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## Even Snakes Are Among the Prized Pets in Houston

When Solomon brought apes and peacocks to his gardens it was doubtless because he was a great lover of pets. If he were living today he would find in Houston a great variety of pets and "pet-lovers."

I am sure that if Noah were

making a collection for his ark he would need go no further than Houston; for here may be found a wide variety of pets.

Chester Snowden and I started out with the avowed intention of finding out about Houston pets. We had noticed that quite a few pets were to be seen even from the streets; but the number we have discovered has been a revelation to us. There are dogs of many kinds, birds, goats, fish, monkeys, rabbits, rats, guinea pigs, ducks, peacocks, snakes, liz-ards and even insects. If you doubt the strangeness of some of the pets, just go into one of the seed stores where pets are kept and note the odd things for sale. For instance, there are meal worms, or small boxes of ant eggs or cuttlefish bone All are food for some variety

We stood the other day outside a pet shop window, where we could see a Persian cat with three lovely kittens. An inter-esting crowd had gathered to watch the kittens tumble about, yawn, scratch at each other in play, while their aristocratic

We did not. But we did understand that the spectators were filled with curiosity, symas passersby would edge themmiddle-aged woman, with a small boy beside her, gently tapped the window to gain the attention of the kittens. "I lasted the low winter he could be small boy beside her, gently tapped the window to gain the attention of the kittens. "I lasted the low winter he could be small believe they rather enjoyed their own act. attention of the kittens. "I leady timber at his can, the second of the kittens."

I asked the boy where he got the new and increasing interest in the protection of the his pet goat and he replied there was no reply, but everybody was wearing a pleasant smile at the antics of the kittens.

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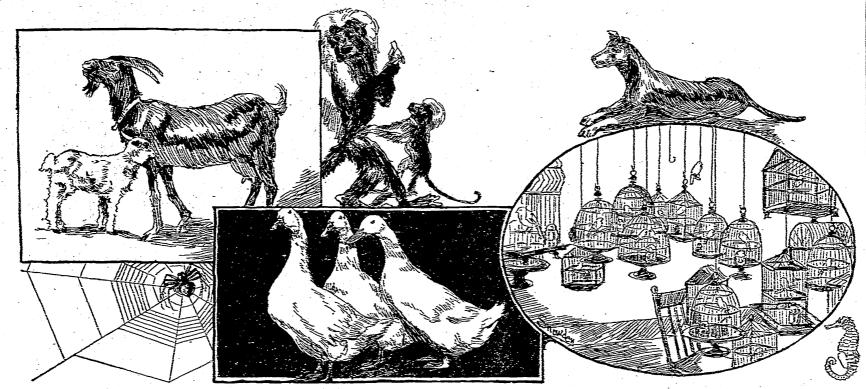
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the clerk placed them in a bas- at an old-fashioned soon we saw the chauffeur drive away with them. Many

set aside for the love of animals. With some of it located a little dog that is 'valler and full of fleas' may enter; with others it lies well to the rear closed that so diminutive a

up Railroad Street the other morning, and lo! there were

Alice K. Sturgis Has a Family of Marmosets; W. H. Lighthouse Delights in Birds and Fish; Mrs. E. S. Barlow Con- queen of Sheba on parade with all the colors of Jacob's coat. ducts a Bird Hospital; J. Alston Clapp Is Interested in Reptiles and Harry G. Wood's Aviary Is Bossed by a Mockingbird



mother gazed unconcernedly at ficient to get her to let her the human spectators with 2 ducks pose for a sketch of sphint-like stare, saying plainer than words. "You do not understand me!"

street they quacked with the picturesque little girl driving picturesque little girl driving

Down near the Southern Pawere filled with curiosity, sympathy, friendliness. At least these were the feelings that were appermost in their minds, for they were typical "pet-lovers." The crowd would shift for us to drink!" And the secretary would eige them cific Station was a little Italian as passersby would edge them-selves up to the window. A looked as if he didn't believe in

Alimonsine stopped just opposite the store and a rashion milk." And down the rainroad bird problem will come about the interesting trio went. I only when those who wish to posite the store and a rashion milk desired again the day, more than the desk with the clerk little red goat, "Dan." I still that their cats are tagged and that no stray cat is allowed to run at large. There should be she said. And a moment later the way of many a good goat some Bide-A-Wee home to report the desk placed them in a base at an old-fashioned. Bartist ket, closed the little door, and barbecue in Walker County.

Later we called upon our remain until suitable drive away with them. Many good friends, Mr. and Mrs. are found for them. Thus the eyes outside the window ex- Sisk, on Ariangton. They are stray cats may be treated in a changed giances of sympathet- fond of cats and have a heauti- humane way and the birds will ic understanding as the ful yellow Persian, with two be saved.

gazers detached themselves young kittens. In the middle It is natural for a cat to hunt, the right idea of taking care of one hears!

against the glass, her breath making a saturdge on the pane. That one will get all the dimer now! she said to her mother. And doubtless it did! Do o o everybody Wants a Pet.

Surely there must be only a few, if any, people in America who do not want a pet! There is a yearning in the human heart for the companionship of anisotrates that is almost universal.

The seems that the world is always welcome there. I do not believe that bird-funding cats come from well-properly cared for, and criminal cats there in most cases are in most cases and those who do not want a pet! There is a yearning in the human heart for the companionship of anisotrates the kittens grow up. They are almost like children to us.

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When we were introduced to chick, Joe and the two boys, low was in front of a tiny mirror. When we see in front of a tiny mirror was busy washing her face, low as busy washing her face. Reuben and Joe. It, were still to trust him farther than she can leap, and wisdom has carely overs that they are proposely and aristocracy of the cats proves that they are proposely and aristocracy of the cats proves that they are proposely and aristocracy of the cats proves that they are proposely and aristocracy of the cats proves that they are proposely and aristocracy of the cats proves that they are proposely the many of the third winners and that they would have to see this beauting I say to them. But you there say to them. But you there say to them. But you there is a real home, and that the world have to see this beauting I say to them. But you there is a real home, and that the world have to see this beauting I say to them. But you there is a real home is a real home, and that the world have to see this beauting I say to them. But you there is a real home, and thint is liming I say to them. But you there is a real home, and there is always welco male that is almost universal, can leap, and wisdom has cats proves that they are proposition male before the mirror! Mrs. (coolidge, in a recent issue taught her that quickness of entry cred for Mrs. Coolidge, in a recent issue taught her that quickness of erly cared for of a magazine, said: "One motion has saved her skin ooo chamber of the human heart is oftener than blind faith in hu-Extraordinary Pets. manity.

close to the outer walls and the the cat, is might help us to re-door swings wide, so that even call the story of the village "We want to know abo idiot, who, when asked how he hiot, who, when asked how he had found a stray horse for those pets." I said to her. which a reward of \$20 had "Chico and Joe," she s

Cats can be taught many interesting and amusing tricks living

Baptist ceive all desirable cats that are

Someone told us of a family

boy wants a pet, be it rabbit, consider a cat an enemy beso lonely, it is best to keep a aimost like little people. and weather-fire, and numergoat, pony, kitten, pigeon or cause it will not become man's pair. Now they have a lovely
dog. Mr. Snowden and I came complete slave. family—little twin boys, Joe. ooo Jr., and Reuben, and you Bricks, Birds and Fish. should see how happy this fam-



gazers detached themselves young kittens. In the middle from the nucleus and drift of the floor sat a large basket and the two kittens were harding the time of their lives roll-ing and tenther lives roll-ing an any family, and the father has cases—and such a concert as

Sturgis reminded me.

"We want to know about "If all families in the human at my home on Kane Street, world would show such love some unusual kinds. "Chico and Joe," she said, and consideration among them-selves as I find among my pets. the door is so tightly been offered, replied. "I only "are a wonderful couple. They this would be a wonderful went, where his charming that so diminutive a imagined what I would do and are White Tops (marmosets), world! They never quarrel daughter talked fish to our satclosed that so diminutive a creature as a soft, fuzzy little pussy with an appealing purrent can not find entrance." And further on in her article Mrs. Coolidge adds: "I How to Understand a Cat.

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Our next visit was out to the the rainbow

"Shows his pride!" I re- too expensive. But I get great orted. pleasure from them, and also
"They are much pleasure to my fish. But I don't keep them In attempting to understand of extraordinary pets which bems when I get home of ever out here since the flood this the cat, is might help us to religious to Alice K. Sturgis.

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Sure, we wanted to see the

am unable to understand how anyone can get along without some sort of pet, just some loving creature which looks to one for food and drink and compared to reactive they were. Later, I were the cance to feed him with cod-liver oil, tails, melokos, celestials and interpret the cat from the cat's marmoset and learned how attractive they were. Later, I we ggs and orange juice enough other kinds to fill up for food and drink and compared to feed him with cod-liver oil, tails, melokos, celestials and now were. Later, I we ggs and orange juice enough other kinds to fill up how, see him! Isn't he love all my space in this article. Too, there were the canco, telestials and interpret the cat from the cat's marmoset and learned how at to feed him with cod-liver oil, tails, melokos, celestials and now were. Later, I we ggs and orange juice enough other kinds to fill up how, see him! Isn't he love all my space in this article. Too, there were the canco, telestials and interpret the cat from the cat's marmoset and learned how at the form of the cat's marmoset and learned how at the love ggs and orange juice. Now, see him! Isn't he love all my space in this article. Too, there were the canco, telestials and interpret the cat from the cat's marmoset and learned how at the least every bound of the cat's marmoset and learned how at the first extend how at the first extend him with cod-liver oil, tails, melokos, celestials and now have ggs and orange juice. Now, see him! Isn't he love all my space in this article. Too, there were snails of several tractive they were. Later, I have ggs and orange juice and orange juice and the love all my space in this article. Too, there were the canco, telestials and to feed him with cod-liver oil.

The fish were every color of down the street by a little I remember seeing, years ago, Mexican girl. Mr. Snowden the five "bell-ringing" or "mussioned to love each other?" house. Paradoxical it seems to very valuable and had been imported the five "bell-ringing" or "mussioned to love each other?" house. Paradoxical it seems to very valuable and had been imported the five "bell-ringing" or "mussioned to love each other?" house. Paradoxical it seems to very valuable and had been imported find this business man, who ported from Japan and other limited they are!" Mrs. finds time to keep scores of lovering countries. When swimlers were very precious pull ribbons to which were attended to Sturgis assured me. "I have like birds for pets. His offices ming about in the clear water, never seen such devotion in are literally filled with bird they were like finating lawels.

with the splendor of the rain- dogs, then canaries, which he

bow stamped upon their deli- has never outgrown; then fish, imped upon their dear mass never outstoom and he is very fond of them. Joe Heiser claims that every diamonds, emeralds. And so are we mether and living creature should be constituted in the constitution of rubies, sapphires, in a way that I have learned to care for them sidered under the word pets. could not be eclipsed. Who almost as much as father. "All my pets are loose," he told They are so interesting, and "And why do you keep so each variety has ways all its they belong. I want freedom "Father must have his pets. Japanese fantail" It floated He started out with cows, then through the water like the

Those are very expensive and require special care. But fish for us!" our interesting hostess told us. "No pets could be more fascinating and beauti-

We tried to reach Bud Randolph of the city health department, who has the reputation of being quite an authority on fish as pets at his aquarium in his home near Cleveland Park. Another famous nature lover is the weather man, L. H. Daingerfield, who comes of a long line of outdoor people dating back to the famous horsemen of Kentucky, by his name. He has numbered among his pets nallard ducks, a flying squirel and white rabbits.

Jack Pullen is a young nature photographer, who de-lights in making all birds feel as if they were his personal number of interesting birdhouses, with every house usoccupied during the spring and summer. creech owls have reared their families in his bird apartments. During the fall and winter, Mr. Pullen keeps a feeding tray outside his dining room, where t is not uncommon to see redbirds, finches, woodpeckers and sparrows, all breakfasting together. Some of his nature photographs are remarkably done, which shows his keen sense of trueness to na-

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