

XIII.—WORTH TWICE HIS WEIGHT IN GOLD.

THE most valuable cat in the world belongs to Mrs. Charles Weed, of Bound Brook, New Jersey. It is a superb French Angora, and five thousand dollars would not suffice to buy him.

Napoleon the First is the name of the famous cat, and, being worth double his weight in gold, appropriately enough Napoleon's silken coat is of the richest golden hue.

The five-thousand-dollar beauty occupies luxurious apartments, which would not have disgraced the famous Emperor himself, and unlike that great soldier this Napoleon has never felt the stings of defeat, having easily outclassed all his brothers and sisters at the many shows in which he has participated.

Mrs. Weed is very much attached to "Nap," and said, while exhibiting him recently: "I have had a number of valuable cats, but none which have won the laurels of Napoleon. He is a remarkably easy cat to get along with, too, and is as proud of his medals as any veteran. Although large he is well proportioned, and unlike so many petted cats has not an idle bone in his body; indeed, he is as good a ratter as any ordinary cat who can't trace his lineage back along a line of royalty.



THE MOST VALUABLE CAT IN THE WORLD.
From a Photo. by Harding, Brooklyn.

"Nap's worst fault is jealousy. He will sulk for hours at a time and refuse to be comforted if I caress or fondle another puss, and frequently if I devote my attention to the stranger for any length of time Napoleon will cry to go out, and when the door is opened will leave the room with his head held proudly erect and without deigning to give so much as a glance in my direction. I have known him to remain away from home for a whole day when I offended him in this manner.

"Napoleon is very easily fed, and although he will eat a great variety of food, his principal diet is milk, oatmeal, and a little meat. The latter I cut in very small pieces for him or else leave on the bone, and I only give him this luxury at noon.

"In the summer he will eat potatoes and beans if well seasoned and buttered.

"He has been exhibited at many large shows and has always won the first prize given to Angoras, for his beauty, intelligence, and size.

"I have been offered five thousand dollars for him, double his weight in gold, but I wouldn't part with Nap for any amount of money."