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- (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

ONCE again it is my pleasure and privilege—through the medium of this Special Greetings Number—to send seasonal good wishes to subscribers in every corner of the cat world. A Happy Christmas to you all and may the New Year bring all the joys and pleasures you would wish yourselves.

I feel sure you are going to enjoy this goodwill issue, which I rate as being just that little bit better than the first one we had twelve months ago. If it brings you a little pleasant and profitable reading then I shall rest content that all the extra effort has not been wasted. Maybe you would like to have double this number of pages? So would I! But you must remember that it takes quite a time to develop a new idea of this kind.

Turning for a quick glance back over the year that is passing, it has been a period of steady growth for the Magazine and we have more than recovered the ground lost when we were compelled by prevailing conditions to discontinue bulk supplies to the distributing trade and to put the Magazine on "a subscription only" basis. Twelve months ago, at a time when many small specialist journals such as ours were unable to

continue the struggle against the rising costs of production and distribution, we realized that our own survival lay in development along international lines. This we have managed to achieve and it can be said to-day that OUR CATS is truly "the Magazine that spans the world of cat lovers." Why, we have even crept under the Iron Curtain !


Next year will be our tenth year of publication and the moment is therefore appropriate for me to thank you all for your interest and support over the years. I am particularly appreciative of the help I have received from my team of contributors who have made so many interesting issues possible—Miss Kathleen Yorke, Mrs. Joan Thompson, Mrs. Kathleen Williams, Mr. A. C. Jude, Mr. Sidney Denham, Major Hamilton Kirk, M.R.C.V.S., Mr. Ivor Raleigh and Mr. F. W. Pearce of Australia.

Apropos the recent increases in postal charges, a number of you have asked if these will mean a jump in the subscription rate next year. These increases are certainly an abominable imposition and because of them we find ourselves in an extraordinary position. If we cut down a little on the margins of the pages we can still send a 40-page issue for 2d. But if ever we want to develop and to add a minimum of four additional pages the postage rate per copy goes up 100 per cent to 4d.

For the present at least I propose to follow the Asquithian advice to "Wait and see." But if the New Year brings another round of increased production costs, then most certainly the position will have to be reviewed.

EDITOR.

DEATH OF DR. GUY BOGART. As we were going to press with this issue, I received the shock news from America that Dr. Guy Bogart had died suddenly in a Californian hospital. He was 74 years of age and the cause of death was coronary thrombosis. Only a few days previously I had been reading a particularly cheery letter from him regarding this Special Greetings Number, in which he always took a special interest because of its international appeal. His profile and photograph appear on page 67 and his personal greetings message to the cat world on page 71. There is also a reproduction of his Christmas card, which was the first for 1957 to reach me. I decided to let all these features appear as originally planned as I feel that this is what G.B. would have liked me to do. Now unfortunately they become a tribute and perhaps a fitting one to a fine gentleman and one of the world's greatest cat lovers. I and the Magazine have lost a great and valued friend.—Editor.

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Seasonal greetings

from MISS KATHLEEN YORKE

Chairman of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy

THE big link-up around the world afforded by OUR CATS is bringing together thousands of animal lovers with goodwill wishes for Christmas and the New Year. It is a splendid idea that through this medium we can greet our friends and acquaintances and those cats who have gone from their homes here to start new lives in other countries, some to lands so far away that they will have to spend the next twelve months in getting themselves acclimatized.

Great progress has been made everywhere during the past twelve months with the new breeds. Longhair Colourpoints (one word, please!) have established popularity at home and are steadily producing enquiries from overseas fanciers. No praise can be too great for the work done in the development of this breed by Mr. B. A. Stirling-Webb. The improvement each year has been most marked.

In the Shorthair breeds, extraordinary progress has been made by the Burmese, a delightful cat. From Britain, stock has gone to France, Sweden and Norway and they have won well at Continental shows. They have also gone to Australia and New Zealand and the latest "pioneer"—Fernreig Charrki, a male—aroused great enthusiasm in South

Africa, where it is hoped he will start off the breed there with the help of a hybrid Siamese-Burmese female. I have received many letters of praise and gratitude for the kindly way in which Mr. V. Watson, Hon. Secretary of the Burmese Cat Club, has selected and despatched specimens so that fanciers in other countries can start off on the right lines.

Shorthair Creams and Blue-Creams are also doing very well and making a great display at shows. These Shorthairs are most attractive.

Much of the progress made by the Fancy over the past twelve months has been due directly to the hard and conscientious work of the breeders. Their efforts are winning increasing recognition from writers in the national press and periodicals. Broadcasters on sound radio and television are interested more than ever before in presenting cat news and pictures and subjects which appertain to feline care and management.

Sending my greetings round the cat world, I start with Australia and that grand old man of the Cat Fancy and friend to many, Mr. E. J. Lonsdale. May he continue in health and be with us for many more years. We would all like to see him over here again.

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 :

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Black and White Cat Club
Blue Persian Cat Society
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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. ; *The Twelfth Volume of the Stud Book*, 5s.

Greetings go also to Mr. and Mrs. Pearce, Mr. Harry Wynne and all the enthusiasts I had the pleasure of meeting "Down Under."

In New Zealand, I remember amongst other friends Mr. and Mrs. Downey, of Auckland, and Mrs. Davies, of Wellington. And away down in Invercargill there are Mrs. Lowe and Mr. Buchanan and the members of their enthusiastic club who have the finest hall for shows that I ever saw.

To South Africa I send greetings to Mrs. Zurcher and Mr. Haywood of the Natal Cat Club and to all those who write me of success with their cats.

Great American breeder

Looking westwards to America, a land of tremendous potentiality, I can never forget Miss Elsie Hydon, one of the greatest of cat breeders and a pioneer of the Longhair out there. Greetings to her and to Mr. and Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. McClure, so well remembered here for her Hillingdon Blacks, and many others I have had the pleasure of meeting.

In Europe there are so many friends to be remembered that I shall not be allowed to name them all. But those to receive a special greeting must be Madame Ravel, President of the Fédération Internationale Féline d'Europe (F.I.F.E.) and Fru Brita Axelsson, the Secretary General, also all the officers and delegates from the various Continental clubs—Fru Ulla Magnusson, Fru M.

Svenningsen, Fru Saether, Fru Eisenhuth, Fru Lorentzen, and many others. Nor must I forget to mention Mlle. Posthuma of Holland, Mme Sandoz, Mrs. Gibbon, Mrs. Bridgett, Dr. Balsinger, Madame Otto and my very old friend Doctor Gunning, all of Switzerland. Fraulein Etyzinger of Germany and Colonel Pedrazzi, Vera Mosa and Mlle. Azinatti of Italy are others to be greeted and congratulated on their progress.

Our Fancy grows

In Great Britain there are many to be congratulated. Up in Scotland we now have two Championship Shows, the Edinburgh and East of Scotland and the Scottish Cat Club, both energetic and keen organizations. Here indeed is real progress. Then down from the North to the extreme South, the clubs *en route* are doing excellent work for not merely the breeding of cats but also for the raising of the general standard and the development of interesting new varieties. The Isle of Wight Club, with its grand show manager Elsie Kent, has recently run its first show and a bumper success it was. Congratulations!

Progress has also been made during 1957 by the teaching and training of new judges. I have been taking classes for this most important work and have been most fortunate in having the top judges of all breeds to help me in

this work. The interest displayed has been great and this response and willingness to learn on all sides will certainly encourage me to continue in the coming year. This "School for Judges" is something that has never been done before in this country and I feel that much good will come of it.

To everyone at home and overseas I send best wishes and

blessings for Christmas and the New Year.

A Christmas Thought

We give Thee thanks for every
— blessing kind

For all the loveliness, for all the
good ;

For every homely joy, for friends
we find

In constancy *whate're* is fortune's
mood.

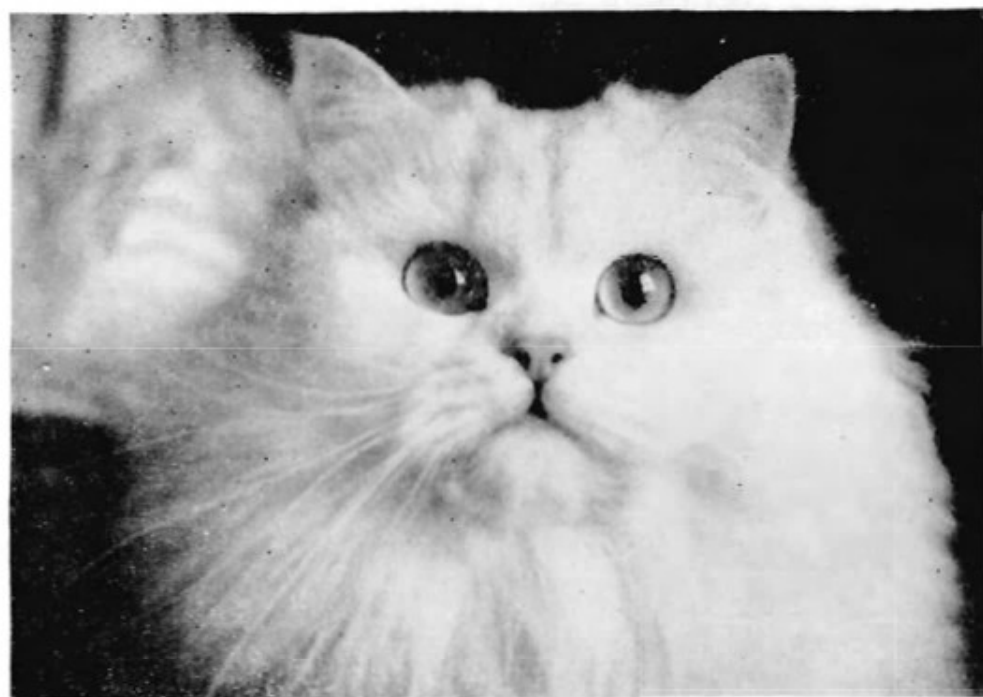
KATHLEEN YORKE.

The Allington Chinchillas & Blue Persians wish all readers of 'Our Cats' a Happy Christmas and New Year

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in the footsteps of his sire, the late Ch. Flambeau of Allington

Cats in Paint & Print

By SIDNEY DENHAM

Sidney Denham is the author of "Cats Between Covers" and with Helen Denham collected the exhibits for the "Cats Through The Ages" Exhibition of pictures, ceramics, books, etc., in London in 1953. Under the title "Cats in Paint and Print" he will write periodically about cats in books and the arts and will welcome interesting items from readers or answer their questions.

A RECENT news item told of three South African cats who were left a house in Kimberley by their mistress to ensure their receiving every comfort. Wills providing for cats surviving their owners are not uncommon in these days, but were once considered highly eccentric.

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Perhaps the most eccentric of women will-makers was the famous 17th century harpist, Madame Dupuis. The oddity of her disposition of her large estate and the vindictiveness of her language led to a lawsuit about her sanity. But her will was quite clear about her cats, provided for in the final clause:—

"Item: I desire my sister, Marie Bluteau, and my niece, Madame Calonge, to look to my cats. If both should survive me, thirty sous a week must be laid out upon them, in order that they may live well."

"They are to be served daily, in a clean and proper manner, with two meals of meat-soup, the same as we eat ourselves, but it is to be given them separately in two soup-plates. The bread is not to be cut up into the soup, but must be broken into squares about the size of a nut, otherwise they will refuse to eat it. A ration of meat, finely minced, is to be added to it; the whole then to be mildly seasoned, put into a clean pan, covered close, and carefully simmered before it is dished up. If only one cat should survive, half the sum mentioned will suffice."

"Nicole-Pigeon is to take charge of my two cats and to be very careful of them. Madame Calonge is to visit them three times a-week."

This translation is given by the author of *Curiosities of the West Room*, who also recalls that Lord Chesterfield, the great 18th century society wit, left a sum for the support of his favourite cat and that Frederick Harper settled £100 in three per cent annuities on his "young black cat," the interest to be paid to his housekeeper as long as the cat should remain alive.

"It does not appear how he provided against the substitution of any supposititious black cat for his favourite, should she have died, whether of neglect or otherwise," comments the author. This problem has troubled many leaving money for the welfare of their pets. The most ingenious solution I have come across was that of an American lady who left a large sum to maintain her two cats. She gave one each into the care of two nieces, the niece with the cat living the longest to inherit all her money.

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One of three panels from the Oxburgh Hangings, worked by Mary Queen of Scots during her captivity and sold at Sotheby's in October for 1,000 guineas portrays a cat and mouse. Whether a cat was chosen as her subject by the tragic queen by chance or whether this was some particular cat, I have not been able to discover. Possibly the explanation is in the old saying that a cat may look at a queen? The panel is worked in gros point and bound with gold threads.

Portraits of cats in needlework make an interesting specialized study. Visitors to the "Cats Through the Ages" Exhibition a few years ago will remember amongst others one lent by Mr. Brian Stirling-Webb dating from the 18th century and marked "Hogarth's Cat" and another from about 1800 lent by Miss Margot Fonteyn.

A recent article in *Country Life* on Victorian wool pictures was illustrated by a picture of a charming woolwork cat. This inspired the Oxford Cat Club to plan an exhibition of cats in needlework to be held next May, a novelty which should be of great interest, and a chance for cat-lovers who are also fond of needlework to show their skill.

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When I went to see the new production of the opera *A School for Fathers* at Sadler's Wells recently, I was reminded of the actress who said she would never appear in any play that had a part for a cat in it because the cat would inevitably attract all the attention and applause. The part of the cat was played by a newcomer, a ginger who wandered into the theatre, in a highly individual style. Apparently at his audition he sat on the high wall in accordance with the librettist's instructions.

But on the first night, perhaps because he had not been rehearsed with orchestra, he wandered up stage and stared in detail, first the brass and then the violins. He seemed to approve of their technique and in due course walked calmly from the stage, allowing the audience once more to concentrate on the human performers.

Film technique which makes it possible to select half-a-dozen shots from perhaps a hundred and then put them together allows cats to be given important parts. But the stage requires the exact repetition of movements at exactly the same moment, night after night and cats are far too great indi-

vidualists for this. Given freedom, a cat actor will inevitably improvise and gag.

The playwright who asks for a cat to make more than a brief appearance, firmly clutched by a human being, is hopeful over experience. Canterbury's Marlowe Theatre was recently reported as asking for a cat that "must be docile and obedient and must drink a bowl of milk on the stage when it is supposed to do so."

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Arthur Nicols in his *Natural History Sketches*, published more than 70 years ago, records the remarkable appearance of a cat in a performance of *Dan'l Druce* he attended at the Haymarket Theatre. Part of the scene was a cottage with a real door and painted casement window, half open. A cat appeared on the stage and after looking round for a method of escape, jumped on to the window sill. But of course, there was no sill and the cat fell to the boards. Unable to believe her eyes, and cheered on by the audience, she tried to jump through the half-open window and again fell to the boards as she hit the flat scenery.

The only cat that can be safely relied on to play its part night after night is the one we see at Christmas in the pantomime of Dick Whittington, invariably played by a human being.

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containing the history of the
breed, the story of the club,
and tales of the lovely cats.

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From: The Hon. Secretary,
3 Holland Park Avenue,
London, W.11

Thinking of an import?

If so, some useful advice is offered by ELLA B. MARTIN, who has successfully selected and exported many English cats and kittens over a number of years.

WHEN placing an order for an English prizewinner, don't expect perfection for it seldom exists, and every winner can usually be faulted in one way or another. Don't send me a copy of the Standard of Points and expect me to find a kitten who has them all! Give the three main show points you most desire, and I will bear these especially in mind when choosing for you.

Generally, English breeders are very concerned to know how and where their kitten is going to live on arrival in the new country, and I too, fully share their anxiety. In England we have gardens with fences and hedges very often, and cats have a great deal of freedom. Queens in many cases are not confined at all except when calling, though studs do, of course, have to have huts of their own.

Usually, all good breeders have large huts for the boys, and really good sized wired-in runs, with grass available (how cats love to select their special blades!) and often a tree trunk for climbing and scratching. To keep studs physically fit, it is just as necessary for them to have height to their living quarters, as it is for them to have length to their runs, for climbing is part of a cat's natural exercise.

To me, it is an abomination to think of any cat being kept in a small cage for the duration of its life, and most breeders in this country share this view. If cats have their full quota of fresh air, natural light, room for outside exercise, grass, and a tree for climbing, there will not be a great demand for the use of drugs and injections, which can sometimes do more harm than good.

I think this freedom that queens have, and the way in which our leading studs

are kept, is one reason for the stamina and good breeding qualities for which many cats here are renowned. The steady demand from overseas for the best of our stock proves that there must be something in this. Many of the people to whom I send kittens, remark on the standard of their physique.

It is interesting to note that many of the breeders of our top quality stock, have only two or three queens—yet they regularly produce the winners. Quality is the keynote of success, and certainly not quantity. I shudder at the thought of sending kittens to those breeders who keep dozens of cats and kittens. I greatly prefer to send to those who have very few, and where the kits are going to have some home life, and home comfort, and more personal attention.

Concerning pedigrees. Overseas breeders on the whole are more pedigree conscious than we are, and often want to trace their import back for many generations. There was a time when I was able to help in this, but owing to pressure of work, I can no longer do it. But a three-generation export certificate is always supplied for all U.S.A. imports, and I always send a three-generation pedigree (known as a certified pedigree) from G.C.C.F. for all kittens I export to other countries. These cost 5s. and are official.

I often find that pedigrees sent by breeders to me are full of errors. Every buyer should insist on the G.C.C.F. certified pedigree.

Import Licences. Many countries require this document to enable anybody to import a cat or kitten. It is not required for U.S.A. or for Canada and some Continental countries do not need it. But many do.

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Many of the world's most beautiful cats will be on
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Miss K. YORKE
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If you live in one of these, then do not order definitely till you have obtained that licence. You may find difficulty in having it granted, and a recent order for Australia was cancelled on account of the licence being withheld. I cannot book kittens for you, and then ask breeders to hold them indefinitely. Breeders like to know the approximate date for departure when any stock is booked.

Always indicate if you are able and willing to take delivery at once, when placing the order. I usually send off the show winners 21 days after a show, thus allowing time for any possible show infection to appear before departure date.

Rules for kitten pairs

If a departure date has been agreed, and the buyer wishes it to be postponed for some reason, the breeder can legitimately make a charge for board from previous date of departure, until the kitten does in fact leave. I have had the kindest co-operation from almost all the breeders here, and I greatly dislike not being able to take kits at the time I originally agree to do so, and feel that

the breeder should be compensated when such delays occur.

When ordering pairs of kittens to be sent in one carrier, if they are unrelated, and from different homes, they must spend some days together prior to departure. You cannot put two kittens safely into an air carrier, without this introduction.

To get one breeder to accept the responsibility of boarding someone else's kitten is far from easy. Very few knowledgeable breeders will even consider doing it. Apart from the possibility of the boarder meeting with some harm, there is the possibility always of some infection being introduced, and one cannot blame breeders for their caution.

It is better then to have the kits sent in separate carriers but as one consignment. This usually goes by volume, and not by weight, and the additional costs on transit are less than the expenses involved in getting kittens boarded together before departure.

For pairs going to New Zealand or Australia, it is different. These kits must go by sea, as air travel is not permitted. I supply a large crate, and a 5-ft. wire play-pen for on deck. Pairs can be put



Bill Godwin

Farewells are being said to BONAVIA CAMPANELLO, Chinchilla kitten who was Best L.H. Kitten at the last Kensington Show. The scene is on board ship as the kitten is leaving to join Miss Lovejoy's cattery in New Zealand. Holding him is breeder Mrs. Mollie Turney with

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*Xmas and New Year Greetings to all our
members and friends abroad*



Guy Withers

Good Luck for 1958

The K.K. & N.C.C. is the Club which looks after the interests of all Neuters and Kittens. It supports all leading shows with members' classes and offers silver cups and specials at every Championship Show. It is ready at all times to entertain and examine new ideas and suggestions for creating a more general interest in cats and their well-being.

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Annual Subscription 5s. Entrance Fee 7s. 6d.

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Hon. Secretary :

Mrs. E. G. Aitken, 2 Commonfield Road, Banstead, Surrey.

into the crates without previous introduction, for they have plenty of room to become acquainted without being on top of each other as they would be in a small air carrier. This, of course, applies to kittens and not to adults.

In the case of Siamese I do not think it would be possible or advisable without prior introduction.

When giving me final departure instructions, please PRINT the correct name of nearest airport, give your 'phone number, and say if the kitten is to be personally met on arrival at the airport.

And a final little plea. There are at least two thumping hearts at this end—longing and waiting for news of the kittens' safe arrival. If funds can be stretched to it, do cable me and the breeder will be told immediately.

A CHRISTMAS MENU

Suggested by MARY COLLIER

THIS menu has been chosen from things which will keep fresh over the holiday, are very easy to prepare, and, from the recipient's point of view, are specially delectable.

Remember that puss's appetite will be sharpened by the smell of our own cooking preparations, but his anticipation may end in disappointment, because the seasonings and flavourings which make the dishes for us, may spoil them for him. Therefore, let him have his own extra-special feast.

Breakfast

Boiled fillet of rock salmon (sometimes called coley-fish). Serve this cold and flaked, just as it is.

Christmas Dinner

Jellied mixed meats. Enough of this to last for some days is worth while.

Buy a little of all of the following: ox liver, rabbit, a handful of mixed cut-up stewing steak and kidney, and a bigger piece of stewing veal, or some of the bonier pieces of oxtail to create the jelly. Simmer everything together, without salt or seasonings, until everything is tender, and allow it to set into a jelly. Remove the rabbit and ox-tail bones, and serve a mixture of everything, meat and jelly well broken up.

Supper

This is the meal for his special treat, that particular Christmas luxury out of a can. Does he fancy sardines, or pilchards in tomato? If the former, or something which, like these, are rich, mash them with a little moistened (brown) bread, and make the treat last for several suppers. It will be all the more of a treat this way. But pilchards or herrings in tomato, etc., are not so rich, and may be enjoyed better just as they are (but *not* too much at a time!).

Well, so much for his main meals. But what about the eleveses, afternoon tea, bedtime snack, etc., that he will see his humans enjoying? These are the times for his other Christmas special, and he will probably like nothing better than his own can of evaporated unsweetened milk, just a tablespoonful or two.

BULRUSHES BURMESE CATS (and S. M. DUNN)

send Greetings and wish all their relatives and human friends

A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS

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***The Club extends warmest Greetings for
Christmas and the New Year to all Cat
Lovers at home and abroad***



**Come to the Club's next
CHAMPIONSHIP CAT SHOW
at the Seymour Hall, Seymour Place, London, W.1,
on 28th January, 1958**

Show Manager : MRS. K. DUNKS
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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 thirty-ninth article in a fine new and exclusive series to help and encourage our readers all over the cat world.

PARTICULARLY at this time of year, one thinks of one's friends. That is happening with me now. And specially, I am thinking of those in the Fancy who have written me—often a number of times—during the passing year.

The correspondence has not only been a great pleasure and encouragement, but so often information passed to me about breeding results has been a great help when compiling data. I thank you for what you have done in these respects, and look forward to continuance of your letters to me during the coming year.

To new readers, I invite you to write to me if you feel I may be able to help by advice in your breeding problems. If I am able, I shall be only too pleased.

For each one of you, my wish is that your Christmastime may be happy, and that the New Year will bring you good health, great happiness, and a large measure of success.

During the last few years, a number of new variations have appeared or been produced in cats. No matter whether it is a case of spontaneous mutation or a worked-out breeding production, there is the fact, that more often than not, it becomes necessary

to make crosses in order to establish or perpetuate the something new. And just as in normal breeding, we have one thing common—the need for careful and complete records of the early breeding done or used. If such records are faithfully kept, one is helped in the role of initial breeder, and much unnecessary confusion and misunderstanding can be avoided in the future.

Frequently, one sees prejudice and other forms of objection arise with the advent of new varieties or characters. Mostly, these are unreal, and do not fit in with facts. Fortunately, this kind of thing is usually broken down, but the great point is that the methods of producing and the results obtained must be there for evidence.

Some time ago—and again recently—I tried to establish the method of inheritance of certain colours in cats as opposed to the behaviour and effects of those colours in other animals. This is a new research in cat-colour inheritance and any result may well become important to the Fancy, especially in view of the increased number of new colour varieties and characters. This work has necessitated the examination of a number of pedigrees in order to establish pure colour lines.

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Point one is that this has been difficult because breed numbers are not placed beside each member in an ancestry. Mere names seldom help a breeder who is concerned with colour inheritance unless he is prepared sometimes to go to a lot of trouble in tracing particular cats named in a pedigree. The other point has been that in certain breeds and colours it is surprising how difficult it is to find pure colour lines. In one particular colour of one breed I have so far been completely beaten.

Pedigree recording

The value of pedigrees is very widely misunderstood by novice breeders. The pedigree forms consist normally of a mere list of names, with nothing to indicate the quality or success of the animals of the ancestry except if they have won the little "Champion." A pedigree, to be of real use for guidance in breeding, must clearly indicate the faults and virtues of each member in a pedigree, together with any available information as to the quality of its progeny.

Obviously, to include all such information on a pedigree form is practically impossible, but for the good of a Fancy, and for one's own practical benefit a pedigree book should be kept in which all information can be tabulated. But one does feel the necessity for breed numbers to appear on the pedigree form against each ancestor's name.

Pedigree recording, correctly developed represents a progeny test of the ancestors. In general, long pedigrees are not necessary to the average breeder. An animal in the fifth ancestral generation contributes only about 3.125 per

cent of the inheritance of a kitten; if this includes some particular and important trait, such as a desired coat-colour which is rare in the breed, such a distant ancestor may become important. However, for most purposes, a thorough knowledge of four generations of the pedigree is all that the average breeder requires.

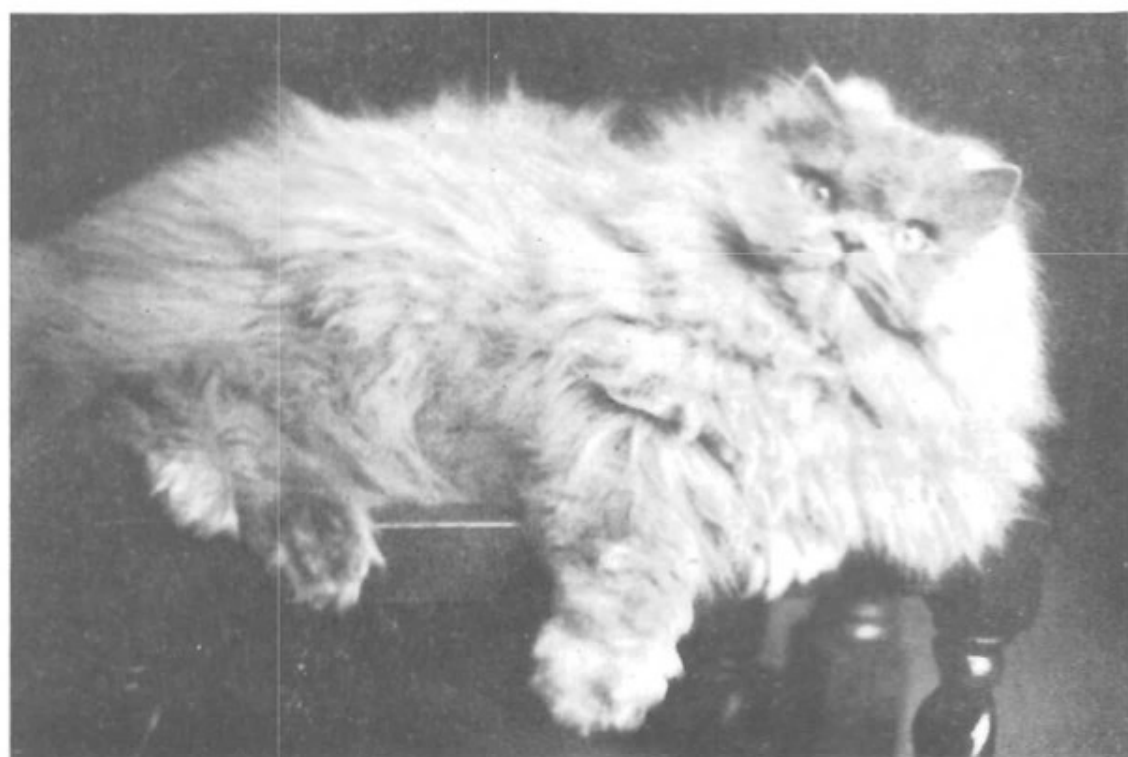
It is more important to extend this knowledge, than to extend the pedigree. The breeder, having decided which traits are to receive most attention in selection or elimination, should endeavour to discover not only how each near ancestor was endowed in regard to these traits, but also how its litter brothers and sisters, and its offspring were endowed. This information should be recorded in the pedigree note book of the breeder.

Parental influence

If one parent is exceptionally good and the other bad, the tendency is for the range merit of the litter to be similar to that of the breed or strain as a whole. A very mediocre female thus tends to produce some kittens better than herself even if her mate is equally mediocre, and if she is mated to a champion, not all the credit for the improved merit of the litter as compared to their dam is really due to the male.

Similarly, when two champions are mated together, they cannot be expected to produce a litter of kittens all as good as themselves, although the range of the litter should be at the top end of a merit curve, and the best kitten as good as, or better than, the parents.

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When mates "nick"

There is always a danger in talking in terms of tendencies and averages, that these will be taken as rigid and absolute. Part of the art of breeding lies in the selection of mates which will "nick" with each other and produce offspring which revert little, or not at all, towards the average of the breed. Once the tendency or "drag of the race" is recognized, the breeder judges his success by the range of merit in his kittens, rather than by the production of a few brilliant individuals amongst a lot of duds.

The importance of the worst kitten of each generation then becomes apparent; if the worst kittens produced in the fourth generation of your strain are just as bad and just as numerous

as the worst in your first generation, you have made no real progress, even though you have bred a champion.

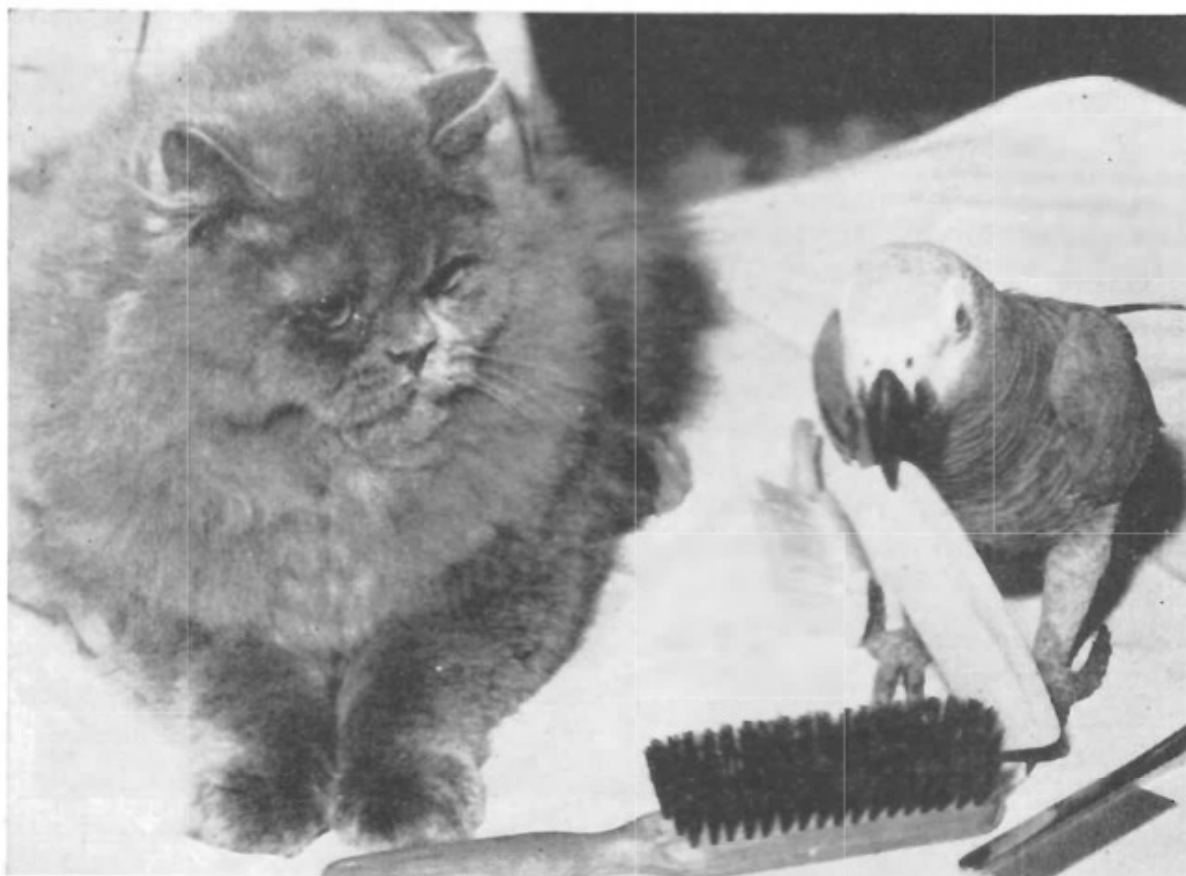
It is a good plan for the breeder of show animals to give the worst kitten in each litter to some neighbour as a pet, and to ask him to bring it to visit you occasionally. Thus the breeder will not be allowed to forget its faults, and will have plenty of opportunity to compare it with the worst of later generations.

The gist of all this is clear. *One must not select mates on face value alone. The back-breeding is often at least as important, and therefore a pedigree note-book becomes an essential.*

(to be continued)




The visit of Santa Claus portrayed by the famous cat artist of fifty years ago—
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ON THE MORNING OF THE SHOW

Cleopatra, the African grey parrot, decides it is time to give his friend Gaydene Rory a final brush and comb. Then (below) come the final inspection and last-minute instructions. This is the show day routine at the home of Mrs. L. McVady, of Edgware, well-known breeder of Blue Longhairs



Tailpieces



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

IN London last month Lord Mayor's Show Day was celebrated in the City. When the new Lord Mayor, Sir Denis Truscott, moved into his new home at the Mansion House he was accompanied by his wife, four daughters, their dog Angus—and their pet black cat. Surely an augury for a lucky year of office!

Remember the picture and story of Grandma, the wonderful female tabby cat who at 33 years of age was reputed to be Britain's oldest cat? According to the *London Star*, Grandma has had to be put to sleep. Her great age was well authenticated. Now the question arises: Who is Grandma's successor? It *could* be the black cat, General, who lives at the Beehive Inn, Sleaford, Lincolnshire, with Mrs. Elsie Walker. General celebrated his 26th birthday in the spring of this year.

Best Household Pet in the Isle of Wight Cat Club's first show was won by Mrs. Vivian's Pandy, aged 20 years and 4 months, a very perky old gentleman in black and white. The heaviest cat on the island was Nicol, a tabby belonging to Miss Jones. He tipped some bathroom scales—in full view of the audience—at 24 lbs.

A notable victory for the Fancy has been won in a Houston, Texas, U.S.A., court by Mrs. James F. Brodie, breeder of Siamese and Burmese and the young wife of an Air Force captain. Her neighbours had filed a 24,000 dollar damage suit against them. The charge was that their cattery was a nuisance and a menace to health and that it violated restrictions against commercial operations in the suburbs in which the Brodies live. Mrs. Brodie testified that the breeding of cats was a hobby, not a business. She told a reporter: "When you go into the hole \$700 in a year, you're not running a business." The judge ruled that collecting stud fees and selling the offspring of animals raised as a hobby was not "a commercial operation." To witnesses who complained about the noise he said: "No cat is as noisy as television."

A Reddish policeman has a kitten with five toes on two paws, six on another and seven on the fourth.

Mike Todd, the dynamic film producer, says that he doesn't care a great deal for cats. But his wife Elizabeth Taylor does. So they have two!

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Ill-health caused by the strain of overwork has caused the resignation of Mr. Russell Middleton, organizing secretary, treasurer and general manager of the American Cat Fanciers' Association since its formation. His successor is Mr. Walter Carl Darnell, President of the North Texas Cat Club and an active breeder of several varieties who has had experience in show promotion. Mr. Middleton will continue to serve the Association as editor of its monthly Bulletin.

Apropos the aforementioned A.C.F.A.s Bulletin, I was very tickled to read in the current issue the following appeal to those who let their subscriptions fall in arrears: "Some pay their dues when they are due; some do before they're due; some never do. What do you do when your dues are due?"

News reaches me that the 4th Annual All Breed Kitten and Neuter Show promoted by the Garden State Cat Club of New Jersey, U.S.A., jointly with the Solid Colour of East Club and the Poinciana Shorthair Club of Miami, resulted in the handsome profit of three hundred dollars. About 100 entries faced judge Richard H. Gebhardt who made Best Kitten in the All Breed section an Orange-eyed White male Bean Ridge Teddy owned by Mrs. Wm. Bean.

Finally, just to see the Old Year out with a smile, here is a story which has reached me. Mother cat, walking down the street with her five kittens scampering behind her, was approached by a handsome tom. "Hullo, honey," greeted the tom cat familiarly. "Don't you 'honey' me," replied the mother cat angrily. "You told me we were only wrestling."

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Please refer to caption on the opposite page

A LANDSEER CAT

The engraving of the head and tail of a long-haired cat reproduced on the facing page cost a shilling on a London street barrow, perhaps because it was not realized the artist was Edwin Landseer.

Landseer drew it in 1812 when he was only ten years old and it was engraved by his brother Tom who was seven years his senior.

Landseer was an infant prodigy and excellent studies of animals by him made from the age of five onwards are preserved. Although he produced two mature works in which cats figure—"The Cat's Paw" and "The Larder Invaded"—it was for his portrayal of *Felis leo* rather than *Felis catus* that he became famous.

A biographer records that late in life, when honours had been heaped upon him, Landseer was shown a drawing of a Persian cat, possibly this one, which he had made in 1812. He playfully annotated the drawing: "Sketched at Maldon by the little boy Edwin when ten years' old, and now Sir E. Landseer, an old boy, 1866."

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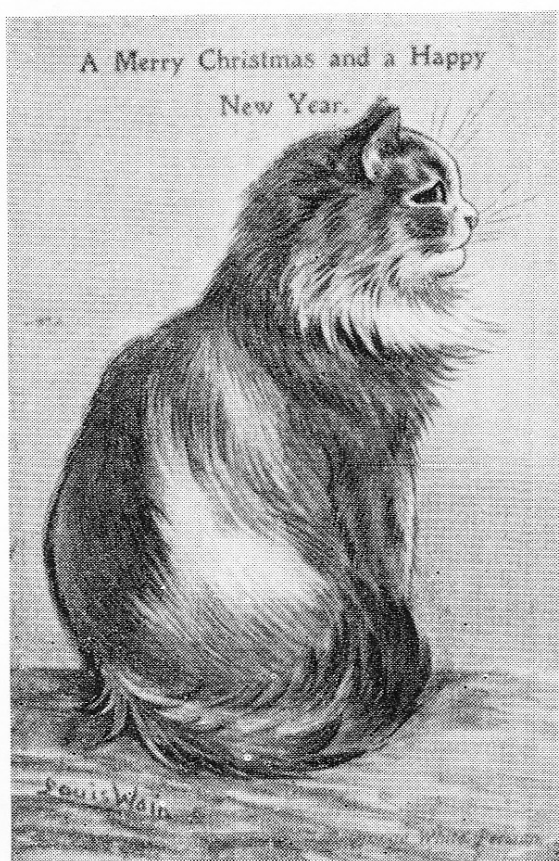
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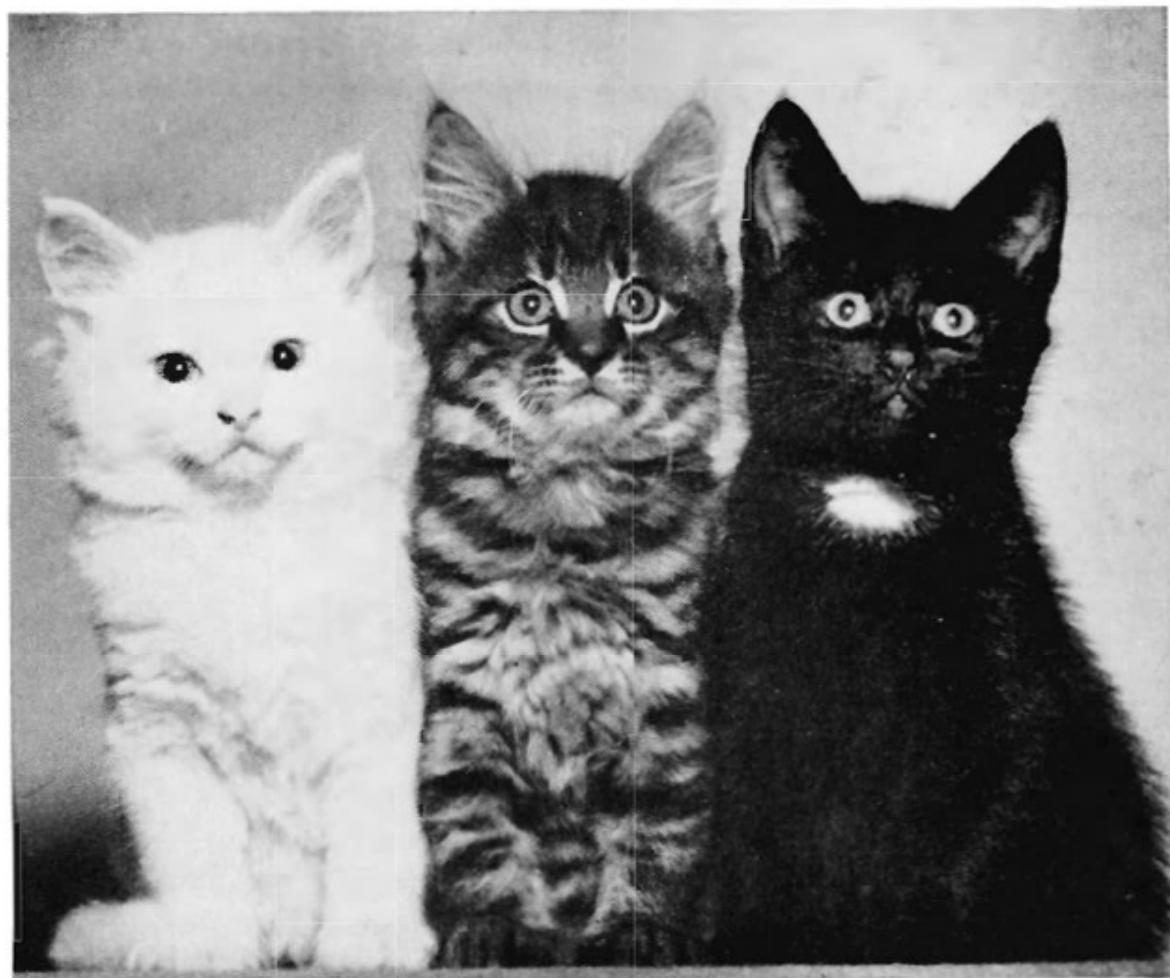
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The latest cat books

Reviewed briefly by A.C.

CATS in the Belfry, by Doreen Tovey (published at 15s by Elek Books). Here's an amusing offering for Siamese lovers in which the line illustrations by Maurice Wilson really look like Siamese—and that's some recommendation! Michael Joseph, who has written the preface, really lets me out of my task of reviewing because he has explained it all so neatly. As a publisher he has been reading most of the cat books published and hundreds of those which will never be published. He estimates that for every cat book which gets into print there are ten which will never reach the public. "Cats in the Belfry" he describes as the funniest book about cats he has ever read. It is high time, he adds, that someone took the Siamese down a peg or two and Mrs. Tovey has done it handsomely.

Minka and Curdy, by Antonia White (published at 12s. 6d. by The Harvill Press). Mrs. Bell lay in the dark feeling wonderfully content with Minka, the Siamese kitten, and Curdy the marmalade kitten, each on a shoulder, peacefully purring themselves to sleep. But before this happy climax was reached the trio went through a series of amusing and perplexing situations.

The Fur Person, by May Sarton (published by Frederick Muller Ltd. at 10s. 6d.). This is an own-cat story recounting the evolution of Tom Jones from a stray existence to a Gentleman Cat and finally his emergence as "a genuine Fur Person." Sir Compton Mackenzie rates this book highly as the author has avoided all "the many pitfalls of sentimentality, facetiousness and inaccurate observation into which so many writers about domestic animals stumble." By the way, in case you don't

know, "a Fur Person" is a cat who has decided to stay with people as long as he lives.

Thomasina, by Paul Gallico (published by Michael Joseph at 15s.). Those who enjoyed "Jenny" by this author will want to read this vivid story—recommended by the Book Society—about her niece. In this book, the first which Paul Gallico has ever consented to write with a collaborator—the collaborator being of course Thomasina—the life, death and subsequent incarnation of this vain little lady is linked with the fate of Andrew MacDhui, the Scottish veterinary surgeon, his daughter Mary and the red witch of Glen Ardrath. It is the story of a lonely girl whose life was devoted to the creatures of the glen and forest.

A Clowder of Cats, by John Merrett (published by Frederick Muller Ltd. at 12s. 6d.). This is an account, well told and illustrated, of the author's experiences with a series of cats—William the Very First, Joe Bulldozer, Jimpie McCowdrey, Mr. Purrkins, Henry, Dinky and Lucy the Latest. Only one of them was acquired "deliberately," the others invaded his home and captivated him. Some became radio personalities.

Just Cats, by Fernand Méry (published by Souvenir Press at 16s.). The author is an internationally recognized authority on cats and the French edition of this delightful book—so lucid and witty—has sold over 30,000 copies. Its appearance is timely, for as a gift book it cannot fail to give pleasure and I shan't be surprised if those who are lucky enough to own it will cherish and prize their possession for a long time

to come. The author cites legend, history, anecdote, psychology and experimental research in turn and takes us from the cat's earliest known beginnings to the development of the modern breeds. There are also useful chapters on care and management and a handy gestation chart.

The Lost One, by Henri Beaudout (published by Hodder & Stoughton at 16s.). The epic story of the crossing of the Atlantic from West to East by three men and two kittens on a log raft. The journey took 88 days in adverse conditions. There is much interesting detail and several photographs depicting the life aboard of the kittens Puce (French for "Flea") and Guiton. When the raft was towed into Falmouth harbour these "dear little creatures were terrified of all the noise, the voices and the mass of humanity which had suddenly invaded their tiny world. The sea was their horizon. Both had fallen into it on more than one occasion

and quite fearlessly swum back to the raft and jumped aboard." Puce and Guiton, after undergoing quarantine, eventually found happy homes with the Duke and Duchess of Bedford at their Woburn Park estate.

The Care of Your Cat, by P. M. Soderberg (published by Cassell & Company, at 30s.). We reviewed this fine book in our September issue and described it as the "Book of the Year." That was putting it in its proper place! It is addressed more to the domestic cat owner than to the fancier and serves rather as a guide to those who might eventually wish to own a pedigree cat and perhaps take an active part in our Fancy.

The Complete Book of Cats, by Walter Chandoha (published by Frederick Muller Ltd. at 12s. 6d.). Any book by this American ace photographer deserves a place on your bookshelves. This one contains 150 of his finest

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The second part deals in detail with

the subject of correct feeding; the third with parasites; the fourth part covers fully the subject of accidents and first aid, and the final section of the book explains in simple terms the various illnesses and diseases which may befall a cat during its life.

This is, indeed, a truly comprehensive and absolutely reliable manual for all who are prepared to accept honestly the responsibility which they owe to their domestic pet. Cat owners can have no better guide than Mr. Soderberg, who has been for many years so highly respected in the cat world.

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pictures supported by a historical preamble by Adie Suehsdorf and some well-chosen notes on care and management. But for my money, it's the pictures that matter. They are quite outstanding in charm, variety and presentation.

A.C.

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"CHRISTMAS comes but once a year and when it comes it brings good cheer." This is an old saying which I hope you will all find a true one this year.

I am always pleased to receive your letters and cuttings from newspapers, etc. Quite the most amazing arrived a few days ago from a New York correspondent. It reported that the Animal Insurance Co. of America, the first devoted exclusively to insuring the lives of pedigree dogs, will be taking "nose prints" of dogs accepted for insurance. It goes on to say that a dog's nose print is as reliable for identification as a human being's finger prints. Will insurance for cats on these lines follow? I foresee some little difficulty!

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From Mr. J. Muller comes the photograph of Int. Ch. Favorita van Lobelia whose sire and dam are English bred. This young queen was twice Best S.H. Kitten in Show and Mr. Muller says her daughter Lobelia would seem to be even better as a show prospect.

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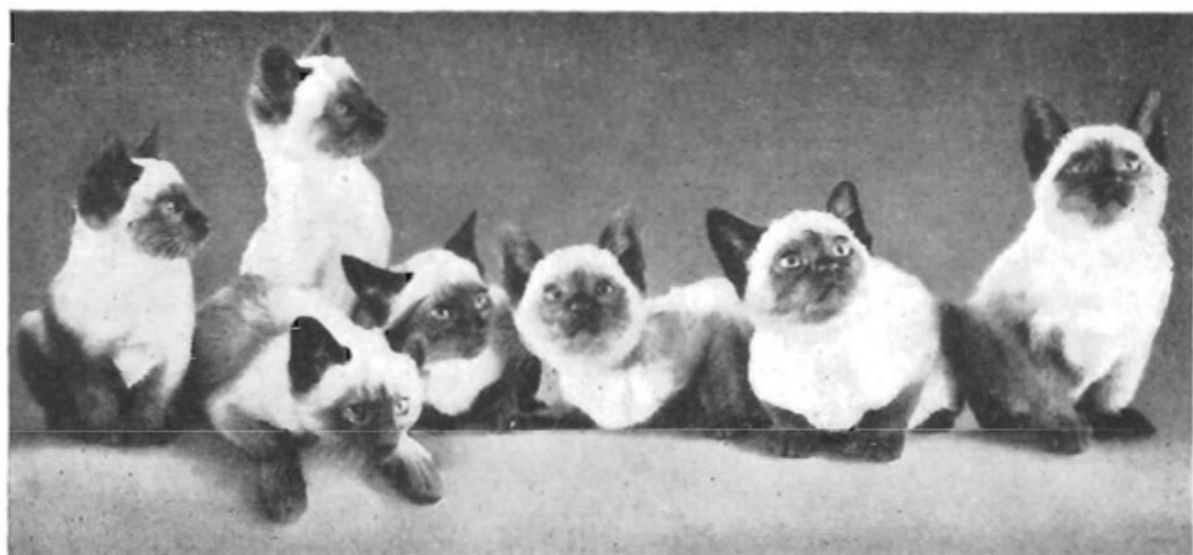
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Shows have eased a little. The number held in October are beyond the endurance of exhibits, exhibitors, judges and all concerned. Not only do they affect entries but they affect each other adversely with regard to the public. It is a matter on which I feel strongly and on which I have written before. While shows are granted so near together, the exhibitor is at liberty to show at each one. But, you may say, it is up to the exhibitor. This may be correct, but the fact remains that it is *the granting of shows* which provides the opportunities.

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The Midland Cat Club Show was one of the most enjoyable shows I have attended at Birmingham. Mr. and Mrs. Lamb, the Show Managers, had made excellent arrangements for everyone's comfort. The gate appeared to be good. The Siamese were not at their best, although there were promising adults and litters. The weather, etc. has no

doubt affected the masks and feet: many are still pale. Best S.H. Kitten in Show was Mrs. Attwood's Aldra's Blue Peter, a little beauty of a British Blue. Best Siamese Adult was Dr. and Mrs. Groom's B.P. Ch. Nilgiris Blue Antonio; one Championship being awarded as the combined male and female classes numbered only four.

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First and Champion in S.P. Males was Mrs. I. Lapper's Blue Vision, a well proportioned male who shows himself well. First and Ch. S.P. female was Mrs. Clarke's Craigichiloch Tana, a promising young queen. Best C.P. was Miss Lant's Craigichiloch Chomeina. The C.P. Kitten classes were the best I have judged for some time—eleven entries. Miss D. Beckett bred the first three—Sunland Sirius, Suzanne and Siyui. These kittens are an improvement for they have type and colour of masks which have been lacking for some time.

Winners among the Seal Point kittens were Mrs. Lapper's Bradgate Bush Baby, Mrs. Peel's Saharan Charn and Miss Lant's Beaumanor Valerie. There were promising kittens, not quite ready, which I shall hope to see come on later. Mrs. Watson's Milori Tamor and Mignon were amongst them.



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One of my pleasantest recollections of the passing year was a visit to judge at the Nantes Exposition International Show in April. Organized by Mme. Ravel, it was a wonderful exhibition and I am indeed sorry that my notes intended for publication in an earlier issue of OUR CATS were mislaid. The staging of this show was on a magnificent scale with the whole building arranged as a garden. English-bred cats again did well and it was an interesting experience to meet some of the folk with whom I had been corresponding. The wonderful hospitality was something I shall always remember.

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To all my friends at home, on the Continent and further overseas, my warmest greetings for a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Please keep on writing.

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reveal the most interesting
entries concerning personal-
ities, both human and feline.

Croydon Show

THE Croydon Cat Club Championship Show was held last month at the Royal Horticultural Hall, Westminster. It was most enjoyable and blessed by a fairly bright day, for which praise be, as the artificial lighting in most halls in which cat shows are held is antediluvian and plays havoc with coat and eye colour.

Nearly 350 pedigree cats and kittens graced the Show. The best of the Longhair adults coming into full winter pomp were a joy to behold and the Shorthairs equally so in their own way. Mr. and Mrs. Towe were their usual efficient selves and although they had many duties on the day were never too busy to help exhibitors and answer innumerable questions.

The President, Christabel Lady Aberconway, presenting rosettes, was graciousness personified and had a

few words for each recipient. Dr. W. A. Groom, the C.C.C. Chairman, was busy and attentive to members and Mrs. Axon, Vice-Chairman, was busy selling catalogues at the entrance. The team of four veterinary surgeons were very much appreciated as no one had to wait for more than two or three minutes and all the exhibits had a thorough inspection.

Best Longhair Cat in Show was Mrs. Willett's Cream male Woburn Monsieur by Ch. Thiepval Wanderer. Congratulations to the owner and the breeder, Miss C. Page, on his completing his Championship. Best L.H. Kitten went to Mr. and Mrs. Gaskin's Blue-eyed White female Walmur Prettikin by Ch. Lotus Atlas. Apart from her other qualities, the lovely texture and length of her coat were very pleasing. Best L.H. Neuter was Mrs. Flury's Blue Gay Guy of Dunesk by Ch. Gaydene Rudolph.

Among Shorthairs the premier awards were: Best Shorthair Cat—Dr. and Mrs. Groom's B.P. Siamese Champion Nilgiris Blue Antonio by Ch. Fernreig Zyn; Best S.H. Kitten—Miss G. Sladen's Manx Stonor Nicotina by Stonor Buster; Best S.H. Neuter—Mrs. Montgomery's S.P. Siamese Premier Purland Som Phong.

These notes have to go to press immediately after the Show so there is not time to ascertain all the winners.

Some of the awards were as follows: Whites—Mrs. Ball's Ch. Lisblanc Azalea; Blue males—Mrs. Denton's Thiepval Enchanter by Ch. Thiepval Paragon;

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In Any Other Variety L.H. Neuter Miss Sheppard's Blue-Cream Ch. Widdington Salome was first in a class of ten. In the Longhair Champion of Champions class male or female, Champion Foxburrow Frivolous was first and he was also first in the Stud Class judged on progeny.

Among the Shorthairs

The Champion of Champions Shorthair was Mrs. Porter's B.P. Siamese Ch. Chatwyn Silhouette and the winner in the S.H. Stud Class Mrs. Duncan Hindley's S.P. Siamese Silken Sultan. Best British S.H. Neuter Miss Duke's Fyfield Peasblossom. In the Open Adult Classes, Mrs. Beedell was again awarded first with her lovely Black queen Ch. Sarisbury Sacharissa.

The S.P. Siamese adult male awarded the Championship was Mrs. Jay's Sawat Fun Soo by Ch. Killdown Sultan and the winning female was Mrs. Buttery's Brackledown Donna by Ch. Bluehayes Foxy. The Siamese Cat Club Rosette for Best Siamese kitten went to Mrs. Watson's S.P. Milori Mignon by Ch. Milori Oberon.

The winners in Burmese adults were Mrs. Charles's male Autumn Haze by Ch. Gatos Darkee and Mrs. Pocock's Sablesilk Mouse by Sablesilk Bimbo.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Brine on being awarded the B.P.C.S. Silver Spoon for Best Blue Kitten with Avernall Excella by Sheepfold Casanova and also winning the three to six months male kitten class with her litter brother Avernoll Envoy. Congratulations also to Mr. Wellard on his firsts in Open Classes with two lovely Chinchilla kittens Seasprite Symphony and Seasprite Sophistication the latter being first also in the Novice Exhibitor's Class.

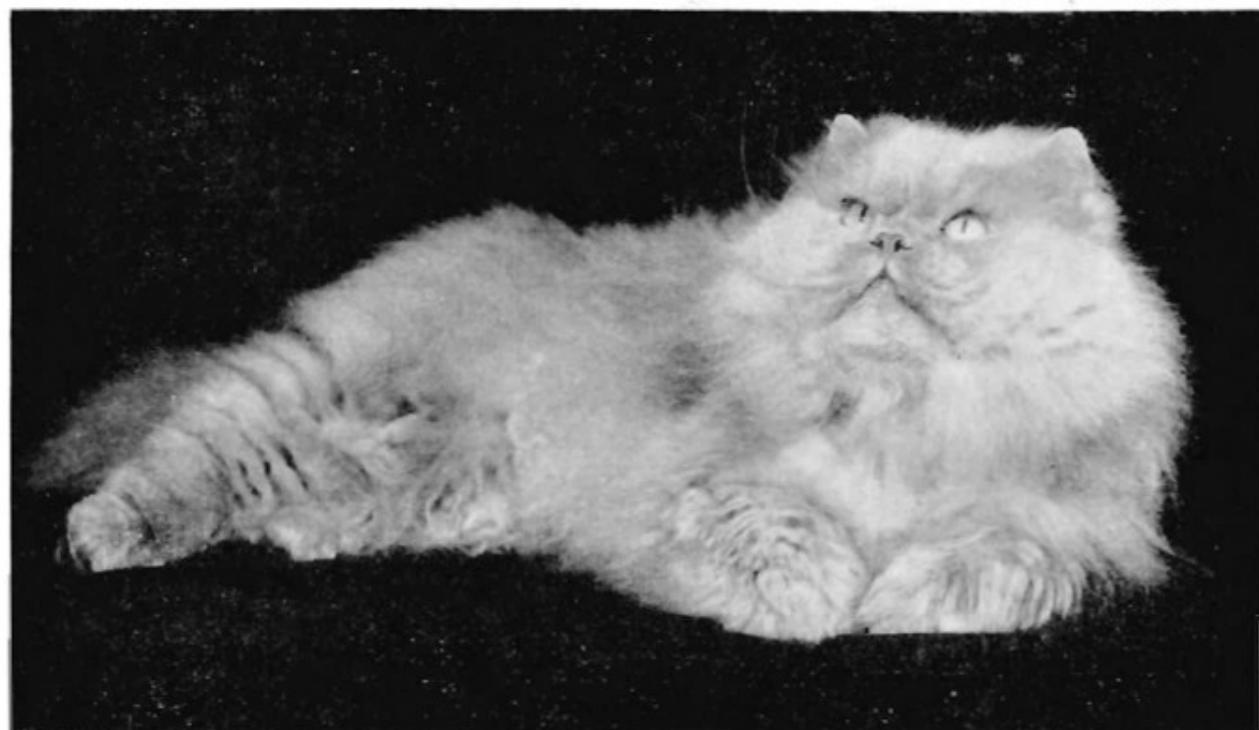
Australian News

In response to invitations, news has arrived from many countries to add interest to this International Christmas issue of OUR CATS.

From the Commonwealth Mrs. Anne Vize, so well known to us in this country and so esteemed as a judge of all Longhair cats and British Shorthairs, sends news from Sydney, Australia : " Since acquiring three-and-a-quarter acres of beautiful bushland a few miles from Sydney I have bought a cow, a goat, an Alsatian dog and poultry, so you imagine I am busy from morn. till night. Early to bed (about 9 p.m.) is quite usual here to enable one to rise early to do one's really strenuous work before the heat of the day. We had the bungalow we built on my daughter's land moved bodily with all the furniture in position last June. We actually lived in it all the time, even when it was being towed along the road.

" It was a weird experience feeling the house being jacked up, which lasted about five days. Then, thick enormous wooden beams were placed underneath attached to huge wheels and the whole pulled by a powerful truck over land and the road on to our own land. The placing in position was a marvellous feat as it had to be manoeuvred over large rocks to the spot I had chosen with a lovely view. It was over a month before electricity, etc. was available and all cooking had to be done by primus stoves and our only light was candlelight,

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Mrs. Joan Thompson's Champion **FOXBURROW FRIVOLOUS**, by Ch. Dylan of Allington. Winner of 8 Challenge Certificates, over 50 Firsts and many special prizes for type, colour and small ears. He was "Most Beautiful Cat in Show" by public vote at the recent fixture of the Blue Persian Cat Society



Seraphine
This lovely White Longhair is Champion **DOUDOU DE BREHAT** who was recently Best Exhibit at the Cat Club de Paris Show and also the Cat Club Vaudois Show at Lausanne. Sired by Int. Ch. Alek des Princes, Doudou was bred by Mlle. du Manois and is owned by Mme. Desgranges of Paris

very primitive but worth it as we are really settled now.

"Mrs. Herbert arrived back from England whilst I was judging at the Queensland Cat Club Ch. Show on June 8th so she stayed with us for a short time and is now in Brisbane with the quartet of cats she brought from England who all came safely out of quarantine. Many breeders of Blues and Creams in Sydney are sorry her Blue male Anchusa Pierre is so far away as he would be such an excellent outcross for Ch. Astra of Pensford queens.

"Astra, ten years old last September, is still very virile and as usual very fond of his ladies and his food. Ch. Broughton Miranda bred in England by Mrs. Hughes is expecting a family by him in November. Ch. Myowne Cream Bunne, another of the cats I brought from England in 1955, was a slow starter as a sire but he is much keener this year. Mrs. Barnford of Brisbane has a very good type White queen, Chenies Gretel, in kitten to him and great things are expected from this family.

Worth the trip !

"Hillcross Rondo, my S.P. Siamese male bred by Mrs. Towe has sired some very good kittens and I am now breeding Siamese myself from Talbingo Truda a queen bred by Mrs. Helsham. Incidentally I am Chairman of the newly-formed Siamese and Shorthair Cat Club. I am hoping to get the New South Wales breeders really interested in Shorthairs other than Siamese. The interest in the latter is keen, as you know. The newly imported Burmese Tomahawk has created much enthusiasm.

"Going back to Blues, a son of Ch. Astra and Ch. Miranda named Myowne Biggasboy became a Champion in his first adult show season. He is owned by Mrs. Cain whom you met at the Show in 1953. Biggasboy's litter sister only needs a few points to complete her Championship. The new Siamese and Shorthair Cat Club organized an all

Siamese Show in May and we had ninety-four exhibits.

"Naturally I miss the lovely English Ch. Shows and the many friends made through the years. I can visualize it all so well from the reports. However, there are many compensations here. Mr. Vize is so much better and is in business again and it is delightful to see two of our daughters who are in Australia and their children. We love the climate, the sunshine and the lovely beaches and bathing. We are saving up to come home on a visit in the not-too-distant future and already looking forward to seeing our friends again."

1,000 miles to judge

Mrs. Thurmer, of Kilburn, South Australia, writes : "The Cat Fanciers' Society of South Australia of which I am Secretary and my husband is President have only had one show since the war and it was a terrific success. Thousands of spectators came, we had only a small hall and there was a queue four deep all day and we took over £300. We had 500 catalogues printed thinking it would be ample and they were all sold within an hour.

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Venue at Wigan

From Mrs. Irene Brittlebank, Hon. Secretary of the Lancashire and North Western Counties Cat Club: "Both my Blue male kittens, Hazeldene Paladin and Hazeldene Paramount by Ch. Thiepval Paragon, have gone to Miss Elsie Hydon of Bogota, New Jersey, U.S.A. She is keeping both of them as studs, for they possess complementary qualities. Paladin, first in his Open Class at the Kensington Kitten Show, is a little darker than Paramount and Miss Hydon is anxious to revive the pale blue coat. She admires the type and eyes of our English Blues but considers some of them too dark. I adored Paramount's cute face and large eyes. When Paladin arrived Miss Hydon became interested in his litter brother and decided to have both.

"I have started preparations for our Ch. Show in February. To have one in Wigan appears to be a source of amusement, but the Drill Hall there is very pleasant and we shall do our best to make the Show agreeable for exhibits, judges and spectators."

More Champions

Meeting Mrs. Crickmore recently at a show she told me Thiepval Enchanting, Blue daughter of Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous and Ch. Thiepval Precocious, became a Champion at Stockholm at the Swedish Ch. Show in October.

As I finished writing this item a cable arrived from Mrs. Rudy Eisenhuth, President of the Danish Racekatten

Club, telling me that Mascot of Pensford pictured in September OUR CATS with the caption "Here's Looking at you!" became a Champion at Copenhagen on November 8-10th. He is by Mrs. Lucille Davies's Cream male Elmwood Cavalier. Congratulations to her on Oscar of Pensford by Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous becoming a Champion at the M.C.C.C. Ch. Show at Birmingham on October 26th. Both these Cream males are sons of my Blue-Cream Ch. Dawn of Pensford, daughter of Ch. Astra. The shows at Copenhagen are some of the loveliest in Europe and I am expecting news of other exhibits and the Show for next month's issue.

Wins in America

From Louisville, Kentucky, U.S.A., Dr. and Mrs. Williams send news of yet another Champion sired by Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous. Their Blue-Cream Lady Bess of Pensford (chosen as a kitten and exported by Mrs. Ella Martin last year) became a Champion at Detroit in September. She also is a daughter of Ch. Dawn. As a future husband for Lady Bess, Mrs. Martin chose Widdington Sunstar by Ch. Widdington Winterstar, bred by Miss Edith Sheppard. Mrs. Williams has not shown him yet as males often take longer to mature. She is delighted with him and writes that she is very pleased with the way he has developed and that he has lovely type, short nose and good muzzle. Prestwood Mignonette, first in her Open Class at the Kensington Kitten Show 1956 and now owned by Mrs. M. Martin of Buffalo, New York, was All Eastern Best Longhair Female kitten and the same owner's Royal Blue of Dunesk was Best Opposite Sex several times when Mignonette was Best L.H. Blue Kitten last season. The Prestwood Blue kittens are bred by Mrs. Parker of Stourbridge and both the winners at K.K. Show in July, 1957, went to U.S.A. Prestwood Sapphire was purchased by Mrs. Briederman (since Best

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Kitten in Show) and Prestwood Onyx by Mrs. Anderson, who is delighted with him. All these Prestwoods are by Ch. Bayhorne Ajax.

Mrs. Hilton, of Colombia, South America, was in England in 1956 and chose a S.P. Siamese kitten, Watermill Yorcades, bred by Miss Ann Codrington; also Issonian Lucette. This pair have produced a lovely litter of seven.

New Zealand imports

Mr. Pollock, Secretary of the Auckland Cat Club, New Zealand, is very pleased with his trio of Burmese selected by Mrs. Martin. They are Nilgiris Buru bred by Doctor Groom, Merrick Apollo (Miss Watts), Paquita (Miss Dunn). They were awarded firsts at Auckland, Wellington and Hamilton, and in the Spring Mr. Pollock is importing another pair. He concludes his letter "It is not only good for us but also shows great care in selection."

Meeting Mrs. Aitken at a committee meeting, she told me that one of her daughter Alison's White Manx female kittens named Noend Sweet Alyssum (by Noend Snowman and Greeba White Iris) is being exported to Rhodesia by Mrs. Twining who has done so much for the breed in the Isle of Man. Alyssum is first being flown there to become accustomed to her future mate, a male bred by Mrs. Twining. Eventually the pair will be flown to Rhodesia.

Turkish delight

In October, Orlando of Pensford (Best Cream Male Kitten at the K.K. Show in July) and Maebab of Pensford, Blue female by Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous, flew to Istanbul, Turkey. They had to have more credentials than any kittens I have exported: a permit from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries; a legalization certificate from the Foreign Office; a permit from the Turkish

Consulate (the two latter with stamps costing two pounds) and a veterinary certificate in duplicate.

Armed with these they flew one morning from London Airport arriving the same night. But as they were the first pedigree kittens ever to be imported into Turkey, no official knew how much tax had to be levied on them so they had to be detained. However, when this was sorted out and Mrs. Matters was allowed to have them there was re-joining and they were taken to their new home by the sea. In her latest letter, Mrs. Matters writes: "The kittens are adorable and have created a stir here. Yesterday a photographer-interviewer came and took pictures for one of our leading magazines, the Turkish equivalent of the U.S.A. magazine "Life." The interviewer was very interested and marvelled at cats with blue and cream coats and copper eyes. I imagine readers would be interested to hear they only respond to English. When my friends call them in Turkish they do not respond, but when I say "Come here, Orlando," he runs to me. My cousin aged four is rapidly learning English to communicate with them.

Necessary green food

"We have an abundance of suitable fish for them and Turkish people are very surprised when we give them small chopped green beans with their lightly cooked beef. They enjoy them. It is strange why so few people realize cats may need green food in some form. They are so settled down one would think they were born here. I have had several inquiries for kittens but we are reluctant to make any promises and we shall be very careful to whom they go. Mr. Matters hopes to arrive from Boston, U.S.A., by Christmas and I am longing to show him our own new baby and the kittens. We both have always loved cats and it will be lovely to be all together."



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Burmese news

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Watson on their S.P. Siamese male and female Milori Oberon (by Pristine Po-Sein) and Milori Lili (Chinki Ranya) both becoming Champions at the Edinburgh and East of Scotland Cat Club Ch. Show. Both were bred by Mrs. Watson. It was a most successful show for them as Silverseal Isis also was awarded a Ch. Certificate. They thought the Georgian Hall at Edinburgh a delightful venue and their 540 miles drive very well worth while.

Mr. Watson kindly sends me news about Burmese, a variety in which he is taking such a vivid interest: "The interest in the breed continues," he writes. "I think you know that Miss Dunn's Tomahawk hit the headlines when he arrived in Australia, and his wife, one of Mrs. Walker's kittens from her Ch. Kachin Sunda, is now on the way out to him. Two more kittens have recently gone out to Sweden where the breed is apparently greatly admired. One was bred by Mrs. Bastow (of Leicester—not Nottingham) and the other by Mrs. Pocock.

"The latest country to fall under the spell is South Africa. Mr. and Mrs. Johnston, of Johannesburg, now have Fernreig Charrki, bred by Mrs. Matthewson. Charrki's travelling companions were a Burmese/Siamese hybrid and Milori Tarquin, who it is hoped will, like Milori Anya, be a credit to British-bred Siamese, both on the show bench and also as a stud. Arrangements are in hand for a pure Burmese wife for Charrki.

"Two bits of Burmese history were made recently. At the West of England and South Wales Cat Society Championship Show at Bristol, for the first time in Britain, was shown a pure Burmese kitten produced by mating a Burmese/Siamese hybrid back to Burmese. It was Mrs. Charles's Autumn Haze (although unfortunately it was by mistake described in the show catalogue as Pagan Druid) and by a stroke of good luck Mrs. France, the best qualified

Burmese judge, was judging. The fact that she put him first and gave him a very good write-up is a guarantee that he was Burmese, the whole Burmese and nothing but Burmese. This is, of course, what the Americans showed many years ago, but it is interesting and instructive for us to repeat their breeding experiments with our cats and when we get the same answers it adds greatly to our confidence in their other conclusions; it underlines what we have preached for so long, that Burmese and Siamese are two quite separate and distinct breeds.

"The other event which made history was at the Midland Counties Show, where Burmese for the first time took two Best in Show's—Best S.H. Adult (Mrs. Gee's Fernreig Penelope, sired by Fernreig Charrki) and Best Neuter (Mrs. Giles's Pegasus, sired by Darkee). The entry of Burmese was one of the strongest we have seen, seven kittens and ten adults (including two neuters).

A useful import

"Another event which I am sure you would like to announce to Burmese breeders is the arrival at London Airport from America on May 6th last of a feline V.I.P. named Darshan Khudiran. Khudi (as he is already affectionately known) is an American-born Burmese and he accepted with typical Burmese philosophy the fact that he must spend six months in quarantine at Folkestone. He endeared himself to the very kind people who looked after him at the quarantine station and is now home with us at Matlock and enjoying to the full his new-found freedom. Khudi will expand still further the possible breeding lines for Burmese and we are hoping that he will make as great an impression on the breed as his predecessor, Darkee, has done and is still doing."

Apropos Burmese, I hear from Mrs. Waldo-Lamb that Miss Eartha Kitt, the coloured singing star, took with her when she left England early this year



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to travel to New York via Sweden, a Burmese kitten by Lamont Patrick and Ch. Chinki Golden Goddess. She was so captivated that she cabled Michael Jeans, Producer of I.T.V. Personal Column, to obtain two more kittens from Mrs. Waldo-Lamb and these will be flying with him when he leaves for New York shortly. The interesting part is that Miss Kitt intends to allow them to breed.

Congratulations to Mrs. Boulton on purchasing from Mrs. Denton, Camber Dream Girl. She is a lovely young queen with exceptionally beautiful eyes and an immaculate pedigree. I anticipate we shall see many winning kittens when she is mated to Mrs. Boulton's well bred Blue male Denyston Denys. Her cats are kept under ideal conditions and are much loved by them both; Mr. Boulton will be retiring shortly and with their other mutual hobbies, the garden and social life, they will have few idle moments.



Winner of 18 Firsts, Mrs. F. H. Stephenson's Blue Longhair ASHDOWN ROBIN was voted "Most Beautiful Kitten" by the visitors to the October show of the Blue Persian Cat Society.

When these notes appear we shall be on the verge of Christmas and the New Year. So to my fellow Cat Lovers everywhere I wish happiness and peace to enable them to pursue their activities on behalf of Cats, whether they are seeking to alleviate their fortunes or trying to breed the Perfect Cat.

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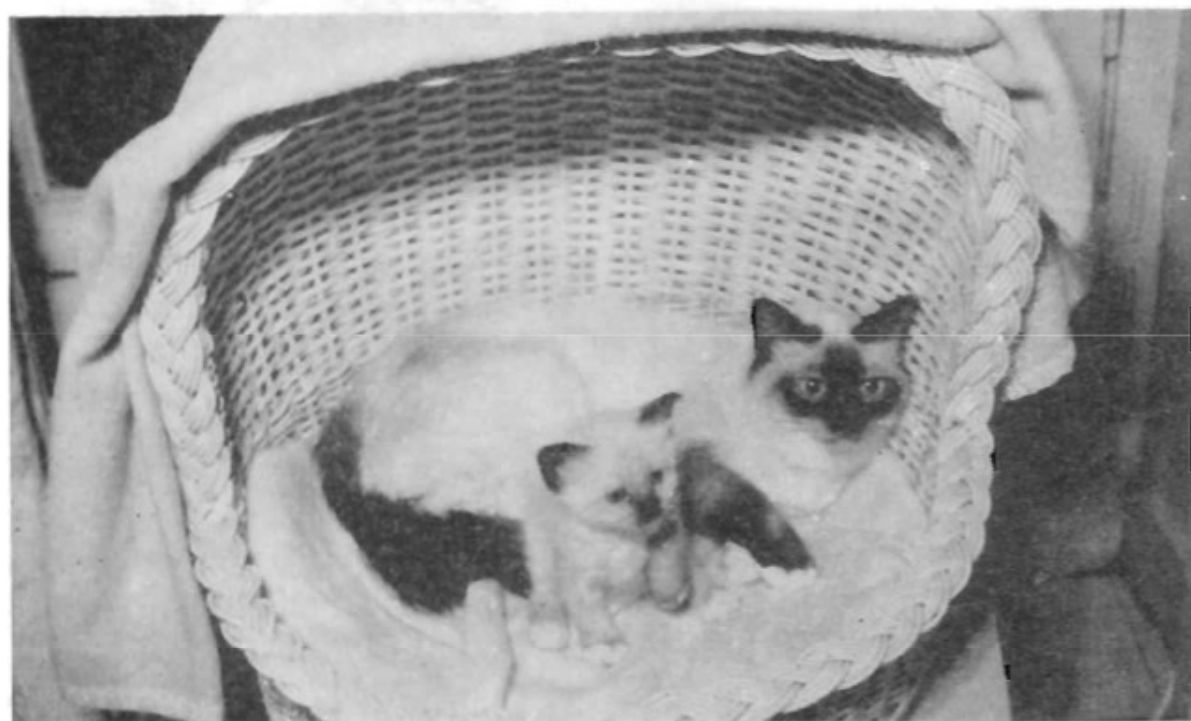
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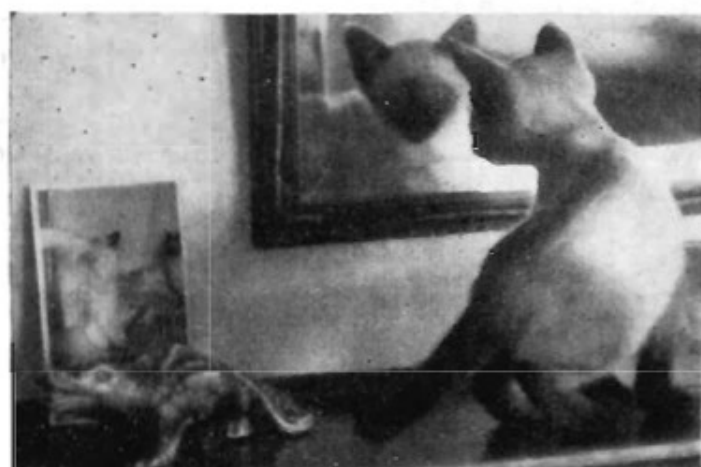
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News from "Down Under"

HERE we are again—for the last time in 1957. And what a wonderful year it has been for progress in the cat world!

The Cat Fanciers' Association exhibition in the Sydney Trocadero was a lovely affair and fully justified all the hard work that made it possible. President Lonsdale was very happy with the smooth, harmonious arrangements and is already talking about the next one.

The cages, among a lovely setting of choice orchids in coloured pots, loaned by Mrs. Wood, were beautifully draped and decorated. Each owner had all her exhibits grouped together. Three sessions of "Cats and Cat Shows" screened in colour by member Mr. Lewis, aroused great interest among exhibitors and visitors alike. The cat photographic section, china cat ornament section and apron sale section, conducted by Mrs. Abbott, were also happy ideas.

It appeared that a happy day was had by all, including the exhibits as they were not subjected to handling by those tiresome judges, stewards, etc. Of course, a few of the more glamorous Hollywood type had their peace disturbed by appointments with the photographers.

On November 2nd, the Southern Cross Siamese Club held a Kitten Show at Chatswood and catered for a strong Siamese section once again. Hard working Mr. Holden, not very long at the helm, must have been pleased to hear everyone vote it a very pleasant day. Three very even Seal Point litters, under three months, were shown and some of these kittens should do well at the 1958 shows. A very beautiful Blue Point was shown by Mr. Allen.

Following are the main awards
Persians. Best Male—Mrs. Roundtree's Rob Roy of Wentworth; Best Female—Miss A. Rapley's Tee Anne of Ellington; Best Female Kitten—Mr. J. Davies's Tehran Tristesse; Best Male Kitten Mrs. M. Freeman's Tehran Kismet; Best Brood Queen—Miss Rapley's Tee Anne of Ellington; Best Litter—Mrs. M. Freeman's Shaded Silvers; Best Neuter—Mrs. G. Stevens' Waiki of Akaroa. *Siamese.* Best Male—Mrs. Helsham's Yonalinkla Lan; Best Female—Mrs. Finch's Dominic Mahlynda; Best Female Kitten—Mr. G. Allen's Westwood Blue Lady; Best Male Kitten—Mrs. O'Donoghue's Kaylee Ricardo; Best Brood Queen—Mrs. J. Hinde's Kentao Mia-mia; Best Litter—Mrs. O'Donoghue's Seal Points; Best Neuter—Mrs. A. Brownlee's Kesa Li-Foo.

Melbourne's loss

It is reported that Clyde and Beryl Chandler, Secretary and Asst. Secretary respectively of Melbourne Siamese Club have decided to "call it a day" and retire from all cat activities. I have had no word from them nor a "Newsletter" for some time. Our last meeting at the Adelaide Club Show was a very happy one—this was in July. If rumour is true, it is a great pity and will mean a great loss to the Melbourne cat world. They have done a great job down there. I have been associated with them on judging visits since 1949 and have regarded visits to Melbourne as happy reunions. I wish them both well and send them greetings from all cat folk.

Happier news comes from New Zealand. I am advised that a meeting

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has been called to interest cat lovers of Christchurch in reforming the old club.

This is splendid news and I hope the meeting is highly successful. Christchurch is a lovely city and I am sure such an important N.Z. centre needs and can support at least one strong club.

Brisbane Kitten Show

Our Adelaide Club is very busy and concentrating on a big entry for its Kitten Show in December. Brisbane news is very scarce at the moment but I guess "no news is good news" and expect soon to get some paws from Secretary Arch Glead.

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Finally, for the last item of "Down Under" for 1957, I send warm greetings to cat lovers everywhere and best wishes for the New Year. See you all again in 1958.

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Christmas is a time when our thoughts turn to our homes and loved ones, and how better to express our sentiments than by this quotation of Mark Twain's:

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WINNERS IN PARIS

THE Cat Club de Paris, affiliated to the Société Centrale Féline de France and to our Governing Council of the Cat Fancy, held its three-day International Show (the 31st) in October at the salons of the Hotel Continental, Paris. This was a splendid show arranged by Mme. Ravel, a master hand at organizing this fixture in the French capital.

Owing to a 24-hours strike, things were made difficult on the first day as several of the exhibits could not get to the salons. So classes were held over until the second day and all was well. Crowds of visitors attended when travel facilities were resumed.

A great feature of the Show was the array of White Persians, some of the loveliest possible to see. At the Nantes Show in June there were 25 present and there was a delightful full page picture of them in the July issue of OUR CATS. I believe that 20 of them were entered to appear in Paris.

The Best in Show award lay between a magnificent White Longhair and a delightful Seal Pointed Siamese, the White getting the unanimous vote of the five judges. His name is Doudou

de Brehat (sired by Int. Ch. Alex des Princes, a well known White), bred by Mlle. de Fontmorod and shown and owned by Mme. Desgranges. The Siamese runner-up was Mr. Muller's Ch. Favorita v Lobelia, a daughter of Int. Ch. Doneraile Leo out of Doneraile Danette, bred by the owner.

There was a strong entry of Blue Longhairs. The Best Blue Cat or Kitten was Miss Posthuma's Bentveld Pagliaccio bred by her from Int. Ch. Southway Wizard ex Merricourt Columbine. This was a very beautiful and well presented male. The Best Blue Female in a class of eleven was a really lovely queen, Shan of Allington, bred by Miss Langston and purchased by Mme. Gras after last year's National Show. Best Longhair Kitten was Dr. and Mme. Mezac's Geory de Richemont, a charming Blue excelling in coat and colour, and honours among the Shorthair youngsters went to a delightful Chartreux Gin de Champnol, exhibited by Mme. Auxion.

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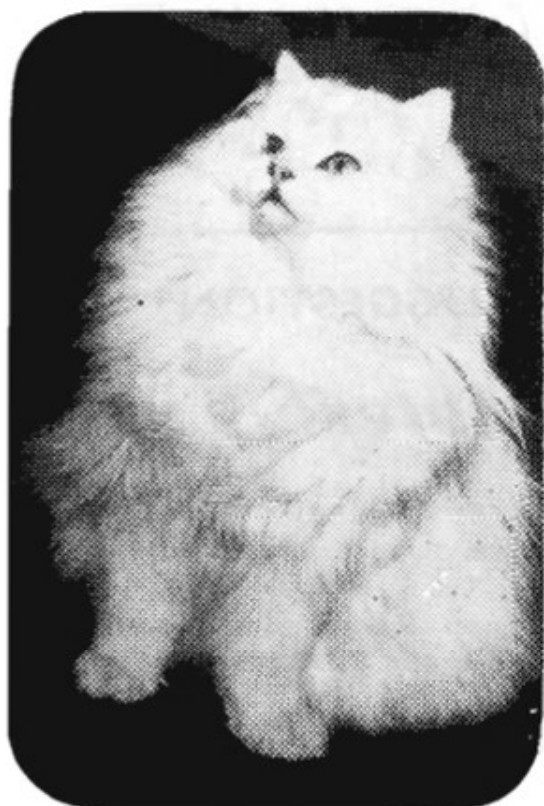
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By HARRY LAWTON

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Greyhaired, 74-year-old Bogart, whose voice registers as quietly as a purr, is President of National Cat Week, which was observed last month for the 13th straight year by cat fanciers all over the nation.

Bogart insists there is nothing unusual about having 17 cats. "After all, Ernest Hemingway has 18 cats," declares the noted feline authority, whose vigorous

efforts in fighting anti-cat organization, and preserving the civil rights of cats has won him the title of "The Cat's Attorney."

A former mayor of Beaumont and retired newspaperman, he is to-day one of the best known lovers and publicists of cats in the world. His efforts to protect cats from cat marauding legislation are so well known that most of the cat journals merely refer to him as "Mr. C. A.", an abbreviation of the Cat's Attorney nickname first bestowed on him by New York columnist E. E. Whiting.

Cats ranging from shades of orange-black to streaked greys may be seen stalking convivially at any hour of the day in the "Cat's Nursery" as Bogart refers to the feline apartment, which adjoins his library and office.



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Only two members of his cat family are permitted the full run of Bogart's private office, where he transacts correspondence with cat lovers all over the world. These two cats are Penelope and Hildabruen. "It isn't that I won't let other cats in my office," explains Bogart, "It's simply that Penelope and Hildabruen know I'm busy much of the time and they won't permit any other cats to enter the room."

In one week Bogart may answer 50 to 75 letters from cat lovers throughout the globe, seeking information about their pets. "The hardest letters to answer are those from people whose cats have died," says Bogart, "These letters demand sympathy. I've wept over the loss of a cat many times and it's nothing to be ashamed of."

Most of Bogart's time as President of National Cat Week is occupied in seeking co-operation from cat clubs throughout the country in attacking legislation such as the cat marauding and cat leash-law bills which have popped up in Illinois and California in recent years.

Anti-cat moves

Hardest battle for cat civil rights has been against a group known as the "Friends of the Birds." Gertrude Charny, leader of the group, has even offered a \$1,000 reward to anyone getting a sufficiently drastic anti-cat bill passed.

Bogart and other cat fancier leaders have managed to spike her bills in Illinois and in California. In fact, it was Governor Adlai Stevenson, who vetoed a Charny bill in Illinois, which would have required leashing cats and permitted the trapping of cats not leashed.

Against the claims of the "Friends of the Birds" that cats kill birds, Bogart has enlisted Audubon Society statistics. He points out that cats are eighth on the list of enemies of birds. "In fact, many aviaries use cats to keep mice down," declares Bogart, "It is never any trouble to teach cats to live in harmony with birds in home or aviary."

Winning friends

He is aware that his intensity on the subject of cats is regarded by some as a sign of crackpot tendencies, but he feels as long as he has listeners, something of what he says will stick, and the cat will win friends in the process.

Bogart made a hit during one National Cat Week drive by composing his now famous poem, "*I Am the Cat*." Noted cat photographer Walter Chandoha has termed it the best "characterization of the cat in the language" and used it as the prefatory opening to his recent book, "*All Kinds of Cats*."



Dr. Guy Bogart's Christmas card for 1957. We hope you can manage to decipher the verse!

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A few lines of the poem are as follow :

"I am the Cat—
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Love me,
Enjoy me,
Live with me,
And I repay,
I am the Cat—"

A while back when Bogart grew a moustache, a friend stopped him on the street and said, "Guy, you're beginning to look more like a cat every day."

"Thank you," replied Bogart, "I consider that a real compliment."



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American Profile

MRS. BLANCHE WOLFRAM

During the months ahead we plan to publish a series of profiles of prominent personalities in the cat world. It is fitting, we feel, that the first in the series is devoted to our new American Associate Editor. Mrs. Blanche Wolfram is probably the most widely-read writer on feline care and management in the States and we count ourselves most fortunate in having secured her promise of regular contributions to future issues of OUR CATS, including some profiles of leading figures in American Fancy.

BLANCHE WOLFRAM'S interest in cats began in her early childhood, for having lived on a farm she always had cats near her. Like all little girls she had her dreams too and one of them was a desire to have a soft fluffy, white Persian kitty with large round beautiful blue eyes.

In 1951 she came very close to realizing her dream. It was decided to obtain a Persian cat but all that was available locally was a black Persian male kitten. She was disappointed in not being able to get a white one but the black was purchased and given the astounding name of "Baron Jet Von Ebony."

Friends induced her to take him to a cat show and she travelled to Philadelphia to attend her very first show. Yes, Baron did win a blue ribbon and it was at this show that she made her decision to enter the competitive field of show cat breeding.

Obtaining a copy of *Cats Magazine*, she contacted breeders all over the country. With the passing of time she obtained stock from such outstanding bloodlines as Akanta, Allington, Bear, Casa Loma, Clairedale, Cloud Top, Dixiland, Evergreen, Great Lakes, Lee's Hi Hat, Longhill, Marleon, Milky Way, Nigrette, Silver Moth, Twilight, Wimmerma and Windibank. With the blending together of these lines she has produced her now



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famous Gallahad line of Persians. The success of her efforts in producing outstanding Blue-eyed Whites can be attested to their many wins in shows throughout the country.

Her journalistic career began in July, 1954, when her first article appeared in *Cats Magazine*. This was brought about because of the lack of available information on the breeding and care of cats. She herself was beset by many misfortunes due to the scarcity of this kind of material and was determined to help other novices to avoid the pitfalls of adversity.

In this manner her "*Tips To The Novice*" was born. Since that first writing her articles have appeared each and every month bringing help and encouragement to breeders and lovers of cats everywhere. The general theme of her writings has been feline care and management.

When the new magazine "*Cat World*" was published, the editors enlisted her aid and she responded nobly with her "*Cat Counsel*" which has become a well-loved and looked-for article in each issue.

Many letters asking her advice come to her each and every month. Each is given the utmost consideration and each answer in return carries with it all the knowledge she has gained through her study and research of the cat. She derives great satisfaction from knowing that she has helped some beginner to better understand and aid their cat in time of need.

Besides all this activity, Mrs. Wolfram finds time to serve as the President of the Pittsburgh Cat Club. She is doing her best to make this Club one that will be equal to the many fine clubs in the Association. She is also a judge in the Cat Fanciers' Association and promises to uphold the fine tradition as set by the judges before her. It is her ambition to become a well respected judge and one who will always stand for fair dealing.



THE STRAY ON XMAS EVE

THE hoar frost sparkles, crisp and dry,
Across the meadows lightly spread.
Beneath the hedge, where soft leaves lie,
The little cat has made her bed.

Here, snugly sheltered, closely curled,
She views with green unquestioning eyes
The darkly-shadowed, sleeping world,
And all the splendour of the skies.

Where, brighter than Orion's bands,
Or seven stars of Pliades,
The Eastern Star serenely stands
And shines above the wintry trees.

The little cat unheeding lies
As sweet-toned Christmas bells ring out.
She knows no creeds, no subtleties
Of human faith, or human doubt.

She only knows her little world
Of field and copse and country lane,
Of scanty meals, of nights close-curled
Beneath the hedge, to wake again.

No more she knows than this, and yet
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