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"Un homme chérissait éperdument sa chatte;
Il la trouvoit mignonne, et velle et délicate,
Qui miauloit d'un ton fort doux;
Il étoit plus fou que les fous."
From "Renaissance" (Agnes Repplier).

As I have very little news to recount this week, I will write about Pierrot, who was another of M. Théophile Gautier's pets, second only to Madame Théophile in his affections, and after whom I have called my own little Pierrot of the Court. Pierrot was a pure white cat, of a very sweet disposition, and later in life was distinguished by the title of Don Pierrot de Navarre.

Of him M. Gautier writes: "He shared the life of the household with that enjoyment of quiet fireside friendship which is a characteristic of cats. He had his own place on the hearth, and would sit there for hours, listening to conversation with a well-bred air of intelligence and interest. He glanced occasionally from speaker to speaker, and addressed them with little half-articulate sounds as though protesting politely against their statements or offering an opinion of his own upon the matter under discussion. He loved books, and, when he found one upon the table, would lie down on it, turn over the edges of the leaves with his paw, and, after a time, fall asleep, for all the world as if he had been reading a fashionable novel. He gave a good deal of attention to my work, and, while I wrote, would follow the movement of my pen with serious scrutiny, taking note of each new line, and sometimes pushing the penholder gently from my fingers, as though anxious to add a few words of his own. He was an æsthetic cat, like Hoffmann's Murr, and had, I strongly suspect, been guilty of writing his memoirs, scribbling away probably at night, in some shadowy gutter, by the light of his own lambent eyes. Unhappily these invaluable reminiscences have been lost.

"Don Pierrot made a point of never going to bed until I came home. He used to wait for me in the hall, greet me with friendly purrs, and precede me to my chamber like a page. I have no doubt that, if I had asked him, he would have carried the candlestick. He slept on the back of my bedstead, carefully balanced like a bird on a bough, and when I

awoke in the morning would jump down and nestle beside me until I arose. He was strict as a concierge, however, in his notions of the proper time for all good people to be indoors, and would tolerate nothing later than midnight. In those days I belonged to a little society known as 'The Four Candles Club,' the light in the room being restricted to four candles, burning in four silver candlesticks, at the four corners of the table. Sometimes the talk became so animated that, like Cinderella, I forgot the hour; and once or twice Pierrot sat up for me until two o'clock in the morning. This appeared to him unreasonable; therefore he ceased his attentions altogether, and retired to rest without me. I was touched by his mute protest against my innocent dissipation, and resolved to return thenceforth faithfully at twelve. Pierrot, doubtful at first of the permanency of my reform, waited until he saw that my conversion was sincere, and then resumed his old post by the door.

"It is a difficult matter to gain the affection of a cat. He is a methodical animal, tenacious of his own habits, fond of order and neatness, and disinclined to extravagant sentiment. He will be your friend, if he finds you worthy of friendship, but not your slave. His tenderness never costs him his freedom. Yet what confidence is implied in his steadfast companionship through hours of solitude, of melancholy, and of work. He lies for long evenings on your knee, purring contentedly, and forsaking for you the agreeable society of his kind. In vain, melodious mewings on the roof invite him to one of those animated assemblies where fish bones take the place of tea and cake. He is not to be tempted from his post. Put him down, and he will jump up again with plaintive murmurs of reproach. Sometimes he sits at your feet, looking into your face with an expression so gentle and caressing that the depths of his gaze startles you. Who can believe that there is no soul behind those luminous eyes!"

Lady Eardley Wilmot is delighted with the success of the lovely young male she showed at Thame, and who won premier honours, being best exhibit in show. He is a lovely creature. In colouring he much resembles her late pet, Autumn Glory, and he has wonderful eyes. Although he is not bred by his owner he comes from the same stock, and directly I saw him I knew he must have Ch. Gentleman in his pedigree.

He is only 11 months old, so what he may do in future days one cannot say, but I feel sure he will go far, and Lady Eardley Wilmot will have added yet another success to her already wonderful list of famous studs.

GOSSIP OF THE WEEK.

THE schedules for Reading Championship Show should be in the hands of all exhibitors before this issue of "Cat Gossip" appears, so any one who has not received one should write at once to Mrs. Fosbery. We are asked to point out that there is a special class for red L.H. kittens over 3 and under 4 months old, but that these kittens may also be entered in the ordinary classes for red tabby kittens, male or female. Exhibitors should note, too, that the silver breeders' class is open to Chinchillas, smokes, and silver tabbies. Last year there was some misunderstanding on this point, and the owners of smokes did not enter them in the breeders' class.

Mrs. Jarvis writes that she has just bred a litter from brown tabby L.H. parents, which includes one male who is spotted all over, with no lines or darkness on the back. His litter brother has a few lines on the back, and is a little smaller, but a very healthy, playful youngster. She also has a very nice litter of blue shorthairs by Mersey Ambassador, their mother being bred the same way as Bilateena, who won two champion certificates in 1927 at Reading and Croydon. As Mrs. Jarvis wants to reduce stock before the winter, these kits are all for sale at very reasonable prices, and she is particularly anxious that the spotted kitten should find an appreciative owner.

ONE of our correspondents asks us whether we have ever had cats who would eat strawberry jam or cheese. We have never known a cat with a fancy for jam, but our Betty will sell her soul for white sauce with a cheese flavouring, though she will not eat cheese by itself. Prince Igor, in his kittenhood, once consumed a whole box of figs, but the effect was such that he made a mental resolve never to do it again. His father, Prince Mordkin, convalesced after an illness on sausages and sponge cake, the only things he would eat, and we had one cat who would always steal asparagus if she had a chance, though honest about everything else. Another cat, we regret to say, developed a taste for port, prescribed for her after show fever, but she died young. If any of our readers possess cats with unusual food fads, perhaps they will write and tell us about them, as it is an interesting subject.

SIAMESE CAT CLUB SHOW.

We had expected the Siamese Cat Club Show to be a success, since we had heard that the entries were large in all the principal classes, but we had not expected that it would be such a triumph as it was. Not only were the cats and kittens of remarkable quality, but most of them were in a particularly serene frame of mind, and this happy serenity was shared by their owners. It was really just like going to a party given by an enormous and very united family. We have seldom been at a show at which the routine work was carried out with so little fuss—all the officials managed to give the impression that they had ample leisure to listen to any enquiry, and that they were thoroughly enjoying a day spent in struggling with judges' slips, catalogues, and prize cards. The many novice exhibitors who were present must certainly have come to the conclusion that Siamese fanciers are a friendly and helpful race.

Mr. Compton Mackenzie's pithy little speech was punctuated by howls of applause from the cats and kittens, who could not wait until the end to express their approval. Fortunately, he has nine Siamese of his own—he finds that he can only silence them by playing Strauss's *Salome* on the gramophone—so he understands the language, and took these remarks in the spirit in which they were made. He personally interviewed quite a number of prize-winners during the afternoon, and no doubt most of them are still talking about him in their own catteries, and when they have long retired from the show pen will impress the young kittens of the future with reminiscences beginning, "When I talked to Mr. Compton Mackenzie—."

It was a very lucky day for novices. Mrs. Billing, the owner of the Champion Male, Hum Guffin, is a novice, and so is Miss Williams, whose Maeltomis was 2nd in the Championship Class. Mrs. Weir and Mrs. Blofeld can also congratulate themselves on wins in very large classes.

We heard very few adverse criticisms on the judging. Fairlight Gipsy—who becomes a full Champion—was so obviously the best cat in the Show that no one could possibly dispute Mrs. Ellaby's decision, and the other winners in the female class were equally popular. We ourselves preferred Prestwick Mata-Biru, the 3rd prize male, to both the 1st and 2nd prize-winners, but as the light was very tricky on that side of the hall, and we only saw the cats in the pens, our personal opinion is not of the slightest value. Dr. Aylen's Halesworth Mazo, the best kitten in the Show, is a really exquisite little person, and her brother, Manzo, runs her very close. Ch. Bonzo, who was present but did not compete, attracted a great deal of attention. Several of the people who were admiring him explained to us that they were thinking of buying a Siamese as a pet, and they wanted to see what a Siamese kitten ought to look like before making a purchase. They were most surprised when we told them that Bonzo is no longer a kitten. They must think that a full-grown Siamese is about the size of a lion.



AWARDS.

BEST ADULT IN SHOW (Compton Mackenzie Cup)—Mr. Wicking's Fairlight Gipsy. **BEST KITTEN IN SHOW**—Dr. Aylen's Halesworth Mazo. **SECOND BEST KITTEN IN SHOW**—Dr. Aylen's Halesworth Manzo. **OPEN MALE ADULT**, Championship Class—1, Mrs. Billing, Hum Guffin; 2, Miss E. Williams, Maeltomis; 3, Mrs. Duncan Hindley, Prestwick Mata-Biru; extra 3, Mrs. Preston, Biaw; r, Mrs. Harvey, Valentino of Petaling; v h c, Mrs. Allen Maturin, Southampton Prince Sapphire; h c, Mrs. Veley, Chula Luk of the Forest. **OPEN FEMALE ADULT**, Championship Class—1, Mr. Wicking, Fairlight Gipsy; 2, Mrs. Baker, Koti; extra 2, Mrs. Wade, Vilo; 3, Mrs. Duncan Hindley, Prestwick Permata Kechil; extra 3, Mrs. Weir, Happy Go Lucky; r, Miss Fx. Dixon, Aouda; v h c, Mrs. Hallam, Prestwick Purda; h c, Mrs. Wood, Ssuma. **VETERAN**—1, Miss Hill Shaw, Sabia of Cademuir; 2, Mrs. Veley, Mia Song of the Forest. **OPEN, BLUE POINTED OR CHOCOLATE POINTED**—1, Mrs. Baker, Koti; 2, Mrs. Allanby, Parwing. **LIMIT, MALE**—1, Mrs. Billing, Hum Guffin; 2, Miss Williams, Maeltomis; 3, Mrs. Hindley, Prestwick Mata Biru; r, Mrs. Harvey, Valentino of Petaling; v h c, Mrs. Preston, Biaw; h c, Mrs. Veley, Chula Luk of the Forest. **LIMIT, FEMALE**—1, Mrs. Wade, Vilo; 2, Mrs. Baker, Koti; 3, Mrs. Hallam, Prestwick Purda; extra 3, Mrs. Weir, Happy Go Lucky; r, Mrs. French, Dido; h c, Miss Landon, Whissicky of Bedale. **BREEDERS, MALE**—1, Miss Williams, Maeltomis; 2, Mrs. D. Hindley, Prestwick Mata-Biru; 3, Mrs. A. Maturin, Southampton Prince Sapphire; r, Mrs. Veley, Chula Luk of the Forest; v h c, Mr. A. Lewis, Damrong. **BREEDERS, FEMALE**—1, Mr. Wicking, Fairlight Gipsy; 2, Mrs. Baker, Koti; 3, Mrs. Rogers, Mikinkie; r, Mrs. D. Hindley, Prestwick Pemata Kechil; v h c, Mrs. Wood, Ssuma, and Miss Dixon, Aouda. **NOVICE, MALE**—1, Mrs. Billing, Hum Guffin; 2, Miss Williams, Maeltomis; 3, Mrs. D. Hindley, Prestwick Mata Biru; r, Mrs. Harvey, Valentino of Petaling; v h c, Mrs. Veley, Chula Luk of the Forest; h c, Mrs. Preston, Biaw. **NOVICE, FEMALE**—1, Mrs. Wade, Vilo; 2, Mrs. Baker, Koti; extra 2, Dr. Aylen, Chara-Mana; 3, Miss Dixon, Aouda; extra 3, Mrs. Weir, Happy Go Lucky; r, Mrs. D. Hindley, Prestwick Permata Kechil; v h c, Mrs. Hallam, Prestwick Purda; h c, Mrs. Wood, Ssuma. **NOVICE EXHIBITORS' CATS**—1, Mrs. Billing, Hum Guffin; 2, Miss Williams, Maeltomis; 3, Mrs. Weir, Happy Go Lucky; r, Mrs. Preston, Biaw; v h c, Mrs. Lee Roberts, Marland, Solo; h c, Mrs. Preston, Twonk. **NEUTER**—1, Mrs. Murphy, O Snob; 2, Mrs. Bozzelli, Sy Tuan; 3, Miss Schooling, Chulalonkorn; r, Mrs. French, Mikorihah; v h c, Mrs. French, Prince Dana; h c, Miss Cochrane, Iam. **STUD**—1, Mrs. D. Hindley, Ch. Simzo; 2, Mrs. Harvey, Valentino of Petaling; 3, Mrs. Maturin, Kitya-Nama. **BROOD QUEEN**—1, Dr. Aylen, Chara-Mana; 2, Miss Dixon, Ch. Simzette; 3, Col. G. K. Walker, Jane of Abingdon; r, Mrs. Harvey, Bluebell of Petaling; v h c, Miss G. Fox, Bridgford Wendy; h c, Mrs. Burke, Snoo. **PAIR**—1, Mrs. Hindley; 2, Mrs. Preston; 3, Mrs. Maturin; r, Mrs. Veley; v h c, Mrs. Maturin. **BRACE**—1, Mrs. Hindley; 2, Miss Dixon; 3, Mrs. Maturin; r, Mrs. French. **TEAM**—1, Mrs. Harvey; 2, Mrs. Hindley; 3, Col. Walker; r, Miss Dixon. **KITTEN, MALE**, over 6 months—1, Mrs. Meyric Hughes, Dang of Sabrina; 3, Mrs. Furniss, Val-Lek. **KITTEN, FEMALE**, over 6 months—1, Miss McDonald, Miss Timidity of Achmonie; 2, Mrs. Baker, Kweekie; 3, Mrs. Paish, Katarth; r, Mrs. French, Saigon

Nefetari. **KITTEN, MALE**, over 3 and under 6 months—1, Dr. Aylen, Halesworth Manzo; 2, Miss Leatherdale, Lalu; extra 2, Mrs. Blofeld, Hoveton Valiant; 3, Mrs. Lee Roberts, Marland Harp; extra 3, Mrs. Harvey, Bubbles of Petaling; r, Mr. and Mrs. Woolf, Cambyses; v h c, Mrs. Hallam, Leeboy; h c, Miss Dixon, Chote; c, Mrs. Rogers, Pandy. **KITTEN, FEMALE**, over 3 and under 6 months—1, Dr. Aylen, Halesworth Mazo; 2, Col. Walker, Janva; extra 2, Dr. Aylen, Halesworth Bona; 3, Mrs. Hindley, Prestwick Puma; extra 3, Mrs. Budgen, Frutti Girl; r, Mrs. Hindley, Prestwick Parma; v h c, Mrs. Burke, Neira Nama, Mrs. Jocelyn, Villa Moe, and Miss Liberty, Susan Blue; h c, Mrs. Hastings, Zispa, Mrs. Weir, Patalputra, and Mr. and Mrs. Woolf, Cybele; c, Mrs. Weir, Parvati. **KITTEN, BREEDERS, MALE**—1, Dr. Aylen, Halesworth Manzo; 2, Mrs. Meyric Hughes, Dang of Sabrina; extra 2, Mrs. Blofeld, Hoveton Valiant; 3, Mrs. Lee Roberts, Marland Harp; extra 3, Mrs. Harvey, Bubbles of Petaling; r, Miss McDonald, Pointed Face of Achmonie; v h c, Miss Dixon, Chote, Mrs. Harvey, Tinggi of Petaling, and Mrs. Rogers, Pandy; h c, Mrs. Weir, Asoka, and Mrs. Wood, Xambo; c, Maj. Ker, Smalldean Centaur. **KITTEN, BREEDERS, FEMALE**—1, Dr. Aylen, Halesworth Mazo; 2, Miss McDonald, Miss Timidity of Achmonie; extra 2, Col. Walker, Janva; 3, Dr. Aylen, Halesworth Bona; extra 3, Mrs. Baker, Kwee-Ki, and Mrs. Hindley, Prestwick Puma; r, Mrs. Budgen, Frutti Girl; v h c, Mrs. Burke, Neira-Nama, Mrs. French, Saigon Nefetari; and Mrs. Hindley, Prestwick Parma; h c, Mrs. Burke, Maria Jane, and Mrs. Jocelyn, Villa Moe; c, Mrs. Burke, Nezita. **KITTEN, NOVICE, MALE**—1, Dr. Aylen, Halesworth Manzo; 2, Mrs. Meyric Hughes, Dang of Sabrina; extra 2, Mrs. Blofeld, Hoveton Valiant; 3, Miss McDonald, Pointed Face of Achmonie; extra 3, Mrs. Budgen, Tutti Boy; r, Mrs. Harvey, Bubbles of Petaling; v h c, Miss Dixon, Chote, Mrs. Hallam, Leeboy, and Mrs. Harvey, Tinggi of Petaling; h c, Mrs. Weir, Asoka; c, Mrs. Wood, Xambo. **KITTEN, NOVICE, FEMALE**—1, Dr. Aylen, Halesworth Mazo; 2, Miss McDonald, Miss Timidity of Achmonie; extra 2, Col. Walker, Janva; 3, Mrs. Hindley, Prestwick Puma; extra 3, Mrs. Baker, Kwee-Ki; and Dr. Aylen, Halesworth Bona; r, Mrs. Budgen, Frutti Girl; v h c, Mrs. Burke, Neira-Nama, Miss Dion, Matapa, and Mrs. Hastings, Zispa, Miss Liberty, Susan Blue, and Mrs. Weir, Pataliputra; h c, Mrs. Weir, Parvati. **NOVICE EXHIBITOR'S KITTEN**—1, Mrs. Blofeld, Hoveton Valiant; 2, Mrs. Lee Roberts, Marland Harp; 3, Mrs. Jocelyn, Gubbins; extra 3, Mrs. Blofeld, Hoveton Veronica; r, Mrs. Jocelyn, Villa Moe; v h c, Mrs. Hastings, Zispa, and Mrs. Johnstone, Pauqueline; h c, Mrs. Weir, Pataliputra and Parvati. **KITTEN, PAIR**—1, Dr. Aylen; 2, Mrs. Budgen; 3, Mrs. Blofeld; r, Mrs. Lee Roberts; v h c, Miss Dixon and Mrs. Weir; c, Miss Liberty. **LITTER, 3 or more**—1, Mrs. Ellaby; 2, Mrs. Harvey; 3, Miss Fox; extra 3, Mrs. Whetter; v h c, Miss Dixon and Mrs. Laws; h c, Col. Walker and Mrs. Ward.

SIAMESE KITTEN CLASSES.
MRS. BASNETT'S NOTES.

The Sixth Siamese Cat Club's Show will for ever be a very happy memory to me, as I shall never forget the delightful crowd of youthful faces awaiting my approval. Looking at each one in his or her pen before judging them, my heart sank a little over those I felt would

have to be content with just a card, and perhaps not that, as the numbers were so large in some of the classes, and when the time came to pass these creamy young things over, it was doubly hard to do so, as they came to my table purring merrily, and insisted on rubbing their heads around me in the friendliest manner. To the owners of those I could not find a place for I should like to express here my appreciation of their sporting attitude, and wish them better luck at the future shows, where perhaps competition will not be so keen. My very grateful thanks to my very excellent stewards, Mrs. Timms and Mrs. Hastings, for their untiring help and patience, as they had to go again and again for those I specially liked before I could make my final choice.

OPEN MALE, 6-9 months—1. Mrs. Meyrie Hughes' Dang of Sabrina; 3. Mrs. Harvey's Tinggi of Petaling, a well grown kitten, failing in coat and soundness of mask to first prize-winner. A disappointing class; others who should have competed were so delayed on the railway that they arrived when judging was over, unfortunately. **OPEN FEMALE, 6-9 months**—1. Miss McDonald's Miss Timidity of Ashmonie; 2. Mrs. Baker's Kweeki, a very nice type indeed, scored over first but for a kink at the end of the tail; 3. Mrs. Paish's Katarth, fails in mask and points; r. Mrs. French's Saigon Nefetari, a very fine type, should do well when the mask recovers from signs of a recent disturbance. **OPEN MALE, 3-6 months**—1. Dr. Aylen's Halesworth Manzo; 2. Miss Leatherdale's Lалу; extra 2. Mrs. Blofeld's Hoveton Valiant; 3. Mrs. Lee Roberts' Marland Harp; extra 3. Mrs. Harvey's Bubbles of Petaling; r. Mr. and Mrs. Woolf's Cambysses, a very sweet natured little fellow, all running each other close for positions; v h c. Mrs. Hallam's Leeboy; h c. Miss Dixon's Chote; e. Mrs. Rogers' Pandey. 24 entries. **OPEN FEMALE, 3-6 months**—1. Dr. Aylen's Halesworth Mazo, a very beautiful kitten, who later came out as best kitten in show; 2. Col. Walker's Janva, a very lively type, shown in excellent condition; extra 2. Dr. Aylen's Halesworth Bona, another little lady to specially attract me with a pair of very wonderful blue eyes; 3. Mrs. Hindley's Prestwick Puma, would have been higher but was too nervous and difficult to handle; extra 3. Mrs. Budgen's Frutti Girl, a good kitten; r. Mrs. Hindley's Prestwick Parma; v h c. Mrs. Burke's Neira Lama, Mrs. Jocelyn's Villa Moe, Miss Liberty's Susan Blue; h c. Mrs. Hastings' Zispa, Mrs. Weir's Patalputia, Mr. and Mrs. Woolf's Cybele; e. Mrs. Weir's Parvati. 25 entries. **LITTERS**—In this large class of 15 families I could not resist Miss Ellaby's litter, with their typical heads and well-marked points, and placed them first. I hope the wee one going from this happy family will live to carry on their good name in the new home far off in North Italy; 2. Mrs. Harvey's very fine litter, the members of which I hope to see again later doing well; 3. Miss Fox, extra 3. Mrs. Whetter; r. Mrs. Lee Roberts; v h c. Miss Dixon and Mrs. Laws, very promising, but so young; h c. Col. Walker and Mrs. Ward. **SPECIALS**—4. 13, 14, 25, 28, 30, 32, 34, 49, 54, 56, 62, 65, 69, 71, to Dr. Aylen's Halesworth Mazo; 12, 35, 46, 72, to Mrs. Ellaby's litter; 55 and 61, to Dr. Aylen's Halesworth Manzo; 11 and 65 to Dr. Aylen; 44 same owner; 37. Miss Dixon's litter; 60, Mrs. Lee Roberts' litter; 67. Miss Schooling's neuter kitten; 74, Mrs. Hindley.

CLARE BASNETT.

CAT CALLS.

SIAMESE CAT CLUB SHOW.

To the Editor, "Cat Gossip."

The Sixth Annual Championship Show of the Siamese Cat Club is now over, and has again proved a big success. Every one seemed happy, and even losers smiled. Without such wonderful helpers nothing could have been accomplished. My most grateful thanks to one and all.

To Mr. Compton Mackenzie, who with Mrs. Mackenzie came all the way from Jeton, and nine cats, to present his cup. To Mr. Wade and Miss Dixon, who have worked like galley slaves for months. To Colonel Simpson, our Hon. Vet., who not only came at 5.30 on Tuesday, but stayed in the hall all day Wednesday. With his care there should be no cases of illness after the show. To Colonel Walker, who assisted him. To our Judges, Mrs. Ellaby and Mrs. Basnett, whose task was stupendous. To Mrs. Burke, who came to the hall on Tuesday from the Isle of Wight to steward for the Vet., and see to the comfort of the train cats, superintending their arrival, caring for them on Wednesday, and dispatching them after the Show. To Major Woodiwiss, Mr. Clarke (who neglected his own work to help us—what a wonderful pen-man), and Miss Hill-Shaw, who were in charge of the table. To Mr. Lloyd-Lewis, Mr. Maturin, Mrs. Blofeld, and Miss Lowndes, who took charge of the enquiries and sales tables, whereby numerous kittens changed hands and new members were enrolled. To Mr. Basnett, who in spite of recent recovery from a serious illness, gave his time and petrol both days in the interest of the show. To Mrs. Veley, Mrs. Cates, and Miss Harner, who worked like niggers on Tuesday pen cleaning, whereby the earliest arrival could be penned within a few minutes, and arrived bright and early on Wednesday morning. To Mrs. Timms, Mrs. Weir, Mrs. Hastings, and Miss Ellis, who acted as Judges' Stewards. To Mrs. Hindley, who saw that the inner cat was satisfied. To Mr. Moody, whose help on Tuesday night was invaluable. To Miss Adam and Miss Allen, who, in spite of the fact that all exhibitors had passes, took over £35 at the gate. To Mr. Wicking, who was always weighed down with catalogue money. To Molly Preston.

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who presented the bouquet, and Mrs. Preston. To Mr. and Mrs. Prebble—heaven bless them, their kindnesses are legion—what should we do without them. To our stall-holders, advertisers, donors to the show fund, and exhibitors. To Mr. Parker, of Messrs. Spratts, who helped in so many ways, and Mr. Whitticker, who let no one in without a ticket. To the Press for their assistance and courtesy, and to all who helped to make the show the success it was. With such whole-hearted support and generosity, how could the Show fail to be a field day. Thank you one and all most gratefully.

KIT WILSON,

Hon. Show Manager.

BIRTHS.

September 4th.—One fox colour Abyssinian kitten, mother **Aluna**, sire **Ras Isis**.

September 21st.—Two Abyssinian kits, mother **Tootsie**, sire **Ras D'jibute** (Mrs. Carew-Cox).

CATS' MEAT HEALTH.

DEALER BUILDING HOUSE AFTER RETIREMENT.

It was revealed at Marylebone, when Mrs. Rose Ettridge, aged fifty-three, was remanded in custody, accused of attempted suicide, that her husband had made a fortune by selling cats' meat.

The husband had retired, it was stated, and had ordered a house to be built for him.—From the "Sunday Express."

COMPETITION RESULT.

The special prize offered to the subscriber winning the greatest number of points at Thame Show has been won by Mrs. Oglethorpe, who scored 20 points—two 1sts and a 2nd.

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