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My Lady Disdain

I tried to flirt with Flossie,
But Flossie would not flirt;
Instead, she seemed offended,
Yes, positively hurt.

Yet others flirt with Flossie,
And Flossie flirts with them;
Wherefore should my advances
Her scornful eyes contemn?

Ah, well, I know the answer
Why Flossie shuns my knee:
For some instinctive reason
Cats won't make friends with me.

FREDERICK MOXON.



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Studs and Visiting Queens

J. R. KROEHL.



IN many cases the novice enters the fancy accidentally, so to speak, through the purchase of a female kitten; that is, not by the intentional purchase of a breeding queen, but in some way becoming possessed of a female kit, either as a gift, or because it had a pretty face, or for some such reason.

Then this kit becomes a cat—and the owner decides it is too fine an animal to be allowed at large. The next step is to find a mate for her. So the owner begins to look into this matter, and nine times out of ten the fee for a good stud seems out of proportion to the price paid for the kitten, and so an inferior cat is selected. It sometimes happens that a real fancier keeps a stud at a lower fee to accommodate just these people, but, as a rule, that person who keeps an inferior stud at a cheap fee does so because he has no real interest in cats or their fine points. And the person who keeps cats without a real interest in and affection for them seldom takes care of them in a way to make it safe to send a pet to that cattery. The queen returns with a heavy cold, indigestion, skin trouble, or one of the three especially prevalent varieties of parasites—fleas, lice, or ear mites.

Most of those who read this article will already have had more or less of the above experience and recognize the description, so it is only necessary to warn these owners of females that it is just as important that the queen should be in good condition as that the

stud should be. Also it is only fair to the owner of a carefully kept stud that none of these things should be introduced into his cattery.

Whatever ills the queen has will be passed on to the kits four-fold and cause any amount of trouble and possibly loss. Before taking a queen for a visit, she should be thoroughly freed from all parasites, inside and out, and she should be in good general, physical condition. Otherwise it is probably a fee wasted, as the kits will not grow to maturity, even if they survive the critical three or four months' age. It is better that she should miss the meal next before starting on the journey, and, if a high-strung cat, a sedative may be given with advantage. Five grains of bromide of soda are harmless and usually sufficient.

It is my experience that it is necessary for the queen to remain three to five days ordinarily, and sometimes longer. Frequently the trip and the strangeness of the new surroundings will throw her out of condition for a day or two. Sometimes she will not come in again, and this is the most frequent cause of failure to get results. Usually after the first fright wears off she begins calling again. After she returns home, if in kitten, she will sleep more than formerly and lie curled up in a tight ball, with her nose almost around to the root of her tail.

Owners of studs at public service should have their sanitary arrangements very perfect. It is so fatally easy to get disease and parasites via visiting queens and not discover it until the mischief is done. Unless care is taken to disinfect between visitors, it is easy for one queen to become infected from the preceding one, and this soon gives a bad name to a cattery just as certainly as if the stud were at fault.

The best arrangement is to have pens for visiting queens entirely separate from the main cattery and in each case take the stud to the queen. Some studs, to be sure, have definite opinions of their own and decline to mate anywhere but in their own runs, but this is unusual.

When the queen arrives, place her by herself; never put her directly with the male. This would only mean additional excitement for her and probably scratches for him, and it would be just that much longer before she quiets down.

Give her fresh water and the kind of sanitary pan to which she is accustomed, and leave her to her own devices. Feed very little, if at all, until after the matings are over. In most cases they have sense enough to refuse the food if offered. Unless the owner can give definite information concerning her digestive condition, it is always wise to give a mild cathartic the first evening. The next morning, provided she seems reconciled to the strange surroundings, bring the male and leave him until there have been one or two matings; remove him and bring him back in the afternoon for a short time and again the next morning. Never leave the pair together, as it is exhausting to both. I feel sure that the reason my eleven-year-old stud and my twelve-year-old stud are just as vigorous as they ever

were, and their kittens just as strong, is because I have followed this rule.

Ordinarily the mate will refuse to mate after thirty-six hours. If he does not, it means either a very large litter, or else no results at all, but usually the latter.



SUGGESTIONS FOR RAISING KITTENS.

In sending these suggestions for raising kittens much more could be said, but these are the principal ideas to keep in mind. I am always asked for information when selling kittens, so I hope that these suggestions will help someone. S. L. C.

Kittens should be carefully fed at regular times, say three times a day. Give raw beef (cut fine) and milk once. I have had good results with Spratt's cat food soaked in milk, lamb kidneys, a little cooked liver, salmon mixed with cooked oatmeal or rice, cooked fish, a raw egg beaten up, corn, spinach, rice, sardines in oil, and scraps from table.

Never wash cats with carbolic soap. Use a flea soap or Ivory.

Never give them castor oil, but give instead olive oil, a teaspoon to tablespoonful before breakfast, whenever the cat needs it. It is especially good when their fur is coming out in the Summer.

Don't let cats stay out of doors in the damp or rain.

Don't let a valuable cat run or be near a sick cat, nor one with some skin trouble.

If the cat is constipated, give a teaspoonful of olive oil every other day and see that all hair balls are expelled. If the cat gets hair balls from matted fur and fleas, they must be removed. If the coat is full of fleas, the cat bites and scratches and swallows hair, and often gets thin from this cause, or from worms.

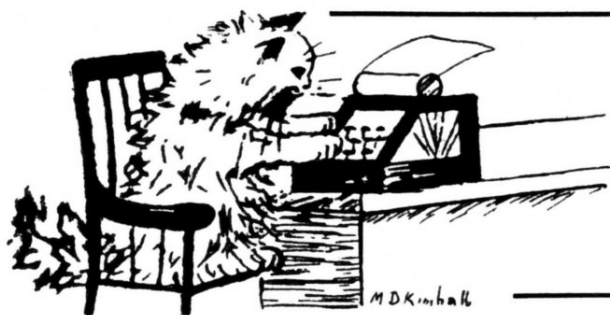
Santonin is good for worms given in $\frac{1}{2}$ -grain tablets before breakfast and in three hours following with a teaspoonful of olive oil. Repeat in ten days, if necessary. Omit supper the night before.

If cats get cold in eyes and ears, bathe with boracic acid dissolved in boiling water. Let it cool and apply with cotton and match stick.

Don't bathe kittens much; comb them instead. Buy a Spratt's flea comb to comb the kittens. It will pay.

If kitten has bowel trouble be very careful of diet. Give warm milk and barley water and a pinch of sub-gallate of bismuth in mouth. Give no solid food until better, as that would be too irritating.

A cat must **not** swallow hair.



Correspondence

Editor Cat Review:

If this will be of any assistance to some one who is wandering in an unhappy state of "gastric disturbances" I shall be glad I tried to help. The letter signed "C." has set me off.

I've learned a lot about cats. The unanswered problem is, How can people properly feed at a profit? I gave it up long ago. As long as money holds out cats eat and expense bothers not at all. The best is none too good. Choice cuts are not necessary. Fresh meat, absolutely free from preservatives, is assured by buying city-killed or Kosher meat. I feed all that the cats will eat and broil the beef slightly in cold weather. I never feed trimmings, fat or hard pieces. Cats must have variety despite all that has been written. I cannot persuade my cats that raw meat is their food. They get fresh fish, even canned salmon, liver stew with thickened gravy, raw mutton and a lot of things at which some fanciers would exclaim in horror. They get raw egg in Borden's evaporated milk; malted milk in the same

These things are tempered with judgment. I've learned what is good for one, what another likes, then I settle down to the raw meat again. I have a cat in wonderful coat, beginning to take on good weight, who has never eaten raw beef. For breakfast to-day I served four kinds of breakfast to four cats; all are well and healthy.

My method has been tested to my satisfaction. Last Summer I had a cat dying from an incurable internal infection. Indications for two years had been stomach trouble. How I worked and by sheer perseverance kept that cat alive, is a long story. Then the end. The post mortem showed a stomach as pure and healthy as was ever born in a cat. It convinced me that my method is a good one.

No food will make a good cat if you do not make a good foundation. "A cat's as good as his stomach," is my slogan. If you have a cat who is languid, dull-eyed, has short, bristly hair, vomits at times, sits on its stomach or does a thousand things he didn't do yesterday, why feed him? He isn't starving and needs many things more than he needs food. Give him, not olive oil, but a baby's dose of castor oil, and take away the food. In my estimation the proper dose of oil administered at the proper time will prevent gastric trouble. One cannot keep a bright fire burning and never take out the waste.

Cats cannot thrive on worms, fleas and tainted food. When they are in our care we must comb and provide shelter as well as fresh grass and water. If it is impossible for us to observe simple sanitary laws

we had better, in all kindness, find another home for them, or put them to sleep.

Thanking you for your time, I remain, sincerely,

MADGE M. CROUCH,

November 17, 1921.

Bronx, N. Y.

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS.

"I contend that if people cannot make their cats comfortable and happy they should not be allowed to keep them.

"One must love cats and consider their comfort as well as the dollars a kitten may bring, if success is to attend his efforts.

"Cat owners or fanciers are not doing their duty if they do not interest themselves in the welfare of the short-haired and stray cat also."

Mrs. Baldwin, Sioux City, Iowa.

"Is it honest to sell the kittens of a pure-bred Persian cat, bred to a pure-bred stud as pure bred, when the previous litter was by a common barn cat?"

Mrs. H. N. Harrington, Rome, N. Y.

Yes, absolutely.—Ed.

"Do you consider it well to mate brother and sister (from the same litter)?"

Mrs. H.

No; it tends to make weak kittens and sometimes deformed ones.—Ed.

"Could you publish a chart of weights for kittens, such as is published for babies, giving the average weight at one, three, six months, etc.?"

Mrs. H.

If a kitten weighs one pound at one month, three pounds at three months, etc., it is considered very good weight and the kitten bids fair to be a large cat. Seven pounds is good weight for a female cat. From eleven to fourteen pounds is good weight for a stud.—Ed.

"Will you ask your readers to be more careful about the pedigrees they furnish? I have yet to see one that I could read." Mrs. H.

Good readers, please consider your Editor also when you send advertisements to be printed!



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WO or three years ago, at a meeting of the Cat Fanciers Federation, an improvement was made in the nomenclature of the cat fancy. The word chinchilla, to designate the lightest unmarked silvers, was dropped. One of the delegates, who proposed the change, brought with her a piece of chinchilla fur to show to all that the part next to the skin is the dark part and the tips of the hairs are light. After a short discussion, and the piece of fur to speak for itself, this misnomer was dropped. But in seeking for a new word, or words, to classify our lightest silvers we do not think that the Federation has succeeded in finding one that is adequate. In the first place, the lightest division has

no right to take to itself, or, to be more accurate, it should not be put in the position of seeming to take to itself, the simple name of silver under which all stand. It is confusing, too, because one minute we speak of silver cats, meaning all those that are silver colored, or with white fur underneath and black tips to the hairs, even when the black tips are so pronounced as to make a dark smoke cat, and the next minute we speak of silvers, meaning only the lightest, and to distinguish them from the others.

Then there is confusion because some of the large Associations still hold to the word chinchilla. Cannot we "get together" on this? Drop the word chinchilla, which no one can prove ever was a suitable name, though it did designate a beautiful soft and silky light-gray fur, and find a really good and fitting name for our lightest silvers. The term "self-silvers" was suggested at that meeting, but it was not liked. We want something which will also have a meaning to the general public without an explanation from us the first time it is heard. The simplest expression would be "light silver," or, if that is not explicit enough, "light even silver." Then we would leave the word silver alone where it belongs, to the Silver Division, and have light even silvers, shaded silvers, silver tabbys, smokes, and why not give masked silvers a chance and the encouragement which would lead to perfection? And then people who register their cats in the C. F. F. might be consistent enough to call them by the agreed-upon name when speaking or writing—a name which we hope will express what is meant.

From time to time we hope to print suggestions from different successful breeders on how they wish purchasers to feed and care for their kittens. There will be wide diversity of opinion as to the best methods, but all of them are quite certain to have good in them and to be a great improvement on what would be done by people generally. It is a good plan to have these printed in leaflet form, or to have extra copies of the number of the Review containing your suggestions on hand to give to people who buy your cats or kittens. We have been doing just this with the first and the last numbers containing our "Suggestions," etc. You need to lay particular stress on the purchasers following your directions closely for at least a week. If this is done they will have time to see that the kitten is a well and healthy one, and if it becomes sick afterward when they begin to put their ideas into practise they can probably note wherein the difficulty lies.

A year ago we greeted strangers. Now we wish a merry Christmas and a happy, prosperous New Year to our many friends.



SHOW DATES.

Empire Cat Club, Dec. 9, 10, 1921.

United Shows, Atlantic Cat Club and Silver Society, Jan. 11, 12, 1922.

Los Angeles Cat Club, Jan. 12, 13, 14, 1922.

Boston Cat Club, Jan. 25, 26, 1922.

Tampa Cat Club, Feb. 7, 8, 1922.



Mrs. Crossley has our deepest sympathy in the loss of her son, John Knox Crossley. He was gassed twice in France while in action, and was finally invalided home. Mrs. Crossley had taken him to Saranac Lake, N. Y., where the fine air helped him, but the end came suddenly on the 15th of November. Another life given for others.

Mrs. Crossley has moved back to Concord, Mass.

Mrs. K. E. Stadey, of Chicago, Ill., has just bought a blue-eyed white male from Mrs. Williams for a stud.

The Misses Leech and Hanson, of North Crystal Lake, Ill., are at present taking care of all correspondence for the Erskine Kattery, owned by Mrs. Drury's son, after whom it is named.

Word was received too late for our news columns last month of the moving of Misses Leech and Hanson from Canada to North Crystal Lake, R. F. D. 1, Illinois. All Canadian orders to the Empire Cattery will be shipped prepaid.

The Keystone State Cat Club has been organized in Philadelphia, Pa., with Mrs. H. E. McCann, 2044 N. Carlisle Street, as president. Cat fanciers who are near-by residents of New Jersey and Pennsylvania are invited to join. We wish the best of success to the new club.

Mrs. V. Reinhard, of St. Paul, Minn., has her stud Empire Victor spending the Winter with Mrs. Joseph Richmond, of Springfield, Mass.

Mrs. Mabel Davidson, Ovid, Mich., has just purchased Silver Fanchon, the winning, shaded silver male kitten, at the Vancouver, B. C., show, and named him Ovid Silverkin. He is by Ch. Holden Silverhair and Mitzi-Dyke; is a grand kitten, and should

make a wonderful stud. Mrs. Davidson has sold all of her kittens.

Mrs. David J. Owens reports the sale of a pair of silver kits to Mrs. L. C. McCoy, who is taking them to Honolulu; a silver kit to Mrs. C. Walters, of Long Beach; one to Mrs. H. L. Van Eess, of Lakeside, San Diego, and one to Mrs. Leslie M. Carstens, of Seattle, Wash.

Mrs. Ida Eckert, of San Francisco, has lost the wonderful Ch. Rob Roy II male kitten that she was expecting so much of, and had done so much for. At his start in life Mrs. Eckert fed him by hand as his mother had no milk. Then he was adopted by one of her queens, although her kittens were two weeks older. She says, "He had the sweetest ways of any kitten I ever raised. It was a case of indigestion."

There is a good deal to read between the lines here. What made this kitten so lively, so happy, and so lovely? Mrs. Eckert has the sympathy of all the cat lovers in the fancy.

Mrs. Teitaro Suzuki, an old subscriber in Japan, writes: "I am the only person in Japan who has genuine Persians; but I am sorry to say that I am not very fortunate, for they do not do well here, due, I think, to the damp climate; and then, too, it is impossible for me to get new stock. I love cats very much, and am trying to start an animal home for stray kittens and puppies that are generally put out in the streets to die here, although there are many exceptions.

"I have three non-breeding females, including one that I brought from America. The males seem to do better than the females, and I have several that are well and beautiful"

Miss Helen M. Elliot, of Toronto, Canada, has lost the best loved of her cats—"a very lovely brown tabby lady" that was always with her. Most of us have passed through this, and Miss Elliot has our sympathy.

Mrs. Marie Stout-Crandall, of Eckford, Mich., has recently acquired Argent Flashlight of San Dawn, bred by the Misses Champion. "He is seven months old, and weighs over eight pounds, a lovely pale chinchilla in color, with good green eyes."

Mrs. L. W. Hoff, Flint, Mich., has bought from Mrs. Wickham, of Battle Creek, a beautiful blue, named Blue King of Gray Gables; his dam, Blue Bells, and sire, "The Man in Blue from Kalamazoo." "He has one of the sweetest dispositions I ever saw, and we are all crazy over him."

Mrs. Fernie B. Ryder, Binghamton, N. Y., has made some very satisfactory sales lately. Sold a lovely silver boy to Mrs. E. A. Link, and a silver female to Mrs. E. M. Dunn, both of Binghamton. A good, shaded silver male, giving promise of fine, green eyes, to Mrs. W. L. Johnson, of Endicott, N. Y., and a blue male kitten to Miss H. M. E. Johnson, of Whitney Point, N. Y., Miss Johnson wishing for a good blooded cat to correspond with fine stock they carry on a farm she and her brother own.

Mrs. Martha Kirchner, of Erie, Pa., sent for a veterinarian to see one of her cats and a kitten that she had sold to a near-by home which had caught cold. "He said that he would give all of my cats," she writes, "a pill that would do them good. I had twenty-five kits. He started in to give the pills; by the time he had given the last kit a pill the first was dead, and they dropped off as fast as could be. Within fifteen minutes the queen and all the kits but seven were dead. He had given them pills, as he said, that contained 134 per cent. strychnine. He saved the seven by a hypoinjection that counteracted the poison. I sent for another veterinary, and he said it was a case of strychnine poisoning, and called it malpractice." As we know that Mrs. Kirchner loves her cats, this is not only a horrible experience for her, but a heart-rending one, and she has the sympathy of us all.

EMPIRE CAT CLUB.

The regular meeting of the Empire Cat Club was held at The Hearthstone Tea Room in Greenwich Village, New York City, Friday, November 4, 1921.

Two new members were elected.

The treasurer reported a good balance in the treasury, with part of the show bills paid.

Show matters were enthusiastically discussed. The show has been extensively advertised, and notices have been given in the current magazines. Our Premium List is attractive. The Park Avenue Hotel has reduced rates for people attending the show.

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Madge M. Crouch, Sec.

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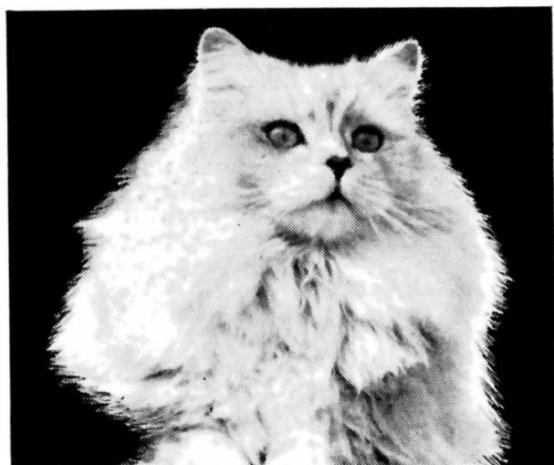
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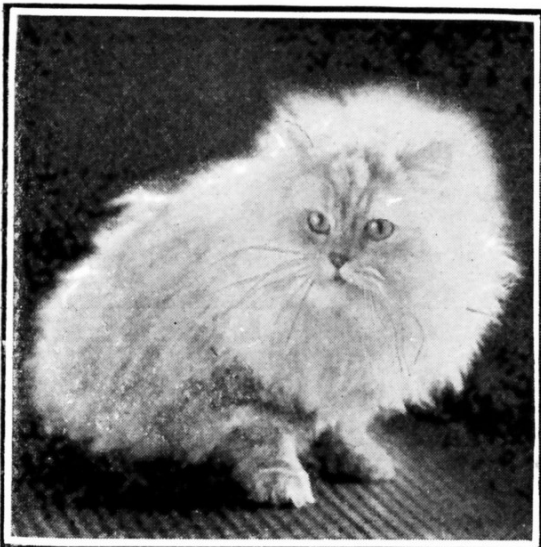
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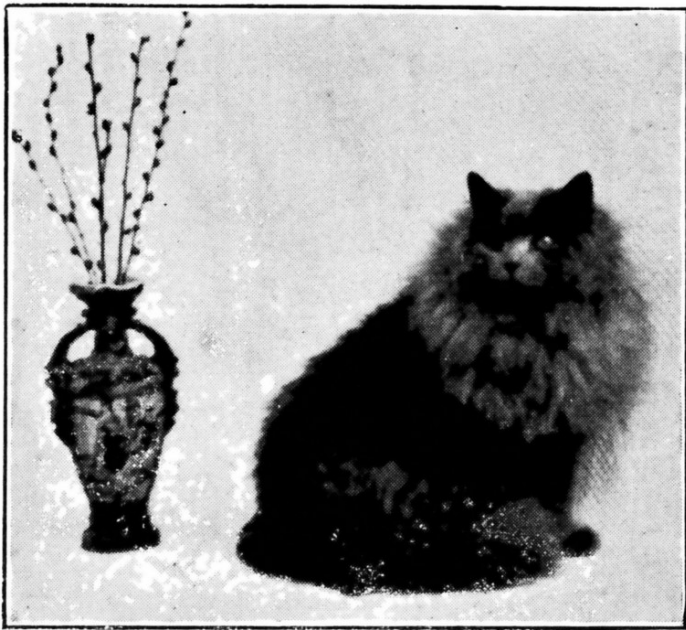
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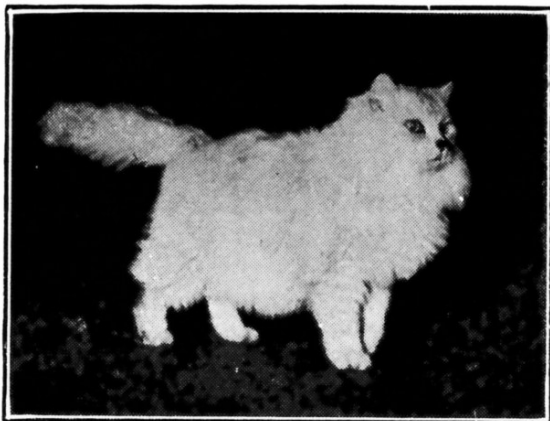
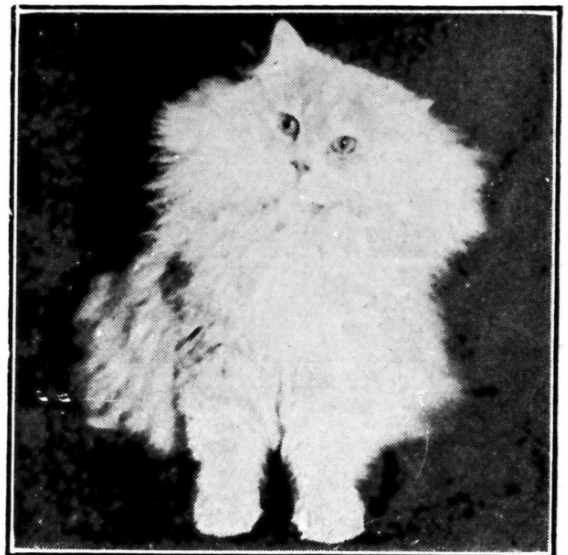
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