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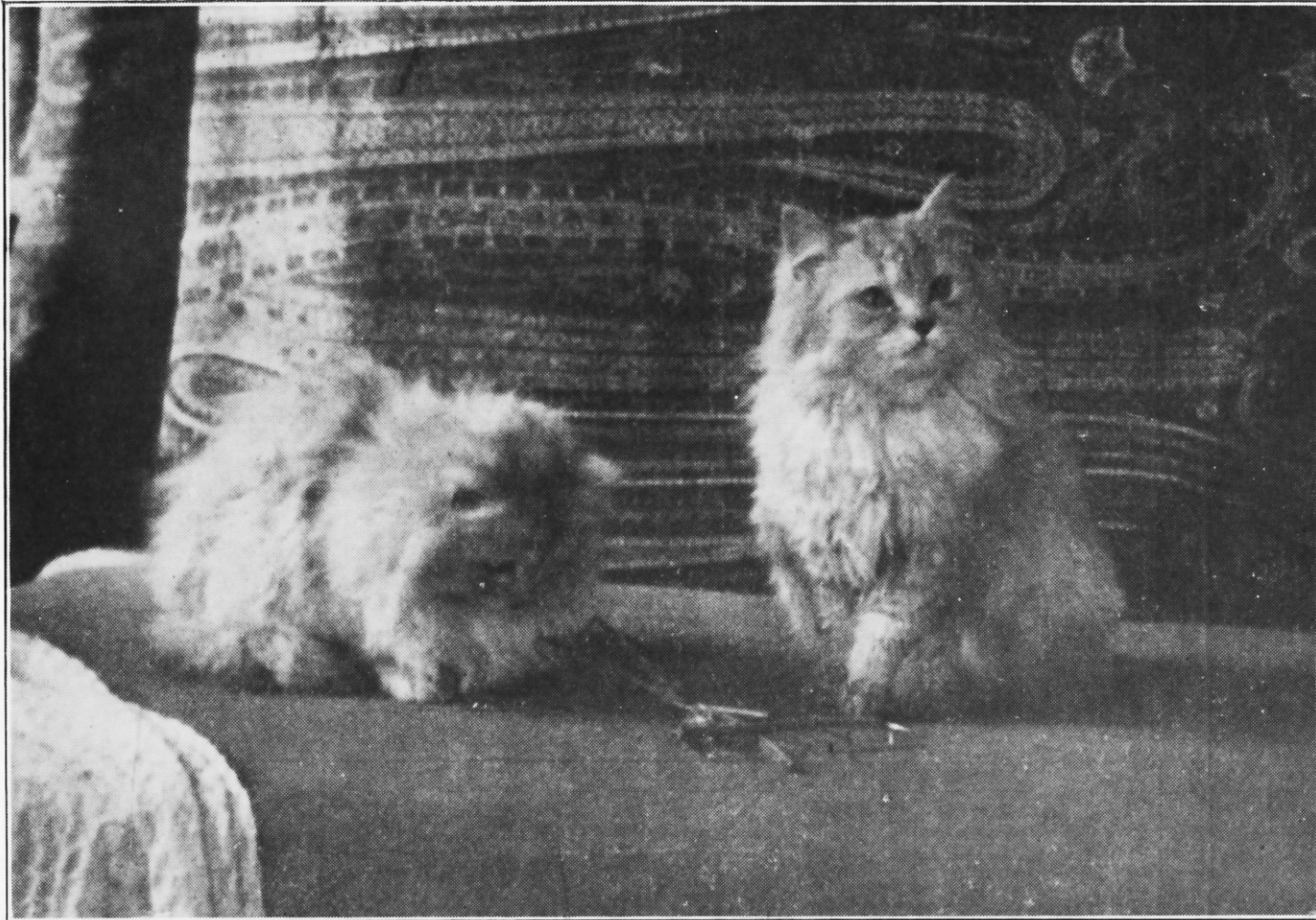
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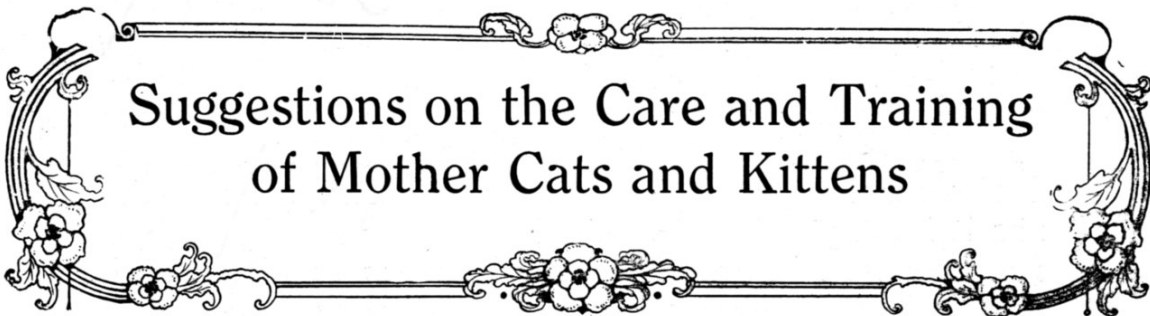
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Suggestions on the Care and Training of Mother Cats and Kittens

HELEN E. BROWN

(Concluded)



At eight or nine weeks of age seems to be the favorite time for people to take kittens from their mothers. This is the youngest limit at which it should be done, unless there is some exceptional reason that makes it better for the cat or kitten. As long as the mother instinct is strong, she should not be robbed of her babies, and the kittens are better off with her care until they are three months old. Do not take all of her kittens away at one time, and in any case watch and see that she does not suffer from having too much milk when the number of nursing kittens is decreased. If there are indications of this, prevent it by the same treatment as for a cat that has too much milk when the kittens are new born, only now when gently rubbing her breasts I put on a little camphorated oil. (See last paragraph of this paper.)

In sending a nine weeks old kitten out into the world with new friends and a new home, give careful directions as to how and how much it has been fed, and to what it is accustomed, and ask those who take it to adhere to this for several days or a week, so that they may see the kitten in perfect health, and then make what changes they wish gradually, always noting if these changes agree with the little orphan.

If it was an average kitten of mine, it would be fed like this: Four meals a day. Breakfast: scraped or finely minced raw beef, a lump smaller than a hickory nut, and three teaspoonsful of gruel made of Robinson's patent barley. Lunch: a small saucer of the gruel, or of Mellin's Food as made for a three months old baby according to which it seems to need; a little raw egg sometimes beaten in the gruel. Evening dinner: the same as breakfast. Late at night supper: the same as lunch. Occasionally cooked chicken, lamb or fish instead of the meat, or plain milk instead of the gruel or Mellin's Food. A chicken bone with a tiny bit of meat on is a treat and good for the teeth; the second joint is the best bone. Fresh water at all times. A teaspoonful of lime water to a saucer of milk or barley gruel. No potatoes nor veal at any time or age. It is just as well not to give vegetables and the more mixed diet mentioned in Part I, until they are older. I wait until they are five or six months old, though some people who raise good strong kittens give vegetables before they give any raw beef. Others again give only raw beef from the time they first begin to feed.

Four things to be thought of in feeding a cat: see that she has salt, lime, sulphur and iron, either naturally in the food she eats or sprinkled on occasionally. The salt should always be on her meat, etc., just as it is on your own food.

It is a prevalent idea that meat gives fits to kittens. I do not think that this is so, except when a kitten has worms and a change is made from a mixed diet to one of meat. Then the worms, deprived of their food, make trouble, which results often in fits. This theory, which I have read, seems reasonable. The chief causes of fits are worms, teething and excitement. One compressed tablet of homeopathic cina, crushed and put far back on the kitten's tongue, a short time before meals, four times a day for a week, then skip a few days and repeat, will be a safeguard for most kittens. You probably will not see any worms, but this seems to finish them. To a large kitten or a cat, give two compressed tablets. It is not necessary to crush them for cats.

It is well to guard against too much excitement for kittens. They must play to be natural, happy and healthy, but try to keep them from it after eating, and remember that their own play is quite different from your play. Many kittens know when to stop if left to themselves. I have often seen them lie down flat on their sides, out of breath, in the middle of a most interesting game, and then, when they are ready—up and at it again. You must watch and use good judgment.

But if your kitten or cat does have a fit, catch it by the nape of the neck as quickly and gently as you can and put ice on its head, or cold water if ice is not available. Take care not to be bitten, as the unconscious inclination to bite is usual while in a convulsion. If it is a very bad fit, and the ice has no apparent effect, it may be necessary to plunge the cat into hot water up to its neck (not too hot to your

hand), but this is a last resort, as you have to dry puss afterward, and it may frighten her when she regains consciousness to find that she is wet. As soon as she is sufficiently out of the fit to swallow, give half a teaspoonful to a full one of a solution of bromide of potash, made so that there is one grain to each teaspoonful. It should begin to have an effect in five or ten minutes. When she is quiet, place her in a basket and close it securely, unless you can stay with her. Keep her in a darkened room, away from noises. In an hour give another dose of bromide if it seems necessary, or, if she appears to be normal, you can leave the basket open. The object in putting her in a basket is to keep her from dashing about and hurting herself if she has another fit. Do not feed her for some hours, and then, if she seems all right, give a light meal. Watch her rather carefully for a week, and if there are signs of another fit coming, give a dose of bromide, which is one of the drugs that should always be on hand. It is to be hoped that you may not need it for years, but it is very important to have when it is needed.

Dangers from teething are thought to be over by the sixth month.

Never allow anyone to play tricks on your cat, not even the slightest trick, nor to tease her at all. If you pretend to throw something for her to play with but do not do it, it is mean and a cat treated in this way cannot be at her best. There should be perfect trust and sympathy between you and your pet. Teach her to look up in your face and let her find there what she seeks. These little friends of ours know and understand so much more than we think. If you are away much, it is a great deal better for most cats for you to have two, so that they will be company for each other. The sum of the whole thing is keep your cats happy—this is “animals’ rights.”

In case a cat has a small litter of kittens, the liquid diet for the first twenty-four hours may cause her to have too much milk. Feel the under part of her body, and if it is hard and lumpy give raw beef instead of the liquids advised in Part IV of these papers. Gently rub her breasts and press out a little milk several times a day. Do not even leave drinking water with her, but let her have just a little taste once in a while. With the kitten to help this should remedy the difficulty in a day. At first she may be very restless.





THE KITTEN SAINT PAUL

By RUTH EVERETT

A friend gave me a beautiful little black kitten with the daintiest tips of white on its nose and on its four feet. The white spots were exactly alike and were as straight across as if they had been ruled off after having been measured.

We were living in an apartment up one flight of stairs and there was a grassy yard in the rear.

To keep kitty healthy, I estimated that he must be allowed to romp and play in the open air.

Our maid, although a most excellent servant, "was not fond of taking cats down into the back yard four or five times a day."

Thinking that kitty could be taught to go up and down without much trouble to anybody, I tied a thin clothesline to a covered market basket, put my kitten into the basket, swung it out of the window and lowered it to the ground.

Sticking his head out of the top of the basket, the little creature looked all around him, the while yowling his loudest and best, for he was nearly frightened to death.

But he did not attempt to jump, and when the basket touched the ground he hopped out without waiting to be told to do so and ran for his dear little life.

In a few moments he forgot his troubles and began romping and playing with his own tail through the yard. When he got tired of this, he cried to come home, and the maid went down into the yard, picked the kitten up and put him into his basket. I then hauled him up to our apartment. He was frightened, seemingly just as much so as he had been at the letting down, but he made no attempt to jump out.

In less than three days the little fellow would crawl into his basket, look up at me and mew, as if to say: "Don't you know that it is time to let your kitten go out and play?"

When he was tired of his play or hungry, he would go to the extreme end of the yard, where we could see him, and there he would mew and cry.

As soon as he would see me at the window, he would run and jump into his basket, where, with his two little white paws resting on the edge, he would sit and thoroughly enjoy the admiration of the

people on the side and rear streets, who would flock to their windows to see the ascent, at the same time calling aloud:

"Come! Be quick! They are taking the kitten up in the basket."

I named him Saint Paul, because, like the great apostle of old, he went down in a basket.

Thus our kitten got to be the celebrity of the neighborhood, and that much did he enjoy his fame that it almost seemed as if he said: "What a great cat am I."

At length my pet got too heavy to raise and lower in that way; his weight had strained the basket, so that it was evidently unsafe. But the cat had grown to have confidence in me and I in him; so I put him on the lift, the while petting and stroking him and telling him that he must be quiet and sensible and trust to my love for him, for I was going to send him down to the yard in that way.

He seemed to understand and made the journey safely, and thenceforth he went up and down on the lift, making known his wishes to go out and play by going to the elevator door and crying.

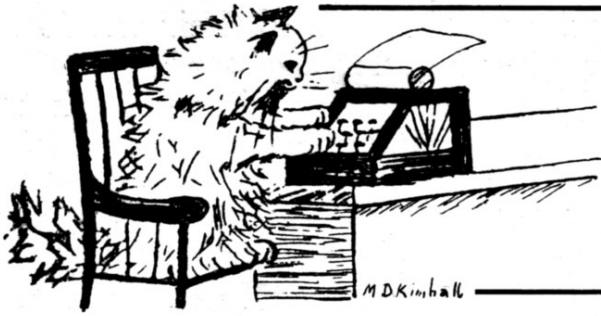
He was one of the dearest little pets I ever owned.



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Correspondence

Editor Cat Review :

I was so glad to receive the Review again as I had never heard one word from the Review as to its suspension. I was unable to write on account of a broken arm this summer, and when I would think of the Review I would be busy and it would go from my mind. But please do not add six months to my subscription for the time suspended, for as it is you do not get enough for the Review. You should raise the price. All other papers and magazines did so—why not the Cat Review?

I am an old-time subscriber and New York fancier, and did miss my Cat Review.

Wishing you a prosperous New Year, am sending check for one dollar.

MRS. W. E. CROMPTON.

Butte, Montana, December 20th, 1920.

(Note—Mrs. Crompton will be remembered by fanciers in the East under her former name, Mrs. Billman. Ed.)

Editor Cat Review :

Your readers may be interested to know something of my advertising experience. For the last eight years or more I have advertised in The Review exclusively and have made all my sales from these advertisements, with the exception of the few which came through the shows and recommendations from previous purchasers. Probably I averaged six inquiries or so a month, more from November to June, and less the other part of the year. Of course not nearly all of these resulted in sales. But the point of the thing comes now for those who wish to make their cats pay expenses. During the six months that The Review suspended publication, these inquiries grew less and less in number, until in November, the month in which they usually showed an increase, I did not receive a single one.

It ought not to be necessary to advocate advertising as a necessity in these days when its importance is proved by the fabulous amounts that are regularly paid to magazines and newspapers. But it does seem as if cat-folk were a class apart and had an idea that sales just made themselves. If that were really the case, why should there be so much advertising these days? Just because the public cannot know



EDITORIALS



MUCH good things have been said about the last number of the Review that it will be difficult to live up to all of them, but to do this shall be our earnest endeavor. From all over the country, and beyond it, we wish as interesting things could be sent us as those about Mother Pink and Princess Anita. They made the life of the last Review. We need these things as well as the more solid information in such articles as Miss Braids' and Mrs. Harris'.

No doubt Miss E. M. Braids' old friends recognized the first article in the December Review, on "The Ear," as coming from her. We are sorry that the printer dropped out this important part.

We regret that, on account of the high cost of printing, new editions of the different books on cats are not being printed, and new ones ready for the press are being held back. To lessen the difficulty which this causes to cat fanciers, we have indexed the articles which have appeared in the Review during the year 1920, and hope, in the near future, to print an index of the subjects given in the Review for many years past, so that our friends can tell exactly which numbers to send for to gain the information they need.

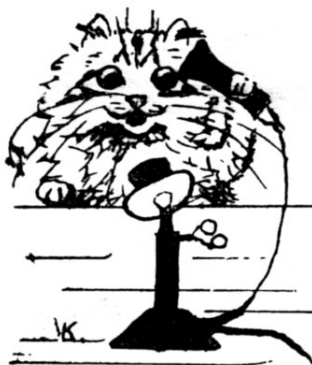
Pleasant news this month is that several former cat fanciers are subscribing to the Review and expect to purchase stock and be in it again. Advertisers, and would-be advertisers, take notice!

where a certain desirable thing may be found, nor how desirable it may be, unless it is called to its attention. Only a very few know the color of cats one breeds, fewer know the address and fewer still whether these cats have any winning record. An advertisement will tell this to many, many people who would not otherwise hear of it in a lifetime. My own experience is that first-class cats sell readily through The Review; second-class cats almost as well, and poorer ones in proportion. Also I can certify from a dozen years' experience that it pays to advertise in The Review.

Very truly,

Orange, N. J., December 18, 1920.

J. R. KROEH.



NEWS



Miss Alice Judge writes: "I like the sample (December number) so much that I am enclosing \$1.00 for twelve of the same kind and wish you great success, both in editing a live, interesting, indispensable paper and in increasing the circulation enormously."

Mrs. E. O. Roberts of Poultney, Vt., writes: "I have sold Kilravock Delicia II to Mrs. E. P. Williams of Opportunity, Wash., and have purchased a little Pincroft Lady of her. This cat has wonderful type and coat, sound hearing, and sweet disposition."

Miss J. R. Kroeh of Orange, N. J., reports the sale of Kilravock Sir Whiff, son of Kilravock Whiffenpuff and Kilravock Donna Corona, to Mr. J. P. Day of Short Hills, New Jersey. This cat won first in kitten class at Madison Square Garden last winter, also specials for best solid color kitten and best male kitten in show.

Word has been received from Clarendon, Va., of the sudden death of Mrs. Rae Tompkins Moyer, wife of Capt. H. D. Moyer, U. S. A. Mrs. Moyer was the daughter of Mrs. Frank M. Tompkins of Washington, and was for several years the secretary of the Washington Cat Club.

SILVER SOCIETY NOTES

The last meeting of the Silver Society for the year 1920 was held at the home of Mrs. N. H. Busey, 39 West 67th Street, New York City.

The president asked the opinion of the members present as to whether we should follow the custom of many years, of holding the annual meeting of the society on the second day of the show. The rule governing meetings says, "The annual meeting of the society shall be held in January, the

time and place to be named by the president." The members were unanimously against holding a meeting during the show. The president then chose January 11th, 1921, as the date, and Mrs. Busey very kindly invited us to meet with her.

Final arrangements for the show occupied the balance of the afternoon.

Miss Ethel Champion moved that a notice be inserted in the premium list that silver cats may be entered in both shows. This was seconded by Miss Macy, and carried.

Miss Macy moved that Miss Dorothy Champion be transferred from the Show Committee of the Silver Society to the same committee of the Atlantic Club. Seconded by Mrs. West and carried.

Adjourned.

MARY HOPE WEST,
Secretary.

EMPIRE CAT CLUB NOTES

It had been voted at the October meeting of the Empire Cat Club that the annual meeting be held on the second day of the Empire Show; as the White Plains Poultry Association did not consider the number of entries sufficient to hold a show, the meeting was held at the home of Miss Alice Judge, 10 Remsen Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

The president being unable to be present, the first vice-president, Miss Judge, took the chair.

The minutes being read and the annual report of the secretary read and approved, the election of new officers was in order.

Miss Alice M. Judge was unanimously elected president; Mrs. V. W.

Cornell, Mrs. Wm. Hart and Mrs. J. C. Sheridan, vice-presidents, and Mrs. Madge M. Crouch, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. V. W. Cornell, board member to the C. F. A., Inc.

The club voted to insert a card in the Cat Review, two new members were proposed, and after refreshments the meeting adjourned at 5:45 P. M.

EDNA GRANT CORNELL,
Secretary.

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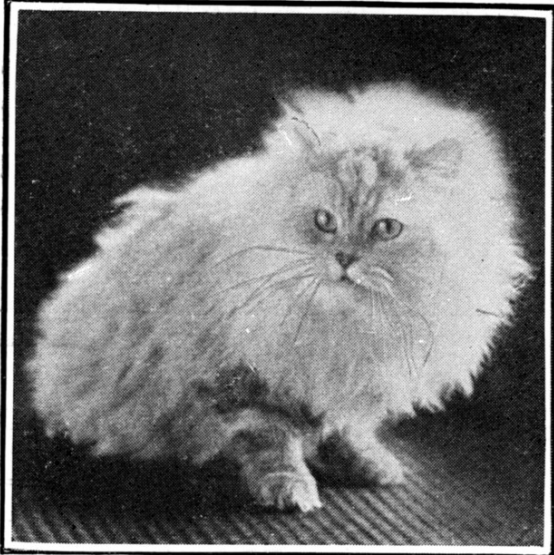
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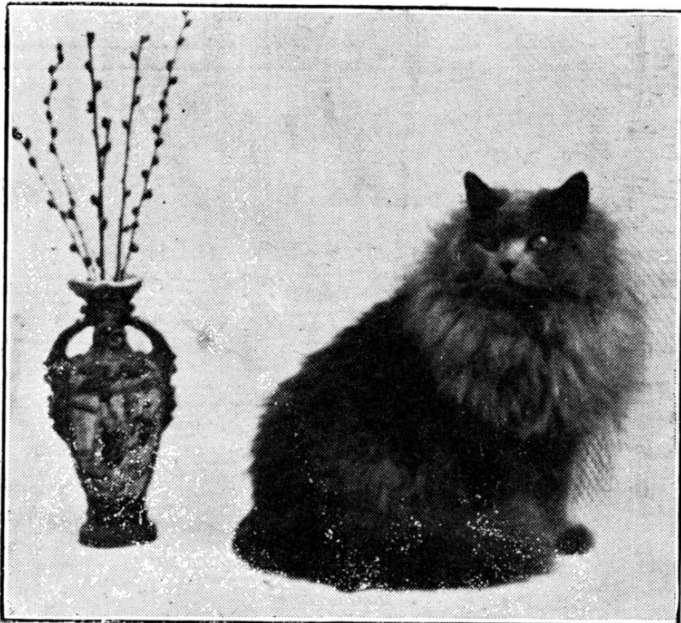
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