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- (1) to spread a wider understanding and a better appreciation of all cats, their care and management;
- (2) to encourage in every way the breeding, handling and showing of pedigree cats ;
- (3) to work for the suppression of every form of cruelty to cats ;
- (4) to act as a link of friendship and common interest between cat lovers in different parts of the world.

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THE MAGAZINE THAT SPANS THE WORLD OF CAT LOVERS



Season's
Greetings

I WOULD like—through the medium of this appropriate and timely issue of the Magazine—to send my sincere good wishes for Christmas and the New Year to readers everywhere. May the blessings of Good Health, Good Fortune and Peace be theirs.

Very soon the difficult year of 1956 will be behind us and we shall be entering—with lots of hope and a few ideas—our ninth year of publication. It is thanks to your loyal support that we can still look cheerfully ahead as we stride firmly along the wayside by which others have fallen.

I wish particularly to express my appreciation of the help and encouragement which I have been given over the year by all those associated in any way with the production, promotion and distribution of OUR CATS. Every appeal made for help has been splendidly answered, sometimes anonymously. And I am not forgetting our friends overseas when I make this reference ; their co-operation has been invaluable.

With regard to this Special Greetings Issue, I can only hope you will like it. The pity is that the idea of doing an issue along these lines did not strike us a little earlier in the year! As it was, its preparation had

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to be somewhat rushed and we found ourselves with insufficient time in which to get in all the material we had hoped for from overseas. This can be remedied next time . . . if the verdict on this initial effort is favourable.

I feel that the "experiment" has been well worth while. If you have any comments to make, I'll be pleased to receive them.

EDITOR.

Important Announcement—We wish to give notice that commencing with our January 1957 issue, **OUR CATS** will be available in the United Kingdom by direct subscription only. From this date it will no longer be possible to obtain copies through newsagents or at bookstalls. We would therefore appeal to all readers who have been in the habit of getting **OUR CATS** locally to place an order with our new Subscription Department at 14-16 Ludgate Hill, London, E.C.4. The rates are 20s. for 12 issues post free or 10s. for 6 issues post free. An Order Form is enclosed with this issue and we shall be most grateful if those of our readers who are already direct subscribers will help to spread the news of this new arrangement among their friends and contacts in the Fancy. We intend to publish early in the month next year and a direct subscription will ensure prompt despatch on publication to any address in the U.K. And please don't forget that a subscription to this Magazine is just about the most acceptable gift that any cat lover could have.

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Hands Across the Seas

A Seasonal Message from MISS KATHLEEN YORKE

Chairman of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy

OUR CATS, which has worked so consistently and well for our Fancy over the past eight years, is doing a further wonderful service by linking up thousands of cat lovers all over the world with this Special Greetings Issue. It is a grand idea to spread a little goodwill, particularly at this season of the year and at this time of crisis among nations. I hope the experiment will be repeated.

Some in far off places will not receive their copies before the New Year, but through this medium they will see that in Great Britain they are still in the thoughts of their many friends.

I send them and their pets my very best wishes and particularly to those who have imported cats from here I would add a word of gratitude from the breeders as well as myself for the great care

they are giving to those little creatures who have been transported so far away from the place of their birth. I know the shipping and air transport companies give great attention to their feline passengers and it is their delight to hand them over at their journey's end as fit and well as when they went aboard.

Australia

Starting out on a brief "hook up" with the cat world, I know of no one better to receive first greetings than that dear friend of so many in this country, Mr. E. J. Lonsdale, of Sydney. A man of wisdom and character, he has been able to draw generously from his great experience of life. To his wife and daughter the same good wish goes. I had bad news a short time ago from his daughter of her father's illness, but a letter posted in early November said he was improving slowly.



The scene is Sydney, Australia, at a social occasion when Mr. Lonsdale was playing his usual generous role of host to Miss Yorke (right) and Mrs. E. Henry, Secretary of the newly-formed Brisbane Cat Club.

"Get well soon, Mr. Lonsdale" is the sincere wish of all who claim you as a great and generous friend.

In Sydney, too, there is Fred Pearce, a well known Australian judge, and Harry Wynne, the Sydney Show Manager. Both work hard and well for the Australian Fancy and they did a fine job of work for the Show at which I officiated in Sydney during May of this year. Two well known breeders from England that I must not forget are Mrs. Donmall, of "Mystic" Siamese prefix and Mrs. Ann Vize, of "Myowne" prefix, both carrying on the traditions of British pedigree breeding that we are renowned for. My best wishes go out to the many in Australia who showed me great kindness during my visit. I am sorry it is not possible to name them all.

New Zealand

Over to New Zealand to greet Mr. and Mrs. Robert Marshall in Auckland. It was Mr. Marshall, Hon. Secretary of the local Governing Council, who was responsible for my wonderful visit to the Antipodes. I must thank Mr. and Mrs. Downey (President of the N.Z.G.C.C.F.) and many others for their hospitality and wish them all the best for the coming year at their meetings, shows and social gatherings. At Gisbourne, I had a great reception. At Wellington, the efforts of Mrs. Davies, President of the local Club, and Mr. Adams, Hon. Secretary, were untiring. At Invercargill I know that President Mrs. Low and Hon. Secretary Mr. Buchanan will give messages to all I met there. At Dunedin, President Mr. H. L. Booch and at Christchurch, Professor and Mrs. Danks are not forgotten. May the New Year be full of blessings in the New Zealand cat world.

Nor must I forget Mrs. Pepper, so well known here for her Farways Cattery. I met the lovely Blue male Oxleys Tommy Lad she took with her to New Zealand and the nice family of British cats, Blues and a grand Allington Chin-chilla, and those she has bred since out

there. Before leaving New Zealand, my best wishes go, too, to all the children and others who have enquired about my own Cream "Pinkie," who missed me so very much. His great delight at my return was short-lived as I was sent off to hospital immediately after reaching home. Now that I am really home again, Pinkie is truly well and happy, he never leaves me for a minute, fearful perhaps that I shall be whisked off again. I greatly appreciated all the enquiries I had about him.

South Africa

In South Africa there are many friends to whom I would like to send individual goodwill messages, but this of course would not have the approval of the Editor! So I hope that Mrs. Zurcher will be good enough to pass on my seasonal greetings to the various club officers and fanciers who are working so well to raise the status of the cat in their country.

America

America now has my thoughts as I spent one Christmas there and the hospitality I received has left an indelible impression. Best wishes go to Miss Elsie G. Hydon and her Club members, to Mr. and Mrs. Nelson and Mrs. Sayers Comb, also to Mrs. McClure, one of our best known breeders of Blacks—of "Hillingdon" fame. It is good to watch the progress in this vast country and to know that so many American fanciers and cat lovers derive pleasure from their contacts with our own breeders and by subscription to this magazine. So is another link in the chain of friendship forged.

The Continent

I must now get round to Europe where the very big Federation Internationale Felin d'Europe functions with Madame Ravel as its President and Brita Axelsson

as Secretary General. Fru. Rudy Eisenhuth was its President for some years, so I must go on to Denmark and wish her and all the officials who have worked with her all the best for the future and renew my thanks for the grand time I had in Copenhagen in company with Mrs. Joan Thompson. In Sweden I greet Fru Ulla Magnusson, President of Stockholm Kattklubb, Brita Axelsson, Secretary, Fru Maina Hjelde, Miss Larsdotter and others who were so kind to me on the occasion of my first visit to Gothenburg. In Norway, President Fru Svenningsen, Fru Rholff and Fru Judith Saether are remembered. Again, I have to miss so many out.

In Holland there are many friends to be remembered, first among them Mlle Posthuma who has been associated with our Fancy for a great many years. To the others I know she will pass on my good wishes. On to Belgium—to Madame and M. Coget, their family and all the officials of their Club. Switzerland has many who are remembered—Madame Gibbon and her sister Madame Bridgett and Liseron Gibbon, Madame Pia Sandoz, M. Mannes, Dr. Balsiger. Then there are Herr Hirschmann, of Nürnberg (so well known for a number of years by many, including the late Mr. & Mrs. Cyril Yeates), and Fraulein Eytzinger and her Siamese Doneraile Leo. Through Italy, where I remember

Colonel Pedrazzi, Mlle Vera Moser and Mlle Azinarrri, I reach France and Paris and Madame Ravel, who has done so much for the Fancy of the Continent. She was responsible for its rehabilitation after nearly all the cats had gone and for this we shall always owe her a debt of gratitude. She is also the finest judge on the Continent and breeder of some lovely black and white cats. To all these good folk, also Dr. Colin, of Touraine, M. and Madame Marolle, Madame Livran of Bordeaux, Madame Millet and others, my Christmas and New Year greetings.

Coming back to Britain via the Isle of Wight, I would like to wish Elsie and Leslie Kent a happy time. And to everyone in this country I know personally and to those who have written me over the year for advice and information, I send my best wishes and blessing for this Christmas and the coming year.

“May we plough our furrow straight ;
Our arm be strong to bear the weight ;
Our team be good to pull together ;
Our heart find joy in any weather.”

—Rees.

Finally, to the Editor of OUR CATS I send thanks for the space he has allowed me in which to speak to so many parts of the cat world.

KATHLEEN YORKE.

Let's go to a Show

We urge our readers to attend as many cat shows as possible. There is no better place at which to meet old friends, to make new ones and to pick up useful points about cats, their breeding and general management, from experienced fanciers and exhibitors. Brief details of the remaining show fixtures for the 1956-57 Season are provided below for the information and guidance of readers.

	Promoted by	Venue
1956		
15 December ...	*National Cat Club ... <i>(see displayed advertisement in this issue)</i>	London
1957		
5 January ...	*Notts. and Derbys. Cat Club ...	Nottingham
22 January ...	*Southern Counties Cat Club ... <i>(see displayed advertisement in this issue)</i>	London
9 February ...	*Lancashire and N.W.C. Cat Club ...	Stockport, near Manchester

*Denotes show with Championship status

A detailed list of shows can be obtained from the Secretary of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy, Mr. W. A. Hazeldine, 1 Roundwood Way, Banstead, Surrey. Don't forget to enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

The Governing Council of the Cat Fancy.

consists of delegates elected annually by the various affiliated Clubs

THE OBJECTS OF THE COUNCIL are to provide for the registration of Cats and Cat Pedigrees ; to classify Cat Breeds ; to approve Cat Shows ; to improve Cat Breeding ; to protect the Welfare of Cats and the interests of Cat Owners generally ; and to act as arbiter in all matters affecting the feline world.

The Affiliated Clubs are as follow :

National Cat Club	Abyssinian Cat Club
Southern Counties Cat Club	South-Western Counties Cat Club
Midland Counties Cat Club	Blue-Pointed Siamese Cat Club
Black and White Cat Club	Southsea Cat Club
Blue Persian Cat Society	Notts and Derby Cat Club
Chinchilla, Silver and Smoke Society	Herts and Middlesex Cat Club
Croydon Cat Club	Lancashire and North-Western Counties Cat Club
Red, Cream, Tortie, Tortie-and-White, Blue-Cream and Red Tabby Society	Scottish Cat Club
Siamese Cat Club	Edinburgh and East of Scotland Cat Club
Shorthair Cat Society	Yorkshire County Cat Club
Siamese Cat Society of the British Empire	Russian Blue Cat Club
Kensington Kitten and Neuter Cat Club	East Anglian Cat Club

THE OFFICERS OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL are :

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Particulars for the Registration and Transfer of all Breeds should be sent to the Secretary, Mr. W. A. Hazeldine, 1 Roundwood Way, Banstead, Surrey, with the exception of Siamese(S.P.,B.P.&C.P.) and these should be sent to the Assist. Secretary, Mrs. K. M. Brown, 111 Nork Way, Banstead, Surrey.



Miss Kathleen Yorke, Chairman, G.C.C.F.

The following publications (all post free) may be obtained from the Secretary : *The Standard of Points*, 2s. ; *List of Cats at Stud*, 1s. ; *The Constitution and Rules of the G.C.C.F.*, 1s. 6d.

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The Stud Book to be published in 1957.

International Understanding

By GUY BOGART

President of America's Original National Cat Week, President of the Federated Group Inc., of San Francisco, author, broadcaster, and untiring worker for the feline cause in U.S.A.

WELL may the lion be the symbol of England, the eagle of the United States, the bear of California. But with lifted tail and unfathomable eyes, the CAT remains as the true symbol of human civilization.

Twenty times the age of the human race, man's wisest friend, the greatest factor from cave man to atomic energy in saving crops and storehouses, the most important fundamental animal in mankind's economy, no other animal has been so bitterly hated or more dearly loved as the cat. International friendship and understanding is, therefore, fundamental among the freemasonry of cat lovers.

Lifetime Friendships

My life in the cat world has shown the desirability of this and my mail includes letters and friendships from South Africa to England and Northern Ireland. On the advisory board of the American National Cat Week are Mrs. Violet Dawson of South Africa, Miss Kit Wilson of England and Mrs. Katharine Simms of Northern Ireland, while Miss Ruby F. Dyer of the Central Maine Cat Club and I are honorary members of the South African group. After the war Americans were happy to contribute to the needs of cats overseas with gifts of vital foodstuffs, and breeders like Blanche Warren sent kittens from their world-famed catteries.

I advocate a greater exchange between international cat lovers—not just the

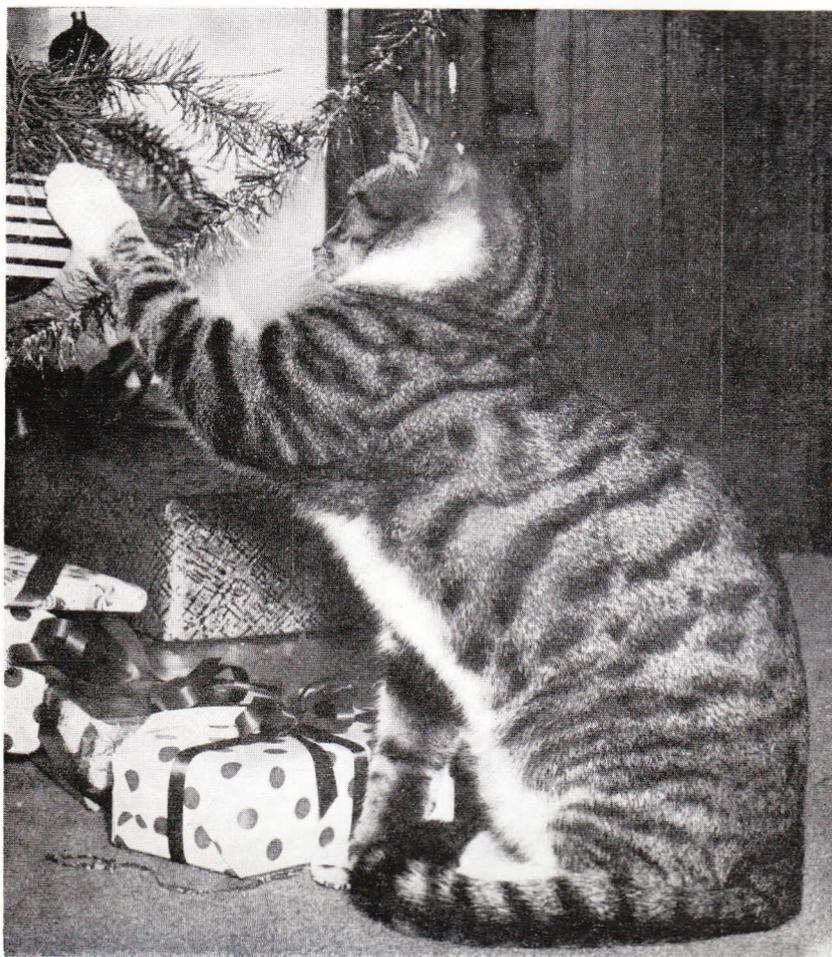
breeders and clubs, but the individuals. From my radio and magazine work I receive thousands of letters from California to Australia and from these ranks have come some of the most interesting information and closest friendships of a lifetime.

Beverly Nichols seems as real flesh-and-blood neighbour as my close friends "Alice-in-Catland" Clark and Dr. Ida M. Mellen here at home. Quite a few of my close cat-loving friends like Peggy Sayre-Kearns and Mrs. Claire K. Necker have met the cat lovers in their English and European trips.

When cat lovers become as international in contacts as the universality of the cats we mutually love, we will be able more to make the world worthy of the cats which have done so much to make mankind worthy of the world.

In the presence of the cat in our homes we cannot remain insular.

It is a good thing that cat folk should get together at Christmastide and for this reason we are pleased to give a little prominence to two social occasions which are scheduled to take place in London this month. On the 22nd there is a Carol Party organized by Mrs. de Clifford on behalf of the Cats' Protection League. Swell your lungs and swell the funds idea! Then on the evening of the 29th the Siamese Cat Club are planning a Christmas Party for members and their friends—buffet supper, Christmas Tree and party games are on the agenda.



Here's another puss who loves Christmas.- For this delightful contribution to our seasonal issue we are indebted to Mrs. Curtis Mayborn of Dallas, Texas, U.S.A., whose books of cat photography are widely enjoyed.

The Cat who loved Christmas

By DINNY OSWELL

WHENEVER Christmas comes round I think of Pinky; not sadly, but with a smile at the memories he evokes. For Pinky, an all-white cat with a beautiful, thick coat, loved Christmas. He would seat himself at some high vantage point while the ritual of present wrapping was enjoyed. With his tail curled round him he would watch each stage of the proceedings with intense interest. Contentment and love flowed from him, and occasionally he would put out a tentative paw to touch the bright tinsel or gay wrapping. One could not but believe that he knew what it was all about.

He never ceased to worship the beauty of the Christmas tree. He would sit at its foot for hours on end, gazing upwards in silent admiration. Of course, he was not forgotten on Christmas morning. When all the members of the family gathered to open their presents, Pinky would receive a new ping-pong ball, a rubber mouse, or a gaily wrapped tin of pilchards.

Santa's Gift

If ever Pinky found a box emptied and discarded he would use it as a bed and one Christmas we obtained a cardboard box of a reasonable size and decorated the sides of it with coloured pictures of Santa Claus; bulging stockings; carol singers, and other Christmas scenes. We lined it with Christmas wrapping paper,

attached a ticket reading: "To Pinky—from Santa—to sleep in at Christmas" and placed it by the fire late on Christmas Eve. On Christmas morning when we came down to breakfast, there lay Pinky, curled up fast asleep, in his present from Santa.

He looked very sweet, but not so sweet as the time when, during the hanging of the Christmas decorations, I discovered him sitting happily in the centre of the evergreen-covered globe of the Kissing Bunch, which was waiting to be hung.

Alas, Pinky is with us no more, but I am sure that at this happy season he entrusts his ball to the angels (they would not be able to refuse him one) and sets out on a pilgrimage with the Spirit of Christmas, to travel lovingly among us throughout the season of peace and goodwill.



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THE NATIONAL CAT CLUB is the oldest cat club in the United Kingdom and the Premier Cat Club of the World. It was formed in 1887 and acted as the Governing Council of the day. Former Chairmen include Mr. Louis Wain, the famous cat artist. Mr. Cyril Yeates was for many years the Honorary Secretary of the Club.

In order to celebrate its 60th Championship Show, the National Cat Club is holding a

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Cats—Ambassadors

By IVOR RALEIGH

THROUGHOUT the whole of recorded history, saintly men and seers have achieved a remarkable degree of agreement as to the basis upon which an ideal society should be founded. Their joint recipe for Utopia, a heaven upon earth, has consisted simply of two principles ; love God and love thy fellow man and so startlingly obvious is the truth of this edict that all men, be they learned or ignorant, instinctively and intuitively perceive it.

Why is it then that in spite of the simplicity of the formula for attaining a life filled with beauty, our world pursues its ordered course in constant danger of annihilation through the uncontrolled fear and hatred which exist between men ; and what, if there is one, can be the answer to this lethal conundrum upon the solution of which depends the future of the entire human race.

There are those who hold the view that Man is essentially evil, and that the only thing which holds him within a thin net of restraint is the fear of reprisals. I cannot subscribe to this view for the plain reason that I believe evil to be a negation, a mere absence of good ; while fear, the twin brother of evil, is but ignorance of truth.

If I am right, and there is reason to think so, the way to banish international tension is by abolishing ignorance. The best way to do this is to find ways whereby men might know one another within the framework of a mutual interest, whose end product is love. What better way is there to achieve such an end than in the common interest engendered by a pleasant, kindly and absorbing hobby ?

I feel quite certain that an enormous

amount of goodwill has followed in the wake of exporting and importing pedigree cats from and to Great Britain. The human contacts which are created by such exports are based upon a shared love and are thus singularly free from the elements of competition and the striving for markets which characterize ordinary trade. By means of this pleasant interchange of home-bred cats both we and fanciers in other lands have got to know each other under conditions which minimize our racial and national differences whilst accentuating our similarities.

New-found Understanding

An Englishman who has just returned from visiting a series of American cat shows will not tell you that Americans sometimes tend to talk boastfully and too loudly, or that they wear clothes which on occasion appear flashy and flamboyant by our own sober standards. Instead, he will speak of the remarkable hospitality of his hosts and of their obvious affection for their cats. He will speak of the great progress made by them in developing certain breeds and he will eulogize upon the kindness so ubiquitously accorded him and upon the frankness with which our cousins across the Atlantic confirm the part played by British cats in evolving some of the best American breeds.

In the same way, an American fancier returning home from a visit to this country will not think of telling his friends that the British often do not say what they think, that they are sometimes snobbish and aloof and so full of their own importance that they impertinently regard all foreigners as, at any rate, potential bounders. Nor, indeed, do they stress the point that we live upon a diet which, if one wants to be particularly

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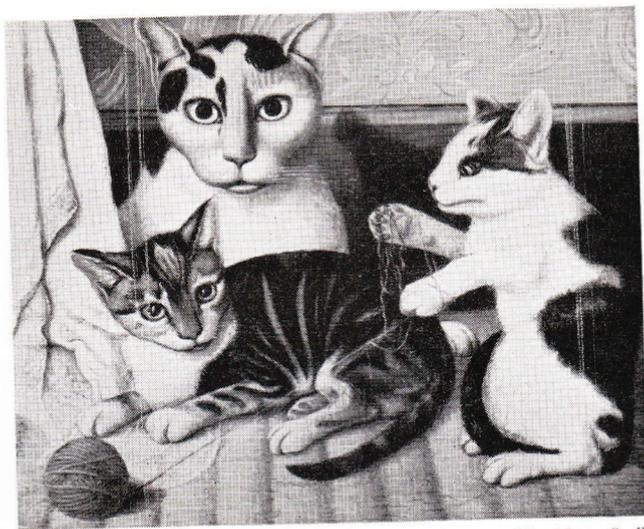
charitable, may be treated as a basis for humorous stories.

No ! instead, he will tell of the pleasure with which we invited him into our homes and put ourselves out to make his stay full of joy and interest ; he will praise the high quality of our best breeds and the ordered regularity of our shows. He will remark upon the fairness and ability of our judges and upon the good humour with which we accept defeat on the show bench. In all probability he will comment favourably upon our modesty when victorious in the same field.

In short, the trivial dissimilarities between us will vanish in the light of the common good which we all manifest when our thoughts are lovingly turned upon an unselfish and worthy pursuit. In this wise will the Englishman and

the American, the Frenchman and the Dutchman return to his own home bearing within him a greatly enhanced opinion of his friends abroad and the Cat, that small harbinger of so much new-found understanding, will have once again played his valuable role as the Universal Ambassador of Good-Will.

Let us all hope that the day will come when all men shall attain peace and security which is not based upon possession of some dreadful weapon, but upon the recognition by each in the other, of those sterling virtues which are the heritage of all mankind and which stand so much higher in the scale of importance than the minor trivialities which are so often distorted into differences of great and tragic moment.



The Manor Studio

“Cat and Two Kittens,” painted by an unknown artist in 1840, from the Exhibition of Primitive American Art at the Whitechapel Art Gallery.

**Best Wishes for Christmas and 1957
from MRS. J. M. TWINING AND ALL THE CATS at the
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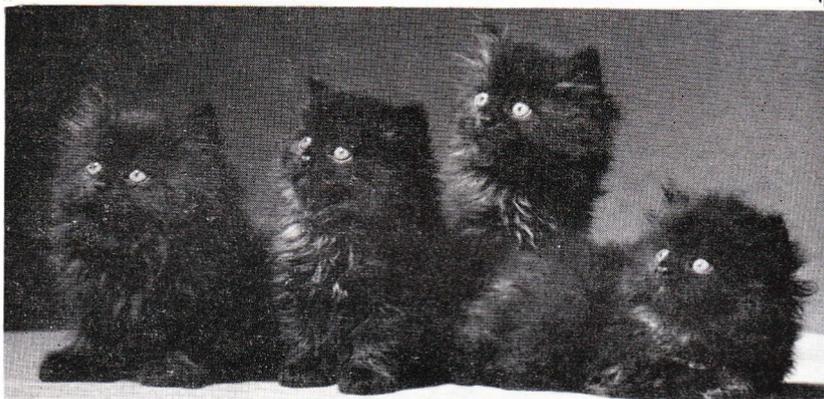
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Look out for the Annual Show in July, 1957

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Guy Withers

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our members and friends at home and abroad*

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A Star for Christmas

By HELEN FRANCIS

THE flapping at the letter box did not divert Miss Octavia Boyce from the task of laying the supper. As she placed a knife beside the single plate which seemed lost on the expanse of clean table cloth, she wondered if it could have been the postman. But nine o'clock on Christmas Eve was hardly the time for a delivery. Besides, she thought, glancing at the dozen cards on the mantelpiece, she had heard from everyone; the few surviving friends of her younger days, her sister and her niece.

The thought of her sister who treated her not merely as a poor relation but as a disappointed elderly spinster brought a frown to her face as she spread the Welsh rarebit on the toast. Sometime next morning her sister's artificially bright voice would say "Happy Christmas" on the telephone, there would be an exchange of small talk and then the exclamation: "Don't tell me you're all alone on Christmas Day, Octavia! How dreadful! You must come over this afternoon. If only we'd known, we could have asked you to dinner. . . ." She would hate her sister for patronizing her and hate herself for being alone. But she would go, because Christmas was the one day when she admitted to herself that she not only lived alone, but was lonely.

She thought she heard the letter box flap again and went to the hall. It's probably only those carol singers again, she thought, with their impertinent demands for their unpractised singing of carols whose words they did not even trouble to learn.

The wet, raw air made her catch her breath. There was no one there when

she opened the door. She thought she saw a shadow move near her feet. It seemed to pass silently into the hall. She turned and in the full light the shadow became a black cat.

"Well . . ." she exclaimed and unthinkingly shut the door. The cat arched her back and gently pushed against her legs, leaving a smear of wet and mud on her stockings.

"You're filthy dirty . . ." Miss Boyce began, then pulled herself up. Ever since she had lived alone, she had consciously fought against the habit of talking to herself, as she fought against "letting things go" by always laying a cloth for meals. But a cat, she decided, was another living creature. Even if it could not understand, there was not the same danger in speaking to it as in speaking to yourself. "You're filthy dirty," she repeated, "and making footmarks all over the hall. You can't possibly come in here."

A Wave of Panic

The cat turned yellow eyes on Miss Boyce in a way that suggested she daily performed the impossible. Miss Boyce went to the door. "Here! Shoo!" she exclaimed and knew immediately she sounded foolish. The cat lifted her sodden tail until it formed a right angle with her back and walked deliberately in the opposite direction. Miss Boyce noticed the cat's body swayed from side to side as she walked. She's going to have kittens, she thought, and a wave of panic passed over her. By the time she recovered, the cat was in her living room sitting in front of the fire, beginning to wash herself with urgent vigour.

A page for the proletarian puss No. 69



HAVING A QUICK ONE AT THEIR FAVOURITE BAR!

This amusing picture was taken on a farm in Sussex. The cats are two of a family of four who wait on the cowman each evening for the milk remaining after the calf has been fed. Mr. John Lloyd, the photographer, explains that the cats were in fine condition and had wonderful silky coats

The smell of burning Welsh rarebit took Miss Boyce to the kitchen. "As soon as I've finished my supper," she said, "I shall put you out. I've got nothing in the house for you. Besides, I don't like cats. . . ."

She knew she did not like cats and as she began her supper she wondered why. Perhaps it was because people laughed at spinsters and their cats. No, that couldn't be the reason. She had never worried about being a spinster. And she remembered saying she didn't like cats when she was quite young and other people, at any rate, thought she would get married.

Childhood Memories

Memories of childhood floated back into her mind. She was a small girl and she was excited because the cat was going to have kittens and she had been promised she should have one for Christmas. Perhaps it was because she was excited that she had misbehaved. What had she done? Thrown a lump of sugar across the tea table at her sister? Something like that. She couldn't remember. But she could remember her father's threat. "If you do that again I shall punish you severely." She had done it again and he had said the harsh words: "Very well, you shall not have a kitten. We shall drown them all." She had wept and promised she would never be naughty again, but her father, unmoved, had said: "I never go back on my word."

The kittens had been drowned. The cries of the cat as it searched the house had seemed very loud. It was the first time in her life that she had wished she was dead. Of course, like the cat, she had got over it, but deep down there had remained the feeling that the kittens had died because she had been wicked. And she avoided the cat, because she thought she read in its eyes "If you had not been naughty, I should have my

kittens. . . ." By Christmas she had been forgiven and there were other presents. But no kitten. And she had never wanted a kitten since . . .

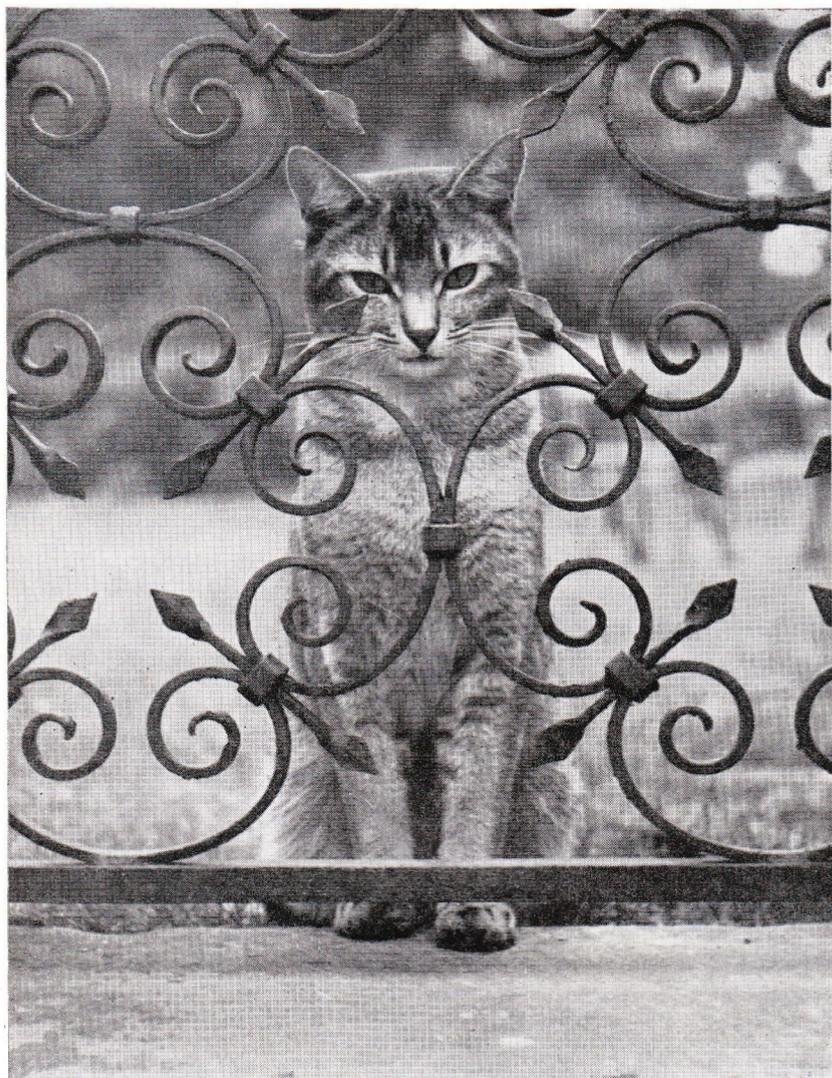
Miss Boyce pulled herself up with a start. She had eaten mechanically, not tasting the food. The cat had finished washing her body and now was turned clumsily on her haunches, one paw pointing to the ceiling, as she began to wash the inside of her legs.

"You've certainly made yourself at home," Miss Boyce remarked, glad of the excuse of speaking aloud. "But it's no good. I shall put you out before I go to bed." She said it without conviction. The cat had reached her tail. She held it down firmly with a paw as her tireless tongue worked along it. Miss Boyce noticed the fur was beginning to shine. She cleared the table on to a tray, carried it to the kitchen and washed up, as she had done a thousand times every year since she had retired. When she returned to the room, the cat had also finished washing and was lying relaxed.

"You don't look like a stray now," Miss Boyce admitted grudgingly, and the thought occurred to her that a stray would not have learned the trick of rattling a letter box. She put out an uncertain hand. As she touched the cat's flank, she felt a sudden movement under her fingers. The movement rippled along the cat's flank and became a series of jerks as if inside something was struggling. The cat took no notice except to purr a little louder.

Mild alarm gripped Miss Boyce. Perhaps the kittens were going to be born quite soon. The cat stretched herself and began a leisurely but systematic examination of the room, with special attention to the parts in shadow. "Really, I ought to put you out now," Miss Boyce began, but she heard the rain that had replaced the drizzle beating on the window and she knew she was not going to do it.

Perhaps I should telephone one of the animal societies, she thought, so that they could take her away. The clock striking



THE WATCHER AT THE GATE

Another fine study by Sidney Denham of Sir Oliver Welby's favourite Abyssinian ULYSSES. Lady Welby is President of the International Association of Abyssinian Cat Owners.

reminded her that it was late and that animal societies probably could not come on Christmas Eve to collect a straying cat. Habit made her cross the room to the wireless and turn the switch to hear the news. There was silence for a few moments as the valves warmed and then a voice rose from an imperceptible whisper :

“ . . . and laid Him in a manger because there was no room at the inn.” The voice was loud. “ And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field. . . .” But Miss Boyce did not hear it. Her eyes were on the cat who had found in a corner the box where she kept her old newspapers. It leaped lightly into the box and began to tear the paper with long satisfying sweeps. Miss Boyce could hear the purrs between the sounds of ripping paper.

She watched, half-hypnotized by the self-possession and single-mindedness of the cat. She was conscious of the voice on the wireless saying “ And that concludes our Christmas Eve service. The news follows in a few moments.” Unthinkingly she turned it off.

Mystery of birth

“ There was no room at the inn.” She had heard the words a thousand times. Funny that it should take a wet night and a straying cat determined her kittens should have shelter to make her realize what they meant. She hoped the cat would be all right and wondered what she should do for it. Milk ? She went to the kitchen and poured generously from her half-pint bottle into a saucepan. When she returned with the warm milk in a saucer, the tearing was finished and the cat lay on the bed she had made for herself in the shadows of the cardboard box. Miss Boyce held out the saucer, but the cat only purred louder, looked confidently into her eyes and ignored the saucer.

A convulsion abruptly broke the purr, but the contented rhythmic sound began

again immediately it passed. Miss Boyce put out her hand to stroke the cat and the sound swelled. “ How curious,” she said, “ that I should have to wait sixty years to see the mystery of birth that was hidden from me as a child.” She realized she was speaking aloud and she stopped suddenly. Fear gripped that if anything went wrong, she would not know what to do, that once again birth would mean death and that it would be her fault.

But the look on the cat's face brought back her confidence. Everything, the look said, is completely under control. This is the most wonderful experience in the world, the thing for which I was destined when I was born, the thing for which I have lived, for which I chose your house so that the life I have made should not become death in a wet cold corner of a garden. . . .”

Visitors at last

And so in the next hour Octavia Boyce marvelled as the kittens were born, not in pain and sorrow, but with joy expressed audibly in ecstatic sounds and visibly in the urgent efficiency with which they were washed and fed. She watched fascinated as the transparent wrapping of each shapeless bundle was removed, the link with its mother severed, the body washed with such vigour that it rolled over in the torn paper. Tentatively she put out a finger to touch the first born and saw on its black chest a splash of white, a mark that seemed the shape of a star.

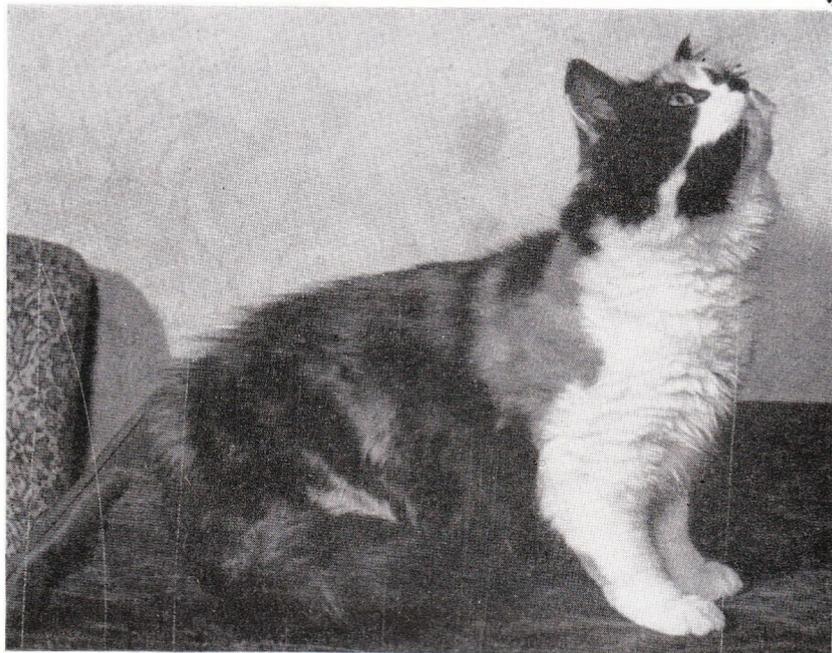
“ When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy,” she murmured and the cat's eyes were understanding. Even if someone claims the cat, she thought, I shall keep the kitten and call him Star. I shall make him a Christmas present to myself and I shall love him the more because I have waited sixty years for him.

The clock showed it was Christmas Day when at last the cat, now lying on a clean blanket, consented to lap from

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(With apologies to "Anon")

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the saucer held under her head and lay back, not to sleep, for her joy was too great to be wasted in sleep, but to contemplate her kittens through half-closed eyes. Miss Boyce got up. "It's hours past my bedtime," she exclaimed, as she went towards her bedroom. She paused at the door, her hand on the light switch, saw the empty saucer on the floor. "I ought to pick it up and wash it," she thought mechanically, "I mustn't let things go." But a strange feeling of fulfilment was in her and she left the saucer there.

Ten minutes later when she put her head on the pillow, she felt sleep coming with unaccustomed ease. A smile played on her face as she thought: "There will be someone to speak to when I get up on Christmas morning." She fell asleep thinking pleasantly of how she would apologize to her sister for not being able to come over because she had visitors, —yes, four visitors. . . .

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Reproduction

By A. C. JUDE

Our popular contributor on genetics responds here to the many requests he has received—mostly from novice breeders—for more information about the various aspects of reproduction. This is the twenty-sixth article in a fine new and exclusive series to help and encourage our readers all over the cat world.

TO readers at home and overseas, I take this opportunity to send Christmas Greetings and Best Wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

I thank the many who have written me from time to time on matters arising from these articles on "Reproduction." I have appreciated the kindness and friendliness, and also the co-operation which has so frequently been given.

I say to all readers, your experiences in cat breeding, especially concerning any unusual results, are always welcomed. Frequently, these are of utmost value in arriving at general conclusions, or for compiling helpful data which eventually may become available and of benefit to all concerned. Needless to say, all letters are treated with strict confidence. In return, I am at your service, being only too pleased to help wherever I can.

Last month we described albinism in some detail, pointing out that, in true albinism, no colour is seen either in coat or eyes. We also noted that, albinos normally breed true to their complete whiteness, but that their whiteness is a mask for colour-granules which are present but undeveloped in the skin and hair. We also saw that when an albino is mated with a coloured animal, coloured offspring result and the colour of

these is in accordance with the colour make-up of the two parents, just as in ordinary colour \times colour breeding.

In many cases the white coat of animals with coloured eyes is recessive, but in cats it is dominant over all colours whether the colour is self or "spotted" with white. The eyes of white cats may be either orange or blue. In a few cases, eyes one of each colour are produced. Dominance of eye-colour may therefore be considered as "irregular." It has been accepted that the incidence of "white-spotting" in connection with the dominant white factor produces the blue eye—the nearest approach in white-coated cats to albino—or in other words, a white "spot" about the eye of a white-coated cat makes the eye blue, while a pigmented "spot" (masked) makes the eye yellow (orange). It is also probable that where a white "spot" covers the ear of a white-coated cat, there will be deafness. This could be the reason why white-coated cats may be deaf on one side only.

Cream \times White

White-coated cats are similar to albinos in that they, too, mask the colour contained through their colour inheritance. Therefore, as with albinos, there can be as many kinds of white-coated cats as there are coloured ones, and what is more, there can be as many shades of colour. The White cat might even be



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carrying a ticking factor. The only possibility of producing say a paler Cream, from a Cream \times White mating would be where the White is genetically a Cream, and that the Cream itself or better still its Cream background is known to be of paler shade than is the Cream to which it is to be mated.

In animals where white is dominant (cats), a crossing with self colour and backcrossing will produce Whites and self colours. Whites and Blacks have been interbred by some well-known fanciers, and winners in both colours have been produced. I have in mind a well-known Black of a few years ago who was bred this way and gained several Championship Certificates in spite of the fact that between his toes numbers of white hairs could be found! This is a distinct fault which can be introduced by this kind of pairing.

“Spotting”

White-spotting, or the occurrence of white, unpigmented areas on an otherwise coloured fur, is a character of many old-established strains of domestic animal. In its general appearance, “spotting” occupies a position intermediate between the very regular and symmetrical patterns found in some cases, and the erratic distribution of white and pigmented areas characteristic in others. Nevertheless, it will be noticeable that there are areas where “spotting” is most likely to appear—feet, down to the nose from between the ears, on the belly, etc.

In many kinds of animal “spotting” has been retained as a distinguishing feature—the Hereford breed of cattle; the Dutch belted cattle which have been bred for centuries in the characteristic pattern by aristocratic families in Holland; the Dutch rabbit, where the characteristic pattern is cultivated almost to perfection. In some of the fancies, patches of white are considered as undesirable and have been bred out. In cats, the tendency for white chest

marks in Abyssinians is being reduced. In Tortoiseshells white patches may be included to give the separate Tortoiseshell and White.

As P. W. Whiting has observed, the attempt to trace all variations in morphology and colour to some wild ancestor seems unnecessary except as an interest, as all such variations might occur under domestication. The strictly domestic colour variations in the cat may be considered as Maltese, white, white-spotting, yellow, and Siamese dilution. Such variations, if they occur in nature, appear to be blotted out, as they are certainly not characteristic of any wild species. They occur in numerous domestic animals, and may be said to be variations by which domestic species “mimic” each other. There are only a limited number of ways in which an organism may vary. A mammalian coat may thus vary in dilution and distribution of the pigments black, brown, and yellow. No other pigments can be developed.

Progress for the Rex

During the past three years I have tried to interest fanciers in the new mutation for the Rex type coat which gives curliness to the hair. It has been pointed out too, that by selection from these curly coats, a type of coat can be established which will carry a non-curly Rex coat similar to that carried by Rex rabbits. This coat is dense, ultra short, and very plush-like. I am happy to be able to say that Mr. B. A. Stirling-Webb has purchased initial stock. This is extremely good news, for in his very capable hands the new coat variation will become established for the Fancy.

Will those interested in Rex please note that Mrs. N. Ennismore, who owned and bred up from the original mutation, has removed to Princess Cottage, Farringdon, Exeter, Devon.

(to be continued)



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In the Siamese World

By KATHLEEN R. WILLIAMS

(Hon. Secretary of the Siamese Cat Club)

AS we approach the close of the year, it is usual to look back and, as it were, take stock. To me the most significant trend of 1956 has been the continued popularity of Siamese—apart from the fact that most All Breed Shows have a greater entry of Siamese than any other breeds.

Our own Championship Show in October brought together a larger number of exhibits than in any previous year—260. This record entry must surely make the 1956 Show the largest specialty show held anywhere in the world.

One must at this point consider if we are improving our standard. We keep on trying—and most breeder-exhibitors work hard to attain this end.

This year more than ever before, I have found the novice and near-novice asking advice and carefully going round the pens at shows—sometimes completely baffled by the awards! My advice has always been: Don't take show awards too much to heart. Continue to learn your Siamese by visiting shows and talking to breeders.

If you do not agree with the awards you may be certain that you are not alone in your opinion. But with each show you visit you will develop an understanding and knowledge of what you want to breed and many valuable points of detail.

Mrs. Duncan Hindley, Vice-Chairman of the Club, who has had so many successes with her Prestwick cats, had



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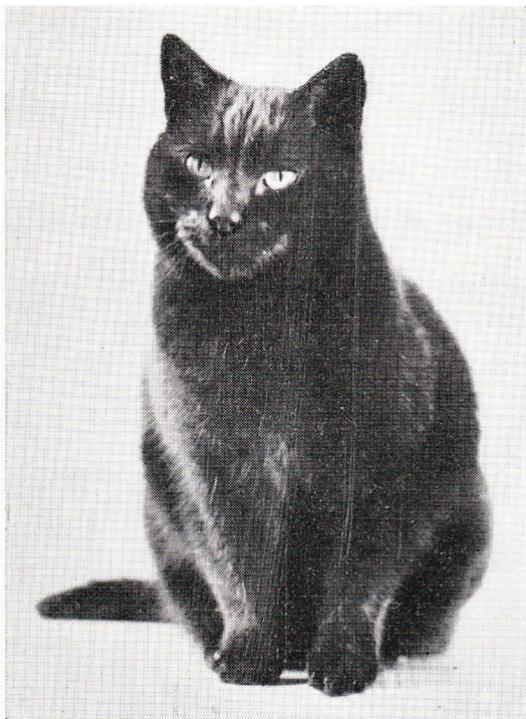
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During the past year I have received many letters from friends and well wishers at home and overseas which have had to remain unanswered owing to the increasing volume of my correspondence. If you happen to be one of those waiting for an answer, please do accept my regrets and apologies, also my sincere thanks for your letters—all will be answered in course of time. In the meantime, I wish cat lovers wherever they may be Good Health, Happiness and Prosperity—and a long continuance of companionship with your cherished pets, whatever the breed.

We regret that in last month's issue (page 13) Miss Irene Holdsworth's new book was incorrectly titled as "Little Master." This should of course have been "Little Masks" and you will find it advertised on page 68 of this issue.

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THE SIAMESE WEDGE

Siamese Cat Book, by Vera M. Nelson (All-Pets Books, U.S.A.). This is a valuable addition to the library shelf of the Siamese breeder and devotee. It contains much of interest to readers in all countries since the author has an international reputation and has in fact imported some of her cats from England. Further, her book carries a substantial contribution on the genetics of the Siamese from our own A. C. Jude. Mrs. Nelson, in her foreword, expresses the hope that the book will help the novice and provide something of interest even to the older breeder. It will certainly do just that. Moreover it is well illustrated, thoughtfully arranged and unusually well printed. English agents for the book are Bailey Bros. & Swinfen Ltd., 46 St. Giles High Street, W.C.2.

In our October issue, Ivor Raleigh devoted his article to "The Siamese Wedge." Conveniently, this wedge is illustrated (see below) in Mrs. Nelson's

work. The author explains that the whole head should be wedge-shaped, not just from the eyes to the muzzle. The width should be greatest at the point where the ears are placed on the skull. Too many cats are being shown, she adds, whose heads narrow into straight sides above the eyes. The illustrations also serve to show the ear placement on the perfect Siamese head, full face and in profile.

More next month

In next month's issue we shall be publishing a thoughtful contribution on the subject from Mrs. Duncan Hindley, our best known Siamese judge and breeder.

Mrs. Hindley will point out that there are two distinct interpretations of the description of the head in our present-day Siamese Standard of Points. She feels it is time the wording is altered.



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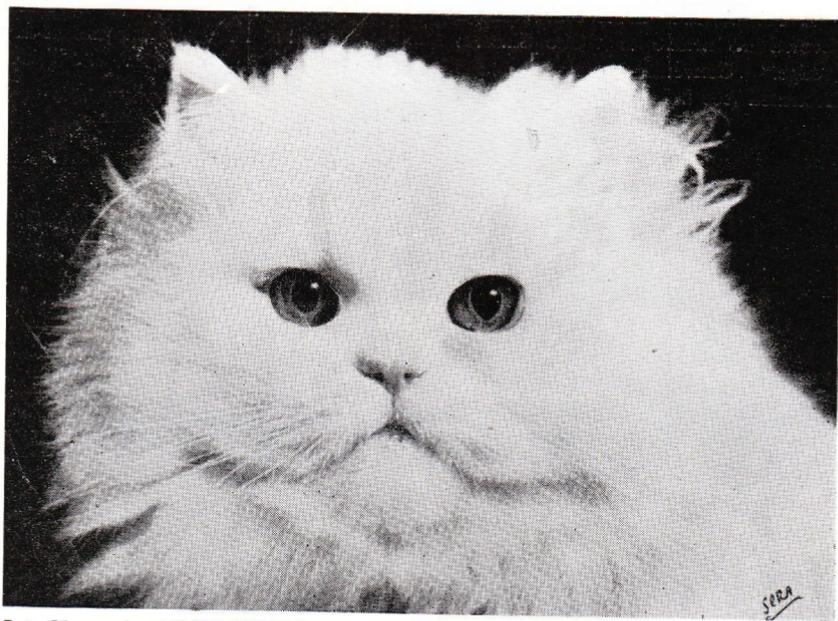
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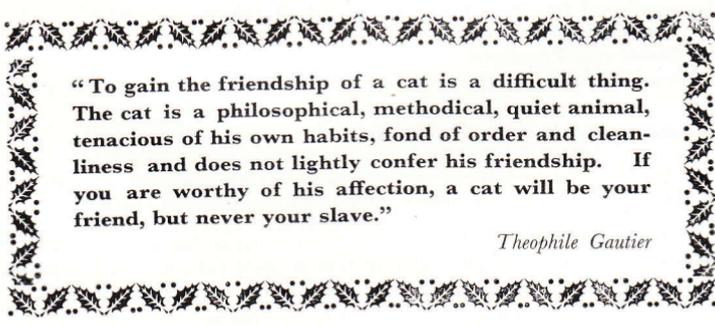
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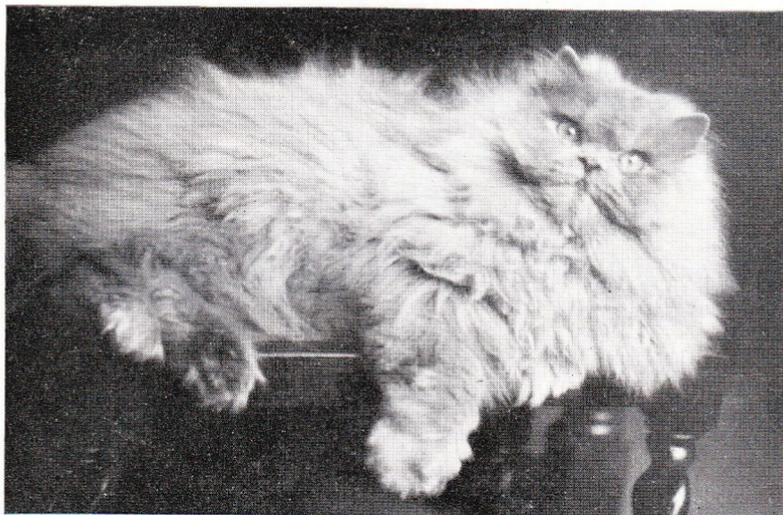
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Croydon Show

A LOVELY autumn day greeted the Croydon Cat Club Ch. Show on November 7th at the Royal Horticultural Hall, Westminster. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Towe on organizing a delightful show at a time of year when exhibits are usually at their best. Over 350 cats and kittens were presented, some of them truly magnificent, and it was a joy to see their excellent condition and look of well-being, so eloquent of care and attention.

We were delighted to have a brief visit from the Club's President, the Dowager Lady Aberconway.

Mr. and Mrs. Macdonald Daly were among the many interested spectators and I believe they were captivated by the variety and charm of the exhibits. Mrs. Macdonald Daly was particularly interested in the Cream kittens and I wouldn't be a bit surprised if one

eventually found its way to her Buckinghamshire home. Mr. Macdonald Daly made a short amusing speech in which he referred to the "dedicated look of the judges and stewards." Of course, our method of judging cats is so different to his great speciality dog judging that it must have appeared strange to him. He made notes of the exhibits he considered suitable for his ITV programme on November 29th, which will be completed by Mrs. Daly as her husband has to be in Melbourne in connection with the Olympic Games. Miss Kathleen Yorke will be on this programme presenting some of our lovely felines.

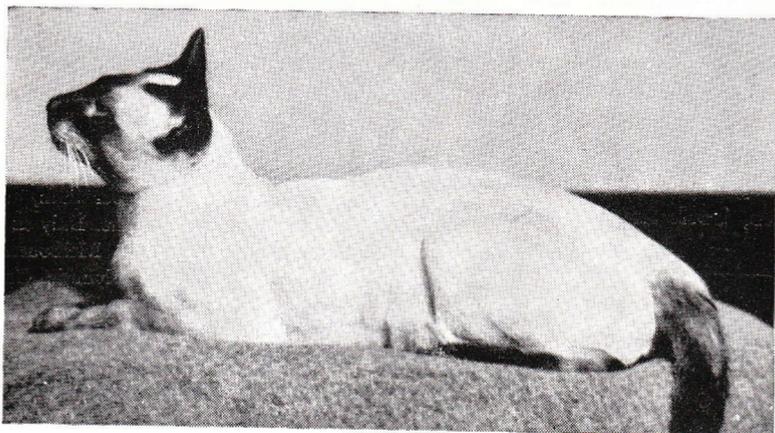
Miss Jenny Laird, now appearing at the Duke of York's theatre with Flora Robson and Andrew Cruickshank in "The House by the Lake," opened the show.

Mrs. Herbert, from Sydney, Australia, over here until early in the New Year, was intensely interested in her first London Ch. Show. She was also at the Paignton Show in September and is visiting several breeders. She will be taking a few choice kittens back with her, Blues and Creams and perhaps an unrelated pair of Burmese, but more news later on about these.

The major awards at the Show were: Best Longhair Cat in Show—Mrs. Joan Thompson's Blue male Octavian of Pensford by Champion Foxburrow Frivolous; Best Longhair Kitten—Mrs. Turney's and the Hon. Mrs. Haden-Guest's Chinchilla Bonavia Marietta by Ch. Mark of Allington;

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Congratulations to Mrs. Ball on her lovely White L.H. Lisblanc Azalea (by Ch. Harpur Romeo) becoming a Champion; also to Mrs. Earnshaw on her fine Manx Ballaugh Empress (by Rheyreas Tiger) attaining the same honour. If any other cats completed their Championships I shall be pleased to mention them if their owners will kindly let me know.

Class Winners

The Open Class Longhair Adult winners were: Mrs. Beedell's Black female Ch. Sarisbury Sacharissa; Mrs. Ripplingale's Blue female Gaydene Tina; Mrs. King's Cream male Hendras Benedict; Mrs. Keir's Cream female Hendras Cassandra; Miss Grace's Smoke male Slapton Mischief; Mrs. Beedell's Brown Tabby Magyar Kedves; Mrs. Moore's Red Tabby male Hendon Puck; Mrs. McLeod's Chinchilla male Rab of Thame; Mrs. Brittlebank's Chinchilla female Mandy of Allington; Miss Lelgarde Fraser's Tortoiseshell Pekeholm Peacock; Mrs. Moore's Tortie and White Asplin Juliet; Mrs. Brind's Blue-Cream Moonrise of Pensford; Mr. Stirling-Webb's Colourpoint Briarry Zahrat.

The Shorthair cats, with a few exceptions, were also very lovely and Challenge Certificates were awarded to Mrs. Browning's British Blue Mallow Katinka, Mrs. MacInne's Russian Blue Dunloe Evokiya, Mrs. Thake's Silver Tabby male Silverseal Sekhmet; Mrs. Axon's Tortie and White Ch. Noxa Teena (who merits a special word of praise as

she is over ten years of age and a very handsome veteran to compete for top honours); Mrs. Byrne's Abyssinian female Gracefield Quicksilver (a splendid win in an amalgamated class of fourteen males and females); Mrs. Wilkinson's Burmese female Merrick Mignon; Mrs. Duncan Hindley's S.P. female Silken Sultana; and finally Mrs. Hookin's B.P. Siamese Laurentide Cirrus. Winning neuters were the Misses E. M. and M. E. Marshall's Blue female Trenton Verity and Mrs. Montgomery's S.P. Siamese Purland Som Phong. In Foreign Neuters (excluding Siamese) the winning cat was Mrs. Light's Abyssinian Hassan Song.

The winner in the Champion of Champions Longhair class was Mrs. Joan Thompson's Champion Foxburrow Frololous who did not compete in Open Class. Champion of Champions Shorthair was Mr. Lamb's Ch. Causeway Pita. Mrs. Hooper's neuter Siamese Pr. Behenta Yu Ping was made Premier of Premiers.

Pardonable Error

Mrs. Stephenson showed a charming litter of five Blues by Ashdown Nut-hatch. Space does not permit all the first Open kitten winners to be named but the Siamese S.P. kittens had so much competition they must be mentioned and they were: Mrs. Keene's Killdown Lewis (15 in class); Mrs. Warner's Spotlight Brillig (16 in class)

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Cream kittens exceeded other L.H. varieties with a fine entry of nineteen and in a divided class Mrs. King repeated her excellent Herts and Middx. win by being first with Startops Sandmanetta, the winning male being Miss Rice's Seemore Thomas. Sandmanetta has had an "etta" added to her name as she was wrongly sexed at her first show, a pardonable mistake for a young novice.

Promising young Blues

Mrs. Alexander's Blue male Lavengro of Dunesk was looking lovely and his fine coat exceptionally sound. Another young male who is improving at every Show is Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh's Bayhorne Adam, a very pleasing cat, litter brother to Mrs. Benbow's celebrated Ch. Bayhorne Ajax. Major Dugdale's Harpur Casanova was another

nice male with beautiful eyes. Among the females Miss Statman's Camber Helena Rose, Mrs. William's Bluemine Marmaleta and the very lovely Ch. Thiepvall Precocious were a credit to this beautiful variety.

A very enjoyable show and appreciative thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Towe for devoting so much time to it.

Shows to Come

Now we are all looking forward to what we anticipate will be the Show of Shows, the National Cat Club Championship Show at Olympia. Many well known personalities from abroad will be coming to London and anything we can do individually to make their time here enjoyable will be appreciated. Their hospitality to us when we go abroad is proverbial. Before this great event takes place we shall have had the show dear to all devotees of Blue Persians and that is the Blue Persian Cat Society Ch. Show on December 4th

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Mrs. Joan Thompson will welcome news items and photographs suitable for inclusion in "Just Fancy" during 1957, particularly from clubs and fanciers overseas. Contributions—as brief as possible, please—may be addressed to her at 130 Wickham Way, Beckenham, Kent.

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New Books

"The Cat's Medical Dictionary," by Hamilton Kirk, M.R.C.V.S. (*Routledge & Kegan Paul Ltd., 15s.*). We make no apology for a second reference to the appearance of this book because we feel it is just about "the book of the year" for the cat lover's library. It is the first to be written by a qualified veterinary surgeon who has taken a special interest in cats. What better testimonial than that given in the foreword by the Chairman of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy? Miss Yorke writes of the author: "I feel that the knowledge I gained from him helped to prolong the lives of many of my pets to the good ages of 18, 19 and 22 years." Major Kirk, who produced *Diseases of the Cat* in 1925, points out that the progress in medicine and surgery has been so remarkable in the last few years that his first book is completely out of date, and the present effort is therefore justified. The *Dictionary* is presented in two parts, the second being an Encyclopaedia of diseases and abnormalities. The first part is devoted to old age, signs of good health, general management, rational feeding, breeding, management of the sick.

"My Five Tigers—the Cats in my Life," by Lloyd Alexander (*Cassell 12s. 6d.*). The author thought he preferred dogs—until one day he "fell" for his wife's suggestion that they should have a cat in the house. The first of the Five Tigers was Rabbit, then followed Heathcliff, "who could have been called a Blue Persian," the kitten David, a hybrid Siamese with blue-green eyes, Solomon, red with copper eyes, and Moira, the only female and "strictly a cat on her way up." The adventures of the five make entertaining reading.

"Let's Have a Party," by Enid Blyton, photographs by Paul Kaye (*Harvill Press 7s. 6d.*). Another of those delightful Tinker the Kitten and Floppy the Puppy books. Need we say more! We read somewhere that Mr. Kaye will take as many as thirty shots to get just one perfect picture. Two pictures show the characters playing with a bottle of milk. Ten milk bottles gurgled their contents into a bowl before Mr. Kaye was satisfied with the result. To

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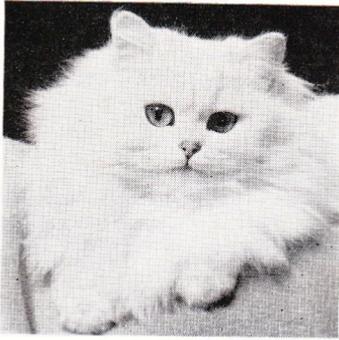
"Verhaltensstudien an Katzen," by Paul Leyhausen, 126 pages, 155 illustrations (*Paul Parey, Berlin, 1956, price German marks 23-80*). Knowledge of creatures and things about us adds to our enjoyment of them and this little volume, which was published as a supplement to the German *Journal for Animal Psychology*, can be warmly recommended to all those who want to know more about cats than how to keep and feed them. It is the result of research carried out by the author over a period of nearly six years and comparative studies were made on domestic cats as well as wild cats, the latter ranging from lions and tigers to the small Brazilian leopard cat (*leopardus wiedii pardictis Pocock*). The work leaves little doubt that our fireside puss is a thoroughly domesticated animal in spite of his independence and occasional savage behaviour.

The book is divided into two sections, the first dealing with the cat's behaviour towards its prey, and the second with his behaviour towards other cats and creatures which he does not regard as prey. Minute day to day observation, hundreds of yards of film—these were used to supply the really superb illustrations—together with the author's enthusiasm for his subject and his evident understanding of cats and animals in general have produced a comprehensive study of cat behaviour which zoologists as well as "mere" cat lovers can read with profit.

Most of the actions and reactions described are well known to those familiar with cats but the conclusions drawn and interpretations given are new, though never fantastic or ill supported by evidence.

It is impossible to mention all the interesting facts which Dr. Leyhausen observed during years of research but two controversial points deserve notice even in a short appreciation of his book.

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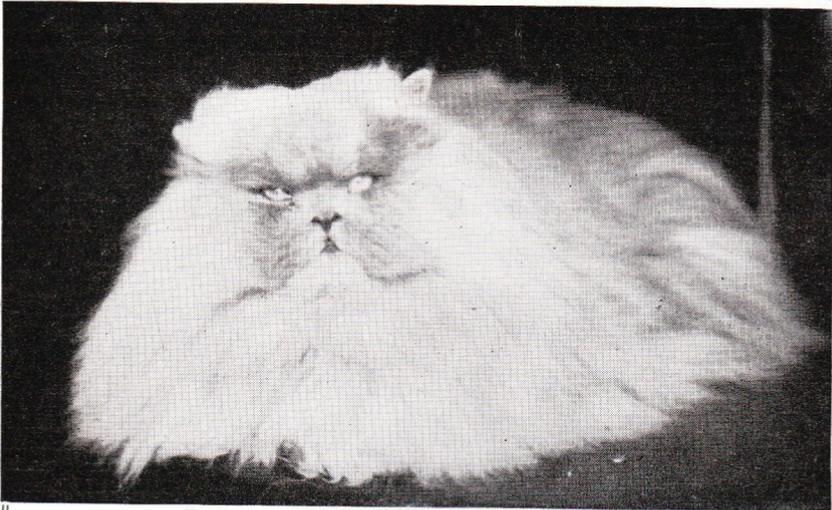
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A short summary in English is included at the end of the book which, however, only conveys a rough idea of the thoroughness with which the subject is treated. I sincerely hope that one day this little book will be translated into English and become accessible to all those who are unable to read the German original.

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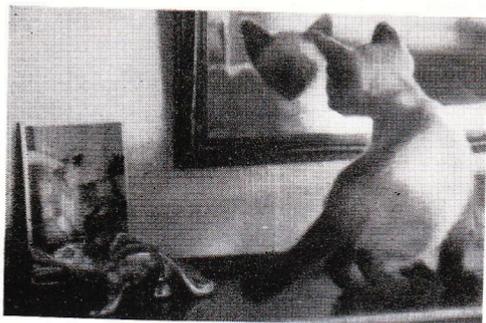


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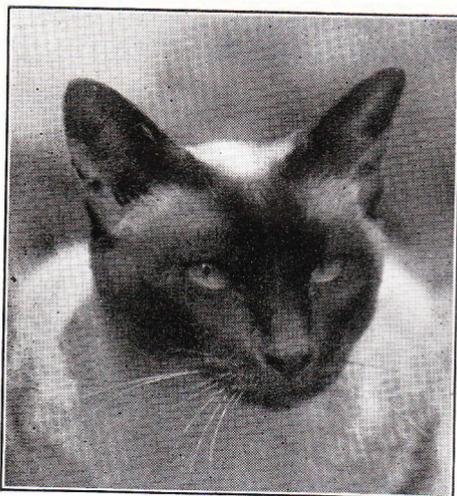
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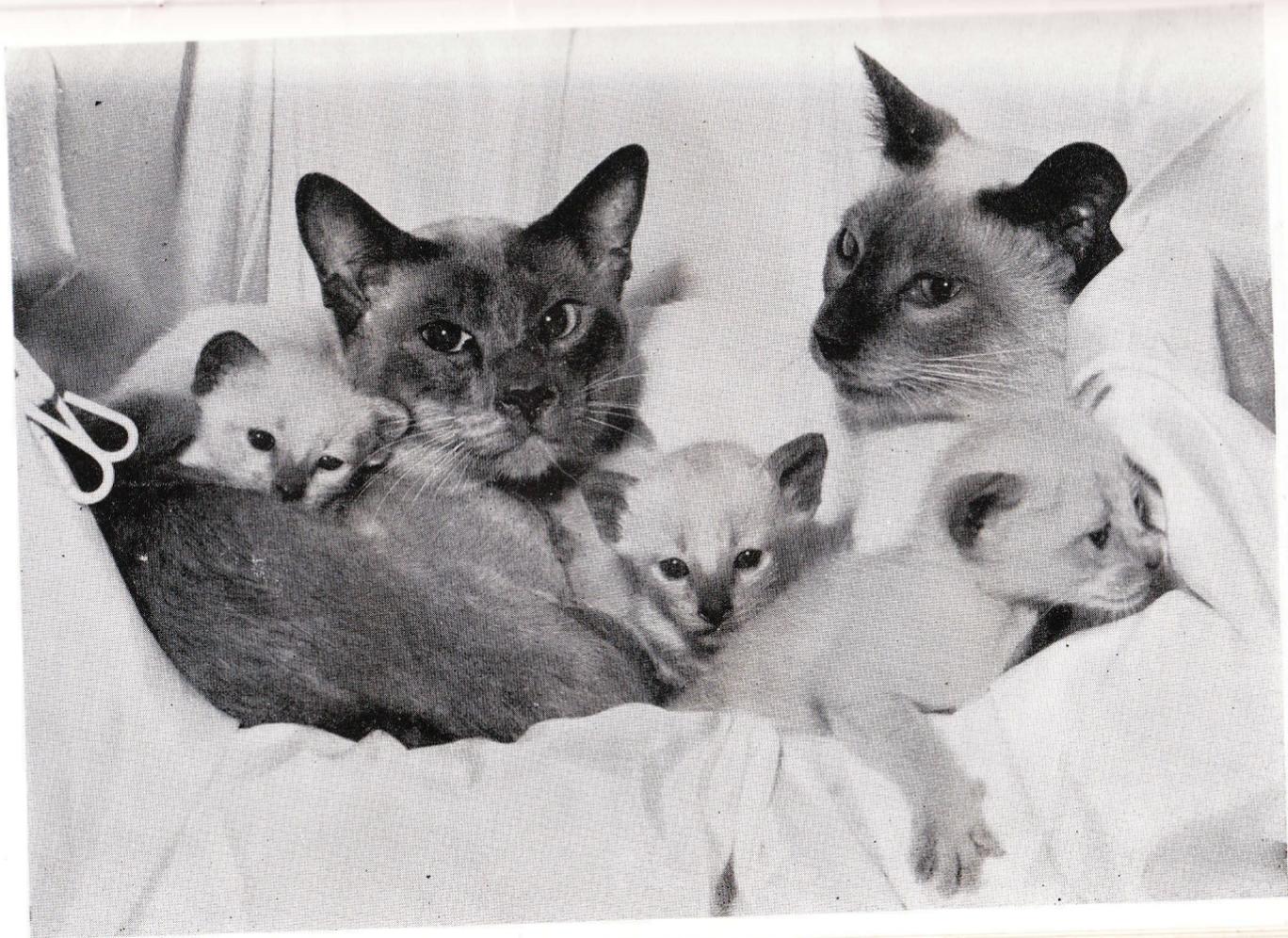
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We were very lucky this year to have Miss Yorke as a judge and she advised us on numerous matters regarding the running and rules of shows. Wellington is mainly a Siamese Cat centre. Longhaired cats are in the minority but we have now five breeders in the vicinity and hope more will take on this branch of the Cat Fancy. The Club subscription is 5s.

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We, down under, will be enjoying a hot and sunny Christmas while you maybe will be enjoying your Christmas turkey and plum pudding in much more suitable weather. We, many of us, still keep up the English tradition as regards to meals at Christmas time, when it would be much more suitable to be eating salads and ice cream.

Siamese Cats in this country are on the increase as many breeders have brought in new blood from England and Australia. Our members are all over New Zealand and keep in touch with each other, either as members of a local branch of the Club or through the quarterly Newsletter.

We should like to hear from members of other clubs, and any visitors to our shores will be welcomed if they get into touch with the President. The Club subscription is 5s.

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items from home and overseas



CARS were held up at a Whitby (Yorks) traffic roundabout because of a cat who was playing with a mouse. A pedestrian eventually removed the cause of the hold-up and the wheels went round again.

J. S., of Merton, S.W. London, asks in a letter to a newspaper: "What would you do to a certain gentleman in the Balham area who proudly boasts that he boils water for the sole purpose of throwing it over a cat to keep it from his garden. He openly laughed as he described how the poor animal jumped in the air." My answer is that I would see what arrangements could be made for prosecution of this cruel fiend.

A cat is reported to be raiding houses and gardens in the Walthamstow (Essex) area. Sandy has been returning home in the morning dragging the night's haul between his legs. His owner says that "the swag" includes small articles such as gloves, tea towels, dusters and brassières.

And here is a more pleasant contribution from a letter writer to the press: We have a grey cat, aged eleven, and a smaller white cat, aged three. At meal times the younger one would growl fiercely if she thought the other was getting more than her share of the food. Otherwise, they lived a kind of independent life, taking no notice of each other. Then over a period of some months, the grey cat gradually lost her sight. The vet verified this and said she was in no pain. But one day we

found her in the garden with a mouse in her paws. This seemed to me quite impossible. The mystery was solved a day or two later when we saw the little white cat with a mouse in her mouth, take it and drop it down in front of the grey cat. She must have known the grey cat was blind.

During the month of September, the R.S.P.C.A. inspectors investigated nearly 2,000 complaints of cruelty to animals. One offender was sent to prison and 118 were fined. Cats were involved in nine cases where convictions were recorded.

I have just been thumbing through the second issue of the Journal of the West of England and South Wales Cat Society which is produced by Mrs. Dorothy L. Clavier for free issue to members. It is published quarterly and I was impressed by the quality of its editorial content, which is lively and calculated to cater for all tastes and ages. The Society should certainly gain substantially from this little promotion piece.

The *pas de caractère* is that for "Puss in Boots" and the White Cat, in which Tchaikovsky so vividly carried out Pepita's request at this point for music which would express "the miaowings, mutual caressings and pattings with their paws." For the finale, the scratchings and shriekings of the cats. At the beginning, amorous 3/4, but at the end, quickening miaowings. The whole dance must not be too long. It is a two-minute feline apotheosis—small

wonder that Tchaikovsky is the favourite of cats."—"Dance and Dancers."

Correction! The little Black Longhair kitten pictured on page 25 of last month's issue was bred by Miss Madden, of Takapuna, New Zealand. Her dam is Miss M. L. Rodda's Chadhurst Enchantress. Appropriate editorial apologies are extended to Miss Madden.

When a cartoonist depicted the symbolic lion as a tame cat, Sir Anthony Eden remarked: "There is nothing wrong with the domestic cat. It gives us a splendid example of contentment in its proper station in life."

M. Paul Ramadier, France's Finance Minister who has the unenviable task of looking after his country's £4,500 million Budget, is encouraged in his labours by Tintinette, a stray kitten which he has adopted as a mascot.

Rochdale's 52 Co-op shops are reported to be losing their cats. An order instructs the managers, for reasons of hygiene, to have their cats destroyed or find homes for them. Dr. Nora Mills, the town's deputy medical officer, says: "I would rather have a cat than rats and mice. Even in our own health offices we have a cat officially on the strength. We have advised about the conditions under which shop cats should be kept but we have not advocated destruction." I hope that Rochdale cat lovers will take appropriate action here.

Whisky, the black and white ship's mascot at the naval training ship Ganges, near Ipswich, Suffolk, has been

chosen to play the part of Simon, V.C., the frigate Amethyst's cat in a film about the ship's epic dash from Communist China. Whisky will earn 50s. a day salary and the money will go to the welfare fund for the boys of H.M.S. Ganges. The vacant role was advertised and the director said of the responses that he "didn't know there were so many out-of-work cats."

Ever heard of a cat grasper? It consists of a pole with a cord noose at one end. When the noose has been circled round a cat's body, it can be tightened and errant tree climbers are brought safely down to earth. The "grasper" has been used successfully by the men of the Stroud County Fire Service.

Our good friend Brian Vesey-Fitzgerald is putting over some first-class publicity for the Diamond Jubilee Show of the National Cat Club, which is to be staged at Olympia on December 15th. He contributes a weekly feature on pets in the *News of the World* and the other Sunday it carried his picture with his own pet cat Quinney. It also drew attention to the competition which the newspaper is sponsoring for the Supreme Pet Feline of the Year. There will be ten classes competing for a perpetual trophy and Mr. Vesey-Fitzgerald will be the judge. I can imagine a fine show of household pets on the first floor at Olympia on the big day—perhaps even better than the splendid array we had for the Crystal Cat Show in 1952.

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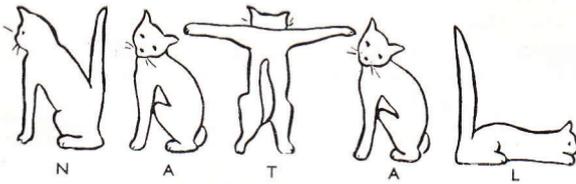
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The St. Margaret's Clinic for Animals was recently the first Kidderminster institution to be televised. Mrs. Ivy Slater, the founder, was very thrilled when she led viewers through the clinic to the newly opened cattery, of which she is rightly proud. One of the occupants was Pandy, who came to Mrs. Slater as a very frightened kitten with its tail missing. A successful operation was performed and the kitten is now well and thriving. Mrs. Slater believes that Pandy is yet another victim of the degrading and mutilation of cats—particularly tortoiseshells and gingers—to provide youngsters with tails for their Davy Crockett headgear. Another instance was recently revealed at Middlesbrough, where three boys aged eight, nine and ten were charged with ill-treating two cats and killing them by “unspeakable acts.” One of the boys had said to his friend (fiend!), “Come on, we will make some Davy Crockett hats.” The two elder boys were sent to a remand home for 21 days and the youngest was put on probation.

That newsy little item about cats you have seen in your local newspaper or in the magazine you have just been reading . . . will you be kind enough to clip it out and post it to me in an unsealed envelope? Cuttings from overseas publications will be specially welcome. I send best thanks to all who have helped in this connection.

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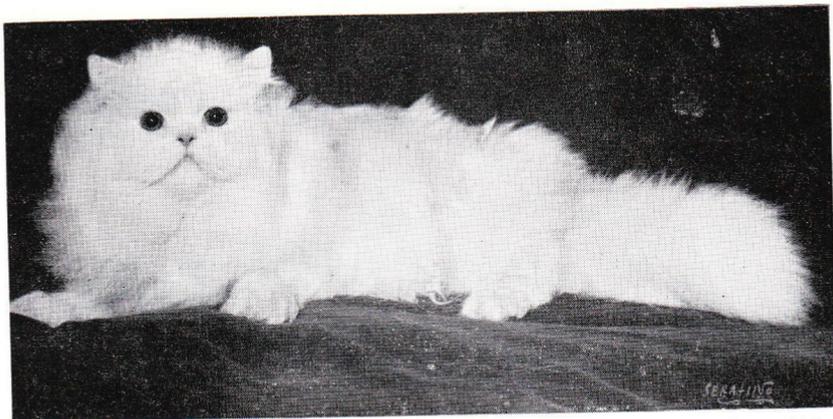


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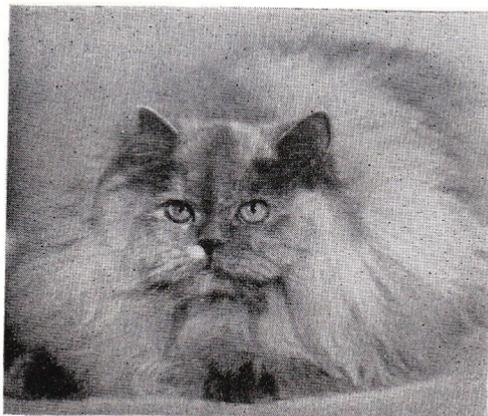




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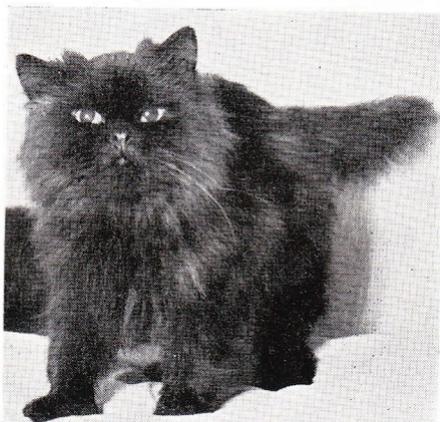
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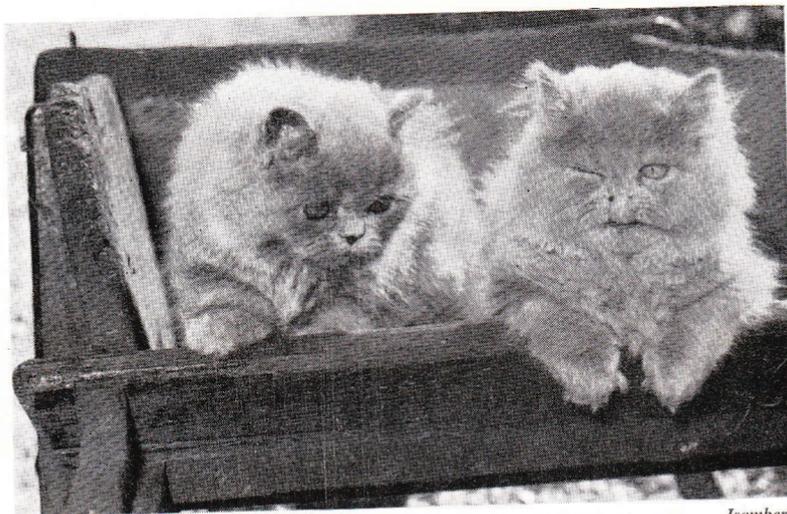
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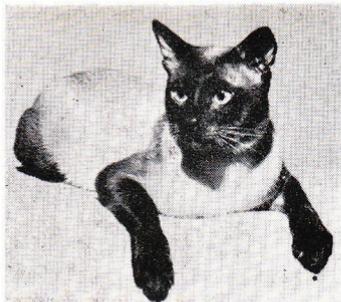
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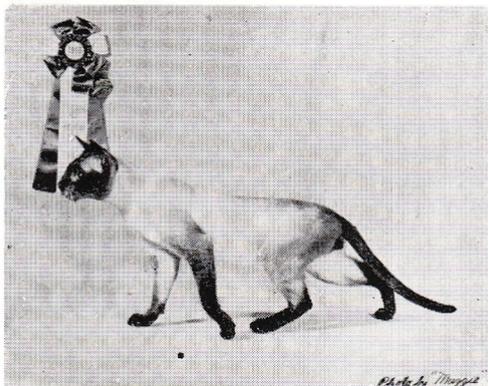


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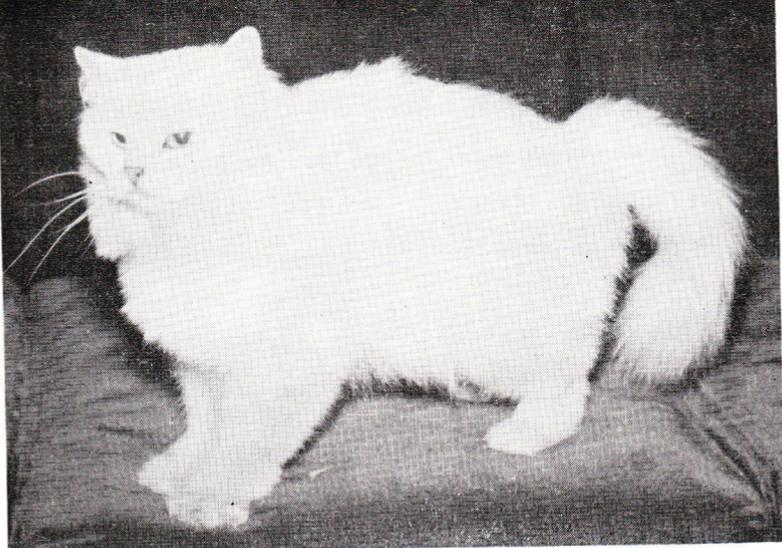
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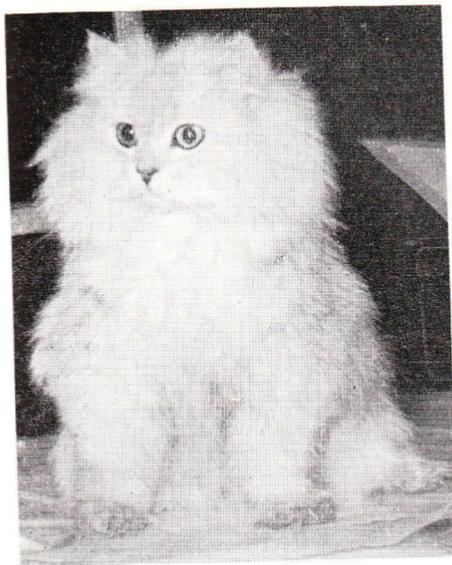
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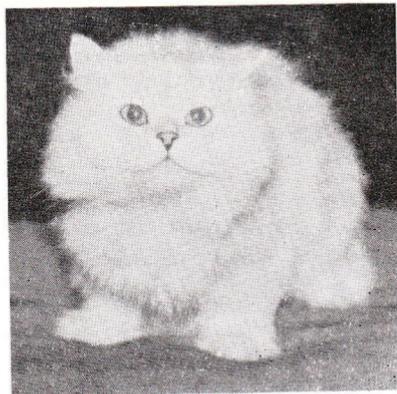
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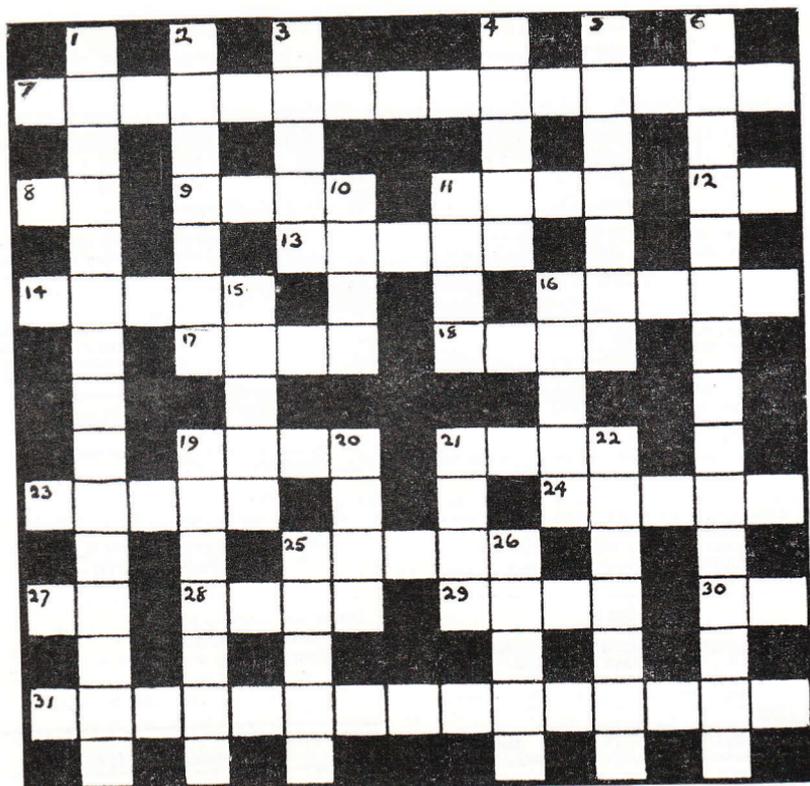
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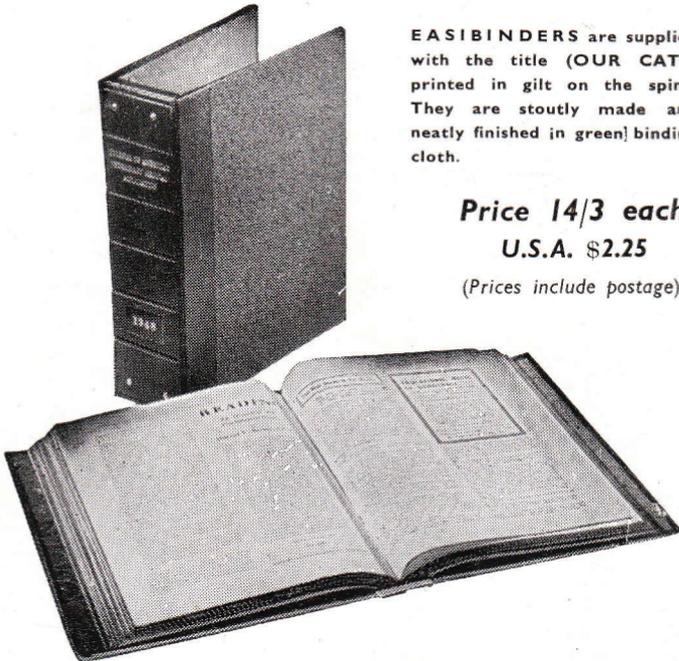
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