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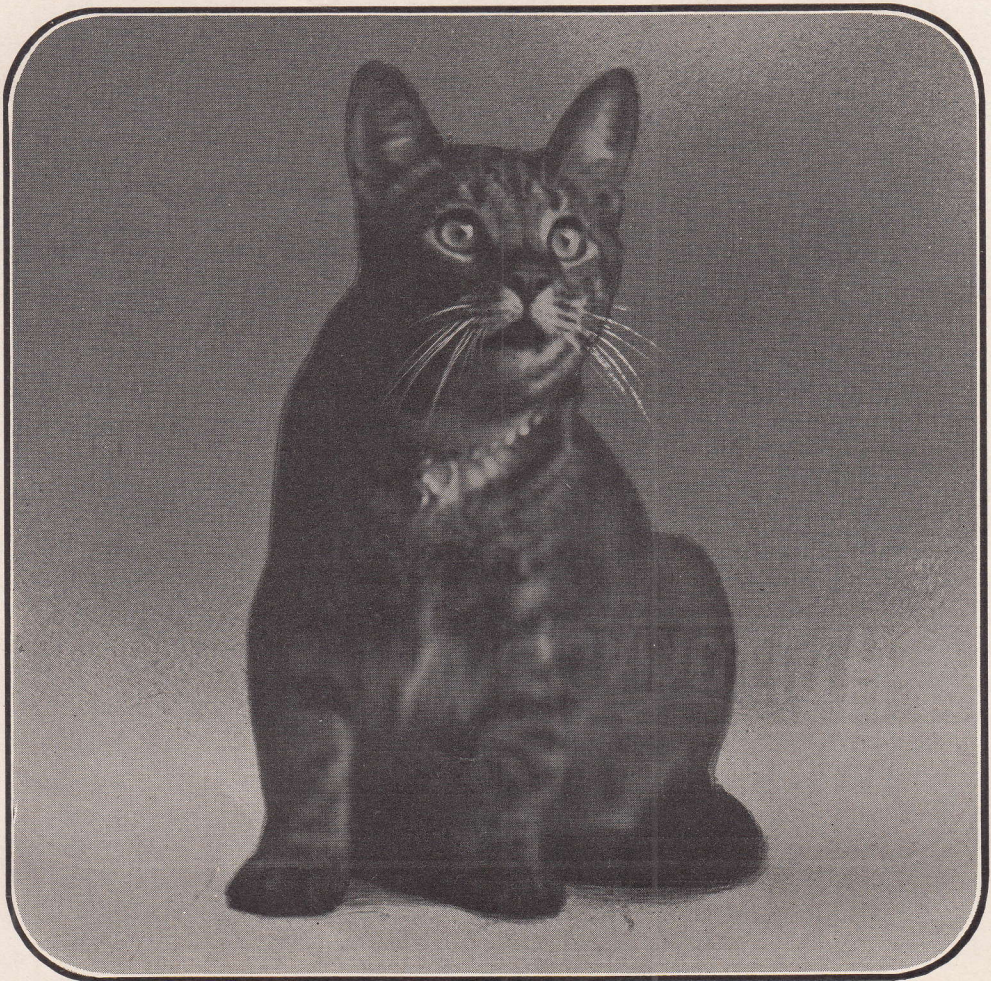
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THE REARING OF KITTENS

BY LEONORA BAILEY

To begin at the very beginning, when kitens are born, one can form some opinion as to what their future appearance will be and can judge how far it will be nice or otherwise to try to rear the whole litter. I have never seen it advised, or mentioned in any way, but I think it is quite worthy of consideration, that two queens should have litters at the same time. I know it is often impossible, as it is, not like sitting eggs which are punctual things and can moreover be set at any time convenient but where possible, it is a good plan to keep two queens who are to have their litters at the same time more or less together. When the kittens are born, they can be divided between the two mothers more easily. Discard all that have "a few white hairs," if self-coloured, and any defects of markings in tabbies; also any defects, such as large ears, long noses, etc;—All such can be given to one mother, and the best ones to the other.

The object of this is, to make at the earliest possible moment, a selection of the fittest, for exhibition, and more important still, for breeding.

It is quite well-known, that it is in the earliest days of a young life that its future begins. It was said of poor Ir-

ving that he never recovered the lost ground of the trials of his childhood. He rose to a great place in the world, but it was not bone, fat or muscle that helped him!

In the animal world nothing else really counts so it is reasonable to begin and lay in a stock of bone, muscle and fat as soon as possible. It is almost as expensive as sending a boy to Eton on his tenth birthday, which I believe is the correct English custom (no matter whether he is fit for school-life at that tender age or not!) But if a Cat is to "get on" in the show-pen, or the Cattery, she must be fed for that. And this is why I suggest that a distinction should be made at as early a stage as possible, to avoid a really unnecessary expense, which is important for some of us and, further, to avoid the cultivation of an expensive appetite, which is important for the cat destined for the domestic hearth.

If the selection is left till later, then one of two things must happen—either the fireside pet will have learned to care most immoderately for raw beef or the exhibition damsel will not have developed as she ought. The whole thing is a matter of feeding not after six months, but up till then. Even if it can

well be afforded, it is not kind to the cat to bring it up exclusively on an Exhibition diet if it is afterwards to live as a pet, with cold saucers of milk and "scraps." A cat can be very very happy, contented and healthy, on such feeding, and a good mouser too but it would not do well at a big show! So that it seems to me to be worth considering whether it is not best to begin at the very beginning and decide what your kittens can do in the future, and—feed accordingly.

Kittens for Exhibition should be introduced to a saucer of new milk, warmed, no water added, at three weeks old. They won't do much more than dab their noses in it at first, but in a day or two, they will lap quite a nice little quantity. At the end of a month, they should have been getting this aid to development, three times a day. The fourth week a tiny morsel of scraped raw meat—nothing that needs chewing, as they have no teeth for that—once a day. After three days, twice a day, with quantities of both, and at five weeks, give Horlick, or Lactol. A little cod-liver-oil-and-malt biscuit crushed to powder, and worked into the meat is very good, or a few drops of cod liver oil in the morning's milk.

At six week's scraps of fish may be given once or twice a week, and the meals, should by that time be two meat meals, and three milky ones. You can't get pound-for-mouth-of-age unless you feed well. It means that a kitten weighs about five or six ounces to make up in four weeks—after that, obviously, it is even more—16 ounces in the four weeks.

At three months, a show kitten should be getting six ounces of raw meat a day (3 ounces at each meal, widday, and last thing at night, say about 6 o'clock) one meal of porridge and milk, 8 a. m. one meal of milk alone at about 4:30.

Fish heads may be given raw, as a disperser of worms! Some people think

raw fish gives worms; but my opinion is that it merely displaces them; and a kitten with weak eyes is often suffering from worms, and a diet of fish for three days, will relieve it of those pests. Herrings for preference. Three raw heads the day if they are cooked, and the odds and ends from the plates afterwards—for three whole days. Try it!—*Our Cats*.



Wrecks and Cats and Dogs

There is an odd provision in the English law on wrecks. It used to be that all wrecks, like pretty near everything else, belonged to the King. Sometimes, if a vessel were only partly wrecked and it could be raised, an owner was averse to surrendering it, but it was generally seized for the King in accordance with the law until the question came up as to just what was a wreck. It was generally admitted that when all hands were lost that was a wreck, but as they wanted to get as narrow a definition as they could they got parliament to establish a law that in future nothing shall be considered a wreck out of which a cat or a dog escapes alive, and from that time until the present day no vessel coasts about England without carrying a cat or dog.—*Selected*.



Just the sort of article you like to read—something to tell about your cats. Where? In next issue of the Cat Journal.



What I Heard Them Say

BY ETHELYN DYER

The dog and cat were sitting on the hearth-rug by the fire,
And the pet canary's cage was hanging near,
And while I sat so quietly, they thought I was asleep,
They said these things so loudly I could hear.
Said the cat "'Tis really shocking, how I am mauled around
By the best brought-up children in this town!
The little folks who live here, have no feeling for their pets—
Now, would you like to be carried, upside down?"

"Your woes, my dearest Madam," the dog politely said,

"Are very sad, I answer, so are mine. *
My little master loves me,—at least he says he does—

And then forgets to feed me, half the time.

I run until I'm breathless, I try hard to do my best,

(He always scolds and whips me, when I fail)

But tell me, dearest Madam, pray how would it suit you

To be sic'd, and then held backward by the tail?"

The canary, all this time, had sat with drooping head,

"My friends," she said, "My trouble is not nice,

It is almost a shame to mention, in polite society,

But you never in your lives, were plagued with lice!

They never let me have some dust, or I could kill the pests,

They let me get as dirty as can be,

All my seed is gone, this long time, but some I do not like,

And my water-cup's a dreadful sight to see."

Just then, I sneezed, or coughed,—at least, they knew I was awake—

And you'd not believe they'd ever said a word!

But I pass along this story, which is true, you must admit,

Of their troubles and vexations, which I heard.

Now, little boys and girlyes, there are pets within your home—

A birdie, or a doggie, or a cat—

Please remember what I've told you, of what I heard them say,

When the cat, and dog, and birdie, had a chat.—Our Dumb Animals.



A Letter From an Old Subscriber

Dear Mr. Jones:

I am sending you a few clippings that perhaps may be of use to the readers of THE CAT JOURNAL. Daffodil (I think you remember our beautiful orange Persian), is in splendid condition. He has some feline friends, wild stable cats in the neighborhood, that I have been looking after for some time. I started in with nine in the early fall, but the kittens have all succumbed but one, and as they were a brood of sore-eyed cats, perhaps I do not feel so badly. I find

when I have not fresh milk at hand that they all, grown ups as well, love warm malted milk. There were six kittens, and to-day I am sheltering a half-grown cat that came into the house, this one as tame and playful as the others are wild. One of the stable cats, a grown up, will come into the house and play with Daffodil, but will not let me touch him or near him. When I prepare the meat in the morning, I take all little bits of fat, and put in a row on the verandah railing for the birdies, and Daffodil, behind glass windows, watches and watches until every bird is gone.

I have a little friend, Margaret Bartlett, who has a half mother of Daffodil, his name is Padishah, also an orange Persian, who has hair on top of his tail nine (9) inches long. It seems incredible, but it is so for we measured the length.

We enjoy the JOURNALS very much, and many of them I mail to out of town friends, or some one in town interested.

With all good wishes for your success,

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Matilda M. Sloan.



The Sacred Cats

How They Enabled the Persians to Capture a City

Cats have been petted in the household for something like five thousand years. Their pictures date back to the time of Egypt in its glory. Along the banks of the Nile, quite three thousand years before the Christian era, we have evidence, the cat was far more honoured than are its successors of our own day; indeed, the Egyptians, who made gods of many living animals, appeared to have worshipped the feline race most of all.

They built massive temples in the cat's honor, and adorned the animal during her lifetime lavishly with costly jewels. When one died, all the members of the household were expected to shave off

their eyebrows, in token of mourning, says *Household Pets*.

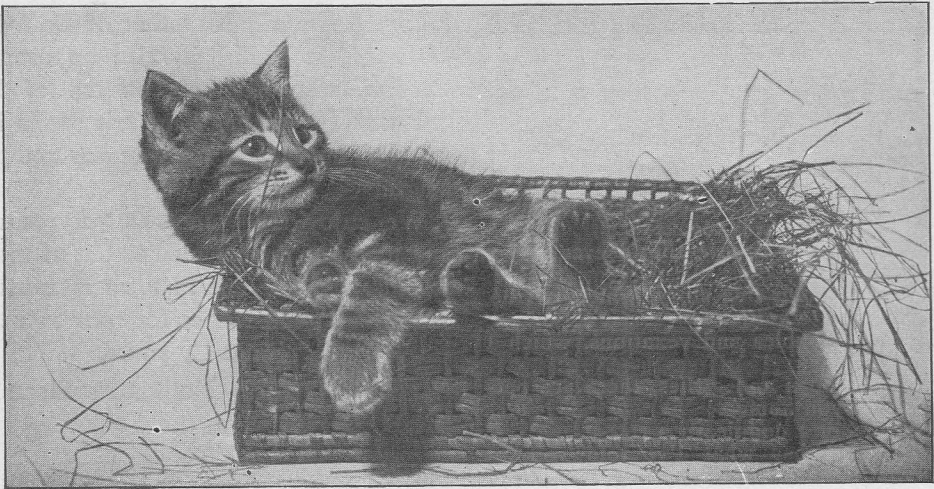
Many mummied cats have been discovered in the course of Egyptian archaeological excavations, and in the British Museum you may find a remarkably well-preserved monument of Pasht, the Cat Goddess of Bubastes,, who is represented as a woman with a cat's head. Tribute was paid to the cat custodian of her temple by all people who wished to propitiate her, the money going to provide food for the sacred animals kept there.

Mural painting from the ancient

like bird, which she has evidently retrieved on its falling into the water.

When Cambyes, the Persian king, invaded Egypt, he traded on the profound native respect for the cat in a very subtle way, enabling him to enter a strong city by strategy. At the head of his army he placed a line of soldiers, each carrying in his arms a large cat. Sooner than run the risk of wounding any of these animals the Egyptians laid down their arms, and the Persians marched into the beleaguered city.

In mediæval days the cat in many lands



VERY COMFORTABLE, THANK YOU

Egypt, also in our national collection, proves that cats were not only revered in the time of the Pharaohs, as alluded to, but treated as household pets as well. The age-old wall-picture represents a hunting party of men and women boating up a river, presumably the Nile. The chief huntsman is shown standing up, brandishing in his hand a stick.

With this he has evidently been knocking on the head various waterfowl; whilst amidst tall reeds, a cat is seen seated. The cat,, quite the counterpart of the tabby of to-day, holds in her mouth a heron-

went out of favor as a household pet, and, for some inexplicable reason, became associated with witches and sorcerers; but poor puss has long since lived down her temporary and quite undeserved unpopularity.

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Beastly

We are constantly using the word beastly in connection with all sorts of evil conduct, but how utterly inappropriate and slanderous it is we can appreciate from a few examples. The man who gets drunk and flounders in the gut-

ter is called a "beast." Now who ever heard of an animal, from an ameba to monkey, poisoning himself purposely, wallowing in the mire, and saying and doing things generally for which he is afterward ashamed? Only man, through his social helpfulness, has been able to get ahead of nature, as it were, and commit such breaches of her laws. Neither have the lower animals ever stooped to intemperance in the matter of eating. They eat to fulfil nature's purposes—to supply the needs of the body. They do not eat for the mere pleasure of eating. What animal ever thought of poking his paw down his throat in order to bring about the ejection of his stomach contents, that he might, like the noble Roman, proceed to fill himself again? He has not learned enough for that sort of thing—in other words, he has not become so manly or man-like.

What animal—whether of sea, land, or air—was ever caught in the so-called "beastly" act of chewing tobacco, and the beastlier habit of evacuating the micro-bolic contents of his buccal cavity upon the paths his fellows follow? Even the domestic animals which have fallen low enough from nature's stern morality, through the sheltering help of man, have never been caught in such acts. In no jungle of darkest Africa is it necessary for the king of beasts to post the notice, "No spititng permitted." There is no spititng.

The word beastly is often applied to those who are lacking in outer cleanliness. Save for the animals who have become degraded through association with man, there never was a worse misnomer than to call an uncleanly man beastly, for, though the beasts have not the best means of getting rid of dirt, and their furry or feathery coverings are far more difficult to keep in order than the clothes of man, they are embodiments of purity beside a large proportion of the

human race. What is said of outer purity is even more true of inner cleanliness. Beasts are not characterized by fetid breath or by pimples and boils, which tell of undue internal foulness.

When it comes to sexual matters, the absurd, nay, the libeous, use of the word beastly becomes even more pronounced. It is wholly unnecessary to comment on the subject, and it is sufficient to note that all the lower animals are pure, and that their sexual relations are for the purposes of procreation. If the animal world had a literature there would be no obscenity. They would not tolerate such classic authors as Sterne and Swift.

In the battle for existence no animals treat their fellows as mankind has done. True, a carnivorous beast will kill another to supply its needed food, but it never kills wholesale for its own advancement, nor takes from the weaker what it can only hoard and never use.

In the matter of amusements we may well learn from the beasts in many ways. Last summer we had the pleasure of watching a grizzly bear in one of our zoos. Up to the shoulders in a tank of water as he stood on his hind legs, he kept batting an empty beer keg beneath the water only to see it bob up again and again. He kept up this kind of solitarie as long as we were watching him, and we were told that it was a favorite pastime with him. We could not but mark the health-giving exercise and genuine sport which this animal was extracting by the hour, day and week, from this cast-off container, the contents of which a misnamed "beastly" man had used to befuddle his brain, overwork his kidneys, and make a fool of himself generally. Truly this bear is a model for us in contentment with, and in making the most of, common things.—*The Dietetic and Hygienic Gazette*, June, 1910.



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A correspondent referring to an article in the JOURNAL wishes to know what difference it makes whether the remedy is spelled Gelsemium or Gelseminum as they are both spellings of the same remedy. One is the old way and one is the new. For fear that others will be confused over the supposed difference we are printing the item.



A True Cat Story

BY MRS. L. E. SACKETT

In the midst of sleet and rain, a year ago a half starved kitten came to our door, I fed it and gave it care,, and to-day he is a nice big cat, his name is Chub. He never goes out doors unless led with a string and a little bell on his collar to call him and I can ring it and he will come from any part of the house, on the run and hold up his head to let me put on the collar, then strut proudly to the door and walk at my side wherever I go. I often take him out on the street with me, but the cute things he does can

not be told in one letter. He cares for any poor little kittens that I bring in from the street. He will stand and watch me clean them and comb them, then he will lap them and sing and purr over them. He seems to understand, he too was once a hungry and homeless cat, his latest achievement is to watch me lay down my crocheting or knitting then steal up and get the ball of worsted and run all over the house with it and me trying my best to catch him before he tangles the yarn in a hopeless mass. I have had many a chase before I could rescue it and then patiently forced to wind it again after he had tangled it about every bit of furniture he could creep under of course that don't pay, so I am forced to put the work beyond his reach to make it safe and secure.



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Miss M. L. C.: "I have a female cat who mated this summer by accident, with a male who came from a defective litter. Most of the litter were deformed and he was the only one who lived. My cat was in good condition and so was the male, apparently, but when the kittens came they were partially deformed and lived but a short time. Her previous litters have been normal and healthy. Now if I mate her this spring to a different male is the malformation and weakness likely to be repeated in her next litter? I think I have read that if a cat gives birth to deformed kittens, there will be one or more formed ones in succeeding litters and I would like to know if that is so. I know of cases with short-haired cats where the cat always has one tailless kitten. If that is likely to be the case I would not care to mate her to a good cat." From my

own experience I should say you were safe in mating the Queen to a good cat, but would not care to be sponsor for results in your case. The deformity in my case came from inbreeding, when mated to an autcross the kits were well formed and healthy. A tailless tkiten in a litter of long tails must have had a tailless ancestor somewhere and be a revision to type. Perhaps the readers of this department may be able to throw light upon this vexed question and if they will write to me I will gladly forward reply to Miss C.

Mrs. B.: "A five year old kitten has what I call staggering fits, about every 10 days or oftener. During the interval he seems well and very active, and we cannot understand what causes these attacks. He is never out at night but has his liberty days. Please advise through the Journal." Give Nux Vom once a day, two tablets for a dose, during the intervening period and Belladonna when attack is on. Watch for worms and see that the bowels are active, having a movement, at least once a day. If you find worms another course will be needed. The Nux should regulate the bowels if they are constipated. Olive oil so often advised would be most helpful.

Mr. C. C. N.: "I have a Neuter Persian about eighteen months old that seems to have some skin disease. There are no sores and I can find no fleas or anything of that kind but the skin seems to itch so it keeps him scratching and biting himself most of the time. Seems to feel good, appetite good, but he is rather thin. His principle food is cooked beef and potatoes half and half run through meat chopper, with cat food for a change; a little milk and a little canned corn; raw meat occasionally. Coat looks rough. Can you tell me what the trouble is and what to do for it?" Ascertain if the skin affection is of paracitic origin or a simple irritation of the skin. If the former, Clip the hair over the afflicted area and apply germicide. Give Sepia internal, 3 times a day, 2 tablets for a dose. Give same remedy if the latter character and wash with deluted peroxide of hydrogen. If these fail write me and I'll give by letter another treatment. Cut out the potatoes; Continue the meat raw and cooked; the cat food; omit the milk save in the preparation of food; put the corn through a sieve. Feed in addition ra weggs; cereals occasionally; well cooked fresh fish, add crackers or rice and mix with milk. Give a tablespoonful of Olive oil twice a day 3 or 4 days a week. A baby flea comb would greatly assist in the removal of loose hair, and any crusts that may form, and the fine particles which a long coat naturally gathers.

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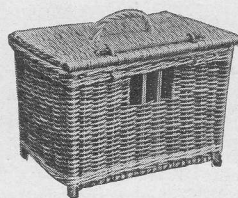
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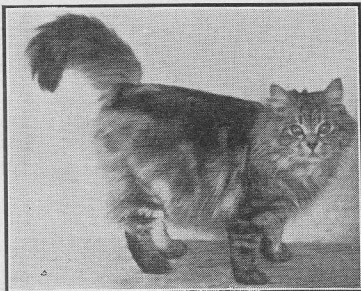
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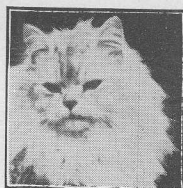
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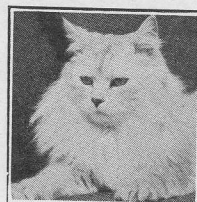
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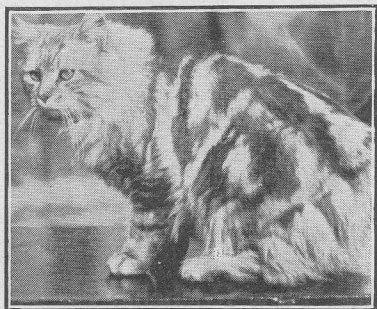
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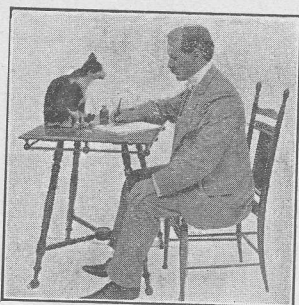
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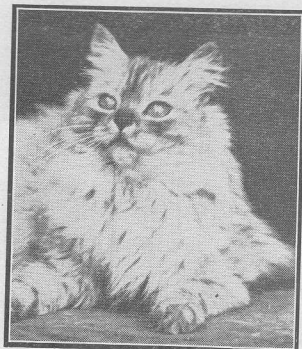
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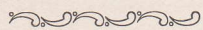
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