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**MR. CYRIL YEATES,**

Chairman of the C.C.; Hon. Sec. Black and White Clubs; many years Hon. Sec. of the National Cat Club, &c., &c.

## PRESENTATION TO MR. YEATES.

The National Cat Club's 39th Championship Show was made the occasion for a presentation to Mr. Cyril Yeates, who is resigning the position of Honorary Secretary, which he has filled with so much success for so many years, and who has won the esteem and affection of all with whom he has come in contact during his term of office.

The presentation, which was organised by Lady Eardley-Wilmot, took the form of a cheque and a list of donors, and was presented by Sir Claud Alexander, who spoke feelingly of the splendid work Mr. Yeates had done. He said of the many secretaries they had had he could not remember one to equal Mr. Yeates. In conclusion he said, "We love you, Mr. Yeates, and we don't want to lose you."

Mr. Yeates, who appeared to be deeply touched, spoke of the wonderful way in which the Fancy had gone ahead in recent years. With regard to his own efforts, he said it had always been a task of love to uphold the position of the animal whose welfare we all have so much at heart. After the war there were

very few entries at the Palace—to-day they numbered over a thousand, which shows the strides that have been made. He wished to say that when he took over the secretaryship it was entirely due to the unfailing help and kindness of Miss Lea, who had filled the position for three years prior to him, that he had been able to make it the success which Sir Claud Alexander so kindly alluded to.

Mr. Western, who spoke on behalf of the Judges, referred most enthusiastically to the help and consideration they had all received from Mr. Yeates, and he hoped that, as it was yet some time before his official retirement took place, that he would reconsider his decision.

Amongst those present were Mrs. Yeates, Lady Alexander, Lady Eardley-Wilmot, Mrs. and Miss Campbell-Fraser, and Mrs. Oglethorpe.

## THE NATIONAL CAT CLUB'S 39th SHOW,

CRYSTAL PALACE, NOVEMBER 28th and 29th.

The National Cat Club's 39th Championship Show, held at the Crystal Palace on November 28th and 29th, is the largest Cat Show ever held there. The total number of exhibits amounted to 429 cats and kittens, and entries numbered over a thousand. As ever, blues out-numbered all others, and in blue males there were 22 of the best in the country present. Mrs. Slingsby remarked that it was the finest class of blue males she had ever judged, and as she is one of our finest blue judges I think we may consider that the exhibits were of exceptional quality. There was also a wonderful class of tortoiseshells, in which Mrs. Yeates carried off premier honours. Miss Langston's Mab of Allington was adjudged the Best Cat in the Show, and Lady Alexander carried off the special for Best Short-Haired Cat with her red tabby, Marcus Superbus. The best reserve long-haired kit was Mrs. Fosbery's Eastbury Sunbeam, and best reserve long-haired cat Mrs. Aubrey's Langherne Day Dream. Mrs. Ward's kitten escaped from its pen on the first day, and was lost for a time, but I am glad to say it was recaptured, before the close of the second day. Tinker of Goodmayes, an enormous cat who weighed 34lbs. 6ozs., won the "Daily Express" prize for the heaviest cat, was on view, and attracted a great deal of attention. The Palace was beautifully decorated with ferns and palms, and I don't think there could ever have been

a bigger crowd present—at times it was difficult to move at all. We were all sorry that Mr. Goddard was not able to be present to witness the wonderful success of Ashton Pride, but it is hoped that the good news, which was wired to him, will cheer him and help towards a rapid recovery. We also missed Miss Harmer, who is ever a tower of strength at all our shows. There were some lovely blue kits present, and amongst these I liked especially Miss Langston's Dionetta, a kit of lovely quality, and Mrs. Yeates' Columbine, a perfect little gem. In male kits Mrs. Thompson was again successful with Adam of Pensford, a fine male kitten, and always beautifully shown. Mischief of Bredon still keeps up his winning record, and Souriya of Culloden, a lovely kit by Son o' Flick, ex Thalia of Culloden, was looking very nice. I very much admired two exquisite pale blue kits belonging to Captain Guy St. Barbe—Natalie and Authea. In spite of their extreme paleness they are perfectly sound, and carry most lovely coats. In black females Mrs. Yeates' Waratara still holds an unbeaten record, and again won 1st and championship. In tortoiseshells I much admired Mrs. Campbell-Fraser's Hendon Pitti Sing and Mrs. Yeates' Chintz—the latter won 1st in her class and the special for the best kitten in the show. Time will not permit of my writing in detail, or there is much I should like to say in praise of many of the exhibits—but I should like to say that Flick-a-Maroo impresses me as one of the outstanding influences of the day, and from the lovely kits I have seen of his and of Son o' Flick's it is to be hoped that their influence in type will not be lost in future generations. Ch. Shelmerdine was looking lovely, and I am longing to see a litter from her some day. At home she is called "The Cosy Cat," and I have always thought of her by that name ever since I first heard it. Lady Eardley-Wilmot was delighted with Eliza Queen of the May, who won a championship in blue females. She is a lovely cat, and inherits her sire's true colour and lovely head. Our thanks and praise are due in full measure to Mr. and Mrs. Yeates for the admirable way in which the Show was run. It has meant weeks and weeks of untiring effort and thought to organise so great an undertaking, and I feel sure there are few people, save those directly concerned, who realise what a tremendous task it is to run a show of this magnitude.

#### M. ESTELLE OGLETHORPE.

BLUE M.—1, Mrs. F. Goddard, Ashton Pride; 2, Mrs. Oglethorpe, The Aristocrat of The Court; 3, Lady Eardley-Wilmot, Ch. Gentleman of Henley; 4, Miss George, Bunkered of Balbedie; r, Mrs. Jepson, Juba. BLUE F.—1 and ch., Lady Eardley-Wilmot, Eliza Queen of the May; 2, Miss Joyce Fair, Ch. Northway Shelmerdine; 3, Miss Darlington Manley, Blue Haze of Cardonald; 4, Mr. Budd, Arctic Star; r, Captain Guy St. Barbe, Glory of Culloden. BLUE BREEDERS—1, Mrs. Goddard, Ashton Pride; 2, Miss Fair, Ch. Northway Shelmerdine; 3, Mrs. Oglethorpe, The Aristocrat of The Court. BLUE NOVICE, M. or F.—1, Mrs. Goddard, Ashton Pride; 2, Mrs. Oglethorpe, The Aristocrat of The Court; 3, Miss Darlington Manley, Blue Haze of Cardonald; 4, Captain Guy St. Barbe, Glory of Cullo-

den; r, Mrs. Jepson, Juba. BLUE SENIOR, M. or F.—1, Lady Eardley-Wilmot, Ch. Gentleman of Henley; 2, Miss Fair, Ch. Northway Shelmerdine; 3, Miss George, Flick-a-Maroo; r, Mrs. Yeates, Winsome Witch. BLUE JUNIOR, M. or F.—1, Mrs. Goddard, Ashton Pride; 2, Lady Eardley-Wilmot, Eliza Queen of the May; 3, Mrs. Oglethorpe, The Aristocrat of The Court; 4, Miss Manley, Blue Haze of Cardonald; r, Captain Guy St. Barbe, Glory of Culloden. BLUE LIMIT, M. or F.—1, Mrs. Oglethorpe, The Aristocrat of The Court; 2, Mrs. Budd, Arctic Star; 3, Mrs. Yeend, Don of Bredon; r, Mrs. Yeates, Winsome Witch. WHITE M.—1 and ch., Mrs. Reynolds Sams, Swinton Turk; 2, Miss Nichols, Fairy King; 3, Dr. Harford, Polar Bear; r, Mrs. Cattermole, Lotus Billy Boy. WHITE F.—1 and ch., Mrs. Cattermole, Lotus Blue Bell; 2, Mrs. Reynolds Sams, White Satin of Runnymede. BLACK M.—1 and ch., Mrs. McClure, Hillingdon Black Jester; 2, Mrs. McClure, Hillingdon Black Knight; 3, Miss Alexander, Toby Philpot. BLACK F.—1 and ch., Mrs. Yeates, Waratara; 2, Msr. McClure, Ch. Jill of Ashburnham; 3, Mrs. MacKenzie, Black Dot. RED TABBY, M.—1 and ch., Mrs. Neate, Ch. Red Leader; 2, Mrs. Neate, King of the Reds; 3, Mrs. Eric Nathan, Parkside Little Slam; r, Hon. Mrs. McLaren Morrison, Cloth o' Gold. RED TABBY, F.—1 and ch., Mrs. Broughton Hawley, Tritoma; 2, Mrs. Tomlinson, Maythorpe Radiant Morn; 3, Mrs. Soame, Soame Orange Mist. RED SELF, M. or F.—1 and ch., Mrs. Neate, Amber Princess; 2, Mrs. Prince, Just in Time. CREAM, M.—1 and ch., Mr. Budd, Mirza of Bredon; 2, Madame Dolli, Ch. Colneside Cream Bunne; 3, Mrs. Neate, Plenty of Promise. CREAM, F.—1 and ch., Mrs. Stevenson, Meave of Hanley; 2, Miss Joyce Fair, Ch. Meg of Bredon; 3, Mrs. Stevenson, Pickles of Hanley. BLUE CREAM, M. or F.—1, Mrs. Neate, True Type; 2, Mrs. Soame, Soame Moonstone; 3, Mrs. Teeling, Oonagh of Mullaghan. TORTOISESHELL, M. or F.—1 and h.c., Mrs. Bryan, Ch. Ginger Belle of Barnsley; 2, Mrs. Prince, Pride of Hill View; 3, Mrs. Eric Nathan, Parkside Tricolour. TORTIE AND WHITE, M. or F.—1 and ch., Mrs. Averil, The Mock Turtle; 2, Mrs. Kenaway, Garboldisham Bobby Dazzle. BROWN TABBY, M. or F.—1 and ch., Mrs. Ripley, Vickers Viny; 2, Mrs. Kennaway and Miss Hotson, Mollie Malone; 3, Miss Alexander, Tabs. CHINCHILLA, M.—1 and ch., Mrs. Reynolds Sams, Ch. Glitter of Runnymede; 2, Miss Langston, Silver Caesar of Correnden; 3, Mrs. Sharman, Puck of Coryton. CHINCHILLA, F.—1 and ch., Miss Langston, Mab of Allington; 2, Miss Heywood, Cara of Porchester; 3, Mrs. Reynolds Sams, Dimple of Runnymede. SILVER TABBY—1 and ch., Mrs. Ronald Bailey, Viscount Grey of Marston Trussell; 2, Mrs. Higginbottom, Ch. Silveta of Westfield; 3, Mrs. Bryan, Benny of Serrano. SMOKE, M.—1 and ch., Miss Noyes, Kentish Stormcloud; 2, Mrs. Reynolds Sams, Dragon of The Cottage; 3, Miss Arletti, Fetnah. SMOKE, F.—1, Mrs. Noyes, Dusky Dreamer. A.O.C. M. or F.—1, Mrs. Soame, Madame Flora. A.C. BREEDERS, except Blue, M. or F.—1, Mrs. Aubrey, Ch. Langherne Sunshine; 2, Mrs. Stevenson, Meave of Hanley; 3, Mrs. McClure, Hillingdon Black Jester. A.C. NOVICE, except Blue, M. or F.—1, Mrs. Neate, King of the Reds; 2, Miss Langston, Silver Caesar of Correnden; 3, Mrs. Cattermole, Lotus Blue Bell. A.C. SENIOR, except Blue, M. or F.—1, Madame Dolli, Colneside Cream Bunne; 2, Mrs. Reynolds Sams, Ch. Glitter of Runnymede; 3, Mrs. Aubrey, Ch. Langherne Sunshine. A.C. JUNIOR, except Blue, M. or F.—1, Mrs. Averil, The Mock Turtle; 2, Miss Heywood, Cara of Porchester; 3, Mrs. Yeates, Waratara. A.C. LIMIT, except Blue, M. or F.—1, Mrs. Aubrey, Langherne Day Dream; 2, Mrs. Oglethorpe, The Aristocrat of the Court; 3, Miss Manley, Blue Haze of Cardonald. A.C. BRACE—1, Mrs. Aubrey, Ch. Langherne Sunshine and Ch. Langherne Day Dream; 2, Ch. Gentleman of Henley and Eliza Queen of the May; 3, Ch. Lady Maythorpe and Maythorpe Autumn Tints. A.C. TEAM—1, Miss Langston; 2, Mrs. Aubrey; 3, Mrs. McClure. A.C. STUD—1, Miss George, Flick-a-Maroo; 2, Mrs. Yeates, Son o' Flick; 3, Miss Langston, Silver Caesar of Correnden. A.C. BROOD QUEEN—1, Mrs. Neate, True Type; 2, Mrs. Yeates, Waratara; 3, Mrs. Aubrey, Ch. Langherne Sunshine. A.C. VETERAN—1,

Miss Heywood, Silvasheen of Porchester; 2, Mrs. Neate, Ch. Red Leader; 3, Mrs. Aubrey, Ch. Langherne Beauty. L.H. KITTENS, under 9 months, White, M. or F.—1, Mrs. Reynolds Sams, Twinkle of Runnymede; 2, Miss Street, Hurrah-Harmer; 3, Mrs. Richardson, White Heather of Farnborough. BLACK, M.—1, Mrs. Soame, Soame Black Star; 2, Mrs. Spencer Smith, Bogie Prince; 3, Mr. Gill, Tybie of Cotsall. BLACK, F.—1, Mrs. Campbell-Fraser, Hendon Mad Margaret; 2, Miss Barker, Gift of Ashford; 3, Mrs. Soame, Desirée. BLUE, M., 3 to 6 months—1, Mrs. Thompson, Adam of Pensford; 2, Captain Guy St. Barbe, Hero of Culloden; 3, Miss Langston, Boris of Allington. BLUE, F., 3 to 6 months—1, Miss Langston, Dionetta of Allington; 2, Mrs. Yeates, Columbine; 3, Mrs. Langston, Dorinda of Allington. BLUE, M., 6 to 9 months—1, Mrs. Yeend, Mischief of Bredon; 2, Nurse Nichols, Son of Dawn; 3, Miss George, Squirrel; r. Captain St. Barbe, Mahgil of Culloden. BLUE, F., 6 to 9 months—1, Captain St. Barbe, Souriya of Culloden; 2, Miss Nicol, Princess Nadia; 3, Miss Peake, Speedwell Alayne; 4, Mr. Bolton, Tourfield Pearl's Pride. BLUE PAIRS, 3 to 9 months—1, Miss Langston, Boris and Dorinda of Allington; 2, Captain St. Barbe, Autha and Souriya of Culloden; 3, Miss George, Benedict and Bachelor of Balbedie. BLUE BREEDERS, 3 to 9 months, M. or F.—1, Mrs. Yeates, Columbine; 2, Captain Guy St. Barbe, Souriya of Culloden; 3, Mrs. Thompson, Adam of Pensford; 4, Captain Guy St. Barbe, Hero of Culloden. BLUE NOVICE, 3 to 9 months, M.—1, Captain Guy St. Barbe, Hero of Culloden; 2, Miss Langston, Boris of Allington; 3, Nurse Nichols, Son of Dawn. BLUE NOVICE, 3 to 9 months, F.—1, Miss Langston, Dionetta of Allington; 2, Miss Nicol, Princess Nadia; 3, Captain St. Barbe, Autha of Culloden; 4, Miss George, Oenone; r. Mrs. Yeates, Moor Maiden. BLUE LIMIT, 3 to 9 months, M. or F.—1, Miss Nicol, Princess Nadia; 2, Miss George, Squirrel; 3, Miss Peake, Speedwell Alayne; r. Miss George, Oenone. BLUE SPECIAL LIMIT, 3 to 9 months, M. or F.—1, Miss Langston, Dionetta of Allington; 2, Miss Nicol, Princess Nadia; 3, Nurse Nichols, Son of Dawn; 4, Miss George, Squirrel. RED TABBY, M.—1, Mrs. Fosbery, Eastbury Sunbeam; 2, Mrs. Teeling, Eastbury Moonbeam; 3, Mrs. Gilbert, Harry Hotspur; 4, Miss George, Squirrel. RED SELF, M. or F.—1, Mrs. Fosbery, Eastbury Jazz; 2, Mrs. Fosbery, Eastbury Joker. CREAM, 3 to 6 months—1, Mrs. Stevenson, Dandy of Hanley; 2, Miss Langhorne, Prince Charming of the Combe; 3, Mrs. Stevenson, Chumpy of Hanley. CREAM, 6 to 9 months—1, Mrs. Soame, Soame Desert Man; 2, Miss Fair, Northway Coral; 3, Miss Fair, Northway Crocus. TORTOISESHELL—1, Mrs. Yeates, Chintz; 2, Mrs. Prince, Rosiera; 3, Miss French, Polly Ebony; r. Mrs. Campbell-Fraser, Hendon Pitti Sing. CHINCHILLA, 3 to 6 months, M.—1, Miss Langston, Desmond of Allington; 2, Mrs. Aubrey, Langherne Duke; 3, Miss Langston, Dante of Allington. CHINCHILLA, F., 3 to 6 months—1, Mrs. Newton, Coquette of Correnden; 2, Miss Langston, Dolores of Allington; 3, Mrs. Bernier, Ch. Bernier Pansifa. CHINCHILLA, M. or F., 6 to 9 months—1, Mrs. Jepson, Tabsfield Mignonette; 2, Mrs. Wrench, John of Betley; 3, Mrs. Jepson, Langherne Darling. SILVER TABBY, M. or F.—1, Mrs. Bryan, Antony of Merioneth; 2, Miss Stubb, Morphola; 3, Miss Stubb, Folam. SMOKE, M. or F.—1, Miss Alexander, Oros; 2, Mrs. Graham Coltart, Selma Starlight; 3, Mrs. Spencer Smith, Smoke Princess. BROWN TABBY, M. or F.—1, Miss Western, Unity Malone; 2, Mrs. Alexander, Tripper; 3, Mrs. Beckett, Reuben Ranza. A.O.C., M. or F.—1, Miss Mantley, Judy of Cardonald; 2, Miss Langhorne, Lady Angela of the Combe; 3, Mr. Ladyman, Golden Pluff. A.C. BREEDERS, except Blue, M.—1, Mrs. Fosbery, Eastbury Sunbeam; 2, Miss Langston, Desmond of Allington; 3, Mrs. Aubrey, Langherne Duke. A.C. BREEDERS, except Blue, F.—1, Mrs. Newton, Coquette of Correnden; 2, Mrs. Campbell-Fraser, Hendon Pitti Sing; 3, Mrs. Jepson, Tabsfield Mignonette. A.C. NOVICE, except Blue, M. or F.—1, Mrs. Jepson, Tabsfield Mignonette; 2, Miss French, John of Betley; 3, Mrs. Richardson, White Feather of Farnborough. A.C. PAIRS, except B.—1, Mrs. Fosbery, Eastbury Jazz and Joker; 2, Miss Fair, Northway Coral

and Crocus; 3, Miss Nicol, Ronette and Larry; 4, Miss Langston, Desmond and Dante of Allington. A.C. LIMIT, except Blue, M. or F.—1, Mrs. Yeates, Chintz; 2, Mrs. Newton, Coquette of Correnden; 3, Miss Nicol, Larry.

### THE SIAMESE.

ADULT, M.—I was very unhappy about this class. I had two exhibits—one the ideal Siamese male, the other a very good, but round-headed cat. I put down Kitya Nama because he had evidently had a very bad fight. His mask was broken by having lost a good deal of hair, he had a lump on his nose, and a mark by the side of his eye. Judging on the day I did not feel I could put him above a cat with no temporary blemishes. However, I could not give a round-headed Siamese a championship, so I withheld this in the class, although I consider him well worthy of his first prizes. I hope I have not been unfair to Kitya Nama; many people thought I was. If so I apologise, but I judged according to my lights. 1, Mr. and Mrs. Woolf, Catullus, most beautiful eyes, lovely mask and points, good body colour, round head; 2, Mrs. Maturin, Kitya Nama, an ideal Siamese stud, even colour, lovely head and eyes, lost to the winner to-day simply because of what I have said above. ADULT, F.—1 and ch., Miss F. Dixon's Simzette, a most lovely type, lovely head, eyes, and shape, and her colour is much more even than at Reading, I brought her out for my best in show; she was beaten by an unusually wonderfully marked deep red tabby, but she was made reserve best in show; 2, Mrs. Ellaby's Princess Cleo, when I saw the age marked in my book, 8½ years old, I sent my steward to the Secretary to confirm it, she surely is the most marvellous cat for her age, even coat, wonderful eyes, typical shape; 3, the Hon. Mrs. Clive Behrens, Swinton Stella, lovely eyes, points very dense, good colour and shape, rather on the small side; r. Mrs. Grylls and Mrs. Beavis, Siam Souriya, a very nice cat, good eyes and shape, would have been higher but for speckled mask and points; I must mention a cat with the most glorious eyes I have seen for a long time, the Hon. Mrs. Clive Behrens' Swinton Sonia, I could only give her a ½ because of her blotchy body colouring, but what eyes! and a very good dense mask. BREEDERS, Adult (2 entries, 1 absent)—1, Miss Dixon's Simzette, NOVICE, Adult—1, Mr. and Mrs. Woolf, Catullus; 2, Mrs. Grylls and Mrs. Beavis, Siam Souriya; 3, Miss P. Weigall, To-Mooey-Fan, a nice cat, very good eyes, but rather round in head. BRACE—1, Mrs. Ellaby, Annette and Manto; 2, Mrs. Ward, Asiza and Zaroui; 3, Mrs. Coles, Stout Fella and Gate Crasher; r. Mrs. Maturin, Southampton Prince Sapphire and S. Zaza. MALE, 3 to 9 months—1, Mrs. Ellaby, Manto, lovely pointed head, beautiful eyes and colour, typical shape; 2, Mrs. Maturin, Southampton Sapphire, lovely eyes, beautifully pale even coat, ran the winner very close, but I liked Manto's head a little the better; 3, Mrs. Furness, the most glorious eyes imaginable, a lovely little kitten, but spoilt by speckled mask and points, when these go he will take a great deal of beating. FEMALE, 3 to 9 months (this was a very hot class, and nearly every kitten I had was better than the average, it is difficult to imagine a better class of kittens)—1, Mrs. Ward, Asiza, a little beauty, marvellous eyes, wonderfully deep points, excellent shape, if anything a little dark in coat, this kitten was made Best Shorthair Kitten in Show; 2, Mrs. Ellaby, Annette, ideal shaped head, lovely pale colour, lost to the winner on eyes and density of points, although her's, too, were excellent; 3, Mrs. Coles, The Gate Crasher, beautiful body colour and points, failed to the two previous kittens in eye colour; r. Mrs. Ellaby, Novelle, lovely head and eyes, but rather a slightly speckled mask. NOVICE, Kitten—1, Mrs. Ellaby, Manto; 2, Mrs. Ellaby, Annette; 3, Dr. Ayles, Harlesworth Charbo; extra 3, Mrs. Ward, Baroui; r. Mrs. Ellaby, Novelle. BREEDERS, Kittens—1, Mrs. Ellaby, Manto; 2, Mrs. Ward, Asiza; 3, Mrs. Ellaby, Annette; r. Mrs. Maturin, Southampton Prince Sapphire. NEUTER—1, Mrs. Newman Flower, Michael Angelo, a very handsome cat, with lovely head and eyes and good body colour.

SPECIALS.—Mr. and Mrs. Woolf's Catullus, Nos. 16.

26, 28, 98, 201; Miss Dixon's Simzette, 10, 70, 92, 93, 97, 108, 180; Mr. and Mrs. Woolf's Zobeida, 39; Mrs. Ellaby's Manto, 95, 202, 208; Mrs. Newman Flower's Michael Angelo, 191, 216; the Hon. Mrs. Clive Behrens' Swinton Sonia, 192, 197; Mrs. Ellaby's Princess Cleo, 193; the Hon. Mrs. Clive Behrens' Swinton Sonia and Swinton Stella, 194; Mrs. Ellaby's Annette and Manto, 195; Mrs. Ward's Asiza, 196.

I should like to express my most grateful thanks to Mrs. Thompson, who certainly is quite the best steward imaginable. I am truly grateful to her for her tremendous help, patience, and kindness.

PHYL WADE.

### SHORT-HAIRS.

There was quite a good entry of shorthairs at the Palace, the largest classes being Foreign Blues, Silver Tabbies, and Tortie and White. I was particularly glad to see the two last, as they are usually few in number. The T. and W. was a particularly good class, with several notable cats. Manx were only three, a great falling off from last year's entry. The Best Shorthair in the Show was Lady Alexander's Rufus Superbus, who thus repeated last year's success. There was a very promising cream kitten shown by Mr. Norris, who only wants time to clear colour; just a baby yet. The "Daily Mail" refers to the Shorthair Blues as "Blue cats shorn like spring lambs," and to a cat "with a clown's face"! This was a curiously marked white with black, shown by Miss Joyce Fair. I was very pleased to note that several other well known longhair breeders were showing shorthairs. What a boon it would be if there could be a daylight electric lamp in each aisle of the concert hall, as in some cases the lighting seems to take all the colour out of the exhibits. There was a great number of interested visitors, and at times the hall was thronged. Miss Lea judged.

BLUE (British), M. (2)—1, Captain St. Barbe, Toni of Culloden, promising young cat, nice colour; 2, Mrs. McLaren Morrison, Egerton House Scaramouche; both these have been seen before. BLUE (British), F. (4)—1 and 2, Lady Alexander, Ballochmyle Weasel and Ballochmyle Greta; 3, Misses Wilson and Fairbrother, Ch. Rosemary of Ashburnham; all well known. BLUE (Foreign), M. or F. (9)—1, Miss Barker, Teaser of Ashford; 2 and 3, Miss Wakeford, Prince Igor of Cleave and Titima of Cleave; personally I preferred the second to the first. Igor is a lovely pale shade of blue, with a very plush-like coat and narrow head and build, markedly so for a male. The light was too bad to see eye colour clearly. Starlight Paddiwiski and Mrs. Stevens' Boo are also the right type, but were unfortunate to-day. BLACK (3)—1, Ballochmyle Midnight (Lady Alexander), a fine well grown cat, and is black with good eyes; 2, Ch. Ballochmyle Headlight; 3, Miss Arletti, Asa Loki; all old friends. WHITE (3)—1, Mrs. McCowatt, Ch. Blythwood Douglas; 2, Lady Alexander, Ballochmyle Water Lily; 3, Mrs. McLaren Morrison, L. House Lily Boy, a new face, first two well known. RED TABBY (2)—1, Lady Alexander, Rufus Superbus, his pen was a blaze of awards; 2, Mr. Hough, Clayton Mastepiece, hard luck to meet a greater one. BROWN TABBIES (5), all did not deserve the adjective however—1, Mr. Taylor, glorious old Brown Star; 2, Mrs. Neates, Squirrel, new face; 3, Mrs. Broughton Hawley, Tabbianna; these two have nice markings, but fail in brownness. SILVER TABBIES (5)—1st again, Ch. Hampstead Sure Again, an old friend, lovely markings; 2, Mrs. Higginbottom, Silver Bell of Westfield, this is

a pretty little cat; 3, Mr. Taylor, Silver Wonder; among the five exhibits there were various shades of ground colour, from pale to quite dark silver; an old description reads "Colour of Aberdeen granite." The palest silver seems the desired shade now, and gives greatest contrast. TORTOISESHELL (4)—1 and 2, Lady Alexander, Ch. Ballochmyle Tom Noddy and B. Mulligat-tawny Soup; 3, Mr. Taylor, Hopeful; all too well known to need description. TORTIE & WHITE (6)—1, Mr. Taylor, Ch. Evenmark, well known; 2, Ch. Wynnstay Victorine, Miss Western; 3, Mrs. Broughton Hawley, Mayrian; r. Larry Patches, Mrs. Fryer; I liked this cat better than the 3rd, as having not such heavy black markings; it was a very good class, and three were bred by the late Mrs. Esdaile. MANX, M. (3)—1, Mrs. McLaren Morrison, Egerton House Douglas, well known, good type; 2, Mrs. Higgins, Jetsome; 3, Misses Fairbrother and Wilson, Starlight Argy; all old faces. A.O.V. (2)—1, Lady Alexander, B. Cream Cracker, very well known. In A.O.V. NOTICE, Miss Joyce Fair showed Bal Masqué, a white cat with black tail, black patch on side, and patched head, with nice quality coat, curious looking.

SHORTHAIK KITTENS.—A.V. (6)—1, 2, and 3, Mrs. Cattermole, Lotus Othello, a very large black with good orange eyes, Lotus Tuppence, nice little blue, Lotus Dusty, another sound black; r was Miss Fairbairns' The White Monkey, well grown golden-eyed white. Mr. Norris had a lovely young cream in this class. A.C. or V., except Self (5)—1, Mr. Norris, Brierley Red Star, beautiful red tabby; 2, Mrs. Sharman, Papillon of Coryton, richly coloured T. and W., coming on well; 3, Mrs. Cattermole, Lotus Silver Bell, well grown. I couldn't quite make out her colour. A.V. KITTEN (4)—The only Abyssinian, Mrs. Buffard's Constant Beautiful, was second in this class; others repeats.

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Tinker of Goodmayes, not a cat, but a portent! There he lay, 35lbs. of tabby cat, inert, winking, his vast sides heaving. He is said to play and catch rats. His coat shone, and he looked well. I should so like to see him at play and catching rats! Perhaps he lies on them. Moreover, he is not the only one! There are others ranging from a mere 20lbs. or so to 32 lbs. I don't think I want one, but I'm sure they love him.

### GOSSIP OF THE WEEK.

THE next Paris Show is fixed for early in February. M. Steens, of Antwerp, will judge Siamese, always a strong feature at this Show, where chocolate Siamese are always very noticeable.

WE are sorry to hear that Mrs. McWatt contemplates giving up her cats, which she is advertising to-day. This week is "Cat Gossip's" birthday—it was born just two years ago. Its next birthday will doubtless be celebrated under other management. If we get through this winter alive we really cannot contemplate another winter spent in this country—it is too awful since we gave up hunting—the only thing, in our opinion, for which it is really worth living in this country. In every other respect, give us Continental life! In the meantime, if our friends want the paper carried on in the same style as hitherto, they must give us more tangible support. We get heaps of letters of appreciation of "Cat Gossip," which are highly gratifying, but do not pay our printing bills! MR. House created a mild sensation at the Palace when he "wrong-classed" the Red Self Amberette, which took the Challenge Certificate as a Red Self at Newbury. Who shall decide, when doctors disagree? We own what we think is the only existing Red Self, without the tiniest vestige of "tabby" even on legs and tail.

THE "Daily Mail" has of late been taking more interest in cats, and publishing cat portraits, which is all to the good; but what their reporter meant when he wrote of the presence of "blue cats shorn like spring lambs," is a mystery to us.

THE Editor of "Cat Gossip" has been invited to judge S.H. cats and male and female Siamese at Paris in February, and it is hoped that Mrs. Nathan will take Blue Persians. The Paris Cat Club has separated from the Société Centrale Féline.

ANOTHER glaring instance of the anomalies resulting from "side-classes": at the N.C.C. Miss Langston's Best in Show cat was *v h c* in a side-class. We much question if any of these side-classes are beneficial.

WE are pleased to observe that there seems to be a decided revival of interest in S.H.

Mrs. Oglethorpe has sold her kitten, Puck of The Court to Sir John Walling, and Pem of The Court to Mr. Claude H. Murrell.

WE believe several golden-eyed whites will be at Croydon, and if they are good specimens they should create a demand for this lovely variety. We have

heard it said: "Oh, if we do breed them the G.C. won't recognise them." This is a mistaken view: if they are produced and wanted the G.C. must recognise them, and we are sure would be perfectly willing to do so, as soon as they are sufficiently established.

**To Correspondent.**—"Principia non homines." No room for your letter this week.

### CATS FOR FUR.

It will be remembered that some months back a Continental firm advertised in the columns of a contemporary, seeking an English agent to supply them regularly with cats. We understand that they received a large number of replies from would-be cat-suppliers in England—and Rumour, which, as we once remarked, is a lying jade, put it about that the contract had been secured by one of our foremost and leading Fanciers—we do not know who **has** the contract, but are satisfied it is not the party in question. Many will be interested to know that the advertisers were a great firm of fur-animal breeders in Saxony. We have seen their booklet illustrating a number of fur-animals on their fur-farm, and **amongst these we find the Blue Persian Cat!** (supplied, presumably by an English breeder).

Now there is, on the face of it, no more cruelty in breeding animals for furs than in raising poultry for the table; it is far preferable to trapping: and it is clear that fur animals on a fur-farm properly run are kept in the best possible conditions and humanely killed. From the illustrations we judge that the animals on the farm in question have a better lot than those kept by some few Fanciers, if we are to credit the reports we hear as to cats kept in tea chests and the like. All the same, though in these commercial days we fear there are many who care not how money is made as long as it **is** made, we are sure that to a majority of cat-fanciers the idea of breeding cats for furs is intensely repugnant. "Fancies" nowadays are fast becoming unworthy of the title—it is grim business all the time; "Fanciers" not only breed to kill, but also to supply vivisectors. May the day be far distant when the Cat Fancy sinks to the low level of some fancies, when we may expect to see (though never in "Cat Gossip") the Fancy Press embellished with charming diagrams illustrative of "How to skin and paunch cats for furs"; and every week there will be Answers to Correspondents instructing the novice "at what age kittens are best killed for pelts," and "how to kill and bleed cats without injury to the pelt." To our thinking, when a "Fancy" is run on those lines, the word "**Fancy**" becomes entirely a misnomer, and should be replaced by the word "**Trade**," a word which many regretted to see appear in a recent official notice regarding business done in cats! Commercialism keeps many Cat lovers away!

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