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STRANGE PETS FOR THESE PETTERS

Lions Are Quite Liked By Some, While Others Go As Far as to Adopt Insects

NEW YORK, Jan. 11—What with pet shows of all kinds going full blast all over the map these days and the atmosphere surcharged, so to speak, with cats and dogs, and mice and rats and birds—how would you like to have a skunk or an alligator or a praying mantis or a prairie dog for a pet? Just for the sake of variety and also because these and other creatures not commonly thought of as being in the pet class nevertheless do often make interesting and enjoyable pets.

In fact, it would seem that practically any member of the animal kingdom may be kept for a pet. There is no objection to having a pet elephant except for the little matter of housing and feeding. Elephants are very intelligent and interesting creatures. Except for such practical considerations most folks would prefer an elephant to a lion probably, but Mrs. Mary McMillan of North Hollywood, Cal., keeps a couple of pet lions in her backyard. It seems that the neighbors object to the roaring of Tawny and Tunis and brought their owner into court on a charge of keeping ferocious animals without a license. The judge, after hearing Mrs. McMillan's defence, continued the case.

The fact is, wild animals are quite popular now for pets. So why not get a lion, or a cheetah or a leopard, if you're feeling the need for a change in the pet line? According to no less an authority than Dr. A. A. Brill, psychologist, pets provide an emotional outlet for human beings—as as though we didn't already know that. Dr. Brill pointed out while visiting the third annual exhibition of the Bird Fanciers Association at the Waldorf Astoria recently that mammals, particularly dogs, are the best pets because they are closest to us. And birds are better than fish. But

that shouldn't discourage anybody who has a canary or tropical fish. Just keep them.

So, with wild animals being so popular now and with assurance that pets are good for us anyhow, don't hesitate to get a pet lion or hippopotamus. The New York State game farm at Delmar has a pet wildcat named Lawrence Tibbett. No doubt he has a wonderful musical purr if nothing else to recommend him for a pet. Not long ago a dispatch from Moscow said that the Moscow Zoo had solved the problem of its excess animals by giving them to children on a lottery basis. However, the scheme proved embarrassing to parents of many children who drew bear cubs, wild pigs and large birds. So many protests there were that the zoo agreed to exchange such pets for smaller animals and birds.

Dr. Walker is strong for some of our small woody creatures for pets. There's the pocket mouse, for example. Dr. Walker kept one on his desk for four years. He is ideal for a small apartment as he weighs only five to seven grams. And prairie dogs—they are absolutely ideal as pets, and they love to be petted. They bark if you fail to notice them. Dr. Walker also recommends various ground squirrels, white-footed mice, and kangaroo rats.

There was a sad tale in the press a while ago to the effect that Mrs. Teresa Egli of 875 Prince street, Teaneck, N.J., was suing for divorce because her husband kept pet snakes in the bathtub. Mr. Egli also went in for alligators, rattlesnakes, ducks, wild geese and goats. But he didn't keep all these in the bathtub, presumably.

Some folks think highly of raccoons as pets. Mrs. Fred Reynolds of Owasco, N.Y., for example, says they

Boy Tosses Fireworks; Guardsmen March On; Boy Is Marched Away

LONDON, Jan. 11—It's no use throwing fireworks into a squad of Guardsmen on the march in order to see them jump. They simply won't do it.

A small boy on Guy Fawkes Day, Nov. 5, dared by his school friends to throw a cracker among men of the Guards on the march, did so. But all he got was arrest and a summons. The Guards just marched on.

At the Juvenile Court, the Magistrate dismissed the incident as a boyish prank.

Hogs In Evangeline-Land

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make ideal pets. She has kept coons for fifteen years, formerly raising them for the market, but because she disliked having them made into fur coats eventually, she discarded a profitable business. Jack, the last of her stock, receives a daily diet of eggs, sweet corn, cake and cookies. Eggs are his favorite food, Mrs. Reynolds said.

Even insects are sometimes kept for pets. The curious praying mantis may be tamed and tethered with a leash consisting of a thread. It may even be taught to take food from its master's hand. Crickets are popular with the Chinese who keep them in cages. The insects are particularly cherished for their song. The Chinese also keep crickets for fighting and a good rousing cricket fight creates a great deal of interest.

FRANCE TO DENY YUGOSLAVIA AND RUMANIA ARMS

Allies' Growing Friendship With Italy and Germany Brings Embargo On Sale

PARIS, Jan. 11—Officials said tonight the French government had ordered a virtual embargo on armament shipments to Rumania and Yugoslavia, France's allies of long standing because of their growing friendliness toward Italy and Germany.

Members of the Chambers of Deputies disclosed Edouard Daladier, the Minister of National Defense, had ordered suspension, until further notice of government licenses for exportation of military supplies to those countries.

The order, it was understood, was issued with the consent of the whole Cabinet, which was said to be alarmed by the apparently pro-Nazi policies of Rumania's new premier, Octavia Goga, and the increasingly close relations between Yugoslavia's premier Milan Stoyadinovich, and Italy.

Adrien Thierry, French Minister at Bucharest, was said to have received instructions to ask Goga to explain his future policy with regard to France, Rumania's ally since the World War.

The Cabinet was said to have recommended to Czechoslovakia that she take action similar to France's. Czechoslovakia's huge Skoda munitions works long have supplied arms to Rumania and Yugoslavia, her allies in the Little Entente.

The deputies emphasized that the temporary embargo was designed especially to bring the two nations back to reason. Neither Germany nor Italy, with which they are accused of flirting, is believed by French leaders to be in a position to finance rearmament efforts of Rumania and Yugoslavia.

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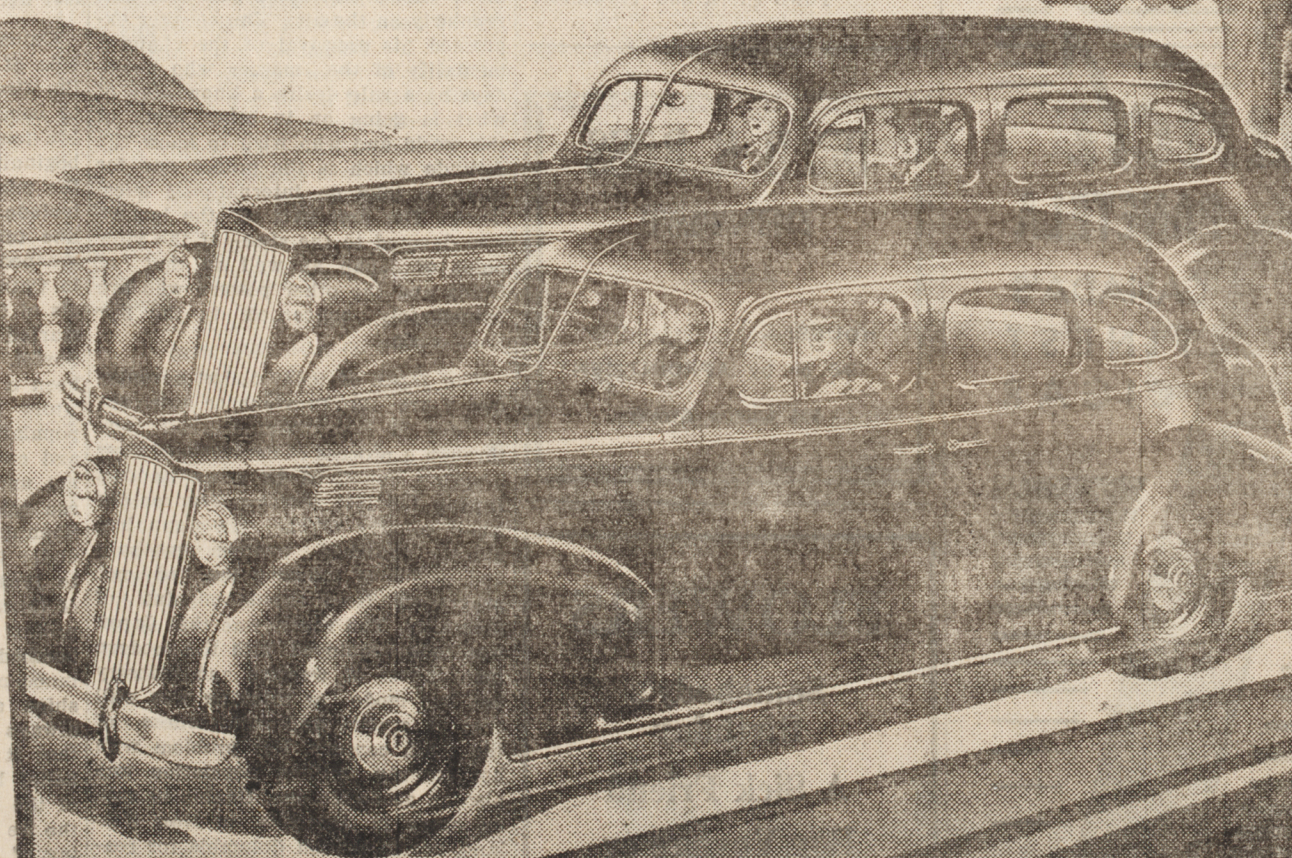
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