



Tailpieces

*A regular newsy feature
with a selection of the best
items from home and overseas*



THE quarterly Newsletter of the Abyssinian Cat Club, so admirably produced by Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Denham, records that Dinah, in the ownership of Miss Cheesman of Oxford, is probably the oldest Abyssinian cat in the country to-day. Dinah, now 14 years old, is a member of a large four-footed family which includes nine other cats, two Elkhounds and an Old English Sheepdog. Another interesting item of Abbie news is that the Wimbledon enthusiasts Dr. and Mrs. Waller have imported two females bred in France by Mlle. Meyer. Saites Bela and Saites Byblos are in quarantine kennels until January next. They are the first Abyssinians imported for many years.

A lorry driver making a 25-mile trip to London was puzzled by the mewing of a cat whenever he pulled up. It was not until he reached his destination that a thorough search revealed a young cat trapped in one of the double wheels of the lorry. Although it must have gone round thousands of times it was unharmed. Puss was taken to a P.D.S.A. dispensary.

The Bulawayo (Southern Rhodesia) Cat Club and Shelter, which started last year with five members, has a fine record of achievement. The membership has grown to 70 and now the Prime Minister, Sir Godfrey Huggins, K.G., has consented to become Hon. President of the Club. I know that much of the credit for this progress should go to the enthusiastic Secretary, Mrs. E. T. Mehliiss.

Every night a strange little family take

a walk through the streets of Ipswich. They are Mr. Leonard Dawkins, a 60-year-old widower, his two cats, Whiteie and Fred, Lady, a plump little dog and Donald, a 14-year-old duck. Mr. Dawkins spends 12s. a week on the upkeep of his family. He says that they all romp together in the dining room and recently, when Fred, a ginger cat, was missing for three days, the other pets pined until he returned.

Miss Eleanor Scott, a member of the Pro-Cats Society, Pasadena, California, is reported to have subscribed 300,000 lira (£145) to a body in Rome devoted to the care of the many thousand stray cats in the Italian capital. The condition of these unfortunate animals is said to be terrible in other Italian cities besides Rome.

When a mysterious cloud of soot fell recently on the Neasden area of Middlesex, white cats and dogs turned grey. Housewives went to work with mops and men swept pavements. A power station is blamed for the visitation.

Champion Velvet Mask Delphine, one of the best-known Siamese cats in Australia who generally makes the headlines with her show successes, has won fame in another direction. "Del" belongs to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hine of Lara, Victoria, who are farmers. When Mr. Hine went out to the feed room one evening to get some bran for the cows, the cat accompanied him in the hope of finding a mouse or two in the shed. Just as Mr. Hine reached the bin there was a hiss, a snarl and a flurry and scurry at



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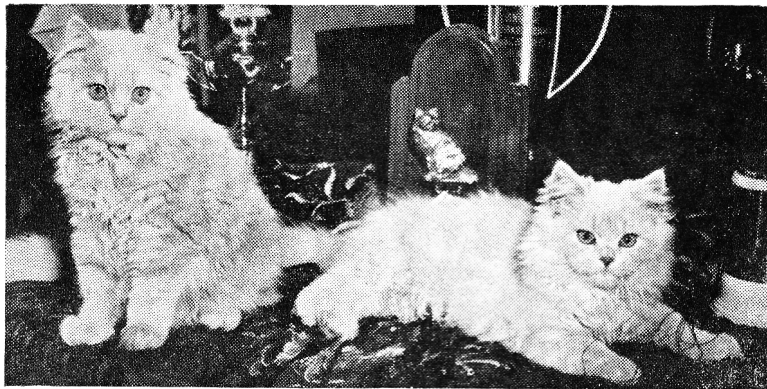
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his feet. "Dell" was engaged in a life-and-death struggle with a 4ft. tiger snake. The fight was fierce but brief. "Dell" seized the snake immediately behind its head and broke its back and such was her savage fury that even when the snake was dead, she continued to bite down the whole length of the snake's body. "Del" gave birth to six healthy kittens the next night. The story of her bravery was told with pictures in the local newspapers. Said Mr. Hine: "Another step and I should have trodden on that tiger snake in the gloom. Even if 'Del' never wins another prize at the shows, she's got a home for life with us." And another who is very proud of this little queen's achievement is Mrs. Ella B. Martin, of Great Baddow, Chelmsford, who selected and exported her to the Hines.

"The goat that reeks on yonder hill
Has browsed all day on chlorophyll."
R. W. Marsh writes in the
News Chronicle.

Mr. J. Arthur Rank, Chairman of the Animal Health Trust's Executive Committee, has donated £1,000 for the purchase of essential scientific equipment for the Trust's research stations at Houghton, Hunts, to enable their programme to be more rapidly pursued.

Guy Fawkes Day will soon be on us again. The National Canine Defence League have launched a campaign to prevent pet owners from losing their animals through panic when the banging commences. Cats and dogs should, of course, be kept in the house until the fireworks are over. A mild sedative may be given to ultra nervous cats—up to five grains of bromide potassium, or half an aspirin tablet. These quantities can be doubled for dogs. So please remember that fireworks can be terrifying to super-sonic feline hearing and don't let puss "go crackers" over crackers!

The Natal Cat Club, now in its fourth year, has well over 100 fully

paid members. At the Annual General Meeting held in Durban in September, the trophies and prizes won at the Championship Show the previous month were presented by Mrs. Leighton Black. Nearly 1,500 people attended this fixture and the Club is justly proud of the fact that its members own seven potential Champion cats. After the distribution of the Show awards, members liquidated a wonderful iced cake topped by a miniature cat and kittens and three glowing candles.

Chinchillas worth £400 a pair have been imported from Canada by air. But this is not news for cat fanciers to get excited about. These animals are the fur-producing chinchillas. A Wimbledon man intends to conduct a breeding experiment.

Did you listen to the radio adaptation of Rudyard Kipling's famous short story "The Cat That Walked by Himself?" The voice of the philosophical cat was that of Alan Wheatley, who according to the *Radio Times*, once owned three cats. Now he is a busy actor living in a London flat he has to be content with the casual friendship of cats in the neighbourhood—one is a lean and hungry-looking animal he has christened "The Street Cat Named Desire!" Alan Wheatley is the compiler of a radio anthology devoted to cats and called "The Tiger in the House."

May I remind readers that I shall always be grateful for cuttings and snippets from their local newspapers appertaining in any way to felines. Readers overseas are included in the invitation!

The Society for the Protection of Animals in North Africa has recently issued its annual report. The total number of treatments given during the year was 184,344, truly a stupendous effort. The Society pays great attention to education of adults and children alike in the need for kindness and tolerance towards animals. The North African

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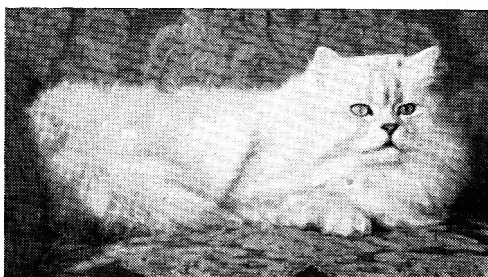
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brand of cruelty to animals is a sickening one and it is heartening to read that subscriptions and donations for 1951 amounted to over £5,000 and legacies £44,540. May this fine work prosper. Many cats were given urgent treatment.

Two cats were the great friends of invalid Miss Isabel Jordan-Lloyd, Great Bookham, Surrey. When she died in July last at the age of 56 she directed in her £24,000 will that "my much loved and spoilt pussies should be put painlessly to sleep; they are too old to learn new ways and would not understand strangers." Her wishes were duly carried out and the two pets, Marmy and a black Persian, now lie buried in the garden of their home.

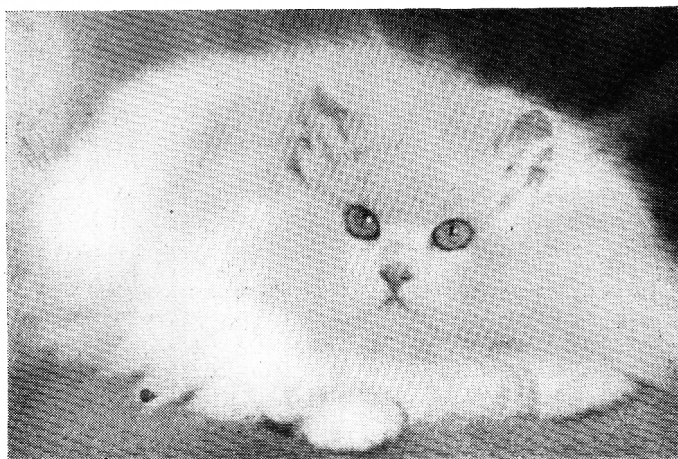
Still they come! Three 15-year-old boys were convicted at Rochester Juvenile Court of cruelty to a kitten. They were put on probation and ordered to pay 16s. 2d. costs each. The Chairman, who took the unusual course of directing that the names of the boys should be published "in the interests of justice," told them that if he had the power he would have seen that they suffered as



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much as the kitten suffered. The names of the little thugs were twin brothers Peter and David Harrison, Pemberton Square, Frindsbury, Rochester, and Kenneth Collins, Hone Street, Frindsbury. They killed the kitten by throwing it into the air.

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Paws across "The Pond"

From BILLIE BANCROFT (American Associate Editor)

ONE of the highlights of the Cat Fanciers' Federation, Atlantic Club Associate, was the garden party held at the home of Miss Ellen Laffin, Sea Gate, Long Island. Luncheon was served on the patio overlooking the water. This has become an annual event looked forward to and planned far in advance. The members had a perfect day in a picture-book setting. Miss Laffin has some very wonderful cat children, Silvers, Creams and White Persians. Seldom is there a show that she does not take high honors. One Blue-eyed White Persian has the most wonderful eye color you could wish for. Miss Laffin is also Secretary and Treasurer of the C.F.F. Solid Color.

Plans are afoot in all the clubs of the three Associations for the coming show. Garden State, one of the older clubs, is calling a meeting this week. Miss Elsie Hydon will manage the Show which will be held in the early part of December. Anything that Miss Hydon does is done well. She is brewing magic for members and breeders. The All-Breed judge has been selected and there is no doubt that her name alone will draw an enormous gate. I've had letters from hundreds of miles away telling me they were coming just to place their stock before her. There will be breeders from California, Florida, Tennessee, Mich., Ohio, Colo., Mass., R.I., Conn., and many more centres that space does not permit to mention.

Mrs. Coreen Petta has lost her beautiful Blue boy import, Southway Billie. I feel a personal loss as Coreen and I

decided that he was my namesake. Billie was to have made his first appearance at the show this fall but the Great All-Breed Judge has handed him his Black Ribbon instead.

Oh, angel dear, drifting with all your
shadow host,
Should you see a fluffy small blue
ghost
With copper eyes
Oh, goddess of unnumbered dead!
Give one soft touch
If only one
To that uplifted pleading head.

Empire State is calling a meeting of their clan this week. Many are the plans afoot for their coming show. I've heard that Mrs. John Hunter is to be the All-Breed judge. Julia Hunter is the president of Empire and has really built the Club to a strong membership. Seldom will she accept the honor of being All-Breed judge at her own Club but such pressure was brought forward that she could hardly refuse. Mrs. Hunter is a versatile judge and a very charming lady. Her services are much in demand during the show season. She has been referred to as one of the three best judges in America (C.F.A.)! This was told to me by two other judges and I consider it a high honor, coming from judges in The Cat Fanciers' Association.

Quite a few breeders are counting on making one or two points this season and so finishing with a Grand Championship for their best cat. I've counted eight already—and there must be many that I have not heard about. Just one point—maybe two points—and then what a thrill—or sadness!

Every day the number of cat figurine

MRS. ALICE M. CLARK

INTRODUCING Mrs. Alice M. Clark, personality extraordinary, a citizen of the Golden State of California, counsellor-at-law and president of the Pacific Cat Club of San Francisco. Probably there never was and never will be a member of the Fancy who has the decided views of Alice M. Clark.

She has been associated with animal welfare work as long as she can remember. No friend considers it an imposition to call on her, day or night, when veterinary advice is a necessity. This does not mean cats alone, but any animal—at any time. Last week, a gentleman in New York City told me he considered her a better veterinarian than the average veterinary surgeon.

Mrs. Clark is a person who inspires strong likes and dislikes. I have talked to many of her friends and some who are not her friends. They all agree that she is a remarkable person. Everything she does she does well, with a competitive intensity.

The shows that she manages stand as an example for all other managers to copy and woe betide the publicity hounds who try to put something over. Her knowledge of the Fancy is well grounded by personal experiences. She really IS a master of the intricacies of showmanship and any show that she has charge of is enriched by her knowledge. What is very hard to understand is why this remarkable woman has not been placed on the judging list of the Association to which she belongs. Surely if anyone rated this honor, Alice M. Clark does? Her attitude toward judging is not doctrinaire philosophy, neither has it anything to do with political ambitions.

Mrs. Clark is devoted to her feline children. The Manx is probably dearest to her heart, then comes the Siamese. I've never heard her mention Persians. Her subtle, highly diverting sense of humor has carried her through some very complex situations. She is not a person

collectors seems to be increasing. At every show in the various cities, I run into figurine collectors on the prowl for something unusual and rare. Price does not seem to matter and there are as many judges as breeders who are addicted to this craze. English Royal Doulton, Beth Barton ceramics and German Meissen seem to be most in demand. Judge Matil Rotter appears to be leading the field so far. Mrs. Rotter is called to many and various cities and has perhaps had a better opportunity in her scope of selections.

The Detroit Persian Society, Detroit, Michigan, will be holding their Show on December 6th and 7th. What a grand bunch of people they really are. Helen Dunn Jacobson is the Show Secretary. What she has forgotten about the Fancy would be an education to the average novice. One can't help but think that Sallie Partlin, her next door neighbour and close friend, is ever ready to advise and help should she need such services. I've long looked forward to meeting Helen Jacobson. Sallie Partlin is the breeder and owner of the famous Grand Champion, Beau Barry, who crossed over to the cat Valhalla a couple of years ago. It is an honor and a pleasure to number Sallie as a very dear and close friend.

Norfolk Cat Fanciers, Inc., are really planning something stupendous in size. This will be their sixth All-Breed Show. Top judge will be Saxby-Mabie, who is always a top drawing card to any gate. There will be in the Speciality line American Silver Fanciers, National Siamese, Domestic Shorthair Club of the South and the Solid Color Club of the South. I am under the impression that Miss Kay Thoma will do the Specialities. She is a very competent and skilled judge. I have not met her personally but gossip in the Fancy says she is very well liked. Norfolk Cat Fanciers, Inc., is located in the state of Virginia. This will really be a show of shows. Would some of you English cousins come over and join us, please?

to embroider the actual facts of anything—she is at times frank to a point of embarrassment. I have been told many times that novice breeders, who were emotionally upset over a judge's decision have gone to her for explanations and found her both sympathetic and attentive to their problems. Her understanding of personalities is as old as the myth of Daedalus.

She is a born organizer. Three of the clubs in California, to my personal knowledge, were originated and founded by her. There are probably others as well. She is one of those unusual people who want right—nothing but right—for

each member of her Association. Let the chips fall where they may, if feelings are hurt—too, too bad.

I have found this charming lady possesses an unlimited zest for living. This combined with an austere discipline of mind allows her to concentrate under distracting circumstances. She is a very active worker in the Cat Fanciers' Federation. I do not see how she can much longer avoid accepting a judgeship. When that time comes—and speed the day—her friends will be purring like the kettle-drums in Berlioz's Requiem!

BILLIE BANCROFT



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A NEW show manager making his bow always merits one's sympathy but Mr. Dunks acquitted himself like a veteran and put in an enormous amount of work to make the Herts and Middlesex Ch. Show on September 19th an all-round success. 261 exhibits were a record for the Club and well justified the Committee's decision to hold their usual show.

It was early in the season for Long-hairs but even so I find a total of 37 adults disturbing. Kittens were better with a total of 56. Chinchillas made a better show with 14 to their credit.

A wonderful entry of Siamese cats and kittens provided plenty for Mrs. Lamb, Mrs. Kent and Mrs. Holroyd to do. The Rev. B. Rees was busy sorting out 19 brace and 13 teams with his very efficient steward Mrs. Hancox to handle them. The winning Blue Adults, Mrs. Vize's Myowne Gallant Homme and Mrs. Pullen's Jewel of Dunesk were a lovely pair, ultra refined and excelling in quality.

Miss Langston's Chinchilla male Ch. Scamp of Allington was for the third year in succession Best Exhibit at the Herts and Middlesex Show—a remarkable feat. Mrs. Denton's consistent Blue male kitten Anson Eros was Best Long-

hair Kitten. Other awards were Best Shorthair Cat Mrs. Harvey's Siamese Blue Point Wynperri Blue Prince; Best Shorthair Kitten, Mrs. Priston's Siamese Blue Point Pristine Bandoola; Best Neuter, Brigadier Rossiter's Blue Point Siamese Mirza Taklif, who graced the front cover of the June issue of OUR CATS. Quite a field day for the Blue Points!

Miss Kathleen Yorke judged the pets and commented on their lovely condition. The 1st prize winner was Mrs. Perkin's Cream Puff.

Mr. Keith Robinson representing Our Dumb Friends' League, attended to see that fine character actress Kathleen Harrison present the animals' V.C. to Smokey, a Shorthair Tabby.

Although only 6 weeks old Smokey aroused two families when the kitchen caught fire in the early morning hours and enabled all the inmates to get to safety. They were awakened to find their bedrooms filled with smoke.

Mr. and Mrs. Sheppard's exhibits not for competition were interesting. They were two Seal Point Siamese—Kalin of Kalinlangenkamp (a male) and Cleopatra—imported direct from Siam to Germany and thence to England. Although Cleopatra is 3½ years she contracted infectious enteritis in quarantine and her mate was "off colour." Fortunately they made a good recovery and have since had a family. Their coats appeared longer and more open than our Siamese but all they had been through might partly account for this. It would be interesting to see them again later on. Mr. and Mrs. Sheppard are devoted to them and do not mind be-

cause they are not so stream-lined as the majority of Siamese at the shows.

Congratulations to the Show Manager, Mr. Dunks and Mrs. Dunks, who gave him such loyal support, and to the Committee for a delightful show, which I imagine was also a financial success.

Record Gate at Paignton

Congratulations are due also to Miss Cathcart and her Committee on the success of the South Western Counties Cat Club Ch. Show on September 24th at Paignton.

Miss K. Yorke, whilst Miss Kit Wilson gave a running commentary on the mike. These prizes were mostly won by children and some very old ladies.

“ Best Exhibit in Show, Mrs. Lamb’s Seal Point Siamese, Pincop Simon, bred by herself ; Best Longhair Cat, Mrs. McVady’s Blue, Gaydene Rudolph. She was also awarded the Blue Female Championship with Gaydene Candy Kisses, both bred by the exhibitor, an unusual double honour. Best Longhair Kitten, Miss Cathcart’s Brown Tabby Trelystan Cameo ; Best Shorthair Kit-



Ludgate Garden Photographers

The scene at the Herts and Middlesex Show (see report on previous page) when Smokey, a Tabby kitten, was presented with the Blue Cross Medal of Our Dumb Friends’ League.

She writes :—“ We had the biggest gate we have ever had—832 people—which will help the Club in the future. The day was wet and windy which caused the canvas roof of the enclosure to flap and this rather alarmed some of the cats until they got used to it. We made the Show look bright and cheerful by draping cretonne all along the trestle tables which also hid the cat baskets. The Urban Council, from whom we hired the place, arranged a rockery of ferns and plants at the base of the platform. Everyone was cheerful and it was a very happy Show.

“ A feature was the presentation of special prizes to the household pets by

ten, Mrs. Dyke’s Seal Point Siamese, Kenya Raneé : Best Neuter, Miss Milburn’s Brown Tabby, Trelystan Peridot.

“ We had some absentees among the exhibits and were sorry that Mr. Peter Waring’s six were absent owing to the illness of Mrs. Waring.”

News from Durban

Mrs. Miles, who owns the Westridge Cattery, Durban, South Africa, sends news of the cats she imported from England last January. They were pictured in the February issue of OUR CATS and are a feather in the cap of Mrs. Ella Martin, of Chelmsford, who selected them and arranged transport. ”

Mrs. Miles writes : " At the Championship Show in August, Blue Star Twinkle was awarded Best Cat in Show and four cups, one for best eye colour. Harpur Blue Orchid got the Reserved Ch. certificate. The Cream Widdington Sunshine bred by Mrs. Sheppard and the Chinchilla Treetops Cloudburst bred by Mrs. Fletcher and my Siamese queen were all awarded Challenge Certificates and the Chinchilla Fabian of Allington got a Reserved Ch. certificate, so it really was a thrilling day. Mrs. K. R. Williams sent out a Siamese queen to Mrs. Rainer of Johannesburg and our Secretary has one of the kittens. He is lovely and his eyes are perfect.

"Mrs. Vize came up to see me when she was in Durban and was so helpful. We all enjoyed her talk at the Club. I am having more kennels built as I want to try out some crosses and am still keen on Smokes. By an accident a Siamese queen got to the Chinchilla male and their kittens are like Chinchilla Shorthairs. They are very pretty. My Chinchilla queen is expecting kittens for which I have a waiting list. They are the most beautiful of all cats in my opinion.

" I do long to have a trip overseas to one of your Championship Shows. It must be wonderful to see a quantity of exhibits like my imported cats. I shall be going all being well to Johannesburg in November."

Note : I am writing to ask Mrs. Miles about a *Reserved Ch. Certificate* as we have no equivalent award here. I will publish her reply in due course.

English Stock Successes

Mrs. Ulla Magnusson writes :—" Here comes the catalogue from Gotenburg. The winning Siamese adults were the ones you selected in Stockholm, Sabukia Sinbad and Exotic Isabella" (which evidently makes the latter a Full Champion as she was Mr. Stirling-Webb's choice last November at Copenhagen). The stock of Baralan Challenger (a Blue male bred by Mrs. Henn) were

awarded high honours. Best Cat in Show was a lovely Red Cheri av Barbarossa. Best Kitten also by him, Krokholmens Jasmine, a Blue-Cream ex a British-bred Cream Aviary Blossom."

I was amused at the names of the winning Blue male kittens, Drevikshofs Ido, Tito, Fido and Wido, also progeny of Baralan Challenger. Morris Sable was not present but Mrs. Magnusson expresses the opinion : " Morris Sable is the best Siamese male in Scandinavia, in my opinion. He was shown in perfect condition at Oslo. One could not find a light hair in his points and his forelegs were just as dark as his ears, a really lovely male."

Special prize at Gotenburg went to Fru Königsson's Gippeswyk Darby for best-groomed cat. Congratulation to Mrs. Brice-Webb on breeding the winning Blue adult female, Ronada Onaway (pictured in OUR CATS, June issue). The public chose the Stockholm winning White Longhair female, Tassita av Frey for the title " Miss Gotenburg 1952."

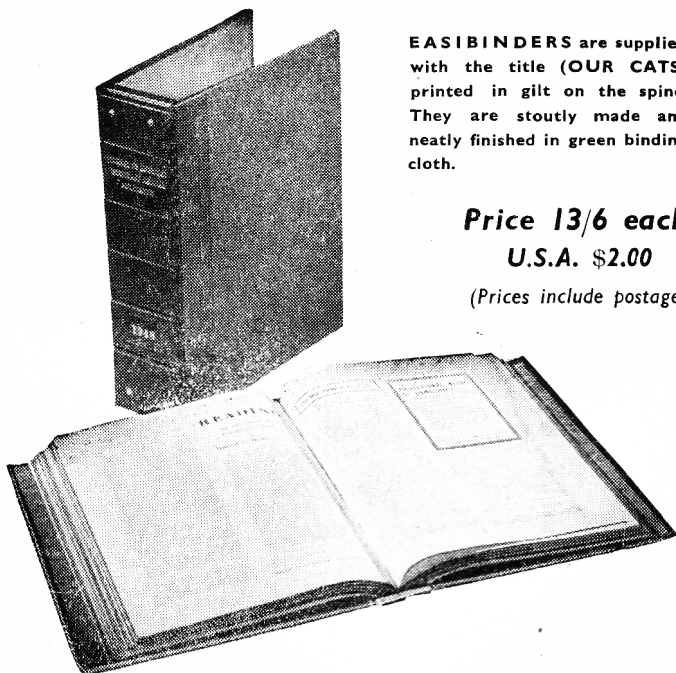
Dangers of Birth

In the October issue of the *Reader's Digest* an interesting article appears under the title : " Birth : Most Dangerous Experience of Life." Nearly every cat breeder has had reason to mourn kittens which appear well-developed and physically normal but are born dead or expire shortly afterwards. These losses are unsatisfactory and one always wonders why they occur. The explanation given for some of the mortality among newly born human babies could equally apply to kittens. Salient points from the article read : " One of the top baby killers : asphyxia, or oxygen starvation.

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prompts the baby to take his first vital breath. From then on, the respiratory centre in the brain must trigger each succeeding breath. . . . Usually everything goes without a hitch. In a distressing number of cases, however, babies do not breathe properly, they are victims of neonatal asphyxia. . . .

Lack of Oxygen

It is estimated lack of oxygen is responsible for 60 per cent. of deaths in the first hours of life. In some cases the placenta becomes detached before the baby is born, in others the umbilical cord is compressed. Either of these things can reduce or shut-off the oxygen supply to the baby. In still others, a membrane covers the baby's lung surfaces, excluding air. . . .

An anaesthetic which puts the mother to sleep also puts the baby to sleep. . . . Drugs given within four hours before birth depress the respiratory centre in the brain—dulling its urge to breathe."

The latter is probably the reason why there is such a high mortality among kittens born as the result of a Cæsarian. Looking back over the years I realize that many kittens which I assumed were dead could possibly have been resuscitated had I possessed my present knowledge. Artificial respiration, using methods as for humans, can work wonders with inert, newly born kittens.

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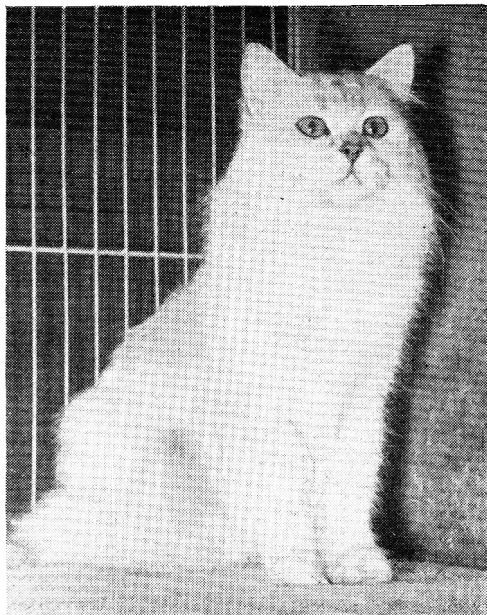
Mrs. Highton's Silken Rosy Rascal (by Proud Pedro) flew to Denmark early October. She is intended as a wife for Morris Sable. Mrs. Lamb, awarding her first in the 2 to 6 S.P. Siamese kitten class, wrote in her report. "Good head and eyes, lovely body and tail, dainty legs and paws, well placed ears." Nominated for Best in Show she was beaten by her litter brother, Silken Rogue. She is a lovely kitten and should have a "rosy" future in Denmark.

American cat of the Year

American *Cats Magazine* announces the 1952 Cat of the Year. He is Mrs. Frances Kosierowski's Blue male Grand

and Double Champion Great Lakes Timothy of Rosemont, bred by Mrs. Myrtle Shipe, who is Secretary of the Cat Fancier's Association. Best Opposite Sex is Mrs. Lillian Pedulla's Seal Point Siamese Female Grand and Double Champion Cymri Dee-Va, bred by owner.

This is the sixth year this award has been presented to the highest scoring male and female cats of each breed and colour appearing in all cat shows throughout the United States and Canada. An interesting feature of Great Lakes Timothy is that he has a Black Longhair sire. Leading in number of times they have featured in sections of All-American wins is Mrs. F. W. Freudenthal's Silver Tabby Shorthair female, Grd. Dble. Champion Aztec's Belinda, who has been Best Silver Tabby Shorthair female every year since 1947. Runner-up is Mrs. Helen Amos' Chinchilla Longhair male, Grd. Ch. Michael



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Champion SCAMP OF ALLINGTON, male Chinchilla, was Best Exhibit at the Herts. and Middlesex Show for the third year in succession.

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Our Blacks Do Well

From the same magazine an excerpt from Mrs. Ada, May Miles' article apropos two British-bred Black Longhairs is interesting. Chadhurst Samson (bred by Miss Rodda) is now a Champion and his daughter is one of Great Lakes Best Black females with a lovely snub face and very deep copper eyes. Chadhurst Chloe of Great Lakes, imported at the same time by their present owner Mrs. Shipe, has two kittens which one reads are " little dreams." Mrs. A. M. Miles alludes to a show she attended at Long Beach, California, on August 3rd, and writes : " I cannot recall ever seeing so many Chocolate Point Siamese kittens. Mr. W. A. Franklin, of San Francisco, came down with several, also adults, and I notice in glancing through the cata-

logue prices range from 75 to 200 dollars."

I would like to see a photograph of the bob cat kittens Mrs. Miles mentions as having been rescued from a cave in the Chatsworth Hills by Albert Gabaig, Junior. He took them home and fed them on goat's milk at first, then ground hamburger. With adequate vitamins, they evidently prospered because as their appetites increased hamburger was replaced with horsemeat.

Answer to a Problem ?

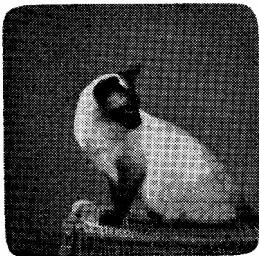
A very interesting article by Dorothy McCrea on " Experimental Breeding " contains an item of especial interest to Abyssinian breeders. At Houston Cat Club Show (Texas) the authoress met Mr. Price Cross (so well known by correspondence to many Siamese breeders here) and he mentioned that Taishun Abigall, bred in England, had a litter with one kitten which showed no white. Though rather dark he felt that the kitten was the answer to the white chin question. . . . Once the white was eliminated, he would take measures to introduce the ruddy coloring.

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I refer to the Croydon Cat Club Ch. Show at the Seymour Hall on November 13th, organised by Mr. A. Towe and the National Cat Club Ch. Show on December 3rd at the Royal Horticultural Hall, Westminster, with Mrs. L. Speirs making her debut as Show Manager. We all know Mr. Towe's capabilities, and knowing Mrs. Speirs I quite expect she will live up to our fine traditions. Please do your utmost to attend and bring your friends. Every breeder, exhibitor and cat lover in this country wants to see our premier shows at these magnificently light and spacious halls but, remember, they are expensive and their future engagement depends on the personal effort which each one of us makes.

Apologies

Apologies to the breeder and owner of Quantocks Gossamer (see cover picture of the September issue). She is by Ch. Morris Tudor not Morris Sable as I

stated in "Just Fancy." Apologies also to Mrs. Hjelde Anderson. Her lovely White Longhair female Tussa was one other cat who had the honour of C.A.C.I.B. at the Oslo, Norway, Show.

I much prefer to make corrections than allow errors to pass. Many of us peruse cat periodicals published before the war so I can well imagine posterity looking with interest at OUR CATS in which the Editor has presented so many lovely pictures of our winning cats. It is therefore important that the captions and details concerning them should be correct and in this connection contributors can always help by seeing that names are printed in capital letters and caption details checked before photographs are submitted.

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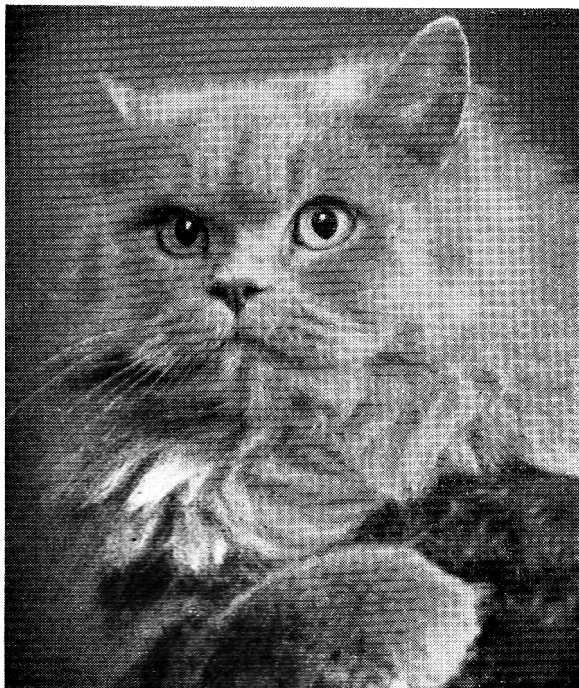
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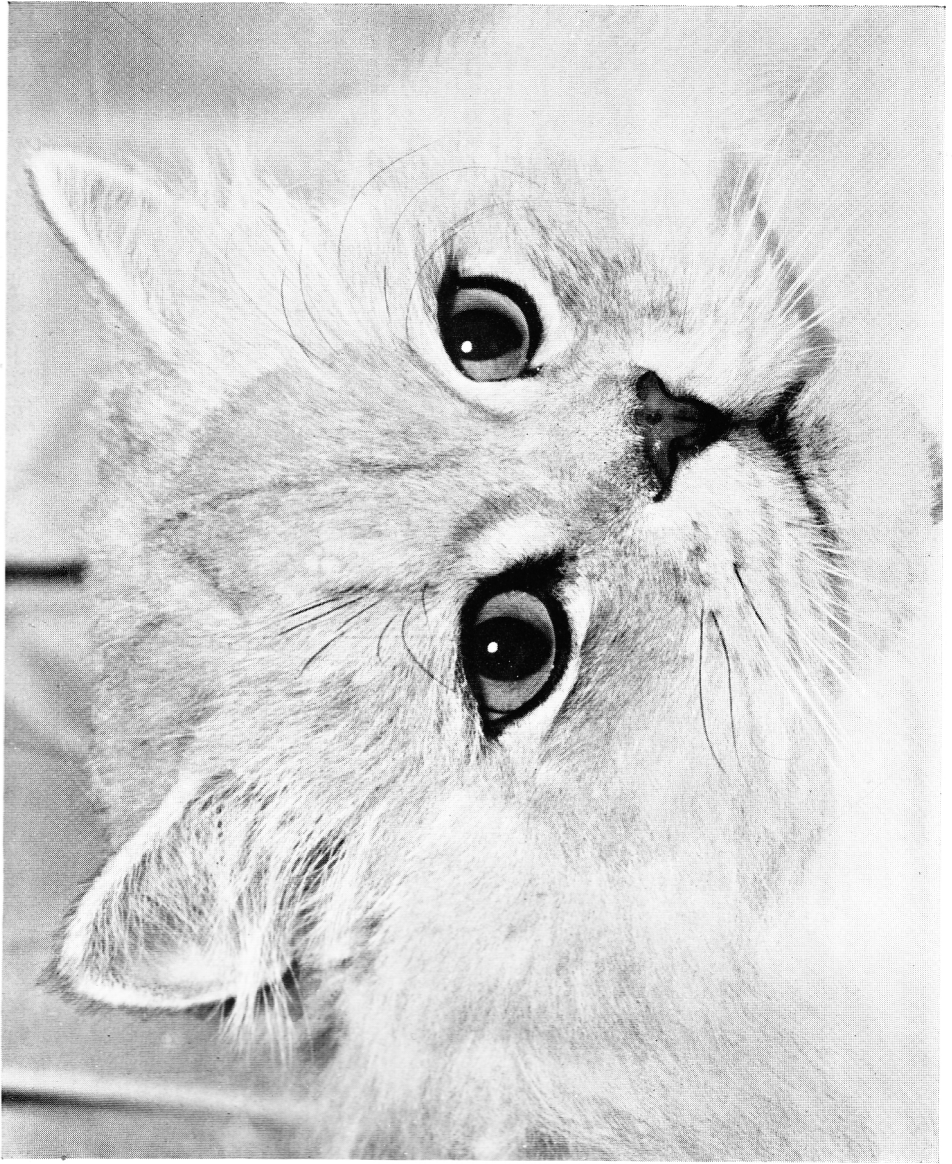
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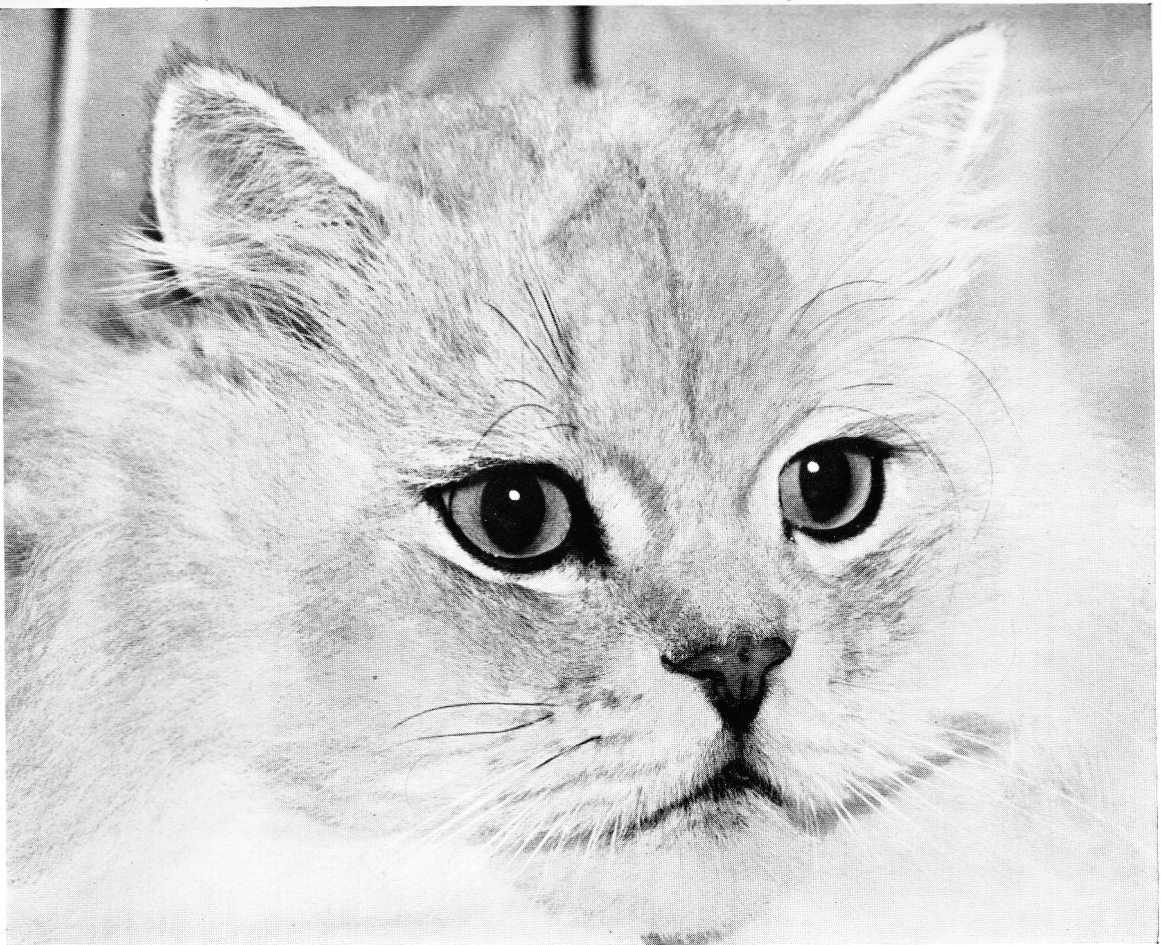
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