

brown round the gums let your vet. carry out a more thorough inspection. If our guess is correct, the removal of tartar and the extraction of any decayed teeth should put an end to the dribbling.

Hardy's Poem

I have had an argument with a friend about two lines of poetry which I happened to quote. The two lines are :—"Never another pet for me ! Let your place all vacant be." I said that the lines referred to a dog, but my friend was equally certain that the pet referred to was a cat. Neither of us know the poem or its writer.

Your friend was right as the two lines do refer to a cat which actually belonged to the great Victorian novelist, Thomas Hardy. Hardy lost his cat as the result of an accident and was so upset that he made up his mind never to own another; a determination which he adhered to for many years. The title of the poem is "Last Words to a Dumb Friend." The poem is too long to quote in full, but here are the first four lines :—

"Pet was never mourned as you,
Purrer of the spotless hue,
Plumy tail, and wistful gaze,
While you humoured our queer ways."

Meals or Mice

Some people say that a well fed cat will never be a good mouser ; others that the best mousers are those which are well fed. What am I to believe ? My cat is well fed yet she makes no attempt to catch mice.

The catching of mice and other small creatures is instinctive to cats and has little relationship to feeding. There may have been a time when cats had to catch mice to feed themselves, but surely that was before the days of real domestication. An active, intelligent cat is always a good mouser and will remain one even if it is well fed. More often than not cats treat

the catching of mice as though it were a game and a test of agility. It is cruel to keep any cat short of food in the hope that it will become a better mouser. If you feed to produce fitness, you should have no cause for disappointment. On the other hand, overfeeding makes a cat fat and sluggish and it has little interest in anything but sleep. The emphasis must be on feeding for fitness. Most young cats are good mousers, but some become less interested when old age creeps on, as it inevitably will.

Vitamin C

Do cats need vitamin C in their diet ? I have read that the cat has no need of this substance.

This is one of the questions that we like to get for the simple reason that we do not know the answer ! It has been said that cats can produce internally their vitamin C from other foods which are given to them, but that statement would lead us into the realms of veterinary science and research into the nutritional needs of the cat. A balanced diet for a cat should certainly contain some green vegetable, and in that case, if the greens have not been cooked to death, vitamin C will be present to satisfy any need a cat may have for this substance. We do not suggest that it is necessary to feed fruit juices to a cat, but we are convinced of the value of green vegetables. There was a useful tip in a recent issue of this magazine concerning the growing of garlic and the feeding of the green shoots to cats. It is not always easy to convince a cat that greens should be eaten.

BO'SUN !

We regret that the adventures of our Sailor Siamese are missing from this issue. It is hoped and expected that we shall hear again from Dee Blackburn (on board the yacht "Mary Hillier" in the Mediterranean) in time to catch our next (April) issue.

Our Hunt for a Home

By EDWARD MUNRO

WE have just moved into a 450-year-old cottage and with electricians, plumbers and other craftsmen all over the place, we decided to board out six of the cat family for a week or two, taking with us only the two queens, Blue Belle of Scotland and Queenie, each with a week-old litter.

So it became a question of finding a suitable boarding kennel where we could leave them for a while. In the urgent interest of all cat lovers, I must reveal that our hunt for a suitable temporary home for the cats turned out to be an adventure. I visited no less than seven boarding kennels; all either advertise themselves as such or show notice boards for the passing motorist.

I did not inspect the boarding arrangements for dogs. For all I know, these may have been the last word in comfort and luxury. But as for boarding cats . . . ! Well, here is an untarnished description of some of the places. Naturally, I telephoned before planning to call to ask if they could board cats and was told they did take cats as well as dogs.

Among the Rabbits

In kennel No. 1 I was taken to a shed in a small field behind the house. It had a flimsy corrugated iron roof, a concrete floor in bad state of repair and it was open on one side. Inside were a dozen or so rabbit hutches, some containing rabbits, and another row of newly-made hutches, size 2-ft. wide by 16 inches high and 20 inches deep.

These, I was told, were the kennels for the cats and "I should consider myself lucky the kennel could help me as they had just had four cats for several weeks, but the owner had just had them back."

I managed to find out that the owner

of these four unhappy cats was a dear old lady who had never been to the kennel. The kennel owner had collected the cats and returned them to their home when the old lady returned from holiday.

When I pointed out that our cats were rather valuable and were pets we were very fond of and the question of exercise was rather important, the kennel "expert" suggested he could "nail a bit of chicken fencing wire along the open side of the shed and the cats might then disport themselves among the rabbit hutches at set times."

I then asked if he did not think that an open shed with its open side facing the North might not be a bit risky for cats, but the idea was pooh-pooed in light-hearted manner. The charge for boarding six cats would be 2s. per day each, 14s. per week for each cat.

Cold and Miserable

In kennel No. 7, the building set aside for cats was, as the owner pointed out, quite a distance from the dog kennels. This showed that at least he did know something about cats.

Here again it was a long shed with a corrugated iron roof, but with wooden walls, a concrete floor, double door on one side and windows along a passage into which the cages for the cats opened. The cages were 6ft. x 6ft. and two of them were occupied. Some straw was strewn on the concrete floor. In the corner of its cage, the miserable occupant was crouching on top of the box he was supposed to sleep in. I handled both cats; they were thoroughly cold and miserable, dispirited and decidedly underweight.

In this brief survey, I have described the worst and the best of the seven

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kennels I visited. The charge at all of them was the same, 2s. per cat per day. I shall not repeat what I said to the kennel owners.

However, while this sorry tale may, I hope, wake up all cat lovers to the obvious necessity for good, hygienic and comfortable boarding kennels for cats, I must also relate how by chance we did eventually find an ideal place.

It was a very old, large house which very modestly describes itself as "an animal lover's home," and indeed it was. There I found a family of animal lovers who for a very modest fee will look after any animal or pet. Our family of cats was given a large airy but warm room in the "animal wing" of the house, and within minutes they were on the best of terms with their hostess and her children. When we finally took them home we could tell at a glance that everyone of our family was in the best of physical and mental condition.

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the van and collecting promised contributions was speedily under way early next morning and apart from the food (which included Kit-E-Kat, Whiskas, and Felix) we were able to take a variety from the local stores.

"The proprietor of the local pet shop contributed 2 cwt. sacks of dog meal and biscuits; and at least 1 cwt. of fresh bones were hastily obtained from a local butcher. Our chemist contributed tins of dried milk and when the C.P.L. van got under way it was full to capacity. The officer-in-charge at the animal evacuation at Hadleigh was obviously delighted with our contribution.

"This effort sounds quite a lot in the telling, and whilst it is just a 'drop in the ocean' by comparison with what has been done we are happy in the knowledge that we have contributed our mite. Our resources are limited but we are always ready to help when the need arises."

A Champion Beggar

The C.P.L. continues to receive the valuable support of Mortimer, Miss Adele Rudd's well-known stray, whose fame is now world-wide. Mortimer has collected well over £1,000 in the last two years: £420 in 1951 and £600 in 1952 for the C.P.L. The League hope soon to have their new £1,000 ambulance and when they do it will be largely through the efforts of Mortimer and his ingenious money raising schemes. Miss Rudd gives, in a contemporary cat journal, a witty account of a box addressed to Mortimer. She writes:—"It was a box of quite sinister aspect with iron bands round the edges secured by iron clips. . . . I spied in ye very olde English lettering a word which might be 'vintners' so I got out my push cart and trundled it to the local wine shop. . . . he assured me it was definitely no bomb but booze. Arrived back, I attacked it with hammer and screwdriver and discovered two bottles of Scotch whisky sent from America (a sign of the times!)

Inside a charming note: 'To Mortimer to use for his wonderful work'."

The C.P.L. is the only Society in Britain exclusively devoted to cats and if any reader feels inclined to send a donation I know it will be gratefully received by Mr. Steward, The Cat's Protection League, 29 Church Street, Slough.

A Novel Exhibition

From Mr. Sidney Denham, hon. secretary of the newly formed International Association of Abyssinian Cat Owners, I have been hearing about what promises to be a novel exhibition that will interest every cat lover. It will be staged at the Royal Society of Painters in Water Colours, 26 Conduit Street, W.1, for a fortnight in July and is to be called "Cats Through the Ages."

The relationship of cats during the last 3,000 years will be shown by original paintings and drawings of cats by old masters and contemporary artists, bronzes and old china, etc. It is hoped that the exhibition will include part of the famous Langton collection of cats from Ancient Egypt, probably the finest in the world and never previously shown to the public. The exhibition is being presented by the I.A.A.C.O. and Mr. Frank Williams has kindly consented to be honorary exhibition manager. The only living cats on view will be two or three different Abyssinians each day. It is widely believed that Abyssinians are the nearest approach to the cats originally domesticated in Ancient Egypt and it will be interesting for the public who know little of this charming breed to see examples in this setting and the exhibition will do much, I feel sure, to increase public interest in all breeds. It will not be a cat show in any sense and the cats will not be judged.

The I.A.A.C.O. is anxious to make this clear and also that it does not propose to concern itself with shows in the ordinary sense. The profits of this exhibition are being divided between the Soldiers,

Sailors and Air Force Families Association and charities devoted to the welfare of cats.

Sidney Denham (148 Elsworth Road, London, N.W.3) tells me he would be very glad to hear from anyone who knows of interesting or unusual items that might be exhibited. No exhibition of this kind has previously been held in Britain and July 14th to the 26th should be marked prominently in the diary of every lover of cats and pictures.

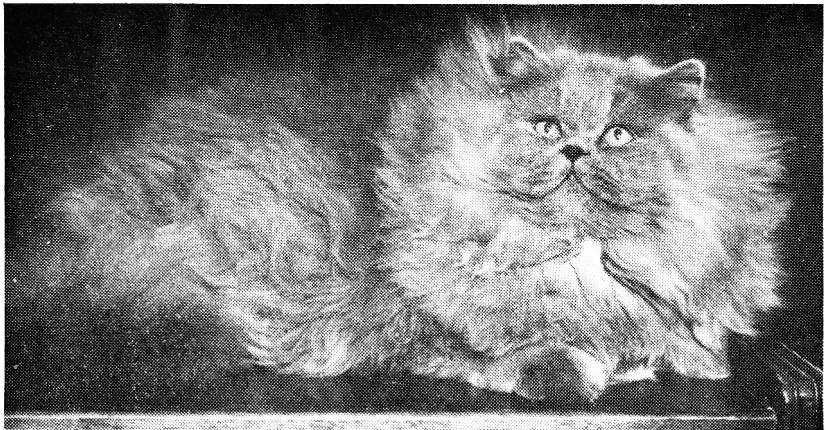
Lady Welby is President of the International Association of Abyssinian Cat Owners and Mr. R. N. Oswald Vice-President.

Cats Afloat

Miss E. Von Ullman, so well-known for her Shorthairs and intelligent interest in experimental breeding, has solved her housing problem by renting a boat in London. She writes:—"I hope you will come one day to see for yourself how comfortable one can be on a boat. My cats love it as there is always something to watch, either other boats passing, birds, or rats and mice to stalk. They have a lot of ground to play in and some

nice trees to climb and are having a very good time. My two-year-old Blue Shorthair male, Roof Springer Nicklaus, was absent without leave for four weeks but eventually returned just as fat as he was when he left me. I was very anxious about him and had the whole district looking out for him including the road cleaners. He went away a few days before the Southern Counties show so, of course, I had to go without him, which was very disappointing.

"I have eight cats and five kittens on board at present but find it too many as every bit of food, milk and fuel has to be carried quite a long way. I have reluctantly decided to part with almost all my lovely British Shorthairs including the Black Ch. Roofspringer Melisande if I can find satisfactory homes for them. I only want to keep my old Black Maximilia Unterkatze (who is my special pet and as naughty and amusing as ever) and her experimental-offspring, Mascot and Mazurka, who are quite the nicest cats I have ever owned. They are black and like very typey Siamese in shape and both have very sweet dispositions. The fourth I want to keep is



ANSON EROS (bred by Miss I. Statman) and owned by Mrs. E. M. Denton, of S.E. London, has by achievement staked a strong claim to the title of "Best Young Blue Longhair of the 1952/3 Show Season." He started an extraordinary run of successes with a win at the Festival Show last summer. Subsequently, Eros was never beaten in his Open Class at any London show; he was always voted Best Longhair Kitten or Best Male Kitten. His "bag" for the season is 21 first prizes and 2 silver trophies.

Laurentide Artu Petra, also black and Siamesey. I want to breed from these three and hope to produce the perfect pet. I have also Mrs. Kay's Russian Blue kitten Combermere Carousel, whose owner has gone to Assam to be with her tea planter husband. The intention is to mate Carousel, show her next season, and eventually for her to be flown to Assam, if possible when she is in kitten.

"The cats are popular with my waterborne neighbours as they are excellent ratters and have decimated these pests since we have been here. Petra caught her first rat when only six months old. From time to time the cats fall into the canal but they always swim out and appear to feel very self-conscious because they are wet. I wipe them with a towel and put them on the cosy stove to dry them. They are given a few drops of whisky and some of them really like it. Mascot takes his like a man and Petra who fell into the water as soon as she arrived would make a habit of it. The only one who has never been in is Maxi, who is too wary to take risks. I have not been lucky with Siamese although I like them best of all.

"I am hoping to buy a boat of my own, just a hull and have it converted to my own requirements with a compartment for visiting queens and a kitten nursery where they can play without getting into trouble. I intend to live permanently on a boat as it is the cheapest home I can find in London."

Show at Stockholm

From Mrs. Magnusson comes news of the Swedish Cat Club Ch. Show held on February 6th, 7th and 8th. Over 10,000 visitors attended in spite of very cold weather and a lot of snow. She writes:—"It was nice to have Mrs. Kent from England. I thought her a very quick and sure judge and we all liked her very much. Miss Ada von Bach, from Denmark, who judged all the Longhairs, was excellent also. Mrs. Westerlund was awarded Best Cat in Show with her Cream female Aviary

Blossom, who became a full Champion and Blossom's Blue Cream daughter Krokholmens Jasmine was Best Longhair Kitten. My Ch. Sabukia Sinbad was Best Siamese Cat and Waldo Precious (by Morris Padishah) was awarded her second Challenge Certificate. I am mating her to Sinbad, also Quantocks Gossamer, and have several kittens booked.

"Best Longhair male was Ch. Gipeswyck Darby and Int. Ch. Ronada Onaway, alone in her class for Champion Blue females, was awarded C.A.C.I.B. Best Blue female was Myowne Grace, bred by Mrs. Vize. Grace is Champion Myowne Gallant Homme's litter sister. Best Blue kitten was Foxburrow Firefly, bred by Mr. Soderberg, so again it was a wonderful show for British bred cats and kittens.

"We had only one exhibit from Denmark, Mrs. Karen Smith's famous Red Ch. Gay Pinky, who was awarded C.A.C.I.B. I hope to see your Coronation Ch. Show and Siamese Cat Club Ch. Show next October."

Mrs. Saeter, who travelled all the way from Norway to Stockholm with her lovely Blue male kitten Foxburrow Firefly has written me by way of postscript to the Swedish Show:—"I so enjoyed stewarding for Mrs. Kent. We were staying at the same hotel and she helped me to smuggle Firefly into the hotel each evening after the show. He quite enjoyed himself and lots of people fell in love with him; he is so nice natured. I had to be sure to awaken before my breakfast was brought in so I could put him under the bedclothes. Then came 8.45 when the maid fetched the tray, so it was under the clothes again! To get Firefly in and out of the hotel I put him into a shopping bag and zippered him in. He was as good as gold, keeping quite quiet and purring madly on being released. He is very happy to be home and none the worse for his experience. The Swedish Cat Club is to be congratulated on making everything so pleasant and cheery for us all."

Paws across "The Pond"

From BILLIE BANCROFT (American Associate Editor)

NOW that the shows are almost all finished the breeders are turning their attention to the new kitten crop. Many and varied are the experiments being made. One very well-known breeder from the middle-west tells me that she expects at least fifty kittens from the various queens her one sire has bred. That, I'm thinking, is some kind of a record.

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The Magic Valley Cat Club (Texas) held their first annual championship show last month. For their first venture this little party of energetic workers certainly made a wonderful showing. Mrs. John Revington was the All-Breed judge and no greater gate-attraction can be found. The Best Cat in Show was a Chinchilla female, Merald Hoag's Grand Champion Arlington's Sensation II, six years of age, bred by Mrs. Orville Stewart, who was internationally known as a breeder. Best Novice was Dixie-Land's Ali Bey of Mission City Cattery (bred by Mrs. John Revington) and owned by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Marshall. Best Kitten was July Valentine, a Blue female, bred and owned by Jeanie Coughlin. There is something very wonderful when an owner sees her own stock go up for winners. It is payment in full for all the work and worry that has gone before. The Best Shorthair was claimed by Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Krampert, of Casper, Wyoming, with Grand Champion Kewalo Lei Krampert, a Blue Point Siamese bred by Mrs. P. F. Alexander. This Magic Valley must have been a wonderful show to attract entries from such great distances, 152 entries from as far away as Wyo., Colo., Minn., La., N., and N.J. It has been said that the whole state of Texas is

novice. Well, if such be the case, you breeders in the Fancy had better look to your honors!

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Quite a few "gripes" have come in recently regarding the various Grand Champions that are being shown. Really now, can you blame an owner for wanting to show off this kind of a cat? Personally, I'd want to stand on the house-tops and shout the glad news to the whole world but there is a limit. The first year, yes, he should make the rounds of all the shows possible. The second year—well, that would be up to the sportmanship of the owner—and what price sportmanship?

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I have read with much interest the article by P. M. Soderberg, "A Close Season for Breeding" in the January issue of OUR CATS. It is wonderful; a banner-cry to every worthwhile breeder in the Fancy; it should be in every owner's lexicon. I have had some long distance telephone calls regarding this article; I have copied it and given it to three beginners, who were very appreciative. It is the kind of an article that I would have liked to have written—but didn't think of it. I can offer no greater praise to Mr. Soderberg.

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I had two judges in for luncheon last week. Looking out the window we saw Music Box, a wee, small kitty, playing with something that looked like fur. I investigated and found it was a rabbit-foot, evidently brought in by one of the German shepherds from out on the range. How this little mite of a kitten found the foot I'll never know. One of my judging friends remarked, "I told you Music

Box was championship material. Maybe you will believe me now !”

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The Solid Color Club of The Cat Fanciers' Federation elected their new officers for the coming year. Helen Jean Hildebrand was again made President without any opposition.

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The Atlantic Club, one of the outstanding clubs in New York City and the oldest club in Cat Federation Fanciers, is holding the most important meeting of the year—show report and election of officers. Mrs. Ralph Wilkinson is the present President.

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The poetry page in Cats Magazine is attracting wide attention under the capable management of Assistant Editor Anne Metcalf. It is to be suspected that the poetry files are rapidly piling—and this charming little lady started from scratch, too.

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The All Sectional wins are being talked about—prayed about—and hoped for—with wildest longing. The coveted honor of being the Best All-American is anticipated with calculated show points in mind. The announcement of this award will bring great joy to one—for all the rest it will mean anti-climax.

American Personality

MRS. ARVID G.
(MARY) OHLIN

ONE of the top-ranking breeders of Blue Persians in America is Mary Ohlin, of “White Gates,” Westerly, Rhode Island. Shy, demure personality that she is, she has effortlessly created a niche in the Fancy that she alone can fill. I found it quite difficult to get her to talk about herself. Finally she broke down and gave me the highlights of her cat career.

Mary Ohlin was raised in the country. She has always loved animals and when she moved to Boston she was heart-sick for a pet. The Boston newspapers were writing a lot of publicity for the 1933 Cat Show, so she went, she saw, she was conquered. She loved the Blues, especially the Maltese, which were the favorite colored cats of her youth, also the Blue-type snub noses and copper eyes. These two features were a revelation—she had never witnessed such wonderful co-ordination of type. Also, she was stricken with admiration for the Chinchillas.

The result was that a granddaughter of Grand Champion Dante of Allington (imp.) from the home of Judge Doris Hobbs's famous Pequosette Cattery, went to live with the Ohlins. This little beauty was Delicia of Pequosette who later became one of the founders of Mrs. Mood's famous Delphi line. Much as Mary Ohlin hated to part with Delicia, it had to be done—the Blues called to her with a strong urge.

After having one or two Blue Persians, Mrs. Ohlin happened to see lovely Champion Melisse of Allington. That was back in 1937. Sitting herself down, she wrote a long letter to Miss Evelyn Langston, of Maidenhead, who ever since has been her “good angel” of the Fancy and the best friend a novice ever had. The first import from Miss Langston was the beloved old Double Champion Hesperus of Allington, who gave Mary Ohlin the thrill of all thrills when he went Best Cat in the big World's Fair Cat Show in 1940. Since Hesperus, she has had many English cats of Allington breeding, all of them good.

Grand Champion Wimauma Masterpiece of Chalsu, who went to California, was a grandson of Hesperus; Champion Serena of Wimauma was a lovely female, and Mary was pleased no end when Miss Hydon gave her Best Kitten in a large Empire show in New York City. Champion Wimauma Wilful, and many others have represented Wimauma Cattery throughout America, which means that this popular breeder has made many

good and enduring friendships through her cat-children.

After going overboard for cats, Mrs. Ohlin joined the Boston Cat Club where she learned many useful things regarding her hobby. For a time she was Secretary of the Club and also Secretary or Manager of many of its shows. Mary Ohlin is one of the founders of the Solid Color Club of the East, being the Secretary-Treasurer for the first ten years. She is now Vice-President of the Blue Cat Society of America. Many times she

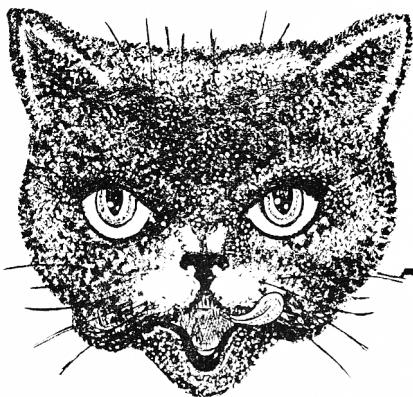
has been approached on the subject of judging but she feels she is not equipped with the necessary "intestinal fortitude" for such an office! It was fun managing shows, she says, but she is definitely going to leave the judging to others.

In recent years she has moved to her farm at "White Gates." Her much-loved cats are her number one hobby and roses (the best of hybrid teas) are rated second. Each year she is honored by the Garden Clubs and other neighboring clubs, who visit her beautiful display and



Mrs. Mary Ohlin with Grand Champion Myfanwy of Allington.

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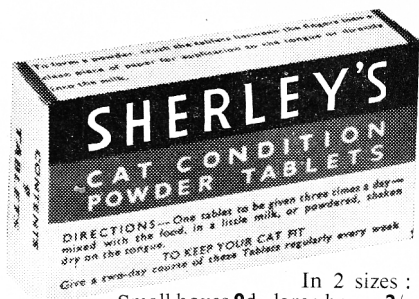
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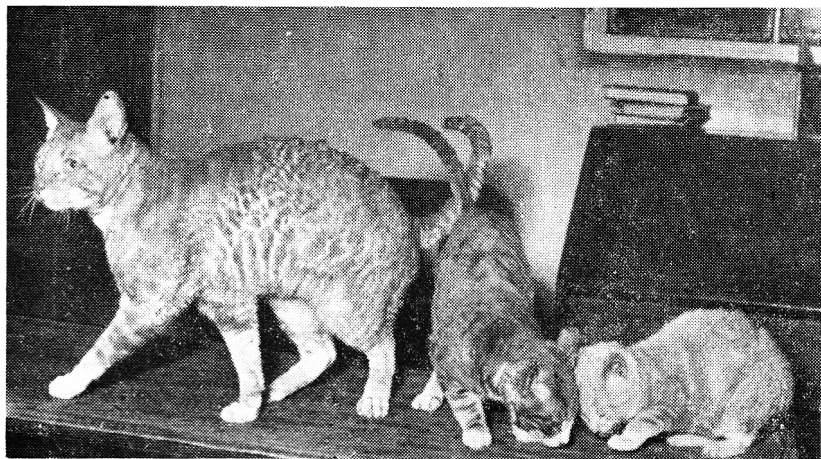
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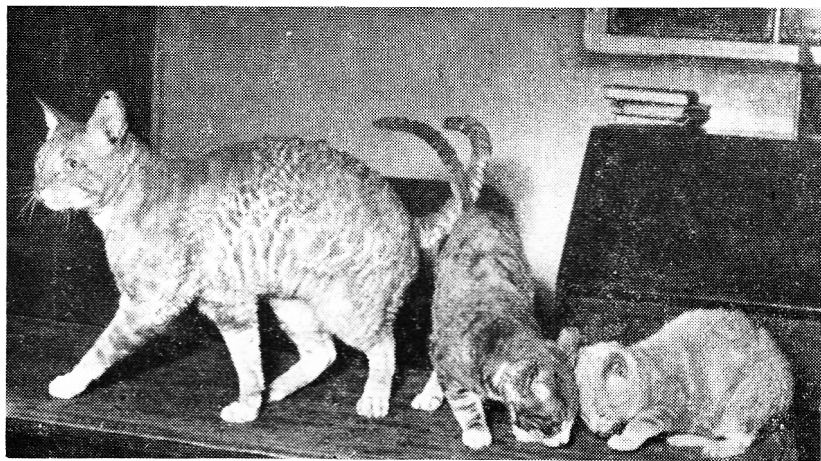
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Kathleen Yorke reports on Mo-Kan Show

AFTER the Garden State Show, I had a little time in which to look at some of the magnificent New York shops. Then, on January 1st, I travelled by air to Kansas City to judge the two-day show of the Mo-Kan Cat Club, one of the numerous clubs affiliated to Cat Fanciers' Association Inc. Here also I received great kindness and the welcome they gave me was truly grand.

Mrs. Edward Stack is the President and Show Manager of Mo-Kan and I was much impressed by her gift for organization down to the smallest detail. Her young son Dennis is very keen on exhibiting and I found him athirst for knowledge about grooming and mating. My stewards and secretaries, Mrs. Porter and Mrs. Wolfgang, were tireless in their efforts on my behalf.

I found a grand lot of cats here, not quite so many really good Siamese as at Garden State. But my Best in Show was one of the loveliest Blue Pointed I have ever seen for grace, elegance and charm. He was Grand Champion Kewalo Lei Krampert, shown by Mr. and Mrs. Krampert. I understand he is the first Blue Pointed Siamese to win this premier honour at an all-breed show and he is also the first Grand Champion of the breed. His son Ch. Krampert's Ace won Best in Champion S.P. class and also

Best Champion, Opposite Sex.

The Best Champion was a perfect Black female Ch. Kiva's Kri Kri of Concordia, owned by Mrs. John Porter and bred by Mrs. Ada May Miles, who is well known for her beautiful Blacks, Smokes and other colours. My Second Best Cat in Show was a Blue of fine quality, Grand Champion Great Lakes Timothy of Rose Mont, shown by Mrs. Kosierowski. I was told that this grand pair are to be mated. A Black male I greatly admired was Mrs. C. F. Rotter's Briargates Satan and I feel sure this popular judge has a future Champion in this exhibit, with his dense colouring and wonderful copper eyes.

I thought the Blue-eyed and Orange-eyed Whites at this Show were particularly lovely, Mrs. Blanch Rice, Mrs. Paul Swan, Mrs. E. C. Wilson, Mrs. Frances Franklin and Mrs. Willard Shy benching some really outstanding cats and kittens. Shaded Silvers, Reds and Silver Tabbies were strongly represented but Abyssinians and Manx were fewer in number than at the Garden State fixture. At the end of a strenuous judging programme, it was particularly gratifying to me to find that so many of my decisions harmonised with those made by my popular and efficient fellow judge, Mrs. Lester O'Neil.

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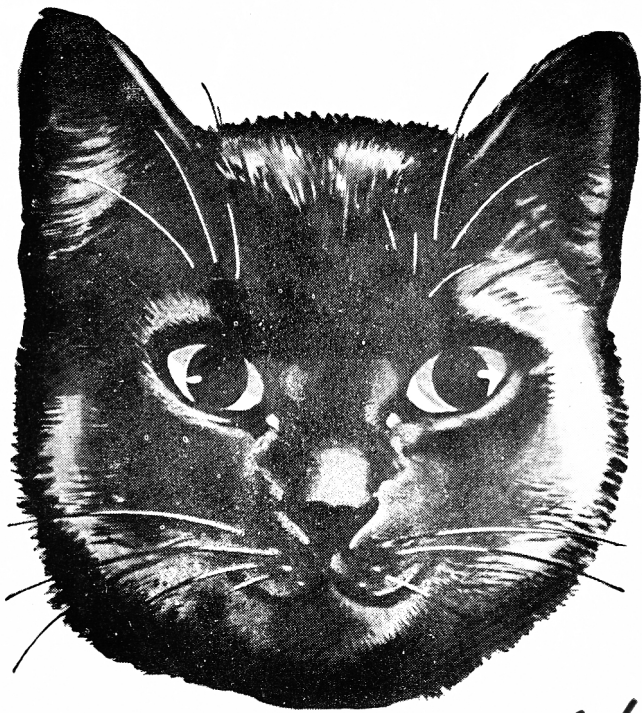
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