# THE WILD CAT

THE ONLY BEAST OF PREY LEFT IN ENGLAND THAT IS DAN-GEROUS TO MAN.

Species Has Grown Very Rare of Late Years-Speculation Regarding "Tabbies."

A peculiar interest attaches to the British wild cat; in fact, a double interest. It has grown rare of late years pin England, but has not yet by any means been exterminated and so it still remains the only beast of prey left on English soil that is dangerous to man. No doubt its ultimate fate will be that of the wolf and the wild be the tame cat the essential differences. There are many who feel, says Englished the the stady advance in the the the size of British battleships from the late the stady advance in the the size of British battleships from the late of the was told by the physiclans that he size of British bat enough in the woods throughout Scotland, and is still to be found in Wales and Ireland. The Irish variety is larger than the British, but the race seems to be spread all over Northern the creature revive. It will spend the by the torpedo stealthily fired from simall, inexpensive craft. The cost of these immense ships has increased from the \$4,500,000 of the Royal Sovereign to \$7,120,000 for the King Ed-

ern Asia and Nepal.

monkey which his daughter exchanged did not think it beneath him to ascertain the value of animals and fix the price at which they should be bought and sold in his dominions. So he decreed that a kitten before it could see was to cost a penny, but after it got its sight and till it eaught its first

WARRANTY WITH CATS. Every cat that was sold was to be warranted perfect in sense of hearing and seeing, its claws whole and a good mouser. If it was deficient in any of these points the seller was to for feit to the buyer one-third of its value. Prince Howel's law went further than this, and had a clause protecting the owner of the cat-interesting both as giving additional proof of its value and as showing the simple ingenuity of those times. If any one stole or killed ewe, its fleece and lamb, or as much victims of this terrible disease wheat as would be ascertained in the it till the tip of the tail was covered. Guysboro County, N.'S., says: tington traveling about with his singular pet. It is clear, too, that this was not the wild cat. That animal was plentiful enough in Prince Howel's dominions, and all over England was registrated as a very reded on the wild cat. regarded as vermin, to be killed as a lafter taking seven boxes I was compest, and certainly not to be protected pletely cured, and have not felt any as a household treasure. There is a of the trouble since."

charter of Richard II.'s time, given by the King to the Abbot of Peterborough, authorizing the abbot to hunt the hare, the fox and the wild cat, and there is a canon of Archbishop Corboye, dated 1127, forbidding any nun or abbess to use more costly fur than the fleece of a lamb or the skin of a cat. It would seem, therefore, that the domestic cat and the wild cat co-existed in England and the wild cat co-existed in England

at a time when the former was a valuable animal. DESCENT FROM THE WILD. Was it, however, a descendant of the

wild cat? The dog has been traced up to the jackal by removes numerous in deed, but no one of which is very re-

larger than the British, but the race seems to be spread all over Northern Europe, and it is also found in North-corn field. On approaching her she Irom the ereign to ward VII. Some years ago it was the cause of progeny, and beside her lay two young ficulty, because it is laid down that great controversy. The question was leverets, fresh caught and killed. It British ships of the line must be so s to the origin of the ordinary cat. seemed not difficult to believe that the designed as to combine all the necessis it a form of the wild cat, altered by domestication till its fittest qualities and crossed the bound- any possible enemy, even if in the survived, or is the ordinary cat a distinct creature? Now, though the animal, seeing that the domestic cat expense of others. Thus every British domestic cat is probably the common- so soon became wild. Another theory ship of the line must be able to face est quadruped in Europe, there cer-tainly was a time when it was rare and during his first travels in Nubia, west perhaps speed, excel, say, at the ex-little. Look at me! This is what famvaluable. Shylock, indeed, speaks if of the hills near Ambukol, discovered pense of protection; it must approach ily horses come to. I was only ten "the harmless, necessary cat," not at a cat a third smaller than the wild one, all as if it were such a treasure as the It had, however, the bushy instead of chinery has had a greater weight al-

## Penny. IT'S THE HOPE-LESSNESS OF IT

cy that is one of the worst features

of Dyspepsia. The same tortures day after day, always getting a little worse, doctors the cat that guarded the prince's unable to afford relief .- Is it any wongranary he was to forfeit a milch- der that the future looks black to the But there is relief, hope, comfort, following way: The cat (presumably health for all in Dodd's Dyspepsia Tabdead) was to be held suspended by the lets. Those who have used them are tail, its head touching the ground, and shouting their praises. Listen to what the wheat was then to be poured upon Henry A. Coles, of St. Mary's River. tic cat was at that time a very valu- five years," says Mr. Coles, "It got so able creature, and one may even see bad at last I was taken to my bed the origin of the legend of Dick Whit- and the doctor called in. But he did

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Expense of These Marine Monsters Has Grown From \$4,500,000 to

The problem, continues Engineering showed every disposition to defend her is, undoubtedly, one of extreme difthe tapering tail, but had the short lowed than is usual in other saips; it and rustier than my own grandmother! for the turquoise ring; but we must legs of the tabby. Ruppel's theory must be able to maintain its position go to an earlier date than Queen was that this animal was a descendant in combat against a French ship, in the cat worshiped by the Egyptians, which the designer may have been alalist talking of Howel, who ruled over and that to this eastern superstition lowed greater scope in the matter of sound of church bells. Think of stand-Southern Wales for 30 years and died we owe the harmless, necessary occu- armor than in the other elements. ing tied in a shed all day long, with in 948, says that that excellent prince pant of our fireside.—London Golden This has always been the contention, only a swallow of water and a wisp of and no one will gainsay that this aim hay-and sometimes not even that. should be earnestly sought.

But ideals are not easily attained in weekdays—you go everywhere, then—to practice; and therefore a compromise mill, to market, the postoffice, and, must be introduced in order to get the worst of all, to the store. You are tied best combination of qualities within in the broiling sun, or where the wind those limits of dimensions which are strikes to your marrow, and left with imperative unless our harbors and out food or water, hours and hours and docks are to be improved at great hours. I wonder what men can find to THAT MAKES DYSPEPSIA SO TER- cost. Moreover, we have not the con- talk about. I wonder, too, how they RIBLE-BUT THE BEST HOPES trol of foreign waterways which may are so stupid as to let their own prop-ARE REALIZED IF YOU USE an opposing fleet, even locked up in least mind work—there was never one bodds byspepsia Tablets. become the venue of naval fights, and erty be so badly used. I don't in the This difficulty encourages the hope die. It's the standing, the long, cruel that the advent of the steam-turbine useless waiting that has soured me

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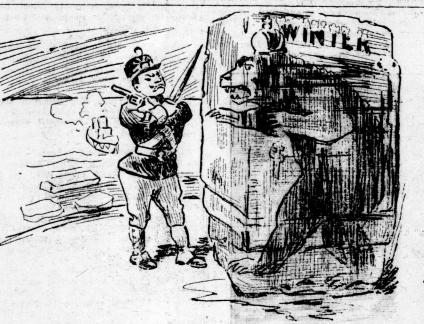
Nigeria, Lady Lugard, wife of Sir Frederick Lugard, high commissioner for Northern Nigeria, said that the reigning chiefs were of the semi-Arab race of the Foulahs, or Fulant, and what the Great Mogul of Delhi was to the India of Clive's day, such was the great Foulah

of Clive's day, such was the great Foulah of Sokoto to the Nigeria of four years

GOOD LEGACY FOR NURSE. Kindness shown a patient in the hospital where she was a nurse four years ago has won \$4,000 and valuable diamonds and jewelry for Miss Minnie Glesson, of Indianapolis. At that time the young woman was in charge of a patient overcome by gas. He was Charles Johnson, and after his recovery he went to Chicago.

THE FAMILY STEED'S STORY Black Molly Finds Waiting More Wearisome Than Work-Hard-Hearted Woman.

"Oh, indeed!" black Molly sniffed, wrinkling her upper lip; "that shows Still, Sundays are not quite so bad as The hopelessness of it all is partially may check the increase in beam; which And they won't even loose the checkresponsible for the terrible desponden- is becoming serious, owing to the few rein while I wait. If they gave me



The Bear-"Wait till I thaw out."-Harper's Weekly.

miralty practice." We have heard that on one occasion, when the combatant officers of the service were asked to make suggestions for battleship design, the resultant vessel would have been of prohibitive displacement had all their ideas been acted upon. It is just possible that the evil officially admitted in this case prevails to a more or less degree in the preparation of the plans of all ships. We know that tradition and developments in science are often in conflict, and not too freboth are met by the simple, if expensive, method of duplication. Admitting that the British ship must bottles of unere is still the chance that these may be attained by other conditions than those briefly described as "Admiralty practice." The Chillan ships Libertad and Constitucion, bought by the Government, and now the Tripmond and Constitution of the Chillan ships the conditions of the chance that these may be attained by other conditions that the chance that these may be attained by other conditions that the chance that the conditions that the chance the conditions of the children ships the conditions of the children ships the conditions of the children ships the children ships the conditions of the children ships the childr contain and exhibit all the qualities has been very materially intensified by splendid performances achieved, not only on the steam and maneuvering trials, but also on the gun tests of the Libertad.

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\*\*DROWNING A QUICK DEATH.\*\*

"The story frequently repeated about professional divers who have been about to remain under water for over two minutes is silly," Dr. Joseph Boehm tells me. "No one can remain under water that long without drowning, whether they are trained divers or not. At Navarino, where the sponge divers are reported to be able to remain under water three, and she has remained cured. You can tell others of this cure if you so desire. Mrs. C. H. Avery, Rockdale, N.Y." "Tis a pity she did not first write me, before the case was dangerous. The wife of Omer Andrus, of Bayou Chicot, La., had been sick for 20 years. For 8 years agood do practically no work. they are trained divers or not. At Navarino, where the sponge divers are reported to be able to remain under water three and four minutes, tests were made recently and resulted in concliptively proving that none of them remained down as long as a minute and a half. Ninety seconds seems a very long time to the water on shore, and it is about the limit of a diver's endurance under water. At Ceylon, where time tests were also made among the famous pearl divers, it was ascertained that few of them remained below the surface as long as a minute, and a quarter was the longest they could endure without a fresh breath.

"On the coast of England several years ago a diver, a trained diver, one of the best on the coast, renowned for his endurance, went down and was pulled up so slowly when he gave the signal that he was under water about two minute sand five seconds. He was drawn out of the water insensible, with blood flowing, for the slightly ill and the information of the manner of the signal that he was under water about two minutes and surface on the coast, and it was only after long and arduous work that his recovery from the effects of that two-minute stay under water assured.

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the water is kept out of the lungs, in-

docks in the world wide enough to ac- my head free, I should not be more commodate existing ships of greatest than half so tired." "True for you, Molly! Truer than Further, there is always the bottom gospel," Lord Kelso, the brown hack-of the national purse to reckon with, ney, said in a plaintive whicker, "I and we are approaching limits in this know. Check-reins have been for me,

and we are approaching limits in this respect, wealthy as the country is. Since every warship design is a compromise, we are forced to the question whether our official designs embody the hest of combinations. The nationwhether our official designs embody the best of combinations. The national confidence in our admiralty administration is great, and rightly so; but there is the off-repeated allegation that some of the foreign vessels designed and built by the great warship building firms in this country are of the country and some of the foreign in this country are of the period of the country at thousand years ago, and which then supplied the ports of the country at thousand years ago, and which then supplied the ports of the pagan regions civilized trade was not at present possible. In the worst of the pagan regions civilized trade was not at present possible. In the worst of the pagan regions civilized trade was not at present possible. In the worst of the pagan regions civilized trade was not at present possible. In the worst of the pagan regions civilized trade was not at present possible. In the worst of the pagan regions civilized trade was not at present possible. In the worst of the pagan regions civilized trade was not at present possible. In the worst of the pagan regions civilized trade was not at present possible. In the worst of the pagan regions civilized trade was not at present possible. In the worst of the pagan regions civilized trade was not at present possible. In the worst of the pagan regions civilized trade was not at present possible. In the worst of the pagan regions civilized trade was not at present possible. In the worst of the pagan regions civilized trade was not at present possible. In the worst of the pagan regions civilized trade was not at present possible. In the worst of the pagan regions civilized trade was not at present possible. In the worst of the pagan regions civilized trade was not at present possible. In the worst of the pagan regions civilized trade was not at present possible. In the worst of the pagan regions civilized trade was not at present possible. In the worst of the pagan regions civilized trade was not at present possible. In the worst of the pagan regions civilized trad building firms in this country are of relatively less weight, and yet embody qualities equal in the aggregate to had apples and mashes nearly every had apples and mashes nearly every had apples.

park she wanted him to be forever putting me through my paces, and once I heard her say, petulantly, 'Frank, what's the use of paying so much for horse unless you mean to make him show off, especially when the Grimbys are in sight?" "Exchange. THE STRANGE TRIBES OF NORTHERN NIGERIA

and Borgu gives him no trouble.

races, who spoke either Arabic or Haushaving each their own nabits and their contestable evidence that rats, dogs of the Arabs on the distinguished to make himself fully underaristocratic carriage of the Arabs on the Meditarraneon court. They were of the distinguished to make himself fully underaristocratic carriage of the Arabs on the stood by the native peoples with whom having each their own habits and their Mohammedan religion, and were held by those who knew them to be naturally Many of the tribes were pagans, and

endowed with the characteristics which it was not very long since some were fitted them for rule. Their theory of justice annibals. One tribe was reported to tice was good, though their practice was have tails. There was another which bad; their scheme of taxation was most would appear to justify the Greek legend elaborate, and was carried even into a of the Amazons; all their public fighting

building firms in this country are of relatively less weight, and yet embody qualities equal in the aggregate to the aggregate to the state of the state to the files, even my docked tail did not trought to use, continued and paid its tolls to use of the slave trade, Lady characteristics.

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The Fulani had come to be the ruling people, but the Haussa, who were also transfer the principal currency of Nigeria to be Cristian. planation of this, it is said that the cause of the greater displacement of the ships of our own navy is to be found in the wide interpretation placed on that comprehensive phrase, "Admirally practice." We have heard

different with his wife, she was hard-hearted, flinty-hearted, indeed. In the smith's work were spoken of in an Arabic today than 10,000,000 or 12,000,000. Yet so manuscript, not yet properly translated, wedded were the Fulani rulers to the which carried them back to the mythical system that when, on the assumption of ancestry of the founders of Kano. Weaving, dyeing, tanning, brass work, leather Emir of Bautchi was remonstrated with work were among the local industries, and asked to give pledges of abstaining and trade in these, as well as in the raw from clave-raiding for the future, his materials with which the country reply was: "Can you stop a cat from abounds is largely carried on by the mousing? When I die I shall be found

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