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# FEATURES

## personality in black

## - - - by the author of "Peter"

The owner of the Place was asleep on the couch, curled up into a round shiny black ball. It was raining outside, and the rain made everything cold, so Peter had plopped in through his window, shook himself on the mat, strolled out, from force of habit, to his saucer in the place-of-food-and-heat, and then returned. He had tried a chair, but his tail kept sliding over the edge and its hanging weight had disturbed his sleep. So he ended up, as usual, on the couch. A dog, investigating the alley beside the house with his nose, sneezed, and Peter was awake immediately. He half rose and listened, but all being quiet, rolled over and was instantly asleep. This time he snored.

At the sound of footsteps on the stairs he awoke and recognizing them, he stretched and yawned and rolled over and over on the couch as the Things entered through the door-that-led-to-the-outside. His last roll took him too near the edge of the couch and ended in a wild scrabble of claws, the watching Things making noises of pleasure and joy.

The She-thing talked at Peter in asoft encouraging tone of voice and Peter automatically purred. He was thinking of a saucer heaped with that wonderful meat (liver), or ordinary meat, or fish. He got up and rubbed his body against their legs, nearly tripping them. He reached the place-of-food-and-heat and made for a stool where he sat and purred and watched the proceedings.

He watched and sniffed and purred approvingly as they made metallic noises and made water splash and the heat to come suddenly and surround him. He knew all this had to happen before the food arrived and while he privately despised the Things for their good nature, he secretly admired the hunting ability of the He-thing. The size of the animals he brought home to eat! Meat as large as Peter himself! When Peter smelled such overpowering smells he went thin with desire, and his purrs started somewhere in the region of his tail and got bigger and louder as they reached his face. He always received some meat, too, even when there was food left over from his last meal which he wouldn't touch. He knew that if he made himself sufficiently nice to the She-thing, and sat on her and purred at her and rubbed his head against her, that she would give him some of the fresh meat.

So he sat there and watched the proceedings with approval, but he knew from experience that his dinner would not arrive for some time yet. He decided to go out to the porch and see what was going on out there for a while. As he sat on the window sill, tail hanging over the edge, front feet and head outside, he found that it had stopped raining, and that it was almost dark. This was good. Maybe he could go for a walk this evening. A rustle down below in his garden attracted his attention and silent as a ghost he landed on the porch, slipped through his opening in the screen door and in a flash was down in among the poppies. He sat and waited. The other person was strolling cautiously through the place - his place! - sniffing everything over. Peter watched his movements but made none himself. The other cat caught his scent when he was but a few feet off, and stopped. He sat down to see what Peter would do. Peter knew what he was going to do. He was going to drive the other person out and if he caught him, would teach him a lesson he would not ferget for a long time.

Peter rose and stretched, then fixing his eyes on the other person he walked almost casually towards him. The way his shoulders were braced betrayed him, as did a slight stiff-leggedness in his walk. The other cat eyed him, and then began to back up, pace for Peter's pace. Peter's steps quickened, and the other turned and fled. Peter was after him like a streak of black lightning. There was a hissing and spitting and then a great cry as Peter caught him. They rolled over and over in the soft black earth, hind legs with strong curved claws pumping like pistons. They broke apart and the other person, with the speed of fear, ran for it. Peter sat and washed himself carefully where the other cat had touched him and then suddenly remembering his dinner, raced up the stairs and in the flat.

He sat on the stool again, and everytime one of the things opened the shed door, he was out through it and round to the cold-box. When the thing had got what it wanted and returned, Peter would purr more loudly than ever and rub himself hard against them. He knew he was forbidden to ask for his meal, for he had been slapped, and he knew he must not touch anything in the place unless it was on the floor. was in his dish, if it was on the floor. He saw the She-thing bend down were on the floor and he was only allowed to touch his food, even if it was in his dish, if it was on the floor. He saw teh She-thing bend down and pick up his dish and he went wild. As she put his meat on it he stood ca his hind legs, supported himself by gripping the top of the partly open cupboard door with his front claws, and tried to stretch his nose to get it close enough to the meat. Loud purrs convulsed his body. When the saucer was put down he was there before it was, eagerly waiting.

Later on, after he had had his dinner and had again retired to Continued on Page (4)

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## CBC Presents "Wednesday Night"

# From Beethoven --- To Britten

Encouraged by the favourable reception of last season's programmes, which presented entertainment ranging from BACH's magnificant PASSION ACCORDING TO SAINT MATTHEW to the whimsical LIFE and WORKS OF SARAH BINKS, to an audience far removed from the concert halls, CBC WEDNESDAY NIGHT returns to the air with a more ambitious programme for this season. During the past two years CBC has moved rapidly in the direction of BBC's THIRD, and this season's programme promises that emulation of that unique achievement in radio broadcasting will be continuel.

The series will begin on Wednesday October sixteenth with Part One of a Layman's History of Music. Combining discussion with instrumental illustration, the development of music and its function will be traced from its earliest expression by means of a crudely fashioned pipe or drum to the Mozart symphony and opera.

The second evening continues, appropriately enough with BEET-HOVEN, and follows the development of romantical expression to its climax in the achievement of WAGNER. Creative and contemporary forces at work in contemporary music are illustrated by excerpts from Stravinsky and Shostakovitch. The whole is brought to a neat close by a performance of Benjamin Britten's Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra.

Outstanding among the groups and artists who will perform the history are Frances James, Canada's Maggie Teyte and the Parlow String Quartet led by Kathleen Parlow, one of the world's great violinists. Apart from the fine entertainment we may expect from these artists, this programme of theorizing about music will certainly enrich our appreciation of future Wednesday Evenings.

The most daring step in this campaign to make the music of the masters, is the formation of the CBC Opera Company. Conducted by Nicholas Goldschmidt, head of the Royal Conservatory Opera School, the company will produce four operas this season. Beginning with Continued on Page (4)



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