



EVERYBODY KNOWS HERMAN — Ask most anyone in the San Francisco Bay area who Herman is and they will know. Bars have jars labeled "Herman's Defense Fund" and filled with change. President Eisenhower has commented on sharing headlines with Herman. Lawsuits amounting to \$5,000 have been filed over Herman. And Herman?

Herman is a 2½-year-old orange and white striped tomcat with an affinity for a neighbor's 12 female Siamese cats to the point that he has been accused of attacking the neighbor twice, breaking a window, ripping a screen door and "beating up" several of the female cats.

(UPI Telephoto)

Herman's Antics Lead To Lawsuits; Friends Contribute To Defense Fund

Alameda, Calif. — Every day the mailman brings a bundle of letters to the Russel Bowler home addressed simply to Herman.

A bar in the Oakland financial district set up a jar labeled "Herman's defense fund" and within a few hours it was filled with greenbacks and silver.

And when President Eisenhower visited San Francisco last month he was reported to have commented with some amusement over the fact he had to share the front pages with Herman.

Storm Center of Quarrel

Herman is a 2½-year-old, 10-pound orange and white striped tomcat who is the storm center of a violent neighborhood quarrel that has been carried to the courts. Mr. and Mrs. J. Howard Cook have sued Herman's owners for \$3,500. They claim Herman attacked Mrs. Cook on two occasions, broke a window, ripped a screen door and "beat up" several of the Cook's 12 Siamese cats.

Furthermore, the Cooks want something done to control Herman. They offered to pay the cost of surgery to quiet his allegedly roughneck, amorous behavior.

But the Bowlers counter-sued for \$1,500, arguing that Herman is only a "red-blooded American tomcat . . . led astray by the plaintiffs' females, being the more deadly of the species."

Mrs. Cook said she was not concerned

about Herman disrupting the blood line of her Siamese pets. She has her own tomcat, she said, and anybody who knows anything about cats knows that the Siamese will have nothing to do with another tom.

"Everybody thinks Herman is a big Don Juan when he's really just a Jack the Ripper," Mrs. Cook said.

"You go 'sst' at any other cat in the world and he'll run away. Herman stands there and goes 'sst' right back and then advances toward you."

Herman's owner, an Alameda fireman, denies that Herman is a bully.

A Matter of Principle
"Everybody seems to think I have a lion on my hands," he said. "But he's just an old tomcat who chases every female."

"And I'm not going to have him neutered, either. It's a matter of principle."

Herman hit the headlines again Tuesday when Mrs. Bowler reported to police he was a catnap victim. She said he had been taken from their basement and she searched for 2½ hours with a flashlight before finding him bruised and bloody in a neighbor's basement.

When she brought Herman home, she said, her husband took one look at him and yelled:

"This is war!"
Police are investigating.

The Family Council

Editors Note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, three editors and a women's editor. Each article is a summary of an actual case history. The Council reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Minette B. — I tell my sister to keep her daughters apart. Ursula W. — So far, they seem to get along fine.

Minette B. — My sister is headed for trouble with her two daughters. The older one, Sybil, is 15 and brilliant, but homely. The other is Norine who's 13 and so beautiful she takes your breath away. Sybil's bright, too. But her marks don't come near Sybil's. Maybe it's because she doesn't try as hard.

When they were small, the differences didn't matter. But now, whenever I see them together at a party or a dance, it breaks my heart. Last summer I gave a garden party in honor of Sybil's birthday and all the boys I invited as Sybil's friends flocked around Norine!

I'm urging my sister to send them to separate camps this summer and certainly to plan for separate colleges for them. How can you display two girls side by side all the time, when one is so dazzling that people hardly see the other?

Sybil doesn't seem to mind being the Ugly Duckling, but deep down inside she must be suffering terribly from the contrast with such a looker of a sister!

Ursula W. — I know Minette has my daughters' interest at heart, but I don't see what she's so worried about. I've always treated the girls alike and helped them appreciate each other's good points. They love each other. I don't see any signs of jealousy.

I admit it hasn't been easy. It seems like a trick of Nature to give us only two children, both girls, one a plain Jane and the other a Venus. What can parents do?

You can't keep people from skipping over Sybil and oohing over Norine. You can't stop boys from making a beeline right past Sybil to her sister. But here's where my sister is wrong. People come back to Sybil. That's why she doesn't feel bad. She has friends, too.

I don't see any point in separating the girls. Norine thinks there's no one so witty and kind as Sybil. And Sybil likes being around a sister who looks like a starlet and has a lot of respect for her. Norine is really no menace to her big sister.

which to see things straight and add up the score realistically.

But the more solid approach is the mother's, for it is based on the sisters' feelings about each other. Sybil might want her sister with her at the same college, possibly as Campus Queen. Norine may not mind following in her brainy sister's A-plus trail, even if she fills it with C's.

As to beaux, Sybil doesn't need "flocks." One at a time will do. And there are always fine boys who, after the first once-over, do a recap and find the hidden charms of an un-spectacular girl.

Regardless of physical attributes, these girls are both attractive and can remain so whether together or apart.

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Back Stairs: Successful Quail Hunter

By WILLIAM J. EATON
Washington — Back stairs at the White House: Turkey was on the official White House menu for Thanksgiving, but it's a safe bet that the Eisenhowers enjoyed some quail, too.

The President unlimbered a shotgun for the first time in

nearly a year this week and brought down enough of the tasty birds to bring several back to the chef at 1600 Pennsylvania ave.

It was his seventh trip to the plantation country in southwestern Georgia. He went five times to the Thomsville, Ga., home of W. Alton (Pete) Jones, millionaire industrialist and sportsman who is one of the President's favorite companions on out-of-town vacations.

Hunting conditions are far from rugged and each "gun" is assured of repeated chances to get his limit.

Press Secretary James C. Hagerty was asked, for instance, how he thought the Chief Executive would do on the quail-hunting expedition.

"Whatever the limit is—that's what he'll get," came the reply.

This recalled an embarrassing episode in Denver, Colo., when it was learned that Eisenhower's trout catch exceeded the legal limit. Since then, the President has been careful to set a good example for outdoorsmen.

The President improved his putting game during a 12-day visit to the Augusta National Golf Club and carded rounds of 81 and 82 as a result. He likes the course so much and values his membership so highly that it's a cinch that he will be back after he leaves the White House.

Many people in Augusta expect him to spend the week between Christmas and New Year's at the plush Augusta course.

When reporters and photographers feted Jim Hagerty recently with a farewell party at Augusta, it was the first time that he had been so honored. Hagerty was always too eager to start a new job to get properly saluted by his ex-colleagues in the past, Mrs. Majorie Hagerty said.

The White House spokesman refused to confirm or deny persistent reports that he will become vice president of American Broadcasting Co. for news and public affairs.

Insiders believe he will resign soon—perhaps before the first of the year. Hagerty has often made it clear that he wants to work in New York and not Washington.

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He replaces George R. Safford, who resigned. Safford had held the position since 1957.

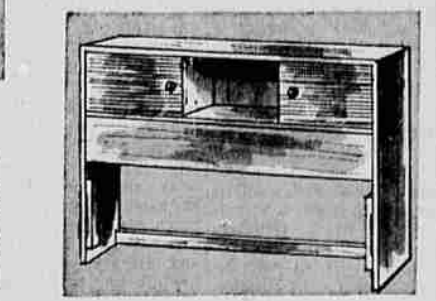
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