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PERSIANS OR ANGORAS.

The following from the Poultry Monthly, by Mr. E. N. Barker, who will judge at the Rochester and Chicago Cat Shows, will be of interest to our readers:

We wish to warn our readers, and especially beginners, against worrying themselves as to the relative merits of Angora or Persian cats. Having taken unlimited pains, and having exceptional opportunities of ferreting out this matter, I may sum it up as follows: As far as showing cats at present stands, the cats are divided for show purposes into two divisions—Longhaired and Shorthaired cats. The shorthaired are distinct breeds, the common or ordinary house cats, descending from the Kaffir cat or Egyptian most probably, and perhaps later with some wild cat blood infused. The Siamese is distinct as to color, texture of coat, tail, claws (not retractile), eyes, and general appearance. The

Siamese is the King of quality, a lesser degree is a variety of the others as the Abyssinian, etc.

The Russian blue is a shorthaired cat and But the longhaired cats now on the market are many of them a mixture of Angora, Persian, Chinese or Indian, with less pure Angora extant than any. Angora has been the name in America for long-haired cats as the Persian is mostly in Britain. With this difference, that most breeders here are not as clear in their minds at present what they want in an Angora, as the British are sure of what they want in a Persian.

Judging so far, in America, has been for coat and color, and not much attention has been paid to head, type or body formation. Years ago, there were Angoras imported that were very fine in coat but curly, and Mr. Harrison Weir says this type of coat deteriorated after leaving its native clime. Surely it is, we have but little trace of it left. The type at present



SWAMSCOTT.

A beautiful specimen belonging to Swamscott Kennel, 1849 Melrose St., Chicago, Ill., Mrs. Fred Everett Smith, owner. The proud possessor of this cat is also the owner of a Beresford Club special prize won last year at the Chicago show by Swamscott for having the longest hair of any cat in the show.

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favored by judges is the Persian, which practically reigns supreme in the show pen. We have cats constantly coming from the East, the Persian Gulf and India. Kashmere sends many good ones, and we hear of fine cats from Thibet, white, with blue eyes.

We have no evidence at present to show that Angoras are arriving, excepting a stray one now and again, while of the others there are a good many. We had an instance at the last Westminster show, in Lady Marcus Beresford's Nourmahal, an exquisite white, obtained in India by Lord William Beresford. Nourmahal has lovely blue eyes, a very round head, broad at the nose, the nose very short. She is a small cat, with very fine quality of coat, and short in body and legs. She is without question a true type and what we like to see shown as a Persian cat.

Many of the cats of commerce called Angoras, are a mixture of French breeding, some ordinary cat blood, some Russian and Persian, etc. Size is no criterion. Most of the pure Eastern cats are small, though a few brought over are of good size. Zada is of the opinion that in the early times, fancy cats were larger, but their origin more uncertain. The pure Angora is now so scarce as to be almost a myth to most of us. The best exponent of the Angora yet seen with us is Mr. Stevens's Ajax. Others I have seen all lean more to the Persian or Indian, or are half breeds. In the photographs of these latter, you can see why by the difference in heads, absence of fur on ears and head; and the coat has a very leaden touch and lacks quality and often length. So to young breeders I say, leave the difficult points alone, and do not worry about nice distinctions, which are only known to a few. We have all the classification we can carry in our classes, by dividing them

into color lines. At present breed for length and firmness of coat, pure color, short bodies, small ears, and round heads. A fine Angora or Persian is of either breed very fine in quality; there is no coarseness in the best of either breed. If people want to make an acute distinction between Angoras and Persians and have them judged as such, we shall want in the Angoras long, trailing coats, rather wooly, but fine and curly.

The Beresford Cat Club, Mrs. Clinton Locke, President, 2825 Indiana Ave., Chicago, is showing its

usual generosity and making itself well known among the cat owners by generous offers of special medals at the shows held in Boston, Philadelphia and Rochester. These medals are very handsome, made from a special die belonging to the club. We have noticed at the shows that the holders of these medals look with considerable disdain upon the poor unfortunate mortals who are not so fortunate. Of course the desire to have a cat good enough to win a medal is a great incentive to cat owners to improve their stock and put themselves in a position where they may be able to look down on others instead of being looked down upon.

More cats die from overeating than starve to death.

Be cautious in feeding fish, especially canned salmon.

The breeding of fine cats is one of the most fascinating of industries for ladies.

If Puss is shedding her plumage, brush often to remove the dead hair. By so doing you may prevent serious trouble by your pet becoming clogged internally with hair.



MRS. CLINTON LOCKE.

President of the Beresford Cat Club. One of the first in the country to import and breed longhaired cats. She is an indefatigable worker, an earnest advocate of purity of stock and the owner of some very beautiful and noteworthy cats. She owned the only Siamese cat shown at the Chicago show last winter. She has probably imported more cats than any other person in America.

THE COMING BERESFORD CAT SHOW.

BY LOCKHAVEN.

The catalogues of the 2d annual show of this most flourishing club are just out, showing great care in the classifications. The prizes are numerous and generous from both the National Fanciers Association and the club itself. The money prizes: Single classes in regular classes, 12 entries in class; first, \$5; second, \$3; third, \$1.50; fourth, \$1; fifth, 50 cents.

Eight entries in class; first, \$3; second, \$2; third, \$1; fourth, 50 cents.

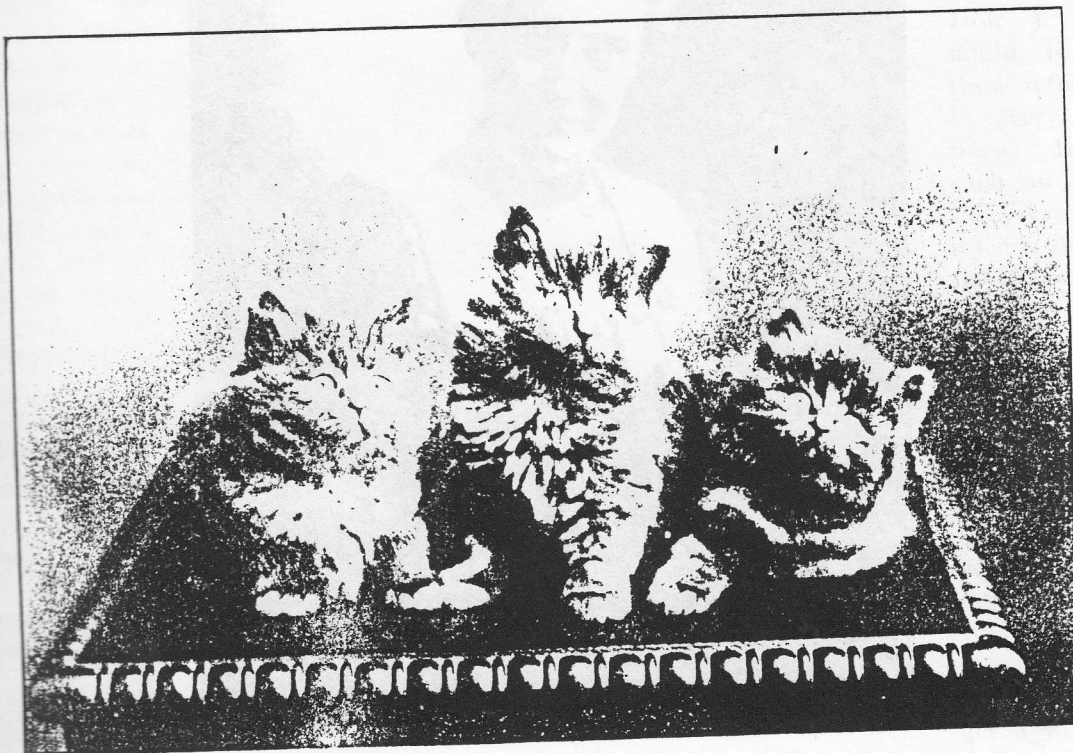
Four entries in class; first, \$2; second, \$1; third, 50 cents.

Two entries in class; first, \$1; second, 50 cents.

One entry in class; first, 50 cents.

Special money prizes—There are 14 prizes of \$5

shipping the cats home will all be repeated, as the same committee and attendants will act this year. Express companies have promised special care on the journey and quick delivery both ways. Too much care cannot be taken in shipping cats. We urge better boxes and crates to be used than most of those from afar sent last year. A common box opened on the top is not a good form of crate. A little door can be made with a hinge and secure fastening on top, but the box should be high and large enough for the cat to stand, sit or lie down, and have a slat opening at one end of the front side of the box so that the cat can move to that end and look out and realize what is going on, and see a kind face and get the true meaning of the familiar or unfamiliar sounds. It wants very little light and air and a warm dark corner in which to retire and rest. It is well to



GLADYS.

LOCKHAVEN LASSIE.

HILDEGARDE.

THREE BLUE KITTENS.

Bred by Mrs. Clinton Locke, President of the Beresford Cat Club, 2825 Indiana Ave., Chicago, Ill., (Lockhaven Cattery). These kittens are from Lupin and Melrose Lassie, "Lupin," son of Romald Kirk, "Midshipmite" and "Daisy Belle," grandson of "Turkish Delight" and "Jael." The parents must have been fine cats to produce such stock.

in gold, and 14 prizes of \$2.50 in gold for cats and kittens in both long and short hair. Four of the prizes are especially for the Beresford club cats; four for those not in the Beresford. The remaining twenty are for open classes.

The club itself will have medals, cups, other articles of silver, pictures, a cat crate and sundry other articles. Great encouragement is felt over the prospect of a fine display of cats. Last year's successful exhibit has given the cat owners a feeling of confidence and encouragement. The good care, judicious feeding and devoted attention of

place saw dust first in the bottom of the box and cover this thickly with a bed of clean straw or hay and a drinking or feeding pan or cup should be hung inside so that water or food can be given to the cat. The matter of getting the cat to the express is all important.

Any careful owner will not trust his pets to a long, cold ride in the regular express company's wagon, but take it to the express company's agent at the train just a little while (say an hour or so) before the train starts, thereby avoiding unnecessary exposure. It is really cruel, and past all understanding, how some owners ship their cats. It is a mistake to think

cats are injured by going without food for a day and night. Water they ought to have, but an occasional fasting hurts neither man nor beast. Cold is not harmful, but drafts and getting chilled to the marrow bone is highly injurious to cat as well as to owner.

It is a great pity that the men and women who own fine cats keep them in such seclusion, thereby making them peculiar and utterly unadaptable. Encouraging them to be fastidious about their eating is a bad plan; cats and kittens can be trained like children and grown people to get on with things and strange surroundings and voices, so that no fright can occur. Like ourselves, some may be more timid or friendly than others, but long experience has taught the writer that training and good sense can guide animals as well as human beings. As soon as a pet shows peculiarities, like extreme nervousness or a cross nature, special care and discipline with great gentleness and coaxing given day by day and accustoming the animal to new faces and voices, will make it more agreeable to live with and win a whole family circle and render it fit for exhibition at home and abroad.

I certainly have great faith in your making *THE CAT JOURNAL* a success. I hope that you will be repaid for your labor, and that it may not only prove a great benefit to cat lovers, but that it may pay you in dollars and cents so handsomely that you would not give it up if you could. *From Mrs. Isiah Crafty, Oak Park, Ill.*

I wish you all possible success in the new paper which we have needed so long. *From Mrs. W. E. Callurn, Chicago.*

FROM MRS. LELAND NORTON, CHICAGO.

[Mrs. Norton is the owner of the Drexel Kennels and the Chicago Cat Refuge.—ED.]

I know all the cat lovers and cat fanciers will hail with keen delight the coming of this budget of cat news called *THE CAT JOURNAL*.

The publisher proposes to make this journal a medium of exchange of ideas and information to all cat loving people and of a very instructive nature. We would like to say a few words about the Chicago Cat Refuge for homeless cats, opened to receive stray

waifs on Sept. 1st, 1900, at 4630 Grand Boulevard, by the writer. The refuge, up to date, (Nov. 25th), has sheltered 68 stray and homeless cats. Some have been placed in comfortable homes, the rest put painlessly to sleep by the use of chloroform. How I wish there might be many of these refuges opened in every city and town. It would be such an easy matter for every one interested in the rescue of these poor, defenseless creatures to have a convenient bottle of chloroform and a large tin pail with an air-tight cover with a hole in the top into which a funnel may be placed and the drug poured onto a roll of cotton or cloth. When all is ready, place poor suffering puss in the pail. Pet her a little and she will soon be satisfied to remain. Place a paper over the top and put down the cover. Pour in two or three ounces of chloroform.



MRS. LELAND NORTON.

President of Chicago Cat Club and proprietor of Drexel Kennels and Chicago Cat Refuge for the care of homeless cats. Mrs. Norton is one of the best known breeders in America. The late Miss Frances Willard's long haired cat, Toots Willard, is in her possession. Mrs. Norton is owner of the famous cat "Royal." The sample shown in this *JOURNAL* is the sort of stock she raises.

Withdraw the funnel and cover the hole with a cork. Cover all with a rug, put on top a heavy weight and all will soon be over. There is not one instant of suffering as puss is asleep at once all its pain and troubles are at an end.

If every one who reads this appeal in behalf of the poor, suffering and homeless cats and dogs, would

do a little work towards lessening the number of strays, they would soon reduce the number of tramp cats and a cat would be a creature eagerly sought after, jealously guarded and kindly treated by all who were fortunate enough to own one. There would be no dear little kittens thrown out in a back alley or dropped in yards for dogs to catch, or children cruelly disposed to abuse.

THEY WANT TO KNOW.

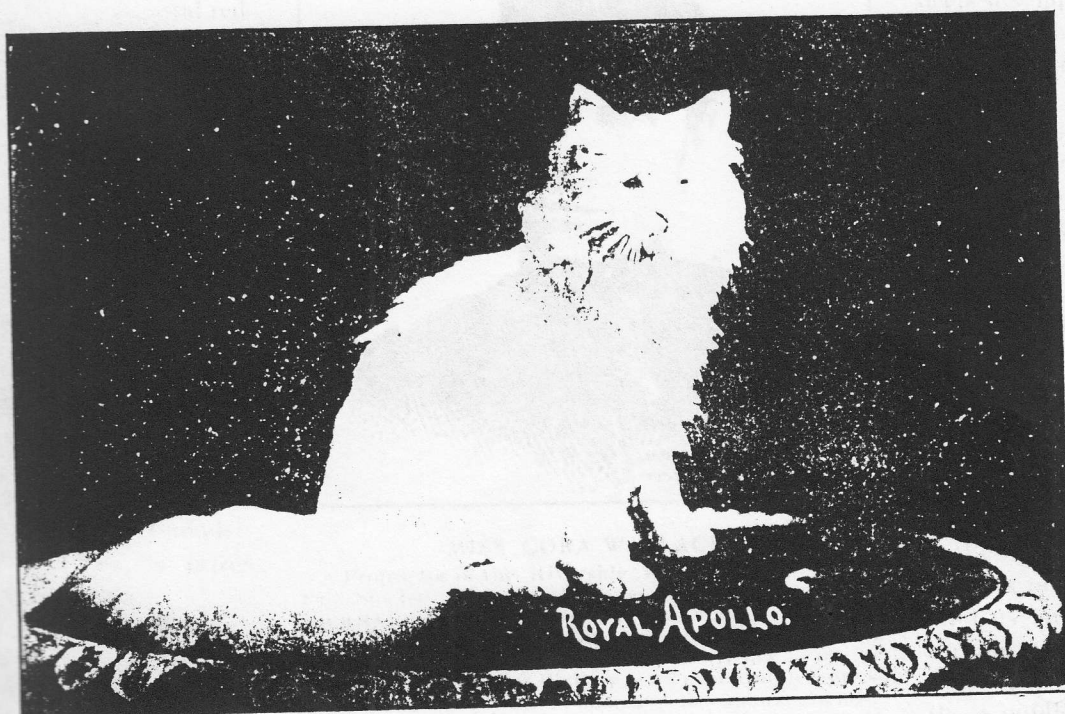
BY C. H. JONES.

Cat owners, as a class, are living interrogation points. They all want to know things and they want to know them in a hurry. They are impatient to become experts and fountains of information immediately upon becoming the possessor of a cat. Especially is this true if it is a long-haired cat, and more es-

pecially if they wish to make a business of raising these beauties to sell to others. One of the objects of THE CAT JOURNAL—if I understand its editor rightly—is to make it not only a thing of beauty and a joy forever, but a box containing information from which all may draw.

that keep us guessing all the time. Conditions that seem to agree with one cat disagree with another. In fifty cats no two of them will be alike in disposition, manner of feeding or general temperament. They prove a constant and interesting study and to the cat lover a never-ending source of pleasure. It is a good plan for cat breeders to get together and compare notes, and for this purpose it is desirable to belong to some cat club. At their regular meetings, usually held monthly, matters pertaining to the kittens' welfare are discussed and much valuable information imparted. Those who have the privilege of such meetings must impart their information through THE JOURNAL to those of us who are not so fortunate as to be able to attend.

At the works of the Plymouth Refrigerator Co., Sheboygan, Wis., a cat lately jumped into the fly



What a beautiful table mat that tail would make if cut off next to the cat. As this cat and his mate lately sold for \$130, perhaps the present owner would not care to use the tail for this purpose. This cat was bred at Drexel Kennels, Chicago, by Mrs. Leland Norton, and is certainly a fine specimen of a White Male. We think the photographer deserves credit, as he has given us a fine picture for reproduction.

pecially if they wish to make a business of raising these beauties to sell to others.

I have found cat breeders willing to tell How, When and Where in answer to the many questions I have asked; and I believe, as a class, they are ready and willing to give any helpful information they possess. Do not be afraid of asking questions. Let each of ten people, who are old at the business, give a small bit of information out to this journal each month and see what a fund of valuable facts

wheel twelve feet in diameter and making 87 turns a minute. It was two and a half hours before the engine could be stopped, when the cat was still alive, although somewhat lame.

Wrong again:

"Women and cats," said the youthful boarder, "are alike."

"Wrong, young man," said the cheerful idiot. "A woman can't run up a telegraph pole and a cat can't run up a millinery bill."—Selected.

If kittie scratches herself often, carefully examine the spot. It may mean fleas and may mean skin eruption of some sort. Neither is difficult to treat if taken

Purrs And Scratches.

This department will be conducted by Miss Cora Wallace, of East Brady, Pa. Send any items to her of a personal character or items relating to cats, before the 15th of each month. By each one giving this department a little attention, it may be made very interesting.

"Let us respect the Cat."—Charles Dudley Warner.
When we cannot respect him, let us love him.

Mrs. Leland Norton has added several new importations to her kennels.

Judge Rackham is to manage and judge both the Boston and Philadelphia shows.

The premium list of the Boston Show is the neatest and finest we have ever seen.

Mrs. Fred Everett Smith reports the loss of two beautiful blue-eyed kittens by diphtheria.

Miss Dorothy Rountree's beautiful cat, Clytie, winner of several 1st prizes, has three fine kittens by Royal Norton.

Minerva, of Olympian kennels, has seven solid red kittens by Robin Hood Tortoise Shell male, of Drexel kennels.

Mrs. Florence Dyer, of South Weymouth, Mass., is the owner of a beautiful litter of kittens by Silver-ton, her glorious male cat.

Mrs. C. L. Wagner, of Sandusky, Ohio, has fourteen new kittens added to her already large stock of beautiful cats.

The Boston Show is to be conducted in about the same lines as the Philadelphia Show, only the prizes are not so generous.

Mrs. G. H. McMorry, Pasadena, California, reports the safe arrival of Miss Royal, a lovely blue-eyed white female kitten from Drexel kennels.

Mrs. E. Taylor, of Medford, Mass., we regret to state, has given up cat-culture for a time. Mrs. Taylor was one of the most successful and most experienced breeders of the day.

Mrs. Wagner, of Sandusky, Ohio, is an enthusiast where cats are concerned. At present she is greatly interested in the Cat Refuge in Chicago—heading the list with a liberal subscription for this asylum. She commiserated Sandusky herself, returning with a splendid showing for her day's work. All ill-treated animals share equally her pity and protection.

Mr. C. G. Knox, St. Paul, Minn., has purchased from Drexel kennels, Royal Apollo and Maudi, a superb pair of white Persians, paying \$130 for the pair.

Mrs. Leland Norton has sold eighteen of her finest pedigreed and imported cats, during the month of November, some of which have sold as high as \$150.

Exhibitors in shows where Farrar Rackham is to act as judge may be sure of fair and kindly treatment. He is, however, firm in his capacity as judge, dealing justly and impartially with all.

Lady Jene, Blue Eyes, has been bred to Baby Royal, Blue Eyes. Both of these beautiful blue-eyed Persians have sound hearing and are the pride of their mistress, Mrs. Norton, and among the show animals of Drexel kennels.

Miss Ella Ives, of Detroit, has met with a sad loss in the death of two of her finest stock cats. Distemper is reported to have been the cause. Miss Ives has the deepest sympathy of all cat lovers who have contended with this dreaded disease.

Miss Jennie VanAllen has added ten new kitten boarders to Yankee Doodle kennels. These lusty youngsters are the offspring of Royal No. 2. Miss VanAllen points with great pride to a little white chap, ten weeks old and about the size of a mouse, with hair dragging on the floor. She has named him "Pene Royal."

We beg those interested in Cats or Cat Culture, to send us bits of news concerning themselves, their cats or their kennels. It is these public "Purrs" and private "Scratches" that give individuality and interest to this department.

Then, too, we want to feel that this page is strictly neutral ground belonging to all of us, collectively and individually, representing unbiasedly North, South, East and West. If it is not all things to all Cat Lovers, it will be because they refuse to take the offered hand of royal good fellowship.

The Poultry and Pigeon Association of Michigan is to give a Cat Show in connection with its Pigeon and Poultry Show in January. We sincerely hope it will be well patronized, as it is the first of the kind held there.



MISS CORA WALLACE.

Proprietor of the Riverside Kennels of E. Brady, Pa. She has charge of "Purrs and Scratches" in this JOURNAL. She is untiring in her interest in the cat. If you want to make a friend at once, call or write and tell her how much you admire cats, especially her beautiful Male, "Colby." Miss Wallace is an exceedingly agreeable and affable young woman and has many friends. While she has one of the finest kennels in the country, if her strength was equal to her ambition and desires, the owners of other kennels would be obliged to "watch out."

How we have missed that bright little journal, "The Southern Fancier." I trust I am not alone in my feelings of sorrow and sympathy for the editor and owner. We who have had any dealings with him, always found him courteous and kindly, trying to please every one, sometimes not a very easy task, and really running our part of the paper at a loss. So if we did not get "our full money's worth" (Shylock's pound) in numbers, we certainly received full value in another way as it was the opening wedge, the first official organ we could call our own and its brief, kindly life made possible the present JOURNAL edited by Mr. Jones.

FROM CALIFORNIA.

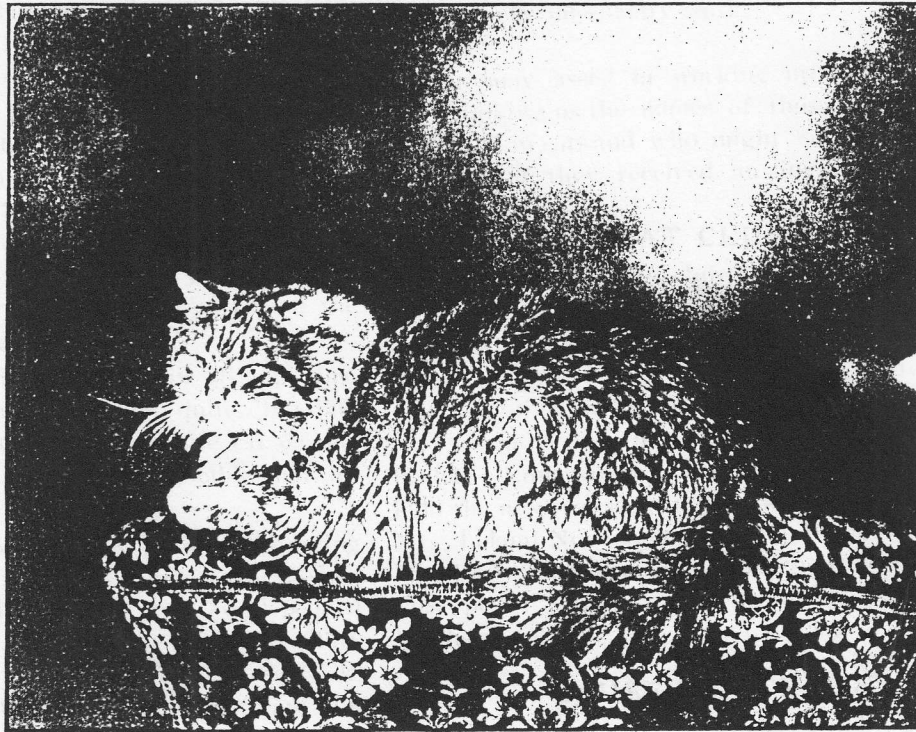
A couple of charming letters from California brought us pleasant reading and good news of the Pacific Cat Club. We hope for news from the California Cat Club in our next number.

Mrs. A. H. Bead is the owner of a fine white Angora. He is, for the first time, the proud father of a fine young son.

Mrs. McCabe owns a remarkably fine male tiger cat. His picture, which we were happy to receive, shows him to be most striking and unique in appearance.

Fluff, owned by Mrs. Allen Abbott, is a large white Angora, weighing twenty-five pounds. Fluff has not only the coveted blue eyes but perfect hearing as well.

The Pacific Club has some most enthusiastic and energetic members. They certainly have accomplished a wonderful amount of work in an inconceivably short time. The club was formed last July. Since then it has enrolled about one hundred members, opened a stud book and ordered stationery, commencing



BUNCH.

A magnificent Red Male owned by Mr. Fred W. Story, 112 Dearborn St., Chicago. Mr. Story is a well known lawyer in Chicago, but is an ardent admirer of a fine cat, and we are somewhat in doubt as to whether he derives more pleasure from winning a difficult case or becoming the owner of a cat like the one above. We are satisfied he was not in the best of condition when this picture was taken. When we saw him at the Chicago show his ruff was much longer. He is a strong, large cat.

Dark kittens are as much in demand in California as the lighter ones.

Mrs. Hoag has perhaps the largest cattery and greatest variety of Cats in Frisco.

Mrs. Martling, the energetic president of the Pacific Cat Club, has some very choice stock.

We understand Mrs. Beason, ex-president of the California Cat Club, is coming East before long.

The Pacific Cat Club is rather proud of the fact that its members own all the Siamese stock on the

almost immediately to give exhibitions of its fine stock, hoping and expecting by this last move to arouse public interest and raise sufficient money to assist it in its cherished object of establishing a hospital and place of refuge for sick, stray and homeless cats.

The second annual exhibition of the Beresford Cat Club will be held in the new coliseum building in Chicago, January 21-26, 1901, inclusive. The management is now busily engaged making the necessary

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HOW DO YOU DO?

THE CAT JOURNAL, in making its bow, does so with the belief that you are all glad it has called and that it will receive a very cordial welcome.

The demand for information relating to cats has caused most of the fanciers' journals to add a department devoted to this pet. This is as it should be, and should be encouraged by all interested in cats, but we believe the time has come when there is a demand and an open door for such a journal as we propose to publish.

In this publication, Pussy, instead of being a Talker, will be the whole thing. Other pet stock will have a place, but this pet will stand at the head.

The illustrations will be a special feature; and as it is impossible to show the beauties of a cat with a poor picture on cheap paper, THE JOURNAL will be printed on heavy, finely enameled book paper and the best half tone engravings will be used.

By showing in each number from six to ten illustrations, you will have nearly, if not quite, 100 pictures of prominent cats and enthusiastic cat owners during the year. This will make a valuable and interesting collection.

Special attention will be given to encouraging that class of breeders and dealers who are progressive, true to the best things and who may be depended upon to do business in a trustworthy manner. THE JOURNAL can live without patronage from those tricksters who sell inferior stock as the best, and any influence it may possess will be fearlessly used to prevent such being classed with decent and reputable dealers.

Its influence will be used to promote the cat breeding fancy. We do not deery any animal that exists under the name domestic cat, whatever classification or breed it may come under, but we believe each should be sold under its proper classification. We have seen some very handsome Maine Angoras. They make beautiful pets. It is all right to raise them and sell them, but under their proper name.

THE JOURNAL will have your support, no doubt of that. It will be of such a character that no cat

owner will be satisfied to deprive himself of its visits. Its columns are open to you in matters which will prove of general interest. Write for THE JOURNAL, ask questions, answer queries, identify yourself with it. All can help to make it valuable, increase its subscription list and enlarge its field of usefulness.

Short articles solicited and acceptable.

Do you need money or buyers? Advertise in the columns of THE JOURNAL and get both.

You don't get a dollar for a dollar when you subscribe for THE CAT JOURNAL, but many dollars' worth of valuable information.

A poorly printed catalogue generally meets its death in the waste paper basket, while one that is made up artistically will live forever. Let us print you some.

Each of our subscribers probably has friends who would be glad to take our JOURNAL if their attention was called to its value. This is an opportunity for you to do missionary work.

You may assist in working up our subscription list by giving us the names of those you know are interested in cats and who might subscribe for THE JOURNAL if they received an invitation to do so.

CHICAGO CAT CLUB MEETING.

The meeting of the club was held at the home of Mrs. A. E. Ebert. A very full attendance was in evidence. Mrs. Theodore Thomas read a charming paper on "Anti Cruelty" and several addresses were made by different members of the club in regard to the care and treatment of cats both in sickness and health. Luncheon was served. It was decided to hold the next meeting at the home of the President, Mrs. Leland Norton, 1630 Grand Boulevard, on Jan. 5th, 1901, when the annual election of officers will take place. There will be music, addresses and luncheon.

CAUSES OF DEATH.

We have arranged with Dr. L. B. Darling, of Palmyra, N. Y., to dissect and give a full written report as to the causes of death of any cats sent him for this purpose. Express to him immediately after death, charges fully paid, enclosing a fee of \$2. This will be private business and will not be mentioned in THE JOURNAL excepting in some special cases and then it will be mentioned by number only. Dr. Darling is the owner of a beautiful Angora and both he and his wife are cat lovers. He has made a study of cat anatomy and diseases. By ascertaining the cause of death of one cat you may save the lives of many others.

ILLUSTRATIONS.

Let us make you an engraving of your cat. We prefer that the pictures sent for reproduction be cabinet size or larger, as we want this department of our business, like all the rest of it, to be first-class. If you have any good photographs of cats send them to us. If we do not publish them they will be returned. To prevent mistakes, write all the information you can regarding the picture on the back.

OUR ADVERTISERS.

We will not knowingly insert the advertisement of any dealer who is not perfectly reliable. We believe that any of those who advertise in our columns may be trusted to give honest information regarding cats you may wish to buy. We wish in this connection to say to those buying kittens not to expect impossible things. Breeders of cats do not control life and death. If you buy a kitten and for any reason it does not live do not at once accuse the dealer of dishonesty. He will feel much worse about it than you do. He has a reputation to sustain while you simply lose your money. Write to him about it and you will find that in most cases you will receive fair treatment. If a dealer sends you a kitten with skin trouble or that is in any way out of condition, that is dishonesty in its worst form, as it is taking advantage of an innocent and helpless purchaser.

GREETINGS FROM ABROAD.

"Our Cats," England, says: "THE CAT JOURNAL a new paper, is announced to appear in the U. S. A. in January, 1901. An expensive enameled paper is to be used, so as to do justice to the many engravings of cats and kittens with which it is proposed to illustrate the journal. The subscription in America is 4s. 2d. per year. 'We propose,' say the publishers, grandiloquently, to make this the finest publication of its kind in the world!' Bravo, Uncle Sam! if you make up your mind you certainly will."

Our mind is made up, and we are going to make a "screaming," "howling" success of THE JOURNAL or know the reason why. Just give us your help and we'll show our English friends of what sort of stuff we American cat lovers are made.

AMERICAN CAT NEWS.

Volume I, No. 1, has been received of this beautiful magazine. It is published by the American Cat News, Cable Building, Chicago, at \$1.00 per year. Magazine in form, 16 pages, and cover, handsomely printed on enameled book paper with a heavy colored cover. The general style and subject matter will all be appreciated by cat lovers. The very artistic cover design is, we understand, original with the editor of the magazine.

Subscribe for THE CAT JOURNAL.

THE FIRST TEN.

The following are the names of the first ten who sent subscriptions for THE CAT JOURNAL. The subscriptions were received in the order in which the names are printed:

1. Mr. Judson B. Todd.
2. Mr. Fred A. Story.
3. Mrs. Mary B. Thurston.
4. Mrs. S. S. Leach.
5. Mrs. Mertice Colburn.
6. Master David Maitland.
7. Mrs. Clinton Locke.
8. Mrs. F. E. Smith.
9. Mrs. T. E. Glasgow.
10. Rev. Joseph E. Hartley.

FOREIGN NEWS.

BY LOCKHAVEN.

We are appalled at the mortality which follows the cat shows in England, but not surprised, as no animal could endure the fatigue and excitement which so many exhibits, given closely together, entail. The wonder to us is, too, how the interest is kept up in such a multitude of cat shows with the same cats shown so often in one season, winning over and over again the class and special awards. We know of five shows in November, seventeen in December, three in January and two in February. True some of them are very small exhibits but they are cat shows all the same. We hear the Brighton show was very ordinary. We are waiting for news of the Manchester show. The Silver Society is doing a tremendous amount of work and working up a phenomenal interest in the Silvers, Shaded Silvers, Chinchillas and Smokes. There are now 120 members, all alive toward the improvement and strengthening of that beautiful type.

The coming Cat Show in Rochester is exciting considerable comment. It is a new thing. People first smiled, then became interested and most of them are very enthusiastic over the coming event. The ladies having the matter in charge are sparing no trouble or expense in preparing their advertising matter, and all indications are that it will prove a very successful entertainment. They are promised some of the finest cats in the country for this exhibition and there is no reason why it should not be all they expect. The cash prizes are liberal and the specials numerous, so that it would seem that all exhibitors might be pleased with the offerings. The Beresford Cat Club offer Medals as an inducement for members of the club to show their cats. We prophesy that this is not the last Cat Show that the people of Rochester will have the pleasure of visiting. It is to be held in Fitzhugh hall, one of the best places in the country for the purpose. The profits of the enterprise will be used for some charitable purpose. Let all come to the Rochester Cat Show and bring their neighbors. You will be amply repaid for the visit.

THE RIGHT KIND OF TALK.

The following letter written by Mrs. C. L. Wagner, of Sandusky, Ohio, to a friend, in many ways so nearly expresses the feelings of the editor that we have published it. We trust Mrs. Wagner will forgive us for this liberty.

MY DEAR MISS ——— :

I suppose you begin to think that I do not intend to answer your very kind letter, but it does seem as if I could never get ahead of my mail. Is it not surprising how this cat fad has grown in the last year? I have been raising these beautiful creatures for ten years and have never known such a craze as at present and of course to me it seems lovely, and one cannot gain my good will more readily than to say "I love cats." It seems to be an open sesame to my heart. I have all my life been called a cynic, but lately I am finding so many congenial spirits that I am beginning to believe there are some good people in the world after all. I may be egotistical in saying "good people" as judged from my standpoint. I am like the juror who said after all the others had agreed and he alone had held out that he had never seen eleven such contrary men in his life. I assure you my dear it is no stigma to be a lover of cats. Surely the love of cats or other poor helpless animals cannot be other than laudatory in any one. I am not a Christian in the general acceptance of the term but I am vain-glorious enough to feel I am much better than those who arm themselves with prayer books and attend church every Sunday and every other day when it is open, then come home from their devotions and kick the cat or dog out of doors if it whines to be fed or kept comfortable in cold weather. I tell you just what I should do to those people if I could: I would put them out of doors for twenty-four hours without a morsel to eat, or a shelter for their heads and have some one to kick them as they did the cat or dog. These same devout people will beat a starved animal if it presumes to steal a bite to eat, and let the poor dumb things sit and look down the throats of these Lord's chosen, as they gorge themselves on Sunday or Thanksgiving turkey. Poor turkey, I hope he has been humanely killed. I say like my dear friend, Miss S.: "If one must go hungry, the cat or myself, it would be myself."

I began a letter not a sermon. I never know when to stop when I get into the subject of cruelty to animals. I wish I had it in my power to ameliorate their sufferings; but there is no use to preach to, or try to convince the kind of folks, of whom I have been speaking, as they are too busy about the salvation of their own small souls, and the gorging of their own rapacious stomachs to think of the needs or comforts of the so-called household pets, pets only in name. I have had inquiries about Angora cats as to whether they were good mousers as they wanted one for the barn to catch rats and mice and "we never feed a cat as it keeps them from catching pests;" how absurd, not to say cruel. Now right here, those people could not offer me enough to induce me to let them have a cat. I have no idea they would pay much, for such as they are too stingy to give a dog a bone after all the meat has been boiled off from it. I have seen and heard so much of this, as every one can who is a lover of animals and an observer of human nature, that it is no wonder I am not much prepossessed in favor of my fellow man. Those

very ones call me a crank; so be it, if I am a crank on the subject of humane treatment to those in our power, I glory in the name.

I have been reading a leaflet which depicts some of the cruelties practiced by teachers in schools upon dumb animals for the pupils to witness under the name of "science." I would much rather my children would remain ignorant than see such spectacles of cruelty, of which a heathen might be ashamed. I am willing to spend time and money in co-operative work to suppress these awful things and punish the perpetrators of such cold-blooded cruelty. I cannot believe that men or women who would lend themselves to such doings can have any refined instincts and in my opinion, which I believe is the opinion of others, they are fiends thirsting for the sight of blood and suffering, and would have been fit disciples of the inquisition. I cry, "What can we do to save these poor creatures from torture?" Can we not form a club or clubs; and apply to the highest authorities to punish these offenses against all human laws? If I only knew how to induce people to sign their names to such an undertaking. But for business, political, or social reasons, every one seems to be handicapped, and will stand calmly by and witness daily those atrocities against the poor defenseless beings who should have as much right to live as we. I for one will act regardless of all obstacles, if only a few will join me; for as all know one voice would have little weight. Just think how we would feel if some great giant should swoop down upon us whilst we were enjoying God's free air and, holding us up by main strength, take us to the torture room, all the time our hearts nearly bursting with fear.

Oh! I can write or think no more of such atrocities, it makes me ill. If I could, I would go out, gather them in, and save them from these fiends in human form; but I cannot and there it is. I must tell one more little story which was told at a dinner party where I was present several years ago. This edifying lady said that her neighbor's cow had constantly annoyed her and she had remonstrated with said neighbor without receiving much satisfaction, so one day the offending cow announced herself as usual, when our friend deliberately threw a vessel of boiling water over the animals head and face. She thought it quite a good practical joke and laughed at the cow's antics. Well, I was one of several who did not laugh at this rare and spicy story, and ever after that I would walk blocks out of my way to avoid speaking to this lady, whom I forgot to say stood very high in church circles, and was always prominent when church work was going on. Charity begins at home, and before we send missionaries abroad to teach good morals to the heathen, could we not do some good work among our own heathen by instilling a little humanity into them towards animals, which are absolutely at our mercy, both in schools and households, instead of teaching children savagery, by cutting up and torturing these poor creatures in their presence in schools.

And now, my dear, it being night and stationery having run out, I hope you will forgive the length of my letter for the sake of the subject and that you will not get tired reading it. I sincerely trust there will be no let up on this subject. I would very much like to have the pictures of your little darlings. I have quite a collection of cat pictures which I treasure very highly.

MIRA K. WAGNER.

Miss Louise Payne, of Los Angeles, has purchased Black Mascott, C. C. C. S. B. No. 12, from Drexel kennels.

ROCHESTER CAT SHOW.

Will be held Jan. 8, 9 and 10, under the auspices of the Wellesly Club; the proceeds of the show will be given to a charitable object. It is expected that Rochester will make a sort of one-half way meeting ground, between East and West, so that those unable to go all the way to Boston, or Eastern cats not able to go to Chicago, can meet and compete with Western cats at Rochester. At a very early date, entry blanks and premium lists were asked for, and the interest in the fancy meet is growing, for the show was hardly talked of before promises of entries were given. There will be fifty-three classes catering to all breeds and colors, and an endeavor has been made to give fair play to all. The prizes are \$1 first prize, \$2 second prize, which, with only \$1 entry fee, 225 specials divided among the cats, make a liberal list.

Miss Louise Wetmore, 108 Fitzhugh street, Rochester, N. Y., is secretary and Mr. E. N. Barker, 39 Washington Avenue, Albany, N. Y., will judge all classes. No pains will be spared to make all welcome and the show is under the patronage of the best society of Rochester, where are many old families of repute and new ones of good repute. We hope this show will be an incentive to many more towns with pluck and enterprise, to enter the lists and give us a show. Cat shows are not so very expensive to cater for; not by any means so much so as dogs or poultry and should always be a drawing card.

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REGISTER YOUR ANGORAS.

BY D. L. PARISH.

I believe it would be of great benefit to the breeding of Angoras and Persians if the ladies of the Chicago Cat Club and the Beresford Cat Club would do away with their stud books entirely and have a new stud book started calling it the American Stud Book. They can register such cats as are already registered in both of these books in the new one, which would give it a good start. This same thing had to be done with the registry of dogs. A dog, to be properly

identified by his breeding, markings and class must be registered in the American Kennel Stud Book.

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Everything that pertains to this book of registry would be done in perfect form, and under his guidance I am perfectly sure that no cat would be registered in that book which was not entitled to be. I sincerely hope that the ladies of these clubs will take this matter up. I am sure there is nothing standing in the way of its success.

Do not be so cruel as to deprive a cat of water. Fresh and plenty of it.

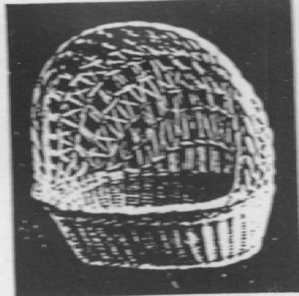


MR. E. N. BARKER.

After considerable solicitation Mr. Barker was induced to let us have a picture for reproduction. We knew our readers would be pleased to make his acquaintance. He is probably one of the best posted men on cats in this country. After long experience here in promoting and managing shows and judging cats he went to England and has within the past year returned to this country. He is a linguist of no mean ability. Besides a lot of dead languages, he understands—what is much more interesting to the readers of this JOURNAL—"cat language." He will manage and judge at both the Chicago and Rochester shows, where many of the readers of this paper will have the pleasure of meeting him. He imported with many other noted cats King Humbert, Champion Crystal, who is a son of King Humbert, was bred at Sparrow Roost Cattery at Newburg, N. Y., where Mr. Barker formerly resided.

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BY C. H. JONES.

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