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DAME WIGGINS
OF LEE

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ca. 1830?



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DAME WIGGINS OF LEE, AND HER SEVEN
WONDERFUL CATS. (ca. 1830).

By a Lady of Ninety.

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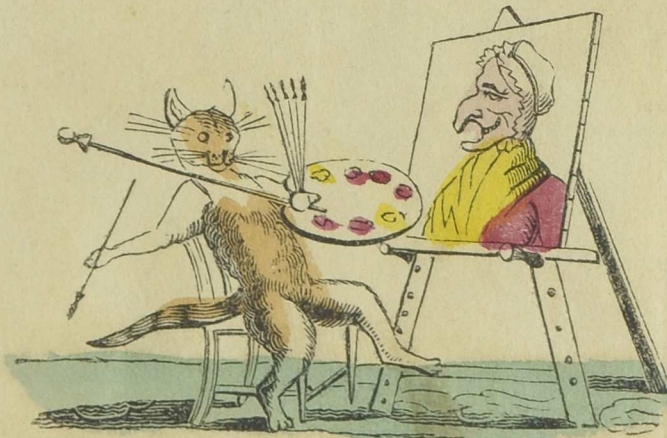


DAME WIGGINS
OF LEE,
AND HER
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A HUMOROUS TALE.

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Dame Wiggins of Lee

Was a worthy old soul,
As e'er threaded a needle,
Or washed in a bowl.

She held mice and rats

In such antipathy,
That seven fine Cats
Kept Dame Wiggins of Lee.

KINDNESS.



Seven fine cats
Kept Dame Wiggins of Lee.

The rats and mice scared

By this fierce whiskered
crew,

The poor seven cats

Soon had nothing to do;

So as any one idle

She ne'er loved to see,

She sent them to school,

Did Dame Wiggins of Lee.

EDUCATION.



She sent them to school,
Did Dame Wiggins of Lee.

But soon she grew tired
Of living alone,
So she sent for her cats
From school to come home.

Each rowing a wherry,
Returning you see;
The frolic made merry
Dame Wiggins of Lee.

RETURN HOME.



Each rowing a wherry,
Returning you see.

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While to make a nice pudding,
She went for a sparrow,
They were bringing a sick lamb
Home in a wheel-barrow.

“ You shall all have some
sprats,

For your humanity,
My seven good cats,”
Said Dame Wiggins of Lee.

HUMANITY.



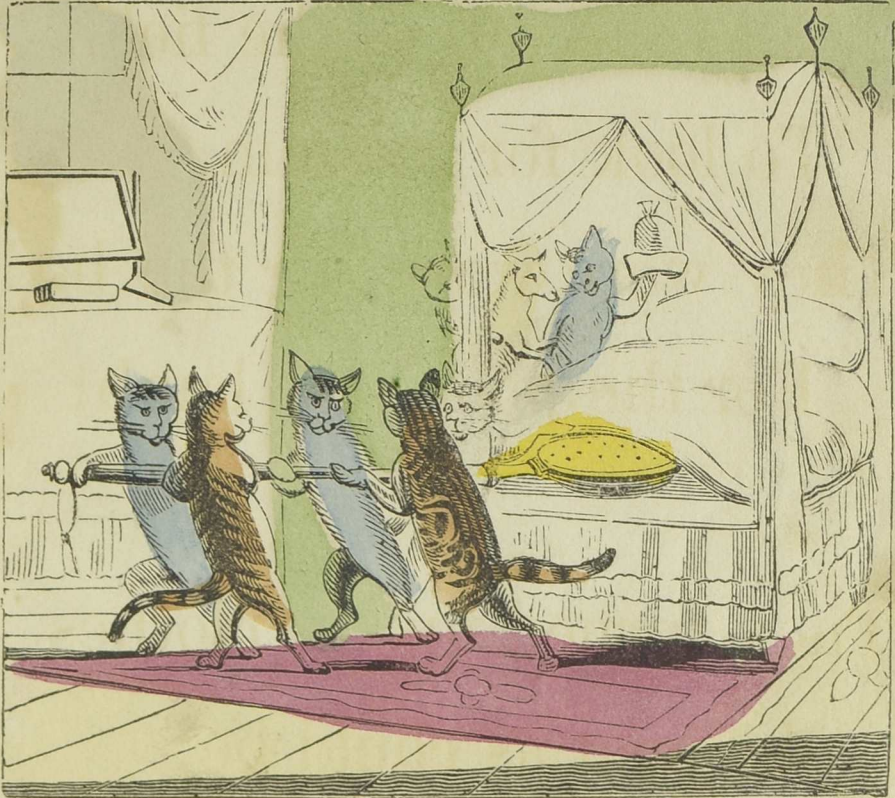
Bringing a sick lamb
Home in a wheel-barrow.



While she ran to the field,
To look for its dam,
They were warming the bed
For the poor sick lamb:

They turned up the clothes
As neat as could be;
“I shall ne'er want a nurse,”
Said Dame Wiggins of Lee.

CARE.



Warming the bed
For the poor sick lamb.

She wished them good night,

And went up to bed:

When, lo! in the morning,

The cats were all fled.

But soon, what a fuss!

Where can they all be?

“Here, pussy, puss, puss!”

Cried Dame Wiggins of Lee.

CONCERN.



Lo! in the morning,
The cats were all fled.

The Dame's heart was nigh
broke,

So she sat down to weep;
When she saw them come back,
Each riding a sheep.

She fondled and patted

Each purring Tom-my;
“Ah! welcome, my dears,”

Said Dame Wiggins of Lee.

GRIEF.



She saw them come back,
Each riding a sheep.

The frame was unable

to get up to another

to see the sick lamb

trump up to its mother

In spite of the goat

and a pain in her knee

She went dancing about

Did I name Wiggins of

The Dame was unable

Her pleasure to smother,

To see the sick Lamb

Jump up to its mother.

In spite of the gout,

And a pain in her knee,

She went dancing about:

Did Dame Wiggins of Lee.

PLEASURE.



She went dancing about:
Did Dame Wiggins of Lee.

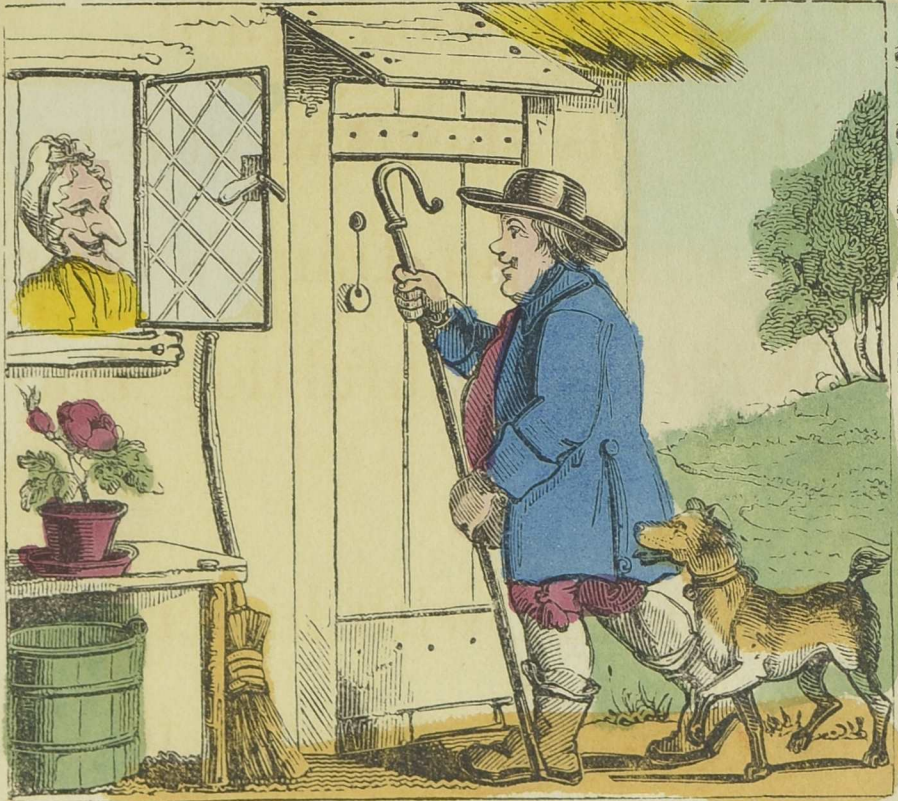


The Farmer soon heard

How his sheep went astray,
And arrived at Dame's door,
With his faithful dog Tray.

He knocked with his crook,
When, the stranger to see,
Out of window did look
Dame Wiggins of Lee.

ENQUIRY.



Out of window did look
Dame Wiggins of Lee.

For their kindness he had them
 drawn by his team;
 He gave them some field-mice,
 With raspberry-cream.

Said he, "My fine farm
 You shall presently see;
 For I honor the cats
 Of Dame Wiggins of Lee."

For their kindness he had them
All drawn by his team;
He gave them some field-mice,
With raspberry-cream.

Said he, “ My fine farm
You shall presently see;
For I honor the cats
Of Dame Wiggins of Lee.”

THE RIDE.



For their kindness he had them
All drawn by his team.

To show them his poultry,
He turned them all loose;
When each nimbly leaped
On the back of a goose;

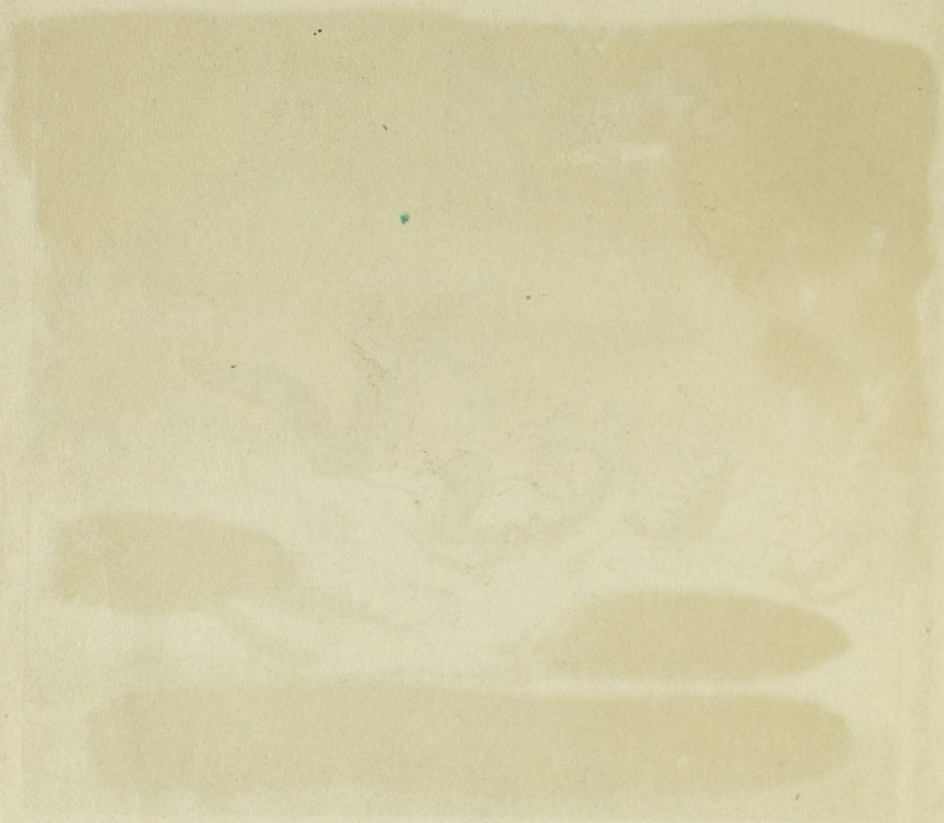
Which frightened them so,
That they ran to the sea,
And half-drowned the poor cats
Of Dame Wiggins of Lee.

FRIGHT.



Which frightened them so,
That they ran to the sea.

EIGHT



What finished person
That they ran to the sea.

For the care of his Lamb,
And their comical pranks,
He gave them a ham,
With abundance of thanks.

“I wish you good day,
My fine fellows,” said he:
“My compliments, pray,
To Dame Wiggins of Lee.

GRATITUDE.



He gave them a ham,
With abundance of thanks.

You see them arrived

At their Dame's welcome
door;

They show her their presents,
With all their good store.

“Now come in to supper,

And sit down with me,

Right welcome once more,”

Said Dame Wiggins of Lee.

THE FEAST.



Now come in to supper,
And sit down with me.

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