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## “Babies and Kittens”

There were two little kittens, a black and a  
gray,

And grandmother said, with a frown,  
“It will never do to keep them both,  
The black one we’d better drown.

“Don’t cry, my dear,” to tiny Bess,  
“One kitten’s enough to keep.  
Now run to nurse, it’s getting late,  
And time you were fast asleep.”

The morning dawned, and rosy and sweet  
Came little Bess from her nap.  
“Go into mother’s room,” said nurse,  
“And see what’s in Grandma’s lap.”

“Come here!” said Grandma, with a smile,  
From the rocking-chair where she sat.  
“God sent you two little sisters,  
Now, what do you think of that?”

Bess looked at the babies a moment,  
With their wee heads, yellow and brown,  
And then to Grandma soberly said,  
“Which one are you going to drown?”

(No author is given to this poem.)



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SELECTIONS FROM ARTICLES  
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GLADYS HOUSER



A REAL effort to understand cat nature is met more than half way, and the cats that are petted and talked to become, through their companionship with us, more and more intelligent. I believe the day has come when cats can take their place with dogs as companions. Those who will look beneath their apparent indifference will see the real intelligence they possess.

Cats are very differently constituted from our other domestic friend—the dog. When the pup is in pain he howls, when he is joyful all the world knows it by the frantic wag of his tail. But behind the sphinx-like eye of the cat her joys and sorrows are hidden. In her play, however, she is very demonstrative, and, once her trust is given, is a faithful friend. Personally I respect her friendship the more that she does not fawn on a person who ill-uses her. Once unfairly treated it would be a hard task to again win her confidence. This seems to me to be a mark of intelligence.

One of the best animal friends I ever had was Topey, a short-haired cat, who showed more intelligence than many humans. A wonderful mouser, and so generous that she would bring in mice all day for the other cats, and hardly ever eat one herself. She never could bear to see anyone unhappy, and in the presence of tears or anger she would cry mournfully and try to lick one's hands

or face, seemingly fully as much troubled as the person was.

Years ago, when Maine was mainly seaport, our sailing men brought home on their ships cats from India and Persia, which crossed with the short-haired cats, and through a process of natural selection originated what we call the Coon cat, and what, when cared for and properly bred for generations, for type and coat passes for Persian.

As a matter of fact, Coon, Angora and Persian, all are the same, the proper term being "long-haired," which covers them all. But fanciers desire, and rightly, to use some term to indicate the pure-bred, long-haired cat, and instinctively when one says "Persian" we picture the petted aristocrat of the show bench, while "Coon" brings to the mind a perhaps equally handsome, possibly more vigorous, but certainly not equally well-groomed feline friend who roams the world at will, and who was born and raised in the State of Maine.

Many attempts have been made, and are being made, to market these Coon cats to eager buyers in the large cities for pets and breeders, but they seldom survive their journey, and almost never make really fine breeding stock.

The reasons are these—improper feeding, inattention to breeding and general lack of care. Improper feeding does not mean insufficient food, for no one who cares for an animal would see it hungry, nor one who looked on it as a financial possibility. Puss bears the reputation of consuming chiefly milk, whereas her teeth are plainly those of a carnivorous animal, and a diet of milk, or, worse yet, bread and milk, with an occasional mouse, is not going to create a hardy constitution. If you seek a fine heavy coat there is just one thing to grow it—meat, and raw meat at that, and raw meat neither gives fits nor makes cats cross, although many people still believe that it does.

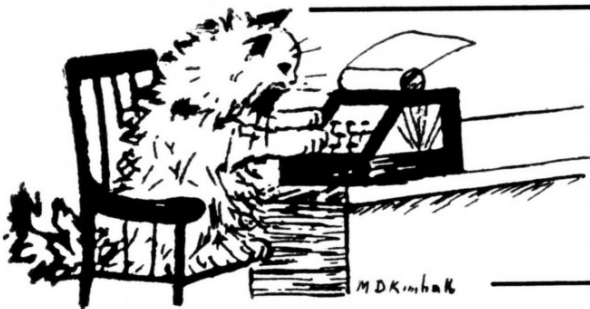
Possibly you do not know whether or not your cat is inbred, and there is where our friendship toward our kitties should show itself—in neutering the male cat of imperfect type, who will then make a perfectly splendid, but inoffensive, pet, and in keeping our female cat in at night and breeding her to the best male cat of her kind.

Darwin wrote in 1868: "Man, owing to the difficulty of pairing cats, has done nothing by methodical selection, and probably very little by unintentional selection, though in each litter he probably saves the prettiest." But since that date it has not been found impossible to govern the breeding of our cats, and the show cat is proof of what careful breeding will do.

To some people, even though preferring nice litters of kittens to the nondescript kind puss is very liable to bring, if left to her own devices, the bother of watching her and seeing that she is properly bred at the right time, seems a silly procedure. Yet, if these same persons owned a well-bred Boston terrier, an Airedale, or Collie, would they not see that it was bred to a dog of its own sort? Why, then, is it any sillier to procure for yourself a well-bred family of kittens? Should you then have a pretty blue or Maltese female and a friend an equally beautiful male, it might be well if you took kitty visiting rather than let her roam the streets and byways.

Now, a word as to type. The perfect cat, if there were such a thing, would be short of leg and wide of body, with heavy fur, large ruff and short, full brush or tail, a good-sized head, round and full cheeked, with a short snub nose and eyes far apart, full and round. The ears should be small and tufted, and the feet should be large and also tufted. The term generally used to describe the cat of right type is "cobby." I have always privately believed that the longer-faced cats show more real intelligence; they seem to me to have more expression. But this is rank heresy on my part, and cat fanciers would all tell me so.

For the information of the would-be breeder of cats, who thinks that there is possibly too much capital needed, and too much to learn before one can get any financial returns, I must say that, compared to the many lines of work that women take up to add to their incomes, cat-breeding takes as small an initial outlay as any, and brings as quick returns. There is a certain amount of pleasure in speculation and anticipation, and if you buy kittens from really good stock you cannot fail to have good stock yourself, and the general rule is to buy the poorest kit of good stock rather than the finest appearing one of poor stock, for each kit carries all his progenitors' faults and good points, and the stock behind is really more important than the individual animal, although I would not want anyone to construe this as advice to purchase a kitten constitutionally weak, for a breeder must be sturdy all its life through to, in turn, produce strong offspring. Then, unless one wishes, it would not be necessary to carry a male, as the best breeding males in the country are at public service at reasonable fees—usually \$10 or \$15; a champion or imported cat perhaps \$20 or \$25. If these fees seem large think that a good litter of kittens should pay it five or six times over.



## Correspondence

Editor "Cat Review":

Is there not a very important printer's error in the last sentence, second paragraph, of your article on "Champion Classes" in the July "Review"?

If I remember correctly I was the pioneer tenderfoot member who first suggested that we have such a class, a cup to be donated to the champion who won over all the other champions competing. And I was promptly frowned upon for such an unheard-of proceed-

ing. "It had never been done," etc., etc. But "truth crushed to earth," etc. And I am not easily checked when I want a thing. Mrs. Ketchen appointed me chairman, if I remember rightly (I cannot consult the minutes), to solicit subscriptions, and we had, I think, two nice cups for the show.

I do not quite agree with Miss Kroeh's argument in regard to the four cats she names. Because the making of champions would still continue, and "Charming" might, when "Handsome" was eliminated, have a far more dangerous competitor at his next show. Then, too, "Rag Tag" should never have received his ten points if he were not entitled to them as, according to Miss Kroeh's reasoning, he certainly was not. And that brings up the burning question of the judge's ruling. There seems to be no answer. Would it not be a good thing for all clubs to take up the question, thrash it out, and come to some decision? The clubs ought to be able to bring enough pressure to bear on the associations to have the rulings uniform. (I mean the rulings of the associations, not the judges).

Very truly, Alice M. Judge.

Brooklyn, N. Y., July 28, 1921.

[NOTE—The last sentence, second paragraph of the article on Champion Classes, should have read: "These are known as the Championship Classes."—Ed.]

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## EDITORIALS



FF for Florida in hot weather! This is not a new experience for us, but this year we have been noting how Persian cats stand the heat, and we are surprised to find how well they do.

We spent some very busy and happy hours, August 9th, with members of the Flower State Cat Club in Jacksonville. Mr. and Mrs. W. Haywood Parker met us at the steamer and drove to their home, where we made the acquaintance of Pinecroft's Pretty Pearl and her beautiful, deep, blue-eyed, white kitten. After luncheon Mrs. A. G. Armbruster drove us about through

beautiful parts of the city, and finally to her home, where we saw her

splendid blues, her neuters, and a most attractive and comfortable cattery and runs. After a treat of delicious home-made ice-cream we started out again, saw more beautiful parts of the city and picked up Mrs. Gormer, and went to see her lovely copper-eyed blue Judy and three fluffy kittens. Then we headed for the St. John's River steamboat, and chatted together until the whistle blew and we had to part, leaving more to talk about than there was when we began.

We are now a hundred miles south of Jacksonville in the central part of Florida, and have been to see Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thede's cattery out in the pine woods. This is the rainy season, and there had been a heavy shower in the middle of the day. The owners were away when we reached there, so we first looked on things from the outside. The grown cats—red tabbies—were free to be in the open or in the cozy nooks of their home. There were still puddles of water on the roofs of their small houses, but the cats were dry, and all cats and kittens were in fine condition. The kittens' (red tabbies and fawn colors) compartment was all under cover, with delightful places for them to climb up on. In fact, until Mr. and Mrs. Thede returned we thought that there only were two kittens, the rest were up on a beam overhead.

There are good breezes here in the peninsula of Florida, either from the Gulf of Mexico or from the Atlantic, and there is very little humidity at this season, but instead gathering clouds at noon and a short, refreshing storm. So, though the thermometer registers high, what would be the hottest part of each day is cooling-off time if the weather does as it should and, with catteries built to suit, puss can find a comfortable place. One never hears of heat prostrations among people down here, and we have not yet seen a cat that was suffering from the heat as so many do during a hot spell in the North. Puss is a creature of leisure and ease, and all that seems necessary is to give her a good opportunity to choose the place that she wishes.

We are much pleased with the cats which we have seen; they are of the best, most of them, and, as is the way of the people of Florida, come from all over. Far-away places are searched for what is wanted. One of the ladies we have met was at the last New York cat show, and expects to run up again next year.

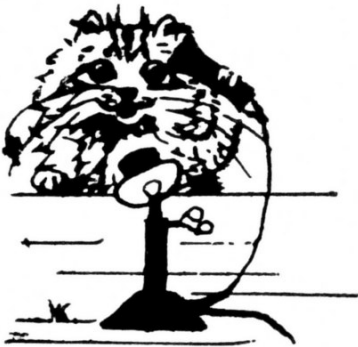
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There is one point in which it is impossible for cat fanciers to be too particular. When selling a cat or kitten through correspondence let us try to find out exactly what is wanted, and make it our aim to supply that want rather than to make a sale of advantage to ourselves. We will be working to our own advantage in the end if we please the purchaser, but our first aim should be to please him and to help him to get what he wants, whether it is bought from us or from another. If someone wants a light cat instead of a dark one it would be a great mistake to persuade ourselves that what we have to sell is light when it really is not what our correspondent means by light. Which of us would want a kitten that we had raised with

care to go to someone who would not like it and could not appreciate it? Or what a reputation would we be giving to our cattery? And remember that the whole cat fancy, in a measure, rises or falls together, if we sold a cat with skin trouble because we did not think that such a little spot could be anything bad. A square deal should be the only deal, and let us try to build up our reputations, no matter how small our business is, to match those of some of our leading fanciers, who, the more our knowledge of people and things increases, the more we find are thoroughly reliable, and also have the gift of finding out just what their correspondents wish in the line of cats. We are forming a very high opinion of some people, and are pleased when we can say, as we have now often said, "She is one of the absolutely reliable ones."

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Advertisements can be inserted in the Review as late as the twenty-fifth of each month to appear in the issue for the next month. But when it can be done send them in by the twentieth when the rest of the magazine goes to print.




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## NEWS

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It is with deep regret that we hear of the death of Mrs. Lula E. Whipple on the 12th of August, three days after a serious operation.

We wish to express our sympathy with Mr. Whipple and with their daughter.

Through the correspondence we had with Mrs. Whipple we soon saw that she was a true cat lover as well as cat fancier, and felt that she was one of the congenial spirits. She organized the Twin City Cat Club, and was its President from the beginning. She had ten cats, the well-known Roblyn of Claremont among them. The cat fancy has lost one of its best leaders.

Miss Dykema has been visiting catteries for a month, starting with Miss Farrar's in Virginia, and through New York to Boston.

Mrs. Ada G. Armbruster, of Ponce De Leon Cattery, Jacksonville, Fla., is very enthusiastic over a light-blue kitten which she has purchased from Mrs. Gormer, sired by Ch. Shining Light of Revolstoke. The mother-cat is Mrs. Gormer's Judy, of Sebastian fame.

Mrs. G. M. Fiske has sold Colonial Robin II to Miss Helen M. Elliott, of Toronto, Canada, who is delighted with him.

Miss J. R. Kroeh, of Orange, N. J., reports the sale of a blue-eyed male



kitten by Kilravock Whiffenpuff ex Kilravock Donna Fiorella, to Mrs. Lucia Fuller, of Windsor, Vt. Mrs. Fuller writes: "He is very playful and has unbounded courage, defending his bone against all comers, even our big police-dog. Thank you for choosing him for me." Also a blue-eyed male kitten, the best of the season so far, by Ch. Kilravock Don Leone II, ex Kilravock Little Pretty to Mrs. W. C. Poillon, of New York, who writes: "We just love the little Puff and he is so playful he must be happy. Thank you again for our little beauty."

The latter part of July women stormed the Town Council in West Orange, N. J., and killed the cat ordinance which provided for a wholesale slaughter of stray cats. The women denounced the proposed ordinance as a brutal one and demanded its rejection. It had been drawn up by one of the School Trustees and proposed "to give authority to all citizens to shoot stray cats anywhere at any time. Mary and Gertrude Knevels, sisters, declared, in addressing the council, that not one man in fifty could shoot straight enough to hit a cat, but that bad shots would spray the community with bullets if the ordinance were passed.

"Councilman Michael Blessington, in supporting the attitude of the Misses Knevels, said that if nine bullets were required to kill each cat, he thought the new ordinance would constitute a menace to life. The ordinance found no defenders."—New York Tribune.

Mrs. Churchill has shipped two Argent Silverhair female kittens to Mrs. A. W. Johnson, of Peoria, Ill., and Mrs. Johnson writes that they arrived in fine condition and did not seem at all nervous.

Beauty, a handsome brown tabby, pedigreed, Persian cat from the Golden West Cattery, Vancouver, B. C., is now comfortably located with her new owners, Mr. and Mrs. George Hopkins, of Nashville, Tenn.

Mrs. Campbell Meyers, of Toronto, Can., has just imported from England

a beautiful pair of prize-winning chinchillas, Bonny Langherne and Lady Peridot (English, Langherne Bonny Boy and Lady Peggy). She writes: "I am very well satisfied with them. Bonny has won at every show since he was old enough to appear. He is one year and two months old now. Lady Peridot is only ten months old, so has missed part of the English show-season, but she has also been a winner. She is very pale and absolutely unmarked. Bonny Langherne is very large and has blue-green eyes and looks like his aunt, Dulcibel of Allington."

Miss Meyers (Toronto, Can.), who spent the Winter in England, says that "our blues here compare very favorably with the English blues, and that the French Persians are lovely, but no pedigrees are available as a rule."

The latter part of July, Mrs. M. M. Crouch's little Dotty Darling died. The post-mortem showed "floating kidney and gangrenous uterus, probably caused by operation to remove kits four years ago. The case was hopeless and I had treated for stomach trouble, proving you can never tell." We have a letter from Dotty Darling, written last Spring, which we hope to print soon.

Mrs. George M. Fiske, of Auburndale, Mass., writes: "Dear old Colonial Robin is no more. After a long, useful, and happy life of nearly fifteen years he was found in his bed asleep and never wakened."

The Flower State Cat Club is flourishing notwithstanding the fact that the newspapers of Jacksonville, their headquarters, have not gotten past the levity stage and still write behind-the-times articles about old maids and cats. As an item of interest we have taken the names included in the first eleven letters of our subscription list, and have found the percentage of married women to be 69 3/10, unmarried women, 11 8/10; men, 8 7/10; and those who have not given an indicating title, 10 2/10 per cent.

The Spokane Cat Club is working hard to increase its membership and to hold a show this Fall. Mrs. M. F. Schade writes that "people as a whole in Spokane and vicinity are rather dead in their interest in pet stock." Little items of interest from time to time in the daily papers are helping to bring things around, and calling on people who are half-way interested has had good results.

The Indianapolis, Ind., Cat Club is organized, and held a meeting July 15th in the parlors of the Fletcher Bank with the President, Mrs. Robinson, in the chair. Mrs. A. R. Morgan, 355 Collett Ave., Indianapolis, is Secretary and Treasurer. There were twenty members belonging to the club at the time of this meeting and others who are away on vacations will join by the time the next is held, the last Tuesday in September.

### TAMPA CAT CLUB NOTES.

The Tampa Cat Club held a meeting Tuesday afternoon, July 26, at the home of the Secretary-Treasurer, the President, Mrs. Abert H. Smith, presiding. Five members responded to roll call and four new members were received at this meeting. Various plans for the future work of the club were discussed, including a proposed show this winter and sales tables in connection with it.

Mr. Richard Vick, the President's father, has offered a beautiful pine-needle basket to be used as a prize in the coming show. After the business meeting light refreshments were served and a social hour enjoyed. The next meeting will be held at the home of the Vice-President, Mrs. John Laner.

Mrs. J. M. Hemminger,  
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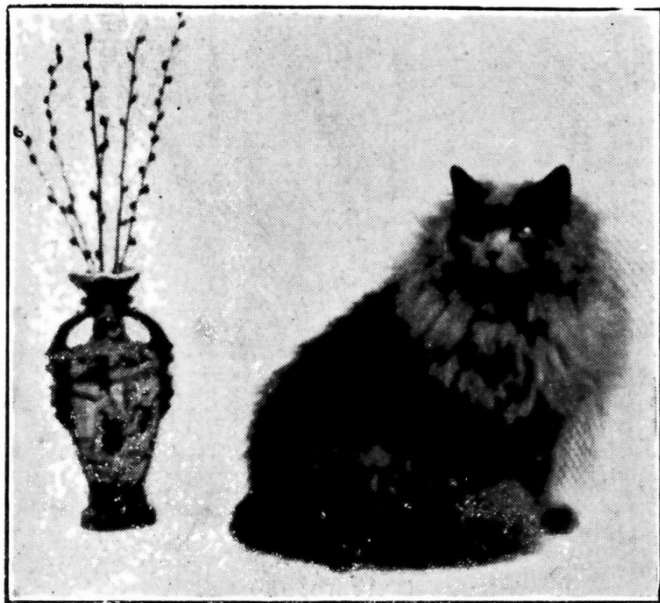
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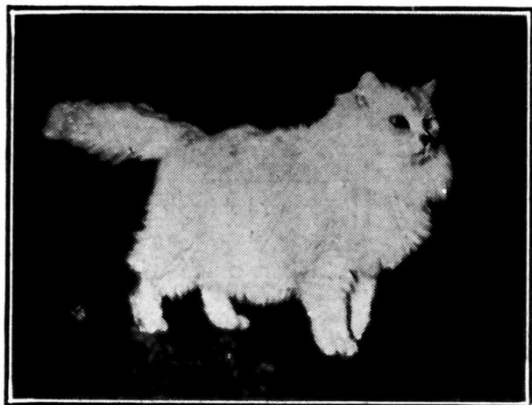
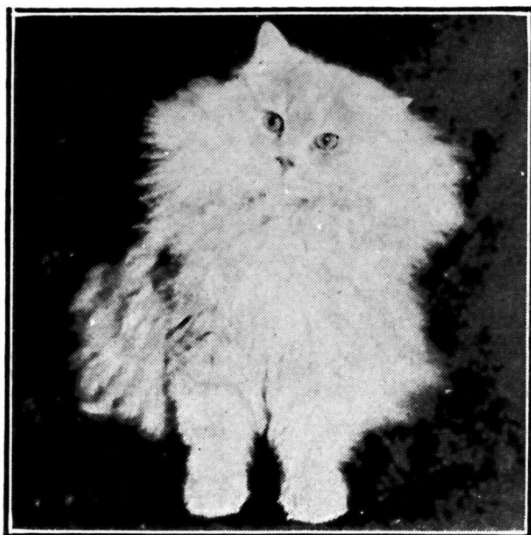
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