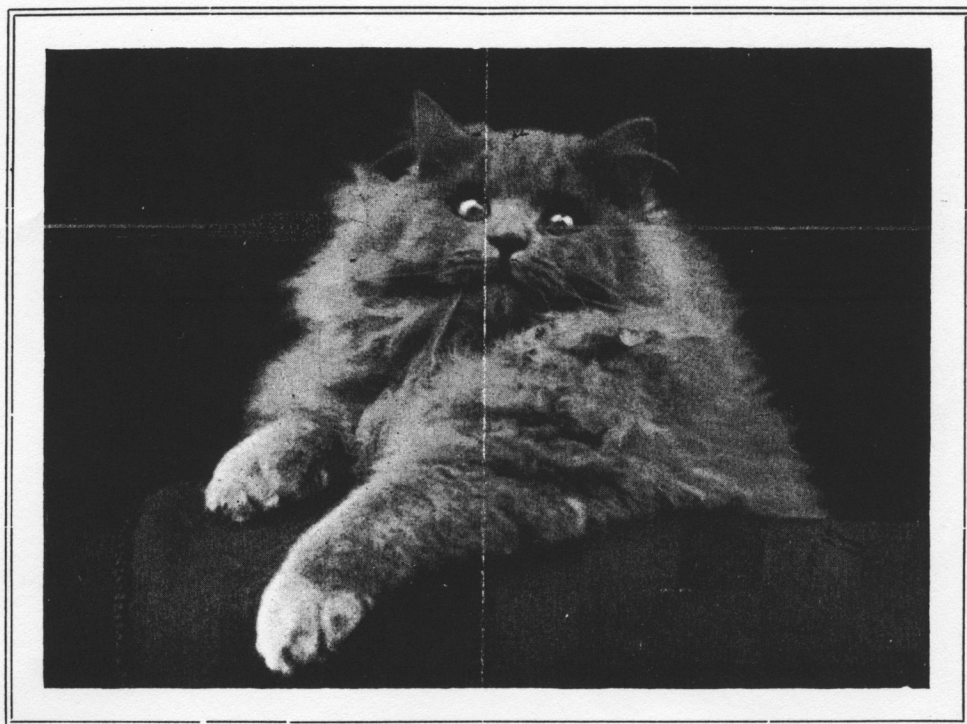
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THE ARISTOCRAT OF THE COURT.

Born July 29th, 1927. G.E.C.F. 14695.

The Aristocrat began his winning career as a baby kitten, when he won under Mrs. Yeates at Croydon 1927. From that time he rose steadily at each show, ending his kitten career at Kentish Town, 1928, where he was 1st in blue breeders and 1st in blue pairs with his litter brother, Orsino. At Thame, 1928, he was 2nd in blue males the first time shown as an adult, and at Reading, 1928, he was 2nd in blue males, 2nd blue breeders, 3rd blue junior, and third blue novice. Of him Mr. Yeates said, on seeing him in his own home: "He has grown into a

fine cat. He is still carrying a heavy coat of an exceptionally fine quality, and has a good pair of eyes." Miss Langston says: "He promises to be a most lovely cat. He has gorgeous eyes, and is a pale sound blue." At Crystal Palace also: "He has a lovely head and eye." Miss Lea's report, Reading, 1928: "The Aristocrat of the Court I liked much, nice level blue coat—a very good one. I remember him as a charming winning kitten at Kentish Town in January. A true blue level coloured exhibit.

MIDLAND C.C. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW.

"Royal Worcester" lived up to its name yesterday, November 8th, 1928, when the Midland County Cat Club held its Ch. Show in the Corn Exchange—a large, airy, well-lighted building, heated by two cheery fires. The day was cold, but fine, with a joyful bit of sunshine, which was reflected in the faces of those present. London exhibitors arrived over-night, and were pleasantly placed at the Star Hotel. A sumptuous official luncheon was kindly provided in the Show Hall on the day, and Mr. Aubrey, the popular Hon. Show Secretary and Manager, in a neat speech thanked his Committee, Judges, Stewards, and helpers for their assistance, etc., etc. Mr. Yeates, on their behalf, responding in a fell well chosen words. All went merrily, and no one could have wished for a kinder welcome than our West Country friends gave to the exhibitors. I was very glad to hear that the entries exceeded those of last year, and I am certain that so pleasant an atmosphere will draw all Fanciers to repeat their visit another year. Mrs. George, Mrs. Aubrey, and Mrs. Yeend, Assistant Hon. Secretary, busied themselves entertaining their friends in the most hospitable manner, and I can only say that, personally, my daughter and I shall hope to visit again their delightful town.

Now a few remarks upon the exhibits—'tis impossible to speak of each separately—but the cats were all benched, with rare exception, in excellent form. Mrs. Fosbery's galaxy of reds struck me forcibly—such vivid colour that one might imagine electric heat emanating from them! Eastbury Rosemo scores on head also, but the wicked Barron was absent, having betaken himself to a midnight ramble, so could not be found. Tortoiseshell and white exhibits came out strongly, Mr. Blandford's Gay Sally, remarkable for patches and colour even in an exceptionally good class. Garb. Tess, a fine female, had with her three nice kittens, a promising red amongst them. My pet, Mirza of Bredon, well shown by Mr. Budd, carried off the cream male championship, and Mrs. Stevenson, that known breeder of this species, won the championship in the females with Meave of Hanley. Chins., like creams in this country, hold an important hand, and Mab of Allington, that queen of the "sea-green eye," was followed closely for the championship by Mrs. Aubrey's Ch. Langherne Sunshine. Ch. Glitter of Runnymede, son of that well-named Silver Wraith of Boreham, carried off the Chin. male championship, and I was glad to see my old friend, Miss Roberts, scoring with Flora of Frampton. Oh, why don't more fanciers take up this neglected and charming variety? Smokes I was sorry to see conspicuous "by their absence," Mrs. Reynolds Sams showing only Dragon of the Cottage; another neglected variety—not a bene! In white Persians those few shown were first class, the championship falling to

a new exhibit owned by Mrs. Cattermole—Lotus Billy Boy. Tortoiseshell adults were few; the championship fell to Mrs. Bryan's big queen, Ch. Gingerbelle. Mrs. Gilbert, Newcastle, I was sorry to see, could not accompany her pretty Pompelia as she had hoped to. In Siamese Miss Dixon took the female championship with her dainty wedge-headed Simzette, a daughter of beautiful Simple, and the male championship fell to Miss Busted's Jimbois, the only Siamese of this particular breeding shown. The neuters numbered five, headed by Mrs. Aubrey's Langherne Ivan, a splendid fellow. This is a class which should fill well at every show, for these exhibits are always more or less "in coat," and so are easy to show; just kept as house pets they rarely look off colour.

Shorthairs.—Now with S.H. Fanciers I am simply so disgusted with their lack of vitality that I have no patience to write about the subject, and, please good friends, what is the matter with you all? A Ch. Show and only three S.H. kittens shown. Is the old English cat to die out? Mrs. Higginbottom was brave, sent her sweet silver tabby S.H. all the way from Newcastle, setting such a good example—alas, scantily followed! Mr. Taylor, that lucky exhibitor whom nobody tries to beat; Mrs. Hawley, who is a kind friend to this variety, and so to an end. The blue (foreign) and blue (British) type were sparsely upheld, Captain Guy St. Barbe and Mrs. F. H. Stevens annexing championships. I wonder why Ch. Blythwood Douglas, white S.H., Mrs. McCowatt, was only entered in N.C.C. Class? Now to the blue L.H., always well catered for, because their lovers are enthusiastic. For the awards I must refer you to the classification following, and content myself with one or two remarks. Miss Joyce Fair's Ch. Northway Sheldermine gained the female championship above Lady Eardley Wilmot's Eliza Queen of the May—a close runner up. Miss Evelyn Langston's Ch. Dion, 1st and ch. Blue Male Class, has, to my mind, improved almost beyond words. Two promising youngsters—Don of Bredon (Mrs. Yeend) and Flick a Maroo's son, Bunkerel (Miss George), 2nd and 3rd respectively—will be heard of again later. The excitement of the day was when the blue judge only awarded 1st and reserve in a class of five kittens. I heard it rumoured that "colour" was the fault. I fear it caused a good many heart aches. At the Show I was most interested to make the acquaintance of that gifted writer, Miss M. Oldfield Howey, author of "The Encircled Serpent," "The Horse in Magic and Myth," etc., etc. She had penned a fascinating adjunct to the Show in seven exhibits of Polydactyle cats of various colours, among which the brown tabby won 1st prize. This curious freak, of an extra toe, gives an idea that puss is dressed in woolly shoes. I believe they breed true to type, and are a most curious phenomenon.

Among Show enthusiasts in the Hall I noted Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Yeates, Mrs. Budd, Miss J. M. Fisher,

Miss Kathleen Yorke, Miss Trefusis, Miss Yeend, Miss Norrie, Miss Adye, Mr. Yorke, and many others. Before closing I must remark upon Madame Flora, a parti-coloured (black and white) queen, L.H., shown by Mrs. Soame, one of the best marked specimens I have seen for a long time.

Judges: Miss Savory, Miss White Atkins, Mrs. Hindley, Mr. Ambrose, Mr. Wardle. Referee Judge: Mrs. Forsyth Forrest. Hon. Vet.: Mr. W. C. Maguire. Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Yeend. Hon. Show Secretary and Manager: Mr. H. J. Albrey. Table: Mrs. Yeend, Mrs. Fosbery, Mrs. Sharman, Mr. Yeates, Mr. Aubrey.

Best Cat in Show, Bunkered of Balbedie.

Best Kitten in Show, Butterfly of Dunesk.

Best S.H. Cat in Show, Simzette.

Best S.H. Kitten in Show, Lotus Othello.

History repeats itself—Bunkered repeated his triumphs as "best in show" at Newbury, having taken the similar place in his own special class. Butterfly of Dunesk, best kitten; breeder and owner, Mrs. Brunton; sire Flick a Maroo, ex Sweet Lavender of Dunesk, a charming kit, who, I trust, will be none the worse for her long trip. Lotus Othello, best S.H. kitten, a handsome black boy with startling eyes, owned by Mrs. Cattermole.

CLASSIFICATION.

L.H. CATS (over 9 months).

BLACK, M. or F. (4)—1 and ch., Miss Alexander, Toby Philpot; 2, Mrs. Soame, Ch. Soame Desert Chief; 3, Mrs. Campbell-Fraser, Ch. Lorina of Hadley. WHITE, M. or F. (4)—1 and ch., Mrs. Cattermole, Lotus Billy-Boy; 2, Mrs. Reynolds Sams, White Satin of Runnymede; 3, Mrs. Cattermole, Lotus Blue Bell; r, Mrs. R. Sams, Hyacinth. BLUE, M. (12)—1 and ch., Miss Langston, Ch. Dion of Allington; 2, Mrs. Yeend, Don of Bredon; 3, Miss George, Bunkered of Balbedie; extra 3, Nurse Nicholls, Cupid of Callow; r, Mrs. Jepson, Juba. BLUE, F. (8)—1 and ch., Miss Fair, Ch. Northway Shelmerdine; 2, Lady Eardley Wilmot, Eliza Queen of the May; 3, Nurse Nicholls, Dawn of Hope; r, Mr. Budd, Arctic Star. BLUE BREEDERS (8)—1, Ch. N. Shelmerdine; 2, Don of B.; 3, Bunkered; r, Juba. BLUE NOVICE (9)—1, Dawn of Hope; 2, Juba; 3, Arctic Star; r, Mrs. Fox, Flick Albert. BLUE LIMIT (7)—1, Don of B.; 2, Bunkered; 3, Eliza; r, Arctic Star. BLUE SPECIAL LIMIT (9)—1, Bunkered; 2, Eliza; 3, Cupid; r, Juba. BLUE JUNIOR (9)—1, Bunkered; 2, Eliza; 3, Juba; r, Arctic Star. RED TABBY, M. (1)—1 and ch., Mrs. Fosbery, Eastbury Roseino. RED TABBY, F. (4)—1 and ch., Mrs. Fosbery, Eastbury Rosalind; 2, Mrs. Fosbery, Eastbury Rosegay; 3, Mrs. Soame, Soame Orange Maid; r, Mrs. Kennaway, Tail Rise Ann. RED SELF, M. or F. (1)—Mrs. Fosbery, Eastbury Barron. TORTOISESHELL, M. or F. (3)—1 and ch., Mrs. Bryan, Ch. Gingerbelle of Barnsby; 2, Mrs. Nathan, Parkside, Tricolour; 3, Mrs. Gilbert, Pompeia. TORTLE and W., M. or F. (5)—1 and ch., Mrs. Blandford, Gay Sally; 2, Mrs. Kennaway, Garb. Bobby Dazzle; 3, Mrs. Kennaway, Garb. Tess; r, Mrs. Kennaway, Garb. Mawkin. CREAM, M. (2)—1 and ch., Mr. Budd, Mirza of Bredon. CREAM, F. (4)—1 and ch., Mrs. Stevenson, Meave of Hadley; 2, Miss Fair, Ch. Meg of Bredon; 3, Mrs. Dunn, Mab of Bredon; r, Miss Adye, Audrey of the Balcony. CHINCHILLA, M. (2)—1 and ch., Mrs. R. Sams, Glitter of Runnymede; 2, Mrs. Drake Peter of Aldwych. CLASS 19 (4)—1 and ch., Miss Langston, Mab of Allington; 2, Mrs. Aubrey, Ch. Langherne Sunshine; 3, Miss Hayward, Silvabell of Porchester; r, Mrs. Sharman, Langherne Betty of Coryton. SILVER TABBY, M. or F. (2)—1 and ch., Miss Roberts, Flora of Frampton; 2,

Mrs. Bryan, Benny of Serrano. SMOKE, M. or F. (1), championship withheld—1, Mrs. R. Sams, Dragon of the Cottage. BREEDERS, ex Blue (7)—1, Eastbury Rosemo; 2, Ch. L. Sunshine; 3, Soame O Mist; r, Peter of Aldwych; NOVICE, ex Blue (4)—1, Mirza; 2, L. Billy Boy; 3, L. Blue Bell; r, Mab of Bredon. LIMIT, ex Blue (5)—1, Silvabell of Porchester; 2, Mirza; 3, Soame O Mist; r, Peter of Aldwych. CLASS 27 (3)—1, Mirza; 2, Meave of Hadley; 3, Flora of Frampton. ANY COLOUR SENIOR CAT (10)—1, Ch. L. Sunshine; 2, Gay Sally; 3, Ch. M. Shelmerdine; r, Peter of Aldwych. ANY COLOUR JUNIOR, ex Blue (5)—1, Mab of Allington; 2, Meave of Hadley; 3, Lotus B. Bell; r, Mirza. BRACE (4)—1, Miss George; 2, Mrs. Fosbery; 3, Mrs. Cattermole; r, Mrs. Yeend. TEAM (9)—1, Miss George; 2, Miss Langston; 3, Mrs. Fosbery; r, Mrs. Aubrey. STUD, judged by progeny present (2)—1, Miss George, Flick a Maroo; 2, Ch. Dion of Allington. BROOD QUEEN, ditto (5)—1, Miss Fair, Northway Singing Hinny; 2, Ch. L. Sunshine; 3, Mrs. Brunton, Sweet Lavender of Dunesk; r, Miss Fair, Ch. Meg. VETERAN (3)—1, Bobby Dazzle; 2, Mrs. Kennaway, Garb. Rose Ann; 3, Pompeia. OPEN, Any Variety, M. or F.—1, Bunkered; 2, Gay Sally; 3, Ch. L. Sunshine; r, Silvabell.

L.H. KITTENS.

BLACK, M. or F. (3)—1, Mrs. Campbell-Fraser, Hendon Mad Margaret; 2, Miss Adye, Faustine of the Balcony. BLUE, M., 6 to 9 months (5)—1, Mrs. Yeend, Laddie of Bredon; 2, Nurse Nicholls, Son of Dawn; 3, Mrs. Yeend, Mischief of Bredon; r, Miss George, Squirrel. BLUE, F., 6 to 9 months (5)—1, Mrs. Newton, Collette of Correnden; r, Miss Langston, Drusilla of Allington. BLUE, M., 3 to 6 months (10)—1, Mrs. Brunton, Dragon Fly of Dunesk; 2, Captain St. Barbe, Hero of Culloden; 3, Miss Langston, Boris of Allington; r, Miss Malpas, His Lordship. BLUE, F., 3 to 6 months (9)—1, Mrs. Brunton, Butterfly of Dunesk; 2, Mrs. Butler, Utopia; 3, Miss Langston, Dorinda of Allington; r, Miss Langston, Dionette of Allington. BLUE BREEDERS (12)—1, Butterfly; 2, Laddie; 3, Dorinda; r, Dragon Fly. BLUE NOVICE (16)—1, Butterfly; 2, Laddie; 3, Squirrel; r, Utopia. BLUE PAIRS (8)—1, Mrs. Yeend; 2, Miss George, Benedict and Bachelor of Balbedie; 3, Mrs. Yeates, Columbine and Moor Maiden; r, Mrs. Young, Boldre Flick and Flip. BLUE SPECIAL LIMIT (11)—1, Butterfly; 2, Laddie; 3, Squirrel; r, Utopia. BLUE LIMIT (7)—1, Butterfly; 2, Laddie; 3, Dragon Fly; r, Columbine. CREAM, M. or F., 6 to 9 months (3)—1, Miss Fair, Northway Coral; 2, Miss Langhorne, Lad's Love o the Combe; 3, Miss Fair, Northway Crocus. CREAM, M. or F., 3 to 6 months (5)—1, Mrs. Stevenson, Dandy of Hanley; 2, Miss Bignold, Romulus; 3, Mrs. Yeend, Mirabelle of Bredon; r, Miss Bignold, Mimosa. RED TABBY, M. (3)—1, Mrs. Fosbery, Eastbury Sunbeam. CHINCHILLA, F., 6 to 9 months (5)—1, Mrs. Jepson, Langherne Darling; 2, Mrs. Jepson, Tabfield Mignonette; 3, Mrs. Newton, Caprice of Correnden; r, Miss Cotterell, Grant and Trefusis, Khatum. CHINCHILLA, M., 3 to 6 months (8)—1, Miss Langston, Dante of Allington; 2, Mrs. Newton, Chin-Chin; 3, Miss Langston, Desmond; r, Misses Leach and Hanson, Empire Silver Renee. CHINCHILLA, F., 3 to 6 months (3)—1, Mrs. Newton, Coquette; 2, Miss Langston, Dolores; 3, Mrs. Rouet, Tynedale Stella. CHIN. BREEDERS (10)—1, Coquette of Correnden; 2, Dante; 3, Mignonette; r, Chin-Chin. ANY COLOUR BREEDERS, ex Blue and Chin. (4)—1, Mrs. Campbell-Fraser, Hendon Pitti-Sing; 2, Mrs. Stevenson, Dandy of Hanley; 3, Mrs. Fosbery, Sunbeam. ANY OTHER COLOUR, NOVICE (8)—1, Coquette; 2, Katum; 3, Chin-Chin; r, Mrs. Aubrey, Larigherne Dawn. A.O.C. LIMIT (7)—1, Desmond; 2, Chin-Chin; 3, Sunbeam; r, Mad Margaret. A.O.C. SPECIAL LIMIT (6)—1, Desmond; 2, Pitti-Sing; 3, Chin-Chin; r, Sunbeam. PAIRS, ex Blue (7)—1, Mrs. Yeend; 2, Miss Langston; 3, Mrs. Aubrey, Langherne Happy Boy and Duke; r, Mrs. Jepson. LITTERS (3)—1, Mrs. Nicholls, blues; 2, Mrs. Kennaway, torties. OPEN, A.V. (10)—1, Mischief; 2, Coquette; 3, Chin-Chin; r, Butterfly.

SIAMESE ADULTS.

SIAMESE, M. (3)—1 and ch. Miss Busted, Jimbois; 2, Miss Busted, Litason. SIAMESE, F. (9)—1 and ch., Miss Dixon, Simzette; 2, Captain Coles, Simour; 3, Mrs. Oats, Fairor; r, Mrs. Maturin, Southampton Dusky Dawn. SIAMESE BREEDERS (2)—1, Simzette; 3, Miss Chichester, Minerva. SIAMESE NOVICE (3)—1, Miss Busted, Highfield Litamoor; 2, Mrs. Lisle Mullens, Western Hope; 3, Mrs. Mullens, Western Joy. SIAMESE LIMIT (4)—1, Simzette; 2, Mrs. Maturin, Southampton Dusky Dawn; 3, Highfield Litamoor; r, Western Hope. SIAMESE BRACE (4)—1, Miss Busted; 2, Mrs. Coles; 3, Mrs. Mullens.

SIAMESE KITTENS.

SIAMESE M. (3)—1, Mrs. Maturin, Southampton Sapphire; 2, Mrs. Coles, Stout Fella; 3, Miss Chichester, Calverleigh. SIAMESE F. (5)—1, Miss Chichester, Guyers; 2, Mrs. Coles, The Gate Crasher; 3, Mrs. Jones, Mars Lady; r, Mrs. Maturin, Southampton Gaza. SIAMESE BREEDERS (5)—1, Prince Sapphire; 2, Stout Fella; 3, The Gate Crasher; r, Miss Chichester, Calverleigh. SIAMESE NOVICE—1, Prince Sapphire; 2, Guyers; 3, Mrs. Stanley, Diddy; r, Mars.

SHORTHAIRED CATS.

BLACK, M. or F. (1), championship withheld—1, Mrs. Hawley, Gooby. SILVER TABBY (1)—1 and ch., Mrs. Higginbottom, Silver Bell of Westfield. BROWN TABBY, M. or F. (3)—1 and ch., Mrs. Taylor, Ch. Brown Star; 2, Mrs. Hawley, Tabteller; 3, Mrs. Hawley, Tabbiana. BLUE BRITISH, M. (1)—1, Captain St. Barbe, Toni of Cullodien. BLUE BRITISH, F. (1)—1 and ch., Captain St. Barbe, Gwnette. BLUE FOREIGN, M. or F. (2)—1 and ch., Mrs. F. H. Stevens, Boo of Mendip; 2, Misses Fairbrother and Wilson, Starlight Paddiwiski. MANX (1)—1 and ch., Mrs. Higgins, Jetsame. CREAM (1)—1, Mrs. Harpur, Cream Courtier of Placey.

SHORTHAIRED KITTENS.

ANY VARIETY (3)—1, Mrs. Cattermole, Lotus, Othello; 2, Miss Howey, Bas Ku.

NEUTERS.

LONGHAIR (5)—1, Mrs. Aubrey, Langherne Ivan; 2, Mrs. Aubrey, Langherne Dick; 3, Mrs. Hopton, Rufus Rex; r, Mrs. Jepson, Julius. SHORTHAIRED (2)—1, Miss Chichester, Litaman; 2, Mrs. Hawley, Jar Bay.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' CAT CLUB CLASSES.—Longhair M. (5)—1, Bunkered; 2, Mirza; 3, Don; r, Glitter. Longhair F. (7)—1, Eliza; 2, Ch. L. Sunshine; 3, Silvabel; r, Ch. Shelmardine. L.H. M. Kittens (10)—1, Mischief; 2, Sunbeam; 3, Squirrel; r, Chin-Chin. L.H.F. Kittens (10)—1, Coquette; 2, Langherne Darling; 3, Drucilla; r, Columbine. Shorthair, M. or F. (6)—1, Simzette; 2, Jimbois; 3, Tablette; r, Litason. Shorthair Kitten (5)—1, Guyer; 2, Basker; 3, Calverleigh; r, Miss Bateman, Oise.

NATIONAL CAT CLUB CLASSES.—A.V. L.H. Cat (7)—1, Bunkered; 2, Ch. L. Sunshine; 3, Silvabel; r, Don. A.V. L.H. Kitten (8)—1, Mischief; 2, Butterfly; 3, Moor Maiden; r, Dragon Fly. A.V. S.H. Cat or Kitten (7)—1, Simzette; 2, Silver Bell; 3, Dusky Dawn; r, Othello.

NORTHERN CAT CLUB CLASSES.—A.V. L.H. Cat (10)—1, Ch. Langherne Sunshine; 2, Bunkered; 3, Arctic Star; r, Mab. A.V. S.H. Cat (5)—1, Jimbois; 2, Litason; 3, Mrs. McCowatt, Ch. Blythswood Douglas.

CROYDON CAT CLUB CLASS.—A.V. Cat or Kitten, L. or S.H. (9)—1, Ch. L. Sunshine; 2, Coquette; 3, Dorinda; r, Ch. Dion.

NEWBURY CAT CLUB CLASSES.—A.V. Cat (7)—1, Simzette; 2, Ch. L. Sunshine; 3, Eastbury Rosemo; r, Mab of A. A.V. Kitten (6)—1, Mischief; 2, Sunbeam; 3, Butterfly; r, L. Darling.

LOCAL CLASSES.—A.V. Cat (5)—1, Ch. L. Sunshine; 2, Bunkered; 3, Miss George, The Flirt; r, Don of B. A.V. Kitten (9)—1, Mischief; 2, Squirrel; 3, Langherne Happy Boy; r, Laddie.

HOUSEHOLD PET CLASSES.—Polydactyle, M. or F. (7)—1, Miss Howey, Cradley Fidelity (brown tabby); 2, Miss Howey, Fanton; 3, Miss Howey, Fairy; r, Miss Howey, Felicity. Cat or Kitten, any variety (6)—1,

Miss Betty Pimley, Nigger; 2, Miss Pimley, Ginger; 3, Miss Tetsall, Toodles; r, Mrs. Tyler, Snow.

SELLING CLASSES.—Cat, A.V.—1, Mrs. Yeend, Don; 3, Mrs. Yeend, Marvel of Bredon. Kitten—1, Mrs. Yeend, Maybelle of Bredon; 2, Laddie; 3, Mrs. Yeates, Moor Maiden.

A CORRECTION.

I am so sorry, but in reporting on my classes at the Reading Show, I reported Class 46, female kitten under five months, wrongly. 1st, Miss Langston, Dorinda of Allington; 2nd, Mrs. Yeates, Columbine; 3rd, Mrs. Thompson, Eve of Penford, and not as I put in the report, Mrs. Royden, Rebecca of Harvil; r, Mrs. Royden, Rebecca of Harvil. I sincerely apologise to both Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Royden for misplacing their kittens in my report.

P. WADE.

GOSSIP OF THE WEEK.

Miss Elliot (Toronto) writes that at the 27th International Canadian Cat Show, just held, the best male was the imported Ch. Summer Knight of Henley. The winning red tabbies were all descendants of Helme Ruddy Boy, also imported from England. A certain Croydon parson, we were given to understand, shut his cat out of the house (illegally) during his absence on holiday, with the result that the cat, which was in kitten at the time, died. We sent him a copy of "Cat Gossip" with Captain McCunn's

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article, and other people, it seems, have also communicated with him on his unchristian action, and we hear the reverend gentleman is quite "peevd" about it!

FROM Cleveland, U.S.A., Mr. C. L. Madden writes this kind appreciation: "How you've ever kept the little sheet so fresh and interesting is a marvel to me; the evident labour that has gone to the making of the paper labels itself plainly a labour of love."

WE regret to hear from Miss Sharland that there will be no cat section at Exmouth this year. It is a pity, as this is always an enjoyable fixture, and these local Shows undoubtedly bring in many new recruits to the Fancy. Mrs. Sharland observes: "There are so many Ch. Shows nowadays in the Winter they swamp the small shows."

LADY Eardley Wilmot wishes again to call attention to the collection she is making for a presentation to Mr. Cyril Yeates on the occasion of his retirement from office, and to mention that a list of the subscribers will accompany the presentation, but the individual amounts subscribed will not be made known.

THE "Daily Express," we observe, is organising a "Heaviest Cat" competition—prizes £10 and £5! The competition will be by post, and a judge from the office of the paper will visit the homes to inspect the likeliest entrants. The "Sunday Pictorial" tells us that Mr. Baron, the "Carreras" tobacco manufacturer, has erected a magnificent factory in Hampstead Road, designed after the Temple of Bast. Two huge bronze cats flank the main entrance, and over all is set the winged solar disc emblem of Ra, the Sun God, "the mellow of tobacco." "Pearson's Magazine" tells us how the idea that black cats are lucky originated. According to early superstitions all cats were sacred, and if treated kindly would bring favours from their tutelary goddess. Later superstitions centred in the belief that Satan took the form of a black cat, these animals also being the familiars of witches. Thus to pet a black cat was to curry favour with Satan or his followers. So that strictly the superstition was less that a black cat brings good luck, but that if welcomed it prevents ill-luck.

"CAT COURIER" says: You can't get an Angora cat in Angora. A frantic search was made for a specimen to be presented to the Afghan Queen as a feature of a reception, but in vain. . . . The Kansas City Southern Railway has a S.H. tabby regularly entered on its staff books, at a salary of 1½ dollars monthly. . . . The Campo Beach Life Guards have as a mascot a cat which is a great trick diver and swimmer.

MISS E. Newton writes: Lately I have been very interested in two new arrivals at the Zoo, namely, a pair of Pampas Cats from Chili; they are most attractive in appearance. The keeper tells me he had the female a few weeks before the male, and she will allow him to stroke her, but the male is very fierce, and is smaller than the female.

VETERINARY ADVICE.

Fitzwilliam.—Post mortem examination of your Siamese cat showed that death was due to septic pneumonia. If another cat is similarly affected you had better waste no time in getting professional advice in detail. As first-aid measures apply antiphlogistine to the chest walls after clipping off the hair; steam the head with medicated steam; keep the animal warm and dry, and prohibit all exercise. Telegram was sent off on Saturday.

DEBUTANTE'S DIARY.

Two Show Items to Remember:

—Both White—

Blankets and Ribbon.

The blanket for puss to lie upon must be pure white, without distinguishing mark—line, border, or name. The ribbon for the tallies must be white also—any colour would disqualify the cat. In tying the tally ribbon, if the finger is placed between the ribbon and the cat's neck, the tightness will be correct and comfortable.

A LITTLE KITTY'S PRAYER.

I wonder in my little soul
If folks are hard of hearing?
I do so want a drop of milk!
I'm tired out with purring!
A puss can't purr and purr and play
Without one sip the livelong day—
My throat's as dry as sand;
Yet what I say
In my own way
They will not understand!

I heard them call me "poor dumb thing!"
But what does talking matter?
They're deaf, I think, so I can't see
The good of all their chatter!
I've rubbed myself against the chairs,
With all my pretty silken airs,
And tail stuck stiff on end;
For milk again
I've asked them plain,
And yet they won't attend!

(From "Our Animal Brothers.")

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