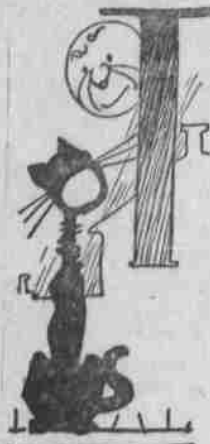


THE MERE MAN'S VIEWPOINT

TABBY'S WHISKERS

By BYRON WILLIAMS

Confound the cats! All cats, anyway. Cats of all colors—black, white and gray—By night a nuisance and by day—Confound the cats!



MIDNIGHT MUSIC.

HIS expostulated Orlando Thomas Dobbin years and years ago. Now comes a modern Dobbin, Dr. Charles B. Reed, a brother of Myrtle Reed McCullough, by the way, who says the Fells domestica, otherwise known as "Tabby" or "Tom" or "Tiger," must go.

The doctor has found death germs in Tabby's whiskers and bacteria in his fur. In his proselyting about during the wee sma' hours Tom may visit a house where a contagious disease is prevalent or he may track through typhoid fever contamination and bring that home, with the germ of diphtheria or scarlet fever or measles.

According to the doctor, every inch of Tom is a common carrier for disease. Heretofore we have been led to understand that the worst part of Tom was his yowl—the goodness knows

that was bad enough—but now we stand in mortal dread of bacteria when we see baby sucking the black cat's tail, mistaking it for a piece of licorice, or burying her infantile nose and lips in the soft, warm fur of Tabby's side.

Take a look at your cat's whiskers. They look innocent enough, but are they? The doctor says they are laden with germs of decomposition, causing ptomaine poisoning, sore throat, intestinal disorders, kidney disease and puerperal fever.

Henry Carey says: "Lauk! What a monstrous tall our cat has got!" When Tab hears what the physician says of her I fear that her tall, too, will swell, and in righteous anger, at the calumny. The doctor would do away with all cats as household pets, catch mice and rats by mechanical prowess and endow something else with the love now lavished upon the house feline.

Maiden ladies who live alone with their teapots and their cats are especially appealed to and are asked to deny themselves for the sake of the human race. Dr. Reed evidently appreciates the task he has taken upon himself—the ridding of this country of its large aggregation of night prowlers with nine lives each.

But the physician has begun well. He has invented a gibbet trap that is jailer and executioner, judge, jury and the common people. It is baited with catnip and loaded with death. Every time it goes off one more cat is

sent to the eternal—I was going to say eternal bowwows, but that would make a cat and dog life of it for the cat sure, and so I say cat heaven. When the trap goes off nine times on the same cat that settles it; puss is dead.

The gibbet trap having been heralded to the world, a lot of cat lovers took up the banner for Tabby and wrote saucy letters to Dr. Reed, who replied sharply. "Women who object to this fight against cats wear aigrets taken from a living female bird, causing her death and leaving her young to starve."

Which would have been nearer the truth if Dr. Reed or the newspaper reporter had said, "Some women," etc.

There may be considerable truth in what Dr. Reed says, and if so we should be grateful to him for his activity, yet I cannot but think the doctor's task is something like one a certain man had in mind when he advertised for a helper. The advertisement appeared in a Sunday paper of recent date and read as follows:

I want to meet a man who is willing to give one evening each week to a task that is thankless, unappreciated by the people he works for, often disagreeable and seldom shown by results. Don't answer unless you are game. Once started you will hate to let go. No compensation. Address # D 148, this paper.

And yet I haven't a doubt but that somebody answered this advertisement and did the work. If it were not for men who are thus prompted to do things for humanity the world would be worse off today than it is. And if Dr. Reed is right off goes Tom's head to save little Willie's and the baby.

In the latitude of north Iowa and southern Wisconsin United States weather stations have recorded for 1911 a season of 108 days without a killing frost—from May 4 to Oct. 19—a record that has not been equaled in the past twenty years and probably will not be in as many more.

The heifer calves on many a dirty farm are scripped on butter fat and are less thrifty than they would otherwise be. It is only fair to the calves as well as good management to supply a fat forming food in the shape of corn or oil meal when the natural fat of the milk is removed or sold with the milk.

Both in the matter of safeguarding the health and well being of the members of the family and in the care of the farm animals there is all too much tendency to overlook the fact that prevention is vastly better than cure—the exercise of just good sense cheaper than medical attendance and veterinary service.

The small boy should keep in mind that even more important than a bright mind and a strong body in the life which lies before him are trustworthiness and honesty—in other words, that his word shall be good. Not a day passes but somewhere over the country men in various pursuits come to grief through this lack. The trait may require some pains to develop, but it is worth all it costs.

Many a good housewife who seeks to augment the family income by spending her spare hours with tatting, embroidery and the like would make just as much in the end and be far better off physically and mentally if she would invest the same money and put the same time in growing garden truck or raising chickens. More than this, there would be a decided saving in dope and doctor's bills.

A level headed poultryman whose premises the writer passed the other day solved the question of green food for his flock the past season by sowing the greater portion of the yard to rape. This was allowed to get a good start before the poultry was turned in, and as a result the flock has had an abundance of the finest kind of green food since, and it will be good well into winter. The plan is a simple one and well worth a trial.

"After all, success is a disgusting thing."
"Why do you say that?"
"It always involves such a lot of hard work."—Chicago Record-Herald.

"Punning's the lowest form of wit."
An ancient worthy shrilly cackled. But wouldn't he have had a fit if a daffydill he'd ever tickled?
—New York Mail.

LOOKING AT THE WHISKERS.

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Practical Christmas

Suggestions

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- COUCHES
- JARDINIERS
- VASES
- FOOT RESTS
- DINING CHAIRS
- PARLOR CHAIRS
- ROCKERS
- TURKISH ROCKERS
- SEWING ROCKERS
- LADIES' DESKS
- MUSIC CABINETS
- BRASS BEDS
- IRON BEDS
- MAGAZINE RACKS
- PHONE STANDS
- CARPETS
- RUGS
- CURTAINS
- BEDDING
- PORTIERES
- COUCH COVERS
- WOOD BEDS
- COMMODOES
- PARLOR STANDS
- BOOKCASES
- CHINA CLOSETS
- BUFFETS
- SIDEBOARDS
- CHILD'S CRIBS
- DAVENPORTS
- SCREENS
- CUSHIONS
- CARPET SWEEPERS
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