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LONG-HAIR LORE.

By Mrs. M. ESTELLE OGLETHORPE (Tel.: Wimbledon 2889).

Great things are made of little things,
And little things go lessening
Till at last God comes behind them.

Robert Browning.

On the tragic death of dear little Una's Fairy from lead poisoning H.R.H. Prince Karl August of Thurn and Taxis writes: "I am really just as sad as you are, but I am happy that I did not yet know her, because if one knows one's animals and loves them, to lose them is always so hard; because my pets are real friends of mine just as persons are . . . We have made a snapshot of my black Persian, which I am going to send you as soon as possible. I do not know if it is a fault that my Perselas's little pink tongue is always peeping out? I find it an especial charm of his."

In reply to the Rev. Ogle Wintle's letter Lady Eardley-Wilmot kindly sends the following, telling of a similar experience: "In the last issue of 'Cat Gossip' you give as news that the Rev. Ogle Wintle had a litter from his blue queen, and that in this litter there was one white kit. The only experience I have of this happening was when Autumn Glory was born. She was pure white, and that pure white soon became tinged with the faintest blue till gradually she became that marvellous pale blue which never changed winter or summer. Since then I have always hailed the palest kittens with the greatest joy. I have another queen who, when mated to Ch. Gentleman, produces white kittens, who change gradually in the same way. It would be interesting to hear if Mr. Wintle's kitten also alters this way."

A very pretty play was enacted in the garden yesterday, when The Aristocrat first made the acquaintance of his daughters, Amaryllis and Asphodel. We put Powder Puff with her babies in a basket in the shade at the bottom of the garden, and when some little time later I looked out of the window they had all disappeared! I hurried into the garden, and there, by their sire's house, with their front paws on the ledge of his window were the lost kittens, kissing The Aristocrat through the wire partition, whilst their little mother was lying contentedly near them in a bed of foliage. She must

have decided it was high time the family became united, and have led the way straight there. The Aristocrat adores Powder Puff, and has always done so from a kitten. In fact, he quite loses his head when she comes anywhere in his vicinity, and she knows it and takes it all as a matter of course, and as her due, at the same time always preserving the dignity of her demeanour. Amaryllis and Asphodel are daily improving, and are now lovely kittens. Amaryllis especially excels in head, while Asphodel has lovely round saucer-like eyes, and although they are but a few weeks old both have eyes that are already almost copper. They are not very pale, but daily improving in this respect. It is a thousand pities we lost one at birth, for she was the palest of the litter. All visitors have so far taken them for males, whilst they are always credited with being three weeks older than they really are.

I have lately found out for myself how useful brown bread is for cats and kittens. A plate of brown bread and butter cut into cubes has been given to Son o' Flick's litter daily at tea-time since they came home. A little brown bread taken through a colander and added to fish is a most welcome addition, whilst the same soaked in warm milk is generally liked. For delicate and backward kittens brown bread and butter, with all the crust removed and cut up small, with a cupful of Bovinine, a preparation by which all the vital properties of meat are extracted by a cold process by The Bovinine Co., of New York, U.S.A., is a splendid food and tonic, and obtainable at most chemists. I now give a teaspoonful to a cupful of milk poured over brown bread and butter, not because my kittens are backward, but because I wish them to build up a fine constitution whilst yet young.

From Mrs. Lerway-Elliot I hear that Son o' Flick is thoroughly enjoying his wonderful country holiday, and is the picture of health. There is nothing so good for our highly-bred pets as a seaside or country holiday. A few weeks by the sea will often cure an obstinate case of snuffles, at the same time building up the health, thus enabling them to resist infection and disease.

Precious of Kensington, owned by Mrs. Stratton, produced three fine kittens by Simeon of Westfield, but, unfortunately, two were lost, thus leaving one fine little male to comfort his owner.

GOSSIP OF THE WEEK.

WE know that all our readers will sympathise with Mrs. Burls, who has lost her beloved Galantuomo. Many people knew him by sight, since he attracted much attention when he was shown, but only his intimate friends could fully appreciate his beautiful character. His owner is not left without a cat, for she has other pets, but Galantuomo was always her dearest.

EVER since we joined the Abyssinian Club, we have been looking for a tabby cat of suitable type to cross with an Abyssinian, since the pure-bred Abyssinians are so rare. Two days ago we met the very cat in the street—a really beautiful "blurred" tabby, without a speck of white and with a narrow head and lovely eyes. As "she" was apparently in kitten, we did a little detective work, and discovered the owner, only to find that the cat is a neuter, and that his swollen appearance was due to an outside dinner. Considering the enormous number of female cats that there are in this neighbourhood, it was hard luck to fall in love with one of the comparatively few neuters, but it is a fate which often befalls those who seek for likely recruits for their catteries. There was a Russian cat at the Zoo at one time—he may be there still for all we know—who was "discovered" by several people interested in Russians, and he also was a neuter.

ONE of our American subscribers, in a very friendly letter, remarks that it is a pity that we do not publish more portraits of cats. The cats who are advertised at stud in our columns are so well known to English fanciers that their owners scarcely think it necessary to publish their portraits, not realising that a good photograph may lead to inquiries from abroad. "Cat Gossip" is sent to many subscribers in the U.S.A., and in Canada, South Africa, Australia, Germany, France, Austria, and Belgium, and most of these subscribers will never have an opportunity to see the cats about whom they read in

our columns. Although an illustrated stud advertisement may not bring immediate results, it is an excellent means of attracting the attention of fanciers in other countries, who are much more likely to purchase kittens when they are familiar with a portrait of the sire. An advertisement of kittens for sale is likely to produce results if it is illustrated by a happy snapshot of the kittens or some of their relations, and as "Cat Gossip" is printed on good paper, such snapshots reproduce well. The blocks can, of course, be used afterwards for notepaper headings and postcards, so that the money spent on them is not wasted.

THE GREAT CHESHIRE SHOW.

Under the auspices of the Cheshire Agricultural Society once again we were allowed a Cat Section, and a special tent provided. The Roodee is an ideal spot for this great Show, which has been running now for 91 years, and this year, for the first time, it has been a two-day Show, but for cats only the first day. The River Dee runs alongside the Roodee, and we have the Welsh hills in view—a very pleasant spot for a day's outing. We were pleased to welcome Miss George and several friends, who showed for the first time. Crowds visited the tent during the day. The Messrs. Beresford and Townsend judged, ably stewarded by Miss Wrench, who had a kind word and encouragement for all. Mrs. Elliot assisted in the stewarding, also Mrs. Jinks, and Miss Bostock undertook the feeding. 72 entries.

AWARDS.

SHORTHAIR, Male or Female, any age or colour—1. Mr. Burnett, red tabby, rich colour, clear markings; 2. Miss Allanby, Siamese, beautiful colour, very promising; 3. Mrs. Jarvis, tortoiseshell, rich colour, splendidly patched. LONGHAIR, Male, adult, blue—1. Mrs. G. Jinks, fine head, grand coat and bone; 2. Mrs. Houlst, failed in coat to winner; 3. Miss George, hard pressed by winner. LONGHAIR, Female, adult, blue—1. Mrs. Jarvis, Mersey Atholinc, grand show condition, well-known winner; 2 and 3. Miss George, two beautiful queens, perfectly shown. A.O.C., Male, adult, longhair—2. Mrs. Peters Little, rich red tabby, fine markings; 3. Miss Mould, black, massive animal, jet black. A.O.C., Female, adult, longhair—2. Miss B. Wrench, grand Chinchilla, wonderful eyes; 3. Mrs. S. E. Tomlinson, Ch. Lady Maythorpe, well-known winner. As there were only seven entries in these two classes firsts were withheld. A.C., Male, under 9 months—r. Mrs. Beaven. LONGHAIR, A.C., Female, under 9 months—1. Mrs. S. E. Tomlinson, rich red tabby, grand markings; 2 and 3. Miss George, blues, very promising. LONGHAIR, A.C., either sex, under 6 months—1. Mrs. Elliot, blue, fine head, even colour; 2. Mrs. S. E. Tomlinson, red tabby, winner in 9 months' class; 3. Miss George, blue, should have a future. LONGHAIR, A.C., either sex, under 4 months (red hot class, 21 entries)—1. Mrs. Elliot, blue, winner in Class 87; 2. Miss Joan Buckley, blue, close runner up; 3. Miss Joan Buckley, blue, should have a future, my choice of the three; extra 3. Mrs. John White, HOUSEHOLD PET, non-pedigree—1. Mr. Kühnel, rich red tabby; 2. Mrs. Curran, silver tabby, splendid markings; 3. Miss Moore, tortoiseshell and white, fine head and colouring, and for a novice and first attempt well shown.

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Believe me, yours sincerely,
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