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A Boston family went off on a vacation, and the neighbours saw a cat in the window and heard it mew piteously. The Humane Society broke into the house, and rescued the feline from starvation. It was a plaster of Paris cat.—*Detroit Free Press*.

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