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Autumn gives us fruit; summer is comely
With crops; spring supplies us with flowers;
Winter is alleviated by fire.

Ovid. Rem. Amor, 187.

Our dear friends, the Misses Hill-Shaw, who gathered round them a loyal and willing band of helpers, are once again to be heartily congratulated on the perfectly delightful Championship Show of the Croydon Cat Club, held at the Central Baths Hall, Croydon, on November 13th, for besides attracting the biggest entry for many a long day, I am sure there could never have been a happier function in connection with the Cat Fancy. The hall was beautifully decorated, and everything ran on oiled wheels. Although the Central Baths Hall is bright, and at first glance one would imagine the light to be excellent, when it comes to judging blues it is a most difficult task, and yesterday especially it was rendered more difficult than usual on account of the fog, which made the pale blues take on a creamy tint. To begin with, I could not think what had happened when I came to pen The Aristocrat. His coat, which is as sound a blue as it is possible to be, looked anything but what it should, and it was distressing to see my beautiful pet looking so shaded. When the hall was lighted by artificial light later in the day all this disappeared, and he at once resumed his own beautiful colour.

The dark red cat, a unique specimen shown by Mr. H. C. Brooke, attracted a tremendous amount of interest, and was a most popular exhibit. Mischief of Bredon, lovely as ever, annexed most of the first prizes and specials, and Mr. Lawson Atkinson bore his honours with becoming modesty. I was glad to hear that he will not place Mischief at stud until he has won his full championship. Ashton Pride is also a beautiful cat, and I hear is the sire of a litter of eight fine kittens, who will most likely render a good account of themselves later on. In blue adults, to win a card at all one must possess something exceptional in these days of keen competition, and it is

wonderful how consistent is the judging on the whole, for it is generally between a few exceptionally lovely cats that the premier honours are shared, sometimes one, sometimes another. Sylvia of Pineland attracted my eye by her beauty. Bred by Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Herbert, she is now the property of Miss J. M. Fisher, who desired to have her as a little wife for Idol of Hadley. It was nice to see Ch. Eliza Queen of the May in her own place once more, and Mrs. Yeates' lovely Chintz came out on top also.

I can't refrain from saying how delighted I was with my little Jasmine, who carried off premier honours in white Persian females, and annexed her first championship certificate, and Mrs. Yeates' special for best head, blue eyes in white female adults. It is not an easy matter to keep a white cat in perfect show form, but although very temperamental on many occasions, Jasmine loves her bath, and is as good as gold during the whole process, and there is one good thing about white cats, whatever the light, when they are once ready for show, it cannot detract from, or, shall I say, spoil their appearance. And here I must add, lest perchance some innocent person suffer for my misdoings, that in preparing Jasmine for Reading Show I made a great mistake. Before coming to me Jasmine had been for some weeks in a veterinary surgeon's hands, and for lack of grooming had become very yellow in her tail. I tried to remove this by using white methylated spirits, and then peroxide, and finding these methods useless, I was advised to use blue in the rinsing water after her bath. This I did, but being unused to the procedure put in too much, with tragic results!

We shall all be looking forward now to the Crystal Palace Show on December 4th and 5th, and cats and kittens who have so far not been in full coat should be quite ready for show by then.

EXPENSIVE EATING.

A certain matron of Detroit's younger set made the interesting but rather annoying discovery the other day that an umbrella plant and a cat could not get along in the same room. "No temperamental differences to speak of," she said, "but the cat simply ate the plant, and apparently relished it, too."

GOSSIP OF THE WEEK.

THE long award lists of Croydon Show leave us very little space in which to comment on the Show, but the lists speak for themselves. Competition was so strong in many of the classes that even "extra 3rds" did not meet the case, and the judges had to give 4th, and even 5th and 6th prizes. As we fully expected, the order of many of the classes at Croydon was entirely different to that at Reading, though some cats—notably the glorious Mischief of Bredon were equally triumphant at both shows. One cat who certainly came into his own was Major Woodiwiss' almost perfect Abyssinian, Woodrooffe Rastus, who only scored a 3rd when he appeared at Reading. Although Croydon was smitten by a cold, raw fog on November 13th, the spirits of the exhibitors did not seem to be affected, and the Show was, as usual, the most delightful social event. A few people may have been airing minor grievances, but they were the people to whom a grievance is essential to happiness, so that they were really enjoying themselves in their own way. The majority were in a thoroughly cheerful frame of mind, and continued to smile whether their cats lost or won, greeting red cards and ordinary plain white ones with perfect equanimity. Miss Hill-Shaw, of course, had every reason to smile, since the Show was quite obviously a wonderful success. She says that she is getting too old to run shows, but we fully expect to see her, as a most charming centenarian, triumphantly driving her motor bath chair up and down the hall at the show which celebrates her hundredth birthday, and confessing that she is just a little tired, because she sat up all night over the judges' books. (It will have to be a motor bath chair, since an ordinary one would be much too slow.)

Even the Press reporters were duly impressed by Mr. Brooke's unique cat, and there were several notes about him in the papers next morning. He attracted a great deal of attention, and his pen was visited by nearly every one who came to the Show.

It is too late to make any remarks about the schedule for the Crystal Palace Show, on December 4th and 5th, as entries will have already closed by the time that these notes appear. There is one mistake which we have been asked to correct—the referee judge will be Miss Ethel Savory, and not Sir Claud Alexander.

Mark Twain on cats in Hawaii in 1866:—"I saw cats, Tom cats, Mary Ann cats, long-tailed cats, bob-tailed cats, blind cats, one-eyed cats, wall-eyed cats, cross-eyed cats, gray cats, black cats, tame cats, wild cats, singed cats, individual cats, groups of cats, platoons of cats, companies of cats, armies of cats, multitudes of cats, millions of cats, and all of them sleek, fat, lazy, and sound asleep."—*Cat Review.*"

CROYDON SHOW AWARDS.

BEST LONGHAIRED CAT—Mr. Lawson Atkinson's Mischief of Bredon, by Cupid of Callow ex Dawn of Hope; breeder, Nurse Nicholls. **BEST SHORTHAIRED CAT**—Major E. S. Woodiwiss' Woodrooffe Rastus, by Ras Isis ex Empress Zauditu; breeder, Mrs. Carew Cox. **BEST LONGHAIRED KITTEN**—Mrs. Stevenson's Buff of Hanley, by Flick-a-Maroo ex Pickles of Hanley; breeder, exhibitor. **BEST SHORTHAIRED KITTEN**—Miss Groome's Gloria Veen, by unknown ex Manxie; breeder, exhibitor.

BLACK MALE—1 and ch., Mrs. Mackenzie, Hillingdon Black Jester; 2, Mrs. Soame, Ch. Soame Desert Chief; 3, Miss J. M. Fisher, Nimrod of Hadley; r, Miss M. D. Alexander, Toby Philpot. **BLACK FEMALE**—1 and ch., Mrs. Campbell Fraser, Ch. Lorina of Hadley; 2, Mrs. Yeates, Ch. Sally Cat; 3, Miss J. M. Fisher, Nymph of Hadley; r, Mrs. Yeates, Waratara. **WHITE MALE**—1 and ch., Mrs. Reynolds Sams, Triumph of Runnymede; 2, Mrs. Cattermole, Lotus Billy Boy; 3, Mrs. Noyes, Beauty of Mayfield. **WHITE FEMALE**—1 and ch., Mrs. Ogglethorpe, Jasmine of Farnborough; 2, Mrs. Cattermole, Lotus Blue-Bell; 3, Mrs. Armstrong, Narcissus of Dunesk. **RED TABBY MALE**—1 and ch., Mrs. Fosbery, Eastbury Rosemo; 2, Miss E. M. Hill, Galdorn; 3, Mrs. Soame, Toffee; r, Mrs. Neate, Ch. Red Leader; v h c, Mrs. Green, Rufus of Wolborough. **RED TABBY FEMALE**—1 and ch., Mrs. Tod, Abigail; 2, Mrs. Fosbery, Eastbury Rosalind; 3, Mrs. Neate, Amberette; r, Mrs. Soame, Soame Tangerine. **RED SELF, MALE OR FEMALE**—1, Miss E. M. Hill, Bunch of Beltinge. **TORTOISESHELL, MALE OR FEMALE**—1 and ch., Mrs. Yeates, Chintz; 2, Mrs. Campbell Fraser, Hendon Pitti-Sing; 3, Mrs. Tod, Naarah; r, Mr. Connor, Glenshee; v h c, Mrs. Nathan, Parside Tricolour; h c, Miss W. French, Pollie Ebony. **TORTIE AND WHITE, MALE OR FEMALE**—1 and ch., Mr. Blandford, Gay Salley; 2, Mrs. Kennaway, Garb, Dame Patch; 3, Mrs. Kennaway, Garb, Mawker; r, Mrs. Kennaway, Garb, Bobby Dazzle. **CREAM MALE**—1 and ch., Madame Dolli, Ch. Colneside Creame Bunne; 2, Mrs. Norton, Verotto Petit Beurre; 3, Mrs. Byford, Sheik of Bredon; r, Mrs. Soame, Soame Desert Man; v h c, Mrs. Melvin, Lord Dingess of Gresty. **CREAM FEMALE**—1 and ch., Mrs. Byford, Jewel of Bredon; 2, Mrs. Nathan, Parkside Cream Tart; 3, Mrs. Campbell Fraser, Mavis of Pineland; r, Mrs. Sharman, Amber of Coryton; v h c, Mrs. Stevenson, Pickles of Hanley; h c, Miss Biggall, Anjaria. **RED, CREAM, OR TORTIE, BREEDERS**—1, Mrs. Hill, Galdorn; 2, Mrs. Campbell Fraser, Hendon Pitti-Sing; 3, Mrs. Norton, Verotto Petit Beurre; r, Mrs. Neate, Ch. Red Leader; v h c, Mrs. Soame, Soame Desert Man; h c, Mrs. Green, Rufus of Wolborough. **RED, CREAM, OR TORTIE, NOVICE**—1, Mrs. Tod, Abigail; 2, Mrs. Yeates, Chintz; 3, Mrs. Campbell Fraser, Hendon Pitti-Sing; r, Mrs. Norton, Verotto Petit Beurre; v h c, Miss Hill, Bunch of Beltinge; Mrs. Sharman, Amber of Coryton; c, Mrs. Campbell Fraser, Mavis of Pineland. **BLUE CREAM OR BLUE TORTIE, MALE OR FEMALE**—1 and ch., Miss Darlington Manley, Judy of Cardonald; 2, Mrs. Faro, Finella of Montryd; 3, Mrs. Broughton Hawley, Funnier Face; r, Mrs. Broughton Hawley, Sulky Face; v h c, Mrs. Fahmbacher, Fleur d'Amour. **BLUE MALE**—1 and ch., Mr. Lawson Atkinson, Mischief of Bredon; 2, Miss George, Bunkered of Balbedie; 3, Mrs. Jepson, Juba; extra 3, Mrs. Goddard, Ashton Pride; 4, Mrs. Ogglethorpe, The Aristocrat of the Court; r, Lady Eardley Wilmot, October Glory of Henley; v h c, Miss Nepean, Adam of Pensford; Mr. Freeman, Balburnie; Mr. Watson, Bumpet's Boy of Pensford; c, Mrs. Dodd, Barry Prince Blue. **BLUE FEMALE**—1 and ch., Mrs. Sams, Ch. Eliza Queen of the May; 2, Miss Fisher, Sylvia of Pineland; 3, Miss Langston, Dionetta of Allington; r, Capt. Guy St. Barbe, Anthea of Culloden; v h c, Miss Darlington Manley, Blue Haze of Cardonald; h c, Mrs. Roberts, Court Beauty. **BLUE BREEDERS**—1, Miss George, Bunkered of Balbedie; 2, Mrs. Jepson, Juba; 3, Mrs. Goddard, Ashton Pride; r, Mrs. Oggle-



thorpe. The Aristocrat of the Court; v h c, Mrs. Faro, Billyson of Montry; n c, Capt. Guy St. Barbe, Anthea of Culloden; c, Mrs. Brunton, Delphinium of Dunesk. **BLUE NOVICE**—1, Mr. Watson, Bumpet's Boy of Pensford; 2, Miss George, The Flirt; 3, Miss Langston, Dionetta of Allington; r, Capt. Guy St. Barbe, Anthea of Culloden; v h c, Miss Darlington Manley, Blue Haze of Cardonald; h c, Mrs. Faro, Billison of Montry; c, Mrs. Roberts, Court Beauty. **BLUE SENIOR**—1, Miss George, Bunker of Balbedie; 2, Mrs. Jepson, Jaba; 3, Lady Eardley Wilnot, Dazzler of Henley; r, Mrs. Goddard, Ashton Pride; v h c, Mrs. Oglethorpe, The Aristocrat of the Court; h c, Miss Manley, Blue Haze of Cardonald; c, Miss Brunton, Delphinium of Dunesk. **BLUE JUNIOR**—1, Mr. Atkinson, Mischief of Bredon; 2, Miss Fisher, Sylvia of Pineland; 3, Miss Langston, Dionetta of Allington; r, Lady Eardley Wilnot, October Glory of Henley; v h c, Miss Nepean, Adam of Pensford; h c, Mrs. Faro, Billyson of Montry; c, Mrs. Stratton Knott, Prince Mist. **BLUE LIMIT**—1, Miss Fisher, Sylvia of Pineland; 2, Miss George, The Flirt; 3, Miss Langston, Dionetta of Allington; r, Miss Manley, Blue Haze of Cardonald; v h c, Mr. Freeman, Balburnie; h c, Miss Nepean, Adam of Pensford; c, Mrs. Brunton, Delphinium of Dunesk. **CHINCHILLA MALE**—1 and ch., Miss Langston, Desmond of Allington; 2, Mrs. Aubrey, Langherne Treasure; 3, Mrs. Sams, Ch. Glitter of Runnymede; r, Miss Langston, Dante of Allington. **CHINCHILLA FEMALE**—1 and ch., Mrs. Lindsey Bell, Min-Min; 2, Mrs. Aubrey, Langherne Daydream; 3, Mrs. Newton, Corrinne of Correnden; r, Mrs. Jepson, Tabfield Mignonette. **CHINCHILLA BREEDERS**—1, Miss Langston, Desmond of Allington; 2, Mrs. Aubrey, Langherne Treasure; 3, Miss Langston, Dante of Allington; r, Mrs. Newton, Corrinne of Correnden; v h c, Mrs. Jepson, Tabfield Mignonette. **CHINCHILLA NOVICE**—1, Miss Langston, Desmond of Allington; 2, Miss Langston, Dante of Allington; 3, Mrs. Newton, Corrinne of Correnden; r, Mrs. Nathan, Parkside Pamela; v h c, Mrs. McLeod and Miss Tunks, Peri of Boreham. **CHINCHILLA LIMIT**—1, Miss Langston, Desmond of Allington; 2, Mrs. Lindsey Bell, Min-Min; 3, Mrs. Aubrey, Langherne Daydream; r, Mrs. Newton, Corrinne of Correnden. **SILVER TABBY, FEMALE**—1 and ch., Mrs. Ronald Bailey, Metu of Invergloy; 2, Mrs. Kitto, Bubastis; 3, Mrs. Ronald Bailey, Melissa of Frampton; r, Mr. Rivas, Anahue Queen. **SMOKE MALE**—1 and ch., Mrs. Noyes, Kentish Stormcloud; 2, Mrs. Sams, Ch. Dragon of the Cottage. **SMOKE FEMALE**—1, Mrs. Graham Coltart, Selma Starlight; 2, Mrs. Yeates, Noniepone; 3, Mrs. White, Queen Nippy; r, Mrs. Noyes, Dusky Dreamer; v h c, Mrs. Sams, Danette of Runnymede; c, Miss Arletti, Fetnah. **BROWN TABBY, MALE OR FEMALE**—2, Mrs. Kennaway, Patsy Malone; 3, Mrs. Kennaway, Barb. Vixen; r, F. Coppard and Co., Brown Sultan. **A.O.C. BREEDERS**—1, Mrs. Fosbery, Eastbury Rosemo; 2, Mrs. Fosbery, Eastbury Rosalind; 3, Miss Darlington Manley, Judy of Cardonald; r, Miss Fisher, Nimrod of Hadley; v h c, Mrs. Ronald Bailey, Metu of Invergloy; h c, Mrs. Graham Coltart, Selma Starlight; c, Mrs. Broughton Hawley, Sulky Face. **A.O.C. NOVICE**—1, Miss Fisher, Nimrod of Hadley; 2, Miss Manley, Judy of Cardonald; r, Mrs. Broughton Hawley, Sulky Face. **A.O.C. LIMIT**—1, Mrs. Yeates, Chintz; 2, Mrs. Byford, Jewel of Bredon; 3, Mrs. Norton, Verotto Petit Beurre; r, Mrs. Campbell Fraser, Hendon Pitti-Sing; v h c, Mrs. Ronald Bailey, Metu of Invergloy; h c, Miss Manley, Judy of Cardonald; c, Mrs. Tod, Naarah. **A.C. BRACE**—1, Mrs. Fosbery; 2, Miss Langston; 3, Mrs. Todd; r, Mrs. Aubrey; v h c, Mrs. Yeates; h c, Miss Darlington Manley; c, Mrs. Cattermole. **A.C. TEAM**—1, Mrs. Aubrey; 2, Mrs. Newton; 3, Mrs. Kennaway. **STUD CAT**—1, Miss George, Flick-a-Maroo; 2, Miss Langston, Ch. Dion of Allington; 3, Miss Hill, Galdorn; r, Mrs. Byford, Sheik of Bredon; v h c, Mrs. Oglethorpe, The Aristocrat of the Court; h c, Mrs. Sams, Ch. Glitter of Runnymede. **BROOD QUEEN**—1, Miss Galletly, Eve of Pensford; 2, Mrs. Aubrey, Langherne Daydream; 3, Mrs. Stevenson, Pickles of Hanley; r, Mrs. Armstrong,

Narcissus of Dunesk. **A.C. OPEN**—1, Mrs. Aubrey, Langherne Treasure; 2, Mrs. Oglethorpe, The Aristocrat of the Court; 3, Miss Fisher, Sylvia of Pineland; r, Mrs. Yeates, Chintz; v h c, Miss Langston, Dante of Allington; h c, Miss Manley, Judy of Cardonald; c, Miss Nepean, Adam of Pensford. **LONGHAIRD KITTENS. BLACK, MALE OR FEMALE**—1, Miss E. V. Nichols, Elm Park Firefly; 2, Mrs. Graham Coltart, Selma Sambo. **WHITE, MALE OR FEMALE**—1, Mrs. Spencer Smith, White Hero; 2, Mrs. Spencer Smith, White Venus; 3, Mrs. Sams, Tempest of Runnymede. **BLUE MALE, 3 to 6 months**—1, Miss Galletly, Peregrine of Branton; 2, Mrs. Hart Hawkins, Don Juan of Croindene; 3, Miss M. C. Hunter, Jeremy o' Mendip; r, Miss Langston, Mischa of Allington; v h c, Mrs. Thompson, Pan of Pensford; h c, Mrs. Noyes, Kentish Cuddlesome; c, Miss Wakeford, Dominic of Cleave. **BLUE MALE, 6 to 9 months**—1, Miss Peake, Speedwell Tally Ho; 2, Miss Peake, Speedwell Troubadour; 3, Miss Marriott, Elmwood Simba; r, Mrs. Taylor, Mystical. **BLUE FEMALE, 3 to 6 months**—1, Miss Galletly, Priscilla of Branton; 2, Miss Galletly, Prudence of Branton; 3, Mrs. Oglethorpe, Amaryllis of the Court; extra 3, Miss Peake, Speedwell Garland; 4, Miss Peake, Speedwell Glamour; r, Mrs. Hart Hawkins, Mabette of Croindene; v h c, Miss Joyce Fair, Northway Pippa; Miss Langston, Margot of Allington; Mrs. McLeod and Miss Tunks, Rosemary of Boreham; h c, Miss Wakeford, Jenny of Cleave. **BLUE FEMALE, 6 to 9 months**—1, Mrs. Clarke, Musetta; 2, Capt. Guy St. Barbe, Avis of Culloden; 3, Mrs. Clarke, Merna; r, Mrs. Vaughan, The Model; v h c, Capt. Guy St. Barbe, Cynthia of Culloden; Miss Marriott, Virginia Mine; h c, Miss Gabb, Bettina of Sunfield; Mrs. Le Seur, Lovey of Ladder Lane. **BLUE BREEDERS**—1, Miss Galletly, Peregrine of Branton; 2, Miss Peake, Speedwell Tally Ho; 3, Miss Peake, Speedwell Troubadour; 4, Mrs. Hart Hawkins, Don Juan of Croindene; 5, Miss P. Galletly, Prudence of Branton; r, Miss Marriott, Elmwood Simba; v h c, Mrs. Oglethorpe, Amaryllis of the Court; h c, Mrs. Vaughan, The Model; c, Miss Marriott, Virginia Mine. **BLUE NOVICE**—1, Miss Galletly, Priscilla of Branton; 2, Miss Peake, Speedwell Tally Ho; 3, Mrs. Clarke, Musetta; 4, Miss Peake, Speedwell Troubadour; 5, Mrs. Oglethorpe, Amaryllis of the Court; 6, Mrs. Clarke, Merna; r, Mrs. Vaughan, The Model; v h c, Mrs. Hart Hawkins, Mabette of Croindene; h c, Miss Joan Thompson, Pan of Pensford; Miss Marriott, Virginia Mine. **BLUE PAIRS**—1, Miss Peake; 2, Miss Peake; 3, Mrs. Clarke; r, Miss Galletly; v h c, Mrs. Hart Hawkins; h c, Miss Marriott. **RED TABBY, MALE OR FEMALE**—1, Mrs. Lewis Foss, Spanish Glory; 2, Mrs. Green, Eastbury Sunray. **TORTE OR TORTE AND WRITE, MALE OR FEMALE**—1, Miss Fawcett, Turfield Sunspot; 2, Miss Brotherton, Lady Golightly; 3, Mrs. Caspersz, Turfield Sunstreak. **BLUE CREAM OR BLUE TORTE**—1, Mrs. Stevenson, Daphne of Hanley; 2, Mrs. Woodhouse, Tofts Pansy; 3, Miss Fair, Northway Jess; r, Miss French, Fleur Forsyte; v h c, Mrs. Soame, Babs. **CREAM, MALE OR FEMALE, 3 to 6 months**—1, Mrs. Caspersz, Turfield Sunburn; 2, Mrs. Christmas, Donamore of Coryton; v h c, Mrs. Farmbacher, Florimundi. **CREAM, MALE OR FEMALE, 6 to 9 months**—1, Mrs. Stevenson, Buff of Hanley; 2, Miss Bignold, Ronhelen; 3, Miss Bignold, Bunson. **CHINCHILLA MALE**—1, Mrs. Newton, Caro of Correnden; 2, Miss Langston, Tristan of Allington; 3, Mrs. Sams, Greycloud of Runnymede. **CHINCHILLA FEMALE, 3 to 6 months**—1, Mrs. McLeod and Miss Tunks, Jade of Boreham; 2, Mrs. Newton, Carissima of Correnden; 3, Mrs. Aubrey, Langherne Sybil; r, Mrs. Aubrey, Langherne Felise; v h c, Mrs. Gordon, Flaunden Annabel; c, Miss Langston, Silva of Allington. **CHINCHILLA FEMALE, 6 to 9 months**—1, Mrs. Aubrey, Langherne Jewel; 2, Mrs. Aubrey, Langherne Mara. **CHINCHILLA BREEDERS**—1, Mrs. Newton, Caro of Correnden; 2, Mrs. McLeod and Miss Tunks, Jade of Boreham; 3, Mrs. Gordon, Flaunden Annabel; r, Mrs. Newton, Caro of Correnden; v h c, Mrs. Aubrey, Langherne Jewel. **CHINCHILLA NOVICE**—1, Mrs. Newton, Caro of Corren-

den; 2, Mrs. McLeod and Miss Tunks, Jade of Boreham; 3, Mrs. Aubrey, Langherne Jewel; r, Mrs. Newton, Carissima of Correnden; v h c, Mrs. Sams, Grey-cloud of Runnymede. **SILVER TABBY, MALE OR FEMALE**—1, 2, and 3, Mrs. Ronald Bailey, Miss Mitten of Frimley, Angus of Inverglow, Hamish of Inverglow. **SMOKE, MALE OR FEMALE**—1, Mrs. Hyett, Charming Gift of Yett; 2, Mrs. Sams, Dark of Runnymede; 3, Mrs. Sams, Dandy of Runnymede. **CHINCHILLA, SILVER TABBY, OR SMOKE, PAIRS**—1, Mrs. Newton; 2, Mrs. Sams; 3, Mrs. Langston; r and v h c, Mrs. Aubrey. **BROWN TABBY**—1, Miss French, Maggie Harman, A.O.C. **BREEDERS**—1, Mrs. Stevenson, Buff of Hanley; 2, Mrs. Stevenson, Daphne of Hanley; 3, Mrs. Spencer Smith, White Venus; r, Mrs. Lewis Foss, Spanish Glory; v h c, Mrs. Soame, Babs; Miss Bretherton, Lady Golightly. **A.O.C. NOVICE**—1, Mrs. Stevenson, Buff of Hanley; 2, Mrs. Christmas, Donamore of Ceryton. **A.O.C. PAIRS**—1, Mrs. Spencer Smith; 2, Miss Bignold. **A.C. LITTERS**—1, Mrs. Green; 2, Mrs. Byford; 3, Mrs. Davidson. **A.C. OPEN**—1, Mrs. Stevenson, Buff of Hanley; 2, Miss Langston, Margot of Allington; 3, Miss Hunter, Jeremy o' Mendip; r, Mrs. Vaughan, The Model; v h c, Mrs. Caspersz, Purfield Sunburn. **GOLDEN-EYED CAT OR KITTEN, Long or Shorthair**—1, Mrs. Armstrong, Alabaster of Hounslow; 2, Mrs. Cattermoile, Lotus Mona; 3, Mrs. Melvin, Doo Dee. **SIAMESE MALE**—1 and ch., Miss Norrie, Rudi of Petaling; 2, Mrs. Maturin, Kitya-Nama; 3, Mrs. Hindley, Prestwick Mata Biru; r, Miss H. Hill-Shaw, Phoco Mana; v h c, Mrs. Billing, Hum Guffin; Miss Noble, Chinese Moonstone. **SIAMESE FEMALE**—1 and ch., Mrs. French, Dido; 2, Mrs. Hindley, Prestwick Permata Kechil; 3, Mrs. Basnett, Craham Ramona; 4, Miss Smyth, Roona; 5, Mr. Wicking, Ch. Fairlight Gipsy; r, Dr. Aylen, Chara Mana; v h c, Mrs. Budgen, Zaroni; Lady Curtis Bennett, Gentle; Major E. S. Woodruff, Woodrooffe Nuffy; h c, Mrs. C. de Beaumont, Anna Mary. **SIAMESE BREEDERS**—1, Mrs. French, Dido; 2, Mrs. Hindley, Prestwick Permata Kechil; 3, Mrs. French, Lobi Longsocks; v h c, Mrs. French, Cora Capps; Mr. Wicking, Ch. Fairlight Gipsy; Mrs. Hindley, Prestwick Mata Biru. **SIAMESE NOVICE**—1, Miss Norrie, Rudi of Petaling; 2, Mrs. Ward, Iya; 3, Miss Smyth, Roona; 4, Miss H. Hill-Shaw, Phoco Mana; v h c, Mrs. French, Lobi Longsocks; h c, Mrs. French, Cora Capps. **SIAMESE LITM**—1, Mrs. French, Dido; 2, Mrs. Basnett, Craham Ramona; Miss Norrie, Rudi of Petaling; 3, Mrs. Ward, Iya; r, Mrs. Hindley, Prestwick Mata Biru; v h c, Mrs. H. Hill-Shaw, Phoco Mana; Mrs. French, Lobi Longsocks; Dr. Aylen, Chara Mana. **SIAMESE BRACE**—1, Mrs. French; 2, Mrs. Hindley. **SIAMESE TEAM**—1, Dr. Aylen; 2, Mrs. French; 3, Mrs. Hindley; v h c, Mrs. Budgen; Miss Dixon. **SIAMESE STUDD CAT**—1, Mrs. Hindley, Ch. Simza. **SIAMESE BROOD QUEEN**—1, Dr. Aylen, Chara Mana; r, Miss Dixon, Aouda. **SIAMESE VETERAN**—1, Miss H. Hill-Shaw, Sabia of Cademuir. **SIAMESE KITTENS, MALE**—1, Dr. Aylen, Halesworth Manzo; 2, Miss Dixon, Chote; 3, Mrs. C. L. de Beaumont, Marland Harp; v h c, Miss Weigall, Martin of the Wandle; Mrs. Lee Roberts, Marland Flute. **FEMALE**—1, Mrs. Hindley, Prestwick Puma; 2, Dr. Aylen, Halesworth Mazo; 3, Miss Dixon, Matapa; r, Mrs. Maturin, Neiza Nama; v h c, Mrs. Stratton Knott, Alone of Ambaila; Major Woodruff, Woodrooffe Vify; h c, Mrs. Budgen, Frutti-Girl. **BREEDERS**—1, Mrs. Hindley, Prestwick Parma; 2, Dr. Aylen, Halesworth Manzo; 3, Dr. Aylen, Halesworth Mazo; 4, Miss Dixon, Chote; r, Miss Dixon, Matapa; v h c, Miss McDonald, Pointed Face of Achmonia; Major Woodruff, Woodrooffe Vify. **NOVICE**—1, Miss Dixon, Chote; 2, Miss Dixon, Matapa; 3, Mrs. de Beaumont, Marland Harp; 4, Mrs. Hindley, Prestwick Parma; 5, Mrs. Maturin, Neiza Nama; r, Mrs. Lee Roberts, Marland Flute; v h c, Mrs. Budgen, Frutti-Girl; Mrs. Knott, Alone of Ambaila; Miss McDonald, Pointed Face of Achmonia and Ye Siam of Aslmonie. **PAIRS**—1, Dr. Aylen; 2, Miss Dixon; 3, Mrs. Budgen. **LITTERS**—1, Miss Dixon; 2, Miss Noble; 3, Mrs. Whetter. **NEUTERS**—**SIAMESE**—1, Mrs. French, Prince Dana;

2, Mrs. French Mikoriah. **BLUE LONGHAIR**—1, Miss Mackintosh, Hyacinth; 2, Mrs. Papefus, Blauwberg Beauty; 3, Mrs. Clark, Tich of Nytha. **A.O.C. LONGHAIR**—1, Mrs. Beckett, Mr. Toots; 2, Miss Hunter, Benjamin Bunny; 3, Mrs. Jepson, Julius; r, Mrs. Aubrey, Langherne Ivan. **A.V. SHORTHAIR BUT SIAMESE AND MANX**—1, Mrs. Christmas, Billy; 2, Mrs. Burls, Silver Penny; 3, Miss Norrie, King Aly; r, Miss Newton, Roy. **MANX**—1, Mr. Patrick Cooper, Bobbity. **A.C. OR VARIETY, KITTEN**—1, Miss Schoeling, Chulalonkorn; 2, Mrs. Salmon, Vandyke Tinkerbell.

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I must not forget to say a strong word of praise for the excellent judging books, in which (mirabile dictu!) one really can make notes—and to thank my able stewards, Misses Harmer and Lowndes, the latter charm-

THE HON. SEC.'S THANKS.

If there had been a special prize offered for the one who showed most kindness to the Hon. Secretary of the Croydon Cat Club, at the Show held in Croydon on November 13th, it would have been the prize most difficult to award! There were so many competitors, and each one deserved the special—that is my opinion. It is not easy to find words to express the deep gratitude I feel to all those kind friends and helpers who were responsible for the success of the recent Croydon Show. Our Chairman, Major Woodiwiss, who helped with the catalogue, Mrs. Kidd, Mrs. Jepson, Miss Adams, Miss Atkinson, and Miss Richardson, who sent out the labels, tallies, etc., and who all worked so valiantly the evening before, and the day of the Show, cleaning pens, penning, and later packing the exhibits, besides fulfilling innumerable other tasks which came to hand. And there were other splendid helpers, not on committee, yet so keen and interested in the success of the Show. Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Whicher, who each year give many hours of their valuable time, and who superintend the lunches and teas, helped by Mrs. Brett, Mrs. Wilkinson, the Misses Kent, the Misses Carter, Miss Cleal, Miss Giles, and others, and Miss Hope, who so splendidly looks after the catering department. Mrs. Burls ("the angel with white wings," as Flick-a-Maroo called her), who so ably and carefully attends to the feeding and comfort of the Cats and Kittens, and also of the humans, assisted by her willing band of "feeders"; the Misses Perkins and Mrs. Elmslie, who keep the door, and on whom we are so dependant for a good gate! To our new Hon. Veterinary Surgeon, Mr. Davidson, who discharged his duties to the entire satisfaction of all, and who, with the active help of Mrs. Jepson and Miss Richardson, passed the exhibits through in time to allow of the judging to commence punctually at 10 o'clock. To Mrs. Cates, Mrs. Anderson, Miss Evans, and friends, who worked so hard and so kindly the night before the Show, and to Miss Fisher, Miss Smith, Mrs. Sharman, Mr. Bassett, and Mr. Clark, who worked so constantly and well at the secretary's table; to Mr. and Mrs. Buffard, who are ever ready with their invaluable help both before and at the Show, and to the Gordon Boys. I feel we owe a great debt of gratitude to our seven splendid Judges, Mrs. Crau, Mrs. Wade, Mrs. Hill, Miss Adams, Mr. Brooke, Mr. Western, Mr. Powell, and Mr. Norris—their task was a heavy one, yet they carried it through cheerfully and quickly, and I, personally, never heard one grumble—yes, just one, but that was set right. Mr. Brooke added much to the interest of the Show by allowing his wonderful Self-Red S.H. Cat to be on view, not for competition. This attracted a vast amount of interest, his pen being surrounded by spectators most of the day. My thanks, warm ones, too, to the 13 splendid stewards, who carried through their duties to the satisfaction of the Judges and the Cats. These were Mrs. Timms, Mrs. Bazeley, Mrs. Buffard, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Mackenzie, Miss F. Dixon, Miss Hoxton, Miss Lowndes, Miss Harmer, Miss K. Wilson, Miss Allen, Miss Darlington Manley, and Mr. F. Cranton. Lastly, my heartfelt thanks to the ever loyal exhibitors, who so warmly and willingly respond to my annual appeals, and among whom I am proud to say I now number many firm friends.

HELEN HILL SHAW.

ing lady especially stuck to me like a Briton till the last special was awarded, or I should never have got it done. I fear it will be the last time I shall be able to take on a job of such magnitude, I find it too tiring, especially with a day's travel before, and another to follow, but my memories of this Croydon Show will be most pleasant ones. Thank you all who helped, and forgive me the many who wanted to chat, and for whom I could not find a spare moment.

H. C. BROOKE.

IS THE MANX DEGENERATE?

By H. C. BROOKE.

To this query I know all lovers of the Manx will join me in a thunderous "NO!" But "audi alteram partem!" let us hear the other side. First of all, we must consider what is meant by degeneracy? It is so hard to fix, for one person may regard as degeneracy what another considers perfection—e.g., the Blue-eyed White, which any scientist would call a degenerate form, however he may admit its beauty. And rightly so, for any form carrying with it the frequent loss of an essential such as is the sense of hearing, is *eo ipso* degenerate. The scientist would possibly call Bulldogs, Pugs, etc., degenerate. Now, with regard to Manx, Professor Schwangart is very much up against them, and considers they should not be admitted or regarded as a variety of Show Cat. He adduces reasons which, whilst they fail to convince me, are certainly of very great interest, and worthy of serious thought. In his just published little work on Feline grigins,* which contains a most interesting study of the rise of the Domestic Cat,† the Professor writes: "There is nothing to be said against breeding for abnormalities, for many a domestic race owes its origin to this procedure. But the abnormality must not be such as to be bodily injurious or appear as a deformity. This, however, is the case with the Manx cats, the not stump-tailed, but quite tail-less. As racial characteristics, unpleasantly heavy hindquarters and a waddling gait are required. To these properties are attached internal deformities, which are the rule with these quite tail-less specimens (Query? Transl.): interference with the development of the spinal column, of the pelvis, and the adjacent muscles and nerves. In one case, which I shall describe elsewhere, there existed no proper connection between the pelvis and the defective spinal column. The animal is forced to move in a hopping manner. The suppression of the first visible caudal vertebrae may be accompanied by injurious consequences. For the vertebral channel, containing the end portion of the spinal cord, does not come to an end in the domestic cat until the seventh to the ninth caudal vertebrae. Consequently injury may be caused by suppression or removal

**Stammesgeschichte Rassenkunde und Zuchtssystem der Hauskatzen.* Prof. Dr. F. Schwangart. Arthur Heber and Co., Publishers, Leipzig.

†I am pleased to note that the Professor does not seem much enamoured of the theory held by the eminent British naturalist, Mr. R. I. Pocock, attributing the unknown origin of the Blotched or Marbled (ordinary) tabby pattern to some extinct ancestor. He seems more inclined to attribute it to the appearance of a mutation, when and where arisen we do not know. I hold similar views.

before the tenth joint. In a work published in 1928 I have written about the heredity of these caudal defects and their accompanying, sometimes even death-bringing, injuries. Rational breeding must therefore exclude "pure Manx," and content itself with short-tailed cats.

I do not for one instant wish to deny the correctness of the Professor's observations, that he has known cats whose taillessness was combined with internal defects of the nature described. Such were possibly abnormalities, but there seems no reason to apply such a dictum to the Manx. The Professor's instances were very obviously degenerates. Do our Manx show **any** signs of being a degenerate race? Is there one single way in which they are inferior to tailed Cats? Their intelligence and affection are very noticeable. Are they not usually great hunters? very expert climbers? Can they not run as fast as other Cats? Their action may be funny looking—so would that of a hare or rabbit be in the eyes of a person unfamiliar with such animals—but such action does not prevent them from "moving some."

AND looking at them from the Show point of view, they are, without having any drawbacks, quaint and interesting, which qualifications are the only ones possessed by various kinds of Fancy live stock, furred and feathered, but what fancier could enthuse over breeding Cats with about eight or ten tail joints, and no other difference from the ordinary, or short. Who is going to breed cats which look as if the tips of their tails have been pinched off in the door?

WHY THE CAT LIKES FISH.

Many years ago, before the dawn of history, a fisherman lived in a hut on the banks of a river. Every night he used to set lines in front of his hut, and every morning he hauled in his fish and carried them to the next village, where he exchanged them for corn and oil, and all the other things which he wanted for himself and his wife and his large family.

But because his lines were made of gut, which was not very skilfully prepared, they were most attractive to the mice which haunted the neighbourhood. Morning after morning the fisherman found that his lines had been nibbled through, and as he fished in the way which his father had taught him, it did not occur to him to set his lines by day instead of by night, and to watch for the mice that ate them.

His wife and his large family grew thinner and thinner, and the fisherman could not think what to do. It was no good appealing to the river gods, whom he had offended by taking their fish, but he hoped that the gods of the forest might be more kindly disposed towards him, and they were, after all, the masters of the mice. So he and his wife and all his children said a prayer one night to the gods of the forest.

That night, as it happened, a cat who lived in the forest was hunting on the banks of the river, and she arrived at the fisherman's hut just at the time when the mice had descended in full force on his lines. She waited for no ceremonies, but in a moment had captured the leader and three of his lieutenants. The rest of the band scattered, but they had all come back again by the time that the cat returned for a second helping.

The next morning the fisherman found his lines intact, and beside them lay a neat little heap of mouse tails—ten of them in all. He knew, of course, that the gods of the forest must be responsible, and so, after consulting with his wife, he chose the finest of the fish, cooked it very carefully, and laid it on a stone by the side of his lines that night. "Oh, gods of the forest," he cried, "accept the thanks of a poor fisherman whom you have saved from starvation. I have nothing to offer you but this fish, which I hope may be pleasing to you."

The cat, who had five hungry kittens in a hollow tree trunk, did not mind being called out of her name, and gratefully accepted the fish, which she found more delicious than anything which she had ever tasted. And the next morning the fisherman's lines were again intact, and beside them were twelve mouse tails and a pile of fish bones, picked quite clean. It was obvious that the gods of the forest appreciated his present.

After that the fisherman laid a fish on the stone every night, and in return the cat guarded his lines. It is true that after a time the mice ceased to come to such a dangerous spot, but there were plenty of mice in other parts of the forest, and the cat made a point of collecting a good heap of tails by the fish bones, so that the fisherman should know that she had not been idle.

In course of time the cat grew too old to catch mice, but as all her kittens had been brought up to love fish, she appointed the two finest mousers in her place, and they shared the fisherman's offering between their brothers and sisters, their sons and daughters, and their nieces and nephews. Fortunately, the fisherman was now so opulent that he supplied several fish himself, and as his eight sons were all following their father's profession, they also contributed to the offering to the gods of the forest.

M. H.

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