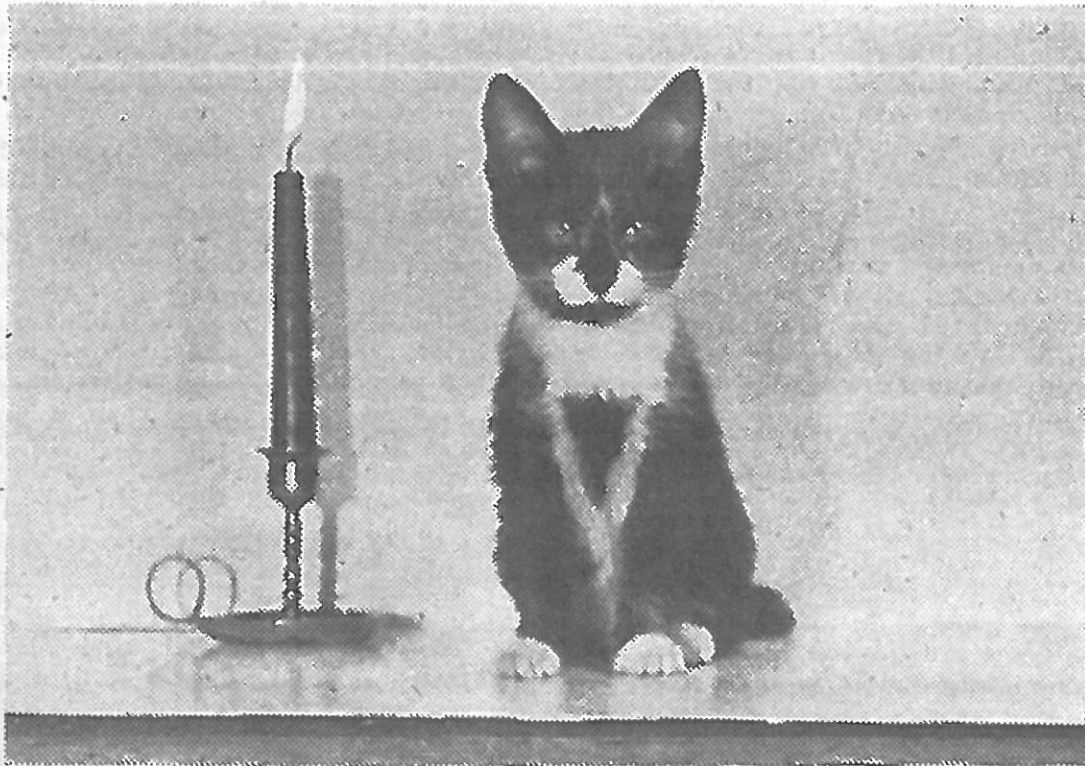


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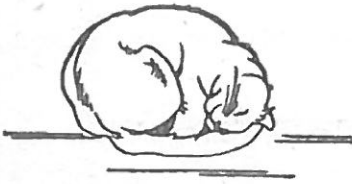
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# NOTES OF THE MONTH

THE CAT

By the Editor

JUNE, 1945



Various reasons have been given to account for the general indifference to cats among farmers and country

people. The quotations given in the two interesting letters from the Secretary of the National Society for the Abolition of Cruel Sports, the second of which is in this issue, may throw a little light on the subject. Formerly the local Squires were more or less dictators in all rural districts where the tradesmen and workers, the farmers, the veterinaries, even the village parsons depended almost entirely on their good will. Everyone had to "keep in" with the Squire. Small wonder then that his views were adopted by the whole locality. If the Squire looked upon cats as "vermin" so did his dependents and although the glories of squirehood have departed, the ideas implanted in the minds of country people have taken firm root. It will be found that the word "vermin" is more frequently used in the country than in towns, where it is chiefly applied to the insect world and occasionally to rats and mice. Many creatures are given the name in the country because they interfere with some of the countryman's interests.

## New U.S.A. Cat Licensing Bill.

The "sportsmen" in the United States have the same antagonism to cats as their British counterparts. It is there that the majority of experiments in cat taxation have taken place; others were tried in Germany; and they have been openly approved or sponsored by the "sporting" community. The Press reports that another attempt to penalise cats and their owners has been made in the shape of a cat licensing Bill. Among its clauses, according to the Press, was one which made a crime of "permitting a cat to run at large," punishable by a fine of £1. Another decreed a fine of £25 and a prison sentence up to 30 days for persons "encouraging cats to catch birds." Sponsors of the Bill stated that "cats are a large factor in the destruction of our most loved and valuable birds," but did not explain whether the birds in question were "loved" and "valuable" only because they provided good "sport" or for their own sakes. It is said that the introduction of the Bill was greeted by some senators with cat-calls and barks; perhaps this is the best possible comment upon it. American cat lovers have always succeeded in defeating anti-cat legislation; it is to be hoped they will be victorious once more.

## Cats and The Law.

The maximum fine for cruelty to animals

is not often imposed, but in April the Stipendiary Magistrate of the Potteries fined a man £25 for "cruelty to a cat by unreasonably killing it in an improper manner." £4 12s. special costs were also imposed. The same man was summoned for causing unnecessary suffering to another cat "by unreasonably omitting to provide it with sufficient nourishing food and proper care and attention." For this he was fined £5 with £4 12s. special costs. His cruelty cost, him altogether £30 4s., a very fitting penalty and one which should prove a deterrent to other cat haters: the man admitted that he disliked cats. The two poor animals who suffered from his neglect and brutality had been befriended by his wife while he was absent.

## Mistaken Kindness.

We have had occasion before to draw attention to the well-meant but ill-judged action of some cat lovers who assume that every cat they meet taking the air is a stray and that they are entitled to pick it up and take it to a Shelter to be destroyed, without first making exhaustive enquiries about it. This is grossly unfair to the cat and its possible owner; it is an illegal action—larceny—and is calculated to give a very bad example to children or even adults who may witness it, leading them to think that a cat is nobody's or anybody's property. Many kittens are actually turned into strays by being picked up and carried away by children. It should not be difficult for any real cat lover to tell the difference between a stray and a cat that is merely indulging in a little exploration. In the spring and early summer many cats make quite long expeditions, sometimes at a considerable distance from their homes. They are giving rein to the spirit of adventure or going about perfectly natural business; when this is finished they return home. A real stray is very rarely seen in the day time; a temporarily lost cat may be met with, but it is the duty of really genuine lovers of cats to make every effort to trace its owner and to restore it to its home. We mention the matter again as we have heard of some recent cases.

## Victory Cat.

The portrait on our cover was sent to us by an American sympathiser. It is that of "England," born in September, 1941. As his coat was so plainly marked with the V for victory sign he was given this name as an expression of goodwill and friendly hope.

The picture could be read as highly symbolical. The kitten, typifying the powers of Good marked with the sign of victory; the lighted candle beside it signifying the light of Peace shining once more over the world.



## OUR MEMBERS' CORNER

In which Members relate their experiences and express their views upon all subjects connected with Cats. In all cases where initials only are given the Editor knows the identity of the writers, who are alone responsible for the opinions expressed which are not necessarily those of the C.P.L.

### Feline Intelligence.



My cat, Michael, who always accompanies me on holidays, was one evening lying on my lap, ostensibly fast asleep, in the lounge of our bungalow at Flamborough. He had got into the habit of staying out rather late at night and keeping us sitting up for him, so my Mother said: "Don't let Mickey out again to-night." "Hush—he'll hear you," I replied (having noticed his ears twitch at the mention of his name, although his eyes remained closed). My Mother smiled somewhat derisively, and said, "Well, it doesn't matter if he does hear me; he can't get out as I have closed the kitchen window." "The window behind you is still open," I rejoined, almost in an undertone. "Oh, is it? I'll close it then," said my Mother, and was just about to rise from her chair to do so when Michael sprang from my lap and took a flying leap through the window referred to. We were both amazed for up to that moment he had never stirred or looked up but appeared fast asleep. The most sceptical person, if he had witnessed the incident, would have been convinced that the cat had heard and understood our conversation, and acted upon it! Shortly after our return home, a similar incident occurred. I was in the kitchen with the back door open, also the door leading to the hall. I saw Michael come out of the dining room and begin to walk slowly down the passage towards the kitchen. At that moment my Mother called out: "Mickey's coming—close the back door" (for the same reason as before). The moment he heard what she said he turned and raced for the front door which—unknown to my Mother—was also open. He knew I could close the back door before he could get to it, but as he was nearer to the front door than I, he knew I could not intercept him. After that we resorted to *spelling* sentences of this kind! Can you wonder?

D.V.D.

A feline parishioner of 22 has had a live kitten. Is this a record?—S. CLAUDE TIKELL, Vicar of Latton by Swindon.

### Cats in Different Languages.

With reference to the note under the above title which appeared in the last number of your interesting magazine (of 15th May, 1945) I thought its readers may be interested to know that in Russian a "Tom-cat" is "kotì" with "kotui" as plural and "kótik" as a term of endearment. A female cat is "kóshka," with "kóshki" in plural and "kóshechka" as endearment. The word "kísanka" is yet another term of endearment, as cats in Russia answer the call "ks, ks, ks," or "kiss, kiss, kiss" (not "puss, puss," as here). A kitten is "koténok," or "koténochek," with "kotyáta" in plural. The word "bruis, bruis" is used to drive or frighten a cat away.

The expression "catty" implying slyness and quarrelsomeness (see the note "Silly word" in the same issue of "The Cat") is non-existent in Russian.

In Serbian a cat is called "máchak" (masc.), "máchka" (fem.), and "mátza" for kitten. To call a cat one says "Matz, matz, matz . . ."

M. A. BARIBALOV.

### More Things in Heaven and Earth . . .

I would like to relate the following little anecdote, in the hope that it might possibly bring a small degree of comfort to the owner of Rufus, who so sadly mourns the passing of his beloved:—

Many years ago I had a little black cat which was passionately devoted to me, and showed me the greatest love I have ever known from any cat. However, his life was a short one and he came to an untimely end. He was inclined to have fits, and one day I came home and found that it had been decided to dispose of him in my absence. My grief was bitter and intense. One night during sleep, towards the early morning, it seemed as if my little cat came to me. I could feel the weight of him lying on my chest, and purring extatically, as I have never heard a cat purr before. The purring was so loud that it woke me up, and of course he was gone, but I have always hoped that, on account of his great love, perhaps he was allowed to come to me for a few moments, to assure me that all was well and that we would meet again in the beyond. If the animals we have loved and who have loved us are allowed to be with us in the future life, I am sure he would be the first to greet me on the other side. May it be so.

G.M.W. (Vancouver).

### A CORRECTION

In an obituary written just a year ago, I gave the age of my noble Rufus as 15 years. I never really knew his age, and my estimate was arrived at from the fact that when he came here he was adult, so I made a guess at an age of three, and added that to the 12 he was with me. From several phenomena, however, I am now sure he was older than that. There was the ease with which, though so strongly built, he succumbed to a septicaemia that was not serious in itself. Long ago he recovered rapidly from a far worse one. He had been extremely daring as a climber and a leaper, but those daring leaps and climbs had ceased. He had been scrupulously clean, but for some time before the end the sphincter muscle had relaxed (an infallible sign of senility) and by the age of 15 that change could hardly have set in. I am now sure he was over 20. This makes me feel that the tragedy was less premature than I supposed; and it becomes more bearable.

Yet in another way, I feel it more than I did at the time: then, there were things that had to be *done*, there was about it something 'positive,' now there is nothing but the negative, the negation of his absence.

On a sacred place in my garden there are now, not only cut, but growing flowers, and these will increase and spread.

Our flowering shrubs, laburnum, lilac, hawthorn, are now lighting up the land, but they remind me of what I wrote a year ago:—  
"now he is gone, in the blossoming of the spring, and what more splendid flower than he."

EDWARD GREENLY.

### Lucky's Little Ways.

Lucky, who was not a Tailwaver at the time of the Party, has now become one. This little black cat with a white tie and very pointed ears was bombed out at the age of about four months and was buried under debris for four days. His owner had been killed; he was rescued by the owner of that engaging feline personality, Mischief. Lucky has an individuality of his own and several quaint ways. One is that he always goes to the bathroom directly the door is opened in the morning and waits for the tap to be turned on. Then he puts his paws under the tap and makes fountains! His people say that he washes his hands before breakfast.

### OURSELVES

All Members, and especially those who joined the League in its early days, will be grieved to know that Miss Jessey Wade has been in very bad health for a considerable time. The after-effects of a serious accident some years ago have caused almost constant pain, and, later, her eyes became a source of trouble. Added to her physical suffering

was a family bereavement. A few weeks ago an operation for cataract was performed, and all will be glad to learn that it was successful. We feel sure that all Members will join us in expressing to Miss Wade our hope that her general health may also improve. We of the C.P.L. owe Miss Wade such an enormous debt of gratitude for the years of hard and trying work she generously gave; it was her inspiration to form a society exclusively for cats, and her editorship of our magazine which gained us so many good friends.

One of these good friends, we deeply regret to say, has left us; Mrs. Higgins, whose help and encouragement will be greatly missed. To her bereaved family we offer our sincerest sympathy.

Miss Broom, who so valiantly undertook the task of acting as Librarian, has been obliged by circumstances to give up the work to which she generously devoted her limited spare time. We are very grateful indeed to her, the library under her care proved a great success.

Members will be glad to know that Mr. Steward was able to take a brief rest on doctor's orders. But after this all too short respite he finds the work almost overpowering: it is absolutely necessary that he should have more help. The question boils down, as unfortunately most questions nowadays do, to £.s.d. Here is a Member's suggestion which might go some way towards solving the problem. She writes:—"It struck me the other day that if every cat whose owner is interested in the C.P.L. would send a small donation—even a few stamps—as a thank-offering . . . , the result might be a substantial help towards the funds so urgently needed."

We all have some subject for thankfulness just now—the cessation of the flying bomb plague; the release from imprisonment of some loved one; the hope of returning to our own home for those who were driven from it, etc., etc. Now that the general feeling is of relief at the lifting of a heavy load our Member's suggestion might well be adopted.

Members may have been wondering what has happened to our long over-due Annual Report. The chief hindrance to publishing it has been the difficulty in getting the Accounts audited. Auditors, like so many other people, are suffering from over-work and under-staffing. It is proposed to submit the delayed Report and Accounts to the Annual Meeting and to publish them during the autumn. Ample notice of the Meeting will be given to all Members.

I can never pass a cat without petting it.  
George Bernard Shaw

That cleanest and cleverest of all animals—the cat.  
OSBERT SITWELL.



## "SPORTSMEN" AND CATS

9, ST. JAMES RD.,  
HARPENDEN,  
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19-5-1945.

The Editor *The Cat*.

DEAR SIR,

I thank you for the space you gave to my letter on "Sportsmen and Cats" in the May issue, and also for your Editorial note on this cruel business. You expressed the hope some years ago that "time and education might correct their mistake, but evidently this has not happened." I am afraid that with very few exceptions the cruel sportsman is unteachable! He never learns. In a book, *The Gamekeeper's Directory, and Complete Vermin Destroyer*, by T. B. Johnson (it has no date but in the copy I have, following on the name of an early owner is the date 1834), is a chapter devoted to cats: "They are destructive to game to the highest degree . . . scarcely any thing can escape them. It is always a very suspicious circumstance when a cat is observed prowling or watching in the fields or hedges . . . These cats are easily caught by placing a baited trap in their way . . . It might be hastily supposed the gun would be the more expeditious . . . way of accomplishing the object; but, in this case, the circumstance becomes known most likely to the owner, who, in revenge, will perhaps resort to some species of retaliation. The trap makes no noise—the occurrence therefore, even if suspected, is not easily ascertained. . . . Nor, indeed, are cats, after all, so easily despatched with the fowling piece; they will carry away an amazing quantity of shot."

That was written at least 112 years ago. The author shows exactly the same mentality as the *Shooting Times* writer of to-day. The cat is destructive to game, therefore kill the cat and dispose of the victim's body on the sly. True, the sportsman never learns!

Yours faithfully,  
E. G. BARLOW,  
*Secretary.*

The National Society for  
Abolition of Cruel Sports.

## TAILWAVERS

### ENROLMENTS

- No. 482. Sunny—per Miss A. Mitchell.  
No. 483. Punch—per Miss L. C. Lurcott.  
No. 484. Patch—per Miss D. Broughton.  
No. 485. Wendy—per Miss D. Walton.  
No. 486. Sambo—per Miss A. Sutcliffe.  
No. 487. David—per Miss Elsie Johnson.  
No. 488. Bertie—per Mrs. Goswell.

### DONATIONS

Rex 2, Sunny and Sukey £1, Mrs. Nightingale 5/-,  
Miss E. M. Petheram 5/-, Bramble 5/-, Bardle-me 5/-,  
Max 5/-, Gremmie 5/-, Miss E. M. Green

## TWO INTERESTING BOOKS

We have received from the Hon. Secretary of the United Humanitarian League two most interesting booklets, of which he is the compiler, which should appeal to all who love literary beauty and animals, and should also prove extremely useful to speakers on animal subjects who need apt quotations. One of them is newly published—*The Animals' Historian*: Oliver Goldsmith. It contains many extracts of great beauty from Goldsmith's poetical and prose works and extensive passages from his *History of the Earth and Animated Nature*, and historical notes upon his works. The price is 9d. The second booklet is of older publication but there are still a few copies left for sale, at 4d. This is called *The Compassionate Onlooker*: William Shakespeare; the many quotations show the poet's sympathy with animal suffering. In this too there are interesting and instructive historical notes. Enquiries for the booklets should be addressed to Charles A. Westacott, 24, Redwoods Way East, Letchworth, Herts. Proceeds from their sale go to the funds of the United Humanitarian League.

## Northern Notes

### Manchester Branch

Chairman: Mr. E. CADMAN.

Hon. Sec.: Miss M. SPURR,

54, Northern Grove,

West Didsbury.

Welfare Centre:

378, Aston Old Road, Openshaw.

All being well, a whist drive and American tea will be held on Saturday, July 21st, 1945, at the residence of Mrs. Whiteside, 148, Barlow Moor Road, West Didsbury, commencing at 3 p.m. Admission, including afternoon tea and whist, 1/6d.; non-players 1/-. You are cordially invited to attend and to bring friends. Gifts for the stall will be appreciated. Should the weather permit, the proceedings will be out of doors.

We are still needing news papers, and still more newspapers, at our Welfare Centre. Please send us all you can spare. M.S.

### Edinburgh.

Shelters:

17, Dean Park Mews. Subscriptions to Mrs. Cradock at that address.

57, Circus Lane. Subscriptions to Miss E. F. Rice, Kirkbrae, Liberton, Edinburgh.

### Saved by Family Cat.

STRATFORD.—Mr. and Mrs. Connop and their two sons were saved from asphyxiation by coal gas when the family cat awakened them by its yowling as fumes spread through the dwelling.

Mrs. Cannop was able to summon help.

All occupants were affected by the gas to some extent.

*Toronto Evening Telegraph*, 6-2-45.

## SECRETARY'S COMMENTS

For the next few months I shall devote most of the space in my comments to a series of articles under the heading of "From Head to Tail," in which I hope to be able to tell you some of the things you should know about your cat. I will try to include some of the items which members have asked for in letters to me, but it must be understood that what I write under this heading are my personal views for which no authoritative claims are made other than those of experience at the C.P.L. Clinic.

Before commencing this new series there are one or two other things I want to write about.

### Re-seal Labels.

We have just received a fresh supply of these, so please do not hesitate to order one or more packets as the need arises. These labels are excellent propaganda as well as a means of aiding the League's funds, if only in a small way, so the more we supply the greater the benefit to the Society and its work.

### For What Purpose ?

Our attention was drawn to an advertisement which appeared in one of the livestock papers. The advertiser asked for "half or full-grown Cats either sex, price and numbers available to be stated."

The C.P.L. contacted the Editor of the paper and received the following reply:—

"Dear Sir,—We thank you for your letter and would inform you that we are not again inserting the advertisement you refer to, nor any such similar advertisements."

Thank you, Mr. Editor; that closes at lease one avenue to those who supply the "market."

### Sex of Kittens Diagrams.

I would like to repeat that we shall be pleased to send a copy or copies of this C.P.L. publication to anyone who cares to write to Headquarters, sending a 1d. stamp with the request.

### V.E. Celebrations.

At H.Q. we celebrated by working as usual and dealt with quite a number of cases; three of them are worth recording:—

No. 1.—A cat was brought in showing obvious signs of something wrong with its mouth. It had had fish for its last meal and we had almost concluded that its throat had been scratched by a bone (there was no obstruction in the throat) when it was discovered that something was protruding, very, very slightly, from the underside of its tongue. Closer examination showed the object to be the point of a needle embedded in the lower jaw and through the tongue. The cat was given an anaesthetic and the *needle and cotton* removed. The patient was able to go home next day.

No. 2.—We were asked to advise on a case where the cat was constantly throwing its head back. The advice we gave was to bring the cat in for examination. When the cat arrived and was examined a small thread of *something* was noticed in one of the nostrils. Gentle manoeuvring brought a two inch length of grass down the nostril. That put this matter to rights.

No. 3.—Two young ladies from the local Woolworths Store came along with the store's cat, looking very scared and uncomfortable. One look at the cat left no doubt as to the trouble; a large fish bone was wedged at the back of its mouth. With the aid of a pair of forceps and a little mouth wash the troubles of patient number three were a thing of the past in a very few minutes.

## FROM HEAD TO TAIL

(What you should know about your Cat)

For the purpose of this series of articles we will deal with our subject under three main divisions: The Head, the Body and the Tail, sub-divided as follows:—

THE HEAD: Ears, Eyes, Nose, Tongue, Teeth and Throat.

THE BODY: Internal Organs, the Skin, and the Coat.

THE TAIL may seem too insignificant to be dealt with separately but I will let my comments on the subject settle the point when we come to it.

### The Head.

Few cat owners seem to realise how much a cat or kitten can suffer through insufficient attention being paid to the common disorders connected with those parts of the head mentioned, and with which we shall deal in detail. Insufficient attention is another word for neglect and whether this be unavoidable, unintentional or caused by sheer indifference, it is still neglect. Pain and suffering even in the slightest degree, should never be neglected, so "never put off until to-morrow what *should* be done to-day," because, as the old saying is, "to-morrow never comes."

Before leaving the subject of the head as a whole, I want to give a warning: Never, never smack a cat over the head. That correction by gentle spanking is sometimes advisable seems to be a matter of opinion, I have seen in print that there is no harm in this, but the part of the cat's anatomy indicated is the *flank*.

THE EARS. These organs are extremely sensitive; the lining of the inner ears is very delicate and it is therefore not to be wondered at that they are subject to disorders and that



the least neglect when trouble has started should give rise to complications which cause intense pain.

The word *canker* is invariably used to denote all disorders of the ear, and the general impression is that canker covers everything. Generally speaking this is true, so it will serve our purpose, though strictly speaking the term canker is applied to the condition caused by the invasion of the ear by *parasites*.

One of the highest authorities on diseases of cats contends that the word canker is very misleading, and its use as a technical term should be dispensed with, but as the average cat owner is so conversant with the term and the definition given in our dictionary is "anything that corrodes, corrupts or destroys," we will admit the term in these comments.

"Dirty ears" is by far the commonest form of *canker* and, strangely enough, is most frequently found in kittens. The amount of dirt that can be taken from kittens' ears is astonishing. Imagine your own ears full of dirt and you will begin to appreciate the discomfort, to say the least of it, which any animal suffers when this condition exists and is allowed to go unattended.

Ears that are free from disorder of any kind should be clean-looking and pinky-white as far down as one can see without the aid of instruments, but allowance must be made for discolouration on the inner side of the flap in some cases due to pigmentation. For instance, orange cats often have small blackish spots on the surface or lining of the inner side of the flap. Any doubt about this can easily be removed by a gentle application of a little olive or salad oil on a piece of cotton wool over the surface. Dirt will quickly come off but the *natural spots* will obviously remain.

The dirt, which is usually of a brown-black or brown-grey nature, is usually a mixture of wax and dust and *cannot* be overlooked if the ears are examined. Incidentally, a frequent examination, say once a week, will do much to bring to light any disorder which should be dealt with immediately, to counter the trouble in its early stages.

Where the trouble has not been noticed the dirt tends to harden, and will, if not attended to, become a solid mass, adhering to the walls of the ear difficult to remove and painful to the animal during the process of removal. Furthermore, the underside of the mass of dirt tends to *corrode*, becomes putrid and sets up acute inflammation of the inner ear, causing the cat or kitten intense pain, apart from being the commencement of complications which have been known to cause the death of the animal.

### Removing the Dirt.

In the early stages, when the dirt (accumulation of wax and dust) can be noticed in layers or small pieces, removal is a simple matter provided one remembers the delicacy of the organ being dealt with and one goes about the job in an unhurried and gentle manner. The inexperienced will get on far better if the animal is securely but gently wrapped in a piece of blanket covering the whole body and leaving the head out. If help can be obtained to hold the cat, it leaves one person free to do what is necessary.

The animal should be held in a position that brings the ear to be dealt with uppermost. Two or three drops of olive or salad oil or liquid medicinal paraffin should be dropped into the ear by means of a clean fountain pen filler or for preference a "dropper," which can be obtained from a chemist at a reasonable price (about 6s. or 9d.) or from H.Q. See that the oil goes over the dirty surface and into the ear where the pieces of dirt are. Allow the oil to remain in contact with the ear for a few minutes and then wipe the ear gently with small pieces of cotton wool. Not all the dirt and oil will be removed at once and the best plan is to treat the other ear, if necessary, in the same way and then let the animal loose.

After about 15 minutes wipe each ear again; this time it should not be necessary to wrap the animal as the wiping takes only a few seconds, but it may have to be repeated a little later on, if more pieces of dirt become loose and are shaken up by the patient.

Hardened masses of dirt are dealt with in the same way as regards the wrapping and

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Miss J. Maclean £1 16s., Messrs. Stevens & Son (Datchet) 16/2, Mrs. and Miss Farmer 13/6, Miss M. Booth 10/6, Mrs. Cook 8/8, Headquarters £15 1s. 11d.

application of oil, but in this case a little more oil is necessary and the ear should be *very gently* massaged to allow the oil to penetrate between the edges of the dirt and the lining of the ear. As the mass loosens it can be worked out of the ear with the aid of a *blunt pointed* smooth stick about the size of an orange stick. Great care must be taken not to touch the lining of the ear and not to attempt to ease the mass out until it is free from the lining. If the mass has destroyed the lining of the ear at any point of contact (this will be noticed by slight bleeding or the presence of wetness of a mattery nature), a soothing ointment, Calamine ointment, should be applied to the injured surface. This should be just smeared over the surface, not put on in a lump. The bleeding will seldom be sufficient to warrant specific treatment, but if there is much bleeding and a Veterinary Surgeon or other experienced (Clinic) attention is not available, the surface should be painted with a mixture of Glycerine and Iodine in equal parts or dusted with Calamine Powder.

Do not on any account try to clean out all the dirty mass at one session; a daily treatment is the most that the average patient will stand, and it is advisable to give half an aspirin after each session, up to two whole aspirins a week. Naturally, if the services of a V.S. or a Clinic are to be had it is far better that the patient should be dealt with by them.

Should the patient's temperament be placid under pain one would not inflict the indignity of "wrapping." Remember you are dealing with a sensitive animal and one of the most sensitive parts of its anatomy.

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.**

PLEASE ENROL ME AS A MEMBER  
and/or  
MY CAT AS A TAILWAVER  
Subscription (minimum) in each case  
5/- per annum.

I enclose herewith £.....s.....d.....  
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MEMBERSHIP }  
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Gentle handling must never give way to force and whilst an active imagination will do much to help you in your efforts on behalf of your patient, do not allow your imagination to deter you from doing what is necessary. If you cannot attend to the matter yourself see that it does receive attention at the earliest possible moment.

(To be continued.)  
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**URGENTLY WANTED  
(C.P.L. Sympathetic Appeal)**

Two sisters, members of the C.P.L., who are at present living in London under intolerable conditions, urgently require small house, cottage or bungalow, with garden, within easy reach of their business. Both are devoting their spare time to the welfare of the "unfortunate" felines with which they come into contact.

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Another member of the C.P.L. urgently requires a small house or cottage outside the London Area, to enable her to care for the "unwants" etc.

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Any suggestions or help that Members can offer will gladly be forwarded to the ladies in question if addressed to C.P.L. Headquarters.

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- RE-SEAL LABELS, 1/6 per 100 (4 different kinds), post free.
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