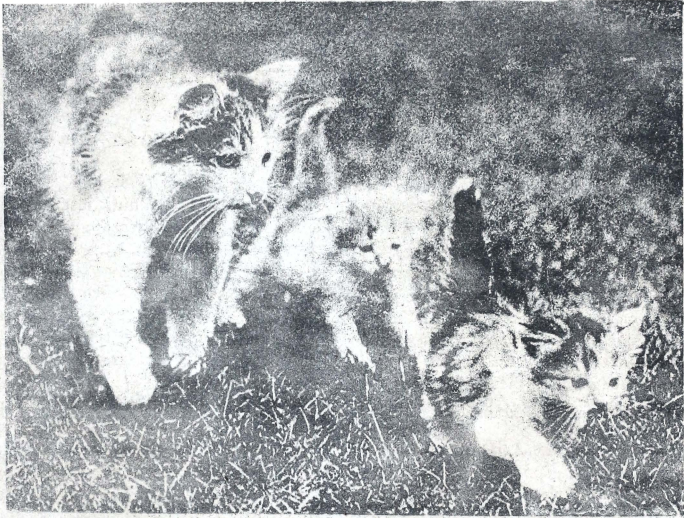


MOTHER CAT AND HER KITTENS



MOTHER CAT is giving her kittens a lesson in hunting. They make no noise as they walk through the grass on their padded feet. They are following something that is moving in the grass. Mother Cat will show the kittens how to pounce upon it. Perhaps they are looking for a Thanksgiving dinner.

Baby kittens are very playful. Mother Cat is often seen playing with them. She keeps them clean by licking them with her tongue. Nature gave her this rough tongue for other uses, too. A cat can strip meat from bones with its tongue.

If Mother Cat wants to move her kittens she carries them in her mouth. She catches them by the back of the neck.

Little kittens purr when they are happy. Sometimes they purr to their mother. Have you heard them do this?

Baby kittens soon learn to growl. Perhaps they learn this from their mother. They soon learn how to scratch and bite. They learn this in their play.

Do you have a mother cat and her kittens? What is the name of each one?