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maids in the United States.

Young Girls of Her Race in City.

TRAINING SCHOOL

THE CHAMPION CAT.

"Purr, purr," said Charles Chinchilla Cat, known for short, by his best friends as Charlie. "Purr, purr," answered the other

cats at the cat show. "Did you hear the news?" asked Charles Chinchilla Cat.

"We heard something, but not all. We heard that you did wonderfully in for comfort and does for the modern noon the cat show. Tell us. They were household what shock absorbers do We couldn't hear them for they were talking so hard and so fast.' "They had lots to say," said Charles

Chinchilla Cat. "Tell it to us, Charlie," purred the

other cats. "Hush," said Charlte.

"What are we to 'hush' about?" they

asked. "You mustn't call me Charlie at this her own race. cat show. You see I have been so much honored. I am so distinguished.

That means I am so fine and superior and noble and great." "Gracious, Charlie," said the other

cats, "that's a whole lot." "Cats, I told you all you mustn't call me Charlie."

"But that is your name," they said. high as \$18 a week. "It's my name my friends call me by -those who know me well."

"We're your friends, and we know you well," said the other cats. "That's all right. I admit it. But you must treat me differently at the

I am very superior as I cat show. have said before, especially today." "What must we call you?" asked the other cats.

"You must call me by my name in full-it makes no difference."

"They both mean the same," said one of the other cats. "Of course It makes no difference."

"Of course not," smiled Charlie, as he pulled his whiskers and licked his face.

"Tell us about the news," said the other cats.

"Pray tell us about the news, distinguished, honorable, noble Charles tained, Chinchilla Cat," said one of the others.

"That's the way to talk to me at the cat show," said Charlie. "That's fine. Yes, I will tell you the news. at once.

"I was at another cat show this morning. It was held in a beautiful The answer to this problem is a dohotel where bell boys ran around an- mestic science teacher once said, "is keep the silver and the glassware toswering bells and where beautiful la- always wrong." dies and handsome men walked gh the halls.

THE MONITOR

birth than Negro girls.

sincerity, "that I would be meeting a real need by opening a school."

By natural gifts an intelligent at Excelsior Springs. teacher and able to grasp the problem in its broadest significance, she saw that to be a success, the school must be thorough and set a standard.

At first bearing only the meager fruits of obscurity, the circle of its in- from a serious sick spell. fluence widened slowly until: "She's one of Mrs. Williams' girls" now has come to stand for honesty, neatness chickens ready for the market. and capability.

Those proud and comfortable in the possession of one Mrs. Williams housemaids invariably mentioned and ecommended the school to their trained about thirty women. friends and many women allowed the girls to continue in the school one or two afternoons a week in order to perfect their training.

Additional training in fancy service, are making of salad dressings, tea Negro Woman Points Way to Solving cakes and fancy cookery were given.

Servant Problem-Incidentally the "They always know one of my girls Widow of Former School Head Does when she answers the doorbell," Mrs. Wonderful Uplift Work Among Williams said proudly.

The housemaid's costume recommended by the teacher consists of a WHE good housemaid, than which blue dress with white apron and cap

there is no more precious jewel, in the morning and white cap, black is an antidote for divorce, a synonym dress and white apron in the after-

"I'm running a 'housemaid factory,' talking about your place over there. for the modern car-smooths the Mrs. Williams says, "but I remember rough places and prevents bumpy rid- that other training than mere formal ability to do household work is neces Ten years ago a Negro woman in sary. Courteous manners, good char-

Kansas City, looking about for an acter and cheerfulness are important occupation to dissipate the loneliness qualities in a good housemaid." engendered by the death of her hus-

Schooling Is Thorough.

band, recognized in the foregoing facts The training given begins with the a need and a mission among girls of preparation of food and the course is carried from the baking of biscuits to And that is why Kansas City today the proper manner at the front door has the only public school for house- in answering the bell.

The low voice so much praised by Five hundred of them trained by the poets is a point emphasized by this woman in the past ten years now Mrs. Williams and consideration, foreare in service in the prosperous homes thought and iniatative are things she of the city and some are receiving as endeavors to instill in the Negro girls.

A condition of unemployment among The school was taken over by the young Negro women, bad for them board of education two years ago. has been obviated. They have been Previous to that for eight years Mrs. given a profession, a calling, and a Williams carried on the work. Many definite place in the social structure. times incompetent Colored girls with-Work is always pleasant when a per- out funds begged for a chance to learn son is well trained for it. They are and promised to return the money. contented because they are well These promises, she says, were almost invariably made good. In ten years, Well-to-do women in the city have the teacher has had brought to her

interested themselves in the school attention only two cases of dishonesty. with the result that a board of white "I do not stop with teaching them women has been appointed to assist in outlining courses. how to mix biscuit dough with two knives in order to make it flaky," she Situations are obtained for trained said.

or partly trained maids; suggestions "I believe morals and neatness and for improving the course given and a manners are as important as placing general supervision of the school, from the salad fork in the right relation to the housekeeper's point of view main- the dinner plate, though I do not undevestimate the latter."

Since taking over the work, she has Committee Gives Advice. It is known as an advisory commit- been assigned also to train the fifth, tee and grew out of a concerted at- sixth and seventh grade girls of the tempt of Kansas City women to solve Pruce school in domestic science and the servant problem by co-operation. the rudiments of housemaid work. How to stack dishes for washing, to

gether and manage the cups without The committee consists of Mrs. danger of breakage are the first les-

These girls have everone been given

houses in Kansas City. One of them

At the commencement demonstra-

Mrs. John Thatcher, wife of an at-

torney, who had been particularly in-

from Boston, where she had gone to

live, that she had found no school in

Kansas Citv's school for housemaids.

so rapidly that it is likely the school

will be enlarged in the near future

ATCHISON, KAS.

the Colored school in Leavenworth,

who lives at 829 Fleming street, with

her parents, returned from Hutchison

Manuel Phelps a returned soldier

is working at Covington's barber shop.

Mr. Phelps brought many relics from

France, which he has on exhibition

in the shop window. Mr. Phelps tells

many interesting things concerning

Mrs. G. G. Brown and baby of

Wichita are visiting her sister-in-law,

Mrs. A. A. Davis, on Mound street.

Mrs. Brown is the wife of Dr. Brown,

Mrs. James Mayball has returned

from a Topeka hospital, where she

underwent a painful operation. She

Miss Hattie Ingram, principal of

and other equipment added.

Tuesday evening.

his life in the army.

Demands for maids are increasing

tion last week, one little girl. Lois

is in dishwashing.

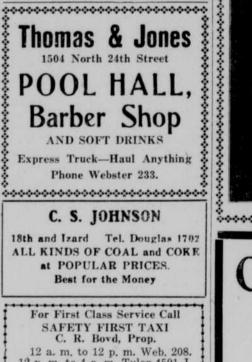
"It seemed to me," she added with Rock, Ark., are visiting their son. The Mesdames J. D. Colbert and Myrtle Potter are spending two weeks

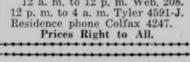
> Miss Lucile Carter is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Cal Montgomery. Mrs. Frank Wood of Des Moines,

Ia., is visiting Miss Lulu Valuzett. Mrs. Luke Barnett is recovering

John Scott, the popular bachelor, has a fine garden and some spring

Miss Ally Barnett is particularly elated with the success of the class of women that she trained for future service for Uncle Sam. Miss Barrett





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"I won the championship at that cat

show, and then my master brought me over here where all my friends were. "And I have won the championship

here, too. I have not only won all these distinctions but I have been told that I have been called the most perfect chinchilla cat in the country. Of course anyone can tell by looking at



Anyone Can Tell I Am a Beautiful Cat."

me that I am a beautiful silver cat with a most exquisite coat, but my honors today have been fine and numberless.

"I am all silver. I have no spots. That is rare and exquisite in itself. Yes, I have been judged under different sets of rules; and that means that from every standpoint, from every judge, from every person who knew anything about cats I have been considered the prize winner, the best silver cat, the most handsome of chinchilla cats.

"Ah, I am unbeaten. No one can surpass me, though my four-year-old father is a winner, too, of many prizes. I came naturally by winning prizes. But oh, I have won more than almost any cat ever won, I do believe."

"We do believe so, too," said all the other cats. "We're proud to know you, Charlie."

"Hush," said Charlte.

"Oh, we beg your pardon," they all said, "we're proud to know you, Charles Chinchilla Cat, and we hope

"I hope so, too," said Charlie. "Purr, purr, good-by." For his master had come to take him away.

Mrs. Whitfield Ienry Sammis, Mrs. Herman Dierks, Mrs. John H. Thacher, Mrs. I. M. Ridge jobs for the summer as helpers in

C Flow

and Mrs. G. W. Addison. These women with the assistance of has been engaged for the home of I. Mrs. B. J. Williams, the teacher who I. Cammack, superintendent of schools, started the school, have virtually

solved the servant problem. "It did not solve itself, you may be Brooks by name, stood before a large

sure," one of them said. "We had to assemblage many of them white womwork at it and to have co-operation. en, and made a "batch" of biscuits. We think we have the answer in a She measured out the ingredients, school where the training in the past mixed the dough and baked the deforced from a worried and unhappy licious morsels.

woman, overworked and irritated, is "The baking powder was made by given in its proper environment, a girls in the cooking classes," anclassroom." nounced the young demonstrator.

So extensive and efficient has the school become that whenever a vacancy evists in a home, the first call terested in the school, recently wrote goes out to Mrs. Williams at the Bruce school.

Bankers, business men and all other the East in any way comparable with ouseholders who employ maids now know that the training school can supply a way to make the household run smoothly and happily.

"A chain is no stronger than its weakest link," is a proverb to which Mrs. Williams adds that "a good maid is a link in the household which op-

erates toward forging a chain of success for the members of it. "A well baked biscuit and a proper-

ly laid table are a good solution for Monday where she lectured on some of the problems of the Colored race. the divorce problem," Mrs. Williams Miss Ingram will give the same lecsays.

The Bruce school for Negro housemails is at Thirteenth street and Jackson avenue. Ten years ago, when it was started, Mrs. Williams held sessions in her home around the corner. She had studied in the domestic science department of the Manhattan ag-

riculture college, but did not employ her training except in her own home until after the death of her husband, T. W. H. Williams, for many years

principal of the Bruce school.

Sees Need of Training.

who formerly practiced here. Dr. "I looked about me and saw young Negro girls suffering for lack of Brown will join his wife in a few training," she said, recounting the days.

origin of her idea. "Time and again they were discharged and replaced by white girls.

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