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Mr. Edgar Saxon, the well-known health practitioner, speaking at the Annual Meeting of the National Anti-Vivisection Society in June, told his audience :—

“A cat-lover said to me : ‘I think it is a mistake to make such a fuss about one’s cat.’—I said, ‘But you have two cats.’ She said, ‘Yes ; but they are so interesting in themselves ; they are so dignified. I do not slobber over them. I just admire them.’”

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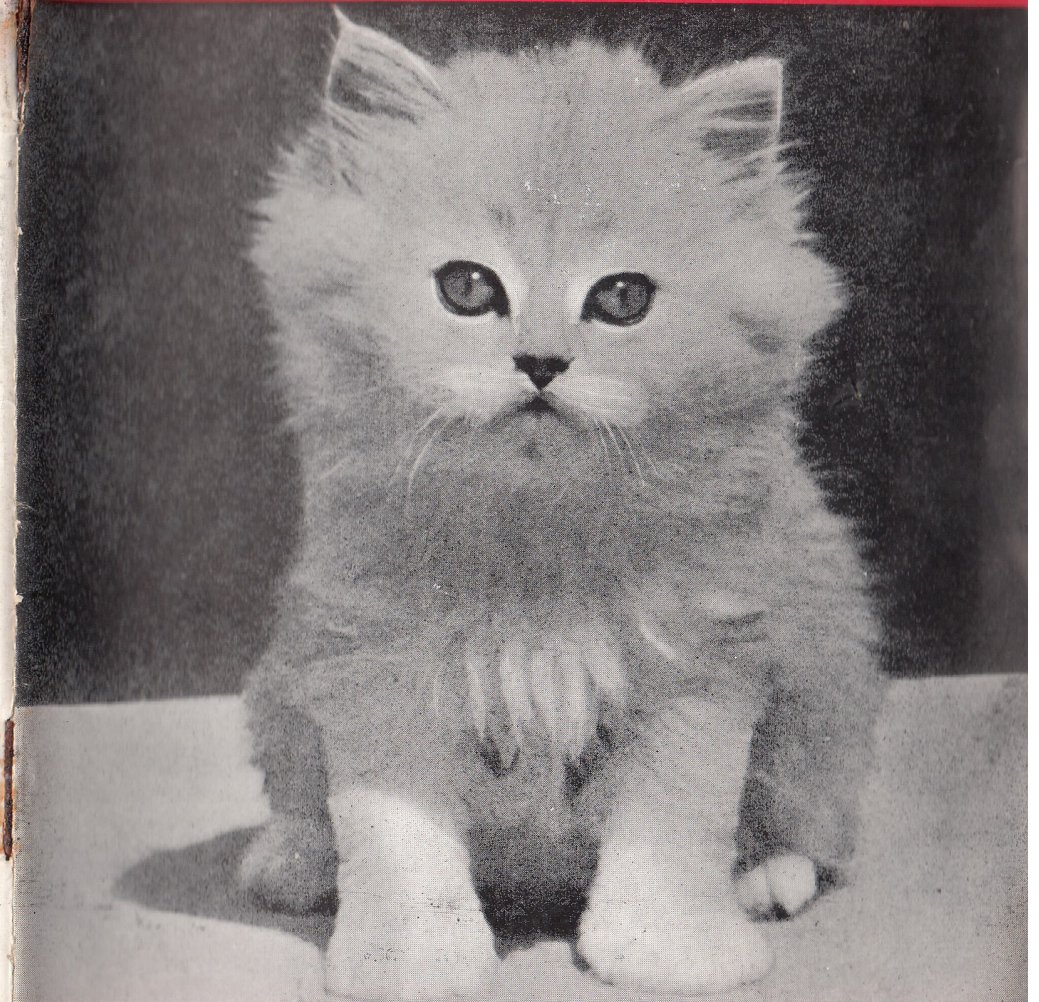
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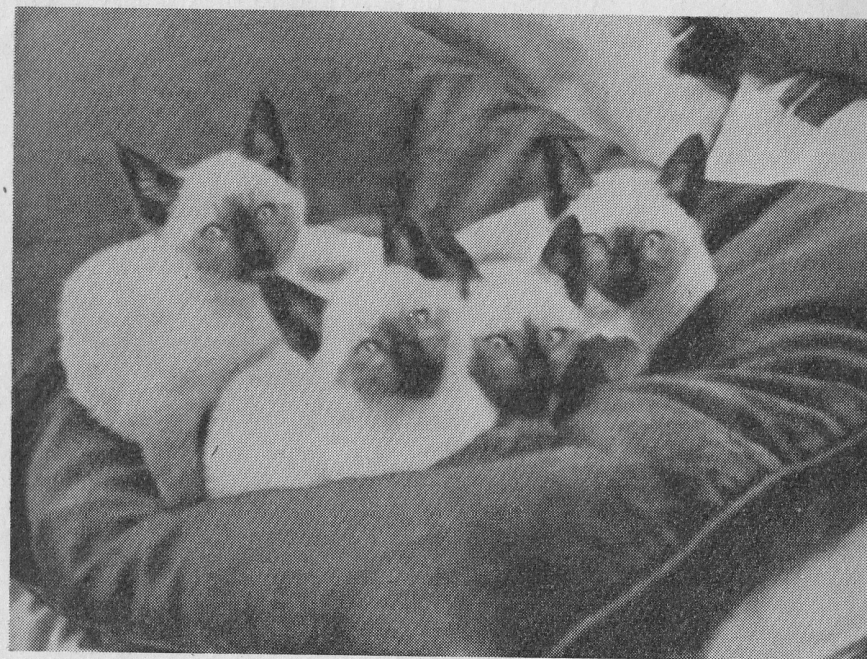
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A LITTER BY MYSTIC DREAMER

Ex CRAWSTONE BELINDA, Owner and Breeder, Mrs. A. M. Deane,
Newark.

Cover photograph by J. Wilday, is of REDWALLS SILVER KING, Chinchilla Kitten bred by Mrs. E. M. Hacking, Redwalls, Liphook, Hants, and winner of many firsts at Championship Shows.

PUSS IN SEABOOTHS

By SHAY MACKIE

TRAVELLING up from "Pompey," the other day, I found myself among Navy people, whose perfunctory scanings of the newspapers seemed to afford them scant satisfaction. Ere our train passed Liphook most of the journals were on the floor

"So the crew of that tangerine *bateau* that piled up on the Needles saved the cat and left the fruit to its fate," remarked the Commander in the opposite corner. "That'll cause some annoyance in planning circles."

"Are ships' cats *ever* forgotten?" I asked.

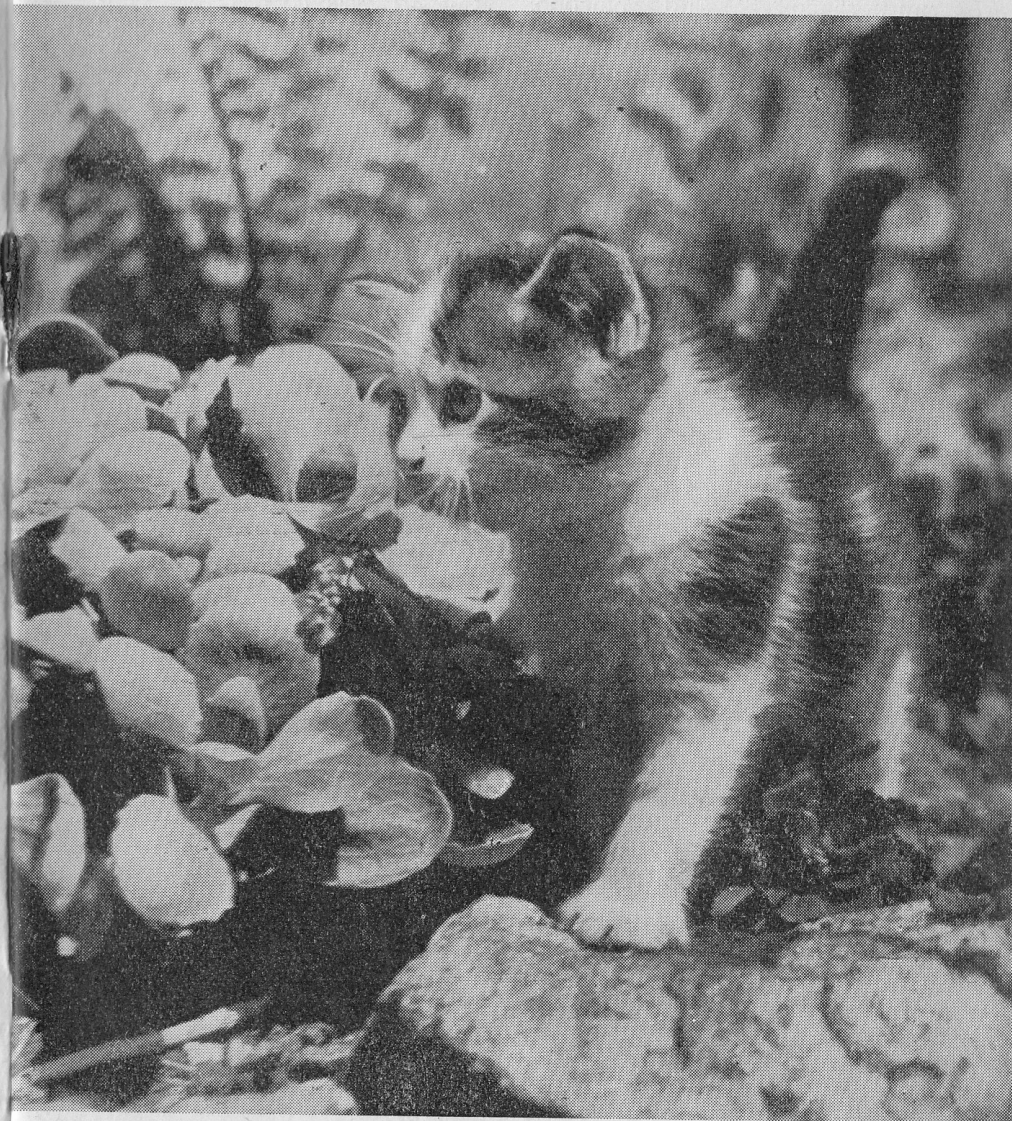
"They are not," said the Commander.

"But it's a devil of a job to round 'em up when time's short and she's canting over the last boat, commented a Lieutenant. "Routing out the dogs is no trouble. *They* regard the *Sauve qui peut!* as a great lark that they wouldn't miss for anything.

Cats tend to go coy and elude one. The more urgently persuasive you become, the deeper their suspicion that you are Up To No Good. They seem to suspect a reprisal for one of the numerous little sins on their conscience. They go to earth."

"That happened on the Celtic, I remember," said another Commander. "I was over at Queenstown when she went on the rocks. Half-a-dozen of them retired to their lairs when the crew had to leave, on a Thursday—but a ruthless rescue party went back on Sunday and grabbed 'em. Two or three days before that Thursday, the customers had been taken off in a hurry, a lot in pyjamas and nighties. One chap had a kitten tucked into his coat. He said he'd got it from a stoker who had a kitten in every pocket."

"But cats are born with plenty of quick initiative," said the Commander. "They can cope. In a fog on the Newfoundland Banks the President Garfield heard a meowing from somewhere out on the swell. There was a note of S.O.S. in it. The liner was slowed down and hove to. A boat was lowered. It came back with a nice little Siamese kitten which had taken the precaution to collar a raft for itself when it abandoned ship, somewhere, somewhere."



Photograph P. G. Hutchins

GARDEN LOVER

"Another kitten of resource and sagacity," said someone, went to Australia on *Renown*, with the King and Queen, when they were Duke and Duchess of York. On the ship's arrival at Freemantle, the long lines of bunting were being run up when the Captain spotted something unusual dangling from a pennant up aloft . . . The little rascal had last been noticed snoozing on the bunting on deck. The line was dipped—and she withdrew her claws and sauntered off with dignity and her tail in the air."

"Centurion's cat must have known harrassing moments," reflected another man, knocking out a pipe and groping for his pouch.

"Centurion? Wasn't she the old target ship manouevred by distant wireless control?" I asked.

"She was. She was also the home of a cat. One tried an eviction, of course, prior to target practice, and generally succeeded. But Puss knew the ship rather better than we did, and was not always to be found When the shells were arriving there were probably moments when she felt that there was something to be said for life in a landlubber's hovel ashore."

"Over at the base, one day, I was introduced to a black and

white Irish cat, Tim O'Shenkow. I was corrected. Timoshenko was his name—called after the Russian general. He was claimed to be the world's only submarine cat. Stevens took him out Hun-hunting and reported him to be much interested in the clockwork though taking a poor view of the mousing prospects. There's a story down in Malta about a *matelot* coming aboard rather elated, one night, after Tim had been looking depressed of late, emptying in front of him the occupant of a little box-trap, and remarking: 'Aren't there!'"

"I like Bone's bland remark," I said, "when that quarantine law came into force, ordering all ships to keep their cat (or cats) locked up while in port."

"Which was?"

"This is going to be a bit of a job for somebody." A liner captain himself, he pictured a large liner entering a British port and awaiting pratique until all the cats and kits had been mustered. As for the practical side of that Whitehall planner's ambitious project, Bone mildly pointed out that dock sheds are full of cats which pass to and fro between land and ship, not always over the gangway and seldom in daylight. Who was to sort out the landlubbers from the mariners?"

"There's supposed all the same though to have been a regular official reason for cats being aboard," said a Commander. "So far as I recollect, it was that if the owner of rat-damaged cargo could prove that the ship went to sea catless, he could claim from the shipmaster there was another one, now I come to think of it. If an abandoned vessel was found at

sea without a living domestic animal aboard—even canary birds were accounted domestic animals—it was forfeit to the Crown, though the salvors got a cut. But human nature being what it is, and sailormen liking cats, I expect it was the canary which was left to protect the owner's rights till aid arrived—not Master Puss."

JUNGLE

KITTEN

By

STEPHEN SHARRAH

ABBOT

NO one has ever explained how he came to be in the jungle. Chang was as wild as any tiger, but his parentage was beyond doubt. He was just a ginger-coloured domestic kitten, about six weeks old.

There wasn't a village, or even a house, for at least ten miles around. Friends of mine have suggested that he was picked up by a passing vulture and later dropped in this uninhabited region of the Malayan jungle. Unlikely as this seems, I am unable to supply an alternative idea: nor can I explain

how the little chap had kept himself alive.

Chang himself, gave the first indication of his presence. I was walking slowly, with eyes intent on my compass, when suddenly I heard above me a fierce, snake-like hissing noise. I jumped back quickly and, looking up, saw him clinging to the trunk of a small palm tree. His tiny eyes flashed fear and hate at me. His body was sparsely covered with mangy hair, and almost every bone was visible.

At first I tried to attract him with a piece of corned beef from my haversack ration, but with no result. He climbed further up the tree—almost out of reach—and then continued to spit abuse at me. When I attempted to grab him he gave a deep, un-cat-like growl which almost shattered my faith in his domestic origin: but I persisted, and with the aid of a walking-



VIVIEN LEIGH AND "NEW" HER SIAMESE, RELAXING
BETWEEN SCENES OF "ANNA KARENINA"

stick finally induced him to jump down from the tree.

A chase through the tropical undergrowth followed. At the end of it I was scratched and bruised all over, exceedingly hot, and not a little angry: but Chang was trapped. In an effort to hide himself he had crawled into a small hole at the base of a dis-used ant hill. The hole was not deep, and I discovered him curled up at the bottom looking a perfect demon of wild hatred.

The rest was easy. I wrapped a handkerchief around each hand, leant down, and gradually drew him out. He fought like a tiger for several minutes, and I was amazed by the strength in the tiny body. When his struggles finally ceased he lay limp and exhausted in my arms, and made no attempt to escape as I gently placed him in my haversack.

I stopped at the first village and asked for some milk. He

would not touch it: I don't think he knew what it was.

Two days passed before Chang could be persuaded to eat or drink. I locked him in my room, where he lay on a rafter in the roof and refused to come down. Food of all kinds was left for him during the day, but in the evenings it was found untouched. Finally, on the third morning, he drank a little water, and from then on progress was steady.

Several of my friends helped in getting Chang accustomed to civilization. It was a task which demanded patience, and not a little courage! He could not entirely forget his early life, and was apt at times to revert to his jungle ways. But his very spirit aroused our admiration and affection.

The story of this little fellow is short. After only six months of training he was killed by shellfire from advancing Japanese forces.

THOSE who can really bring cats to "life" in drawings are very few in number. The late Louis Wain was such a genius, and now we have Gladys Emerson Cook of New York, charmingly portraying cats as they really are. Her book, just sent us by an American friend of all cats and cat lovers, Hettie Gray Baker, is called "Drawing the Cat." Published in New

York by Pitman & Co. We believe it will soon be offered by the London branch of this publishing house.

Pedigree Cats, of all varieties are drawn and described, ordinary cats and kittens are there like life.

The drawing on pages 16 and 17 is taken from this excellent book, and is of champion SANDRA, a smoke Persian.

“PASSING STRANGE”

By MEREDITH HUNTLEY

WHAT is the strange affinity some folks have with cats? Is it a purely physical attraction or some mysterious magnetism between the feline tribe and certain human beings?

They say that garden lovers gravitate together, hobnobbing over withered looking cuttings or new roses but most sure of mutual recognition are cat-lovers! There seems to be a certain “something” between them, a sixth sense, uncanny as the perception of cats, and easily discerned by those who possess it.

I have been interested to notice that cat lovers among the friends and relations of my immediate circle are individualists surely significant in view of the extreme individuality of cats, who WILL walk “on their wild lone” waving their “wild tails.”

Their is G for instance who follows no creed or convention whose favourite holiday consists of touring the wildest, most lonely, parts of the British Isles on a solo motor cycle who has his own original way of saying things whose letters are unique. He has only to enter a room where there is a cat, long-haired or short, tabby or black, to attract puss to him. As soon as he is seated, the cat marches over to him, nods approvingly, as from one individualist to another, and springs up for a comfortable doze. This is all the more remarkable since I have known it happen with the least friendly of cats those who normally flee a stranger or remain aloof, disdain the most ingratiating overtures. G makes no overtures. Do the cats recognise in his apartness their own separateness of spirit?

Then there is E. Cats are brought for miles around for treatment under the magic of her hands. Festered paws, cankered ears, raw wounds that the sufferers had rendered un-touchable by the frantic wielding of claw or fang all these are miraculously dressed, with not even a growl or spitting remonstrance to hinder the ministrations. E is also unconventional of distinctive habits, dress and speech.

A is ageing . . . seventy-six to be exact, but not a cat cares about this! As she goes to the Post Office for her pension, cats appear on walls and doorsteps to greet her. She has a word for each one and they regard her with wise-eyed benevolence and toleration. Their purrs are ecstatic at her touch. She has fifteen cats of her own. They range from the newest arrival, one Pollyanna, to Jasper, elderly bachelor, grey suited, with white spats . . . and Teedles, the Mother-of-all whose countenance is justifiably rather weary, but exceedingly maternal. E lives alone and has odd opinions on touchy subjects, so that the village regards her as eccentric and her large outhouse cubicled for cat beds, are as a “rum do.” No one but lifts a hat to the queenly old lady though, even if her cats are sometimes eyed askance.

There are others, all with this same stamp of individuality. You know similar folk I am sure.

In ancient Egypt as is generally known, cats were sacred. Is it altogether a coincidence that I share with cat-loving friends

a deep interest in Egyptology? The mystery and splendour of the Egypt of the Pyramids . . . the occult wisdom of that era seems mutely reincarnated in the enigmatic personality of cats. They have an air of having the key to secrets we have missed.

Perhaps cat lovers possess some current of electricity to which cats respond to which they are magnetised, finding satisfaction in contact with their admirers, revelling in the awaited touch with uncat-like exuberance, responding enthusiastically to caresses. So often cats receive but do not give affection, having an air of condescension in accepting demonstrations of love. It is not so with true cat lovers. The cat becomes the giver . . . it is he who desires physical touch, affectionate notice.

Maybe cats think that, like them, these magic people “know” . . . or perhaps they imagine cat lovers to be less foolish than the majority of human beings . . . faintly redolent of past dignities and sagacity!

ELSIE HART WRITES

Advert. in London Daily, "Siamese kittens for sale. Price, registered 8 guineas, unregistered 6 guineas. All the same litter no doubt. Do the registering yourself, cost 2/-. Applications to Mr. K. J. Aitken, 2, Commonfield Road, Banstead, Surrey.

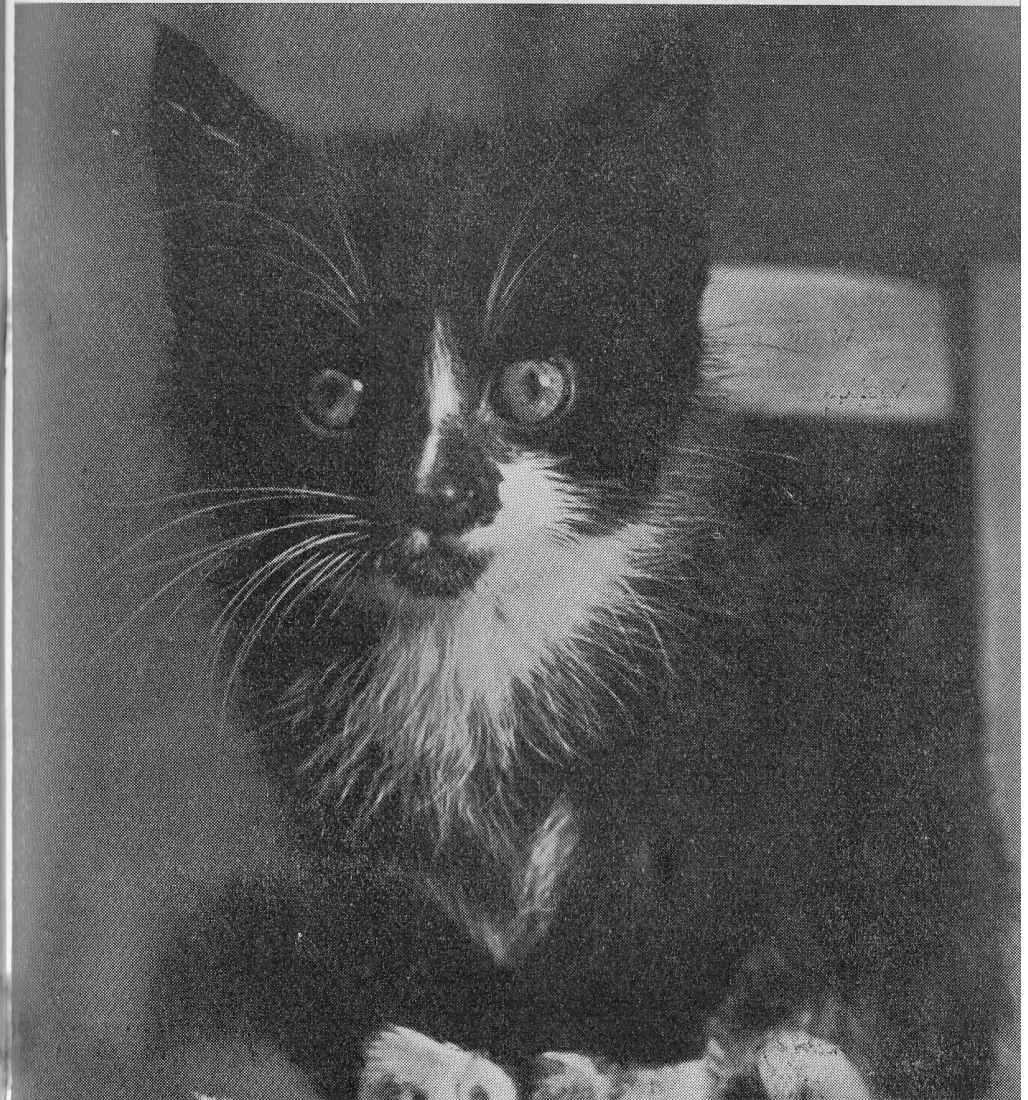
Heart-rending story from Miss Mackenzie, breeder of Slade's Cross Siamese. Beautiful young male caught in iron gin returned home with one of his forelegs badly crushed. Owners tried first aid but let the wound heal too soon. Result was septic paw with the poor little fellow dying within a week. Animal societies have been working indefatigably for abolition of the steel toothed trap. Badger your M.P. and stop this senseless torture.

Letter from Suzanne Barraclough, Kenya Colony, tells me she has both seal and blue points. Probably due to the warm climate they do extremely well. Both queens have kittens, all straight tails with the exception of the blue "King," who has a kink. They are first class

ratters and clever at catching snakes. One of the kittens brought in the tail-end of a poisonous variety which they had half eaten, but venom into Siamese won't work.

How NOT to do stud work. Extract from owner of calling queen Idey. I rang a vet. who said he knew a very good Tom about fifteen miles away and got in touch with the owner who keeps him just for her own queens. Idey went Saturday evening. She was lodged with him in a cupboard under the stairs, they let her out but she darted up the chimney and would have none of him though his owner said he begged like a dog talking and crooning to her. She was let out again the following morning for a few minutes, a visitor came and in the middle of the conversation Idey said yes, and there was one mating! Idey went into her box after that and the visitor who was a schoolmistress, went to school. Something to teach the children, maybe.

Week-ending with Duke of Sutherland at Guildford, Mr. and Mrs. Wrightsman from U.S.A. came along to see the Sealsleeves. Inspection was most illuminating as they were under the impression that English Siamese have very dark bodies and that males at stud are extremely savage. As the Wrightsmans are holidaying in this



Photograph by Geoffrey Conway

A STUDY IN BLACK AND WHITE

country for the summer (wonder why) am advising them to visit Kensington Kitten Show to see just what we do produce here.

News of good boarding home for cats comes from Mrs. Chapman of Chelmsford. Miss Prentis sends her cats there and you may be sure they are well cared for otherwise they certainly would not go.

Visited Mrs. Sayers delightful new home at Farnham. Cat houses were resplendent with new paint and situated under years' old trees. Glorious view of surrounding countryside for miles. A really lovely place, ideal for cats. Southwood Trinket carrying some of the finest blood lines in the country and mated to Oriental Silky Boy had departed for U.S.A. and Mrs. Wilson. She has since produced a litter of six kittens for her new owner. Mrs. Wilson writes she is very pleased with Trinket who has the most affectionate temperament. As far as is known this is the first time a brood queen has been exported to U.S.A. with the stud remaining abroad. She has gone

to the land of plenty and now lives on a selected diet of meat, milk, vegetables, etc., not forgetting the vitamins, oyster soup and tomato juice. Litter sister Southwood Sympathy, went to Mrs. Donmall who plans to take her to Australia, but brother Qui-Sanfou remains with me.

Proposition to buy show pens comes before members of the Siamese Cat Club shortly. Stewards need no longer perform a conjuring act to remove and return a cat to its pen if this comes into being. Mrs. R. K. Williams has designed the ideal cat pen, easily erected with adequate door space for easy handling. What is more she has found the firm to make them. Thank you Mrs. Williams we have been awaiting this for years.

Letter received by very well-known secretary.—I should be pleased if you would register my Siamese male kitten. Enclosed is 2/- for this purpose. I am sorry I have not been able to send before but my husband, who has been ill, has just died. Later on I will have him put in the stud list.

Missie Hart

Featuring Joan Thompson

THE proposed Show in September which members of the Red, Cream Brown Tabby and Tortoiseshell Society hoped the Hon. Sec. Mrs. J. M. Newton would organize on their behalf will not take place. It has been impossible to procure a suitable Hall near London.

Until the Swimming Baths become available in October, managers of Summer Shows always have this difficulty to contend with.

Prejudice exists in some quarters about letting Halls for Cat Shows.

It would be a good plan to invite people with these ideas to an exhibition to see for themselves how clean and well conducted such affairs are nowadays.

Mrs. Newton will be very busy organizing the Blue Persian Cat Society Ch. Show on October 12th at Wimbledon Baths Hall, Latimer Road, Wimbledon. All Blue Persian breeders will I feel sure, support their Club show by exhibiting, visiting it, or bringing it to the notice of their cat loving friends.

Mrs. Askew is unable to accept the invitation to judge male kittens so Miss Bull of Thornton Hough will be officiating.

Mrs. Chappell is judging female kittens. Mr. Yeates, Chairman of the B.P.C.S. undertakes the Blue male adults and Mr. Felix Tomlinson Blue female adults as previously stated.

The Herts and Middlesex Cat Club have every prospect of making their first all breeds Show on September 21st a success. It will be the only one held near London in September. At the time of writing the venue is undecided but I understand it will be at Watford, St. Albans or Hemel Hempstead. All particulars can be obtained from the Honorary Secretary, Mrs. Parker, 17, Hempstead Rd., Kings Langley.

The Committee held a very enjoyable garden party on June 16th at the home of Mrs. Mitchell, a member of the Committee, she kindly lent her lovely house and garden for the occasion.

This new Club has a very enthusiastic Committee and it was good news for the supporters to hear membership has reached 100.

The news sheet issued every two months is an innovation and gives members news of Club activities and other items of interest. The Editress, Mrs. Harrison, exhibited Blues some years ago. I remember her before her marriage, when as Miss Mackintosh she exhibited several winning Blues, she owned a particularly lovely Blue neuter named Hyacinth which was first in his class six consecutive times and won outright the B.P.C.S. Oscar Challenge Cup. Mrs. Harrison now breeds White Short Hairs and her female mated to a black has produced two Whites and two Black selfs.

Friends of Miss Peake, and all admirers of the lovely Speedwell Blues will be sorry to hear she has decided to live in Australia. She was the first breeder who offered me friendly advice and help when I exhibited in 1925. I tripped to

the Southern Counties Cat Club Show in blissful ignorance of germs and the wisdom of such precautions as disinfecting one's Cat pens.

In those days some Show Managers were not so particular about the preliminary sterilizing of all pens and to be on the safe side one did it oneself.

Miss Peake came to my rescue and disinfected mine with methylated spirit and groomed my kitten although she had one in the same Open Class, she did it with such good effect that my female Juno of Pensford was first in a class of thirteen.

One never forgets such unselfish kindness and it was a very pleasant introduction to a delightful and absorbing hobby.

Miss Peake and her great friend, the late Miss Ridley founded the Kentish Cat Society and the first Shows were held in a marquee erected on their meadows, adjoining their home at Smarden, Kent.

They quickly outgrew this environment and the catering for exhibitors and their exhibits became a full time job in itself so the shows were held in the Pump Room at Tunbridge Wells.

Although not held under G.C. rules they were very well organized and approved judges always chosen.

Small diversions such as raffles, and a public vote for "The Prettiest Kitten in the Show," created animation and an air of informality.

It was remarkable that the public, who knew so little about Show points selected exhibits which excelled in these respects.

Miss Peake invited former supporters of the Club to tea at the Fairfax Hotel, Paddington on May 27th to discuss informally the future of the Club. Miss Maude, Roseleigh, Pelham Road, Bexley Heath, Kent, kindly agreed to become Hon. Secretary for the present, although she is so fully engaged with her well known strain of Pekingeses and also has many judging engagements.

Her Cats also take much of her time and she has bred some excellent ones including Mrs. Benbows very lovely Blue Cream, Ch. Pelham Silver Girl.

It was decided it was too late to organize a Summer Show this year but the Society will offer classes for members at the forthcoming Shows. The subscription is 5/- and new members are welcome wherever they reside.

It would be impossible to enumerate all the lovely Speedwell Blues bred by Miss Peake, also the Creams which she commenced to breed about 1933.

She was awarded literally hundreds of first prizes and her Cats figure prominently in the pedigrees of present day Blues and Creams. No doubt she will be welcomed by Cat lovers in Australia and we hope to hear news of her activities later.

Mrs. S. S. Culley, Hon Secretary of the Lancashire and North Western Counties Cat Club informs me that the Committee have secured a Hall in Central Manchester for their show on January 29th. It is the Onward Hall in Deansgate, which is a good locality and very convenient to the main stations.



WESTBRIDGE CEDRIC CELEBRATES HIS 1st BIRTHDAY, HE IS OWNED BY MRS. HARDISTY OF WEST BRIDGFORD

Persian

In the smoke Persian, the effect of smoke is produced by hairs which are black at the tips and silver white at the roots. The paws and face are black while the belly, ruff and ear tufts are silver.



Ch. Sandra smoke Persian

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As it is so central, Mrs. Culley anticipates a much better "gate" and the Committee intend to advertise.

Further particulars can be obtained from her 65, Westbourne Park, Urmston, Nr. Manchester.

Fru Rholf of Oslo, Norway, who kindly acted as one of my stewards and interpreters when I judged in Denmark, writes to tell me she and Herr Rholf are coming to England sometime this Summer, they intend motoring after they arrive and hope to visit a number of breeders who specialize in Blues and Chinchillas.

Fru Rholf has the G.C. list of Cats at stud, also the addresses of the Hon. Secretaries of the B.P.C.S. and Chinchilla Societies and the list of Shows so will have the opportunity of meeting many breeders.

At the Oslo Cat Show in December several Danish and Swedish breeders exhibited. There was an excellent attendance, but the receipts were depleted by a 30% tax on all entrance tickets.

I was also very pleased to receive from Herr Knud Hansen, President of the Danish Cat Club, DARAK, two picture postcards of the splendid building in which the DARAK C.C. held their Show at Gothenburg, Sweden. The cards are dated June 21st so I presume this was about the date of the Show. 175 Cats and Kittens were exhibited and about 10,000 people visited the Show.

Greetings were sent by members of the Club and the cards were signed by nearly forty members, some of whom I had the pleasure of meeting in Denmark. It was a

charming and much appreciated gesture.

Mrs. Bendyshe Walton whom we visited in 1945 when she was living at Seal, Kent and breeding Blues, has travelled far since then, she has visited Burma, Siam, and many other places in the Far East, returned to England and has now decided to settle for the time being in Grahamstown, South Africa, she writes:—"We arrived at Cape Town after a very crowded and not very enjoyable voyage. The Siamese Cats travelled wonderfully and were one of the sights on the ship. We just landed in time, as one of them produced four kittens a week after we arrived, the kittens had a special write up in the papers and everyone was very interested in them. There is a big demand for Siamese out here and not many available. I haven't seen a single Blue Persian, but I intend to import an unrelated pair and want one of them to be a Pensford.

We have bought a nice little house with about three acres of garden and intend to breed Wire Hair Fox Terriers, keep chickens, and grow flowers and vegetables.

Miss Kay Stafford of Sunderland Place, London, had a special kennel made for me to bring the Siamese out and it was much more practical than any other on board.

It was large, roomy, painted and had a flap for wet or windy weather.

Much as I love my Siamese I yearn for some Blue Persians as well.

Conditions here are excellent and one can buy everything one can think of to eat and drink. There

are masses of clothes and nylons, but they are not cheap.

In spite of the difficulties, I prefer life in England, but expect to feel more settled when we move into our own home."

Mrs. Somerville, formerly Miss Deeble, Hon. Secretary of the South Africa Cat Union writes:—"Since my marriage I have been a very busy person, we have moved into a big house and have had five acres of garden to lay-out. We are breeding Siamese and I have always bred dogs. I have imported two lovely Cairn Terriers.

Mrs. E. Towe is sending me two Siamese in a few months time.

It has been uphill work getting the Cat Union started in South Africa, but I have the interest of a good many breeders and am trying to stop in-breeding. To encourage public interest I have registered Cats which have no pedigree. It is only two years since the Cat Union was started and until then breeders thought little of keeping records.

A Cat Club has been formed in the Cape and I sincerely hope it is a success as they hope to hold Shows which is what this country needs.

I find one has to answer many questions about breeding, feeding, etc., and I have done all this to gain the interest of both breeders and owners of pets, and I think I have succeeded."

Mr. France also sent me a letter he received from Miss Pocock, Chairman of the W.P. Cat Club, she writes from Cape Province, South Africa. "I am writing to tell you how very interesting I found the May number of Cats and Kittens. I should like to hear more

about the handsome Zou Zou, also more about Champion Kala Panda, is he a Smoke, and who are his parents? (Ch. Kala Panda is a Smoke sired by Kala Pendragon, a Smoke, and his dam Bluegras Heather is a Blue).

I read Elsie Hart's delightful column and I must say I was disappointed such a famous Siamese breeder as Mrs. Bowle came to S. Africa and returned without the opportunity of our newly formed Cat Club contacting her. We so dearly want to meet people who are knowledgable about Cats out here. We should be delighted if you could possibly mention in your Magazine how much we would appreciate it in future if people like Mrs. Bowle coming to the Cape would get into touch with me at Kintyre House, Main Road, Muizenberg, Cape Province, South Africa.

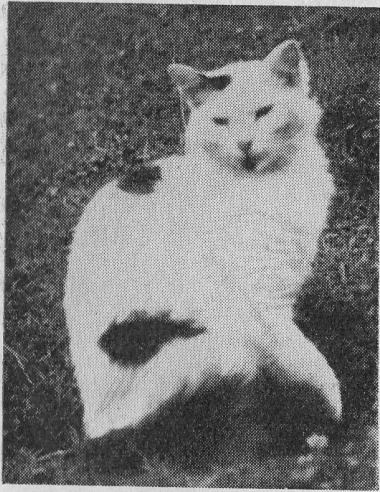
We are hoping to give our first show this Summer, and we are wondering where we are going to find competent judges, especially for breeds other than Siamese, we know more about their points and characters than any other breed."

Space does not permit me to quote the remainder of Miss Pocock's very interesting letter but perhaps Mrs. Hart will give extracts from it in her notes next month.

A cheery letter came from Mrs. Brice-Webb who is much improved in health and delighted to be home. Unfortunately her beautiful little winning queen Ronada Peach has not had a family this year although she has been mated.

Rexina May Morn is nursing two lovely kittens by Oxleys-Smasher. Mrs. Brice-Webb considers the female very good and

LETTERS and PICTURES



"SO-SO" His Mother was a half Siamese, and his Father, a White half Persian. His tail was a beautiful nigger brown, body markings darkening to coal black on the head. Poor So-So had to be put to sleep when only four years old. Miss Helen Cokking of Chasemore Cottage, Coldharbour, Nr. Dorking, Surrey, still thinks of him with great affection.

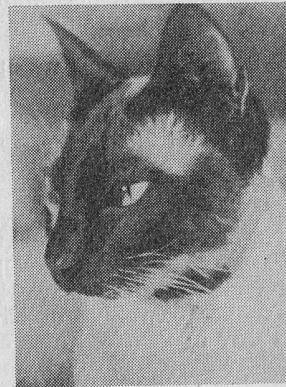
KEITH, pet of Mrs. E. M. Dougall, of 28, Cleveland Road, West Ealing, W.13, has two lovely cats, one black and one black and white, called Keith and Prowse—apty—for they always do have the best seats.



BOOZER, photo sent by Miss J. Mullens, Tudor Hall School, Wykham Park, Banbury, Oxon, so called because he had a purple nose when he was younger, and pet of Miss Jill Fearnley-Whittingstall of Dulwich, who is the keen photographer.



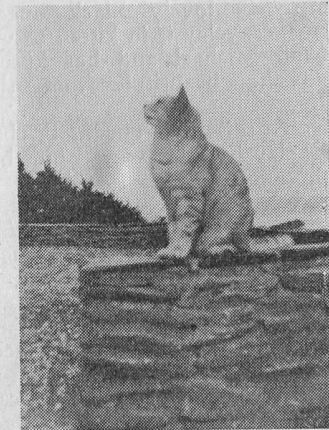
TO THE EDITOR



TING SAN, well known Siamese, owned by Mrs. L. K. Sayers, Upper Old Park Farm, Farnham, Surrey.



Micky, pet of Mrs. M. J. Rayman, 15, Venner Road, Sydenham.



BILLY BOY AND TIGGIE are the especial favourites of Miss Ladd, Porthcunick Lodge, Rosevine, Portscatho, Cornwall

hopes her new owner residing at Leigh-on-Sea will show her, the male she is hoping to show herself, both kittens have Smasher's lovely pale coat.

Smasher is very fit and owing to Mrs. Brice-Webb's absence from home has had only a few queens.

The veteran King Kong now in his thirteenth year is still prolific and has sired some really good litters this season. Her letter ends by expressing her pleasure at the prospect of judging Blue kittens at Croydon Ch. Show and appreciation of Mrs. J. M. Newton's kind offer to act as steward. Mrs. Brice-Webb is also judging at the Lancashire and North Western Counties Cat Club's Show at Eccles on August 28th. Here's wishing her bumper entries and a speedy return to robust health.

Mrs. Henn writes from Bridgnorth, Salop. "My queen, Ronada Rosemary is expecting kittens by my young male Baralan Boy Blue. They are his first family and I am anxious to see them. I only allowed him two queens and both are in kitten. My lovely Black queen, Stella of Takeley is in kitten to Ch. Deebank Michael and her kittens should be beautiful from this mating.

My Tortoiseshell queen, Fireball of Takeley has also visited him but we do not know yet if she is in kitten.

Baralan Gypsy Maid is expecting a family by Ronada Crackerjack, and Romany Roma is, we hope in kitten to B. Boy Blue but we are not sure as after being mated by him she jumped through my bedroom window and came back at 1 a.m. with my black stable cat. Dorelia's three kittens by Ch. Dee-

bank Michael are lovely and I am keeping one of the females."

An identical mating last year produced the two big winners, Baralan Merry Fella and B. Boy Blue.

Miss Bull has disposed of all her kittens except those she is keeping for exhibition, she has bred over twenty long hair kittens this Spring and still has a waiting list for Creams of both sexes.

All her queens with the exception of those visiting Ch. Widdington Warden, and Deebank Gloria to Gem of Pensford have been mated to her own Blue or Cream studs. Pansy of Pensford now eight years old has reared two robust males and is visiting Mrs. Harrington Harvard's Oxleys Peter John soon. Miss Bull acquired Hendon Tansy the Tortoiseshell from this breeder and mated to Walverdene Major her own Cream male, Tansy produced 1 Black, 2 Creams and 3 Reds. Unfortunately they were born 10 days prematurely. Miss Bull thinks it was due to fright as the day before a neighbour, without any warning started shooting rooks. All the animals were terrified, including the goat.

Walverdene Champagne's litter by Ch. W. Warden were nearly due so fortunately her expected kittens were not affected and she produced three females and one male.

Miss Ullman, who is now living at Durham, is very interested in the Cat section of Durham County Press and Houghall Show on September 3rd.

All particulars can be obtained from Mr. B. Neasham, 23, Old Elvet, Durham.

THE Kensington Kitten and Neuter Cat Club

Annual Show, July 28th. No facilities were made available to us at the above show, and the many friends who had written us, asking for the date and venue, and whom we had looked forward to meeting there, looked for our stall in vain.

Cat Shows are often poorly reported, but one is forced to wonder if the officials are not blind to publicity.

Joan Thompson.

Heads Tails & Whiskers

A Monthly Miscellanea arranged by Mickey



THE STORY of a strange rescue at sea comes from Morecambe. Holiday makers on a pleasure cruise saw the owner of the boat stop to pick up a cat, which was swimming feebly four miles out from land.

A MAN has been fined £2 at Tottenham for failing to give proper care and attention to a cat. The evidence disclosed that the animal was locked in a cupboard whilst the man was away and that the food left for it included sliced bananas!

A CORRESPONDENT in a Sunday newspaper explains that cocoa contains theobromine, which is toxic to kittens. Nor should it be given to birds and young pigs.

WHILST a Wimbledon store assistant was at lunch, ten kittens were dumped and left on the counter. Homes were found for all of them after loudspeaker appeals had been made.

A MUCH-LOVED white cat, owned by Mrs. A. H. Thompson, Fort Worth, Texas, is appropriately named "Unfortunate." He was struck by a car last year and rendered deaf, toothless and paralysed. "Unfortunate" has since grown a new set of teeth and is able to get about with the aid of a miniature wheel-chair which provides body support.

WE ARE GLAD to pay tribute to the wonderful record of the over 70 "Cat Lady" of Deptford. Her name is Mrs. Mary Ballard and aptly enough she resides in Friendly Street. With her R.S.P.C.A. handcart, she is a familiar figure throughout South-east London where she rescues and cares for as many as 20 cats a day. Her busiest year was 1947, when she was responsible for 6,000 rescues—all straying and abandoned animals, many of them sick and injured.

JEMIMA is a cat with a fan mail. "She" is featured in the popular radio item "Mrs. Dale's Diary," in which the title role is played by Miss Ellis Powell, wife of the actor, Mr. Ralph Truman. Let it be known that "Jemima" is really the stage name of Joe, the household pet!

SOOTY, the handsome black cat pet of Mrs. Fred Smith, is a tough fellow. He somehow got mixed up with the racing crowd at Alexandra Park one Saturday afternoon and during the course of one of the races he ran across the path of Avignon, the winning horse. Sooty was struck by the galloping hooves and bowled over. No great damage was done, however, and a short time later Sooty was safely back home, busily re-arranging his shiny coat after the exciting adventure of the afternoon.

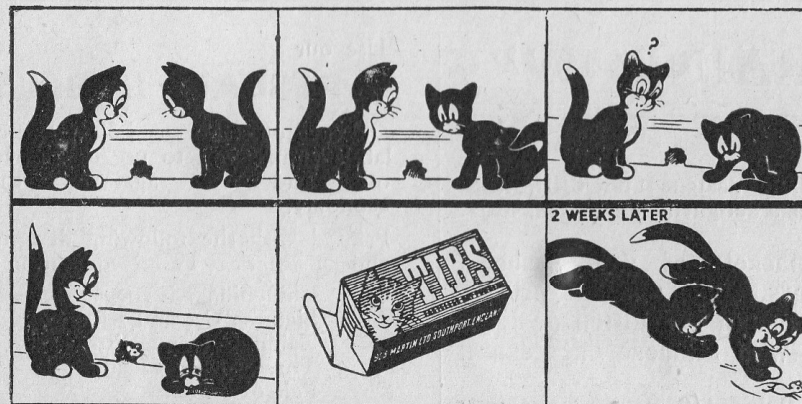
A FINE of £2 has been imposed by a North Wales Bench of

magistrates on Miss Mildred Lewis for disobeying an order made last February to reduce the number of cats found on her premises. It was stated that 44 cats were found in her home—in cupboards, boxes, baskets, drawers in the bedroom and in a shed. Miss Lewis was ordered to part with all but two of the cats and kittens.

RUTH GIPPS, at the age of 27, is one of the youngest holders of the degree of Doctor of Music in the country. An unusual choral composition "The Cat" has earned her this great honour. The work consists of four parts—"Mahomet and the Cat" (overture), and three movements—one on "The Cat as a Friend," another on "The Apocryphal Cat" and a third on Christopher Smart's poem "My Cat

Jeoffry." Ruth is married to clarinet player, Robert Baker, lives in Richmond, has one son and a large tabby cat named "Torquill." Her composition will be played by the City of Birmingham Orchestra.

ACCORDING to a correspondent in the "Gamekeeper and Countryside," a strange use for cats has been practised by keepers anxious to rid their preserves of magpies. A black cat is taken, a collar and chain put on it, and it is then put in an open-work basket which is pegged down securely to the ground not far from the tree containing the birds' nest. The magpies, naturally curious, soon come down to investigate. They get so interested in the captive cat that they are an easy target for the keeper, who remains hidden behind some nearby cover.



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By LILIAN FRANCE

I RECENTLY had the pleasure of a visit from Mrs. Bunting of Richmond, Yorkshire, who was on holiday in Derbyshire, and took the opportunity to call and see my cats. Over a cup of tea, we had a very pleasant chat about Siamese, of which she is a great admirer. For some time she had very bad luck, losing three males, one after the other, with enteritis.

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Mr. Randell of Pontardulais, who has just sent his two queens here for mating, tells me he has a young male, full brother to the kitten given as a present to Princess Elizabeth. He intends to use him as a future stud for his queens, one

of which is a really lovely specimen, with excellent body shape, and a lovely pale cream coat. Her kittens should be very much in demand.

Mr. Randell, who is most interested in Siamese, says his two queens are great pals and follow him about everywhere. He says, "Having spent most of my life at sea, I don't remember having seen any Siamese in Australia, New Zealand, South Africa or India, but from Russia, I brought home a bluish coloured cat, but nothing special. I spent five years trading amongst the Fijian Islands, but only saw wild ones." I wonder if the blue cat was a Russian Blue?

I now have a number of goats and sometimes when I go in to feed them, one of my Siamese queens will insist on going along. The re-action of the goats is amusing. They all gaze in amazement at the cat as it stalks by, even leaving their food untouched to stare at this strange creature. One day, my husband and I were walking through the goats' pasture, and found Lissa had followed us. Although she was obviously very afraid of the interest the goats took in her, she braved it out, and walked through them so as to continue her outing with us.

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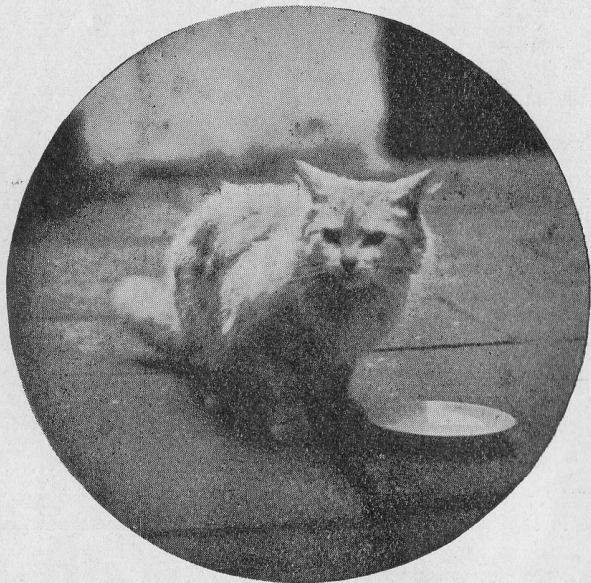


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