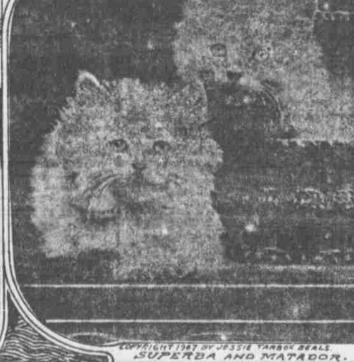
Aristocratic Cats of Long Descent and High Quality

too glad to be interviewed about the profession of cat breeding. said Miss Laura G. Hopkins secretary of the Atlantic Caclub, as she settled down in her chair for a long talk; "only you musn't call it a profession. Of course, there are some people who raise cats for fithy lucre, with most of us it's an art, a sport, and a very absorbing one at that. "But, to get down to business, one of the



and the next day he died of distemper As short a time as ten years ago England

And to and behold when the prizes were

awarded, Joe, the unappreciated family

tabby, had won the blue ribbon. He was

carried all over the Garden by his friends;

they bought him a beautiful English collar

and when he got home he had an extra fish

But poor Joe Hoggengelmer had been

made by nature a quiet, home-keeping soul-

Dissipation simply didn't agree with him

dinner to complete the foys of the day.

JOE HOGGINGREIMER

most expensive cats is, of course, the Per- is very much longer than that of most

refined. Consequently they are very deli- beauty. cate as kittens, but once over all the youthas a horse or an automobile.

because it's much too hot in New York over the little chairs in her room and

for such thickly clothed animals. But the refinement of these cats shows wher ways as well. For example, ap Minary cat would just as soon alt on the coal bin as not and is just as ready die up to an ash can, but a real Persian, if he happens to stray from his proper quarters, will select a nice clean piece of paper to sit on, or, if it be at home, it will usually choose your softest and silkiest

"What's more, they wouldn't even think of stealing. They're much too proud to stoop to that. And then they are so sensi-

"My prize Persian once looked at the canary in a most ordinary and catlike manner, so I just lectured her for it good and hard, and she has never done it since. If you will walk upstairs to my cat rooms I'll show her to you.

And Miss Hopkins led the way through the picturesque rooms of her house, which, by the way, is the birthplace of the Authora' club. On the top floor toward the front, where the windows are broad and the sun streams in all day, Miss Hopkins' pets are, housed in a room devoted exclusively to their care, comfort and amuse-

A big white case stands along one of the walls, spools attached to long strings hang from the ceiling, and scattered about are pingpong balls for the playful kittens and big, noft pillows for the more dignified older pussies. Some white kittens were gamboling about on the floor and over on the window ledge stretched out on a dark red cushion in a winning and luxurious pose lay White Aigrette, lazily blinking her bright blue eyes in the sunshine.

If the great Robert Louis Stevenson meant what he said when he asserted that cats are not vain he never could have seen a thoroughbred Persian. White Algrette is as self-possessed and self-assured as a belle of six seasons and knows how to show off her good points just as eleverly. She imitates society queens in other ways also, for when she has a litter of kittens she guite ignores them and poor Sara, the kitchen tabby, is called in to bring up the aristocratic family.

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sian, or the Angora, as some people call Americans and goes straight back to them. They are not really the same, be- her native Persia. Her immediate parents cause the Persians come from the high- were Oberon, an English cat, and Carrara, land of Tibet and have a dry, shiny fur, who made herself famous last year at whereas the Angoras come from the low- the Madison Square Garden exhibit by eslands and are apt to be duller in coloring, caping from her cage and climbing up to "The Persian cat is the result of years the electric light chandeller which hands most tempting tidbit before her between and years of breeding and they have been from the ceiling. White Aignette, herself, meals and White Aignette will regard it inbred to retain certain traits until they has two kittens, Superba and Matador, have become like some people-much over- who have much if not all of their mother's

PRINCESS OF PARIS

Almost every day White Algrette has ful allments they are as good an investment her automobile ride, and so that she may not take cold she wears a light blue silk "Of course, great care must be taken of clock which just matches the color of her miration." a thoroughbred Persian even when it is eyes. Her meals are served three times a grown up. I have many friends who take day at fixed hours and if any delay occurs their cats to the mountains every summer she bangs at the wires of her cage, knocks

.cakes herself generally disagreeable until she gets something to eat. But put the most tempting tidbit before her between with supreme indifference.

MENABOWAN STRONGKEART

Her disposition is not effectionate and she never goes out of her way to win caresses. As her Miss Hopkins says. "she has become so sure of herself that she just poses all Joe was a big. brown tabby, a most philoday long and cares about nothing but ad- sophic cat, who had been his mistrees'

Last year White Aigrette carried off the ribbon at Madison Square Garden as the best kitten in the show, and most cat fanciors expect that this year, when the

exhibit comes off in December, she will carry everything before her as the best cat in the show. As yet no pictures of White Aigrette are in existence, as Miss Hopkins believes "rmly in the superstition that it is sure death to a cat to have a photograph made before she is quite old. With tears in her eyes she will tell you of her pal, Fanchon the Cricket, a valuable chinchilla, who was photographed by one of his admirers and died the next day.

Another cat tragedy which Miss Hopkins tells is the story of Joe Hoggengreimer. special pet all his life, but had never been thought worthy of being entered in a show. Last year he was entered in the Garden show because it would have been too mean to leave Joe at home when a'l the rest of

and the best cate, and most Ar vilcan prize winners were imported from that country, but America has slowly been gaining until it equals England and even surpasses it in the breeding of silvers and

One of the best known cat fanciers of this country is Mrs. Dykhouse. She has put up extensive kennels at Grand Ranids. Mich., at an expense of \$5.000. The building is equipped with a miniature furnace and an electric light plant to provide the proper temperature and light.

Her blue-eyed Persian, Y-Brenin Gwyn, imported by her from England, has wor three first prizes in his native country and four firsts in America, besides six gold medals and six silver challenge cups. Mrs. Dykhouse also owns the famous Princess of Paris, who won first place in the open class at Chicago, both as a kitten and a full grown cat. The Princess also has to her credit four eilver cups and two gold medals. Last year she won the Beresford Challenge male cat.

In the east the best known cat functor is Miss Pollard of Elizabeth, N. J. Her famous white Persian Purity, valued at \$1.500, is the winner of forty-seven prizes and half a dozen cups and belongs to the best white stock in the country.

She has been beaten but twice, once in England and once in America, by her own daughter, Puritana. Other inhabitants of the Omar cattery, as Miss Pollard's kenern, southern and New England states and nels are called, are King of the Silvers, eastern Canada, urging them to come to winner of eight firsts; White Monk, a son the northwest, and then prevail upon them of Purity; Boynton Grip, a blue eyed white. and Scotland Yet, a blue that has just been imported from Scotland, where he was considered the finest cut of his kind in the country.

Strongheart, a very valuable and very Detroit. Strongheart is pitch black in color and has bright yellow eyes. His sire was Blackthorn, his dam Blackberry Fawe, both famous cats in their day.

Among the short-haired population of catdom the most famous is undoubtedly Carofor ages. This business received support very big cat, with bright blue eyes, the color of which is emphasized by a sapphire

Last year the prize for the best cut in the show was won by Laddie Loupin, a should have created more than a little ex- blue, belonging to Mrs. Hofstra, who is the diate destruction of the handbills on which this way Mrs. Hofstra won her own cup. tabable light or shadow to Miss Ront's wives for the eligible young men of the the arrest of those who took part in their year at the club competitions and which pretty romance begun at a state reception I may that 5,000 women between the ages she had heard the French marriages were of the Argent Rennels in 1805, and in 1806 by Slam H of the Hempstead kennels.

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Curious and Romantic Capers of Cupid

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over the approaching marriage of Lieutenant Ulysses S. Grant III. U. S. A., to Miss Edith Root, only daughter of the secretary of state, which take place shortly after the of the bride's family from

Mexico. These particularly favored young Washington with all the dignity of an offipeople have not only succeeded in plensing c'al function attended by the president, themselves, but also their respective families, a sarge circle of friends and society in general, which is just as it should be as the most carping critic could find no excuse for adverse comment on a match so obviously desirable. Miss Root possesses much the same qual-

of mind as her distinguished father, but has been educated along entirely feminine lines, inheriting from her gentle, kindly mother those rarer qualities which make Mrs. Root the greatest home maker of all the administration circle, an ideal friend. That the announcement of her engagement came as a complete surprise to everybody is an example of Miss Root's While many of the administration circle knew the dashing young engineer officer found great pleasure in the society of the daughter of the secretary of state, no one could accuse the reserved Miss Root of showing the slightest preferyoung and distinguished bachelors, American and foreign, whom the wheel of official life brought frequently to the side of the leading belle of the cabinet circle.

When the coming or going of this particular young man brought that unmisthe close of the last season. at the White House, reached its climax, of 24 and 30 years could find good husbands for the most part happy."

and there, surrounded only by their near- and comfortable homes in Spokane alone. est and dearest, is where the marriage would take place could the dainty little bride follow her own will in the matter. However, the daughter of the head of the cabinet, and the grandson of the greatest soldier president of madern times, cannot wed with the extreme simplicity they modestly desire, so their marrirage will be in members of the cabinet and the diplomatic

Lieutenant Grant, as every one knows, is Grant, U. S. A., the oldest grandson of the president, whose name he bears. was graduated from West Point in 1902 and immediately was ordered to the Philduty at the White House, where he and Captain Fitzhugh Lee divided the social honors of two years, was never particuwife and mother, a loyal and faithful larly acceptable to Lieutenant Grant, who inherits the true soldier spirit of his illustrious grandfather, and consequently welcomes the prospect of a more active professional life awaiting him in Boston. home in the coming winter.

Men's Affinity Club.

Designed to solve the problem of the the Pacific northwest is the Spokane Affinity club, just organized by twenty-three bachelors under 30 years of age.

close of the organization meeting:

"This may seem an extravagant statement in a city of nearly 100,000 population, but the fact is the young men have come into the city in such large numbers during the last eighteen months that there are not sufficient girls to go around, "The first step in the campaign to bring

young women into the country will be to write to our friends and acquaintances in the old homes in the middle western, eastthe only son of General Frederick Dent to write to their girl acquaintances. In that way a chain system will be established and the problem finally solved." President Brown added that any man be-

tween the age of 25 and 40 years, indusippines, where he served thre years. His trious and of good character and possessed beautiful Persian and a great prize winassignment to Washington with special of at least \$1,000, or its equivalent in realty, ner, is owned by Mrs. Richard Hardy of is eligible to membership in the club.

Matchmakers in China.

A Shanghai correspondent of a German paper writes: "The custom of arranging matrimonial contracts through agents or matchmakers has been practiced in China line, owned by Robert Scully. She is a where he and his bride will have their from all clauses, for, although the highcasts men in some instances select their necklace which she constantly wears. By first wives themselves, the additional wives all fanciers she is declared to be the finest are all secured through the agents. This short-haired cat in America, and she has being so, it was only natural that a re- taken all prizes at New York, Boston and ence for Lieutenant Grant, one of many scarcity of marriageable young women in cently distributed proclamation, written by Washington. an unknown person, urging the women to rebel against the old established custom, President Brown of the club said at the citement. The officials ordered the imme- president of the Atlantic Cat club. In "The purpose of the club is to provide the revolutionary screed was printed and the Hofstra trophy, which is offered every brown eyes, their owner quietly Spokane country by inducing the girls to distribution. The empress dowager directed will finally belong to the person winning departed from Washington, going to the come into the district. There is a great that further efforts in that direction should it three times running. So far the cup family home at Clinton, N. Y., long before scarcity of young women in the north- be punished severely, and we know what has been won by Mrs. Woodward's Com-There, the west. I am not overstating the fact when that means. She said also that from what modore in 1903 and 1904, by Argent Splendor



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ributary to itself and the adjacent rail-

cisco. On the Burlington route a maxiern Pacific road between Billings and Co- articles, lumbia river is being greatly improved in The timber lands of the Portland territory Columbia river near Paaco, to Portland the present dense growth, but for a still nearly completed. No other transcontinen- stitutes the bulk of the timber reproduces s near the coast. Apparently, though not tal route has or can be secured equally itself more rapidly than any other timber in promoting San Francisco rather than Hill has been gottling roady to bandle trans- a growth large enough for railway ties. cortiand with its numerous competing continental transportation via Omaha, Bill- Thirty or forty years will give mill timber.

The Union Pucific system plans to double dozen times as many lies as an acre of ted by the entry of each succeeding road track the read from Omaha to Portland, eastern timber. Treated fir ties will relieve rough the increased city growth. The At but little greater expense the proposed our rullroads of tie shortage. ne fact that the Southern Pacific company second track, instead of paralleling the Oniaha is the only city between Chicago practically the only road of importance present track across the Blue mountains and Portland which can to best advantage aching San Francisco, is itself enough to beyond Huntington, could diverge at On- serve both and be built up to greater size ndemn that city as to its value to the trio on the Snake river, follow up the by the growth of Chicago and of Portland. uthern Pacific railway. Portland, be- Northern river and down the Des Chutes Any resident of Omaha may safely assume use of having other lines, has assured to river to the Columbia river, gaining much that a long rasidence in Omaha will see self a more even, substantial growth, and traffic from new country. This second his interests, if handled with reasonable can in the reasonably near future give track, although emountering as much rise care, develop handsomely.

than will San Francisco. The northerly less abrupt rise and much better gradients justifying building and arranging on a lines of railway, one after the other, have westbound, and find much less trouble from large scale. Railways are justified in conbeen bending southward from their origi- floods and snow. The lessened main- structing such great betterments as the nal more northerly ferminals, to reach the tenance cost, capitalized, would go (ar to- new Northwestern freight terminal. The tion, by moving heavy raw materials Columbia river city. The Northern Pacific wards the cost of the additional track. The city will find future enlarged size and cheapty, sids in building up the country and Great Northern are soon to reach Port- present location across the filus mountains values to carry some of the permanent imland via the Columbia river. The Canadian instead of via the Malbear route, was provements. The citizen will find the city Pacific company has just made arrange originally a mistake. It ran on one side of growing in beauty, in civic conveniences way, increases industries, home demands ments to put its business with Portland. Its possible tonnage-producing area, and in educational, artistic and enjoyment fea-Both the Oregon Railroad and Navigation through a rugged unprofitable territory over tures. The two cities, Omaha and Portmuch of the route. The Malheur central land, not rivals, but helpers, will control cific company can secure much better grad. Oregon country resemble the country west the intermediate territory and by their ients and transportation arrangements to of Casper or north of Belle Fourche, whence surplus wealth develop it Portland than can be secured to San Fran- so nuch is pouring into Omaha in the way of cattle, wool and sheep. The central mum gradient of only thirty feet per mile Oregon development will have much value between Quaha and Billings is being sought to Omaha, when a railway makes it poswith good promise of success. The North- sible, as regards westbound manufactured

line and gradient, and some of its great are valuable beyond any other timbered deviations of route removed. From the areas of this country, not only because of a road on a low water-line gradient is more important reason. The fir which congood, or can handle tonnage so easily. Mr. of equal value and use. A few years gives nes. For the nearer future this may be ings and Portland as it has never hitherto. The fir grows both so densily and so tall that an acre of fir tie timber will furnish a

more of value to the Union Pacific company as along the present line, would encounter houses can safely count on a development

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