

A BOOK OF
CHEERFUL CATS

AND OTHER
ANIMATED ANIMALS

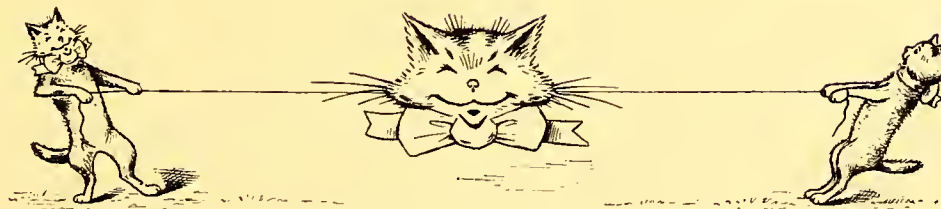
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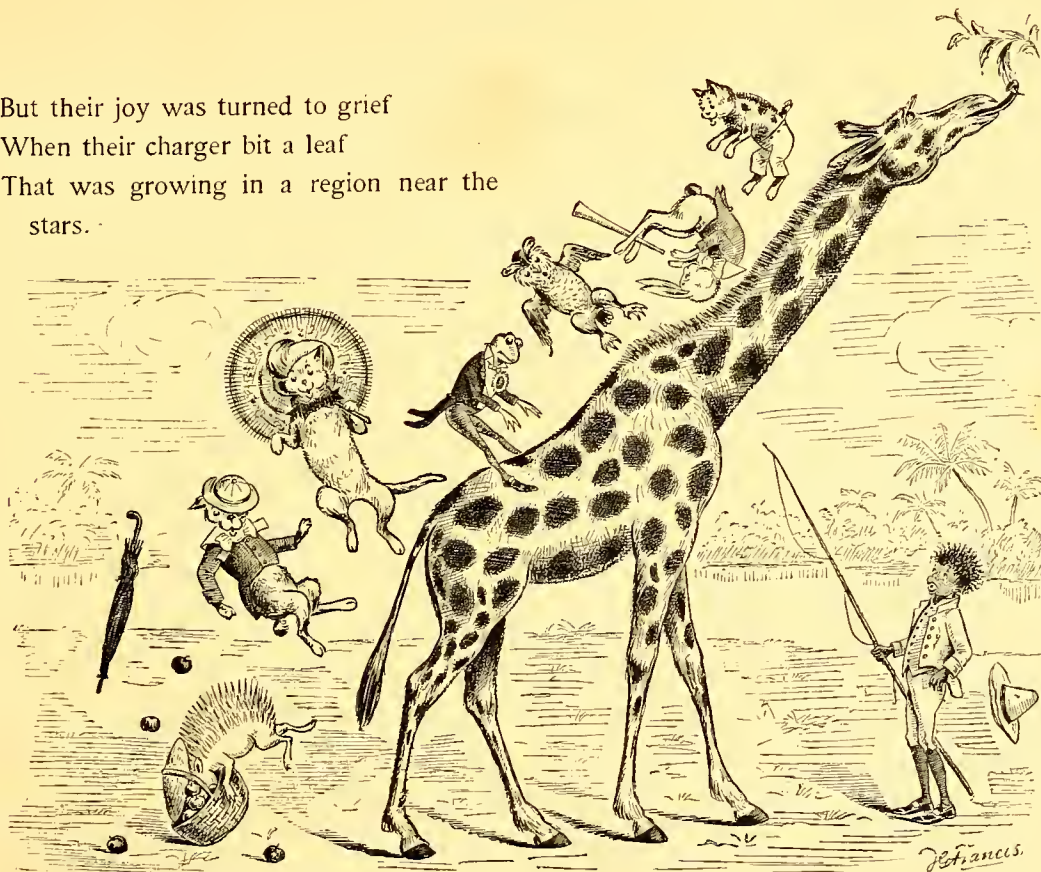


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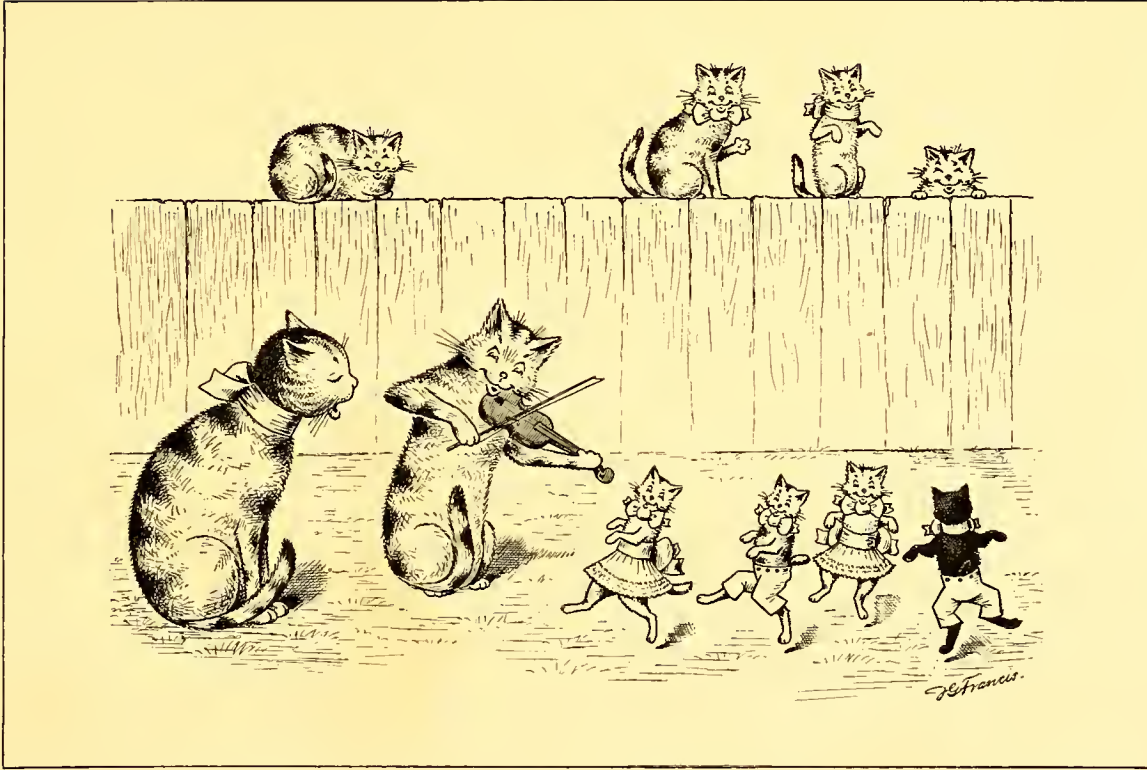


But their joy was turned to grief
When their charger bit a leaf
That was growing in a region near the
stars.



A very Happy Family

The Mother sings a song of youth and May,
The Father doth the festive fiddle play,
Neighbors strolling on the fence
Stop and smile with joy intense,
While the happy Kittens dance the livelong day.

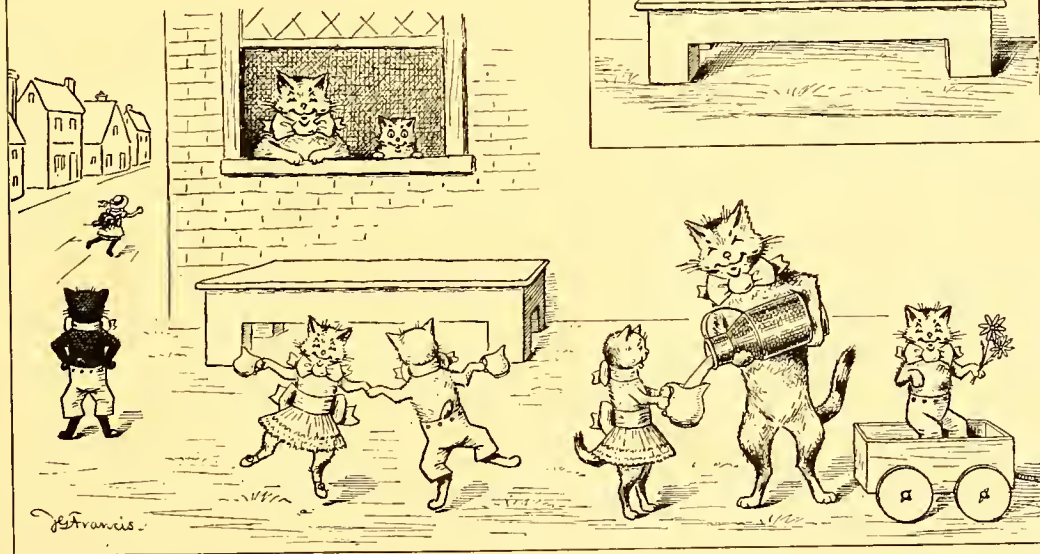



A DUTIFUL PARENT.

Cried a cat to his wife, "See, my dear,
The superlative Circus is here!
With the children we'll go, - 'tis our duty, you know,
Their young minds to enlighten and cheer."

"Let us give him a scare,
So he 'll leave it right there."

This will show the success of
the scheme.

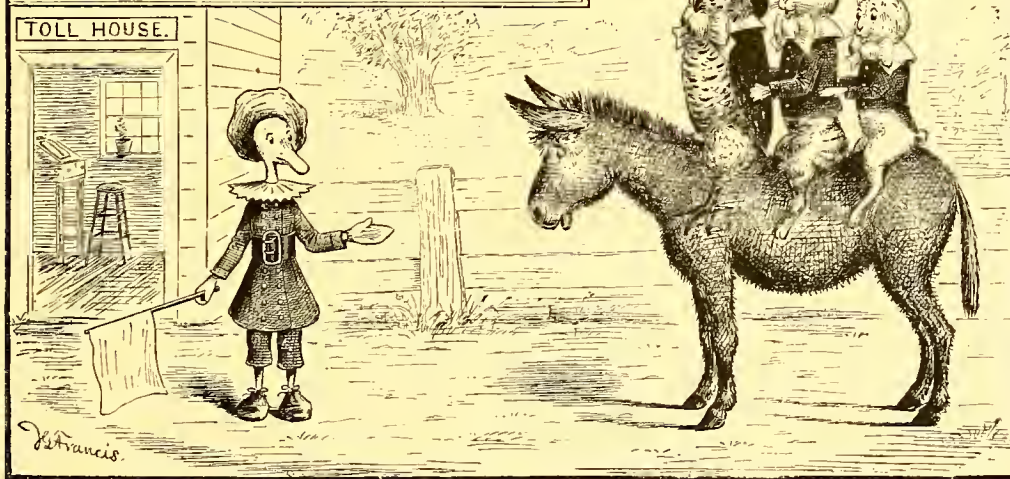




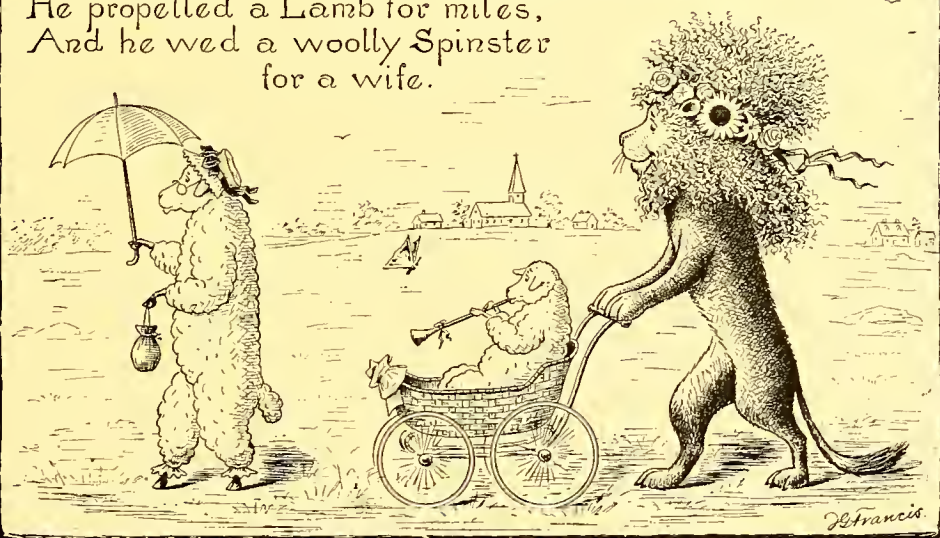
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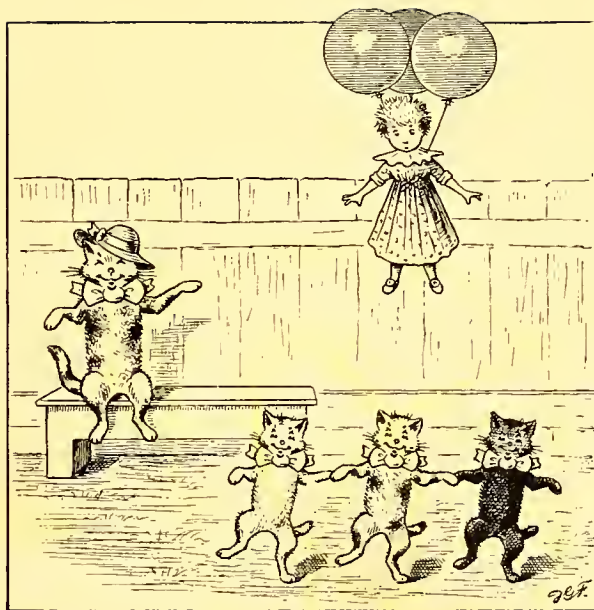
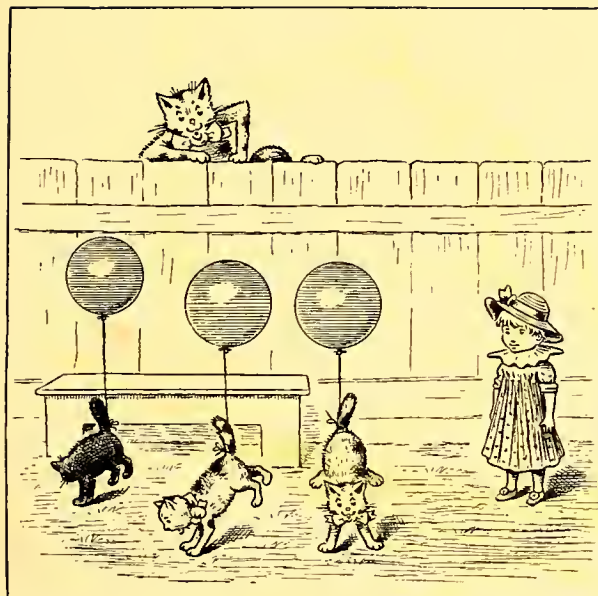
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THEY DIDN'T HAVE A PENNY,
AND COULDN'T BORROW ANY,
AND THEY OWED EXACTLY HALF A DIME FOR COAL ;
SO THEY SAID, "WE'LL RUN AWAY,"
WHEN A GOOSE CAME OUT TO SAY:
"YOU MUST PAY TWO CENTS APIECE ALL'ROUND FOR TOLL!"



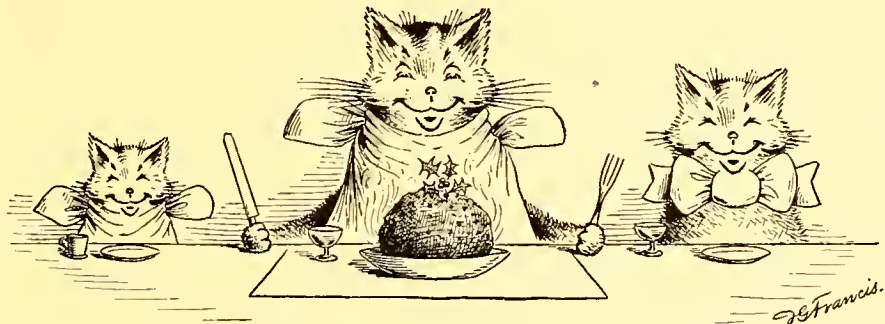
A Raging, Roaring Lion, of a Lamb-devouring Kind,
Reformed and led a sweet, submissive life.
For with face all steeped in smiles
He propelled a Lamb for miles,
And he wed a woolly Spinster
for a wife.



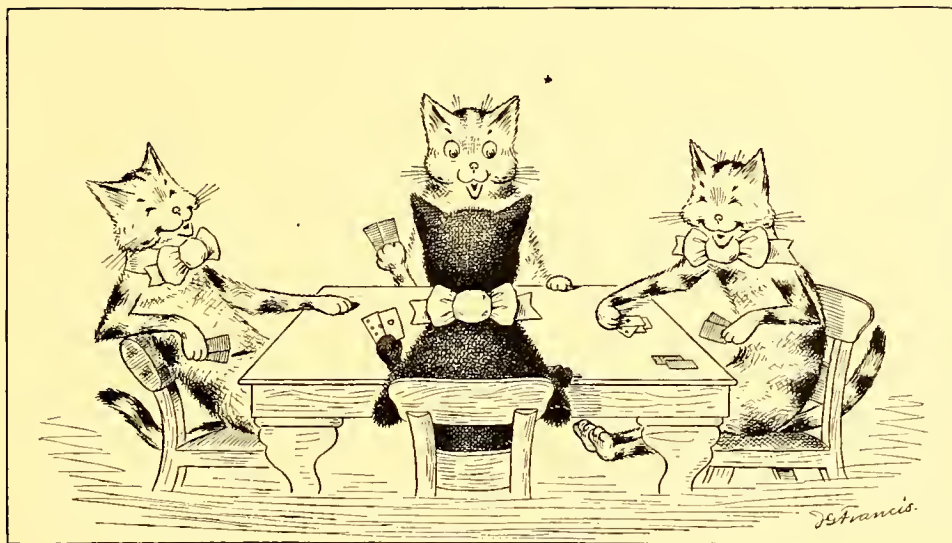


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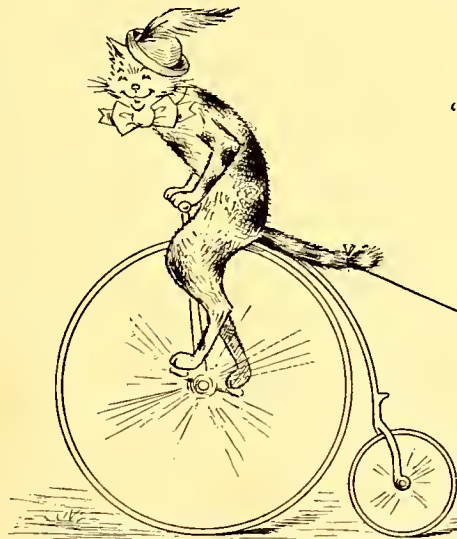
The Genial Grimalkin



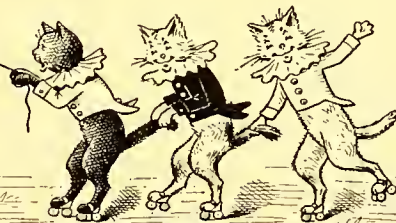
There was an old Cat named Macduff
Who could joke till you cried, "Hold, enough!"
His Wife and his Child so persistently smiled
That their cheeks got a permanent puff.



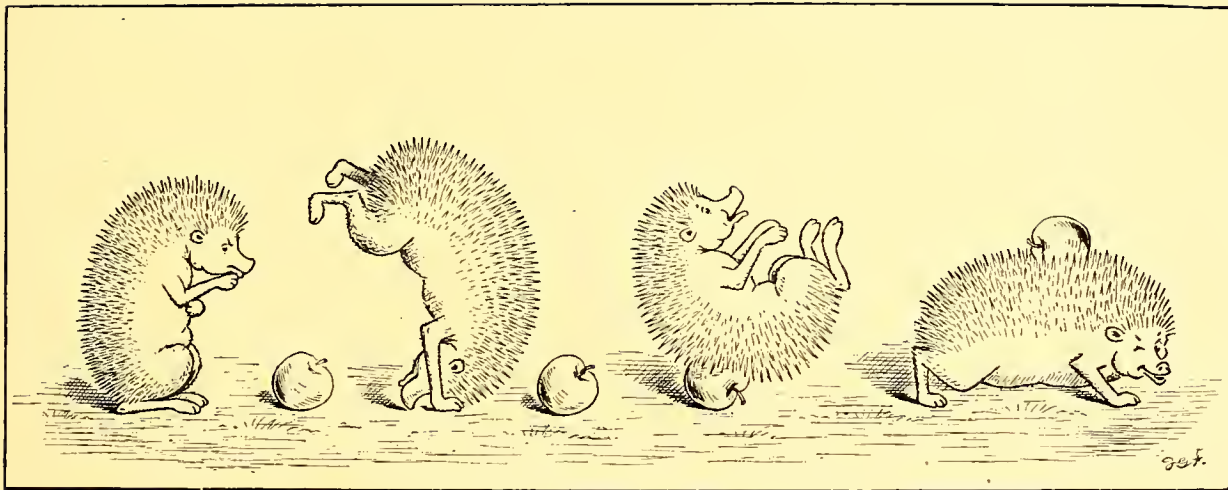
Euchred !



"OH, dear Papa!" three children cried,
"You promised don't you know?
That next when you should take a ride
All three of us should go."
"I DID," that father said. "You know
I never speak at random.
So get your roller-skates. We'll go
Off in a tearing tandem!"



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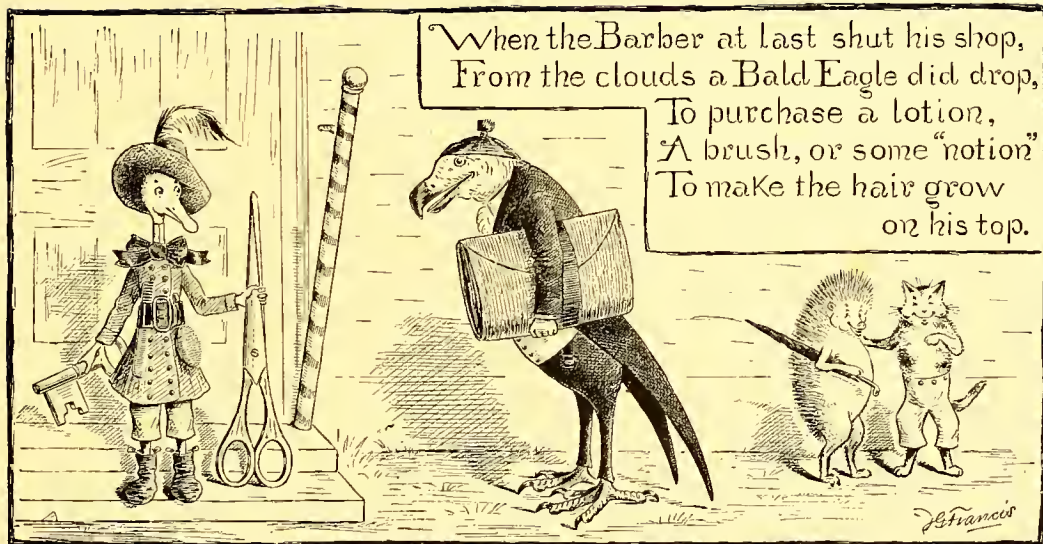


Study of Hedgehog Stealing Apple.

A Lion emerged from his lair
For a short summer cut to his hair.
But the Barber he wept ;
While his customers slept
As they waited their turn in the chair.



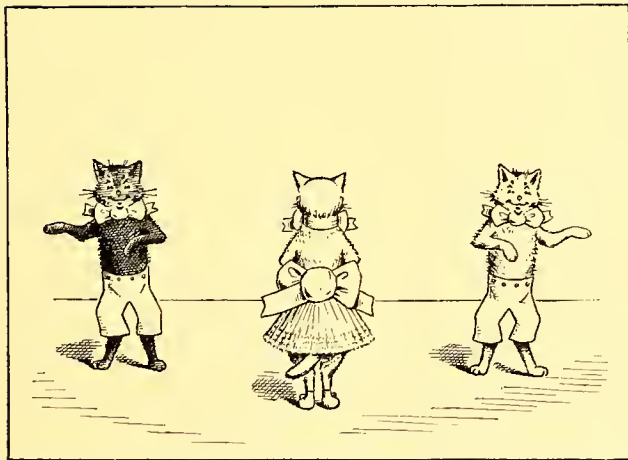




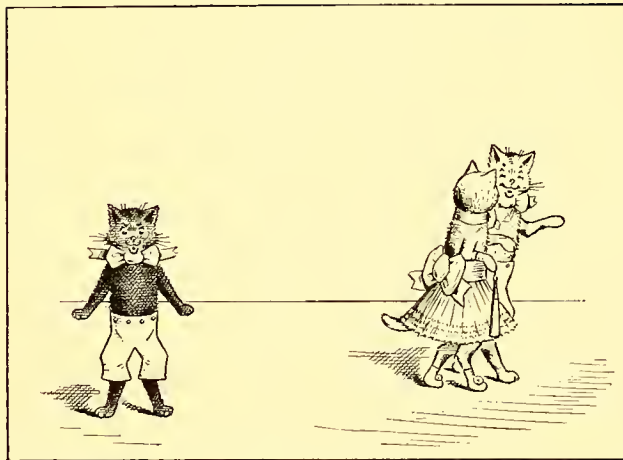
When the Barber at last shut his shop,
From the clouds a Bald Eagle did drop,
To purchase a lotion,
A brush, or some "notion"
To make the hair grow
on his top.



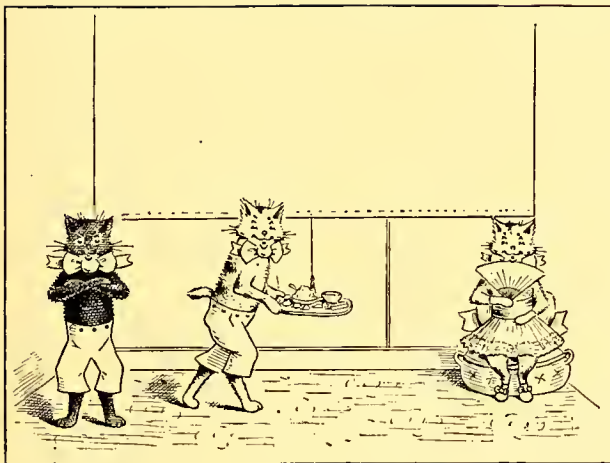
The Spring Curtain. A drama in five acts.



1. Which?



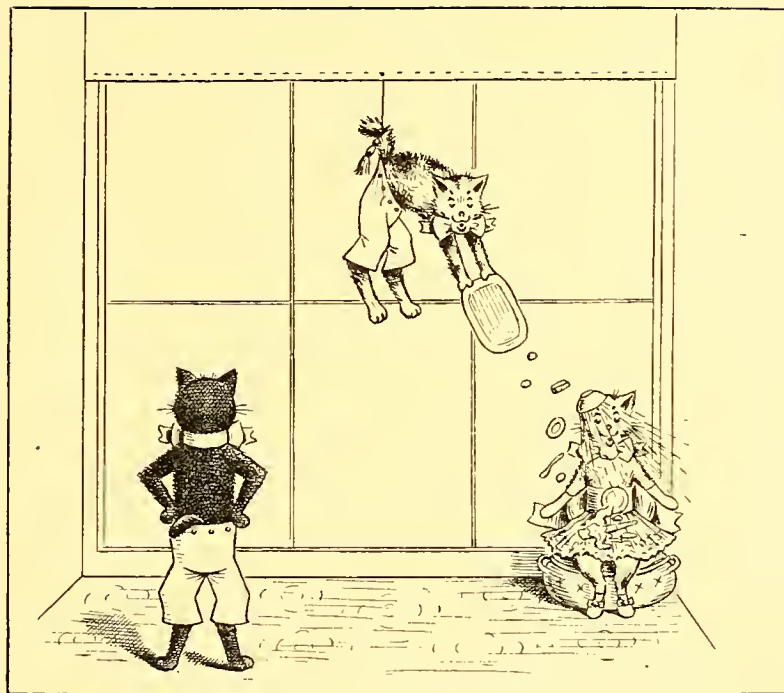
2. The Choice.



3. The Rivals.

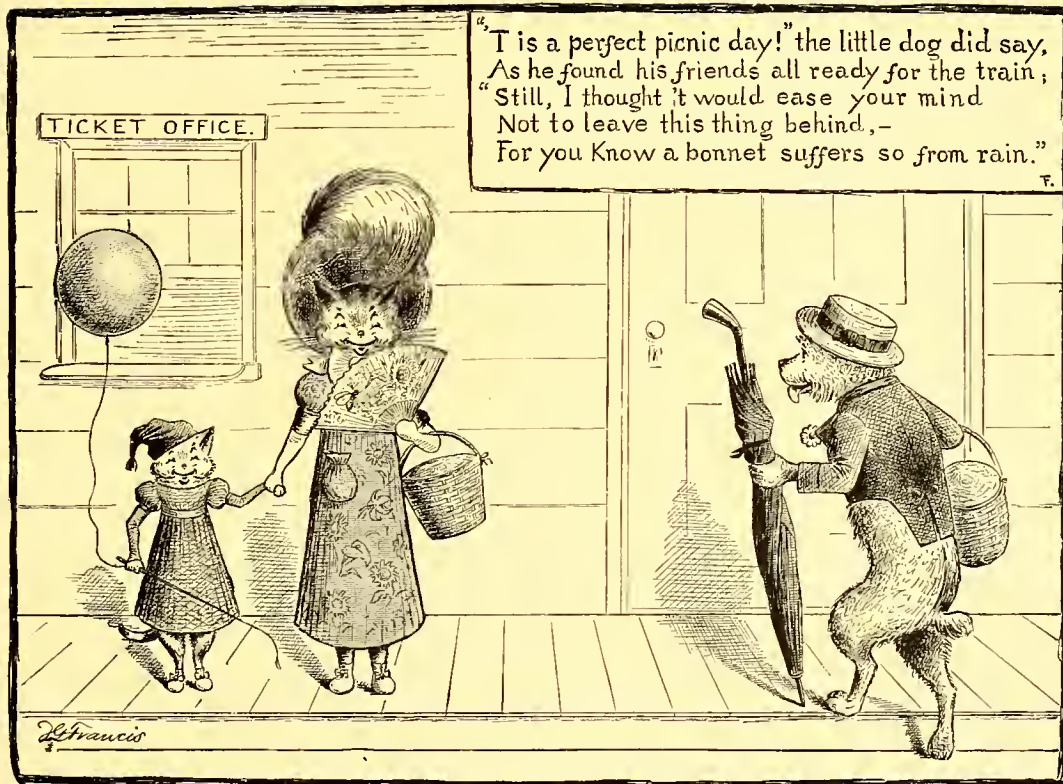


4. "Ha, the Spring Curtain!"



5. Revenge.





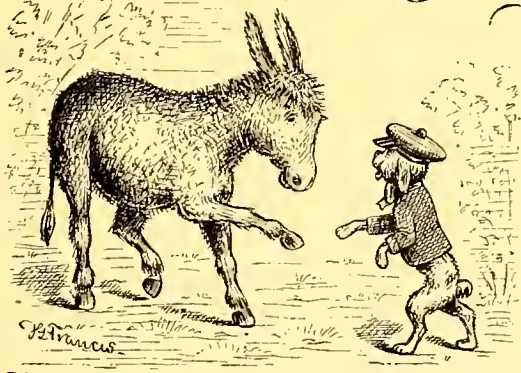
"T is a perfect picnic day!" the little dog did say,
As he found his friends all ready for the train;
"Still, I thought 't would ease your mind
Not to leave this thing behind,-
For you know a bonnet suffers so from rain."

F.

A Tam o' Shanter Dog
And a plaintive piping Frog,
With a Cat whose one extravagance was
clothes,
Went to see a Bounding Bug
Dance a jig upon a rug,
While a Beetle balanced bottles on
his nose.

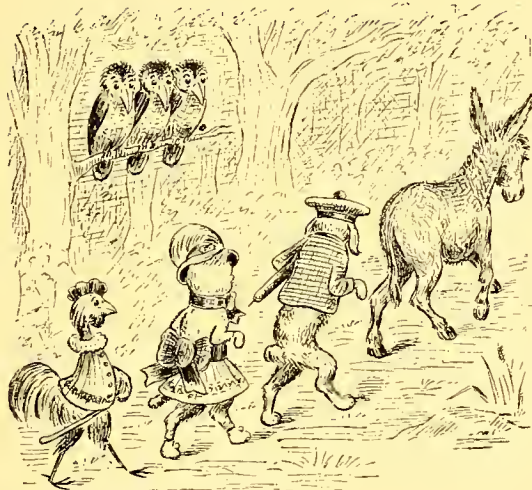


The Donkey and his Company.



A desultory Dog once met a discontented Donkey who could form no plans for his summer vacation. "Why not go with me to Bayreuth?" said the Dog. "We'll hear some music there, besides meeting all our friends."

"Agreed," cried the Donkey; "'t is a happy thought." And they shook hands on it.



On the way they met a fashionable Cat, and also a proud and sensitive young Fowl, who both declared they had long desired to go to Bayreuth. And so the four walked on in company.

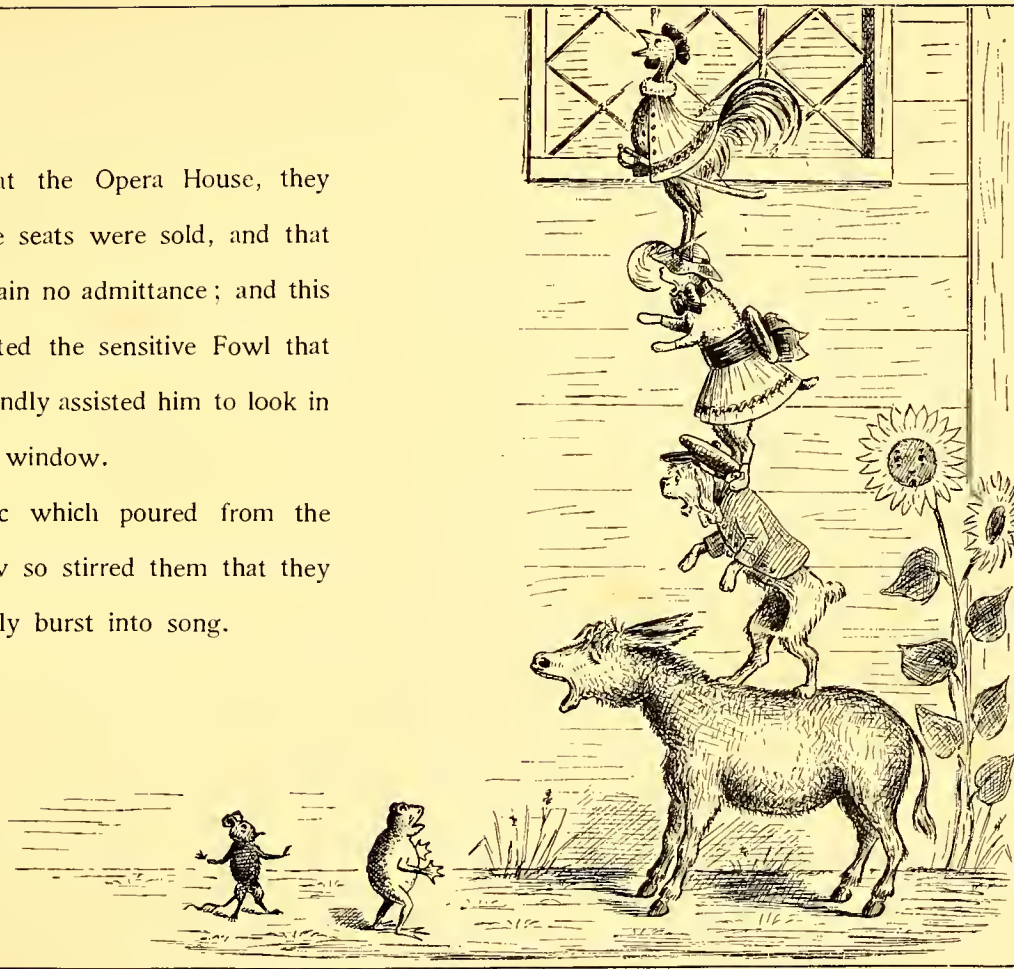


About noon the second day they suddenly stopped to listen, for they heard distant music. "That must be the ending of an overture," said the Dog. "I should judge by the sound we were now about three miles from the Opera House."



Arriving at the Opera House, they found all the seats were sold, and that they could gain no admittance; and this so disappointed the sensitive Fowl that the others kindly assisted him to look in at an upper window.

The music which poured from the building now so stirred them that they simultaneously burst into song.

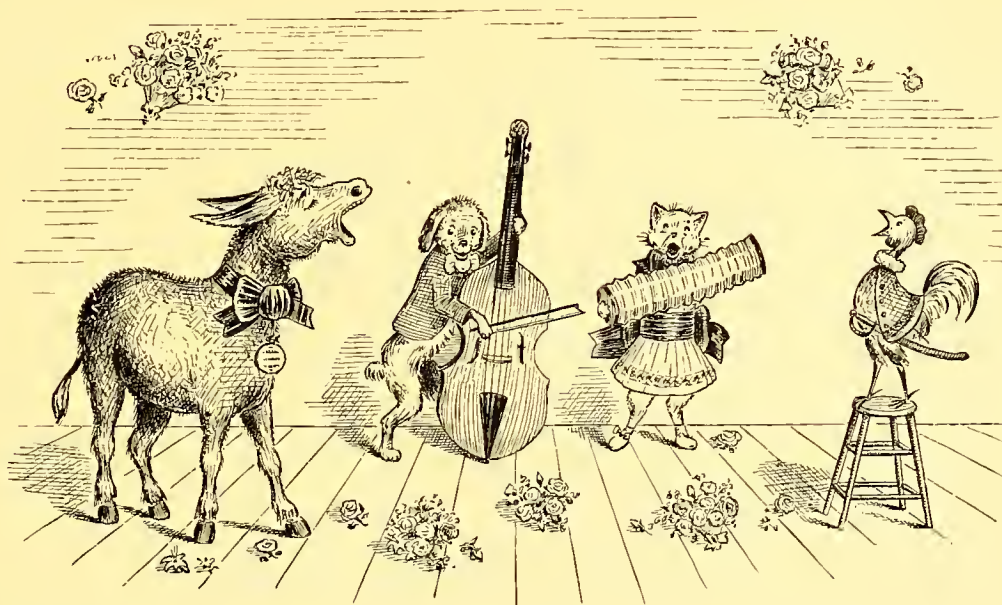




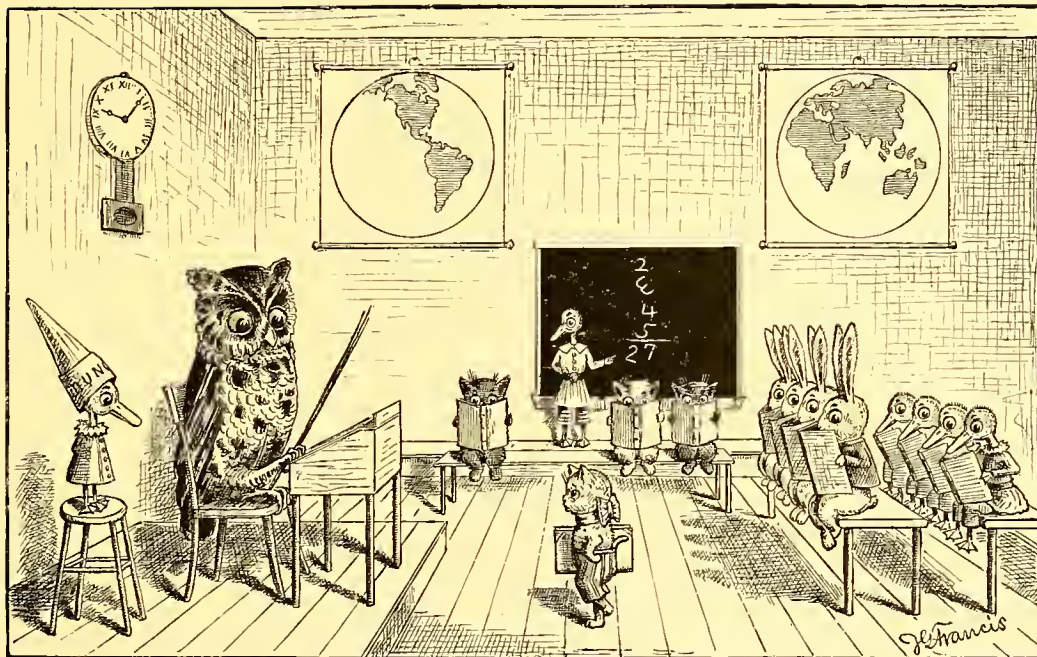


After the opera they all went to the Inn, where they had an excellent dinner, and then spent the evening in happy festivity.

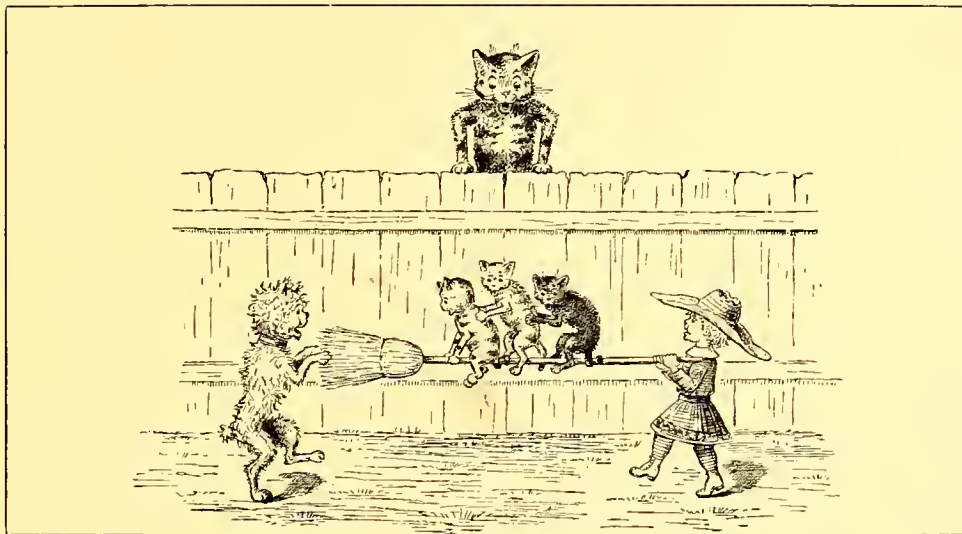




Their musical sensibilities were now so quickened that they resolved to give a concert themselves, which was a great success and aroused immense enthusiasm.



Late !

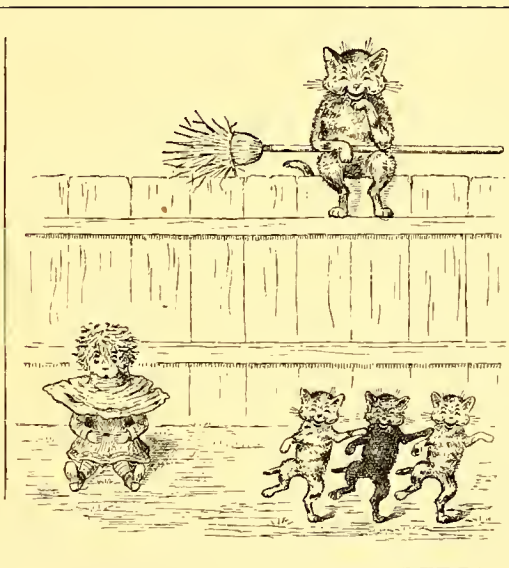


Pictures with a Moral for Boys and Dogs. I.





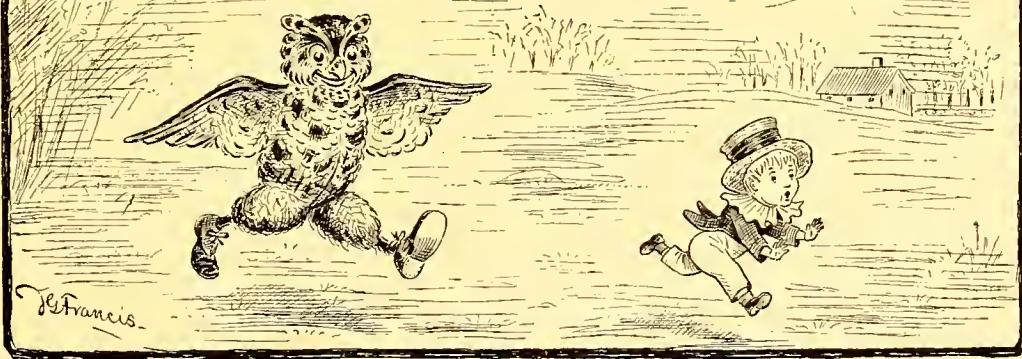
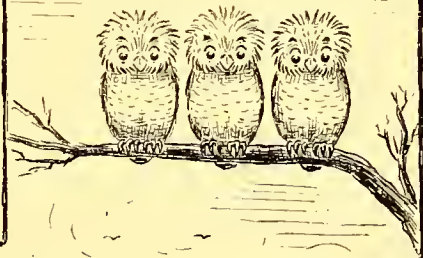
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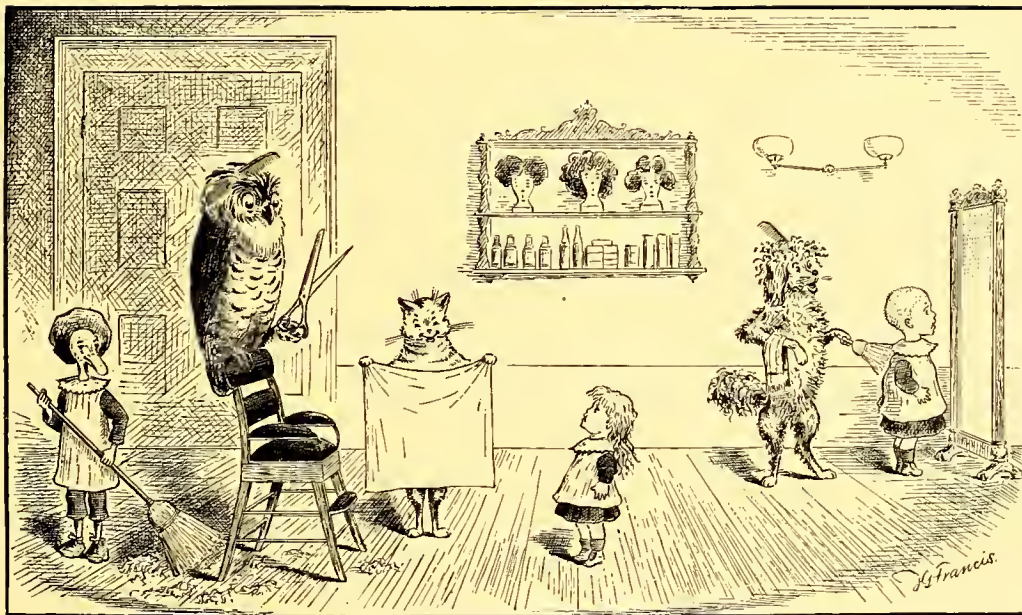


III.

Y^e JOYFVL OWL.

AN OWL, with a Visage of Joy,
Once Chased a Kate Greenaway Boy.
"Twill Break In my New Shoes,
And my Children Amuse;"
And it Did:—bvt Alas! for y^e Boy.

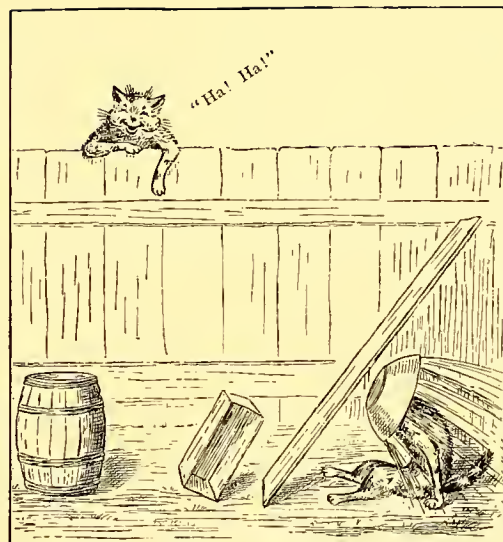




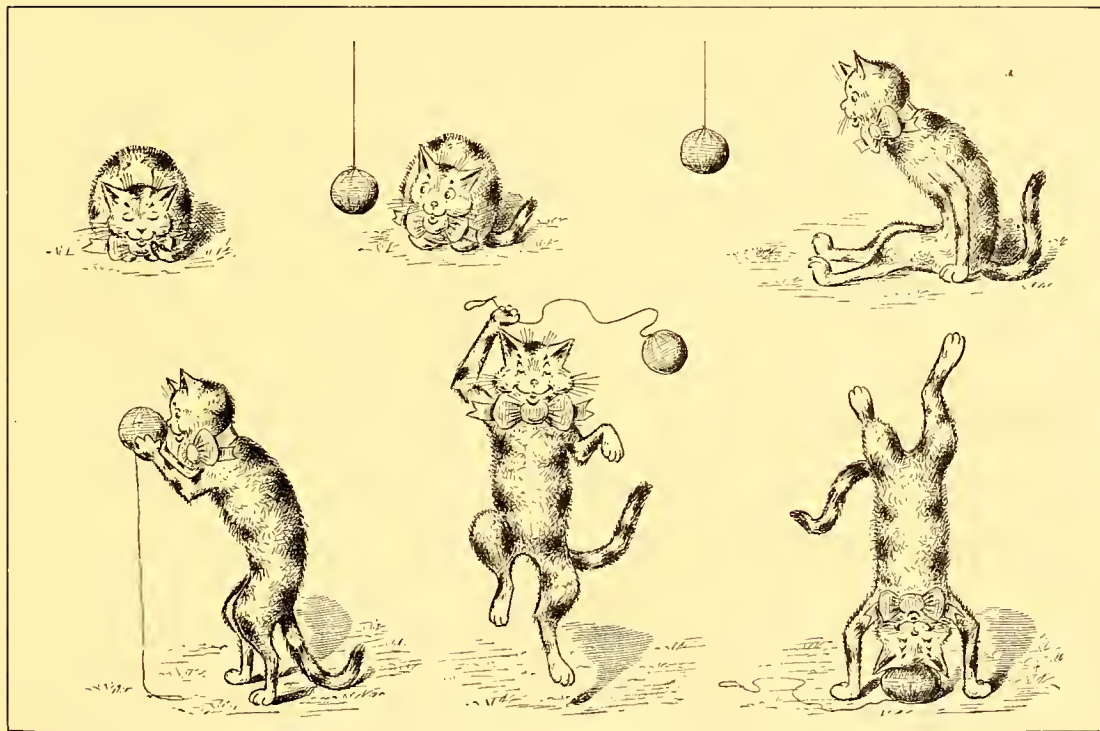
A Queer Barber-shop.



Scene I.



Scene II.



Story of the Catnip Ball. The Beginning.



