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BOHEMIAN FELINES.

Country Cats and Their Peripe tetic Propensity.

They Pretend to Be Exclusively Domes tic in Their Tendencies, But They Are Base Dissimulators.

All cats are more or less Bohemian, hough many, owing to circumstances beyond their own control, are precluded from giving free play to their propensities, which accordingly remain undeveloped all their lives. But country cats have every opportunity of indulging their tastes for a more wild, irregular and lawless life than the domestic hearth affords, and not a few avail themselves freely of the chance. Of this class of cats there are several varieties; but three are sufficient for the present purpose

There is, first of all, says the St. James Gazette, the dissimulating cat, which pretends to be an exclusively domestic animal, lives a great deal in the parlor or drawing-room, and generally reminds one of the stories told of burglars and other criminals who have posed before the world as exemplary citizens for years, have perhaps been church wardens or elders, and all the time have been pursuing the most nefarious practices in secret. A cat of this kind, however, is not, strictly speaking, a gypsy cat. Her domicile is always the same. She merely slips out on the sly to enjoy a little sport by night, while all her friends and relations, that believe strictly in her virtue, are sound asleep. She is out long enough, however, to do a good deal of mischief: and when she comes in with the milk looks as innocent as if she had never heard of fur or feathers. She has probably had a game supper, which accounts for the heavy sleep in which she indulges during the remainder of the day, and which imposes on all but those

who are behind the scenes. These cats, if they have reputable belongings, will not be deliberately shot by the neighboring game keepers; but their respect for Farmer So-an-So, or for the clergyman or the doctor, will not prevent them from setting traps help it. Some fine morning she is ident that she will return no more the

signed to the bottomless pit. rarely sleeps in any human habitation, but divides its time between the woods and fields in fine weather and barns, stables and outhouses which it frequents in the winter. This cat, of ourse, is a systematic poacher, though it will take to rats and mice when there is nothing better to be had, while at the same time it keeps up connection with some cottage or farmhouse to which it cat will lie in the turnips like a hare or rabbit as long as it is dry weather, and when disturbed will dart off to the cottage aforesaid, and, jumping upon some coign of vantage, will stand with tail erect, swearing in a most preposterous fashion and making believe all the time that it is the cat of the house. This, we mean, is what it will do if it escapes with life from the shooting party who her dragons. You may depend upon it first roused it; but, as it usually has to

chances are considerable aginst it. ble existence. In the summer and early autumn it lies about in the copses, hedge-rows and standing corn, living deliciously on young rabbits, partridges, and whatever else it can catch of flesh or fowl. As the weather grows cooler it returns to the snug winter quarters in the old barn or hayloft, where it nestles warmly in the straw, and when tired of vermin finds a pleasing variety in the sparrow. This cat has his regular winter and summer haunts, despises the restraints of domesticity, and, as Macauley said of Hoyce and Savage, is call a wild eat, and who really deserves genuine wildcat species with the short, stumpy tail, which is now all but exyour fine pork and lamb tinct in the southern parts of Great Britain.

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THE HEROES OF ROMANC

They Are Seldom Taken from the Middle Classes.

strictly Speaking, There Are But Two Normal Heroes of Fiction, and They Are the Warrior and the

Fairy Prince. It is lamentable, indeed, when you ome to reflect on it, how large a proportion of useful and respectable callngs falls under the ban of romance. What poet or romancer ever made his irst lover, for example, a baliff or a beadle? Yet bailiffs and beadles are nen and brothers. They may do their ftentimes dangerous duty with the lash of a Rupert, or the cool courage of a Cromwell, says Macmillan's Maga ine, yet they are frankly impossible as heroes of romance. De Quince makes a remark somewhere to the el lect that one would not be inclined to think highly of a man who, in the abence of predisposing circumstances deliberately and for the love of the ousiness decided to be a butcher. Yet outchers are husbands and fathers, and have blood in their veins as well as on their aprons. As a matter of statistics, I believe hardly a day passe but some solicitor falls in love; yet m court of love or literature will give him audience as a lover, nor take cog nizance of his pleadings. The breast of the stockbroker is swayed by the bears and bulls of passion no less than by the subtler influences of financia speculation. Yet his name is not honored in the more than royal exchange of romance. Then, with one stroke of the pen, romance rules out the wholamorous mob of retail traders. The are not altogether absent from the pages of romance, these worthy eit ens. Only they have to forego th heroic parts and put up with bein supernumeraries or villains or comi characters. About the butcher I an loubtful. Not even Dickens, I think ound room for a butcher amid hi Babylon of trades. Nor with Shakes peare is it any better. Quince the car penter, Snug the joiner, Bottom the weaver, Flute the bellows-mender, Snout the tinker, and Starveling the tailor, are very well to play the fool.

to divert the duke and ladies, but none of them, not even Bottom translated is a fit object for a lady's love. As the democratic Whitman has complained in a Shakespearean play the mass o industrioùs citizens is just a mob te throw up its sweaty night-caps in some Cæsar's honor at the bidding of an An tony. What is there about a trade thus to incapacitate a man for ro manec? Strictly speaking there are but two

normal heroes of romance, the warrior

and the fairy prince. If there is no

fairy prince at hand, an ordinary prince will do. The English duke is, as the American moralist rightly enough di vined, only a modern variety of fairy prince. To be mistaken for a fairy and if puss walks into one they cannot prince the English duke no doubt need probably missed from the breakfast the Atlantic. Seen at close quarters table; and when in time it becomes ev- in the house of lords, on the race course or in the law courts, he isapt to virtues of the deceased are extolled to the skies, and the wretch who would inso of him all told, and most of these nance-he is exotic. fortune and fascinating fashion of the fairy prince to descend always from some unknown upper and diviner air. That it is which makes the Prince Charming of the fairy tale so irresisti- telegraphs at Senegal. ble. So it was that Cupid came to and invisible godhead. So Perseus can fly for refuge in emergencies. This welcoming air to Andromeda's feet to slay the monster. So Lohengrin came flashing in a swan-drawn skiff from the mysterious halls of the Holy Grail. to champion maiden innocence against treachery and slander. The fairy prince, you see, commonly includes the coming in the nick of time to fight a distressed damsel's battles and to slay

that what tells chiefly with the girls lions. run the ordeal of five or six barrels, the against the eminently respectable race of bankers and brewers and doctors While it lives, however, the cat in and lawyers is their appalling commonquestion has a pleasant and comforta- ness, their frequency, I mean, and familiarness. What should there be in one brass plate out of a dozen in the same street to throw a romantic girl off her emotional balance? When the modern novelist would surmount the professional high hat with the aureole of romance, he tricks out his tame hero to mimic the traditional advantages of prince or champion.

MOURNING ON MEN'S HATS.

Prevalence of the Custom and Various Degrees of Grief Indicated. The custom among men of wearing as irrecialmable as the wild ass. Still mourning upon the hat is increasing in he is not altogether a wild cat. He is its observance rather than decreasing. on friendly terms with the wagoner Crape, however, which was formerly and thrasher, and on very cold nights exclusively used for this purpose, has will sometimes condescend to lie before now been almost entirely supplanted a cottage fire. But there is another by bombazine. Years ago it was cusanimal whom country people generally tomacy to sew on a row of tiny black beads, set at a little distance apart, the name, though not belonging to the along the seam of the band where it was joined at the side, but this is now very rarely done. There is now put on around the hat over the lower edge of the band, where it meets the brim, a narrow silk ribbon to make a finish.

For loss of wife the band of mournng worn upon a silk hat is carried to within an eighth of an inch of the top; for the less of a parent the band is carried to within an inch of the top; for clatives other than wife or parent, the band as worn three-quarters the height

of the hat. The mourning hand for a silk hat is specially fitted to it and made for it; for erraw hats und for soft hats an Engilsh cloth hand is provided, which an he slipped down over the crown of the hut.

The Cincinnati Enquirer reports a cu rious occurrence. Early in May Mr. Turpin, a teller in the subtreasury at inclinati, missed a ten-dollar bill which had been left upon a table. The weather was warm, and the windows

CRUEL SPORT IN CHILI.

Barro," the Dangerous National Pastime, in Which Fine Horsemen Participate. The national pastime of Chili is the 'barro," which is played by the huasos, or Chilian horsemen, who are splendid riders. At every wayside drinking shop there is a range of posts supporting a long rail, to which the horses are tethered. Whenever a few huascos meet a wager for drinks is sure to be put up. Then sides are chosen, and the leaders first take their places on horseback side by side, each with his horse's chest close up to the bar. The others mount and range themselves on each side in the same position. Then the game begins. The object of each side, according to London Tid-Bits, is to force its way along to the further end of the bar against the opposition of the other party. Each closes sideways with all his might and digs his huge rowels into his horse's sides to keep h's chest close to the bar until they drop blood and the cruel bits are jerked viciously. Yells of excitement and rage break from the players as the pressure increases, and their legs are crushed between the horses. The spectators are equally excited. Even the horses seem to take an intelligent part in the struggle, and a well-trained mount will frequently oust a rival from his place. Progress along the bar is, however. very slow, and when there are as many as thirty or forty picked players a side a whole day may be spent without the contest being decided. Horses and men both suffer severely, legs are crushed and broken, and at the end of the struggle the riders have to be helped from their saddles, and their clothing has often to be cut from the swollen flesh. Unless a limb be broken, the tough horseman is little worse. A day or two on his back and pure olive oil restore him to strength and suppleness. Work of the Fish Commission.

During the fishing season of 1892 the nited States fish commission, which ousies itself solely with the propagation of edible fish in the waters all over the country, stocking rivers with species new to the region, distribut ng eggs and young fish to the lake and seacoasts, and working in a vast number of ways to the one end, distributed a total of 306,580,432 eggs, fry and yearlings of all kinds of fish The largest operations were in shad Of this fish 69,000,000 fry, 1,000,000 year lings and 3,000,000 eggs were distributed. Cod is the fish most distributed next to shad, and of whitefish, lake trout, pike, perch, salmon, flatfish and lobster the distribution of eggs, fry and yearlings was away up in the millions of each, every state and territory getting a share. The work of the commission, which is of so great importance and substantial value to the whole people, is done quietly, in a thorough business way, without parade of any kind, and the commission is by no means a widely known department of the government.

FROM NE. TO THRUNE. A Telegrapher's Sudden Rise from Servi

tude to Regal State. sudden favorable turn of fortune loes not alienate a prudent person jure so harmless and amiable a pet conwise saw is applicable to the case of have been bespoken or used up. He the present king of Sego, Africa, says A more straightforward and independent cat is the one that cares very little other of the essential secrets of ro- of his black kingdom by Col. Archinard, for the comforts of civilization and other of the essential secrets of ro- of his black kingdom by Col. Archinard, took to flight for his safety.

Before accepting his regal state he Psyche, to cherish her with his secret made it a condition that his name should continue to be inscribed on the floated on winged sandals through the list of telegraph servitors, and that his situation of king should be considered as subservient to that of his original employment.

Mademba must have learned, either by intuition or from acute observation, that the lot of a monarch is less certain in these days than a position of an of warrior's part, and is doubly resistless ficer in the service of the telegraph sompany, and as preferred to keep in ceserve what might one day prove to be a happy issue out of all his afflic-

The incident which led to the order for the extinction of the Turkish navy was as follows, says the Pittsburgh Dispatch. A transport was bringing a number of time-expired men home when they respectfully mutipied, and begged their officers to go below, as they wished to do something which might not be approved of. Some non commissioned officers then took com mand, and anchored off the palace, and after firing a salute, began shouting "Long live the sultan!"

This demonstration caused immedi ate confusion at the palace, and various high officers were dispatched to parley with the mutineers, but they insisted on seeing the minister, and when he at last appeared they said they knew the sultan had given the money to pay them, but they had not received it, and

they would not budge until they did. No arguments were of any avail, and the money had to be sent for and distributed, after which the men weighed anchor with a cheer, and gave up the ship again. The sultan, however, reflected that what a transport had done peaceably a heavily-armed man-of-war might do with evil intent, and, calling Hassan Pasha to him, he declared that he wanted no more navy.



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