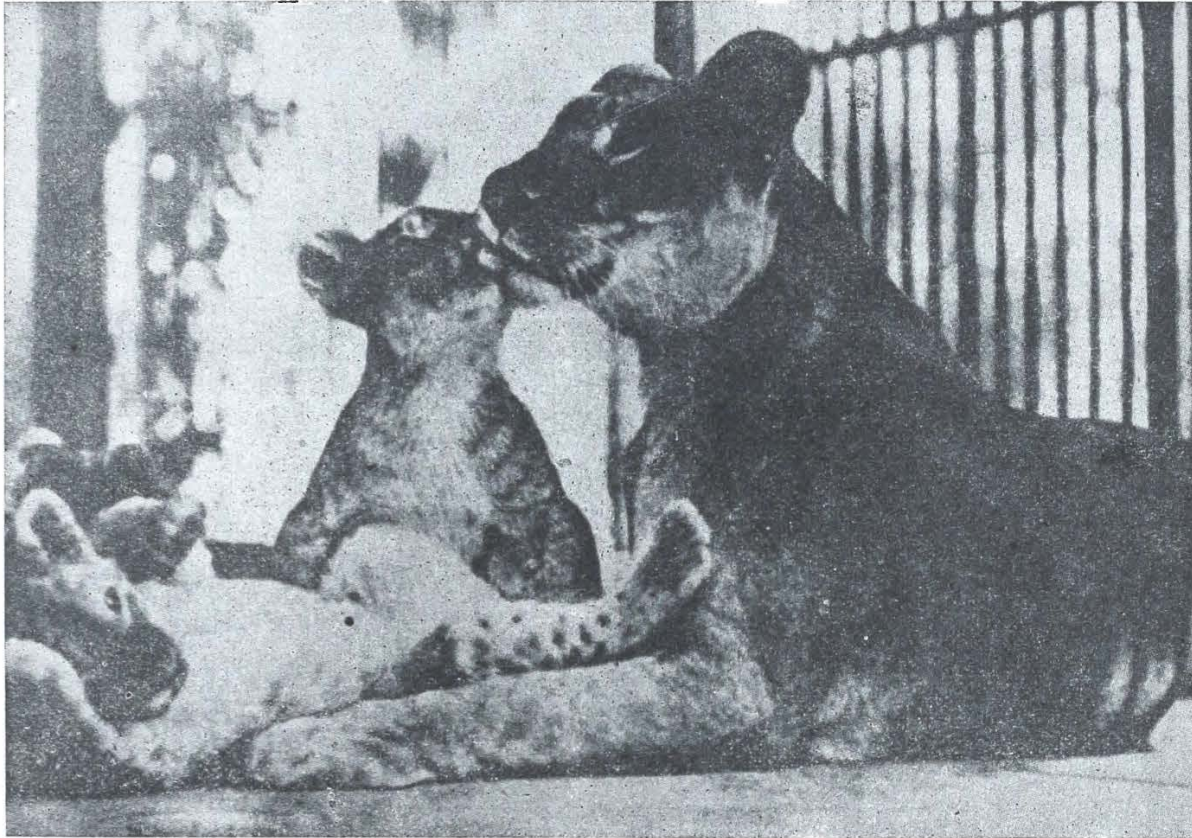


MOTHER LION AND HER BABIES



A MOTHER LION is called a lioness. Her babies are called cubs. So this is a picture of a lioness and her cubs.

Do you know that the lion and the cat are cousins? They both belong to the cat family. The lion is the biggest animal in the cat family.

Look at the picture of Mother Lion and her babies. Does she look like a big cat? The little cubs look quite playful and gentle, but even little lion cubs can be dangerous.

The lions' home is in the jungle in Africa. They like to live near the edge of the jungle, for they can find more food in the open country.

Lions hunt and eat their food at night. They spend most of the

day sleeping. Sometimes they sleep in their dens.

A lion can kill an animal with one blow of his paw.

Father Lion has a big mane growing on his neck. He is larger than Mother Lion.

Father Lion and Mother Lion will both fight for their babies if they are in danger.

Lion cubs are sometimes caught and tamed.

Would you like to have a baby lion for a pet?

Have you ever seen a lion? Of course you have not seen a wild lion in Africa, but you may have seen a lion in a circus or in a zoo.

Some day the baby lions which you see in the picture will be large, roaring lions.