Prof. O.C. Marsh,
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Dr. Sir,

We have been petting for some time a cat remarkable for having six well-formed toes and claws upon each foot. These were not placed as in usual wild cats — all but one in a phalanx; and that one set up a little way, higher on the leg, but all usefully placed near or at the extremity, and on the fore foot with their noticeable peculiarity: two of them were opposed thumb-like to the other four. The cat had a positive double thumb-like claw, which could grasp with a powerful grip. He was a decided "improvement" over "must on cats." On Saturday Mr. 3d he was healthy and vigorous, purring and predatory. This
Morning he is mourned as subject for an autopsy or an inquest.

If you regard the case as one of interest I will be happy to send him to you or to the Museum (for expenses). The carcass is perfect, clean & with no external evidence of disease.

 yours
d. c. welch