

PRINCESS "VIC" AND HER CAT FARM

Royal Maiden Who Breeds Felines
For Profit As Well as for
Pleasure.

FREE TO ADMIT BUSINESS.

Lady Mary indulges in interesting
Gossip of Americans Abroad—Written
for Saturday's "News."

Special Correspondence.

ONDON, Sept. 6.—Everyone knows by this time that Queen Alexandra is a cat lover, but it has come somewhat as a surprise to a number of English women that her daughter, Princess Victoria, is not only a lover of cats but an energetic and enthusiastic breeder as well. The princess does not breed cats, it appears, merely to increase the number of her feline pets. Her "cat-ters" are worked on a solid commercial basis and apparently with considerable profit to her private pocket. That her enterprise is conducted on thorough business lines may be seen from the following announcement which appears in a weekly paper whose space is mainly devoted to sales and exchange of miscellaneous articles:

"ROYAL BREEDS.—Princess Victoria has for sale several very handsome chinchilla kittens, size Puck III, ex-Chela, also Chela, splendid mother, lovely green eyes; blue Persian female, cheap to good homes. Must sell. Mrs. Amor, Cumberland Lodge, Windsor Great Park."

ON HOUSEHOLD STAFF.

Mrs. Amor, I am told, occupies an important position in the household staff at Cumberland Lodge. "Cheat" is always a favorite term but in this instance it sounds like anything between £3 and £10. When royalists dream openly to business of this sort for what can be made out of it, aristocratic folk of the humbler variety surely need not feel that they lose caste by engaging in trade of any kind. And when a woman who has got hand in and out for millinery, dressmaking or any form of shopkeeping, she thereby loses her right to presentation at court. In view of the fact that his majesty does not even draw the line at making money out of cats in his own exalted family circle, it would be only fair and just, to recind this rule. Of course there are lots of folks here—and now a few I imagine in the land of triumphant democracy—who would consider a cat bred by royalty worth many times more than one bred by a plain citizen. Such competition seems hardly fair to those who are compelled to sell cats solely on their merits. Some day, very likely we shall have a radical parliament proposing to dock the allowances made to princes and princesses who engage in money-making schemes in which their rank gives them such a tremendous advantage.

NO TIPS FROM GUESTS.

There are a few of the old nobility of England who are good examples by pointing their servants according gratuities from visitors or guests. The Duke of Devonshire, for instance, makes it an inflexible rule that no servant of his shall take a "tip." When, however, a party of Americans visited Chatworth, the duke, a sturdy old soul, a few days ago, was entertained by the steward and shown over the beautiful grounds by the duke's steward, the leaders of the party thought that the usual "shell out" must be the climax to the day's enjoyment. The party consisted of four men and three women. The bill of £3 was subscribed. With commendable discretion the money was not offered to the steward, who, of course, is above accepting recognition of the kind, but to an under footman who saw the party off from the railway station. But the courteous point is out that it was against the rules of the duke's establishment to accept gratuities "in money." That seemed to suggest a way of getting around the rule. The next day various articles of jewelry were sent to the steward, together with a request that they be distributed among the staff at his discretion. The leaders of the party were Edmund H. Abbott of New York, and Alexander Cattaneau of Salem, Mass., and both had been members of Sir Thomas Lipton's Club. The duke and steward were in residence at Chatworth at the time of the visit, but the latter sent one of his maids specially up from London to look after the ladies. The beauties of Matlock, Buxton and Bakewell were fully explored before they returned to town.

GLAD TO COME HOME.

Many of Lady Curzon's old servants are delighted with the prospect of her returning soon to England. Quite a number of them, who have given their service at Walmer castle and previously at Carlton terrace, have anticipated the step the viceregy has just taken in resigning his Indian office. Before she returned to India after her severe illness at Walton-on-the-Naze, Lady Curzon made no secret of the fact that she had had enough of the Indian climate, not to speak of the political intrigues which she felt was always at work to undermine her husband's labors. Cooks, housemaids and other domestics whom she was able to bring with her, were told she would be soon in England, and that they might consider themselves engaged. Immediately she set foot on English soil. The woman who nursed her two first children was brought back to England to proceed again to India, but Lady Curzon saw before her left that her wants were not neglected. She assured her that her absence from England would be only a matter of months, and it was only three weeks ago that she received a communication from her ladyship saying that she would be in London soon.

GOES OFTEN TO IRELAND.

It is not generally known that William W. Astor pays frequent visits to Ireland. It is a common thing for him to run over a dozen times during the year, and there are few travelers alive who have explored Ireland more thoroughly. There is not a spot of interest in the island he has not seen and his collection of mementos of these visits is both varied and unique. Irish pipes, Irish blackthorn, specimens of bog oak and marble find a home at Cliveden.

CIGARETTE CASES FOR BRIDES.

That cigarette smoking is rapidly increasing among fashionable women is shown by the fact that a society bride recently received no less than five beautiful cigarette cases, one being a wedding presents and three or four ordinary cigarette holders. Such anti-smoking girls are by no means rare, but it is seldom that they appear among those publicly displayed, and never, thus far, in the lists sent to the newspapers to be printed. It is not likely, however, that such concealments will be much longer in-

dured in as smart women are fast becoming utterly indifferent to publicity in such matters, and don't care when they smoke, or who knows they smoke.

A Bond street jeweler told me that during the last wedding season his firm had sold the most popular cigarette cases as wedding presents, and expected next year to sell twice as many. They are made of gold or silver, and the most costly of them have the fair owners' monograms set in precious stones.

"There is no present," said my informant, "that gives greater satisfaction to a woman who smokes—unless it be a cigarette holder as costly as gold and amber can make it. A fashionable woman smokes to worth to us much more than a male devotee of the weed. When a good girl, for vice, it can be called a vice—she wants it gilded. May her tribe increase."

A year or so ago, at nearly all fashionable retail tobacconists' shops spec-

ial brands of ladies' cigarettes were displayed. They are much less frequent, however, for the reason that feminine smokers, for the most part, now demand the same brands that men smoke—the cigarette of pure cigarette and the cigarette of cigar.

One fashionable doctor has made the discovery that smoking—in moderation, of course, is careful to say—is good for disordered feminine nerves. And a fashionable woman, the still more startle, thinks that this tends to check feminine standards.

"There is no doubt," she confided to me, "that tea drinking greatly stimulates the natural tendency, inherent in most women, to dismiss their absent friends and neglect business. But when tea is followed by the cigarette, it provides a much more enjoyable occupation. Smoking certainly begats a charitable feeling for our neighbor's fallings."

LADY MARY.

Things You Ought to Know.

Wives can be purchased in China for a few shillings.

A school for brides-elect has been established at Logan, Pa.

Books were originally made of boards or of the inner bark of trees.

Cards were used as check standing timber as the United States.

American bicycles and sewing machines are now being used extensively in China.

Horses were domesticated and used by the Egyptians as early as 1900 B. C.

The use of envelopes was scarcely known until after penny postage was introduced.

From coal tar chemists now extract a great variety of drugs, dyes, acids, oils and perfumes.

The newest telephone system has an automatic connector which does away with the "hello girl."

The czar of Russia employs 80,000 servants, and his stables contain 8,000 horses for his personal use.

Archibald, the second great American game, is said to have originated from the old game called "one red cat" and "two old cat." The first match game was played in 1846.

In olden times barbers also practised surgery, and were called barber surgeons. Barbers were known in Greece in the fifth century and at Rome in the third century.

Margaret of Savoy, daughter of Maximilian, emperor of Germany, was governess of the Netherlands 1507-1539 and rejoiced in the possession of a very large fortune.

Alonso pays her president \$50,000 a year, the same as the United States. Each member of the Mexican cabinet, however, receives \$15,000 a year, as against \$8,000 in the United States.

Before the advent of clocks in London the hour of the night was proclaimed by cur at intervals of about 20 years.

bellmen, who rang a bell and sang "Take care of your fire and candle, be charitable to the poor, and pray for the dead."

The approximate value of natural gas annually produced in the United States is \$28,496,700. There are 12 states and territories which produce natural gas, and of which Pennsylvania leads with an annual production of \$13,193,941.

Diseases regarding women seem to have died back even to the 18th century, since out of all the women mentioned in the Old Testament, Sarah, wife of Abraham, is the only one whose years are given, possibly because she was past the doubtful age.

You know fever first made its appearance in this country in Philadelphia in 1665, where it wrought great havoc. In 1789, when Memphis, Tenn., was almost depopulated, the disease seems to have cur at intervals of about 20 years.

COHN'S GREAT BARGAIN DOOR IS FLUNG WIDE OPEN!

FOR THE NEW SEASON'S BUSINESS.

The most comprehensive varieties of new fall merchandise that expert buyers could find with the whole world as a market and the advantages of cash purchasing are only two of the many reasons why this store should be constantly filled with eager shoppers.

35c New Fall
WAISTINGS

19c

New Fall
BELTS

65c

Clean-up of Fancy
HOSIERY

35c

Some of the new season's handsomest designs, in tailor-made taffeta belts. Moire Velours and silk embroidered belts, the new fitted style, and matching trimmings, all regular 80c belts, all regular per pair.



Early Fall
Underwear

35c

Fine light fall weight
lisle vests, high neck
and long sleeves, for—

35c

High neck and long
sleeve lisle corset vest,
silk crochet finished
for—

20c

Clean-up of High
Class 35c and
50c Fine
EMBROIDERIES

50c New Mercerized
Plaid
WAISTINGS

35c

Handsome showing of
new Scottish Ian Plaid
in exact copies of the
high priced silk wearings,
beautifully per-
sonalized and look like
silks.

A PERFECT HARVEST OF NEW FALL DRESS GOODS, SILKS AND VELVETS.

Gathered from every prominent market at home and abroad, our stocks of dress goods, silks and velvets include every popular novelty for Fall wear. Careful buyers will find every inducement here, which high qualities, correct styles and lowest prices can extend.

New Fall Velvets.

An unusually complete assortment of foreign and domestic plain velvets, chiffon velvets, velvet cords, etc., for waists, coats and valances.

A. W. Boulevard Velvets in all colors for boys' suits, children's coats, etc., special, per yard,.....

60c

Finest English Silk Velvets, Corduroys and Velvettes—A wide range of colors, and all heat English dye—especially good for the new 1905 coats and costumes. Regular \$1.25 grade, here.....

\$1.00

Dauphin Chiffon and Velveteen in all kinds of shades, including the desirable evening tones. Handsome \$2.00 velvets on the market, special here at.....

\$1.50

WOOL CHALLIER. 25c—A timely special for dressing girls' waists, etc., in good color combinations. Regular 50c qualities cut in half—special, per yard.....

25c

NEW FALL FABRICS. AT 25c—These are the best bargains ever offered in dress goods at the outset of the season—new flaked cheviots, plaids, worsteds and Panans, including many new novelty effects for fall of 1905—values up to 50c—special here at, per yard.....

30c

5c and 10c FALL DRESS GOODS. 60c—Choice of these fabrics never before equalled at the price—covens, serges, Panams, Henriettes, blues and green novelty plaids and a big variety of mixtures—values up to 50c—special here, per yard.....

35c

125c FANCY SUITINGS. 50c—Here are decided novelties in all wool fancy suitings, 50 inches wide—brown, blue and black, also a complete line of new all wool garments in all the best fall shades—up to \$1.25 values, special here at.....

85c

WE ARE NOW SHOWING A COMPLETE GATHERING OF NEW AND HIGHLY AUTHORITATIVE FALL STYLES

THE NEW SUITS.

It will never pay you to have your Suit Made to Order when you can get a perfect fit in these \$10 suits



Same fabrics, same styles, same trimmings and similar workmanship would certainly cost you \$20.00 or more, with the help of a tailor.

In fact they are better suits than we could ordinarily sell for \$10.00, made of cheviot or repellant cloths—in swell jacket style, 26 inches long—collarless, trimmed in neat tailored style, with braid and stitched satin bands—black and navy. Choose this week—

\$10.00

NEW LONG COAT SUITS OF excellent manish mixtures—in dark colorings—favorite for the fall season of

\$12.50

New tight fitting, by front, laid-in waist, collar, satin lined to waist, skirt full length, kilts, flared from knee, tailoring same as you find on a \$20.00 suit.

This week's special for—

\$12.50

Smart New Tailor Made Suits.

Three new models in the long manish fitted styles and short 27 inch box style. Buttons throughout, strap and neatly tailored stitched trimmings, blue or black, twill weave, novelty mixture or plain panne cheviot, styles that will sell later for \$30.00. Unmatchable at our popular price of—

\$20.00

A GREAT SALE THIS WEEK OF WOMEN'S WAISTS.

GRAND SHOWING OF THE NEWEST STYLES AND MATERIALS.

The fabrics are Radiums, Messalines, Chiffon, Taffetas, white Irish lace, cumy lace, hand embroidered lingerie waists, including the new convert embroidery, also embroidered and gathered Nuns veiling, abatross, imitas, poplins, wool batiste and a complete line of the cheaper materials in cotton waists.

We only mention the material and price—judge them and be convinced of these extraordinary values.

Cheek gingham **49c**

Black and colored Chiffon waists, at **\$3.50**

White Linene **98c**

The new and handsome Jester's Nun's Veiling waist, all **\$4.95**

White Madras **\$1.65**

Handsome embroidered pure linen waist, white, blue and green **\$2.25**

New tucked Bridaline waists **2.75**

Handsome Nun's veiling and Abatross waists, all colors **\$3.00**

Abatross waists, handsomely embroidered **\$3.50**

Embroidered Linen **\$3.50**

Elaborate evening silk **\$10.00**