



#### DEAFNESS OF WHITE CATS.

A Scientist Says It's True They Can't Hear a Thing.

"Though I had often heard of it, I never was fully satisfied that all white cats are naturally deaf until recently," said a scientific gentleman, who devotes considerable of his time to experimenting with the lower order of animals. "I was aware that Prof. Bell, in his original experiments in connection with the telephone, had ascertained and stated that his experience with white cats was that they were all either deaf or very deficient in hearing, and that other experiments in the same direction had reached similar conclusions. To satisfy myself I recently secured in all twenty-three white cats, and experimented with them, one at a time. In every case I found them stone deaf. In carrying the experiment further I found that white dogs and white horses are deficient in hearing, and that many of them are entirely deaf. So are white rats and white mice. I am confident I do not overstate it in regard to white cats, though I have only personally experimented with twenty-three, and, of course, can only speak positively in regard to them. I don't hazard much, however, when I make the bold statement that all white cats are deaf."

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