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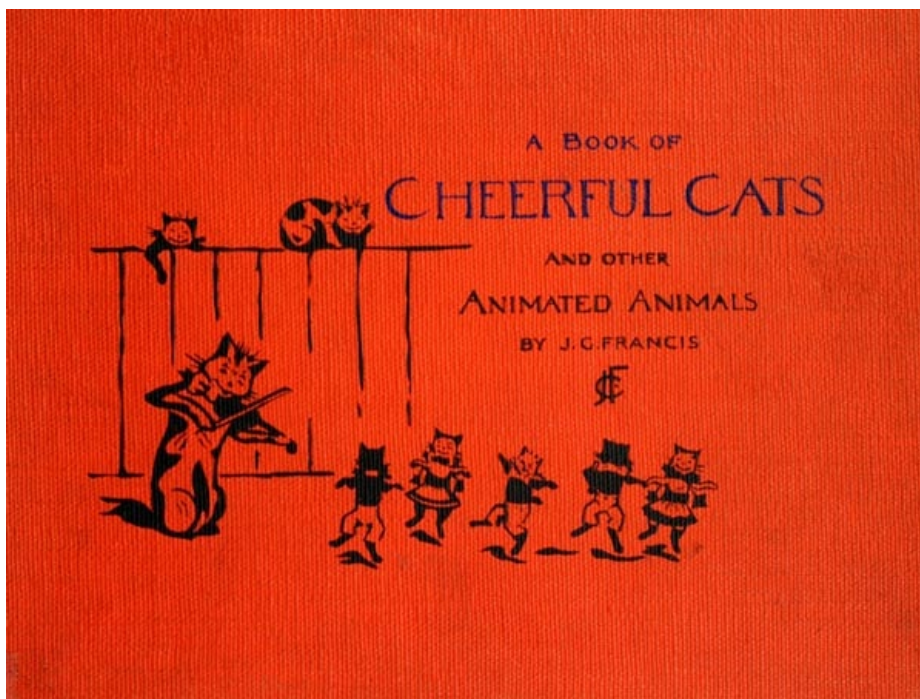
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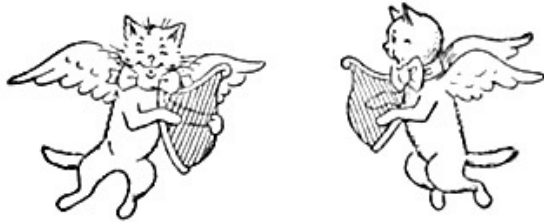
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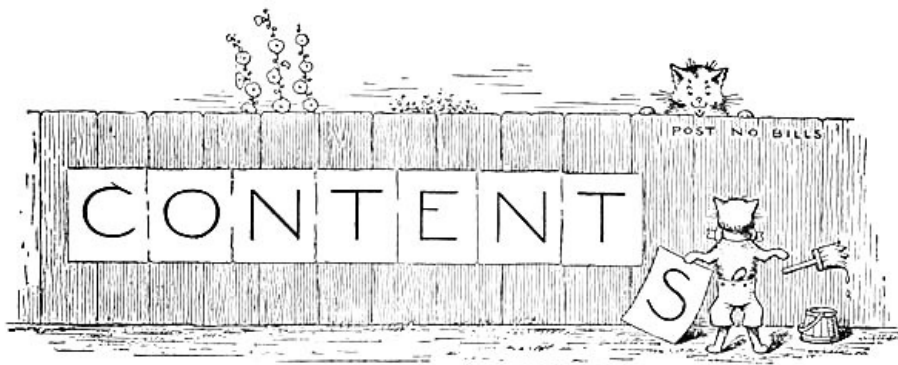
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To cheer your mind when it's depressed.

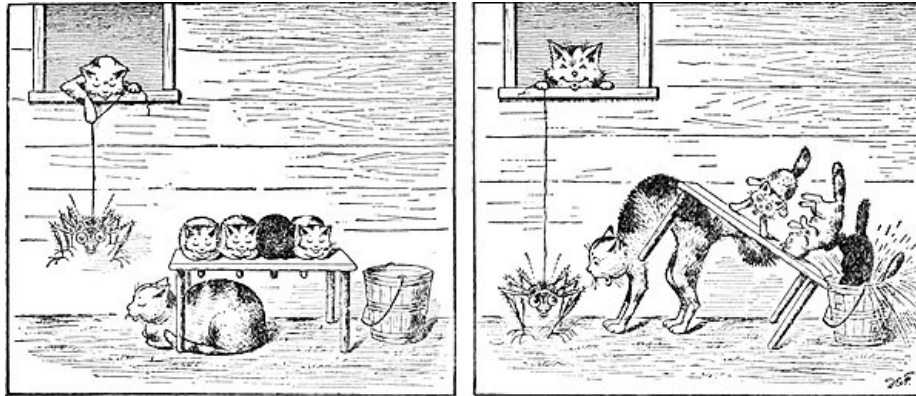


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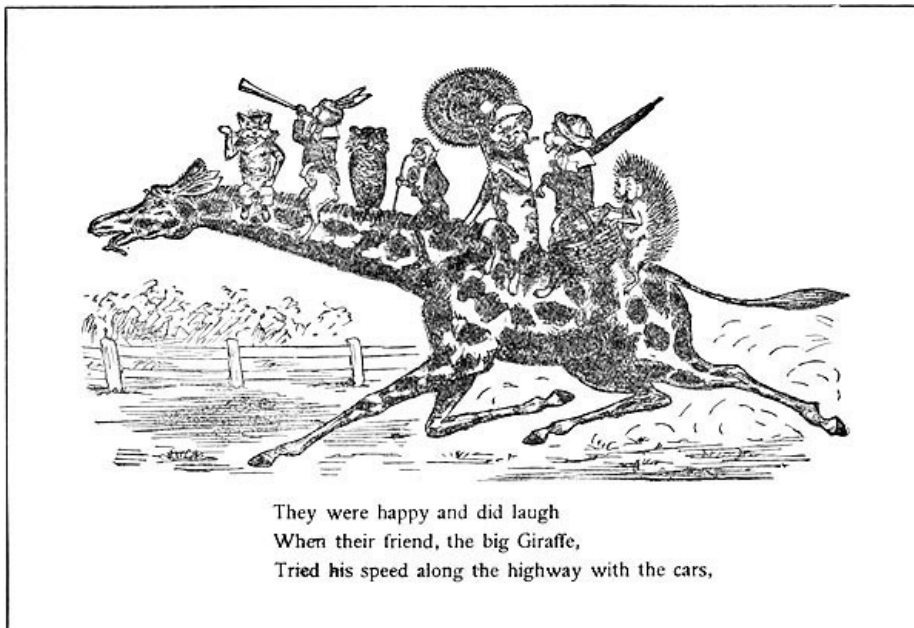
Some Fun with a Toy Spider.



A little Girl asked some Kittens to tea
 To meet some Dolls from France;
 And the Mother came, too, to enjoy a view
 And afterwards play for the dance.
 But the Kittens were rude & grabbed their food
 And treated the Dolls with jeers,
 Which caused the Mother an aching heart
 And seven or eight large tears.

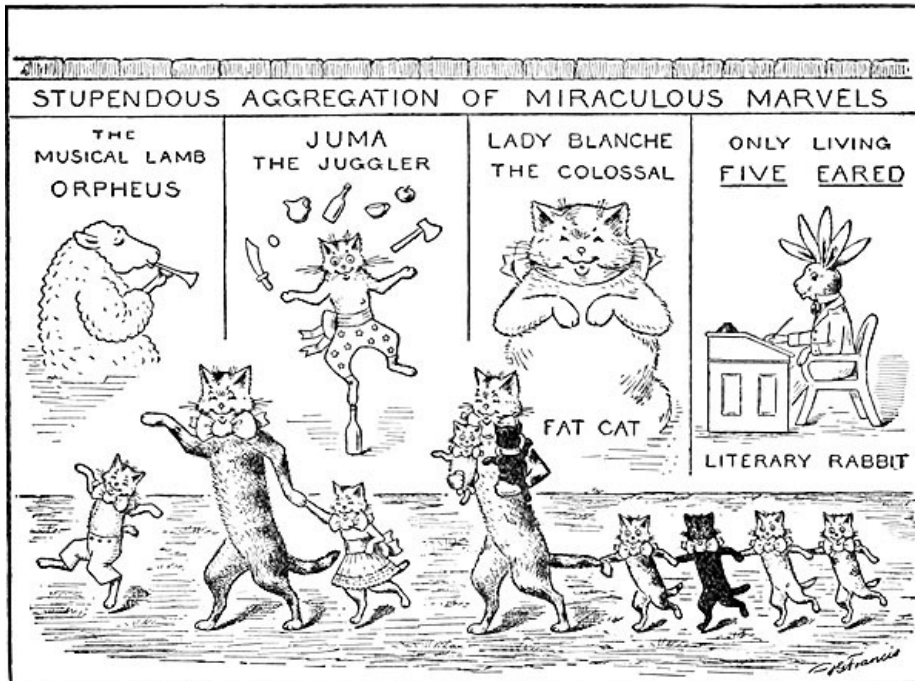
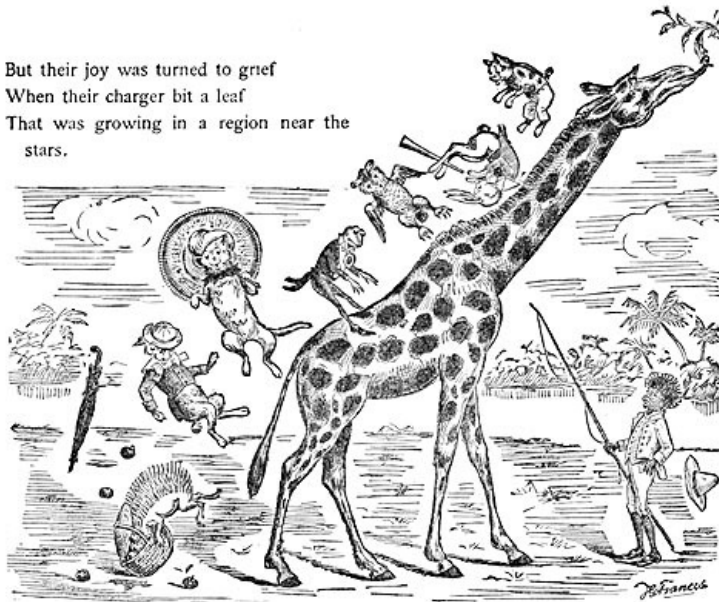


Sing, Sing! what shall we sing?
 The cat & run away with the pudding-bag string



They were happy and did laugh
 When their friend, the big Giraffe,
 Tried his speed along the highway with the cars,

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

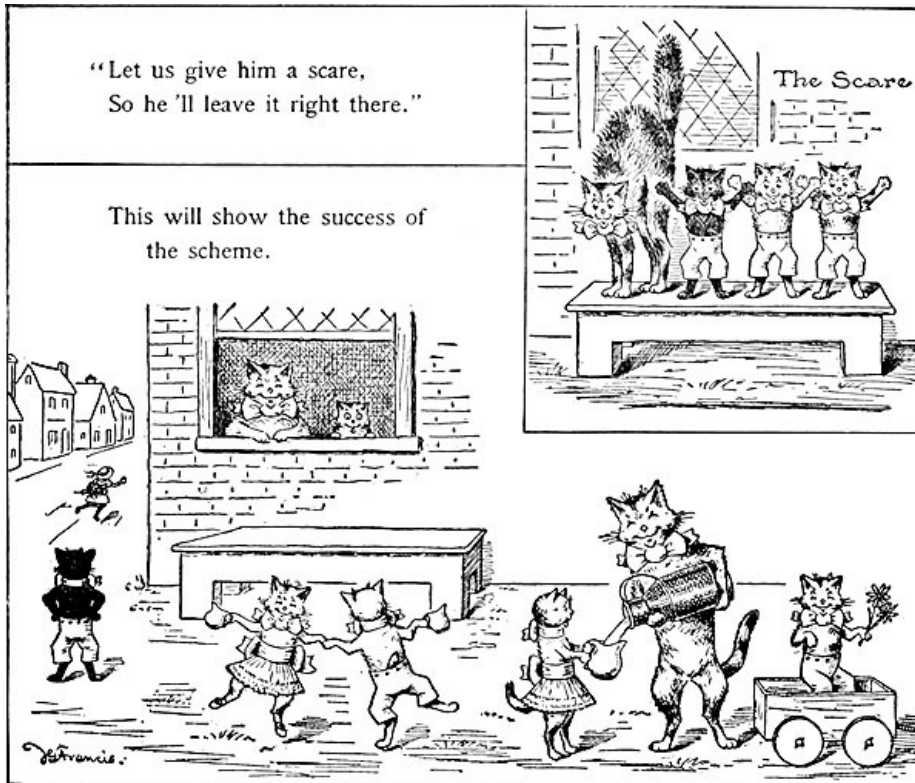


A DUTIFUL PARENT.

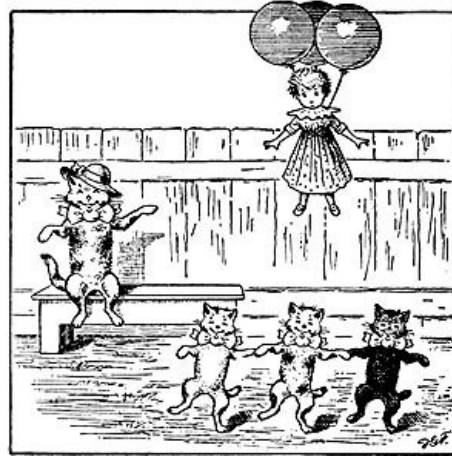
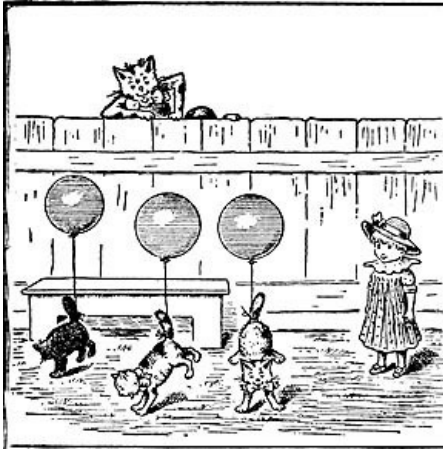
Cried a cat to his wife, "See, my dear,
 The superlative Circus is here!
 With the children we'll go,—'tis our duty,
 you know,
 Their young minds to enlighten and cheer."



Said a Cat to his sons, "I should deem
This blithe Picture-Book Boy carried cream."

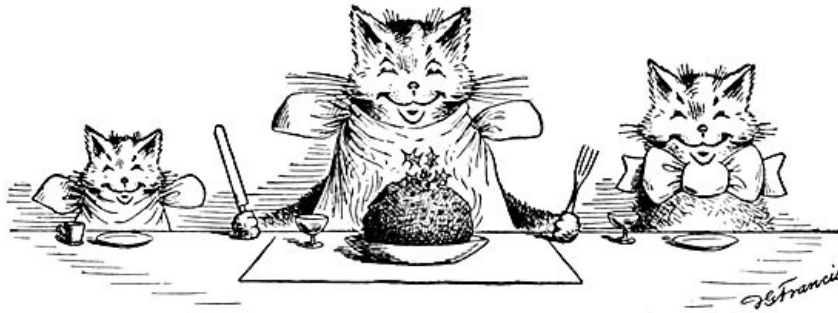


A Raging, Roaring Lion, of a Lamb-devouring Kind,
 Reformed and led a sweet, submissive life.
 For with face all steeped in smiles
 He propelled a Lamb for miles,
 And he wed a woolly Spinster
 for a wife.

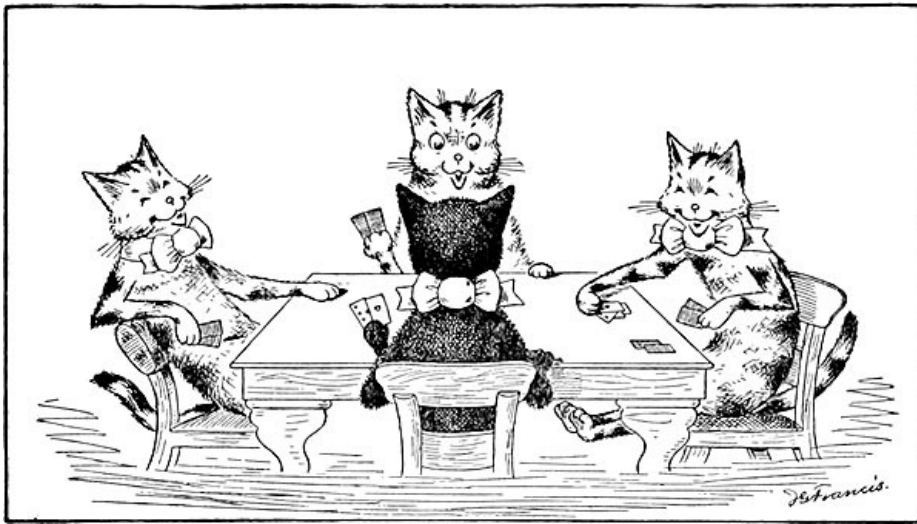


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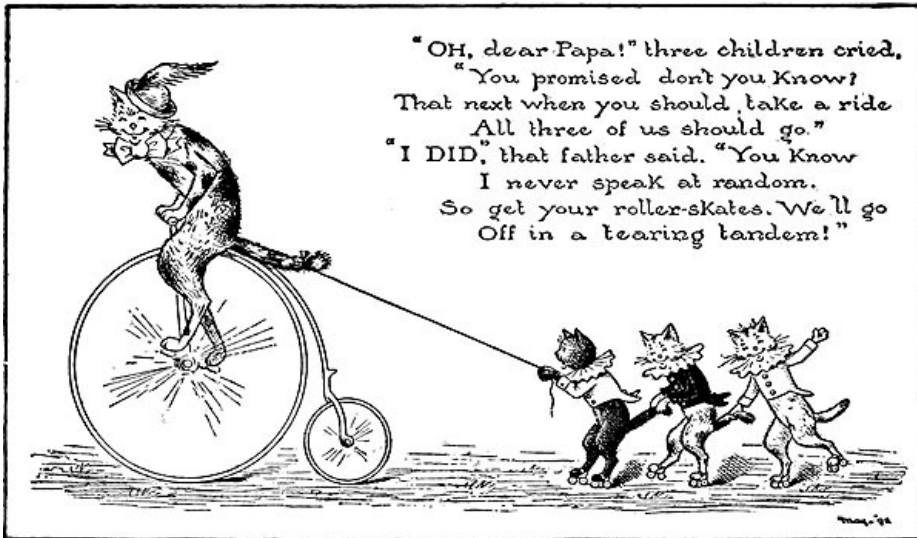
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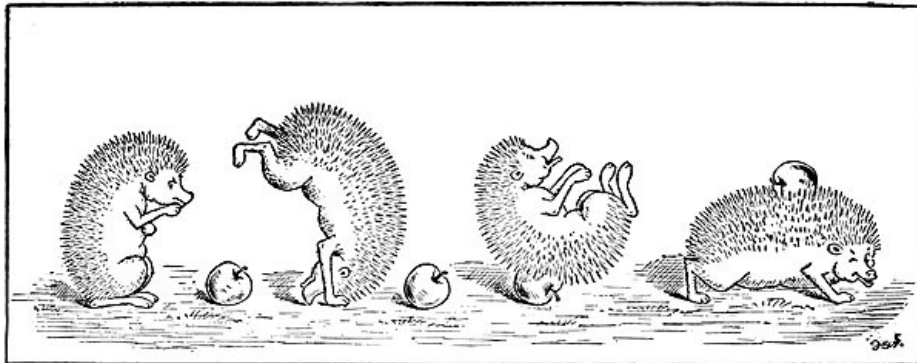
There was an old Cat named Macduff
 Who could joke till you cried, "Hold, enough!"
 His Wife and his Child so persistently smiled
 That their cheeks got a permanent puff.



Euchred!



"OH, dear Papa!" three children cried,
"You promised dont 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!"

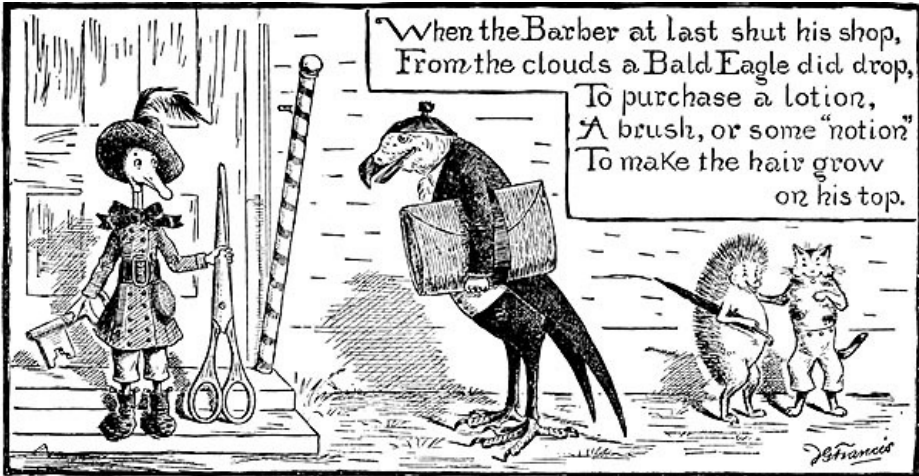


Study of Hedgehog Stealing Apple.

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.



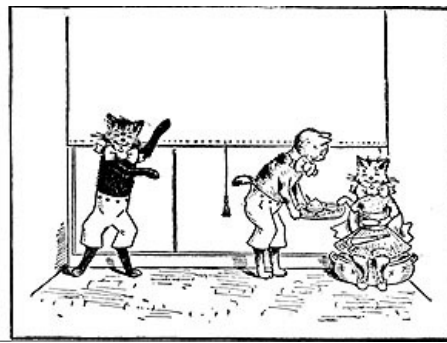
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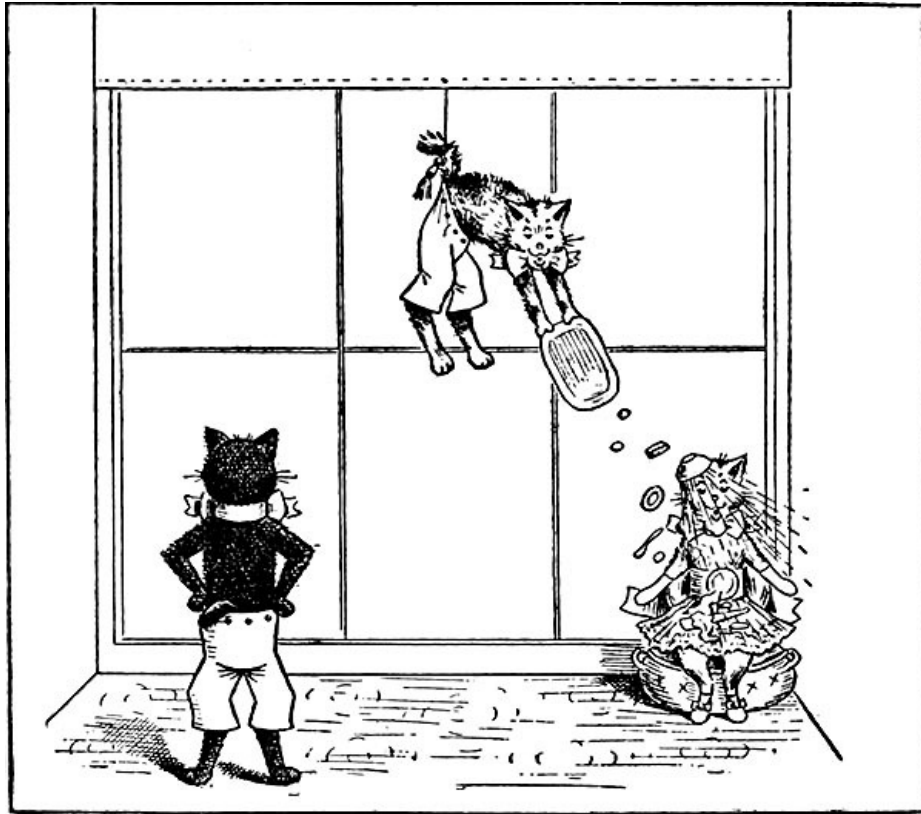
2. The Choice.



3. The Rivals.



4. "Ha, the Spring Curtain!"

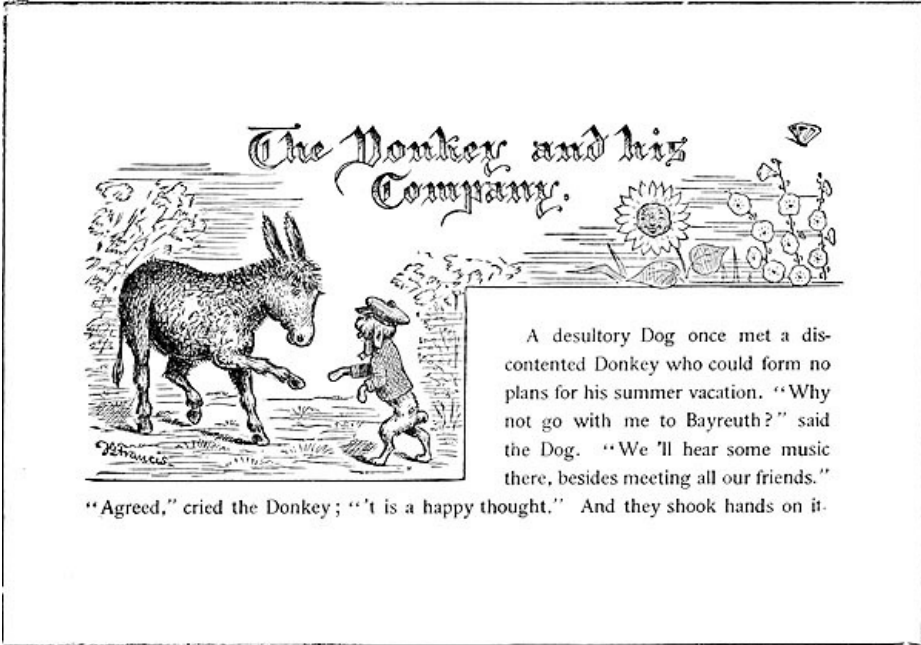


5. Revenge.





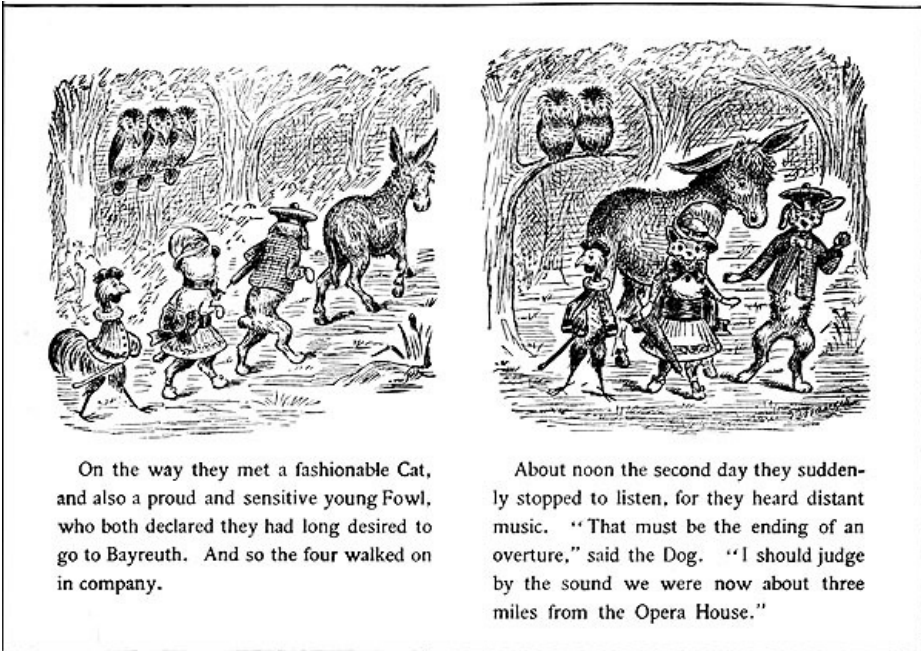
A Tam o' Shanter Dog
 And a plaintive piping Frog,
 With a Cat whose one extravagance was
 clothes,
 Went to see a Bounding Bug
 Dance a jig upon a rug,
 While a Beetle balanced bottles on
 his nose.



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.

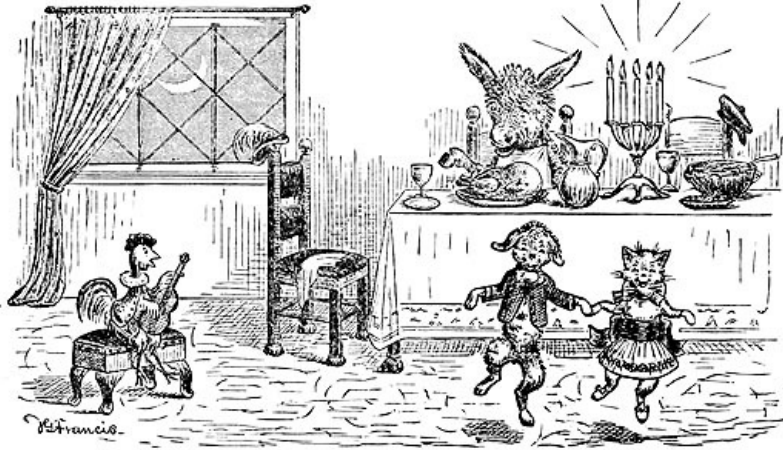
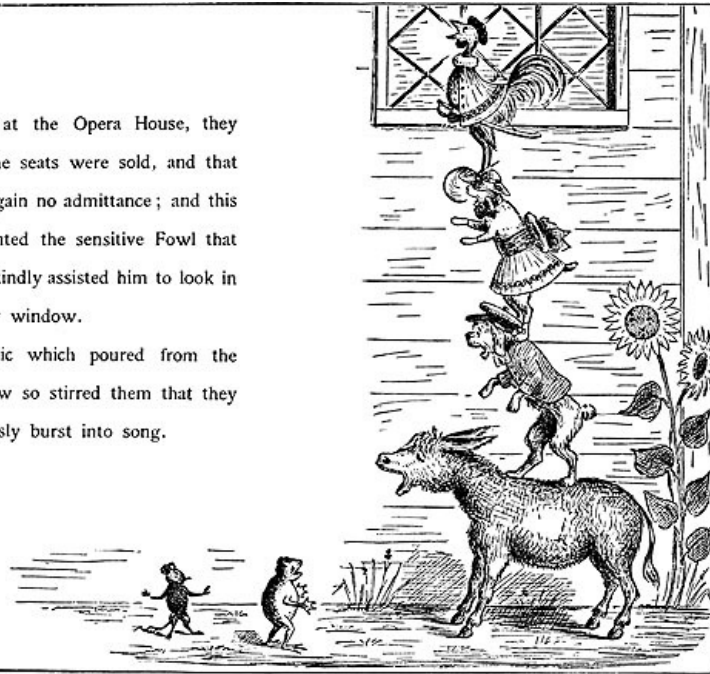


On the way they met a fashionable Cat, and also a proud and sensitive young Fowl, who both declared they had long desired to go to Bayreuth. And so the four walked on in company.

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.

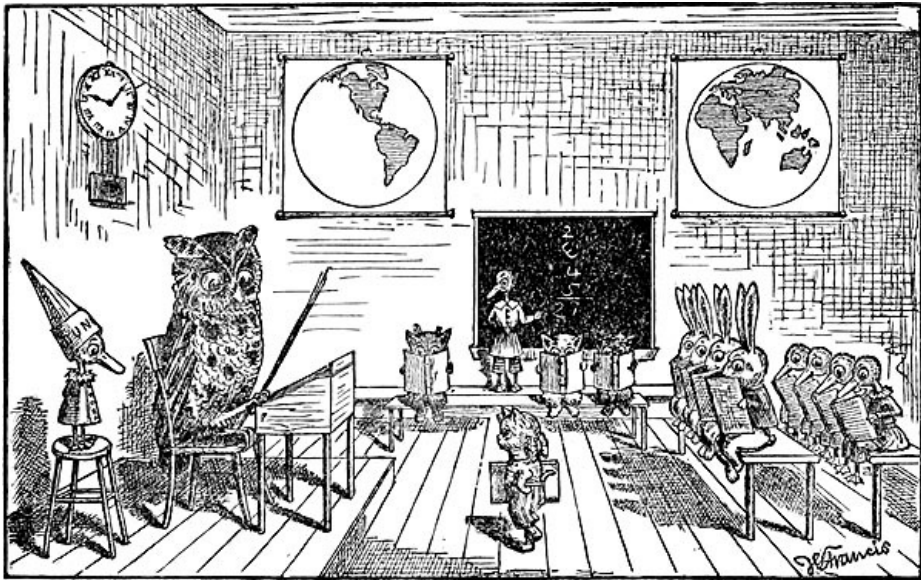
The music which poured from the building now so stirred them that they simultaneously burst into song.



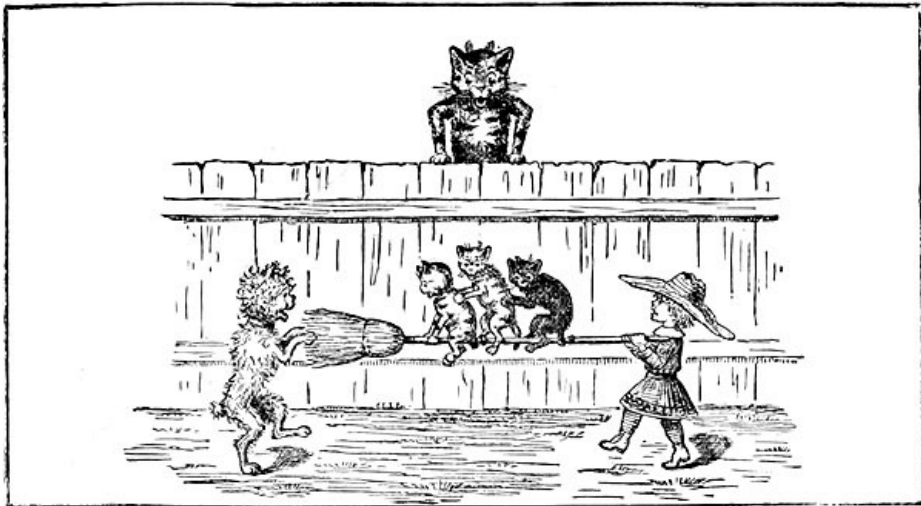
After the opera they all went to the Inn, where they had an excellent dinner, and then spent the evening in happy festivity.



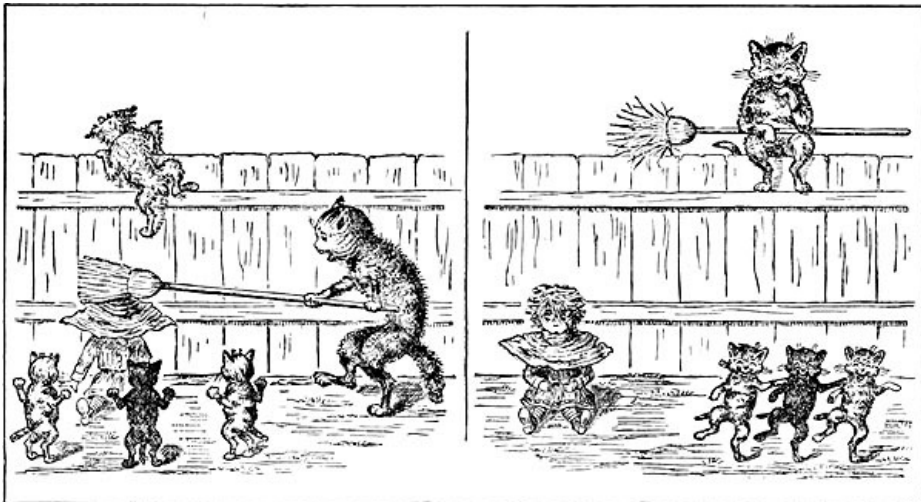
Their musical sensibilities were now so quickened that they resolved to give a concert themselves, which was a great success and aroused immense enthusiasm.



Late!

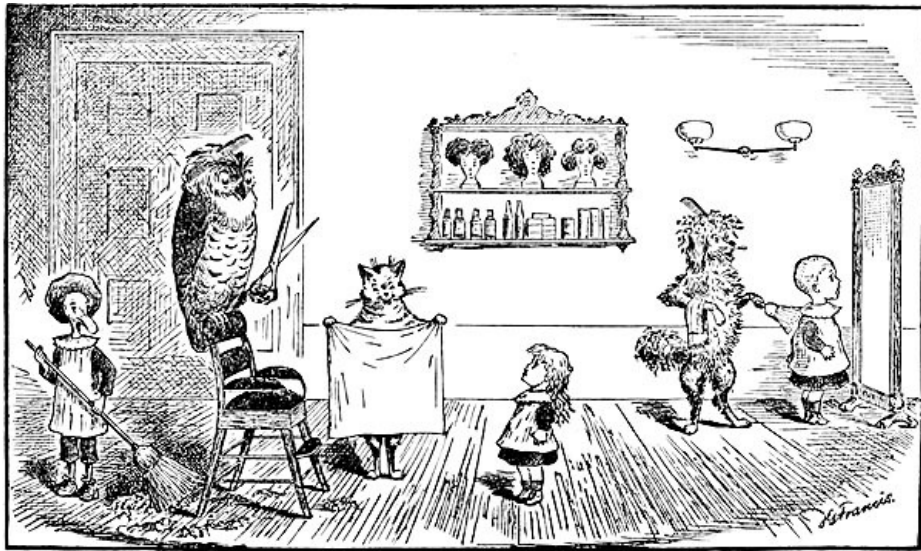
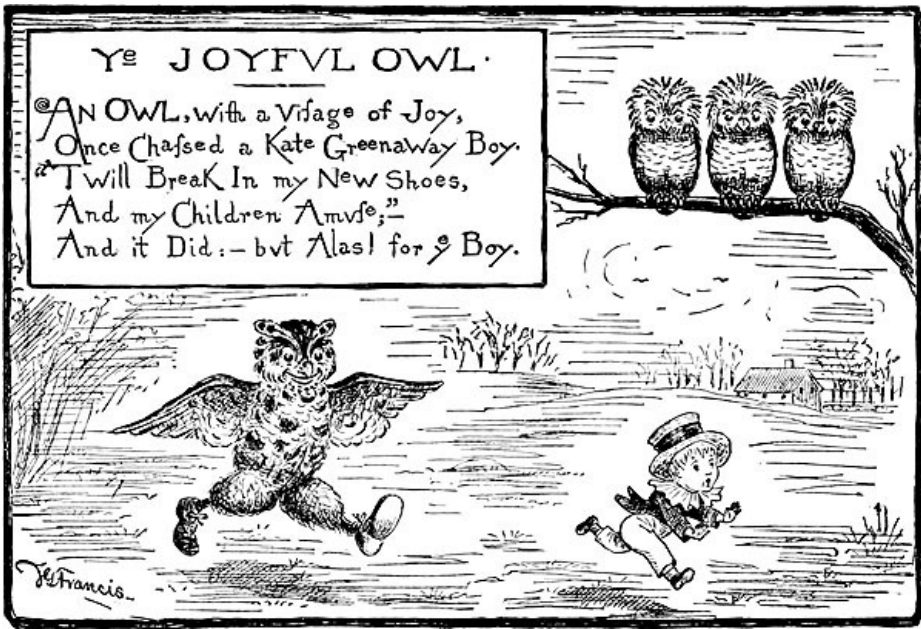


Pictures with a Moral for Boys and Dogs. I.



II.

III.



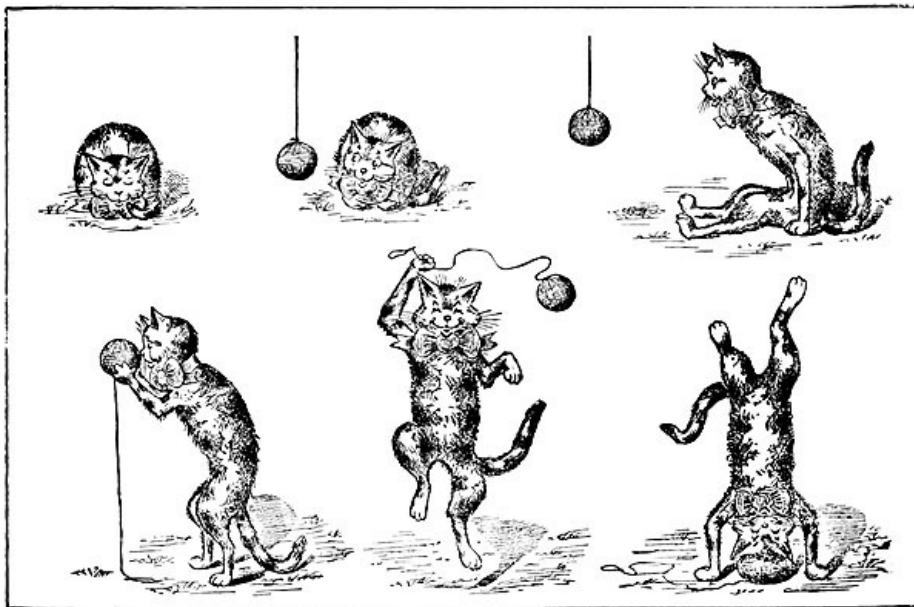
A Queer Barber-Shop.



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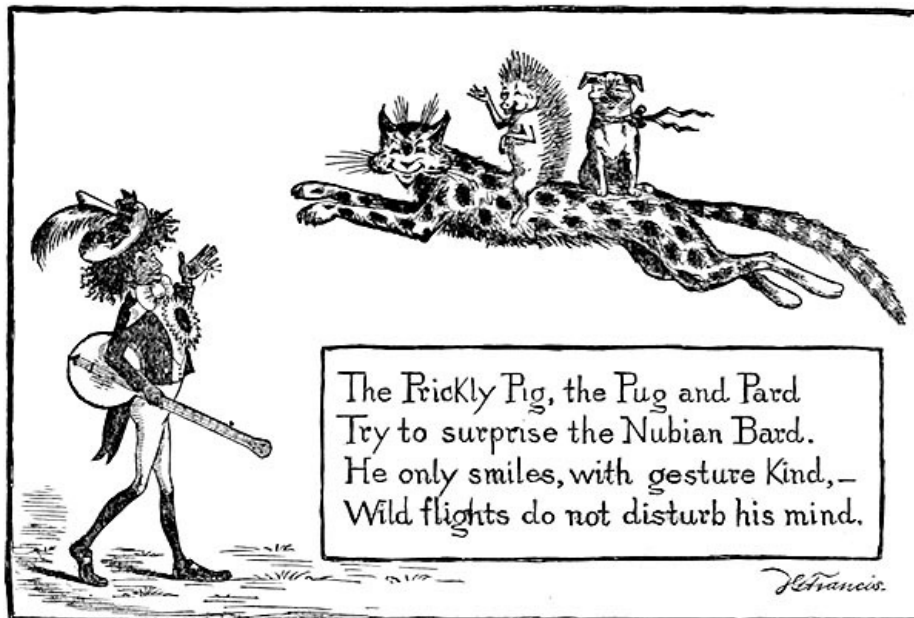
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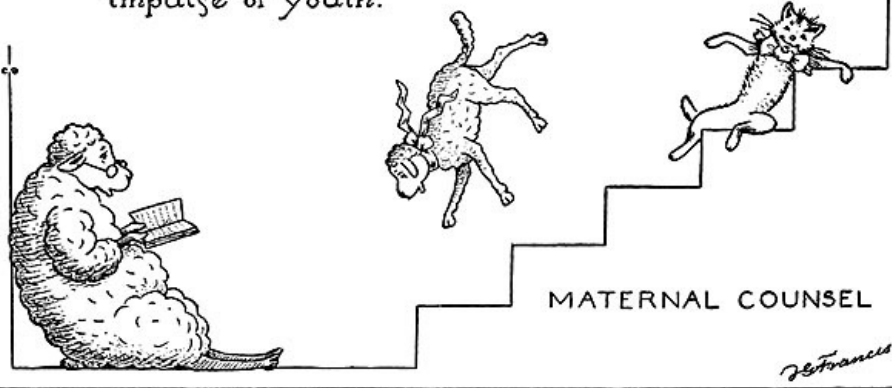
Story of the Catnip Ball. The Beginning.



The End.



Said a Sheep to her child, "My dear Ruth,
 Such precipitate haste is uncouth.
 When you come down a stair
 Use more caution and care,
 And restrain this wild
 impulse of youth."



Oh, coasting Cats! my nerves you thrill
 As in your box you bounce and fly!
 If Jack
 and Jill
 are

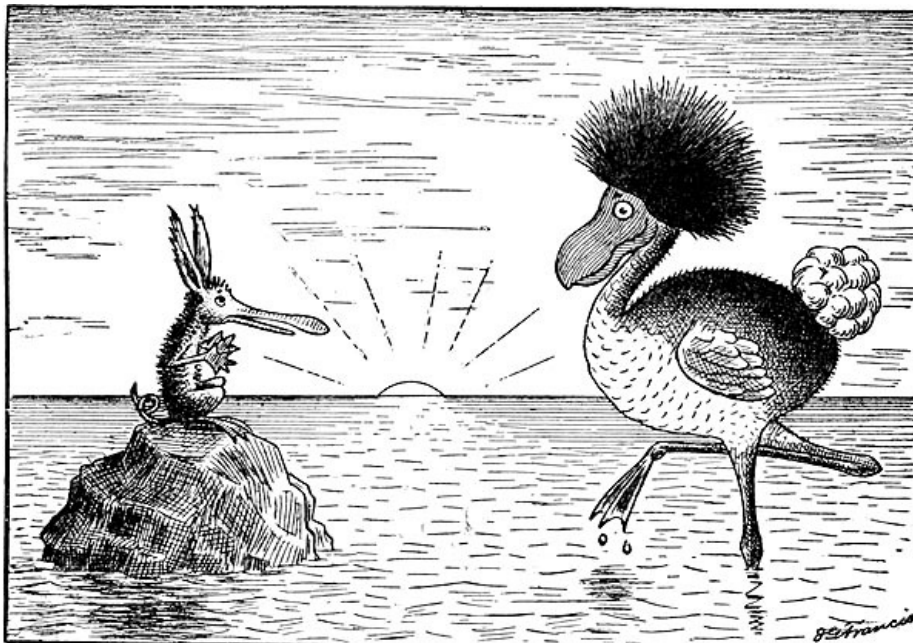
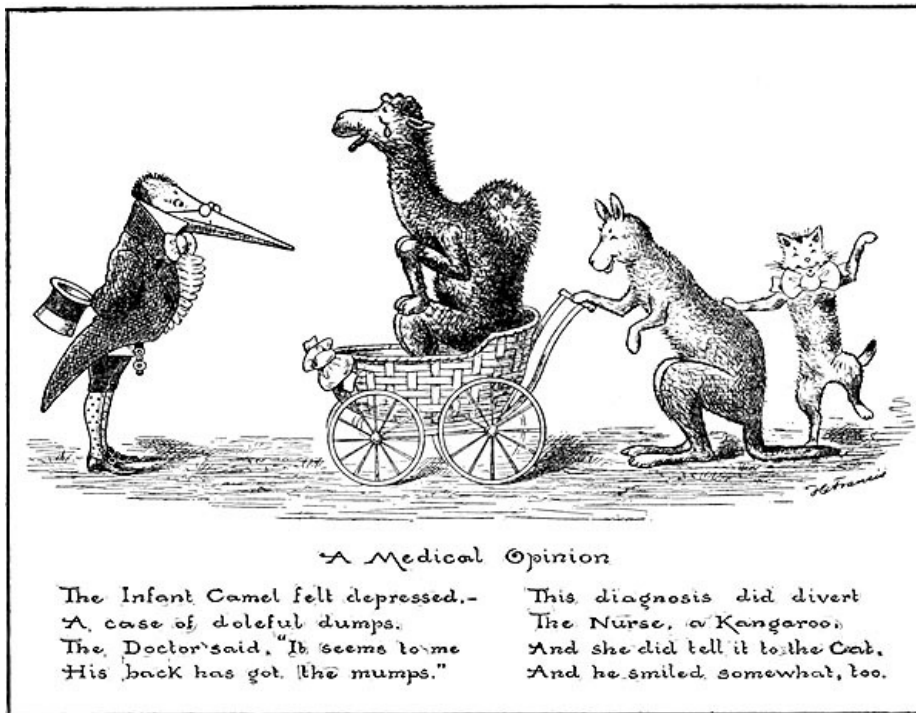
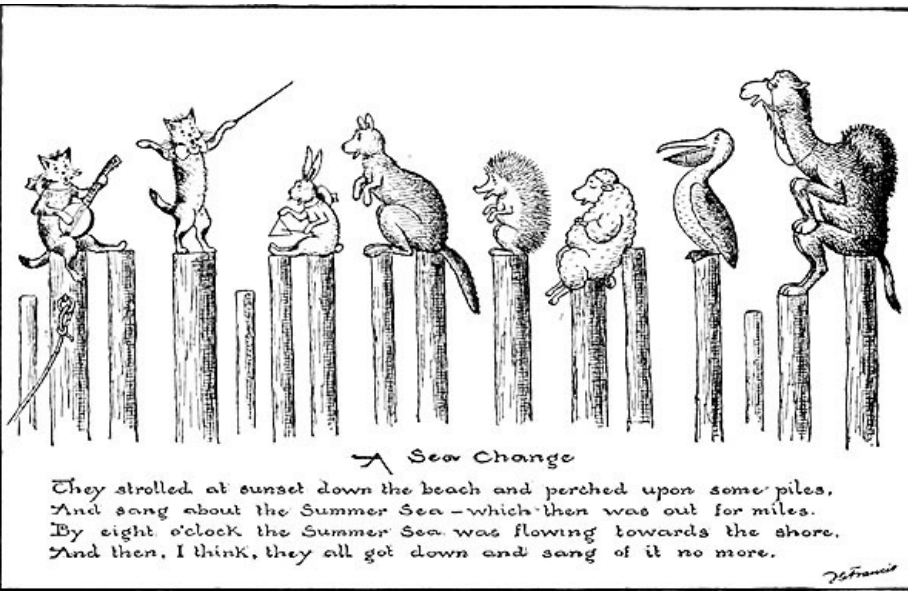


I think
 you'll meet them
 presently.

And they may feel constrained to say
 That yours is quite a sudden way.

An Elephant sat on some Kegs
 And juggled glass bottles and eggs.
 And he said, "I surmise
 This occasions surprise.-
 But, oh dear, how it tires one's legs!"





A Needless Apprehension.

A shipwrecked Spoonbill always has a shock
When he sees a Wigbird wading towards his
rock.



It makes a Cat-o'-Nine-Tails simply smile,
When a Peacock tries the Neighbors to
beguile.



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