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LONG-HAIR LORE.

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Stilled is the virgin rapture that was June,
And cold is August's panting heart of fire;
And in the storm-dismantled forest-choir
For thine own elegy thy winds attune
Their wild and wizard lyre;
And poignant grows the charm of thy decay.
The pathos of thy beauty, and the sting,
Thou parable of greatness vanishing!
For me thy woods of gold and skies of grey
With speech fantastic ring.

From "Autumn," Sir William Watson.

From Lady Eardley-Wilmot I have a budget of news which I will give you just as it comes from her pen: "Since writing you some weeks ago my little cattery has increased its number by Karin's family, and as I predicted from her slimmness she only produced two, a boy and a girl. I was disappointed at the small number at first, but in reality I think two a lovely family, for they have every chance of getting on, and this one boy and girl are sweet. Especially the boy—though, of course, he will never be a second Dion. I fancy Dion thinks I don't deserve a second Dion after giving him away!!! But I am certainly trying to retrieve my luck, and am 'Dicing' largely. Not only is Tiddley-Winks really in kitten to Dion, and I hope going to make up for losing her family last year, but Dinah has just returned from being mated to him, and I am anxiously counting the days till the first sign of approaching motherhood can be detected. But, best of all, is that I have a wonderful excitement to look forward to, a 'September surprise,' for Miss Langston has generously promised to give me a male Dion kitten, and a gift kitten from the celebrated Allington Cattery will, I know, put everything else into the shade, so I am full to the brim of hope! I am bringing up my small families after Miss Langston's oft-repeated directions, and have adhered to these most strictly, rearing them through over and over again whilst I am stirring the groats, and the results have been all that can be deserved so far, Karin's boy at a month and a week being well up to 1½lbs. All are lively, and all are grateful to Miss Langston for their very sensible upbringing. Dazzler has, I hear, claimed success in his relations with the unapproachable June of Hawkhurst. For years she refused to mate with any but the man after her own choice, and just as Miss Peake was going to give up

altogether I persuaded her to send her home for a last shot. Well, from a postcard received last night, I hear 'June had five lovely blues to-day (one female).' Delighted—we are both to be congratulated!"

(I think Dazzler ought to be the third!)

I wonder if everyone has given up the idea of collecting cats' fur and sending it to be woven. Some months ago Mrs. Sisson and Mrs. Waker worked hard, and tried to make fanciers interested in the subject, but gave up in despair. Having with difficulty collected several pounds of combings I wrote to the manager of the Derwent Mills, who had worked up the product, and was willing to pay quite a fair price for the combings, but they, too, had lost interest through lack of co-operation. It seems a pity that no one will take it up.

Everyone must join in sympathising with Mrs. Taylor in her great loss of Blue Boy of Kenton. I had news of him every now and then, being a lovely son of Ch. Gentleman, and the news was of the best. He had grown more lovely than ever, his head more massive, and his coat thicker and sounder than ever. I believe he weighed over 14lbs., and was only two years old. I so hoped to see him a full champion this year. But a few days ago I heard of his death, which happened very suddenly from bladder trouble. We can all realise what this means to Mrs. Taylor, who had been so successful in bringing up this lovely boy, and all must sympathise with her.

From Miss Peake, of Dawkins, Smarden, Kent, I have also most interesting news, and I am sure all readers will enjoy reading the happenings at the famous Speedwell Cattery: "When you were down here recently you saw June of Hawkhurst, but I would not tell you to whom she had been mated because I am rather superstitious, and we have had so many disappointments with this lady. Up to now she has insisted in choosing her own mate, and her fancy ran to short-haired blacks, preferably with white spots and a vast expanse of white shirt front, so her kits were always put to sleep, and she never had the pleasure of rearing a family. This distressed her very much—last time she was twice caught purloining a huge kitten (one of Twinks' heavyweights), and endeavouring to drag it to her lair. Of course, I knew she had been mated to a blue this time, but before talking about it I wanted **live blue kittens**. Now they are here, and I feel I cannot be too grate-

ful to Lady Eardley-Wilmot for inducing June to mate with a blue, her famous Dazzler of Henley, and forsake her black and white admirers! I believe she needed a lot of persuading, and Lady Eardley-Wilmot's patience and determination are much to be admired. Dazzler, too, is splendid with these ladies who are difficult, he is a regular cave man! I am always sorry for stud owners who are not successful with these naughty queens, they have lots of trouble and not the honour and glory! I am much indebted to several, and am also grateful to others who have offered their studs' services—it is as well June did not know how many aspirants there were for her heart and hand!!!”

From Kew Gardens, the home of the “Pensfords,” I hear that Mrs. Thompson has also been “Dioning,” and that four miniatures of this popular sire have arrived, two males and two females, and the charming mother is Juno of Pensford, whilst Betty, otherwise Pandora, has again visited Mercury of Pensford.

GOSSIP OF THE WEEK.

THE sudden spell of hot weather this week has put many cats and kittens off their feed, and some novice fanciers are probably in despair because promising kittens have not gained in weight. We think that it is a mistake to try to tempt jaded appetites with all sorts of unusual delicacies, since a healthy kitten will not suffer in the least by missing a meal or two, and there are far more deaths from over-feeding than from under-feeding every year. We certainly provide a rather lighter diet on hot days, and substitute lamb's head or rabbit for horse flesh, but if meals are refused we do not offer a favourite dish in place of them.

PROFESSOR Schwangart, of Dresden, the eminent scientific (as opposed to Fancier) authority on Cats, writes of Dwarf Cats (to which Mr. H. C. Brooke referred in his Vienna report last year): “Dwarf Cats are nothing new. The discoveries of skeletons made by R. F. Scharff in Ireland prove that in by-gone times, besides house cats of normal size, a dwarf variety was kept, the bones of which were only of the size of those of a Marten.” The dwarf cats now being carefully bred in Germany are, we hear, most fascinating.

COMPETITION.

We offer a “Cat Gossip” special to the subscriber scoring the greatest number of points at Thame Show on September 19th. Every 1st prize counts as 7 points; 2nd prize, 6 points; 3rd prize, 5 points; reserve, 4 points; v h c, 3 points; h c, 2 points; c, 1 point. Entries for this competition should be made as soon after the Show as possible, and should give full details of wins.

CONTINENTAL CATDOM.

The “Revue Feline Belge” relates a very remarkable coincidence, which might lead some to think that Bast still has power on this earth. (If she has we wish she would use it more!) It appears that the late dancer, Isidora Duncan hated and persecuted cats. She inhabited a house at Neuilly, next door to a Countess who ran a cats' refuge. If ever a cat escaped into the dancer's garden it was remorselessly hunted down by her and her servants, and drowned. In the course of her protests, the Countess asked the dancer one day whether she did not fear she would be struck through what she held most dear? It will be remembered that later both the dancer's children were drowned in the Seine. After this happening it chanced that once again a cat escaped into the neighbouring garden. Its body was found hanging on the party wall, it having been strangled with a cord. Superstitious as are all of the Slavonic races, the Countess did not omit to recall the similitude between the deaths of the former victims and of their persecutor's children. But the coincidence did not end there—it will be remembered that the brilliant but cruel artiste died, in her turn, of strangulation, a loose end of her scarf catching in the wheel of her motor when going at full speed. The vengeance of Bast?

Professor Schwangart, the eminent scientist, who makes a special study of cats, has published some highly interesting notes as to Siamese tails and other matters dealing with feline origins. We are inclined to think, however, the Professor lays too much stress on differentiating between the Slender and the Massive forms of domestic cat—roughly speaking, what we call British and Foreign type. We do not attach so much importance to these differences. Old naturalists used to give different names to the heavy, and the light, types of badger, wolf, and fox, for instance. Such distinctions do not now obtain. Take the leopard again—how massive and “cobby” are some—how slender others.

“Unsero Katze” reports a weird “freak” kitten born at Salzburg and now in the Museum of that wonderful old Austrian city. Normal in all other respects, the place where its face should have been was occupied by one large eye. It only lived for a few hours after birth.

The same paper publishes an article by a lady who has been searching in all kinds of books to find references by travellers of all nations to the Siamese Cat. Nowhere has she found any mention of its being “Royal,” or “Sacred.” Dr. Carl Curt Hoffeus, reporting on a German expedition in Siam, writes in “Through King Chulalongkorn's realm”: “In the great market of Kampeny . . . we obtained nothing of interest but a Siamese cat. This is a broad animal: how long it has been counted as house-animal by the Siamese I could not learn. In the

North one rarely sees them, only after Raheng are they sometimes to be found in the houses."

Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria, in his "Reiseerinnerungen aus Indien," gives a picture of the lower portion of the rock-sculptured Ardschun-group, in which a cat is to be seen, with the description: "We observe a cat, tied up as a punishment for drinking milk out of the god Krishna's bowl. Rats and mice are seen dancing round her and mocking their helpless enemy."

The Cologne group of the German League of Friends of the Cat opened their new Cats' Home last month.

BIRTHS.

August 12th.—Miss Peake's **Speedwell Gay Girl**, 3 females, by **Champion Dion of Allington**.

August 25th.—Miss Peake's **Speedwell Twinks**, 3 males by **Blue Craggie**.

August 23th.—Miss Peake's **June of Hawkhurst**, 4 males, 1 female by **Dazzler of Henley**.

August 29th.—Miss Wakeford's **Kythe**, 5 beautiful kittens, by Owner's **Prince Igor of Cleave** (Russian Blues).

August 31st.—Miss F. Dixon's **Aouda**, 6 kittens by Mrs. Harvey's **Valentino of Petaling**.

COMPETITION RESULT.

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