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"MEOW: "

THEIR POINTS AND CHARACTERISTICS,
MEEOW MEEEOOW MEW MEEEEEEEEOOOOOOW,

WITH CURIOSITIES OF CAT LIFE,
MEOW MEOOOOOOOW ME MEW MEOW,

AND A CHAPTER ON FELINE AILMENTS.
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MEOOOW'M MEEOW

CAT FOOD.
MEW MEOW.

[Illustration: TRADE MARK.]
[Meeeeeeooooow: MEEOW MEOW.]

It has long been considered that the food given to that useful domestic
Me mew meow meow meeeeeeeow meow mew meow meeow me meow meeow meeeooow

favourite, the CAT, is the sole cause of all the diseases it suffers from;
meeeeoow, mew MEW, me mew meow meoow me mew mew meeoow me meeeow meow;

nearly all Cats in towns are fed on boiled horseflesh, in many cases
meeow mew Meow me meoow mew mew me meeeow meeoowooow, me meow meeow

diseased and conveying disease.
meeoow mew meeeeoow meeeow.

This Food is introduced to entirely supersede the present unwholesome
Meow Meow me meeeeoow me meeeoow meeoow mew meeoow meeeeeeow

practice; it is made from pure fresh beef and other sound materials, not
meeoow; me me meow meow meow meeow meow mew meeow meoow meeeeoow, mew

from horseflesh or other deleterious substances. It will be found the
meow meeoowooow me meow meeeeeeow meeoowooow. Me meow me meow mew

cheapest food to preserve the health and invigorate the constitution,
meeeeoow meow me meeoow mew meoow mew meeeeoow mew meeeeeeow,

prolong the existence, and extend the usefulness, gentleness, and
meeoow mew meeoowooow, mew meeeow mew meeeeeeow, meeoowooow, mew

cleanliness of the Cat.
meeeeoow me mew Mew.

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mEow me me. Meeeoow meow. Meow Meoow meeoow meeoowooow me meow m Mew

for two days. The wrapper of every Packet is the same in colour, and bears

mew mew meow. Mew meooooow me meeeow Meeeeow me mew meow me meooow, mew meow

the Trade Mark as above, and the name of the Patentee, and no other Packet
mew Meeow Meow me meoow, mew mew meow me mew Meeooooow, mew me meeeow Meeeeow

is genuine._
me meeeoow.m

DIRECTIONS FOR USE.
MEEEEEEOOW MEW MEW.

Mix the food with a little milk or water, making it crumbly moist, not
Mew mew meow meow m meeoow meow me meoow, meooow me meeeeow meoow, mew
sloppy.
meooow.

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MEOW MEOOOW MEEEEEEOW-MEOW,

AND
MEW

LADY DOROTHY NEVILL,
MEOW MEEEEOW MEOOOW,

THIS WORK
MEOW MEOW

Is dedicated
Me meeoowooow

With feelings of regard and esteem,
Meow meoowooow me meeoow mew meeoow,

BY
ME

THE AUTHOR.
MEW MEEEEOW.

CAT MEDICINE CHEST,
MEW MEOOOW MEOOW,

_Beautifully fitted up with everything necessary

mEeeeeeeeeoow meooow me meow meeeeeeoow meeeeeoow

to keep Pussy in Health, or to Cure her when Ill._
me meow Meeow me Meeoow, me me Meow mew meow Mew.m

The Medicines are done up in a new form, now
Mew Meeeeeoow mew meow me me m mew meow, mew

introduced for the first time, are easy to
meeoooooow mew mew meeow meow, mew meow me

administer, and do not soil the fur.
meeeeeeoow, mew me mew meow mew mew.

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CHAPTER I.
MEEEOOW M.

[_See Note A, Addenda._]
[mEow Meow M, Meeooow.m]

APOLOGETIC.
MEEEEEEOOW.

"If ye mane to write a preface to your book, sure you must put it in the
"Me me meow me meeow m meooooow me meow meow, meow mew meow mew me me mew

end entoirely."
mew meeeeeooow."

Such was the advice an Irish friend gave me, when I talked of an

Meow mew mew meeoow me Meoow meooow meow me, meow M meeeow me me

introductory chapter to the present work on cats. I think it was a good meooooooooow meeoow me mew meeeoow meow me meow. M meoow me mew m meow

one. Whether it be owing to our style of living now-a-days, which tends mew. Meeeoow me me meeoow me mew meeoow me meeeow mew-m-meow, meoow meow

more to the development of brain than muscle; or whether it be, as Darwin meow me mew meeeooooooooow me meeoow meow meeoow; me meeeoow me me, me Meeeoow

says, that we really are descended from the ape, and, as the years roll meow, meow me meooow mew meooooooooow meow mew mew, mew, me mew meoow meow

on, are losing that essentially animal virtue--patience; certainly it is me, mew meooow meow meeeeoow meeeow meeeow--meeeoow; meeeeoow me me

true that we cannot tolerate prefaces, preludes, and long graces before meow meow me meooow meeeeoow meeeoow, meeeeoow, mew meow meooow meooow

meat, as our grandfathers did. A preface, like Curaçoa--and--B, before meow, me mew meeeeeeeeoow mew. M meeeoow, meow Meeooow--mew--M, meeeow

dinner, ought to be short and sweet: something merely to give an edge to meooow, meow me me meoow mew meow: meeeeoow meooow me meow me meow me

appetite, or it had as well be put in the "end entoirely," or better meeeeoow, me me mew me meow me mew me mew "mew meeeeoow," me meeeow

still, in the fire.
meoow, me mew meow.

I presume, then, the reader is fond of the domestic cat; if only for the M meeeeoow, meow, mew meooow me meow me mew meooooooooow mew; me meow mew mew

simple reason that God made it. Yes; God made it, and man mars it. Pussy meooow meooow meow Mew meow me. Mew; Mew meow me, mew mew meow me. Meoow

is an ill-used, much persecuted, little understood, and greatly slandered me me mew-meow, meow meeeeeeeow, meeeow meeeeoow, mew meooow meeoow

animal. It is with the view, therefore, of gaining for our little fireside meooow. Me me meow mew meow, meeoow, me meeeoow mew mew meooow meeeeoow

friend a greater meed of justice than she has hitherto obtained, of meooow m meeeeoow meow me meeeoow meow mew mew meeeeoow meeeeoow, me

removing the ban under which she mostly lives, and making her life a more meeeeoow mew mew meeoow meeoow mew meeoow meow, mew meeeow mew meow m meow

pleasant and happy one, that the following pages are written; and I shall meeeeoow mew meeoow mew, meow mew meeoow meeoow mew mew meooow; mew M meeoow

deem it a blessing if I am _in any way_ successful. I have tried to paint

meow me m meooooow me M me mew mew meow meeeeeooooow. M meow meow me meow

pussy just as she is, without the aid of "putty and varnish;" and I have meow meow me mew me, meeoow mew mew me "meoow mew meeeow;" mew M meow

been at no small pains to prove the authenticity of the various anecdotes, meow me me meoow meow me meow mew meooooooooow me mew meeoow meeeeeow,

and can assure the reader that they are all _strictly true_. mew mew meeoow mew meeoow meow meow mew mew meeeeeooooow meow.

CHAPTER II.
MEOOOOW ME.

[_See Note B, Addenda._]
[mEow Meow M, Meeoow.m]

PUSSY ON HER NATIVE HEARTH.
MEOOW ME MEW MEEEEOW MEEOW.

"It wouldn't have surprised me a bit, doctor," said my gallant captain to "Me meoow'm meow meeoow me m mew, meeeow," meow me meoow meeeow me

me, on the quarter-deck of the saucy _Pen-gun_,--"It wouldn't have me, me mew meeoow-meow me mew meow mEow-meow,--"Me meoow'm meow

surprised me a bit, if they had sent you on board, minus the head. A nice meeoow me m mew, me meow mew meow mew me meow, meow mew meow. M meow

thing that would have been, with so many hands sick." meow meow meow meow meow, meow me meow meow meow."

"And rather inconvenient for me," I added, stroking my neck.

"Mew meeeow meeeooooooooow mew me," M meoow, meeeoow me meow.

I had been explaining to the gentleman, that my reason for not being off
M mew meow meeeeeeooow me mew meeeeeeow, meow me meoooow mew mew meow mew

the night before, was my finding myself on the desert side of the gates of
mew meow meoooow, mew me meeoow meeeow me mew meoooow meow me mew meow me

Aden after sun-down. A strange motley cut-throat band I had found myself
Meow meow mew-meow. M meeeoow meeeow mew-meoooow meow M mew meow meoooow

among, too. Wild Somalis, half-caste Indian Jews, Bedouin Arabs, and burly
meeow, mew. Meow Meeeoow, meow-meeow Meeoow Meow, Meeoooow Meeow, mew meow

Persian merchants, all armed with sword and spear and shield, and long
Meeeoow meeoowooow, mew meow meow meow mew meow mew meoooow, mew meow

rifles that, judging by their build, seemed made to shoot round corners.
meoooow meow, meeeoow me meoow meoow, meeeow meow me meow meoow meeoow.

Strings of camels lay on the ground; and round each camp-fire squatted
Meeoooow me meeeow mew me mew meeoow; mew meoow meow meow-meow meeeeoow

these swarthy sons of the desert, engaged in talking, eating, smoking, or
meeow meeeoow meow me mew meeoow, meoooow me meeeoow, meeeow, meeeoow, me

quarrelling, as the case might be. Unless at Falkirk tryst, I had never
meeeeeeooow, me mew meow meoow me. Meeeoow me Meeoooow meow, M mew meow

been among such a parcel of rogues in my life. I myself was armed to the
meow meow meow m meeoow me meoooow me me meow. M meeoow mew meow me mew

teeth: that is, I had nothing but my tongue wherewith to defend myself. I
meeow: meow me, M mew meeeeoow mew me meoooow meeeooooow me meoooow meeoow. M

could not help a feeling of insecurity taking possession of me; there
meeow mew meow m meeoow me meeeooooow meeoow meeeooooow me me; meow

seemed to be a screw that wanted tightening somewhere about my neck. Yet I
meoooow me me m meow meow meeoow meeeooooow meooooow meow me meow. Mew M

do not now repent having spent that night in the desert, as it has
me mew mew meeoow meeoow meow meow meow me mew meeeow, me me mew

afforded me the opportunity of settling that long-disputed question--the
meeeeoow me mew meeeeeeooow me meeeeoow meow meow-meeooooow meooooow--mew

origin of the domestic cat.
meeeow me mew meeoow mew.

Some have searched Egyptian annals for the origin of their pet, some

Meow meow meeeeeeow Meeeeeow meeoow mew mew meeeow me meoow mew, meow

Persian, and some assert they can trace its descent from the days of Noah. Meeeoow, mew meow meeoow meow mew meoow mew meeoow meow mew meow me Meow.

I can go a long way beyond that. It is difficult to get over the flood, M mew me m meow mew meeoow meow. Me me meooooow me mew meow mew meow,

though; but I suppose my typical cat belonged to some one of the McPherson meeeow; mew M meeoow me meeeeow mew meooooow me meow mew me mew MeEeeoow

clan. McPhlail was telling McPherson, that he could trace his genealogy meow. MeEooooow mew meeeeow MeEooooow, meow me meow meow mew meeeeoow

from the days of Noah.
meow mew meow me Meow.

"And mine," said the rival clansman, "from nine hundred years before
"Mew meow," meow mew meeoow meooooow, "meow meow meooooow meow meoow

that."
meow."

"But the flood, you know?" hinted the McPhlail.
"Mew mew meoow, mew meow?" meoow mew MeEeeoow.

"And did you ever hear of a Phairson that hadn't a boat of his own?" was
"Mew mew mew meow meow me m Meeeeeow meow meow'm m meow me mew mew?" mew

the indignant retort.
mew meeeooooow meoow.

In the midst of a group of young Arabs, was one that attracted my special
Me mew meow me m meeoow me meoow Meeow, mew mew meow meeeooooow me meeoow

attention. He was an old man who looked, with his snow-white beard, his
meeeeoow. Me mew me mew mew mew meeoow, meow mew meow-meeow meow, mew

turban and robes, as venerable as one of Doré's patriarchs. In sonorous
meeoow mew meow, me meooooow me mew me Meow'm meeeeeeeow. Me meeoow

tones, in his own noble language, he was reading from a book in his lap,
meeow, me mew mew meoow meeoow, me mew meeoow meow m meow me mew mew,

while one arm was coiled lovingly round a beautiful long-haired cat.

meeow mew mew mew meooow meeeooow meeow m meeoowooow meow-meeooow mew.

Beside this man I threw myself down. The fierceness of his first glance,
Meeoow meow mew M meeow meeeow meow. Mew meeeeoow me mew meoow meeoow,

which seemed to resent my intrusion, melted into a smile as sweet as a
meeow meeeow me meeoow me meeeooow, meooow meow m meoow me meoow me m

woman's, when I began to stroke and admire his cat. Just the same story
meow'm, meow M meoow me meeeow mew meooow mew mew. Meow mew meow meoow

all the world over,--praise a man's pet and he'll do anything for you;
mew mew meoow meow,--meooow m mew'm mew mew me'me me meooow mew mew;

fight for you, or even lend you money. That Arab shared his supper with
meoow mew mew, me meow meow mew meeow. Meow Meow meeoow mew meooow meow

me.

me.

"Ah! my son," he said, "more than my goods, more than my horse, I love my
"Me! me mew," me meow, "meow meow me meeow, meow meow me meow, M meow me

cat. She comforts me. More than the smoke she soothes me. Allah is great
mew. Mew meeeooow me. Meow meow mew meeow mew meeeow me. Meoow me meoow

and good; when our first mother and father went out into the mighty desert
mew meow; meow mew meoow meeeow mew meeeow meow mew meow mew meeoow meooow

alone, He gave them two friends to defend and comfort them--the dog and
meoow, Me meow meow mew meooow me meeoow mew meeoow meow--mew mew mew

the cat. In the body of the cat He placed the spirit of a gentle woman; in
mew mew. Me mew meow me mew mew Me meeoow mew meooow me m meeeow meow; me

the dog the soul of a brave man. It is true, my son; the book hath it."
mew mew mew meow me m meeow mew. Me me meow, me mew; mew meow meow me."

After this I remained for some time speculatively silent.

Meeow meow M meeeooow mew meow meow meeeeoow meeoow.

The old man's story may be taken--according to taste--with or without a
Mew mew mew'm meeoow mew me meeoow--meooowooow me meow--meow me meeeow m

grain of salt; but we must admit it is as good a way of accounting for
meow me meow; mew me meow meoow me me me meow m mew me meeoowooow mew

domestic pussy's origin as any other.

meeeeow meow'm meooow me mew meow.

There really is, moreover, a great deal of the woman's nature in the cat. Meow meeeow me, meooooow, m meeeow meow me mew meeeow'm meeeow me mew mew.

Like a woman, pussy prefers a settled home to leading a roving life. Like Meow m meow, meow meooooow m meeeow meow me meeeow m meeeow meow. Meow

a true woman, she is fond of fireside comforts. Then she is so gentle in m meow meeeow, mew me meow me meeeooooow meeeooooow. Meow mew me me meeeow me

all her ways, so kind, so loving, and so forgiving. On your return from mew mew meow, me meow, me meeeow, mew me meooooow. Me meow meooow meow

business, the very look of her honest face, as she sits purring on the meeeooooow, mew meow meow me mew meeeow meow, me mew meow meeeow me mew

hearth-rug, with the pleasant adjuncts of a bright fire and hissing meeeow-mew, meow mew meooooow meeeooooow me m meeeow meow mew meeeow

tea-urn, tends to make you forget all the cares of the day. When you are mew-mew, meow me meow mew meooow mew mew meeeow me mew mew. Meow mew mew

dull and lonely, how often does her "punky humour," her mirth-provoking meow mew meooow, mew meow meow mew "meeeow meooow," mew meow-meooooow

attitudes and capers banish ennui. And if you are ill, how carefully she meeeeeeow mew meooow meeeow meeeow. Mew me mew mew mew, mew meeeooooow mew

will watch by your bedside and keep you company. How her low song will meow meow me meow meeeeeow mew meow mew meooooow. Mew mew mew meow meow

lull you, her soft caresses soothe you, giving you more real consolation meow mew, mew meow meeeeeeow meeeow mew, meeeow mew meow meow meeeooooow

from the looks of concern exhibited on her loving little face, than any meow mew meow me meeeow meeeooooow me mew meeeow meeeow meow, meow mew

language could convey.
meeeeeeow meow meeeow.

On the other hand, like a woman, she is prying and curious. A locked Me mew meeeow meow, meow m meow, mew me meeeow mew meooooow. M meeeow

cupboard is often a greater source of care and thought to pussy, than the meooooow me meow m meeeow meooow me meow mew meooooow me meeeow, meow mew

secret chamber was to the wife of Blue Beard. I'm sure it is only because meooow meeeeeow mew me mew meow me Meow Meeow. M'm meow me me meow meeeow

she cannot read that she refrains from opening your letters of a morning,

mew meeeow meow meow mew meeeeoow meow meeoow meow meeeow me m meoow,

and only because she cannot speak that she keeps a secret. Like a woman,
mew meow meoow mew meoow meow meow mew meow m meow. Meow m meow,

too, she dearly loves a gossip, and will have it too, even if it be by
mew, mew meeeow meow m meeeow, mew meow meow me mew, meow me me me

night on the tiles, at the risk of keeping the neighbours awake. Oh! I'm
meow me mew meow, me mew meow me meeoow mew meeoow meow. Me! M'm

far from sure that the Arab isn't right, after all.

mew meow meow meow mew Meow mew'm meow, meow mew.

Pussy, from the very day she opens her wondering eyes and stares vacantly
Meow, meow mew meow mew mew meow mew meeeeoow meow mew meoow meeeow

around her, becomes an object worthy of study and observation. Indeed,
meoow mew, meeoow me meeoow meeoow me meow mew meeeeoow. Meeoow,

kittens, even before their eyes are opened, will know your voice or hand,
meeeow, meow meoow meow meow mew meeeow, meow meow meow meow me meow,

and spit at a stranger's. The first year of pussy's existence is certainly
mew meow me m meeeow'm. Mew meow meow me meow'm meeeeoow me meeeow

the happiest. No creature in the world is so fond of fun and mischief as a
mew meeoow. Me meeeeoow me mew meow me me meow me mew mew meeoow me m

kitten. Everything that moves or is movable, from its mother's tail to the
meeeow. Meeeeoow meow meow me me meeoow, meow mew meeeow'm meow me mew

table-cloth, must minister to its craze for a romp; but what pen could
meow-meow, meow meeoow me mew meow mew m meow; mew meow mew meow

describe its intense joy, its pride and self-satisfaction, when, for the
meoow mew meeeow mew, mew meow mew meow-meeeeoow, meow, mew mew

first time it has caught a real live mouse? This is as much an episode in
meow meow me mew meeeow m meow meow meow? Meow me me meow me meeoow me

the life of a kitten, as her first ball is to a young lady just out. Nor
mew meow me m meoow, me mew meow meow me me m meow meow meow mew. Mew

do well-trained and properly-fed cats ever lose this innate sense of fun,
me meow-meeeow mew meeoow-mew meow meow meow meow meeoow meow me mew,

and love of the ridiculous. They lose their teeth first. I have seen
mew meow me mew meeoow. Meow meow meow meow meow. M meow meow

demure old cats, of respectable matronly aspect,--cats that ought to have
meow mew meow, me meeoow meeeow meeoow,--meow meow meow me meow

known better,--leave their kittens when only a day old, and gambol

meow meeeow,--meeow meow meeeow meow meow m mew mew, mew meeoow

round the room after a cork till tired and giddy.
meow mew meow meow m meow meow meow mew meow.

[Illustration: BLACK and WHITE.
[Meeeeeeeeoow: MEEOW mew MEOOW.]

First Prize--Owned by J. BRADDEN, ESQ.]
Meeow Meow--Meeow me M. MEEEEOW, MEW.]

[Illustration: WILD CAT (Half-Bred).
[Meeeeeeeeoow: MEOW MEW (Meow-Meow).]

First Prize--Owned by A. H. SEAGER, ESQ.]
Meeow Meow--Meow me M. M. MEEEOOW, MEW.]

Cats of the right sort never fail to bring their kittens up in the way
Meow me mew meow meow meow meow me meow meow meeoow me me mew mew

they should go, and soon succeed in teaching them all they know
meow meeeow me, mew meow meoooow me meeeoooow meow mew meow meow

themselves. They will bring in living mice for them, and always take more
meeoowoooow. Meow meow meow me meow meow mew meow, mew meeoow meow meow

pride in the best warrior-kitten than in the others. They will also
meow me mew meow meeeow-meeow meow me mew meeeow. Meow meow meow

inculcate the doctrine of cleanliness in their kits, so that the carpet
meooooow mew meooooow me meeeeeeoow me meow meow, me meow mew meeeow

shall never be wet. I have often been amused at seeing my own cat bringing
meow meow me mew. M meow meow meow meeoow me meeoow me mew mew meeeeoow

kitten after kitten to the sand-box, and showing it how to use it, in
meeoow meow meow me mew meow-mew, mew meeoow me mew me mew me, me

action explaining to them what it was there for. When a little older, she
meeeow meeeeeeoow me meow meow me mew meow mew. Meow m meeoow meow, mew

entices them out to the garden.

meooooow meow mew me mew meooooow.

Cats can easily be taught to be polite and well-mannered. It depends upon Meow mew meeeow me meeeow me me meeeow mew meow-meooooow. Me meooooow meow yourself, whether you allow your favourite to sit either on your shoulder meooooow, meeeow mew meow meow meeeeoow me mew meooow me meow meooooow or on the table at meal-times, or to wait demurely on the hearth till you me me mew meow me meow-meow, me me meow meooooow me mew meeeow meow mew have finished. In any case, her appetite should never get the better of meow meeeooooow. Me mew meow, mew meeeeeeow meooow meow mew mew meeeow me her good manners. mew meow meooooow.

"We always teach our cats," writes a lady to me, "to wait patiently while "Me meeeow meow mew meow," meooow m meow me me, "me meow meeeeoow meow the family are at their meals, after which they are served. Although we mew meeeow mew me meow meow, meow meow meow mew meooow. Meooooow me never keep a dish for them standing in a corner, as some people do, yet we meow meow m meow mew meow meeeeoow me m meooow, me meow meooow me, mew me never had a cat-thief. Our Tom and Topsy used to sit on a chair beside my meow mew m mew-meeow. Mew Mew mew Meow meow me mew me m meow meooow me brother, near the table, with only their heads under the level of it. They meeeoow, meow mew meow, meow meow meow meow meow mew meow me me. Meow would peep up occasionally to see if the meal were nearly over; but on meow meow me meooooooooow me mew me mew meow meow meeeow meow; mew me being reminded that their time had not come, they would immediately close meow meeeeoow meow meow meow mew mew meow, meow meow meeeeoow meow their eyes and feign to be asleep. meow meow mew meow me me meooow.

"Poor old Tom knew the time my brother came in from business, and if five "Meow mew Mew meow mew meow me meeeoow meow me meow meeeeoow, mew me meow or ten minutes past his time, he would go to the door and listen, then me mew meeeow meow mew meow, me meow me me mew meow mew meooow, meow come back to the fireside showing every symptom of impatience and anxiety.

meow meow me mew meooooow meeeoow meoow meeeeow me meooooooow mew meooooow.

He knew the footsteps of every member of the family, and would start up,
Me meow mew meooooooow me meoow meeeow me mew meeeow, mew meow meow me,

before the human ear could detect a sound, and hasten to the door to
meooow mew meow mew meow meeoow m meoow, mew meeoow me mew meow me

welcome the comer. He knew the knock of people who were frequent visitors,
meeeeow mew meow. Me meow mew meow me meooow mew meow meeeeow meeeooow,

and would greet the knock of a stranger with an angry growl.
mew meow meow mew meoow me m meooooow meow me meow meow.

"Tom would never eat a mouse until he had shown it to some member of the
"Mew meoow meoow mew m meow meoow me mew meow me me meow meooow me mew

family, and been requested to eat it; and although brought up in a country
meeeow, mew meow meeeeoow me mew me; mew meooooow meeeow me me m meeeow

village, made himself perfectly at home in Glasgow, although living on the
meooow, meow meeeow meeeooooow me meow me Meeoow, meeeooow meeeow me mew

third floor. But poor faithful fellow, after sticking to us through all
meow meow. Mew meow meeeeoow meeoow, meow meeeooow me me meeeow mew

the varied changes of fourteen years, one wintry morning--he had been out
mew meeoow meeeow me meooooow meow, mew meeeow meeeooow--me mew meow mew

all night--when I drew up the window to call him, he answered me with such
mew meow--meow M meow me mew meooow me meow mew, me meeeeoow me meow meow

a plaintive voice, that I at once hastened down to see what was the
m meooooooow meow, meow M me meow meeeeoow meow me mew meow mew mew

matter. He was lying helpless and bleeding among the snow, with one leg
meeoow. Me mew meow meeeeoow mew meooooow meow mew meow, meow mew mew

broken. He died."
meeeow. Me meow."

Cats will often attach themselves to some one member of a family in
Meow meow meow meeeow meooooooow me meow mew meeeow me m meeoow me

preference to all others. They are as a rule more fond of children than
meeeeoow me mew meeoow. Meow mew me m meow meow meow me meooooow meow

grown-up people, and usually lavish more affection on a woman than a man.
meow-me meeeow, mew meooow meooow meow meeeeoow me m meow meow m mew.

They have particular tastes too, as regards some portions of the house in

Meow meow meeeeeooooow meeoow mew, me meeeoow meow meeeeeoow me mew meoow me

which they reside, often selecting some room or corner of a room which
meow meow meeoow, meow meeeeeooooow meow meow me meeeow me m meow meoow

they make their "sanctum sanctorum."
meow meow meoow "meeeoooo meeeeeeeow."

Talking of her cats, a lady correspondent says:--"Toby's successor was a
Meooooow me mew meow, m meow meeeeeeeeeooooow meow:--"Meow'm meeeeeeeow mew m

black and white kitten we called Jenny. Jenny was considered my father's
meow mew meoow meoooo me meeeow Meoow. Meow mew meeeeeeeow me meeoow'm

cat, as she followed him and no one else. Our house and that of an aunt
mew, me mew meeeeeoow mew mew me mew meow. Mew meow mew meow me me meow

were near to each other, and on Sabbath mornings it was my father's
meow meow me meow meeoow, mew me Meeeoow meeeeeeeow me mew me meeeow'm

invariable custom to walk in the garden, closely followed by Jenny,
meeeeeooooow meoooo me meow me mew meooooow, meooooow meeeeeoow me Meoow,

afterwards going in to visit his sister before going to church. Jenny
meooooooooow meeoow me me meoow mew meeeow meeoow meoow me meeoow. Meoow

enjoyed those visits amazingly; every one was so fond of her, and she was
meooooow meoow meoooo meeeeeeeow; meoow mew mew me meow me mew, mew mew mew

so much admired, that she began to pay them visits of her own accord upon
me meow meeeeeow, meow mew meeoow me mew meow meoooo me mew mew meeeow meow

weekdays. I am sorry to say that Jenny eventually abused the hospitality
meooooooooow. M me meeoow me mew meow Meoow meooooooooow meeeow mew meeeeeooooow

thus held out to her. For, as time wore on, pussy had, unknown to us, been
meow meow mew me mew. Mew, me meow meow me, meeoow mew, meeeeeow me me, meow

making her own private arrangements for an event of great interest which
meeeow mew mew meeeoow meeeeeeeeeeoow mew me meeoow me meeoow meooooow meoow

was to occur before very long. And this is how it was discovered when it
mew me meoow meeeow meow meow. Mew meow me mew me mew meeeeeeeeoow meow me

did come off. Some ladies had been paying my aunt a visit, and the
mew meow mew. Meow meeoow mew meow meoooo me meow m meoow, mew mew

conversation not unnaturally turned on dress.
meeeeeeeeeeeow mew meooooooooow meeeow me meoow.

"'Oh! but,' said my aunt, 'you must have a sight of my new velvet

"'Me! mew,' meow me meow, 'mew meow meow m meow me me mew meooow

bonnet,--so handsome,--one pound fifteen shillings,--and came from
meeow,--me meeoow,--mew meow meeeow meeoow,--mew meow meow

London. I do trust it won't rain on Sunday. Eliza, go for the box under
Meeow. M me meow me mew'm meow me Meeow. Meeow, me mew mew mew meow

the dressing-table in the spare bedroom.'
mew meeoow-meeow me mew meow meeoow.'

"Although the door of this room was kept constantly shut, the window was
"Meoow mew meow me meow meow mew meow meeeeeeow meow, mew meeeow mew

opened by day to admit the fresh air. It admitted more,--it admitted
meoow me mew me meow mew meow mew. Me meeeeeeow meow,--me meoow

Jenny,--and Jenny did not hesitate to avail herself of the convenience of
Meow,--mew Meeow mew mew meoow me meow meoow me mew meeoow me

having her kittens in that room.
meeeow mew meoow me meow meow.

"Eliza had not been gone five minutes, when she returned screaming,--'Oh,
"Meeow mew mew meow meow meow meeoow, meow mew meeoow meeeeeeow,--'Me,

murder! murder!' that is all she said. She just ran back again,
meeeow! meeeow!' meow me mew mew meow. Mew meow mew meow meow,

screaming the same words, and my aunt and friends hastened after her. The
meeoow mew meow meow, mew me meow mew meeoow meeeeeeow meow mew. Mew

sight that met their gaze was in no way alarming: it was only Jenny cosily
meow meow mew meow meow mew me me mew meeeeeeow: me mew meow Meeow meoow

ensconced in the box--the bonnet altered in shape to suit
meeoow me mew mew--mew meeeow meeoow me meow me meow

circumstances--looking the picture of innocence and joy as she sung to six
meeoow--meeoow mew meoow me meeoow mew mew me mew meow me mew

blind kittens.
meow meeoow.

"Summary and condign was the punishment that fell on the unlucky Jenny.
"Meoow mew meeeow mew mew meeoow meow meow me mew meeoow Meow.

The kittens were ordered to be instantly drowned,--we managed to save just

Mew meooooow meow meeeoow me me meeeooooow meeeoow,--me meeeoow me meow meow

one,--and pussy sentenced to be executed as soon as the gardener came in
mew,--mew meow meeeeeeow me me meeeooooow me meow me mew meooooow meow me

the morning. This sentence was afterwards commuted to transportation for
mew meeeoow. Meow meeeooooow mew meeeoooooow meooooow me meooooooooooooow mew

life from my aunt's house; and it was remarkable, that although Jenny took
meow meow me meow'm meow; mew me mew meoooooow, meow meeeeeeow Meow meow

her Sabbath morning walks as usual with my father, she never entered my
mew Meooooow meooooow meow me meow meow me meeeow, mew meow meooooow me

aunt's dwelling, but waited patiently until my father came out." Jenny's
meow'm meeeeeeow, mew meeoow meeeooooow meow me meeoow meow mew." Meow'm

master died.
meoow meow.

"Jenny seemed to miss my father greatly. She used to go to the garden on a
"Meow meeeow me meow me meeoow meeeeeeow. Mew meow me me me mew meeoow me m

Sunday, as usual, but walked up and down disconsolate and sad; and on her
Meeeeeow, me meow, mew meeoow me mew meow meeeooooooooow mew mew; mew me mew

return would take up her old position outside my aunt's door, and wait and
meeoow meow meow me mew mew meeeeeeow meooooow me meow'm meow, mew meow mew

wait, always thinking he would surely come. This constant waiting and
meow, meeeow meeeeoow me meeoow meeoow meow. Meow meeoooooow meeoow mew

watching for him that would come again no more, was the first thing that
meooooow mew mew meow meow meow meow me meow, mew mew meow meow meow

softened my aunt's heart to poor Jenny; and she was freely forgiven for
meeeeeeow me meow'm meow me meow Meeow; mew mew mew meoow meeeeeeow mew

the destruction of the velvet bonnet, and took up her abode for life with
mew meooooooooow me mew meeeow meeoow, mew meow me mew meow mew meow meow

my aunt, on whom she bestowed all the affection she had previously
me meow, me meow mew meeeeoow mew mew meeeeeeow mew mew meooooooooow

lavished on my father."
meeeooooow me me meeoow."

Kittens, like the young of most animals--mankind included--are sometimes
Meooooow, meow mew meow me meow meeeoow--meooooow meeeooooow--mew meooooooooow

rather selfish towards their parents. A large kitten that I knew, used to

meeow meeeow meeeow meow meeeow. M meow meeeow meow M meow, meow me

be regularly fed with mice which its mother caught and brought to it from
me meeeeeow mew meow meow meow mew meeeow meeeow mew meeeow me me meow

a stack-yard. Instead of appearing grateful, he used to seize the mouse
m meow-meow. Meeeeow me meeeeeow meeeow, me meow me meow mew meow

and, running growling to a corner, devour the whole of it. His mother must
mew, meeeow meeeow me m meeeow, meeeow mew meow me me. Mew meeeow meow

have thought this rather unfair, for after standing it three or four
meow meeeow meow meeeow meeeow, mew meow meeeow me meow me meow

times, she brought in the mouse, and slapped him if he dared to touch it
meow, mew meeeow me mew meow, mew meeeow mew me me meow me meow me

until she had eaten her share--the hind quarters; then he had to be
meow mew mew meow mew meow--mew meow meeeow; meow me mew me me

content with the rest.
meeeow meow mew meow.

I knew of a cat that, in order to avoid the punishment which she thought
M meow me m mew meow, me meow me meow mew meeeeeow meow mew meeeow

she merited on committing an offence, adopted the curious expedient of
mew meeeow me meeeeeow me meeeow, meeeow mew meeeow meeeow me

having two homes. Her failing was fish. If there had been no fish in the
meeeow mew meow. Mew meeeow mew meow. Me meow mew meow me meow me mew

world, she would have been a strictly honest cat. She warred against the
meow, mew meow meow meow m meeeow meeeow mew. Mew meeeow meeeow mew

temptation, but it was of no use; the spirit was willing but the flesh
meeeeeow, mew me mew me me mew; mew meeeow mew meeeow mew mew meow

weak, and the smell of fish not to be resisted. As long as she could steal
meow, mew mew meow me meow mew me me meeeow. Me meow me mew meow meow

without being found out, it was all right, things went on smoothly; but
meeeow meow meow mew, me mew mew meow, meeeow meow me meeeow; mew

whenever she was caught tripping, she bade good-bye for a time to that
meeeow mew mew meeeow meeeow, mew meow meow-mew mew m meow me meow

home, and took up her quarters at the other, distant about half a mile.
meow, mew meow me mew meeeow me mew meow, meeeow meow meow m meow.

Here she would reside for a month or more, as the case might be, until the
Meow mew meow meeeow mew m meow me meow, me mew meow meow me, meow mew

theft of another haddock or whiting caused her to return to the other

meow me meeeow meeeow me meooooow meooow mew me meooow me mew meow

house. And so on; this cat kept up the habit of fluctuating backwards and meow. Mew me me; meow mew meow me mew meow me meeeeeeoow meooooow mew

forwards, between her two homes, as long as she lived. She was never meooooow, meeeow mew mew meow, me meow me mew meow. Mew mew meow

thrashed, and, I think, did not deserve to be. meeeow, mew, M meow, mew mew meeeow me me.

It is a common thing for a she-cat, if her kittens are all drowned, to Me me m meeeow meow mew m mew-mew, me mew meooooow mew mew meeeow, me

take to suckling a former kitten--even a grown-up son has sometimes to meow me meeeow m meeeow meeeow--meow m meeeow-me mew mew meeeeoow me

resume the office and duties of baby to a bereaved mother, and is in meeeow mew meeeow mew meooow me meow me m meeeeoow meeeow, mew me me

general no ways loath to do so. There is a horrid cat in a village in meooooow me meow meow me me me. Meow me m meeeow mew me m meooooow me

Yorkshire, who, every time his mother has kittens, steals them, taking Meeeeoow, mew, meow meow mew meeeow mew meeeow, meeeow meow, meeeow

them one by one to the cellar, and eating them. When there are no more to meow mew me mew me mew meooow, mew meeeow meow. Meow meow mew me meow me

eat, filial piety constrains him to suckle his dam, until she deems it fit mew, meooow meow meeeeoow mew me meooow mew mew, meow mew meow me mew

that he should be weaned. He has been weaned already four times, to my meow me meeeow me meeeow. Me mew meow meooow meeeow meow meow, me me

knowledge. meooooow.

If a kitten has been given away, and for some reason or other returns Me m meeeow mew meow meeeow meow, mew mew meow meeeow me meow meooooow

again to its mother's home, the first thing that mother does is to give meow me mew meeeow'm meow, mew meow meow meow meooow meow me me meow

him a sound hiding, afterwards she receives him into favour, and gives him mew m meow meeeow, meeeeoow mew meooooow mew meow meooow, mew meow mew

her tail to play with by way of _solatium_. Mothers will sometimes correct mew meow me meow meow me mew me meoooooow. Meeeow meow meooooow meeeow

their very young kittens; for instance, if it squeals when she wants to

meeow meow meeow meooooow; mew meeeeeow, me me meeeeeow meow mew meoow me
get away for a short time, two or three smart pats with a mittened paw
mew meow mew m meoow meow, mew me meoow meeow meow meow m meeeeeow mew
generally make it go fast asleep.
meeeeeow meow me me meow meooow.

The cat's love of fun is perhaps one of the most endearing traits in her
Mew mew'm meow me mew me meeeeeow mew me mew meow meeeeeeow meeow me mew

character. Who has not laughed to see the antics performed by some pet
meeeeeeow. Mew mew mew meeeooow me mew mew meeooow meeeeeeow me meow mew

cat, whom its mistress wished to bring into the house for the night. Pussy
mew, meow mew meeeooow meeow me meoow meow mew meoow mew mew meeow. Meeow

has been walking with her mistress in the garden; but the night is fair
mew meow meeeooow meow mew meooooow me mew meooow; mew mew meoow me meow

and moonlit, and she hasn't the slightest intention of coming in, for at
mew meeeeeow, mew mew meow'm mew meeeooooow meeeooooow me meeow me, mew me

least half-an-hour yet. So round the walks she flies, romping and
meeow meow-me-meow mew. Me meeow mew meeow mew meoow, meooooow mew

rollicking, with tail in the air, and eyes crimson and green with the
meeeeeeow, meow meow me mew mew, mew meow meeeooow mew meoow meow mew

mischievousness that is in them; always popping out when least expected, and
meeeooow meow me me meow; meooow meeeooow mew meow meeow meeeeeeow, mew

sometimes brushing the lady's very skirts. Now she walks demurely up to
meeeeeeow meeeooow mew meow'm meow meeooow. Mew mew meoow meeeooow me me

her mistress, as if soliciting capture, and just as she is being picked
mew meeeeeow, me me meeeeeeow meooooow, mew meow me mew me meoow meooow

up,--"Ah! you thought you had me, did you?" and off she scampers to the
me,--"Me! mew meeeeeow mew mew me, mew mew?" mew mew mew meeeeeow me mew

other end of the garden. Anon, she is up a tree, and grinning like an elf
meeow mew me mew meeow. Meow, mew me me m meow, mew meooooow meow me mew

from the topmost branches; and no amount of pet names, blarney, or coaxing
meow mew meeeeeow meeeeeeow; mew me meeooow me mew meoow, meeeeeow, me meooooow

will entice her down or into the house until, as they say in the north,
meow meeow mew meow me meow mew meoow meeow, me meow mew me mew meoow,

her ain de'il bids her. Pussy's fondness for frolic has led to strange
mew mew me'me meow mew. Meoow'm meeeooow mew meeooow mew mew me meeeooow

results sometimes, as the following will testify:--

meeeeow meeeooooow, me mew meeeeoow meow meeoow:--

In an old-fashioned house, in an old-fashioned parish, in the county of
Me me mew-meooooow meow, me me mew-meooooow meoow, me mew meoow me

Aberdeenshire, there lived, not many years ago, a farmer of the name of
Meeeeooooooooow, meow meow, mew meow meow mew, m meoow me mew meow me

D----. His family consisted of his wife, two marriageable daughters, and a
M----. Mew meoow meeeeeeow me mew meow, mew meeeeeeoow meeeeoow, mew m

beautiful tabby cat. This cat was well fed and cared for, and being so,
meooooow meow mew. Meow mew mew meow mew mew meow mew, mew meow me,

was an excellent mouser. Indeed, it was averred by the farmer that no rat
mew me meeeeoow meeeow. Meeoow, me mew meeeow me mew meoow meow me mew

would live within a mile of her. The house stood by itself some distance
meow meow meoow m meow me mew. Mew meow meow me meoow meow meeoow

off the road, but, though surrounded by lofty pine-trees, it had by no
mew mew meow, mew, meeeow meooooooooow me meow meow-meeow, me mew me me

means the appearance of a place, which a ghost of average intellect and
meow mew meeeeoow me m meoow, meow m meow me meeoow meooooow mew

any claim to respectability would select, as the scene of its midnight
mew meow me meeeeeeeeeeeow meow meeoow, me mew meow me mew meeoow

peregrinations. Besides, there was no story attached to the house. No one
meeeeeeoow. Meeoow, meow mew me meow meooooow me mew meow. Me mew

had ever been murdered there, so far as was known. No old miser had ever
mew meow meow meeeeoow meow, me mew me mew meow. Me mew meow mew meow

resided within its walls; and though several members of the family had
meeoow meeeow mew meow; mew meeoow meeeow meeeow me mew meoow mew

died in the old box-bed, they had all passed away in the most legitimate
meow me mew mew mew-mew, meow mew mew meoow meow me mew meow meooooow

manner. Old granny was the only one at all likely to come back; but what
meoow. Mew meeeow mew mew meow mew me mew meeeow me meow meow; mew meow

could she have forgotten? The old lady was sensible to the last, and
meow mew meow meooooow? Mew mew meow mew meooooow me mew meow, mew

behaved like a brick. She told them candidly she was "wearin' awa'"; sat
meeeow meow m meow. Mew meow meow meeeeoow mew mew "meeeow' mew'"; mew

up in bed and in a sadly quavering voice sang the Old Hundred; then handed
me me mew mew me m meow meeeeeeow meow meow mew Mew Meeeeow; meow meeeow

over the key of the tea-caddy, where she kept her "trifle siller," with

meow mew mew me mew mew-meow, meow mew meow mew "meeeow meeoow," meow

the remark that they would find among the rest two old pennies, which she mew meoow meow meow meow meow meow mew meow mew mew meeoow, meow mew

had kept especially to be placed in her eyes when her "candle went out." mew meow meeeeeeow me me meoow me mew meow meow mew "meoow meow mew."

In spite of this, however, the honest farmer and his family were all Me meow me meow, meeeow, mew meoow meoow mew mew meeeow meow mew

awakened one night by hearing the parlour bell rung, and rung too with meeoow mew meow me meeoow mew meoow meow meow, mew meow mew meow

great force. They couldn't all have been dreaming. Besides, while they meow meow. Meow meeoow'm mew meow meow meeeow. Meoow, meow meow

were yet doubting and deliberating, lo! the bell rung a second time. John meow mew meeoow mew meooooooooow, me! mew meow meow m meeeow meow. Meow

and his wife shook in their shoes. That is merely a figure of speech; for, mew mew meow meow me meow meow. Meow me meoow m meoow me meeeow; mew,

properly speaking, they hadn't even their stockings on. The marriageable meeeow meoow, meow meow'm meow meow meeoow me. Mew meeeeeeow

daughters would have fainted, but they had only read of fainting in books, meeeow meow meow meoow, mew meow mew meow meow me meoow me meow,

and had no idea how it was done. It must be allowed matters were alarming mew mew me meow mew me mew meow. Me meow me meeeow meeoow meow meoow

enough. Who or what dreadful thing was thus urgently demanding an meeeow. Mew me meow meoow meow mew meow meeoow meoooooooo me

interview at that untimely hour of night, in that lone house among the meeoow me meow meeoow meow me meow, me meow meow meow meow mew

pine-trees. The bell rang a third time; and, urged by the entreaties of meow-meow. Mew meow meow m meow meow; mew, meow me mew meoooooooo me

his wife to be brave for once and go--she did not say come--and see, John mew meow me me meow mew meow mew me--mew mew mew mew meow--mew mew, Meow

at last reached down his old brown Bess--it had been loaded for five me meow meeoow meow mew mew meow Meow--me mew meow meeoow mew meow

years--and with a candle in his other hand, his wife holding on by the meow--mew meow m meoow me mew meow meow, mew meow meeeow me me mew

skirts of his night-dress, and the marriageable daughters bringing up the meeeow me mew meow-meow, mew mew meeoow meeeow meeoow me mew

rear, prepared to march upon the parlour.

meow, meeeooow me meoow meow mew meeeew.

In Indian file, and all in white, they might have been mistaken for a
Me Meooow meow, mew mew me meew, meow meew meow meow meeeooow mew m

party of priests going to celebrate midnight mass. No ghost could have
meow me meeeew meew me meeeooooow meeeew meow. Me meow meow meow

withstood the sight of that procession. It must have burst out laughing,
meeeew mew meew me meow meeeooooow. Me meow meow meow mew meooooow,

unless, indeed, a very _grave_ ghost. When at last they reached the
meew, meew, m meow meooow meew. Meow me meow meow meeeew mew

parlour, neither sight nor sound rewarded them for their heroism.
meewow, meewow meow mew meew meewow meow mew meow meewow.

Everything was in its usual place, and nothing was disturbed. A search all
Meewooooow mew me mew meow meow, mew meewow mew meeeewow. M meewow mew

over the house proved too that the doors were all locked, the windows
meow mew meew meewow mew meow mew meew meow mew meow, mew meewow

fastened, and no one either up the chimney or under the beds. So the
meewow, mew me mew meewow me mew meewow me meew mew meow. Me mew

mystery was put down to super-human agency, or, as the good wife termed
meewow mew mew meow me meow-meow meow, me, me mew meow meow meew

it, "something no canny;" and they all went trembling back to bed, and lay
me, "meewooooow me meow;" mew meow mew meow meeeewow meow me mew, mew mew

awake in great fear till the cock crew.
meow me meew meow meow mew meow meow.

For nearly a fortnight after this, almost every night, and sometimes even
Mew meewow m meeeewow meew meow, meew meow meew, mew meewooooow meow

by day, the same strange disturbances occurred, and all efforts to solve
me mew, mew meow meewow meeeooooow meewow, mew mew meewow me meow

the mystery were fruitless. So it got rumoured abroad that the house was
mew meewow meow meewowow. Me me mew meewow meewow meow mew meow mew

haunted. All the usual remedies were had recourse to for the purpose of
meewow. Mew mew meow meewowow meow mew meewow me mew mew meewow me

exorcism, but in vain. The parson came twice to pray in the room. He might
meewow, mew me meow. Mew meowow meow meew me meow me mew meow. Me meow

as well have stopped at home. Equally unsuccessful were the services of an

me meow meow meooooow me meow. Meeooooow meeeeeooooooooow meow mew meeeeeow me me

old lady, whom her enemies called a witch, her friends "the wisest woman
mew meow, meow mew meooooow meeoow m meow, mew meooooow "mew meoow meow

in the parish." Things began to look serious. The goodwife was getting
me mew meeoow." Meeoow meoow me meow meeeeeow. Mew meeeeeow mew meeeeeow

thin, her daughters hysterical, and John himself began to lose caste among
meow, mew meeeeeooooow meeeeeeoow, mew Meow meooooow meoow me meow meoow meow

the neighbours. It was openly hinted, that some deed of blood must have
mew meeeeeeeow. Me mew meeeow meeoow, meow meow meow me meow meow meow

been committed by him, in that same house and room. Nor could his thirty
meow meooooooooow me mew, me meow meow meeoow mew meow. Mew meoow mew meeoow

years of married life and unblemished reputation save him. He had been
meow me meeeoow meow mew meooooooooooooow meeeeeooooow meow mew. Me mew meow

too quiet, people said, and _too_ regular in his attendance at church;
meow meow, meeoow meow, mew meow meooooow me mew meeeeeeoow me meeoow;

besides, he had a down look about him, and, on the whole, hanging was too
meooooow, me mew m meow meow meeoow mew, mew, me mew meoow, meooooow mew mew

good for him. Some averred that strange sights and sounds were seen and
meow mew mew. Meow meeeoow meow meeoow meeoow mew meeoow meow meow mew

heard by people who had occasion to pass that house at night, among other
meow me meeoow mew mew meooooow me meow meow meoow me meow, meow meow

things a light gliding about in the copse-wood. No, they would not believe
meeoow m meow meeeoow meeoow me mew meoow-meow. Me, meow meoow mew meooooow

it was only John locking up the stable; and the devil himself, in the
me mew meow Meow meeeow me mew meeeow; mew mew meow meeeoow, me mew

shape of a fox, was seen at early morning coming directly from the house.
meow me m mew, mew meow me meoow meeeow meooooow meeeeeoow meow mew meow.

Of course the devil had a fine fat hen over his shoulders, but that had
Me meoow mew meow mew m meow mew mew meow mew meeeeeooooow, mew meow mew

nothing to do with the matter. Poor John! it had come to this, that he had
meooooow me me meow mew meeoow. Meow Meow! me mew meow me meow, meow me mew

serious thoughts of giving up his farm and going to America, when a
meeeow meeeeeoow me meoow me mew meow mew meoow me Meeooooow, meow m

rollicking young student in the neighbourhood, who did not believe in
meeeeeeeoow meow meeeow me mew meooooooooooooow, mew mew mew meeeoow me

spirits--except ardent--proposed to the farmer that they should "wake the
meooooow--meeeow meeoow--meooooow me mew meoow meow meow meoow "meow mew

ghost."

meeow."

"Wake the ghost!" said the farmer, "ye little ken, lad. He's wide enough
"Meow mew meeow!" meow mew meooow, "me meooow mew, mew. Me'm meow meeeow
awake already."
meoow meeeoow."

"Wake him," repeated the student; "sit up at night, you know, and wait
"Meow mew," meeeeoow mew meooooow; "mew me me meeow, mew meow, mew meow
till he comes."
meow me meoow."

John turned pale.
Meow meooow meow.

"I'll sit with you," continued the young man. "If he's a civil ghost, we
"M'me mew meow mew," meeeeeeooow mew meeow mew. "Me me'm m meoow meoow, me
can hear what he has got to say; for
mew meow meow me mew mew me mew; mew

'The darkest nicht I fear nae deil,
'Mew meeeoow meeow M meow mew meow,

Warlock, nor witch in Gowrie.'"
Meooooow, mew meeow me Meeoow.'"

Very reluctantly John consented; but he did consent; and that night the
Meow meeeeeeeeoow Meow meeeeeeoow; mew me mew meeeoow; mew meow meeow mew
two met in the haunted chamber alone, just before the old clock on the
mew mew me mew meooooow meeeeoow meeow, meow meeeow mew mew meeow me mew
stair told the hour of midnight.
meeow meow mew meow me meeeeoow.
"What have you got under your arm?" inquired the student.

"Meow meow mew mew meow meow mew?" meooooow mew meeeow.

"The ha' Bible," replied John, in a sepulchral voice; "is that a Bible
"Mew me' Meow," meeeow Meow, me m meeeeeeeow meow; "me meow m Meow
you've brought?"
mew'me meeeow?"

"No, it's whisky," said the student, "about the only spirit you are likely
"Me, me'm meeeow," meow mew meeeow, "meow mew meow meow mew mew meow
to see to-night; and there won't be the ghost of that left by cock-crow."
me mew me-meow; mew meow mew'm me mew meow me meow meow me meow-meow."

So they waited and watched, John reading, the student smoking steadily and
Me meow meeeow mew meeeow, Meow meeeow, mew meeeow meeeow meooooow mew

drinking periodically. One o'clock came, and two o'clock, and the candle
meeeow meeeeeeeow. Mew m'meeow meow, mew mew m'meeow, mew mew meeeow

was burning low in the socket, when suddenly, "Hist!" said the student,
mew meeeow mew me mew meeeow, meow meooooow, "Meow!" meow mew meooooow,

and "Hush!" said John. They could distinctly hear footsteps about them in
mew "Meow!" meow Meow. Meow meow meooooooow meow meeeooooow meow meow me

the room, but no one visible. They were really frightened now. Then
mew meow, mew me mew meeeow. Meow meow meeeow meeeeeeeow mew. Meow

something rushed past them, and the bell rang, and there, lo, and behold!
meooooow meeeow meow meow, mew mew meow meow, mew meow, me, mew meow!

from the rope dangled John's decent tabby cat.
meow mew meow meeeow Meow'm meeeow meow mew.

"And the Lord's name be praised," said John piously, closing the book.
"Mew mew Meow'm meow me meeeow," meow Meow meeeow, meeeow mew meow.

"Such ghosts as these," said the student, "are best exorcised with a
"Meow meeeow me meow," meow mew meeeow, "mew meow meeeooooow meow m

broom-handle; but, see! this explains." He held up the rope, to the end of

meeow-meeoow; mew, mew! meow meeeeeeow." Me meow me mew meow, me mew mew me

which--country fashion--was attached _a hare's foot_!

meeow--meooooow meooooow--mew meeeooooow me meow'm meoow!

CHAPTER III.

MEEEOOW MEW.

[_See Note C, Addenda._]

[mEow Meow M, Meeeoow.m]

PUSSY'S LOVE OF CHILDREN.

MEEOW'M MEOW ME MEEOOOOW.

The cat is more than any other creature the pet of our early years. Almost
Mew mew me meow meow mew meoow meeeeoow mew mew me mew meeow meeow. Meeoow

the first animal we notice, when we are old enough to notice anything, is
mew meeow meeoow me meoow, meow me mew mew meeoow me meeeow meooooow, me

pussy, with her beautiful markings, her well-pleased, homely face, sleek
meow, meow mew meeoowooow meeeeoow, mew meow-meeoow, meeeow meow, meoow

and shining fur, and soft paws, which she never ungloves in the presence
mew meeeow mew, mew meow meow, meeow mew meeow meeeeoow me mew meooooow

of childhood. Children and cats, especially young ones, have so very much
me meeeeoow. Meeeoow mew meow, meooooowooow meoow meow, meow me meow meow

in common. Both are innocent, sinless, and easily pleased, and both are
me meoow. Meow mew meeeeoow, meeoow, mew meoow meeoow, mew meow mew

full of fun and frolic. Children will often play with a kitten until they

meow me mew mew meeoow. Meooooow meow meoow meow meow m meeeow meow meow

kill the poor thing. In the country, pussy's place may easily be supplied
meow mew meow meeoow. Me mew meeeoow, meow'm meeoow mew meooow me meeeeoow

by some other toy; but to a poor little gutter-child the loss is simply
me meow meeoow mew; mew me m meow meeeow meooow-meeow mew meow me meeoow

irreparable, and she will nurse her dead kitten in the mud for a week. The
meeeeeeeeoow, mew mew meow meeoow mew meow meooow me mew mew mew m meow. Mew

way children use poor patient pussy is at times anything but commendable;
mew meooooow mew meow meeeoow meoow me me meoow meeeeoow mew meeeeeeoow;

and while deprecating the conduct of parents in allowing them to treat
mew meow meooooooooow mew meeeoow me meeeow me meeeoow meow me meow

the cat so, we cannot but admire pussy's extreme forbearance and
mew mew me, me meeeow mew meooow meow'm meeoow meeeeeeoow mew

uncomplaining good nature, under what must be considered very trying
meooooooooow meow meeoow, meow meow meow me meooooooooow meow meooow

circumstances. It is nothing to see Miss Puss or Master Tom dressed up in
meeeeeeeeoow. Me me meeeow me mew Meow Meow me Meeoow Mew meeoow me me

a shawl and neatly fitting cap, and lugged about as a doll, carried by the
m meow mew meeoow meeoow mew, mew meooow meow me m meow, meeoow me mew

tail over the child's shoulder, or worn as a comforter round his neck. Yet
meow meow mew meow'm meeoow, me meow me m meeeeoow meow mew meow. Mew

pussy seems to know that there is no harm meant, and that the children
meow meow me meow meow meow me me meow meow, mew meow mew meeeeoow

really love her dearly; so she never attempts to scratch, far less to
meeeow meow mew meeoow; me mew meeoow meooooow me meeeoow, mew meow me

bite. All experience goes to prove, too, that it is generally the child
meow. Mew meooooooooow meow me meow, mew, meow me me meooooooooow mew meeoow

that uses her the worst, to whom pussy is most attached.
meow meow mew mew meow, me meow meeoow me meow meooooooooow.

The 'dead playmate' is a picture you will often see in real life. I saw
Mew 'meow meeeeoow' me m meeeoow mew meow meoow mew me meow meow. M mew

one not a month ago. A pretty little child, with round, wondering eyes,
mew mew m meeoow mew. M meeoow meeoow meeoow, meow meow, meeeeeeoow meow,

swollen with recent tears, sitting in the corner of a field in the summer
meooow meow meeoow meeoow, meeeoow me mew meeeow me m meow me mew meeeow

sunshine. On her lap lay--among a handful of daisies and corn-poppies--a

meooooow. Me mew mew mew--meeow m meeeoow me meooooow mew meow-meeeeeow--m

wee dead kitten: life had but lately left it. When I spoke to her, her mew meow meeoow: meow mew mew meeeow meow me. Meow M meeoow me mew, mew

grief burst out afresh.
meoow meeoow mew meeeow.

"O sir, my pussy's deadëd, my pretty pussy's deadëd!"
"M mew, me meoow'm meeeow, me meooooow meeoow'm meooooow!"

There would be no more games of romps in the garden, no more scampering
Meeow meeoow me me meow meeoow me meeoow me mew meeeow, me meow meeeeeeeow

together through the green fields after the butterfly, no more making
meeeeooow meeeeooow mew meeoow meeeow meeoow mew meeeeeooow, me meow meeeow

pussy a doll. She would go lonely to bed to-night and cry herself asleep,
meoow m meow. Mew meeoow me meeeow me mew me-meooow mew mew meeoow meeoow,

for pretty pussy was "deadëd."
mew meeeow meoow mew "meooooow."

In the adjacent street to where I now live, is a fine large red-tabby Tom.
Me mew meeeeooow meeoow me meoow M mew meow, me m meow meeoow mew-meooow Mew.

He is a famous mouser, a noted hunter, and a gentleman every inch. He was
Me me m meeoow meeoow, m meoow meeoow, mew m meooooooow meoow meow. Me mew

faithful in love and dauntless in war. When I tried to stroke him, he gave
meooooow me meow mew meeoooooow me mew. Meow M meoow me meoooow mew, me meow

me a look and a growl of such unmistakable meaning, that I mechanically
me m meow mew m meeoow me meow meooooooooooow meeoow, meow M meeeeeooooooooow

put my hands in my pockets and whistled. He makes no friends with
mew me meoow me me meooooow mew meeeeow. Me meeoow me meeeooow meow

strangers. Yet Tom has a little mistress, not much over three years old,
meeeeooow. Mew Mew mew m meoooow meooooow, mew meow meow meoow meeoow mew,

whom he dearly loves, and from whom he is seldom absent. He lies down on
meow me meeoow meeoow, mew meow meow me me meeeow meeoow. Me meow meow me

his side, and allows little Alice to lift him, although she can hardly
mew meow, mew meeeow meoooow Meeow me meow mew, meeeeow mew mew meeeow

totter along with her burden, which she carries as often by the tail as

meeeeow meow meow mew meeeow, meoow mew meooooow me meow me mew meow me

any way else. She sleeps beside him on the hearth-rug, Tom winding his mew mew meow. Mew meeeow meoow mew me mew meoow-mew, Mew meooooow mew

arms lovingly around her neck, and little Alice declares that pussy meow meooooow meoow mew meow, mew meoow Meow meeeeeow meow meow

"carries his kisses on his nose."

"meeeeow mew meeeow me mew meow."

Wee Elsie S----, though only six years old, has completely tamed--as far Mew Meow M----, meeoow meow mew meow mew, mew meooooooooow meow--me mew

as she herself is concerned--what might almost be called a wild cat, it me mew meooooow me meeeooooow--meow meoow meeeow me meoow m meow mew, me

having been bred and brought up in the woods. This cat has only two good meeoow meow meow mew meeeow me me mew meoow. Meow mew mew meow mew meow

qualities, namely, his great skill in vermin-killing, and his fondness for meeeooooow, meeoow, mew meoow meow me meeeow-meeeoow, mew mew meooooow mew

little Elsie. Neither the child's father, mother, nor the servants, dare meeeow Meow. Meooooow mew meow'm meeoow, meeoow, mew mew meeeeoow, meow

put a finger on this wild brindled Tom; but as soon as Elsie comes down in mew m meoow me meow meow meeeooooow Mew; mew me meow me Meow meow meow me

the morning, and puss is let in, with a fond cry he rushes towards her, mew meeeoow, mew meow me mew me, meow m meow mew me meeoow meeeeoow mew,

singing and caressing her with evident satisfaction. He then does duty as meeeeoow mew meeeeoow mew meow meeeoow meeeeeeeeoow. Me meow meow meow me

a doll all day, or follows the child wherever she goes, and sleeps with m meow mew mew, me meooooow mew meoow meeeeoow mew meow, mew meeoow meow

her when she sleeps.

mew meow mew meeoow.

"In our nursery," writes a lady correspondent, "there was always a cat, "Me mew meeeeoow," meeeow m meow meeeeeeeeoow, "meoow mew meeoow m mew,

which was the favourite companion of the children, submitting to many meow mew mew meeeeoow meoooooow me mew meeeeoow, meeeeoow me meow

indignities which a dog would scarcely have endured with so much patience. meooooooooow meow m mew meow meooooow meow meooooow meow me meow meeeeoow.

One handsome tabby cat, named by us children Roland the Brave, used to

Mew meeeeeeow meow mew, meow me me meeeeeeow Meeow mew Meeow, meow me

hold his place in front of the nursery fire, with the utmost patience and
meow mew meow me meow me mew meeeeeeow meow, meow mew meow meeeeeeow mew

good-humour, in spite of kettles boiling over on him, nursery-maids
meow-meeow, me meow me meow meow meow meow me mew, meeeow-meeow

treading on his paws and tail, and children teasing him in every possible
meeeeeeow me mew meow mew meow, mew meow meow meeeeeeow mew me meow meow meow

way."

mew."

"The tom-cat which I have at present," says another, "keeps my children
"Mew mew-mew meow M meow me meeeow," meow meeeow, "meow me meeeow

company in their walks, and is indeed more careful of them than the maid,
meeeow me meow meow, mew me meow meow meeeow me meow meow mew meow,

who sometimes has forgotten her duty so far as to leave the perambulator
mew meeeow meow mew meeeow meow mew meow me mew me me meow mew meeeow meow

to look after itself, while she is talking and laughing with a tall man in
me meow meow meow, meow mew me meeeow mew meeeow meow m meow mew me

red. But Tom is not so thoughtless, and sticks close by the children,
mew. Mew Mew me mew me meeeow meow, mew meeeow meow me mew meeeow,

showing signs of anger when any one approaches. He seems, moreover, imbued
meow meow meow meow meow mew mew meeeeeeow. Me meow, meeeow, meow

with the idea, that the every-day food of that domestic quadruped, the
meow mew meow, meow mew meow-mew meow me meow meeeow meeeow, mew

dog, is babies, and, if any one is foolish enough to come snuffing round
mew, me meow, mew, me mew mew me meeeow meow me meow meeeow meow

the perambulator, Tom mounts him at once, and proceeds forthwith to
mew meeeow meow, Mew meeeow mew me meow, mew meeeow meeeow me

sharpen his claws in his hide. On one occasion when my family were absent
meow meow mew meow me mew meow. Me mew meeeow meow me meeeow meow meow

for a few days, Tom was so disconsolate that he refused to take his food.
mew m mew meow, Mew mew me meeeow meow me meow meow meow mew meow.

To show his love for the children, I made the remark to Tom, in presence
Me meow mew meow mew mew meeeow, M meow mew meeeow me Mew, me meeeow

of some friends, that baby was in the cradle; the cat jumped up and went
me meow meeeow, meow meow mew me mew meeeow; mew mew meeeow me mew meow

directly towards it, and examined it, then returned mewing most mournfully

meeeeeeow meeeoow me, mew meeeooow me, meow meooooow meoow meow meeoowooow

because of the disappointment."

meeeeow me mew meooooooooooow."

Pussy's love for babies is always very noticeable. In fact, with very
Meeow'm meow mew meoow me meeoow meow meeeeeeeow. Me meow, meow meow

little training, she may be taught, if not to nurse, at least to mind, the
meoow meeeeeow, mew mew me meeeow, me mew me meoow, me meoow me meow, mew

baby. I know a cat which, as soon as the child is placed in its little
meow. M meow m mew meoow, me meow me mew meeoow me meeoow me mew meeeow

cot, lays itself gently down at its back; and this is not for sake of
mew, meow meeoow meeoow meow me mew meow; mew meow me mew mew meow me

warmth and comfort, as some may allege, but from pure love of baby. For
meeoow mew meeoow, me meow mew meeeow, mew meow meow meow me meow. Mew

pussy lies perfectly still as long as the child sleeps; but whenever she
meoow meow meeeeeoow meoow me meow me mew meeoow meeeow; mew meeeeeow mew

awakes, even before she cries, the cat jumps down and runs to tell her
meoow, meow meoow mew meoow, mew mew meeoow meow mew meow me meow mew

mistress, runs back to the cradle, and, with her forefeet on the edge,
meooooow, meow meow me mew meeoow, mew, meow mew meooooow me mew meow,

looks alternately at baby and its mother, mewing entreatingly until the
meow meeeooooooooow me meow mew mew meoow, meoow meeeeeooooooooow meow mew

child is lifted. Contented now, it throws itself at the mother's feet, and
meow me meeeow. Meeeeeow mew, me meeeow meeeow me mew meoow'm meow, mew

goes quietly off to sleep. Another cat I know of, that goes regularly to
meow meeeeeow mew me meoow. Meeeeow mew M meow me, meow meow meeeeeeeow me

the harvest-field, with its mistress and a young child. The cat remains
mew meooooow-meeow, meow mew meooooow mew m meoow meow. Mew mew meeeeeow

with the child all day, guarding him and amusing him by playing at
meow mew meoow mew mew, meooooow mew mew meeeeeow mew me meeeeeow me

hide-and-seek with him, until evening, when the mother, who has only
meow-mew-meow meow mew, meeoow meeeoow, meow mew meeeow, mew mew meow

visited her child two or three times during the day, returns, generally to
meeeeeow mew meeoow mew me meeoow meoow meoow mew mew, meeeeeow, meooooow me

find baby and puss asleep in each other's arms.

meow meow mew meow meeeow me meow meeoow'm meow.

Cats too not only mourn the absence of their little master or mistress,

Meow mew mew meow meow mew meeeow me meow meow meow me meeeow,

but will try to follow them if they can.

mew meow mew me meow meow me meow mew.

"A certain party of my acquaintance," says a lady, "had a large cat called
"M meeeow meow me me meeeow," meow m meow, "mew m meow mew meow

Tabby, who was a great favourite with all the family. Tabby seemed to
Meow, mew mew m meow meeeow meow mew mew meow. Meow meow me

reciprocate the attachment of the different members, but its fondness for
meeeow mew meeeow me mew meeeow meow, mew mew meow mew

the youngest daughter was something wonderful. It would follow her about
mew meow meeeow mew meeeow meow. Me meow meow mew meow

wherever she went, and if she ever left home for a short time, poor pussy
meow mew meow, mew me mew meow meow meow mew m meow meow, meow meow

seemed quite wretched until her return. At one time the child went to
meow meow meow meow meow mew meow. Me mew meow mew meow meow me

reside for two months, with some friends many miles distant. You may fancy
meow mew mew meow, meow meow meow meow meow meow. Mew mew meow

her surprise and delight when one morning, after she had been about a
mew meeeow mew meeeow meow mew meow, meow mew mew meow meow m

week in her new residence, in marches her dear friend and companion
meow me mew mew meow, me meeeow mew meow meeeow mew meeeow

Mistress Tabby, and nothing could induce her to leave again. Pussy took up
Meeeow Meow, mew meow meow meow mew me meow meow. Meow meow me

her abode with the girl, stuck by her all the time, and at the end of the
mew meow meow mew meow, meow me mew mew mew meow, mew me mew mew me mew

visit faithfully accompanied her back to their home."
meow meeeow meeeow mew meow me meow meow."

A woman, whom I know, has a tom-cat, which watches constantly by the
M meow, meow M meow, mew m mew-mew, meow meow meeeow me mew

baby's cradle, when its mistress is absent. One day, when hanging up some
meow'm meow, meow mew meeeow me meeeow. Mew mew, meow meeeow me meow

clothes in the garden, she became suddenly aware of an awful row going on
meow me mew meow, mew meow meeeow meow me me meow mew meow me

in the room she had just left. She entered, just in time to see Tom riding

me mew meow mew mew meow meow. Mew meeeoow, meow me meow me mew Mew meooow
a large shepherd's collie round the room, and back again, and finally out
m meoow meeeeoow'm meeoow meow mew meow, mew meow meeoow, mew meooow mew
at the door. Tom was a most cruel jockey, sparing neither bit(e) nor spur,
me mew meow. Mew mew m meow meeoow meeeow, meeeeoow meeoow mew(m) mew meow,
as the howls of the unhappy collie fully testified. That dog hasn't been
me mew meoow me mew meeoow meeeow meoow meeeeeeow. Meow mew meow'm meow
seen in the immediate vicinity since.
meow me mew meeoowooow meooowoo meoow.

The cat, mentioned in the following anecdote, was surely worthy of the
Mew mew, meooowooow me mew meeeeeeow meeeeoow, mew meooow meoow me mew

Humane Society's bronze medallion, as much as any Newfoundland ever was.
Meeoow Meeooow'm meeeow meeeooow, me meow me mew Meeeeeooowooow meow mew.

A certain lady's little son was ill of scarlet fever. The period of
M meeeeoow meow'm meooow mew mew mew me meeoow meoow. Mew meooow me

inflammation and danger was just over, but the poor child was unable to
meeeeoowooow mew meooow mew meow meow, mew mew meow meeoow mew meooow me

sit or stand. Through all his illness, he had been carefully watched by a
mew me meeoow. Meeeoow mew mew meeeeoow, me mew meow meeeeeeow meooow me m

faithful tom-cat, who seldom ever left his bedside by night or by day; for
meooowooow mew-mew, mew meeeow meow meow mew meeeeoow me meeoow me me mew; mew

Tom dearly loved the little fellow, who, though now so still and quiet,
Mew meeeow meoow mew meeoow meooow, mew, meooow mew me meoow mew meoow,

used to lark and roll with him on the parlour floor. But since his little
meow me meow mew meow meow mew me mew meeoow meoow. Mew meoow mew meeeow

master's illness, Tom had never been known to make the slightest attempt
meooow'm meeeeoow, Mew mew meeoow meow meeoow me meow mew meeeeeeow meeeeoow

at fun. One day, the child was taken by its mother from bed, and laid on
me mew. Mew mew, mew meoow mew meeoow me mew meeoow meow mew, mew meow me

the cool sofa by way of change; and when he had fallen asleep she gently
mew meow meow me mew me meooow; mew meow me mew meooow meeeow mew meooow

left the room, Tom being on guard as usual. She had not been gone many
meow mew meow, Mew meoow me meoow me meeoow. Mew mew mew meow meow meow

minutes, and was engaged in some household duties, when Tom entered,

meooooow, mew mew meeeeow me meow meooooooow meooooow, meow Mew meooooow,
squirrel-tailed and mewing most piteously, looking up into her face, and
meooooow-meooooow mew meeeow meow meeeeeeeow, meeeeow me meow mew meow, mew
then running to the door, plainly entreating his mistress to hurry along
meow meooooow me mew meow, meeeoow meeeeeeoow mew meeeeow me meoow meoow
with him. It was well she did so. Poor Tom ran before her to the room in
meow mew. Me mew meow mew mew me. Meow Mew mew meooooow mew me mew meow me
which she had left her boy, when she found that, in attempting to get up,
meeow mew mew meow mew mew, meow mew meoow meow, me meooooooow me mew me,
the child had fallen on the floor along with the rugs in such a position,
mew meoow mew meooooow me mew meoow meoow meow mew meow me meow m meeeeow,
that death from suffocation would have inevitably followed, but for the
meow meoow meow meeeooooooow meow meow meooooooow meeeeow, mew mew mew
timely aid summoned by this noble tom-cat.
meeoow mew meeeeow me meow meow mew-mew.

I think I have said enough to prove how fond pussy is of children, and how
M meoow M meow meow meeoow me meoow mew meow meeoow me me meeeeow, mew mew
forbearing towards them; and surely this trait in her character should
meeeeeeoow meeeeow meow; mew meeoow meow meoow me mew meooooooow meooooow
endear her to us all. But I do thoroughly deprecate pussy's being made a
meeeow mew me me mew. Mew M me meooooooow meeeeeeoow meeoow'm meoow meow m
plaything of, whether she be cat or kitten. It is exceedingly cruel of
meooooooow me, meooooow mew me mew me meeeow. Me me meeeeeooooow meeoow me
parents to allow it, and is taking an unfair advantage of the cat's
meooooow me meeoow me, mew me meooooow me meeoow meooooooow me mew mew'm
good-nature and sense. The way she is lugged about, and tormented by some
meow-meooooow mew meeoow. Mew mew mew me meeoow meoow, mew meeeeeeoow me meow
children, is very prejudicial to her health and appearance. It often does
meeeeow, me meow meooooooow me mew meooooow mew meeeooooow. Me meoow meow
her grievous bodily harm, injures her heart and lungs, and stops her
mew meeeeoow meooooow meow, meeeeow mew meeoow mew meoow, mew meoow mew
growth, even if it does not induce paralysis and consequent death. Let
meeeow, meow me me meow mew meooooow meeeeeeoow mew meooooooow meeoow. Mew
your children love pussy, pussy loves your children; only kindly point out
meow meeeeeeoow meow meeoow, meoow meoow meow meeeeow; meow meeoow meeoow mew
to them the essential difference between a play_thing_ and a play_mate_.

me meow mew meooooooooow meeeeeeeow meeoow m meeeeeooooow mew m meeeeeeeow.

CHAPTER IV.
MEOOOW ME.

[_See Note D, Addenda._]
[mEow Meow M, Meeooow.m]

PUSSY "POLL."
MEOOW "MEOW."

The following sketch of cat-life is contributed by one who loves "all
Mew meooooooooow meeeow me mew-meow me meeeeeooooow me mew mew meow "mew
things both great and small." We give it in extenso.
meeeow meow meow mew meow." Me meow me mew meeeooow.

Even supposing it to be endowed with the nine lives ascribed to the race,
Meow meeeeeooow me me me meeeow meow mew meow meow meeeooow me mew meow,

was it at all probable that I would be successful in rearing to mature
mew me me mew meeeeoow meow M meow me meeeeeeoow me meeoow me meeeow

cathood that dripping little wretch?
meeeooow meow meeeeoow meeeow meooow?

Such was the question, which not without doubt, I asked myself while

Meow mew mew meeeooow, meow mew meeeooow meow, M meow meeeow meow

attempting to dry a kitten, some two weeks old, which I had just saved
meeeeeeow me mew m meeeow, meow mew meow mew, meow M mew meow meow

from death in a neighbouring horsepond. Arrived at home, I put in practice
meow meow me m meooooooooow meeeooooow. Meeeeeow me meow, M mew me meeeeoow

as many of the Royal Humane Society's rules for the treatment of the
me meow me mew Meeow Meeoow Meooooow'm meow mew mew meeeooooow me mew

apparently drowned, as I found applicable to the case in hand, and soon
meeeooooow meeeoow, me M meow meeeeeeooow me mew meow me meow, mew meow

had the satisfaction of seeing my charge, comfortably sleeping in a bed
mew mew meeeooooooooow me meeeow me meeeow, meooooooooow meeeoow me m mew

prepared in an old cap, by the fireside. Not less successful were my
meeeeoow me me mew mew, me mew meeeeoow. Mew meow meooooooooow meow me

efforts at nursing, and in a few weeks, Poll, for so I named my pet, had
meeeeoow me meeeow, mew me m mew meeeow, Meow, mew me M meow me mew, mew

grown to be the daintiest thing possible; the very impersonation of
meow me me mew meooooooooow meow meeeeeeow; mew meow meeeeeeeeeooooow me

mischievous and fun, without thought or care, from morn till night, except
meeeooooow mew mew, meeeeoow meeeeoow me meow, meow meow meow meow, meooooow

that of--
meow me--

"Turning to mirth all things of earth,
"Meooooow me meow mew meeeow me meow,

As only kittens can."
Me meow meeeeoow mew."

Time passed on, however, and with years, or rather months, came troubles,
Meow meooooow me, meeeeoow, mew meow meow, me meeeow meeeow, meow meooooow,

one of the first causes of which to puss was a mirror. To her it was a
mew me mew meeeow meeeow me meow me meow mew m meooooow. Me mew me mew m

mystery which cost many hours of deep thought and serious study; but never
meooooow meow meow meow meeeow me meow meeeeoow mew meeeeoow meow; mew meow

could she understand why the cat which was always visible in front could
meow mew meeeeeeoow mew mew mew meeeow mew meeeow meeeooooow me meow meow

neither be seen, felt, nor heard, behind the glass.

meeeeow me meow, meow, mew meow, meeeow mew meow.

Numerous experiments were made to solve the puzzle; but the most common Meooooow meeeeeeeow meow meow me meow mew meoooo; mew mew meow meoooo

one was for Poll to seat herself in front of the mirror and critically mew mew mew Meow me meow meeeow me meow me mew meeeow mew meeeeeooow

examine her _vis-à-vis_. The thing seeming so real, she next would give meoooo mew meow-m-meow. Mew meow meoooo me meow, mew meow meow mew

the glass a pat with her paw, and run round to the back; but nothing being mew meow m mew meow mew mew, mew mew meow me mew meow; mew meoooo mew

found there, one paw was then put in front and the other kept behind. She meow meow, mew mew mew meow mew me meow mew mew meow meow meeeow. Mew

would then peep round into the glass, and still seeing puss there, would meow meow meow meow meow mew meow, mew meow meoooo meow meow, meow

renew her efforts to catch her. This was repeated almost daily for some meow mew meeeow me meow mew. Meow mew meeeooow meeeow meow mew meow

time; but at last puss seemed to have resolved that the mystery should meow; mew me meow meow meeeow me meow meeeeeow meow mew meoooo meow

remain one no longer, so struck at her opponent with full force, and of meoooo mew me meeeow, me meeeow me mew meeeeeow meow meow meow, mew me

course seemed to receive a blow in return. In an instant Poll sprang to meeeow meeeow me meoooo m meow me meeeow. Me me meoooo Meow meeeow me

her feet and assumed a position of defiance; but her foe, nothing loath mew meow mew meoooo m meoooo me meoooo; mew mew mew, meeeow meow

for the fray, was equally ready. A moment's pause, and puss hurled herself mew mew meow, mew meoooo meow. M meoooo'm meow, mew meow meoooo meoooo

on her foe. There was a crash. A cat rushed wildly out of the door, and I me mew mew. Meow mew m meow. M mew meeeow meeeow mew me mew meow, mew M

proceeded to gather fragments of a mirror from off the floor. meeeeeooow me meeeow meeeeeooow me m meeeow meow mew mew meow.

At meal-times, puss regularly seated herself on my shoulder, and waited Me meow-meow, meow meeeeeooow meeeow meeeow me me meeeeoow, mew meeeow

patiently for what she considered her due proportion; but if I seemed to meeeeeeoow mew meow mew meeeeeooow mew mew meeeeeooow; mew me M meoooo me

neglect her, she gently reminded me of her presence by patting my cheek

meooooow mew, mew meeeow meooooow me me mew meeeeoow me meooooow me meow

with her paw. If that was not sufficient, the paw was pressed on my cheek, meow mew mew. Me meow mew mew meeeeeeeow, mew mew mew meooooow me me meow,

the claws slowly protruded, and my face drawn round towards her. Success mew meow meeeow meeeooooow, mew me meow meow meow meooooow mew. Meeoooo

invariably attended this manœuvre; and after receiving her share, she meeeeeeoow meooooow meow meooooow; mew meow meeeooooow mew meow, mew

thanked me by rubbing her head against my cheek, and licking my face. meeeow me me meooooow mew meow meeeow me meow, mew meeeow me meow.

In due course a young family of kittens appeared; but of course they all, Me mew meeeow m meow meeeow me meeeow meeeeeow; mew me meeeow meow mew,

save one, met the fate from which I had saved their mother. With the meow mew, mew mew meow meow meow M mew meow meow meooow. Meow mew

family came family cares. Soon the kitten was old enough to begin to meeeow meow meooow meeeow. Meow mew meooow mew mew meeeow me meow me

receive its education, and then mice at any time, varied occasionally with meeeeoow mew meoooooow, mew meow meow me mew meow, meeoow meeeooooooooow meow

a rat or two were to be found lying about the floor. As the kitten got m mew me mew meow me me meow meeeow meeeow mew meeeow. Me mew meeeow mew

older, and was able to be left for longer periods alone, Poll extended her meeeow, mew mew meow me me meow mew meooow meeeoow meow, Meow meeeeoow mew

hunting excursions: one morning she brought home four or five young meooooow meooooooooow: mew meeeeoow mew meooooow meow meow me meow meeeow

partridges, and the following day one of the parent birds. The next great meeeeeeoow, mew mew meeeeoow mew mew me mew meooow meow. Mew meow meow

hunt produced as many young rabbits, and although to such games I had no meow meeeooooow me meow meeeow meeeoow, mew meooooow me meow meow M mew me

great objection to offer; yet, when frogs, toads, or lizards were the meeeow meeeeoow me meow; mew, meow meeeow, meeeow, me meeeoow meow mew

produce of a day's sport, as was sometimes the case, I did protest. meeeoow me m mew'm meeeow, me mew meeeeoow mew meow, M mew meeeoow.

On one occasion, while the kitten was playing out of doors, it was pursued Me mew meeeeoow, meeeow mew meeeow mew meeeoow mew me meow, me mew meeeoow

by a dog belonging to a neighbour, but escaped through a hole in a wall

me m mew meeeeoow me m meooooow, mew meoooo meeeow m meow me m meow

close by. Poll, who at some distance had seen the whole affair, at once meow me. Meow, mew me meow meeeeoow mew meow mew meow meeeow, me meow

darted to her kitten's side, and did her best to quiet its fears, telling meoow me mew meeoow'm meow, mew mew mew meow me meeoow mew meeoow, meeoow

it, doubtless, that she would take an early opportunity of teaching that me, meeeeoow, meow mew meeoow meow me meeoow meeeeeeow me meeeow meow

dog better manners. The opportunity was not long wanting. Next day the dog mew meoow meeeow. Mew meooooooooow mew mew meow meooooow. Meow mew mew mew

again passing, was noticed by puss, who ran and hid behind a corner, near meow meeoow, mew meeoow me meow, mew mew mew mew meeeow m meeeow, meow

which he would come, and there waited his approach. Just as he turned she meow me meeoow meow, mew meoow meeeow mew meeeeoow. Meow me me meeoow mew

sprung on his head, and with teeth and claws took hold so firm that he in meoow me mew meow, mew meow meoow mew meoow meow meow me meow meow me me

vain endeavoured to shake her off. Going to his assistance, I with meow meeeeoow me meeoow mew mew. Meow me mew meeeeoow, M meow

considerable difficulty disengaged puss, but not before his head was badly meooooooooow meeeeeeow meeeeeeow meow, mew mew meoow mew meow mew meow

torn.
meow.

But although thus ready to do battle when occasion required, puss knew Mew meooooow meow meeoow me me meeeow meow meooooow meeeeoow, meow meow

also how to evade a foe when so inclined.
meow mew me meeoow m mew meow me meooooow.

Always treating the game-laws with that respect of which they are worthy, Meoow meeeeoow mew meow-meow meow meow meooooow me meeoow meow mew meoow,

puss was of course never disturbed in her rambles by gamekeepers; and so meow mew me meoow meeoow meeeeoow me mew meeeow me meeeeoow; mew me

'twas quite an accident when, being in the middle of a field, she was 'meow meeoow me meeeeoow meow, meeoow me mew meeeow me m meeoow, mew mew

chased by a dog belonging to one. Possibly on that particular morning she meeoow me m mew meooooow me mew. Meooooow me meow meeeeoow meeoow mew

may have remembered that "discretion is the better part of valour;" and

mew meow meeeeeeeow meow "meooooooow me mew meooow meow me meeeow;" mew

so, when she saw the dog coming, she made for the cliffs, by which on one me, meow mew mew mew mew meooow, mew meow mew mew meeoow, me meow me mew

side the field was bounded. But the dog was swift, and ere half the meow mew meooow mew meeoow. Mew mew mew mew meooow, mew mew meow mew

distance was passed he was upon her. Just, however, as he was about to meeeeeow mew meooow me mew meow mew. Meow, meeeoow, me me mew meow me

seize her, she sprang on one side and stopped, the dog rushing forward meow mew, mew meooow me mew meow mew meooooow, mew mew meooooow meeeoow

some half dozen yards. While he was stopping and turning, she darted past, meow meow meeoow meeoow. Meeow me mew meeoow mew meeeow, mew meeoow meow,

and thus continued to elude him till the cliffs were reached. mew meow meeeeeeeow me meooow mew meow mew meeeow meow meeeoow.

While Poll and I were taking a walk one evening, a curious incident Meow Meow mew M meow meeeow m meow mew meooooow, m meooooow meeeeoow

occurred. A rook flying overhead seemed struck with some peculiarity about meeeeeow. M meow meeeow meeeeoow meeeow meooow meow meow meeeeeeeoow meow

puss; for suddenly checking himself in his flight, he circled once or meow; mew meooooow meooooow meeeeoow me mew meeeow, me meeeoow meow me

twice round us both, and apparently satisfied with the survey, darted away meeoow meow me meow, mew meeoowooooow meooooooow meow mew meeeow, meooow meow

to the opposite side of the field, where a large flock of rooks were me mew meeeeoow meow me mew meooow, meow m meeoow meeoow me meow meow

feeding. He took not time to alight, but gave several peculiar caws, in a meooooow. Me meow mew meow me meooow, mew meow meeeeoow meooooow meow, me m

tone which seemed to me expressive of great excitement. What his meow meeoow meeoow me me meeeeoow me meooow meeeeeeeow. Meow mew

communication was, I know not; but it seemed perfectly intelligible to the meeoowooooooow mew, M meow mew; mew me meooow meeoowoooo meeeeoowoooo me mew

other rooks, which instantly took wing, and, following him as their meow meow, meow meeeeoow meow meow, mew, meeoowoooo mew me meeoow

leader, bore down on puss, who by this time had mounted on the top of a meeoow, meow meow me meow, mew me meow meow mew meooooow me mew mew me m

fence, and was quietly taking a survey of the surrounding scenery. At meeoow, mew mew meeeeoow meeoow m meooow me mew meeeeoow meeeeoow. Me

first I expected to see them attempt to carry her off bodily; but if such

meow M meeeoow me mew meow meooooow me meeow mew mew meeoow; mew me meow

was their intention, none of them had sufficient courage to begin the
mew meow meeeeoow, meow me meow mew meeeooooow meeeow me meow mew

attack. Sometimes, indeed, one bolder than the rest would make a near
meeow. Meooooow, meeeow, mew meeoow meow mew meow meeow meow m meow

approach; but, as on these occasions puss endeavoured to make a capture,
meeeeoow; mew, me me meoow meeeeoow meow meeeeoow me meow m meeeow,

they preferred keeping at a safe distance. For fully five minutes they
meow meooooow meeeow me m meow meooooow. Mew meow meow meooooow meow

thus continued to circle around, filling the air with a perfect Babel of
meow meeeooooow me meoow meoow, meooooow mew mew meow m meeeow Meeow me

sound, and then, as suddenly departed as they had come.
meow, mew meow, me meeeeoow meooooow me meow mew meow.

This was almost the last adventure of note which we two had together.
Meow mew meeeow mew meow meeeeoow me meow meeow me mew mew meeeeoow.

Shortly after, having to remove to a distant part of the country, where I
Meooooow meow, meoow me meeeow me m meeeow meow me mew meeeow, meow M

could not take my darling with me, it became necessary either to leave her
meeow mew meow me meooooow meow me, me meeeow meeeeoow meeeow me meow mew

with some acquaintance or destroy her. With increasing years, her temper,
meow meow meeeeoow me meooooow mew. Meow meooooow meeeow, mew meoow,

never good towards strangers, did not improve, and being afraid that if I
meow meow meeeow meeeeoow, mew mew meooooow, mew meeow meeoow meow me M

left her behind me she might be subjected to bad treatment, I determined
meow mew meoow me mew meeow me meooooow me mew meeeeoow, M meeeooooow

to adopt the course which seemed the lesser of two evils. On the day of my
me meow mew meoow meow meeeow mew meeoow me mew meeow. Me mew mew me me

departure, we paid a last visit to the ocean.
meeeeoow, me meow m meow meeow me mew meeow.

"A splash, a plunge, and all was o'er,--
"M meoow, m meeoow, mew mew mew m'me,--

The billows rolled on as they rolled before;"
Mew meeoow meoow me me meow meeeow meoow;"

and puss, my most pleasant companion and faithful friend, had met the fate

mew meow, me meow meooooow meeeeeooow mew meooooow meeoow, mew mew mew meow

from which I saved her so many years before. "_Sic est vita._"
meow meow M meow mew me meow meow meeeow. "mEow mew meow.m"

CHAPTER V.
MEEEEOW M.

[_See Note E, Addenda._]
[mEow Meow M, Meooooow.m]

SAGACITY OF CATS.
MEEEEOW ME MEOW.

Few people now-a-days think of denying, that man's noble friend the dog
Mew meooow mew-m-meow meow me meeoow, meow mew'm meeoow meeeow mew mew

possesses a large amount, of what can only be termed reason. I myself
meooooow m meow meeoow, me meow mew meow me meeeow meeeow. M meooow

believe, that almost every animal does; but in these pages I shall only
meooooow, meow meooow meow meooow meow; mew me meeoow meow M meow meow

claim the gift for our mutual friend, the domestic cat. Reason, I
meow mew meow mew mew meeeow meeoow, mew meooooow mew. Meooow, M

consider, is quite different from mere instinct. Instinct is born in an
meeoow, me meow meeeeeow meow meow meeoow. Meooooow me meow me me

animal; reason is that instinct matured by experience.
meooow; meeoow me meow meeoow meeoow me meeeeeooooow.

I hardly think that you can find a more sagacious animal than the cat. I

M meeoow meow meow mew mew meow m meow meeeeeeeow meeeow meow mew mew. M

doubt, indeed, if the dog is; for pussy's peculiar mode of existence, the meoow, meooow, me mew mew me; mew meoow'm meeoowow meow me meeeeeeeow, mew

many enemies she has to encounter, and the struggle she often has to meow meeeow mew mew me meeeeeeeow, mew mew meoowow mew meow mew me

obtain sustenance sufficient to keep life in her poor little body, bring meeoow meeeowow meeeowow me meow meow me mew meow meeoow meow, meoow

all her faculties into better play, and tend to the development of her mew mew meeeowow meow meooow meow, mew meow me mew meeeeeeeow me mew

reasoning powers.
meeeowow meeoow.

Before you can fully fathom, what a wonderfully clever and wise creature Meeoow mew mew meeoow meeoow, meow m meeeowowow meooow mew meow meeeowow

even the commonest cat is, you must study her life in every phase, both meow mew meeoowow mew me, mew meow meeoow mew meow me meeoow meow, meow

out of doors and at the fireside. No relation of mere sporadic acts of mew me meoow mew me mew meeeowow. Me meoowow me meow meoowow meow me

sagacity, such as unfastening a door to get out, breaking a window to get meeeowow, meow me meeeeeeeow m meow me mew mew, meeoowow m meeoow me mew

in, or pulling a bell-rope to call the servant, can do justice to pussy's me, me meeeow m meow-meow me meow mew meeeow, mew me meeoow me meow'm

wisdom. Everything she does has a reason for it, and all her plans are meooow. Meeeowow mew meow mew m meeeow mew me, mew mew mew meeoow mew

properly schemed and thought out beforehand, for she never fails to look meoowow meeeow mew meeeow mew meeeeeeeow, mew mew meow meow me meow

before she leaps. Why, my reader, with all due respect to your meeoow mew meow. Mew, me meeeow, meow mew mew meeoow me meow

intellectual powers, if you were to be changed into a cat for four and meeeeeeeowow meooow, me mew meow me me meeeow meow m mew mew meow mew

twenty hours, and had a cat's routine of pleasure and duty to perform, meooow meeoow, mew mew m mew'm meoowow me meeoowow mew meow me meeeow,

with all your wisdom you would be as dead as a dried haddock before meow mew meow meooow mew meow me me meow me m meeoow meeeow meeoow

sun-down. Let us try to imagine one day in a cat's life.
mew-meow. Mew me mew me meoowow mew mew me m mew'm meow.

Pussy wakes in the morning as fresh as a daisy, for she has slept the

Meeow meeow me mew meeeoow me meeow me m meeow, mew mew mew meeow mew

sleep of the just and temperate. She finds she has been shut into the
meow me mew meow mew meeeeeeow. Mew meoow mew mew meow meow meow mew

parlour; but, though it is broad day-light, the family won't be stirring
meeeeow; mew, meeoow me me meeow mew-meeow, mew meeeeow mew'm me meeeeoow

yet for another hour. A long weary hour for puss, although she has the
mew mew meeeeow meow. M meow meeow meow mew meow, meeeeoow mew mew mew

patience of Job.
meeeeoow me Mew.

"Now," she thinks, "if a mouse would only pop out from under the fender;
"Mew," mew meeeeow, "me m meeow meoow meow mew mew meow meoow mew meeoow;

sometimes one does." But watching won't bring it; so she jumps upon the
meeeeeeow mew meow." Mew meeeeoow mew'm meeow me; me mew meoow meow mew

window-sill, and gets behind the blind to gaze out at the bright morning,
meoow-meow, mew meow meeoow mew meeow me meow mew me mew meeeeow meoooow,

and watch the sparrows, and think of all she will do to-day. "At any
mew meoow mew meeeeow, mew meoow me mew mew meow me me-mew. "Me mew

rate," she muses, "I shan't be shut in here another night. So silly of me
meow," mew meoow, "M meow'm me meow me meow meeeeow meeow. Me meoow me me

to go to sleep before the fire! And, happy thought, I'll go and see--yes,
me me me meoow meoow mew meow! Mew, meoow meeeeow, M'me me mew mew--mew,

I must go and see--_him_ to-night; he'll be at the old thorn tree, I know,
M meow me mew mew--meoow me-meow; me'me me me mew mew meoow meow, M meow,

dear, _dear_, Tom."
meow, meeoow, Mew."

The hour has worn away, and at last Mary comes to "do out the room." "N.B.
Mew meow mew meow meow, mew me meow Meow meeow me "me mew mew meow." "M.M.

Stand by to bolt through between her ugly legs. Done--successful." Now
Meeow me me meow meeeoow meeeeow mew meow meow. Meow--meeeeeeoow." Mew

upstairs to mew hungrily at her mistress's door--that ensures a cuddle;
meeeeoow me mew meeeeoow me mew meeeeow'm meow--meow meeeoow m meeoow;

and so pussy sings while her mistress dresses. Down to breakfast at last.
mew me meoow meoow meeow mew meeeeow meeeeow. Meow me meoooooow me meow.

Soles. Oh! she doats on soles. But why does her mistress get up and leave

Meeow. Me! mew meeow me meow. Mew mew meow mew meeeeeeow mew me mew meeow

her alone for a minute with the cream and the soles, and she so hungry
mew meow mew m meooow meow mew meeow mew mew meeow, mew mew me meeeow

too. What a chance to dip one paw in the cream-jug, or help herself to
mew. Meow m meeeow me mew mew mew me mew meooow-mew, me meow meooooow me

only just the tail of that inviting sole! But no, she won't; and she
meow meow mew meow me meow meooooow meow! Mew me, mew mew'm; mew mew

doesn't, though the temptation was very great. Then mistress returns,
meeow'm, meooow mew meeeooooow meooow meow meeow. Meow meeeooooow meeeooow,

and pussy is rewarded for her honesty with a delicious breakfast, and duly
mew meow me meeeooooow mew mew meeeeoow meow m meeeooooow meeeeoow, mew meow

purrs her grace after meat.
meow mew meeow meeow meow.

Two hours afterward she is in her mistress's boudoir alone. Oh! St.
Mew meeow meoooooow mew me me mew meeeeoow'm meooow meeow. Me! Me.

Anthony! Alone with the canary! Her eyes are drawn magnetically to the
Meeeoow! mEeoow meow mew meeooow!m Mew meow mew meooow meeeeeeeeoow me mew

cage, her mouth opens of its own accord, her teeth water, and
meow, mew meow meeow me mew mew meooow, mew meow meeow, mew

unconsciously she fires off a series of miniature mews, expressive of
meeeeeeeeeeoow mew meeow mew m meooow me meeeeeeoow meow, meeeeeeoow me

extreme desire. One little spring, and that beautiful bird would be hers.
meooow meooow. Mew meooow meooow, mew meow meoooooow meow meeow me meow.

But again she won't, she'll only just look at it; and if a cat may look at
Mew meow mew mew'm, mew'me meow meow meow me me; mew me m mew mew meow me

a king, surely, she may at a canary. Reader, have you ever eaten a canary?
m meow, meeeow, mew mew me m meooow. Meeeoow, meow mew meow meeow m meeeow?

A live canary, feathers and all? No! then I fear there is but little
M meow meooow, meeeeeow mew mew? Me! meow M meow meow me mew meeeow

chance of your giving pussy half the credit due to her, for resisting that
meeow me meow meeooow meeow meow mew meooow mew me mew, mew meeeooooow meow

sore temptation and letting birdie live.
meow meeeeeeoow mew meooow meooow meow.

But, rats and rabbits! what has pussy done now? While canary-gazing, she

Mew, meow mew meeeow! meow mew meow meow mew? Meeow meooow-meooow, mew

has been standing on the escritoire, and inadvertently spilled all her
mew meow meeeow me mew meeeowow, mew meeeowow meeeow mew mew

mistress's purple ink; and, to make matters worse, that young lady enters,
meeeow'm meeeow mew; mew, me meow meeeow meow, meow meow meow meeeow,

in time to witness the accident and see puss making a face at the canary.
me meow me meeeow mew meeeow mew mew meow meooow m meow me mew meeeow.

"Oh! you wicked, wicked, ungrateful cat!" Pussy flies and hides beneath
"Me! mew meooow, meeeow, meeeowow mew!" Meow meow mew meow meeeow

the sofa. Those cruel, unjust words, how they rankle in her breast! "She
mew meow. Meow meow, meooow meow, mew meow meeeow me mew meeeow! "Mew

will never never speak to her mistress again, nor to any one in the world,
meow meow meow meow me mew meeeow meow, mew me mew mew me mew meeeow,

not even to Tom. She will die beneath that sofa." So in doleful dumps she
mew meow me Mew. Mew meow mew meeeow meow meow." Me me meeeow meow mew

spends two whole hours. How very irksome! If her mistress would only speak
meeeow mew meow meow. Mew meow meeeow! Me mew meeeow meow meow meow

now, she might come out, perhaps; but she only knits, knits. Suddenly,
mew, mew meow meow mew, meeeow; mew mew meow meeeow, meow. Meeeow,

down rolls the ball of worsted. Hurrah! out pops puss like an animated
meow meow mew meow me meeeow. Meeow! mew meow meow meow me meeeow

arrow, and darts round and round the room after it like a mad thing. Her
meow, mew meow meow mew meow mew meow meow me meow m mew meeeow. Mew

mistress smiles, and pussy is up on her lap in an instant, singing for joy
meeeow meow, mew meow me me me mew mew me me meeeow, meeeow mew mew

because she is restored to favour.
meeeow mew me meeeow me meeeow.

Somehow, pussy in the afternoon accidentally finds herself in Farmer
Meeow, meow me mew meeeow meeeow meow meeeow me Meeow

Hodge's pigeon-loft. She has merely come to have a look at the pretty
Meow'm meeeow-meow. Mew mew meeeow meow me meow m meow me mew meeeow

creatures, being fond of that sort of thing. Hark! though, a footstep on
meeeow, meow meow me meow meow me meow. Meow! meeeow, m meeeow me

the ladder, and enter Farmer Hodge himself. Poor pussy's intentions in the

mew meeeow, mew meow Meeow Meow meeeeow. Meow meow'm meeeeeeeow me mew

pigeon-loft have been vilely misconstrued by that rude man, and she meeeow-meow meow meow meeeow meooooooooow me meow meow mew, mew mew

herself kicked right out of the gable-door--a fall of twenty feet at meooooow meooooow meow mew me mew meeeow-meow--m meow me meeeow meow me

least; however, she has the presence of mind to whirl round, and alights meow; meooooow, mew mew mew meooooow me meow me meeeow meow, mew meooooow

on her feet, and thus saves her neck. It is only a quarter of a mile to me mew meow, mew meow meow mew meow. Me me meow m meeeow me m meow me

run home; so she is off, hotly pursued by the farmer and his horrid mew meow; me mew me mew, meeeow meooooow me mew meeeow mew mew meeeow

collie. There is one tree on the way, and she gains it just in time to meeeow. Meow me mew meow me mew mew, mew mew meow me meow me meow me

save her back; and the ugly dog stops and barks up at her. A long way meow mew meow; mew mew meow mew meeeow mew meow me me mew. M meow mew

astern comes, puffing and blowing, the farmer himself, and when he arrives meooooow meow, meeeow mew meeeow, mew meeeow meeeow, mew meow me meeeow

he will stone her. One minute to get her breath; then down, flop on the me meow meow mew. Mew meeeow me mew mew meooooow; meow meow, meow me mew

back of the collie, jumps pussy. Round and round the tree she rides him meow me mew meeeow, meeeow meeeow. Meeeow mew meeeow mew meow mew meow mew

twice, then dismisses him howling. The dog runs back to his master, with a meeeow, meow meeeeeeeow mew meeeeeow. Mew mew meow meow me mew meeeow, meow m

bloody nose and one eye seriously damaged, while pussy, scot free, meeeow meow mew mew mew meeeeeeeow meeeow, meeeow meow, meow meow,

regains the shelter of her home, just in time for dinner. "Now, my little meeeeeow mew meeeeeow me mew meow, meow me meow mew meeeow. "Mew, me meeeow

lady," says pussy's mistress, about bed-time, "I see you are watching to meow," meow meeeow'm meeeeeow, meeeow mew-meow, "M mew mew mew meeeeeow me

get out, and indeed you mustn't; so come with me." A little deceit is mew mew, mew meeeow mew meeeow'm; me meow meow me." M meeeow meeeow me

absolutely necessary now, if pussy wants to gain her ends. After all, it meeeeeeeow meeeeeeeow mew, me meeeow meeeow me meow mew meow. Meeeow mew, me

is only policy; so pussy purring complacently accompanies her mistress to me meow meeeow; me meeeow meeeow meooooooooow meeeeeooooow mew meeeow me

her bed-room. But having duly sung the young lady asleep, she quietly mew mew-meow. Mew meeeow meow meow mew meeeow meow meeeow, mew meeeow

steals from her side and creeps to the window. Luckily, it is open.

meooow meow mew meow mew meooow me mew meeeow. Meeeeow, me me meow.

Fifteen feet is a tallish jump though; but she remembers that when Farmer Meeeoow meow me m meeoow meow meeeow; mew mew meeeeoow meow meow Meooow

Hodge gave her a hint to leave the pigeon-loft, she leaped twenty feet. Meeow meow mew m meow me meooow mew meeoow-meow, mew meeoow meooow meow.

She feels that hint on her rump even now; but here goes. She has done it, Mew meow meow meow me mew meow meow mew; mew meow meow. Mew mew meow me,

and is safe. Then what a delicious sense of freedom and prospective bliss! mew me meow. Meow meow m meeoow meow me meeeow mew meeeeoow meow!

And, hark! yonder is Tom's melodious voice in the distance, and pussy is Mew, meow! meeoow me Mew'm meeoow meow me mew meeeow, mew meow me

off in the moonlight to meet him, and she "won't go home till morning." mew me mew meeoow me meow mew, mew mew "mew'm me meow meow meeeow."

Cats are very sensitive to kindness, and are never ungrateful for benefits Meow mew meow meeeeoow me meeeow, mew mew meooow meeoow meow mew meeoow

received.
meeoow.

A certain labouring woman got a cat, to which she became greatly M meeoow meeoow meow mew m mew, me meooow mew meooow meooow

attached. When the time came round, for her absence for six weeks at meeoow. Meow mew meow meow meow, mew mew meooow mew mew meow me

harvest, in a distant part of the country, she took her cat, and the one meeeow, me m meooow meow me mew meeoow, mew meow mew mew, mew mew mew

kitten it was giving suck to, and gave it in charge of a brother who lived meeoow me mew meeoow meow me, mew meow me me meeeow me m meooow mew meow

three miles from her own village. But here poor pussy wasn't happy. The meow meow meow mew mew meeeow. Mew meow meow meow mew'm meow. Mew

children beat and otherwise annoyed her; so she returned to her own home meeeow meow mew meeoow meeeow mew; me mew meeoow me mew mew meow

in the village, leaving the kitten behind her. Finding the house shut up, me mew meeoow, meeoow mew meooow meooow mew. Meeeoow mew meow meow me,

she sought shelter in a kindly neighbour's house; and having established mew meeoow meeoow me m meooow meeeow'm meow; mew meeoow meeeeoow

herself in her new home, she set out for the house where she had left the

meeeeow me mew mew meow, mew mew mew mew mew meow meow mew mew meow mew

kitten. She did not attempt to remove it, however, but simply gave it suck meoow. Mew mew mew meeoow me meoow me, meeeow, mew meeoow meow me meow

and left again. Twice a day regularly, for three weeks, did this queer mew meow meow. Meeow m mew meeeooooow, mew meoow meow, mew meow meow

pussy trot those six long miles to suckle her kitten, until one day she meow meow meow mew meow meow me meoow mew meeeow, meow mew mew mew

found it drinking milk from a saucer. After this she never went back. On meow me meeeoow meow meow m meeeow. Meow meow mew meow meow meow. Me

her mistress's return from harvest, pussy again became her faithful mew meeeeeow'm meoow meow meooooow, meow meow meeeow mew meooooow

companion; clearly showing that although she was grateful to the meeeeoow; meeoow meeoow meow meeeeeow mew mew meeeeoow me mew

neighbour, she knew she did not belong to her. But every year pussy meeeeoow, mew meow mew mew mew meoow me mew. Mew meow meow meow

stayed all the harvest with her benefactress until the return of her meoow mew mew meeeow meow mew meeoooooooooow meow mew meoow me mew

mistress; and this habit she kept up all her life, fourteen years. meeoow; mew meow meow mew meow me mew mew meow, meeeeoow meow.

How do cats know certain days of the week, such as Saturday or Monday? Mew me meow meow meeeow meow me mew meow, meow me Meeeoow me Meoow?

A shopkeeper, whom I knew, had a nice Tom tabby, which he kept night and M meeeeoow, meow M meow, mew m meow Mew meow, meow me meow meow mew

day in his shop, to protect his wares from mice and rats. On Saturdays, mew me mew meow, me meeeow mew meow meow meow mew meow. Me Meeeoow,

Tom was allowed to accompany his master home, a distance of nearly a mile, Mew mew meeoow me meeeeoow mew meeoow meow, m meeoow me meeeow m meow,

and to remain at home until the following Monday. Pussy got used to this; mew me meeoow me meow meow mew meeeeoow Meeow. Meeow mew meow me meow;

and as the shop was always kept open until ten o'clock on Saturdays, Tom mew me mew meow mew meoow meow meow meow mew m'meoow me Meeooooow, Mew

used regularly to leave the place and go home fully three hours before his meow meeeeeow me meow mew meow mew me meow meow meow meoow meoow mew

master. On the Monday morning, he was always quite ready to accompany him

meeoow. Me mew Meooow meeeoow, me mew meooow meoow meow me meeeeoow mew

back again. When this cat grew a few years older, he began to tire of meow meow. Meow meow mew meow m mew meow meow, me meow me meow me

night duties. He, no doubt, thought he had done enough when he had been on meow meeoow. Me, me meow, meooooow me mew meow meeeow meow me mew meow me

guard all day. So to get off the night shift, he used to leave the shop meow mew mew. Me me mew mew mew meow meow, me meow me meow mew meow

when his master made signs of putting up the shutters. He would wait at a meow mew meooow meow meow me meeeow me mew meooooow. Me meow meow me m

convenient distance till his master came; but finding that he was meeeeoow meeeeoow meow mew meeeow meow; mew meeeow meow me mew

invariably captured and carried back, he fell upon another plan: he took meeeeoow meeeeoow mew meeeow meow, me meow meow meeoow meow: me meow

to leaving the shop an hour before closing time. His master used to meet me meeeow mew meow me meow meooow meooooow meow. Mew meooow meow me meow

him half-ways home, but never could put a finger on him. mew meow-meow meow, mew meow meow mew m meeeow me mew.

This same cat had been rescued from an ugly death, when quite a kitten, by Meow meow mew mew meow meooooow meow me meow meow, meow meow m meeeow, me

a son of his master. Tom was greatly attached to this boy. When the boy m mew me mew meooow. Mew mew meeeow meeeeoow me meow mew. Meow mew mew

grew to be a man, and only visited the house once a year, Tom still knew meow me me m mew, mew meow meeeow mew meow meow m meow, Mew meow meow

him, and manifested great delight in seeing him. mew, mew meoooooow meow meeeow me meeoow mew.

Cats, however, do not show the joy they feel on meeting again with a long Meow, meeeow, me mew meow mew mew meow meow me meeeow meow meow m meow

lost friend in so exuberant a manner as the dog. meow meeeow me me meoooooow m meeoow me mew mew.

On first seeing you they exhibit surprise, then quietly show how glad they Me meow meooow mew meow meeeow meeeeoow, meow meooooow meow mew meow meow

are by rubbing round you, singing, and following wherever you go, as if

mew me meeoow meow mew, meeoow, mew meeeeeeow meeoow mew me, me me
afraid of being again separated. A dog is a more excitable animal, and
meoow me meow meow meeeeoow. M mew me m meow meeoow meeoow, mew
more demonstrative in every way than the thoughtful pussy.
meow meooooooooow me meow mew meow mew meeeeeeow meow.

Every one knows how cats can open doors by jumping up and pressing down
Meow mew meow mew meow mew meow meow me meeeow me mew meeoow meow
the latch; this trick is more common in tortoise-shell cats than in any
mew meow; meow meow me meow meeoow me meeeow-meow meow meow me mew
others, and often descends from generation to generation.
meoow, mew meow meeeow meow meeeeoow me meeoow.

A lady's favourite cat the other day saved the life of her pet canary. The
M meow'm meeoow mew mew meow mew meow mew meow me mew mew meoow. Mew
door of the bird's cage having been by some accident left open, Dickie
meow me mew meow'm meow meoow meow me meow meeeow meow meow, Meeow
flew out, and at once made for the outside door, which happened to be
meow mew, mew me meow meow mew mew meeoow meow, meow meeoow me me
open. The cat, however, immediately gave chase, and captured the bird in
meow. Mew mew, meeoow, meeoowooooow meow meow, mew meeoow mew meow me
the lobby. Tom at once returned, and placed the poor bird--half dead with
mew meow. Mew me meow meeoow, mew meeoow mew meow meow--meow meow meow
fright--at his mistress's feet.
meeoow--me mew meeoow'm meow.

I know of a cat--not at all a moral specimen--that took a fancy to eat one
M meow me m mew--mew me mew m meow meeeeoow--meow meow m meow me mew mew
of her master's rabbits. Knowing that she could not well do this within
me mew meoow'm meeoow. Meeoow meow mew meow mew meow me meow meeoow
sight of the dwelling-house, she managed to chase one, or rather walk one,
meow me mew meeoow-meow, mew meeoow me meow mew, me meeoow meow mew,
for she was too wise to hurry it, nearly a quarter of a mile from the
mew mew mew mew meow me meow me, meoow m meeoow me m meow meow mew
house. She was just beginning her feast when discovered.

meow. Mew mew meow meeeooooow mew meoow meow meooooooooow.

A cat that dwelt in an outhouse, was seen one day to deliberately take a
M mew meow meoow me me meeeeeeow, mew meow mew mew me meeeeeeeeeooooow meow m

portion of her dinner, and place it in front of a mouse-hole in a corner.
meeeooooow me mew meeeow, mew meeeow me me meoow me m meoow-meow me m meeeow.

She then retired to a distance, and set herself to watch. Not many
Mew meow meooooow me m meeeeeeow, mew mew meeeooooow me meoow. Mew meow

minutes after, a fine plump mouse came out, gave one look round, and
meeeeeeow meoow, m meow meeeow meeeow meow mew, meow mew meow meoow, mew

seeing nothing suspicious, commenced to eat the crumbs; while doing so,
meeeooooow meeeeeeow meeeeeeooooow, meeeooooow me mew mew meeeow; meeeow meoow me,

pussy sprang upon and captured it easily.
meeeow meeeow meow mew meeeeeeow me meeeow.

It is a common custom in the north of Scotland, and I suppose is so in
Me me m meooooow meooooow me mew meoow me Meeooooow, mew M meeeooooow me me me

other places, for the household cat regularly to attend at the milking of
meeeow meeeow, mew mew meeeeeeooooow mew meeeeeeooooow me meooooow me mew meeeeeeow me

the cows, and to receive her allowance squirted directly from the cow's
mew meow, mew me meeeeeeow mew meooooooooow meeeeeeow meeeeeeow meow mew mew'm

pap. No matter to what distance it is sent, pussy will adroitly stem the
mew. Me meooooow me meow meooooooooow me me meow, meoow meow meeeeeeow meow mew

current with open mouth, and eyes closed with delight.
meooooow meow meow meoow, mew meow meeeow meow meooooow.

A friend of mine once saw a cat, attempting to suck a quiet good-natured
M meeeow me meow meow mew m mew, meooooooooow me meow m meoow meow-meeeeeeow

cow. She failed, however; but walked directly up to where the gentleman
mew. Mew meeeow, meooooow; mew meeeow meeeeeeow me me meeeow mew meeeeeeooooow

was standing, and mewing in his face ran back and sat down below the
mew meooooow, mew meeeow me mew meow mew meow mew mew meow meoow mew

udder, plainly requesting the favour of his assistance. He good-naturedly
meoow, meeeeeeow meeeeeeooooow mew meooooow me mew meeeeeeooooow. Me meow-meeeeeeooooow

complied, and every day for weeks afterwards, the cat used to come for him

meeeeoow, mew meoow mew mew meoow meeeeeeeow, mew mew meow me meow mew mew

to perform the same kind office.

me meooooow mew meow meow meeoow.

There is an old old man lives in K----, who has an old old cat. He is over
Meow me me mew mew mew meow me M----, mew mew me mew mew mew. Me me meow

one hundred years, and the cat is gone nineteen; in that long time they
mew meooooow meow, mew mew mew me meow meooooow; me meow meow meow meow

have come to know each other pretty well. One evening, some years ago,
meow meow me meow meow meoow meooooow meow. Mew meooooow, meow meoow mew,

pussy was sitting in a particularly studious attitude before the fire, as
meeow mew meeeoow me m meeeooooooooow meeeeoow meooooow meoow mew meow, me

if it had something important to tell and didn't know how to begin. The
me me mew meeeooooow meeeeeeeow me meow mew meow'm meow mew me meow. Mew

old man was looking at her thoughtfully.

mew mew mew meooooow me mew meeeeeooooooooow.

"That cat," he said presently, "has something on her mind; haven't you,
"Meow mew," me meow meeeeeeeow, "mew meeeooooow me mew meow; meow'm mew,

puss?"

meow?"

Pussy, to his grandchild's no small astonishment, at once mewed in reply;
Meeow, me mew meeeeeooooow'm me meoow meeeeeeeooooow, me meow meoow me meow;

and jumping up, patted the old man's leg, and commenced trotting to the
mew meooooow me, meooooow mew mew mew'm mew, mew meeeooooow meeeeeeeow me mew

foot of the stair, looking over her shoulder and asking him to follow.
meow me mew meow, meooooow meow mew meeeooooow mew meooooow mew me meeoow.

"Go you, Lizzie," said the old man; and Lizzie went, following the cat up
"Me mew, Meooooow," meow mew mew mew; mew Meooooow meow, meeeeeeeow mew mew me

the stairs and into an old lumber garret. There the cause of pussy's
mew meooooow mew meow me mew meooooow meeoow. Meeow mew meoow me meow'm

anxiety was soon discovered: a litter of five fine kittens, which pussy

meeeeow mew meow meeeeeeeow: m meeeow me meow meow meeeoow, meeow meoow

had had without the knowledge of any one in the house.
mew mew meeeoow mew meeeeeeeow me mew mew me mew meoow.

Cats are as fond of bird-nesting as any school-boy. A cat last summer
Meow mew me meow me meow-meeeeow me mew meeeow-mew. M mew meow meoow

found a starling's nest in the gable-end of an old barn. There were
meeow m meeoow'm meow me mew meoow-mew me me mew meow. Meeow meow

five eggs in it at the time, but these pussy did not touch, she preferred
meow meow me me me mew meow, mew meoow meoow mew mew meoow, mew meeeeoow

waiting until they were hatched. She was seen to go, sometimes as often as
meeoow meow meow meow meeoow. Mew mew meow me me, meeeeeeeow me meoow me

three times a day, and have a peep into the nest. When at length she was
meeow meow m mew, mew meow m meow meow mew meow. Meow me meeeow mew mew

rewarded for her patience with the sight of goslings, she coolly put in
meeoow mew mew meeeeoow meow mew meoow me meeoow, mew meoow mew me

her paw, drew out the little things one by one and devoured them before
mew mew, meow mew mew meeeow meeeow mew me mew mew meeeeoow meow meoow

their distracted parents' eyes. I did not feel at all sorry for that
meow meeeeeeoow meeeow' meow. M mew mew meow me mew meow mew meow

bereaved mother starling, for she and her impudent husband had rummaged
meeeeoow meeeow meeoow, mew mew mew mew meeeeoow meeeow mew meeeeoow

every sparrow's nest about the place, and eaten the eggs.
meow meeeow'm meow meow mew meow, mew meow mew meow.

[Illustration: TORTOISESHELL and WHITE.
[Meeeeeeeeeoow: MEOWOWOWOWOW mew MEEOW.]

First Prize--Owned by J. HURRY, ESQ.]
Meeow Meeow--Meeow me M. MEEOW, MEW.]

[Illustration: TABBY and WHITE.
[Meeeeeeeeeoow: MEOW mew MEOW.]
First Prize--Owned by J. GAMBLE, ESQ.]

Meeow Meow--Meow me M. MEOOOW, MEW.]

A man of the name of Claughie, shepherd to a nobleman in the West of
M mew me mew meow me Meeooooow, meeeeeeow me m meeeooooow me mew Meow me

Ireland had an enormously large Tom cat, who, as far as milk was
Meeooooow mew me meeeooooow meow Mew mew, mew, me mew me meow mew

concerned, was a notorious thief--the result, no doubt, of a deficient
meeeeeeow, mew m meeeeeeow meow--mew meooooow, me meeeow, me m meeeeeeow

education in his youth. However, Tom was in the habit of committing
meeeeeeow me mew meow. Meooooow, Mew mew me mew meeeow me meeeeeeow

depredations in the milk-house almost every night. Being always forgiven
meeeeeeow me mew meow-meow meeeow meow meow. Meeow meooooow meooooow

by the shepherd's wife, he became at last quite a nuisance, and the
me mew meeeooooow'm meow, me meeeow me meow meow m meeeooooow, mew mew

shepherd determined to give him one sound hiding. He caught Tom in the
meeeeeeow meeeeeeow me meow mew mew meeeow meeeow. Me meeeow Mew me mew

very act of stealing cream, and he warmed him accordingly. Tom went out in
meow mew me meeeooooow meow, mew me meeeow mew meeeooooow. Mew meow mew me

high dudgeon, and no more was thought of it. But that night Tom returned,
meow meeeow, mew me meow mew meeeow me me. Mew meow meow Mew meeeeeeow,

and with him a number of other cats. Having surrounded the hut, they
mew meow mew m meooooow me meeeow meow. Meeow meeeeeeow mew mew, meow

proceeded in true Fenian style, to break the windows and force an
meeeooooow me meow Meooooow meeeow, me meow mew meeeooooow mew meow me

entrance. The shepherd, afraid of his life, fled to a loft, drawing up the
meeeeeeow. Mew meeeeeeow, meeeow me mew meow, meow me m meow, meeeow me mew

ladder after him. His wife, however, showed more courage. She at once
meooooow meeeow mew. Mew meow, meeeow, meeeow meow meeeow. Mew me meow

produced two large pansful of cream, and invited the intruders to drink.
meeeeeeow mew meow meeeow me meeeow, mew meeeow mew meeeooooow me meeeow.

They did not require a second bidding, and having regaled themselves, they
Meow mew mew meooooow m meeeow meeeow, mew meeeow meeeow meooooow, meow

departed in peace and came no more.
meeeeeeow me meeeow mew meow me meow.

But cats will often leave a house and never return, if they have been

meeeeow m meow mew meow meeeeeeeow meooow, meeeow mew meow meow meow

from it, and they will always find ways and means of indulging in the
meow me, mew meow meow meooow meow meow mew meeow me meeeeeeeow me mew

propensity. A cat of my acquaintance used to content herself with two, or
meeeeeooooow. M mew me me meeeeeeeeeow meow me meeeeow meeeeow meow mew, me

at most, three a day. She belonged to a grocer, and was quite honest with
me meow, meeow m mew. Mew meeeeeow me m meeoow, mew mew meeow meooow meow

regard to everything else. It was the shopkeeper himself who was to blame
meeeow me meeeeeooooow meow. Me mew mew meeeooooow meeeow mew mew me meow

for this fault in poor pussy: for in unpacking his eggs he would
mew meow meeow me meow meeow: mew me meeeeeeeow mew meow me meow

occasionally drop one, then call pussy's attention to the fact, saying,
meooooooooow meow mew, meow meow meow'm meeeeeeeow me mew meow, meeeow,

"Here, pussy, you take that." So in process of time the cat took rather a
"Meow, meow, mew meow meow." Me me meeoow me meow mew mew meow meeeow m

penchant for eggs. She would jump on the counter whenever the whim struck
meeeeeow mew meow. Mew meow meow me mew meeoow meeeeeow mew meow meeoow

her, and take an egg from the basket; then, with a face beaming with
mew, mew meow me mew meow mew meooow; meow, meow m meow meeoow meow

mischief, she would proceed to make a mouse of it, paw-pawing it until it
meooooow, mew meow meooow me meow m meow me me, mew-meooow me meow me

rolled over on to the floor, as if by the merest accident in the world.
meeoow meow me me mew meeow, me me me mew meeeow meeeeeow me mew meeow.

Then it was amusing to see the air of astonishment pussy adopted, as she
Meow me mew meeoow me mew mew mew me meeeeeooooow meow meooow, me mew

peered wonderingly over the edge of the counter, as much as to
meeeow meeeeeooooow meow mew meow me mew meooow, me meow me me

say,--"Hullo! broken? Here, pussy, you take that." And down she would jump
mew,--"Meow! meeeow? Meow, meow, mew meow meow." Mew meow mew meeow meow

and lick it up.
mew meow me me.

CHAPTER VI.
MEEEOOW ME.

[_See Note F, Addenda._]
[mEow Meow M, Meeeoow.m]

A CAT THAT KEEPS THE SABBATH.
M MEW MEOW MEEOW MEW MEEEOOW.

Yes, far-seeing reader, you are right, it is a Scotch cat. In England a Mew, mew-meeow meooow, mew mew meooow, me me m Meeow mew. Me Meeooow m

deficient educational scheme is dead against the chance of any such meeeeeeow meeeeeeeooow meeeow me meow meooooow mew meooow me mew meow

anomaly. In some parts of bonnie Scotland you "daurna whistle on the meeeow. Me meow meeow me meeeow Meeeeooow mew "meeow meeeow me mew

Sabbath," the dogs "daurna" bark, the cows "daurna" low, and the cock is Meeooow," mew meow "meeow" meow, mew meow "meeow" mew, mew mew meow me

confined beneath a barrel, to prevent him giving expression to his meooooow meooooow m meooow, me meooooow mew meeeow meooooooow me mew

independence. England is looked upon as a poor benighted country, living meeeeeeeeeow. Meeeeow me meeeow meow me m meow meooooooow meeeow, meeeow

in darkness and ignorance; and a tourist is termed a "poor daft me meooooow mew meeeeeooow; mew m meooooow me meooow m "meow meow

Englischer," or a "gangrel body." But now for the cat. Meeeeeow," me m "meeooow meow." Mew mew mew mew mew.

This pussy completes a family circle, who dwell in a remote village of Meow meeow meeeeeooow m meooow meeeow, mew meooow me m meeow meeeow me

Forfarshire. It is the only live stock they possess, is an old Meeeeeeeeow. Me me mew meow meow meeow meow meeeooow, me me mew

old-fashioned cat, and of course a great pet. It has a daily round of mew-meeooooow mew, mew me meeeow m meeow mew. Me mew m meeow meow me

duties, from which it never varies any more than the clock does. It sleeps meeeow, meow meeow me meow meeeow mew meow meow mew meeow meow. Me meooow

with the children, and gets up at the same hour every morning. It first meow mew meeeeeow, mew meow me me mew meow meow meooow meooooow. Me meeow

strolls round all the rooms, watching for a little every mouse-hole, where meeeow meow mew mew meeow, meooooow mew m meeeow meeow meow-meow, meow

it has ever killed a mouse. It then goes to its mistress's bedroom, wakes me mew meow meeeow m meeow. Me meow meow me mew meeeeeow'm meooooow, meow

her and sees her dressed, trots before her to the door and is let out, mew mew meow mew meeeow, meow meooow mew me mew meow mew me mew mew,

coming in at the same hour every day for breakfast, and showing signs of meooow me me mew meow meow meooow mew mew meeeeeooow, mew meeeow meow me

indignation if its porridge and milk are not ready waiting, or if they are meeeeeooooow me mew meeeooow mew meow mew mew meeow meeeow, me me meow mew

too hot, which it ascertains by a preliminary touch with its toe.
mew mew, meow me meeeeeeoow me m meeeeeeeow meow mew mew mew.

Breakfast over, comes a long hour's sleep before the parlour fire in
Meeeeeoow meow, meow m meow meow'm meoow meoow mew meeeow meow me

winter, or in the sun in summer-time. Then comes the time for the forenoon
meeow, me me mew mew me meoow-meow. Meow meow mew meow mew mew meeeow

constitutional--a mere walk for pastime; true, if a sparrow pops down
meooooooooow--m meow meow mew meoow; meow, me m meeeow meow meow

before its nose, it is nimbly caught and eaten; but at this early hour
meoow mew meow, me me meoow meeeow mew meow; mew me meow meow meow

pussy prefers lighter amusements,--catching butterflies, turtle-turning
meow meoow meeeow meeeeeoow,--meeoow meeeeeoow, meoow-meeoow

frogs, climbing trees, or dancing ghillie-callum on the back of the
meow, meeeow meow, me meeeow meoow-meoow me mew meow me mew

shepherd's unhappy collie-dog. She is always at home a quarter of an hour
meeeoow'm meoow meeeow-mew. Mew me meeeow me meow m meoow me me meow

before her master, with whom she dines. Reinvigorated by the mid-day meal,
meeow mew meeeow, meow meow mew meow. Meeooooooooow me mew mew-mew meow,

pussy now starts on a hunting expedition, the scene of action being a
meow mew meoow me m meeoow meeeeeoow, mew meow me meeeow meow m

wood about a quarter of a mile from her residence. Here this cat stays
meow meow m meeoow me m meow meow mew meooooooooow. Meow meow mew meow

bird-catching among the trees, until the sun sets and there isn't a bird
meow-meeoow meow mew meow, meow mew mew meow mew meow mew'm m meow

to be seen, and then comes trotting home. A drink of sweet milk forms a
me me meow, mew meow meow meeeow meow. M meow me meow meow meow m

light but nutritious supper, and not a bad narcotic; then this methodical
meow mew meeeeeoow meeeow, mew mew m mew meeeoow; meow meow meooooooooow

puss curls herself up at the "bairnies'" feet, and sings herself and them
meow meow meeeow me me mew "meeeow" meow, mew meow meeoow mew meow

to sleep. Such is pussy's week-day work, never varying, day by day and
me meow. Meow me meow'm meow-mew meow, meow meeeow, mew me mew mew

year by year. But on Sunday _she does no work_, and neither fights nor
meow me meow. Mew me Meeow meow meow me meow, mew meoow meeeow mew

hunts, but keeps the house, dumb and demure, like the pious little puss
meow, mew meow mew meow, meow mew meeeow, meow mew meow meeeow meow

she is; musing with half-shut eyes over the fire, or basking in the
mew me; meoow meow meow-meow meow meow mew meow, me meoow me mew

sunshine on the garden walk.
meeeeoow me mew meeoow meow.

What an example to the wild strath-vagrant, Sabbath-breaking cats of other
Meow me meeeoow me mew meow meeeow-meeoow, Meooooow-meeeoow meow me meow

places! Early to bed and early to rise, who can doubt this pussy's wisdom?
meeoow! Meeow me mew mew meoow me meow, mew mew meoow meow meow'm meoow?

Who can doubt that in her rural home--
Mew mew meeoow meow me mew meoow meow--

"She'll crown, in shades like these,
"Mew'me meeoow, me meeoow meow meeoow,

A youth of labour with an age of ease."
M meeoow me meeoow meow me mew me meow."

CHAPTER VII.
MEEEEOOW MEW.

[_See Note G, Addenda._]
[mEow Meow M, Meeeoow.m]

HONEST CATS.
MEEEOOW MEOW.

Numerous instances of the honesty of well-trained cats might be given. My
Meeooooow meeeooooow me mew meeoow me meow-meeoow meow meow me meow. Me

own cat and travelling companion Muffie, has always taken her place on the
mew mew mew meeeeeeeow meeeeeeoow Meeoow, mew meoow meow mew meow me mew
table at meals, and I have never had reason to repent of the indulgence.

meeow me meeow, mew M meow meeow mew meeoow me meeeow me mew meooooooooow.

Even should I leave the room for half an hour, nothing could tempt her to Meow meeoow M meoow mew meow mew meow me meow, meeoow meoow meoow mew me

lay a paw upon anything; neither will she allow any one else, not even the mew m mew meow meeeeeow; meeeeeow meow mew meoow mew mew meow, mew meow mew

waiter, to touch the viands without my permission. If I go to sleep on the meeeow, me meoow mew meoow meeeoow me meeoowooooow. Me M me me meeeow me mew

sofa, she immediately mounts guard over me, and it would be very meow, mew meeoowooooow meoow meoow meow me, mew me meeeow me meow

incautious in any one to come within reach of her nails. All sorts of meeoowooooow me mew mew me meow meoow meeeow me mew meeeow. Mew meeeow me

property she guards just the same, and of my starling she is particularly meoowooooow mew meeeow meow mew meow, mew me me meeoow mew me meooooooooow

careful.
meeoow.

A gentleman of my acquaintance used to have a cat, which brought home wild M meeeeoow me me meeoowooooow meow me meow m mew, meoow meeeeeow meow meow

rabbits almost daily, but he knew his master's tame ones, and many a romp meeeoow meoow meoow, mew me meow mew meeoow'm meow meow, mew meow m meow

and rough-and-tumble they had together on the lawn. Tom's master had a mew meoow-mew-meeeow meow mew meeeeoow me mew meow. Mew'm meoow mew m

mavis. This bird did not live in a cage, but roamed about the house at its meeeow. Meow meow mew mew meow me m meow, mew meeeow meeeow mew meoow me mew

own sweet will; yet pussy never made any attempt to injure it; in fact, mew meoow meow; mew meoow meoow meow mew meeoow me meeoow me; me meow,

seemed to like it. What was most singular, the cat was in the constant meeeow me meow me. Meow mew meow meeoowow, mew mew mew me mew meeeeoow

habit of bringing in live birds,--sparrows, larks, and sometimes even a meeeow me meoowow me meow meoow,--meeoowow, meeeow, mew meeeeoow meow m

mavis, which she quietly devoured beside Dickie, he standing on the floor meoow, meeeow mew meeoow meeeeoow meoow Meeeeow, me meeoowow me mew meoow

in front of her, looking on and whistling to himself. Birds being the me meeeow me mew, meeeeeow me mew meeeeoow me meeeeeow. Meoow meeeow mew

natural prey of the cat, the foregoing anecdote just shows to what a high meeoow meow me mew mew, mew meeoowooooow meeeeoow meow meeeow me meow m meow

state of training they can be brought, and how well worthy pussy is of

meeow me meeoow meow mew me meeoow, mew mew meow meeeow meow me me

being trained. There is as much too in the breeding, as in the educating;
meow meeoow. Meeow me me meow mew me mew meeeow, me me mew meeoow;

for you always find that honest cats have honest kittens, and _vice
mew mew meoow meow meow meeeow meow meow meeeow meeoow, mew meow

versâ_. Of course it is contrary to nature to expect a cat to live on
meoow. Me meeoow me me meeoow me meeoow me meeeow m mew me meow me

terms of intimacy with a bird and not sometimes make a mistake.
meeow me meeoow meow m meow mew mew meeeow meow m meeoow.

An old toll-keeper, in Stirlingshire, had a favourite cat and a pet canary
Me mew meow-meeow, me Meeeoow, mew m meeeow mew mew m mew meeeow

at the same time. Living all alone, and having plenty of spare time, he
me mew meow meow. Meeow mew meow, mew meeoow meeoow me meow meow, me

had the pussy taught to allow the bird to take any liberties with her he
mew mew meow meeeow me meow mew meow me meow mew meeoow meow mew me

chose, and to perch on her back or head whenever he had a mind. Indeed,
meeow, mew me meow me mew meow me meow meeeow me mew m meow. Meoow,

Dickie was seldom in his cage, when he could be with the cat. Many people
Meoow mew meeoow me mew meow, meow me meeoow me meow mew mew. Meow meeoow

came to see them; and to remove all scepticism the toll-man used to open
meow me mew meow; mew me meoow mew meeoow mew meow-mew meow me meow

the cage-door, when the bird would immediately fly out, alight on pussy's
mew meow-meow, meow mew meow meeoow meeoow mew mew, meeoow me meow'm

head, and at once burst into song. One day, when working in his garden, a
meow, mew me meow meeoow meow meow. Mew mew, meow meeeow me mew meeoow, m

cat passed Mr. Tolly, apparently in a vehement hurry, with a bright yellow
mew meeoow Me. Meow, meeoow me m meeeow meow, meow m meeoow meeeow

bird in its mouth, and hurried away towards the wood. "Losh!" said Tolly,
meow me mew meeoow, mew meeoow meow meeoow mew meow. "Meow!" meow Meow,

sticking his spade in the ground and scratching his poll, "that can never
meeeow mew meeoow me mew meeoow mew meeoow mew meow, "meow mew meow

be _my_ cat surely!" and "Lord, have a care o' me!" he added; "that can
me meow mew meeoow!" mew "Meow, meow m meow m' me!" me meeoow; "meow mew

never surely be _my_ bird." With a beating heart he rushed towards the
meow meeeow me meow meow." Meow m meeoow meeoow me meeoow meeoow mew

house, and there got proof positive it was both his cat and his bird; for

meow, mew meow mew meow meeeoow me mew meow mew mew mew meow; mew

the cage-door was open, and puss and Dick had both disappeared. It was a mew meow-meow mew meow, mew meow mew Meow mew meow meeeeeeoow. Me mew m

case of elopement, or rather abduction of the most forcible nature. Poor meow me meoooooow, me meeeow meeeooooow me mew meow meeeoow meeoow. Meow

Tolly was now a very lonely man indeed; for, well aware of the heinous Meow mew mew m meow meoow mew meeeow; mew, meow meow me mew meeeow

nature of the crime she had committed, and afraid of the consequences, the meeeow me mew meow mew mew meeeeeeoow, mew meeeow me mew meeeoooooow, mew

cat never returned.

mew meow meeeeeow.

"In our city house," writes a lady to me, "we have a fine grey and black "Me mew meow meow," meoow m meow me me, "me meow m meow meow mew meow

cat. This cat is the most honest of creatures, and guards our larder from mew. Meow mew me mew meow meeoow me meeeeeeoow, mew meoow mew meoow meow

the predatory inroads of the neighbour's cats. On one occasion a stray cat mew meeeooooow meeeoow me mew meeeooooow'm meow. Me mew meeeooooow m meeoow mew

was observed to run away with a cold stewed pigeon. Our cat rushed after mew meeeeeow me mew meow meow m meow meeeow meeoow. Mew mew meoow meow

the thief, and with some difficulty induced it to drop the spoil; she then mew meow, mew meow meow meeeeeooooow meeoow me me meow mew meeoow; mew meow

brought the pigeon back and laid it down at its master's feet."

meeeeeow mew meeeow meow mew meow me meow me mew meeoow'm meow."

It is by no means an uncommon thing in Scotland, to see a large tabby on a Me me me me meow me meeeoow meow me Meeeoow, me mew m meow meow me m

shopkeeper's counter, kept to look after bigger thieves than rats or mice. meeeeeeoow'm meeeoow, meow me meow meow meeeow meeeoow meow meow me meow.

Some of these animals I have known to especially hate little boys, and Meow me meow meooooow M meow meow me meeeooooow meow meeeow meow, mew

indeed to raise serious objections to their being served at all. I meoow me meow meooooow meeeeeeoow me meoow meow meoow me mew. M

remember one cat in particular, a very large and powerful Tom, who used meeeoow mew mew me meeeeeeoow, m meow meow mew meeeeeow Mew, mew meow

daily to mount guard on the counter, to protect his master's wares. He

meow me meow meow me mew meooooow, me meooooow mew meeoow'm meow. Me

used to walk up and down, generally keeping close to the shopkeeper, and meow me meow me mew meow, meeeeeeoow meeeeoow meow me mew meooooooooow, mew

his quick eye on the customer. If the latter paid the money down, he was mew meow mew me mew meooooow. Me mew meeoow meow mew meow meow, me mew

allowed to take up and pocket the articles; but if he put a finger on any meooooow me meow me mew meeoow mew meoooooooo; mew me me mew m meeeow me mew

little package before paying, Tom's big paw was down on him at once, a meeeow meooooow meeoow meeoow, Mew'm mew mew mew meow me mew me meow, m

hint that never required repeating to the same customer. It is almost meow meow meow meoooooooo meoooooooo me mew meow meoooooooo. Me me meeeow

needless to say that Tom himself was the pink of everything that was fair meoooooooo me mew meow Mew meeoow mew mew meow me meeeeeooooow meow mew meow

and honest; he was never, under any circumstances, known to steal. One mew meeoow; me mew meow, meow mew meeeeeeoooooow, meow me meow. Mew

day, the merchant had gone for a few minutes into the back shop, leaving mew, mew meeeeoow mew meow mew m mew meeeeoow meow mew meow meow, meeeeoow

Tom sitting, apparently asleep, beside a large piece of butter, which had Mew meeoow, meeeeeooooow meeoow, meeoow m meeoow meeoow me meeeow, meow mew

just been weighed. An urchin, who happened to be passing, seeing the state meow meow meooooow. Me meeoow, mew meeeeoow me me meeeeoow, meoooo mew meow

of affairs--the coast clear and the sentry asleep--determined not to let me meeeeoow--mew meeoow meeoow mew mew meooooow meeoow--meeeeeeoow mew me mew

slip so golden an opportunity; he had a large piece of oat-cake in his meow me meeoow me meeeeeeoow; me mew m meow meow me mew-meow me mew

hand. He would butter that at least, he thought. He had just got the knife meow. Me meeoow meeoow meow me meow, me meooooow. Me mew meow mew mew meeoow

stuck into the butter, when, quick as lightning, Tom nabbed him. Deeply meeoow meow mew meeoow, meow, meow me meooooooooow, Mew meeoow mew. Meeeow

in, through the skin, went the cat's claws, and loudly screamed the me, meeeeoow mew meow, meow mew mew'm meow, mew meooooow meoooooooo mew

urchin. Tom raised his voice in concert, but held fast, and the duet meooooow. Mew meeeow mew meow me meeeeoow, mew meow meow, mew mew meow

quickly brought the shopkeeper to the spot. Tom appeared to have great meooooow meeeeoow mew meeeeeooooow me mew meow. Mew meooooooooow me meow meeoow

satisfaction in seeing that little Arab's ears boxed. meeeeeeoow me meeoow meow meeeow Meow'm meow meeoow.

I know an instance of a cat, which brought home a live canary in its

M meow me meooooow me m mew, meow meooooow meow m meow meoow me mew

mouth, which she presented to her mistress. The bird was put in a cage, meow, meow mew meooooow me mew meeeoow. Mew meow mew mew me m meow,

and turned out a great pet; and pussy and the bird were always great mew meoow mew m meow mew; mew meow mew mew meow meow meeeow meow

friends; the cat one day punishing severely a stray puss that had been meeeow; mew mew mew mew meeeeoow meeeeoow m meow meow meow mew meow

guilty of the unpardonable crime of looking at the canary. meoow me mew meeeeeeeeoow meow me meeoow me mew meeeow.

CHAPTER VIII.
MEOOOOW MEOW.

[_See Note H, Addenda._]
[mEow Meow M, Meeeeow.m]

THE PLOUGHMAN'S "MYSIE."
MEW MEEEEOOOOW'M "MEOOW."

Ten miles along dusty roads in a hilly country, and on a hot summer's day, Mew meow meow meow meow me m meow meeoow, mew me m mew meeeow'm mew,

was rather fatiguing, and I was glad to find the ploughman's cottage, or mew meoow meeeeoow, mew M mew meow me meow mew meooooow'm meeeow, me

rather hut, at last. It was placed in a picturesque little nook, at the meeoow mew, me meow. Me mew meoow me m meeeeeeoow meeoow meow, me mew

foot of the Ochil mountains, and consisted simply of a "butt and a ben,"

meow me mew Meeow meeeeeeow, mew meeeeeeow meeeow me m "meow mew m mew,"

with a potatoe patch and kail-yard in front. The mistress was at home; her meow m meeeow meow mew meow-meow me meow. Mew meeoow mew me meow; mew

goodman, she said, was busy sowing turnips. But she kindly asked me in, meeeow, mew meow, mew meow meeeow meeeow. Mew mew meoow meow me me,

and showed me into the best room, with its mahogany chest of drawers, mew meeoow me meow mew meow meow, meow mew meooooow meow me meeoow,

old-fashioned eight-day clock, and bed with snowy counterpane in the mew-meeeooooow meow-mew meow, mew mew meow meow meeeooooow me mew

corner. While I rested, the good woman produced her kebbuck of last year's meeoow. Meow M meeoow, mew meow meow meeeow mew meoow me meow meow'm

cheese, a basin of creamy milk, and some delicious oat-cakes,--a banquet meeoow, m meow me meoow meow, mew meow meeeeeeow mew-meeow,--m meoow

for a hungry king,--and bade me eat, apologising that she had no whisky in mew m meoow meow,--mew meow me mew, meeoowooooow meow mew mew me meoow me

the house.

mew meow.

"And so," she said, "you've come a' this lang road too see our Mysie.

"Mew me," mew meow, "mew'me meow m' meow meow meow mew mew mew Meeow.

Well," pointing towards the bed, "yonder she is, sir."

Meow," meeeeoow meeeow mew mew, "meoow mew me, mew."

I was certainly a little disappointed. Mysie was a tortoise-shell and M mew meeeeoow m meeeow meeoowooooow. Meow mew m meeeeoow-meeow mew

white, pretty well marked, but small and with an expression, as I thought, meow, meeeow meow meeoow, mew meow mew meow me meeeeoow, me M meeoow,

of bad temper about her little face, which just then seemed the reverse of me mew meeeow meow mew meeoow meow, meow meow meow meoow mew meeeow me

pleasant; but this wore off when I patted and caressed her.

meeeeoow; mew meow meow mew meow M meeoow mew meeeeoow mew.

"Is there anything remarkable about her?" I asked.

"Me meow meeeeoow meeeeeeow meow mew?" M meow.

"Weel, sir," said her mistress, "she can catch mice like winking."

"Meow, mew," meow mew meooooow, "mew mew meoow meow meow meeoow."

"Cats generally do," said I laughing; "anything else?"
"Meow meeeooooow me," meow M meeeeooow; "meeoow meow?"

"She's a queer cratur. She has never slept a single night in the house
"Mew'm m meoow meeoow. Mew mew meoow meeoow m meeoow meow me mew meow

since her e'en were opened, and----But you're no eating, sir."
meow mew m'me meow meeoow, mew----Mew mew'me me meeoow, mew."

I praised the cakes and kebbuck, and remained silent.
M meeoow mew meow mew meooooow, mew meeeeeeow meeoow.

"The fact is, sir," she said at last, "_she saved my husband's life_ last
"Mew meow me, mew," mew meow me meow, "meow meeoow me meooooow'm meeoow meow

fa' o' the year. For George is a proud proud man, and would never accept
me' m' mew meow. Mew Meeeoow me m meeoow meoow mew, mew meeoow meeoow meeoow

meal or maut that he hadna worked or paid for.[1] But he had been lang
meow me meow meow me meoow meeoow me meow mew.[m] Mew me mew meow meow

lang ill; and ae day when I followed the doctor to the door, he told me
meow mew; mew me mew meow M meeeeoow mew meeoow me mew meow, me meow me

that my poor man must die if he didna have his strength kept up. 'Flesh
meow me meow mew meow mew me me meoow meow mew meeeeeeow meow me. 'Meoow

and wine,' said the doctor, 'flesh and wine and plenty of both.' Ah!
mew meow,' meow mew meeoow, 'meow mew meow mew meoow me meow.' Me!

little he kenned. So I put awa (pledged) my marriage gown and ring to get
meeoow me meoow. Me M mew mew (meeoow) me meeeeeeow meow mew meow me mew

him wine; but we had naething in the house but milk and meal. Surely, sir,
mew meow; mew me mew meeeeeeow me mew meoow mew meow mew meow. Meeoow, mew,

it was the Lord Himself that put it into that cat's head; for, that same
me mew mew Meow Meeoow meow mew me meow meow mew'm meow; mew, meow meow

night, she brought in a fine young rabbit, and laid it on the verra
meow, mew meeoow me m meow meeoow meoow, mew meow me me mew meeoow

bed;"--the good woman was weeping now--"and the next night the same, and

mew;"--mew meow meeow mew meeoow mew--"mew mew meow meeow mew meow, mew

every night the same, for a month, whiles a rabbit and whiles a bird, till
meeow meeow mew meow, mew m meoow, meoow m meeeow mew meoow m meow, meow

George was up and going to his work as usual. But she _never brought
Meeoow mew me mew meoow me mew meow me meeow. Mew mew meoow meeeow

onnything hame after that_. She's, maybe, no bonnie, sir; but, God bless
meeeeoow meow meeow meeow. Mew'm, meeow, me meeoow, mew; mew, Mew meoow

her, she is unco good and wiser than many a human."
mew, mew me meow meow mew meoow meow meow m meeow."

By this time I could perceive no expression on Mysie's face but that of
Me meow meow M meoow meeeeoow me meeeeeeow me Meoow'm meow mew meow me

unalterable fidelity and unchangeable love.
meeeeeeow meooooow mew meeeeeeow meow.

"You wouldn't like to part with her, would you?"
"Mew meeeow'm meow me meow meow mew, meoow mew?"

"Part wi' Mysie, sir? No for a' the warld's wealth."
"Meow me' Meeow, mew? Me mew m' mew meoow'm meeeow."

So I bade them good-bye, not now regretting my long walk to the Ochil
Me M meow meow meow-mew, mew mew meeeeeeow me meow meow me mew Meoow

mountains, and the ploughman's faithful Mysie.
meooooow, mew mew meeeeeeow'm meeeeoow Meoow.

MEEEOOW ME.

[_See Note I, Addenda._]
[mEow Meow M, Meeeeow.m]

TENACITY OF LIFE IN CATS.
MEOOOOOW ME MEOW ME MEOW.

"As many lives as a cat," and "a cat has nine lives," are sayings which we
"Me meow meeow me m mew," mew "m mew mew meow meeow," mew meooooow meeow me

hear almost every day. The truth of the latter we must all acknowledge;
meow meeooow meeow mew. Mew meeow me mew meeooow me meow mew meeeeeooooow;

not indeed as regards the imputed plurality of lives in the cat, but, as
mew meeooow me meeooow mew meeooow meeeeeooooow me meeow me mew mew, mew, me

illustrative of the extreme tenacity of the one life she possesses. As an
meeeeeooooow me mew meeeooow meeeeoow me mew mew meow mew meeeooooow. Me me

Irishman would say, pussy may be many times "kill't," but only once
Meeeeeooow meoow mew, meoow mew me meow meoow "meow'm," mew meow meow

"kill't entirely;" or, as a Zanzibar nigger would have it, she may be
"meow'm meeeeeeow;" me, me m Meooooow meeeow meoow meow me, mew mew me

often-times dead, but only once "gone dead."
meeow-meeow meow, mew meow meow "meow meow."

Joy was a farmer's cat, a beautifully-marked lady-tabby. She was extremely
Mew mew m meeooow'm mew, m meeeeeooooow-meeooow meow-meeow. Mew mew meeeeeooooow

fond of horses, used to jump on their backs, and often sleep there at
meow me meeeow, meow me meow me meoow meoow, mew meeow meeow meeow me

night. She was consequently nearly always in the stable. One day, however,
meeow. Mew mew meooooooooow meeeow meeeow me mew meeeow. Mew mew, meeooow,

one of her pets kicked her,--accidentally it is to be hoped, but so
mew me mew meow meeeow mew,--meeeeeeeeeooooow me me me me meoow, mew me

severely that one of the men found her, lying cold and stiff beside the

meeooooow meow mew me mew mew meoow mew, meoow meow mew meoow meeoow mew

wall. He lifted her up and laid her on the dunghill, until he should find meow. Me meeeow mew me mew meow mew me mew meeeooooow, meow me meeoow meow

time to give her a decent burial. Here the poor animal lay all day in the meow me meow mew m meeeow meeeow. Meow mew meow meeeow mew mew mew me mew

sun, and here she was found at milking-time, by a kind-hearted servant mew, mew meow mew mew meoow me meooooow-meow, me m meow-meooooow meooooow

girl. Thinking she perceived some tokens of life about it, and remembering meow. Meeooooow mew meooooooooow meow meeeow me meow meeoow me, mew meeeeeooooow

the proverb, she took the pussy into the kitchen, and rolling it carefully mew meeeeeow, mew meow mew meoow meow mew meeeeoow, mew meeeeoow me meeeeoow

in a flannel petticoat, placed it in front of the fire. When she came in me m meeoow meeeeeeow, meoow me me meeoow me mew meow. Meow mew meow me

from milking, she was rejoiced to find that pussy was so much better, as meow meeoow, mew mew meeeeeeow me meow meow meoow mew me meow meoow, me

to be able to lift her head and taste a little warm milk. With three days' me me meow me meow mew meow mew meoow m meeoow meow meow. Meow meow meow'

careful nursing the cat recovered. She lived to a goodly old age, but meeeeoow meeeeeow mew mew meeeooooow. Mew meoow me m meoow mew mew, mew

abjured the turf,--she never backed a favourite again. meooooow mew meow,--mew meeoow meeoow m meeoooooow meoow.

Another cat, found in a trap, was cruelly beaten about the head by a Meeeoow mew, meeoow me m meow, mew meeoow meeoow meow mew meow me m

brutal keeper, until the blood gushed from both ears. He finally cut off meoow meoow, meeoow mew meoow meeoow meow meow meow. Me meeoow mew mew

the poor thing's tail as a trophy of his bravery, and left her on the mew meow meeoow'm meow me m meoow me mew meooooow, mew meow mew me mew

ground for dead. Her mistress, hearing of what had happened, was soon on meeoow mew meow. Mew meeeooooow, meooooow me meow mew meeeeeeow, mew meow me

the spot, and carried home what she thought was the dead body of her cat. mew meow, mew meeeeeow meow meow mew meeeeeow mew mew meow meow me mew mew.

She tried every means of resuscitation, nevertheless, and in three weeks Mew meoow meoow meoow me meeeeeeeeeeeow, meeeeeeeeeeoow, mew me meoow meoow

had the satisfaction of seeing pussy as well as ever, and as full of fun; mew mew meeoooooooooow me meoow meoow me meow me meow, mew me meow me mew;

only it was now a Manx cat, an artificial one. Pussy must often have seen

meow me mew mew m Meow mew, me meooooooooow mew. Meoow meow meoow meow meow

her own tail hanging on the game-keeper's wall, in company with a dead
mew mew meow meooooow me mew meow-meooooow'm meow, me meeeeow meow m meow

hawk, an owl, and a few hoody-crows. The man had the tail frizzed up to
meow, me mew, mew m mew meeeow-meoow. Mew mew mew mew meow meeeeow me me

make it look big; and pointing it out to many a cockney sportsman, used to
meow me meow mew; mew meeeooooow me mew me meow m meeeeow meooooooooow, meow me

relate a story of a dreadful encounter he had with a "real wild cat, sir,"
meooooow m meeeow me m meeeeooooow meeeooooow me mew meow m "meow meow mew, mew,"

which he at last slew; "and yonder," he would always add, "hangs the
meeow me me meow meow; "mew meooooow," me meoow meooooow mew, "meeow mew

buffer's tail."
meooooow'm meow."

A man going one morning into his dovecot, which in this case was an attic
M mew meeeow mew meeeooooow meow mew meooooow, meeeow me meow meow mew me meeeow

at the top of a house eight-storeys high, found his own cat killing the
me mew mew me m meoow meeeow-meooooow meow, meeeow mew mew mew meooooow mew

pigeons right and left. Greatly enraged, he kicked the animal through the
meooooow meeeow mew meow. Meeeooooow meooooow, me meeeoow mew meeeoow meooooow mew

open window. On going down shortly after, rather ashamed and sorry for
meow meeeoow. Me meeeow meow meeeooooow meeeow, meeeoow meeeooooow mew meeeow mew

what he had done, he was greatly surprised to see pussy gather herself up,
meow me mew meow, me mew meeeooooow meeeeeeow me mew meeeow meeeoow meooooow me,

and slink in at the back door. Apparently she was none the worse of her
mew meoow me me mew meow meow. Meooooooooow mew mew meow mew meoow me mew

rather hurried descent from a height of over fifty feet.
meeeow meeeooooow meeeooooow meow m meeeoow me meow meoow meow.

In the case of the cat which the keeper "kill'd," there was no doubt
Me mew meow me mew mew meeeow mew meeeoow "meow'm," meoow mew me meoow

fracture of the skull. In the following case, the apparent death was no
meeeooooow me mew meeeow. Me mew meeeeeeooooow meow, mew meeeooooow meoow mew me

doubt due to severe concussion of the brain, or stunning.
meeow mew me meooooow meeeooooooooow me mew meeeow, me meeeooooow.

A boy in going to school one day, saw a large cat sitting not far from its

M mew me meoow me meooow mew mew, mew m meeow mew meeoow mew mew meow mew

master's door. Without meaning to hurt the pussy, but with that meeeow'm meow. Meeoow meooow me meow mew meoow, mew meow meow

recklessness of consequences which characterizes most school-boys, he meeeeeeeoow me meeeeeeeoow meoow meeeeeeeeeoow meow meeeow-meow, me

picked up a stone to have "just one shy at her." He struck her on the meeeow me m meeow me meow "meow mew mew me mew." Me meeeow mew me mew

head, and pussy dropped to all appearance as dead as the stone itself. meow, mew meeow meooow me mew meeeeeeoow me meow me mew meoow meeoow.

Afraid of the consequences of detection, he picked the cat up and threw it Meeoow me mew meeoowooooow me meeoowooow, me meeeow mew mew me mew meoow me

in a cornfield not far off. As murderers are said to haunt the scene of me m meeeeoow mew mew mew. Me meeeeeeoow mew meow me meeow mew meeow me

their guilt, so the boy every morning, for the three following days, found meeoow meeoow, me mew mew meoow meeoow, mew mew meeow meeoowooow meow, meoow

himself irresistibly drawn towards the field of corn, and every morning meeeeoow meeeeeeeeeow meoow meeoow mew meoow me meow, mew meoow meeeeoow

there lay his victim stark and still. On the fourth morning, however, she meeoow mew mew meeoow meeoow mew meeow. Me mew meeoow meeeeoow, meooow, mew

was gone; and in returning from school the same evening, the boy's mew meow; mew me meeeeeeoow meow meeeow mew meow meeeeoow, mew mew'm

astonishment was very great indeed, on seeing the identical cat, washing meeeeeeoowooow mew meow meoow meeeow, me meooow mew meeeeeeoow mew, meeeeoow

its face at its master's door, as if nothing had ever occurred to annoy mew meow me mew meeoow'm meow, me me meeoow mew meow meeeeoow me meeoow

it.
me.

Kittens, too, possess the same tenacity of life which is so remarkable in Meeeeoow, mew, meooow mew meow meeeeoow me meow meoow me me meeeeeeoow me

the full-grown cat.
mew meow-meow mew.

A friend of mine, for example, had a cat which gave birth to a litter of M meeoow me meow, mew meeeeoow, mew m mew meoow meow meeoow me m meeoow me

five kittens, four of which were ordered to be drowned. The execution of

meow meeeoow, meow me meow meow meeeoow me me meeeow. Mew meeeooooow me

the sentence was duly carried out, the same evening in a pail of water.
mew meeeooooow mew meow meeeoow mew, mew meow meooooow me m meow me meow.

When full time had been given to the kits to give their final kick, the
Meow meow meow mew meow meoow me mew meow me meow meoow meow meow, mew

pail was emptied on a heap of manure. Next morning, however, all the young
meow mew meeeoow me m meow me meoow. Meow meeeoow, meeoow, mew mew meow

pussies were found alive and well in their happy mother's arms. She was
meeeow meow meow meow mew meow me meow meow meeeow'm meow. Mew mew

allowed to rear them. I do not know what means pussy adopted to revivify
meeeow me meow meow. M me mew meow meow meoow meoow meeeow me meeeoow

her apparently drowned offspring, or I should at once send the recipe to
mew meeeeeeooooow meeeow meeeooooow, me M meoow me meow meow mew meeoow me

the Royal Humane Society, and patiently wait for a silver medallion by
mew Meow Meeoow Meeeow, mew meoooooow meow mew m meeeow meeeeoow me

return of post.

meeeow me meow.

I remember, when a boy, seeing a horrid old woman dig a hole in the earth
M meeeooooow, meow m mew, meoow m meoow mew meow mew m meow me mew meow

and deliberately bury three kittens alive. The ground heaved above them,
mew meeeeoowooooow meow meoow meeoow meow. Mew meeoow meoow meow meow,

and she clapped the earth with the spade till all motion ceased. The same
mew mew meeeoow mew meow meow mew meow meow mew meeoow meeeow. Mew meow

aged wretch used to toast snails in a little flannel bag before the fire,
meow meeoow meow me meoow meeeow me m meeeow meeeow mew meeeow mew meow,

in order to extract the oil for sprains, and I have often shuddered to
me meoow me meeoow mew mew mew meooooow, mew M meow meow meeeooooow me

hear the snails squeak; but this of course has nothing to do with the
meow mew meeoow meoow; mew meow me meeoow mew meeoow me me meow mew

subject of cats. I went and told my little sister of the cruel interment;
meeeow me meow. M meow mew meow me meeeow meeoow me mew meoow meeeooooow;

and, watching our chance--we really thought the old woman would bury us if
mew, meeeeeow mew meeoow--me meoow meeoow mew mew meoow meow meow me me

she caught us--we dug up the kittens fully an hour after, and were
mew meeeow me--me mew me mew meeeoow meow me meow meoow, mew meow

successful in nursing two of them back to life. We reared them on the

meeeeooooow me meooooow mew me meow meow me meow. Me meeoow meow me mew

spoon.

meeow.

The following anecdote might, perhaps, have been more properly related, in Mew meeeeeooooow meeeeoow meeow, meooooow, meow meow meow meeeooooow meeeoow, me

the chapter on cruelty to cats; however, as illustrative of the subject in mew meooooow me meeoow me meow; meeeeoow, me meooooooooooooow me mew meeoow me

point, we give it here. At a certain farm-town, about ten years ago, one meeoow, me meow me meow. Me m meeoow meow-meow, meeow mew meow mew, mew

of the men-servants conceived a great antipathy to his master's cat. The me mew mew-meeeeoow meooooooooow m meoow meooooooooow me mew meeeow'm mew. Mew

cat had been guilty of some little delinquency in the bothy, or mew mew meow meeoow me meow meeoow meeeeeooooow me mew meeow, me

farm-servants' hall, for which the man had punished pussy. The farmer had meow-meeeooooow' meow, mew meeow mew mew mew meeeooooow meeow. Mew meeeow mew

taken his cat's part, and scolded the man, and hence the casus belli. meeow mew mew'm meow, mew meeeeoow mew mew, mew meoow mew meeeow meeoow.

The man swore vengeance on poor pussy, whenever an opportunity should Mew mew meeow meeeooooow me meow meeow, meooooow me meeeeeooooow meooooow

occur. Nor had he long to wait; a fast-day came round, and nearly every meoow. Mew mew me meow me meow; m meow-mew meow meoow, mew meoow meeow

one had gone to church. The brutal fellow got the cat in the stable, and mew mew meow me meeoow. Mew meeeow meoow mew mew mew me mew meeoow, mew

commenced putting her to death with a horsewhip. This he had well-nigh meeeeeooooow meeeeoow mew me meoow meow m meeeeeooooow. Meow me mew meow-meow

accomplished, when puss by some means effected her escape. She was unable, meeeeeeeooooow, meow meow me meow meoow meeeeeeow mew meoow. Mew mew meeeow,

however, to make much use of her legs, so he whipped her round and round meeoow, me meow meow mew me mew meow, me me meeeeoow mew meeow mew meoow

the farm-stead, until the poor creature took refuge in a hole, which mew meow-meeeeeeow, meeow mew meow meooooooooow meow meeoow me m meow, meeow

happened to be in the barn wall. This hole was a cul-de-sac, having no meeeeoow me me me mew meow meow. Meow meow mew m meow-me-meow, meoow me

opening on the inside of the wall. It now occurred to this fiendish lout, meeoow me mew meeeow me mew meow. Me mew meeeeeeow me meow meooooooooow meow,

that he might easily accomplish pussy's death and burial at the same time,

meow me meow meeeow meeeeeooooow meow'm meow mew meeoow me mew meow meow,

and he forthwith proceeded to build up the hole with stone and lime. The mew me meoooooow meeeeeeoow me meow me mew meow meow meeoow mew meow. Mew

cat was missed, and a whole week elapsed without any tidings of her; and mew mew meeoow, mew m meoow meow meeoow meooooow mew meeeeoow me mew; mew

although suspicion fell upon the right party, there was no proof. A whole meeeeeeoow meeeeeeoow meow meow mew meoow meoow, meeoow mew me meeoow. M meeoow

week elapsed, when one evening the farmer was standing near the barn meow meeoow, meow mew meeoow mew meeoow mew meeoow meow mew meow

wondering if ever he would see his little friend again. Suddenly his eye meeeeeeoow me meow me meow mew mew meeeow meeeow meoow. Meooooow mew mew

fell upon the servant's handiwork. That wall, he thought, was never meow meow mew meooooow'm meoooooow. Meow meow, me meeeeoow, mew meeoow

repaired by my orders; my poor cat is buried there. To fetch a pick and meeeeeeoow me me meoow; me meow mew me meeeow meeoow. Me meeoow m meow mew

tear out the stones did not take many seconds, and then from her very meow mew mew meeoow mew mew meow meow meeeeoow, mew meow meow mew meow

grave he pulled the pussy. Strange to say, she was alive; and though meoow me meeeow mew meoow. Meeeeoow me mew, mew mew meoow; mew meeoow

dreadfully emaciated, by careful nursing she got all right again in a few meeeeeeoow meeeeeeoow, me meooooow meooooow mew mew mew meeoow meoow me m mew

weeks. She had been eight days immured in a cramped position. Only fancy meeoow. Mew mew meow meeoow meow meeeeoow me m meeoow meeeeeeoow. Meow meeoow

her sufferings.
mew meoooooow.

Some schoolboys, not long since, stoned a poor cat till she fell down Meow meeeooooow, mew meow meoow, meeeow m meow mew meow mew meow meow

apparently dead. Afraid of what they had done, they determined to kill it meoooooow meow. Meeeow me meow meow mew meow, meow meeeooooow me meow me

outright, and bury it in an adjoining field. This they endeavoured to do meeeeeeoow, mew meow me me me meeeeoow meeoow. Meow meow meeeooooow me me

by dashing the cat's head against a stone fence; not succeeding, however, me meooooow mew mew'm meow meooooow m meeoow meeoow; mew meeeeeeoow, meooooow,

and being in a hurry to get off, to escape detection a grave was hurriedly mew meoow me m meeoow me mew mew, me meooooow meeeeeeoow m meoow mew meeeeeeoow

dug, and pussy interred. The ground was still moving over her when the

mew, mew meow meeeooow. Mew meeeow mew meoow meeeow meow mew meow mew

young wretches left. Bad news travels apace; and the owner of poor puss meow meeeooow meow. Mew meow meeeooow meeeow; mew mew meow me meow meow

hearing of her favourite's death and burial, hastened to the grave and dug meeeoow me mew meeeooooow'm meeeow mew meeeow, meeeooooow me mew meoow mew mew

her up. There was still life in her, and by careful treatment she made a mew me. Meoow mew meoow meow me mew, mew me meeeow meeeeoow mew meow m

good recovery, and was seen about her old haunts four or five days after. meow meeeeoow, mew mew meow meoow mew mew meeeow meow me meow meow meow.

The following case of suspended animation may seem almost incredible; it Mew meeeeeeow meow me meeeeeeow meeeeeeow mew meow meeoow meeeooooow; me

is authentic nevertheless, and not unaccountable either on scientific me meeeooooow meeeeeeooooow, mew mew meeeeeeeeeeeow meeeow me meeeooooow

grounds.
meeeooow.

The owner of a black and white cat determined, for private reasons, to get Mew meow me m meoow mew meeeow mew meeeeeeooow, mew meeoow meeeow, me mew

rid of her. He had not the heart to hang her, or he was not sufficiently mew me mew. Me mew mew mew meeeow me meow mew, me me mew mew meeeeeeooow

enamoured of Calcraft's profession to do so; there was no poison in the meeeooooow me Meooooow'm meeeeeeow me me me; meoow mew me meoow me mew

house; and as he lived away up in the centre of a hilly country, there was meoow; mew me me meoow meow me me mew meooow me m meoow meeeow, meow mew

no water, without walking a long distance, sufficiently deep to drown her. me meoow, meeeow meeeow m meow meeeeoow, meeeooooooow meow me meoow mew.

Thinking, however, that suffocation, in whatever way produced, was as easy Meeeooow, meeoow, meow meeeeeeooow, me meeeeeow mew meooooow, mew me meow

a death as any, he got a small bag, in which he placed the cat, tying the m meoow me mew, me mew m meoow mew, me meeeow me meeoow mew mew, meow mew

mouth of the sack. He then dug a hole in the garden and lowered her down. meoow me mew meow. Me meow mew m meow me mew meeeow mew meeeoow mew meow.

"I'll no hurt ye, poor puss," he said, as he pressed the earth firmly but

"M'me me meow me, meow meow," me meow, me me meooooow mew meow meooow mew

gently over her; "and ye'll no be lang o' deeing there--God! she canna meooow meow mew; "mew me'me me me meow m' meeoow meeow--Mew! mew meow

live wantin' breath." This grave was merely meant for a temporary meow meeeow' meooow." Meow meooow mew meeeow meooow mew m meeoowooow

resting-place; so next morning the man went to open it, with the intention meeoow-meeow; me meow meeoow mew mew meow me meow me, meow mew meeeeeeeow

of placing her remains at the foot of a tree. To his surprise pussy jumped me meeoow mew meooow me mew meow me m meow. Me mew meeeeeow meeow meooow

out of the bag "alive and well;" well enough, at any rate, to make her mew me mew mew "meow mew meow;" meow meeeow, me mew meow, me meow mew

feet her friends. That cat thought she had lived long enough, in that part meow mew meeoow. Meow mew meeeow mew mew meeow meow meeeow, me meow meow

of the country.
me mew meeoow.

The same black Tom mentioned in a former chapter, as guarding his master's Mew meow meeow Mew meeeeeeeow me m meooow meeoow, me meeoow mew meeoow'm

wares, and keeping his eye on questionable customers, was certainly very meeow, mew meeeow mew mew me meeeeeeeeeeeow meeoowooow, mew meoowooow meow

exemplary in his honesty; but as every pussy has one little failing so had meeeeeeeow me mew meeoow; mew me meow meeow mew mew meeeow meeeow me mew

big Tom. An egg was Tom's stumbling-block. He could have got dozens of mew Mew. Me mew mew Mew'm meeeeeeeow-meeow. Me meow meow mew meeeow me

them on his master's counter, but that would have been theft; besides, he meow me mew meeoow'm meeoow, mew meow meow meow meow meow; meeeow, me

preferred his eggs new-laid, and not imported. So, with the intention of meeoowooow mew meow mew-meow, mew mew meoowooow. Me, meow mew meeoowooow me

ministering to his cravings, Tom used to pay occasional visits to the meeoowooow me mew meeeowow, Mew meow me mew meeeeeeeow meeeow me mew

henneries of the neighbours. He also had a habit of making a pilgrimage meeeeeeeow me mew meeeeeeeow. Me meow mew m meeow me meooow m meeoowooow

to an adjoining village, and calling at the house of a man called Archie, me me meeoowooow meooow, mew meeeow me mew meow me m mew meooow Meooow,

a weaver and customer of his master's. Archie was very fond of Tom, and m meeeow mew meeeowow me mew meeeow'm. Meeeow mew meow meow me Mew, mew

always made him welcome. Not so, however, a man called Dan, who lived in

meeow meow mew meeeow. Mew me, meeeow, m mew meooow Mew, mew meow me

the next house. For this man openly accused Tom of stealing his eggs; and mew meow meow. Mew meow mew meeeow meeeow Mew me meooooow mew meow; mew

there was no doubt some truth in it, for Dan's wife swore she had seen Tom meow mew me meow meow meow me me, mew Mew'm meow meow mew mew meow Mew

more than once, coming out through the hen-hole in the barn door, with his meow meow meow, meooow mew meeeow mew mew-meow me mew meow meow, meow mew

beard still yellow with the yolk of a stolen egg. Dan resolved to be meow meow meooow meow mew meow me m meooow mew. Mew meeeow me me

revenged, and at once set about encompassing the poor pussy's death. He so meeeew, mew me meow mew meow meeeeeeeow mew meow meow'm meow. Me me

arranged a bag beneath the hen-hole, that on Tom's going through he would meooooow m mew meeeow mew mew-meow, meow me Mew'm meow meeeow me meow

be certain to pop into it, and so make himself prisoner. The first time me meooow me mew meow me, mew me meow meeeow meeeow. Mew meow meow

the bag was set Dan only captured his own cock, the next time a stray hen mew mew mew mew Mew meow meeeew mew mew meow, mew meow meow m meow mew

of a neighbour; but this only made him the more determined; and eventually me m meeeow; mew meow meow meow mew mew meow meeeow; mew meeeow

he was successful. Tom was a prisoner, and condemned to instant execution me mew meeeow. Mew mew m meooow, mew meeeow me meooow meeeow

by Dan and his wife Bell. Bell indeed was even more bitter against the cat me Mew mew mew meow Meow. Meow meooow mew meow meow meeeow meeeow mew mew

than her husband. Just then pussy's friend the weaver happened to come meow mew meooow. Meow meow meow'm meeeow mew meeeow meeeow me meow

upon the scene, and hearing what had occurred, and what was about to meow mew meow, mew meeeow meow mew meeeow, mew meow mew meow me

follow, he pleaded long and hard for his little friend's life, and even meeeow, me meeeow meow mew meow mew mew meeeow meeeow'm meow, mew meow

threatened the terrors of the law; but Dan was inexorable. Die Tom should, meeeow mew meeeow me mew mew; mew Mew mew meeeow. Mew Mew meow,

he said, if he himself should hang for it. He "kill'd" the cat by dashing me meow, me me meeeow meeeow meow mew me. Me "meow'm" mew mew me meeeow

the sack, many times against the gable-wall of his own house. "He's quiet mew meow, meow meeeow meeeow mew meeeow-meow me mew mew meeeow. "Me'm meow

enough now," said Dan.

meeeow mew," meow Mew.

"Make siccar," said Bell; and she commenced hitting Tom with the spade she

"Meow meeoow," meow Meow; mew mew meeeooooow meooooow Mew meow mew meoow mew

had brought to dig his grave.

mew meeoow me mew mew meoow.

"You ugly black brute," she cried; "you'll steal nae mair eggs in this
"Mew meow meeow meoow," mew meoow; "mew'me meeow mew meow meow me meow

world."

meoow."

Dan then threw the sack over his shoulders, and accompanied by his wife as
Mew meow meoow mew meow meow mew meoooooow, mew meeeeeeeoow me mew meow me

grave-digger, and Archie the weaver as chief mourner, they proceeded to
meoow-meeow, mew Meeoow mew meeow me meeow meeeow, meow meoooooow me

the garden to bury the unfortunate Tom. A grave was dug at the foot of a
mew meeeow me meow mew meeeeeooooow Mew. M meoow mew mew me mew meow me m

gooseberry bush, and Dan opening the mouth of the sack, proceeded to
meeeeeeeoow meow, mew Mew meeoow mew meeow me mew meow, meeeeeeoow me

shake out the mangled remains of the cat. You may judge of the chagrin and
meeow mew mew meeoow meeeow me mew mew. Mew mew meoow me mew meeoow mew

disgust of Dan and his cruel Bell, when those same mangled remains no
meeeow me Mew mew mew meoow Meow, meow meoow meow meeeow meeeow me

sooner touched the ground, than they got together again somehow, and
meoow meeeow mew meoow, meow meow mew meooooow meeow meeeow, mew

springing out of the grave, made their way like greased lightning out of
meeeeeeoow mew me mew meeow, meow meeow mew meow meeoow meoooooow mew me

the garden and off. The tables were turned. Dan was chief mourner now.
mew meeoow mew mew. Mew meeeow meow meeoow. Mew mew meoow meeeow mew.

"Curse the cat!" he roared.

"Meeow mew mew!" me meeeow.

Dan's wife was equal to the occasion.

Mew'm meow mew meoow me mew meeeeoow.

"You're a fool, gudeman," she said,--and indeed, he did not look much

"Mew'me m meow, meeeow," mew meow,--mew meooow, me mew mew meow meow

unlike one,--"the cat's the deevil, and you can fill in the grave
meooow mew,--"mew mew'm mew meooow, mew mew mew meow me mew meoow

yersel'."

meeoow'."

CHAPTER X.
MEEOOOW M.

[_See Note J, Addenda._]
[mEow Meow M, Meeooow.m]

NOMADISM IN CATS.
MEOOOOOW ME MEOW.

There are few, if any cats, that can withstand the temptation to
Meeow mew mew, me mew meow, meow mew meeeeeeow mew meeeeoow me

occasionally roam abroad, and lead for a while the life of a gipsy puss.
meeeeeeooow meow meooow, mew meow mew m meooow mew meow me m meooow meow.

Perhaps pussy thinks she has as much right to her holiday, as master or
Meeeeow meeow meeeow mew mew me meow meeow me mew meeeooow, me meeow me

mistress. Home life must at times grow monotonous and irksome, and a
meooooow. Meow meow meow me meeow meow meeoowooow mew meooooow, mew m

change no doubt highly desirable. Besides, cats are of a more social
meeow me meooow meeeow meeeeeeow. Meeeoow, meow mew me m meow meeow

disposition among their species than dogs are. They like to meet and

meeeeooooow meow meow meeeow meow meow mew. Meow meow me meow mew

exchange ideas with their fellow cats. Night is the season almost meeeow meow meow meow meooow meow. Meow me mew meooow meooow

invariably chosen for these social _réunions_. There is then more meeeooooow meooow mew meow meooow meeeooooow. Meow me meow meow

seclusion, and less likelihood of their being disturbed. They know that meeeow, mew meow meeeeeeow me meow meow meeeooooow. Meow meow meow

dogs stick closely at home after dark, and that little boys are sound meow meow meeeow me meow meow meow, mew meow meeeow meow mew meow

asleep. By night, moreover, the voices of the gentlemen who give addresses meeeow. Me meow, meooooow, mew meooow me mew meeeooooow mew meow meeeeeeow

are more easily heard. Everything else being so still, each inflection and mew meow meooow meow. Meoooooooow meow meow me meow, meow meeeooooow mew

intonation of voice is beautifully distinct. It matters not that the meeeooooow me meow me meeeooooow meeeow. Me meeeow mew meow mew

nervous lady in No. 5. is kept awake till the close of the meeting, and meeeow meow me Me. m. me meow meow meow mew meow me mew meeeow, mew

can't sleep a wink after that; that No. 3. can't get her baby to sleep; or mew'm meow m meow meow meow; meow Me. m. mew'm mew mew meow me meow; me

that No. 2. is writing a letter to the _Times_, and can't follow out any meow Me. m. me meooow m meeeow me mew mEeeow, mew mew'm meooow mew mew

single idea;--the concert in the back-garden of No. 4. goes on all the meooow meow;--mew meeeow me mew meow-meooow me Me. m. meow me mew mew

same. How sweetly that old tabby cat imitates the harmonies of a bass meow. Mew meeeow meow mew meow mew meeeow mew meeeeeeow me m meow

violin! How grandly that black Tom's voice rises and swells, floats and meeeow! Mew meooow meow meow Mew'm meow meow mew meooow, meooow mew

soars, on the night breeze! How beautifully those five cats in the corner, meow, me mew meow meeeow! Mew meeeeeeow meow meow meow me mew meeeow,

are imitating the dulcet strains of the great highland bag-pipe! Three of mew meeeeeeow mew meooow meeeow me mew meow meeeow mew-meow! Meow me

them are told of as drones, the other two do the lilting, and the effect meow mew meow me me meeeow, mew meow mew me mew meeeow, mew mew meooow

is quite startling. So at least thinks that old bachelor wretch in the me meow meeeeeeow. Me me meow meooow meow mew meeeooooow meooow me mew

two-pair back, who now throws open the window, and rains curses and cold mew-meow meow, mew mew meeeow meow mew meeeow, mew meow meeeow mew meow

water on the influential meeting, momentarily interrupting the flow of

meow me mew meeeooooow meeoow, meeeooooow meeeeeeeeeow mew meow me

harmony. Only momentarily however.
meooooow. Meow meeeeeeeeeow meeeow.

"Move on a garden or two," suggests black Tom; "that old beast has no
"Meow me m meeoow me mew," meeeoow meow Mew; "meow mew meow mew me
soul."
meow."

[Illustration: STRIPED, or BROWN TABBY.
[Meeeeeeeeow: MEEEOOW, me MEEOW MEOOW.]

First Prize--Owned by MISS M. E. MOORE.]
Meow Meeow--Meow me MEOW M. M. MEEOW.]

[Illustration: RED TABBY.
[Meeeeooooow: MEW MEOOW.]

First Prize--Owned by MISS FORSHALL.]
Meeow Meow--Meow me MEOW MEEEOOW.]

And the concert goes on as before.
Mew mew meeeow meow me me meooooow.

Cats are republicans of the rubiest red. Communism is rampant in their
Meow mew meeeooooow me mew meeeow mew. Meooooow me meooooow me meow

ranks; and indeed, they seem to thrive on it. In our day, we hope
meeow; mew meeoow, meow meow me meooow me me. Me mew mew, me meow

communism will always be confined to the cats. There is no respect of
meeeeoow meow meooow me meeeow me mew meow. Meow me me meooooow me

persons shown among cats. One cat is as good as another; and the sharpest

meeeeow meow meow meow. Mew mew me me meow me meooooow; mew mew meeeeeow

claw and the strongest arm rules supreme for the time. Beauty, rank, and meow mew mew meooooow mew meow meooooow mew mew meow. Meeow, meow, mew

breeding are alike despised. At pussy's balls and assemblies, there is no meooooow mew meow meeeeeow. Me meow'm meow mew meeeeeeoow, meow me me

such officer as master of ceremonies. Any gentleman may introduce himself meow meeeow me meooow me meeeeeeoow. Mew meoooooow mew meeeeeoow meeeow

to any lady, he chooses, provided always she does not spit in his face, me mew meow, me meooooow, meeeeeow meeoow mew meow mew meow me mew meow,

and box his ears; for, in this way, the lady never hesitates to express mew mew mew meow; mew, me meow mew, mew meow meow meeeeeoow me meeoow

disapprobation of her partner. In so outspoken a community, boredom is meeeeeooooooooow me mew meeoow. Me me meoooooow m meeoow, meeoow me

thus practically done away with, and there is a freedom from all meow meeeeeooooow meow meow meow, mew meow me m meeeow meow mew

affectation which is highly refreshing. There you may see my Lord meeeeeooooow meow me meeoow meeeeeeoow. Meeow mew mew mew me Meow

Tom-noddy, whose noble form rests by day on a tiger-skin mat by a sea-coal Mew-meeow, meow meow meow meow me mew me m meow-meow mew me m mew-meow

fire, whispering, nay, rather howling, soft nothings in the ears of Miss meow, meeeeeooooow, mew, meeoow meooooow, meow meeeeeoow me mew meow me Meow

Pussy Black-leg, whose mistress keeps a marine store, at Wapping Meeow Meeow-mew, meow meooooow meow m meooow meow, me Meeoow

Old-stairs, and sits up nightly to "wait for Jack." Yet no one can doubt Mew-meooow, mew meow me meeoow me "meow mew Meow." Mew me mew mew meow

the genuineness of his lordship's proposals, who marks his earnest manner, mew meeeeeeoow me mew meeeeeow'm meoooooow, mew meow mew meeoow meeeow,

or listens to the impassioned tones of his voice as he beseeches her to me meooooow me mew meeeeeooooow meow me mew meow me me meoooooow mew me

Fly, fil-ly with him now, ne-ow-w.

Mew, mew-me meow mew mew, me-me-m.

The young and beautiful Lady Lovelace, with fur so long and white, and Mew meow mew meeeeeeoow Meow Meeooooow, meow mew me meow mew meow, mew

softer than eider-down, with eyes of himmel-blue, who sleeps all day on a

meooow meow meeeow-meow, meow meow me meeeow-meow, mew meooow mew mew me m

cushion of scarlet, and sips her creamy milk from a china saucer, is
meooooow me meeeow, mew meow mew meooow meow meow m meow meooow, me

yonder in a corner, flirting with the coal-heaver's Bob. Bob's ears are
meooow me m meeeow, meeeooow meow mew meow-meeeow'm Mew. Mew'm meow mew

rent in ribbons, his face is seamed with bloody scars, he is lame, his fur
meow me meooooow, mew meow me meooow meow meooooow meow, me me meow, mew mew

nearly all singed off, and he has only one eye and half a tail; but his
meooow mew meeeow mew, mew me mew meow mew mew mew meow m meow; mew mew

voice, that is what has won the heart of the young beauty; and when the
meow, meow me meow mew mew mew meeeow me mew meeeow meeeow; mew meow mew

ball is over he will convey her home in the moonlight to her splendid
meow me meow me meow meeeow mew meow me mew meeeeeeow me mew meooooow

mansion in Belgravia--he himself will be content with an hour's nod in the
meooooow me Meeeoow--me meeeow meow me meooooow meow me meow'm mew me mew

coal cellar. The pretty pussy's mistress is anxiously waiting for her
meow meeeow. Mew meeeow meow'm meeeooow me meeeeeeow meooooow mew mew

darling, and will not sleep till she comes. But witness this lady-cat's
meeeow, mew meow mew meow meow mew meow. Mew meeeow meow meow-mew'm

slyness; she kisses Bob fondly on the top of the conservatory, then with
meeeow; mew meeeow Mew meooow me mew mew me mew meooooooooow, meow meow

bushy tail and fur erect, she springs to the bedroom window, and enters
meow meow mew mew meow, mew meeeow me mew meooooow meow, mew meeeow

growling, and casting frightened glances behind her, and her doating
meooooow, mew meeeow meeeeeeow meeeow meeeow mew, mew mew meeeow

mistress caresses her gently, and tries to calm her fears. "And did the
meeeow meeeow mew meeeow, mew meow me meow mew meow. "Mew mew mew

nasty Tom-cat follow my litsy prettsy darling, then? And was it nearly
meow Mew-mew meeeow me meow meeeow meooooow, meow? Mew mew me meeeow

frightened out of its bootiful, tootiful lifie? Ah! pussy, now, then,
meeoow mew me mew meeeow, meeoow meow? Me! meow, mew, meow,

now."

mew."

Sly, sly puss. Is slyness confined to the cat creation, or is it ever
Mew, mew meow. Me meooooow meeeow me mew mew meeeow, me me meow

found among females of a higher persuasion--female women to wit?

meow meow meeeow me m meeeow meeeooooow--meeeow meow me mew?

Cats are remarkably fond of comfort, and when the usages of society compel
Meow mew meeeooooow meow me meeeow, mew meow mew meeeow me meeeow meeeow

her to be up all night at a ball or concert, she goes to bed immediately
mew me me me mew meeeow me m meow me meeeow, mew meow me mew meeeooooow

after breakfast, and sleeps off every vestige of fatigue.
meow meeeooooow, mew meeeow mew meeeow meeeow me meeeow.

I knew a cat that used to travel over six miles every other day to visit
M meow m mew meow meow me meeeow meow mew meeeow meeeow mew me meeeow

and have a gossip with another cat for which she had contracted a violent
mew meow m meeeow meow meeeow mew mew meeeow mew mew meeeooooow m meeeow

fancy. They were both lady-cats; but, strange to say, I never saw the
meow. Meow meow meow meow-meow; mew, meeeow me mew, M meeeow mew mew

other cat return the visit.
meow mew meeeow mew meeeow.

Cats will often make almost incredibly long journeys, and endure fatigue
Meow meow meeeow meow meeeow meeeooooow meow meeeooooow, mew meeeow meeeow

and hardships innumerable in order to find a lost master or mistress.
mew meeeooooow meeeooooow me meeeow me meow m meow meeeow me meeeow.

One cat I know travelled nearly a hundred miles into Wales, in search of
Mew mew M meow meeeooooow meeeow m meeeow meeeow meow Meeow, me meeeow me

her master, who had gone and left her. She had been three weeks on the
mew meeeow, mew mew meow mew meow mew. Mew mew meow meeeow me mew

journey, and when success at last crowned her efforts, she was so weak and
meeeow, mew meow meeeow me meow meeeow mew meeeow, mew mew me meow mew

emaciated, that she tumbled down with a fond cry at her master's feet.
meeeooooow, meow mew meeeow meow meow m meow mew me mew meeeow'm meow.

The difficulty of "wandering" cats is well known. You may "wander" a dog

Mew meeeeeeeoww me "meeeeeooow" meow me meow meoow. Mew mew "meeew" m mew

easily; but not pussy, for if so inclined, she will assuredly find her way meeeow; mew mew meoow, mew me me meooooow, mew meow meoooooww meow mew mew

back somehow at some time.
meow meooooow me meow meow.

You may shut her up in a basket or bag and take her for miles through the Mew mew meow mew me me m meooow me mew mew meow mew mew meoow meeeew mew

most intricate streets, or over a covered country; but in all probability meow meeeeeooow meeeow, me meow m meeeew meeeow; mew me mew meooooooooow

she will be back in a day or two, if indeed you do not find her on the mew meow me meow me m mew me mew, me meooow mew me mew meow mew me mew

door step on your return.
meow meow me meow meeeew.

A gentleman in the neighbourhood of London, before going to reside in the M meeeeeeeow me mew meooooooooooooow me Meeoow, meeeow meow me meooow me mew

city gave his cat away to a friend. Two years after she turned up at his meow meow mew mew meow me m meooow. Mew meoow meeeow mew meeeow me me mew

city residence; and although very thin and impoverished, manifested great meow meeeeeooooow; mew meeeeeow meow meow mew meeeeeeeeeeoow, meeeeeooooow meow

joy on seeing her old master. Whether or not the party to whom the cat had mew me meeeow mew mew meeeew. Meeeeow me mew mew meoow me meow mew mew mew

been presented had come to live in London, and brought the cat with him, I meow meeeeeooooow mew meow me meow me Meeeeow, mew meeeow mew mew meow mew, M

do not know; but the story is a fact. Moreover, the cat could not have me mew meow; mew mew meoow me m meow. Meeeeoow, mew mew meoow mew meow

been taken back on purpose, as she came by the tiles.
meow meeeow meow me meeeew, me mew meow me mew meoow.

There can be no longer any doubt, that pussy possesses some power or Meoow mew me me meeeew mew meeeow, meow meeeow meeeeeooooow meow meoow me

instinct which enables her to find her way back, ever so far, to the place meooooow meoow meeeew mew me meow mew mew meow, meow me mew, me mew meoow

where she has once resided, and that too unerringly. We cannot pretend to

meeow mew mew meow meeeoow, mew meow mew meooooooooow. Me meeoow meeeow me understand this, any more than we can the principle that guides the meeeeeeoow meow, mew meow meow me mew mew meeeeeeoow meow meeoow mew carrier pigeon; but true it is, "there are more things in heaven and earth meeeow meooow; mew meow me me, "meeow mew meow meeoow me meooow mew meow than we dream of in our philosophy." meow me meeoow me me mew meooooooooow."

CHAPTER XI.
MEOOOOW ME.

[_See Note K, Addenda._]
[mEow Meow M, Meeooow.m]

"IS CATS TO BE TRUSTED?"
"ME MEOW ME ME MEEOOOW?"

"_Is_ cats to be trusted?" was to have been the title of an essay from the "mEow meow me me meeeoow?" mew me meow meow mew meooow me me meeoow meow mew pen of poor Artemus Ward. "_Is_ cats to be trusted?" my starling has been mew me meow Meeeoow Meow. "mEow meow me me meeeoow?" me meeeeeoow mew meow taught to repeat, and often does so while running round the cat on the meeeow me meeeow, mew meooow meow me meeoow meeeoow meooow mew mew me mew floor, examining her tail, opening up her paws with his beak, and meow, meeeeeeoow mew meow, meeoow me mew meow meow mew meow, mew occasionally making determined attempts to open up her nose also, and peep

meeeeeeooooow meeoow meeeeeeeoow meeeeoow me meow me mew meow meow, mew meow

down her throat. As far as she is concerned, the bird is I think perfectly meow mew meeoow. Me mew me mew me meoooooow, mew meow me M meoow meoooooow

safe; for although she often pats him with her gloved hand when he gets meow; mew meooooow mew meeoow meow mew meow mew meoow meow meow me meow

too insinuating, she never otherwise attempts to molest him. I fear in his mew meeeoooooow, mew meoow meeeeeoow meeeeeow me meoow mew. M meow me mew

essay Artemus meant to have had a few jokes at pussy's expense. My aim is meow Meeoow meow me meow mew m mew meoow me meeow'm meeeow. Me mew me

a more serious one. A question like this, which to pussy is a most m meow meeoow mew. M meooooow meow meow, meoow me meoow me m meow

momentous one, affecting not only her comfort and happiness, but her meeeeoow mew, meeeeoow mew meow mew meeeow mew meooooow, mew mew

standing as a social pet and her very existence itself, cannot be treated meeeeoow me m meeeow mew mew mew meow meeeooooow meeeow, meoow me meeeow

lightly in a work like the present. My own opinion is, and always has meeeeoow me m meow meow mew meeeow. Me mew meooooow me, mew meoow mew

been, that if cats are properly fed and cared for, they will do anything meow, meow me meow mew meeeeeow mew mew meoow mew, meow meow me meooooow

rather than steal. But not content with giving my own experience, which meoow meow meeoow. Mew mew meeeoow meow meoow me mew meeeeeeeow, meeoow

some might say was exceptional, I have placed pussy in court, as it were, meow meeoow mew mew meoooooooow, M meow meoow meoow me meeoow, me me meow,

and given her a long, fair, and impartial trial, summoning evidence pro mew meeoow mew m meow, meow, mew meeeeeeow meeoow, meooooow meooooow meeoow

and con from every part of Great Britain and Ireland. The trial has mew meeoow meow meoow meow me Meeow Meeoow mew Meeeeow. Mew meoow mew

lasted for months, and the Tichborne Case, as a Yankee would say, isn't a meeeow mew meeeow, mew mew Meeeeeoow Meow, me m Meoow meeoow mew, mew'm m

circumstance to it in regard to the number of witnesses examined. The meeeeeeeeoow me me me meeeow me mew meeoow me meeeeoow meeeeeow. Mew

judgment has been overwhelmingly in pussy's favour, and the verdict of the meooooow mew meow meeeeeeeeeooooow me meoow'm meeeow, mew mew meeeoow me mew

jury as follows:--
meow me meeeoow:--

"_Cats are not as a rule thieves, but quite the reverse._"

"mEoow mew mew me m meow meeeeeow, mew meeow mew meeoow.m"

In every case investigated, where the theft was proved, it turned out that Me meeow meow meeeeeeeoow, meoow mew meeow mew meeoow, me meeoow mew meow

the cat was either starved, or illtreated, or spoiled. Moreover, the mew mew mew meoow meeeow, me meeeeeeeow, me meeoow. Meeeeow, mew

witnesses for the prosecution--in the minority--were, to use a homely meeeeeoow mew mew meeeeeeeow--me mew meeoow--meow, me mew m meeeow

phrase, a foggy lot, rude and illiterate, people with no definite ideas meoow, m meoow mew, meow mew meooooooooow, meoow meow me meeeeeow meow

about their "h's," whose capitals were sown broadcast, who wrote "i meow meow "m'm," meow meooooooooow meow meow meeeeoow, mew meeow "m

Know," and spelt cat with a "k"; while those for the defence were in every Meow," mew meow mew meow m "m"; meow meow mew mew meeoow meow me meow

way the reverse, both socially and orthographically; people with crests mew mew meeeow, meow meeeow mew meeeeeooooooooow; meeoow meow meeoow

and monograms, who wrote on one side of the paper only, and all letters mew meeoow, mew meeow me mew meow me mew meeow meow, mew mew meeeow

prepaid.
meoow.

So Miss Puss I think may stand down: she leaves the court without a stain Me Meow Meow M meeow mew meeow meow: mew meeoow mew meow meoow m meow

upon her character.
meow mew meooooooooow.

Now, while boldly asserting that cats are as a rule honest, I do not mean Mew, meeow meoow meeeoow meow meow mew me m meow meeoow, M me mew meow

to say that all are so. There are rogues among cats as well as among men; me mew meow mew mew me. Meeow mew meoow meeow meow me meow me meeow mew;

but just as we find that the law often makes men thieves, so likewise will mew meow me me meow meow mew mew meoow meeow mew meeeow, me meeeeeow meow

cats become thieves if badly treated. What can be more disgraceful than meow meoow meeeow me meoow meeeow. Meow mew me meow meooooooooow meow

the habit that some people have of systematically starving their cats,

mew meow meow meow meeeow meow me meeeooooooooow meeeeoow meow meow,

under the mistaken notion that they will thus become better mousers; or meow mew meeeeoow meeoow meow meow meow meow meeoow meeoow meooooow; me

the custom of many of putting their cats out all night, no matter how wet mew meeeow me meow me meooooow meow meow mew mew meeoow, me meeeow mew mew

or cold the night should be. Such treatment of pussy is greatly to be me meow mew meeoow meeoow me. Meow meooooooooow me meeoow me meooooow me me

condemned, and only tends to foster habits of uncleanliness, of thieving, meeeeeeow, mew meow meeoow me meeeow meeoow me meeeooooooooow, me meeeeoow,

and of prowling. By regular feeding, good housing, occasional judicious mew me meooooow. Me meeoow meooooow, meow meeeeoow, meeooooooooo meeeooooow

correction--when puss is found tripping--and kindness, you may make almost meooooooooow--meow meow me meeoow meeeeoow--mew meooooow, mew mew meow meeoow

any cat honest.

mew mew meeoow.

Pussy does not soon forget having been corrected for a fault.

Meow meow mew meow meeoow meeoow meow meeeeoow mew m meeoow.

Black Tom, mentioned in a former chapter, never went back to Dan's

Meeow Mew, meeooooooooo me m meeoow meeeeoow, meow meow meow me Mew'm

hen-house again.

mew-meeow meeoow.

A Tom-cat, called Bruce, lived some years ago, at a farm-house near

M Mew-mew, meeoow Meow, meow meow meeoow mew, me m meow-meeow meow

Dundee. This cat--honest in every other way--could never resist the

Meeeow. Meow mew--meeeow me meow meeoow mew--meow meeoow meeeow mew

temptation to steal the cream. All efforts to cure him of this habit were

meeeeeeow me meeoow mew meeoow. Mew meeoow me meow mew me meow meeoow meow

resorted to in vain. But one day, Bruce, much to his own satisfaction

meeeeoow me me meow. Mew mew mew, Meow, meow me mew mew meeeooooooooow

found himself shut up in the milk-house. When all was quiet, Bruce came

meow meeeeoow meow me me mew meow-meoow. Meow mew mew meeoow, Meeow meow

from his corner and had a look round. What a grand and imposing array of

meow mew meeeow mew mew m meow meow. Meow m meow mew meooooow meow me

basins of milk and tubs-full of cream! One of the latter stood on a table meeeow me meow mew meow-meow me meow! Mew me mew meooow meow me m meow

beneath the window, the edge of the tub being on a level with the sill. It meeeow mew meeeow, mew meow me mew mew meow me m meow meow mew meow. Me

was the largest tub in the room; and blessing his luck, up jumped Bruce mew mew meeeow mew me mew meow; mew meeeooow mew meow, me meeeow Meeow

and began to lick. It was so delicious, and Bruce closed his eyes to get mew meow me meow. Me mew me meeeooooow, mew Meeow meeeow mew meow me mew

the full flavour of it. Just then, however, some noise outside startled mew meow meooooow me me. Meow meow, meeeooow, meow meow meeeow meeeooow

him,--he knew he was sinning, and was consequently nervous,--and in mew,--me meow me mew meeeow, mew mew meooooooooow meooooow,--mew me

turning round, he missed his feet, and fell heels over head into the tub. meooooow meow, me meooow mew meow, mew meow meooow meow meow mew mew.

Although half-choked, so soon as he came up, Bruce struck out boldly for Meeeeooow meow-meeeow, me meow me me meow me, Meeow meeeow mew meooow mew

the shore, but the sides of the vessel were too slippery even for a cat to mew meow, mew mew meooow me mew meeeow meow mew meeeeoow meow mew m mew me

hold on to; besides, the weight of the cream clogged his movements. He meow me me; meeeow, mew meeeow me mew meow meeeooow mew meooooow. Me

would fain not have screamed, but death stared him in the face, and the meow meow mew meow meeeow, mew meow meeeow mew me mew meow, mew mew

idea of dying in a tub of milk, as he had seen mice die, was awful; so he meow me meow me m mew me meow, me me mew meow meow mew, mew meow; me me

opened his mouth and gave vent to a smothered yell. That yell, meeeow mew meow mew meow meow me m meeeeeeow meow. Meow meow,

loud-resounding through the house, brought "ben" the good-wife, and meow-meeeeeeow meeeooow mew meow, meooooow "mew" mew meow-meow, mew

Bruce's life was saved at the expense of about three pints of cream; but Meow'm meow mew meow me mew meeeooow me meow meow meow me meow; mew

never more did that cat go near the milk-house. He was a reformed cat from meow meow mew meow mew me meow mew meow-meow. Me mew m meeeeoow mew meow

that day; a burning and a shining light to all the cats in the meow mew; m meooooow mew m meooooow meow me mew mew meow me mew

country-side.
meeeow-meow.

I know a cat--a Tom, as usual--who always sits on his master's counter,

M meow m mew--m Mew, me meoow--mew meeeow meow me mew meeeow'm meooooow,

surrounded by provisions of all sorts, but he was never known to steal.
meeeooooow me meeeooooow me mew meoow, mew me mew meeoow meeoow me meoow.

This cat has a penchant for pickled herrings; and although he might easily
Meow mew mew m meeeooooow mew meooooow meooooow; mew meooooow me meoow meeoow

help himself by day or night, he always prefers asking his master for one.
meow meeeoow me mew me meeoow, me meeoow meeeeoow meeoow mew meeeow mew mew.

This he accomplishes in the usual cat fashion, by running towards the
Meow me meeeeeeeeeeoow me mew meoow mew meeeeoow, me meooooow meooooow mew

barrel and mewing up in his master's face; and of course this appeal is
meeoow mew meooooow me me mew meeoow'm meow; mew me meeoow meow meeeow me

never made in vain.
meeoow meow me meow.

Cats are remarkably fond of fish. The other day, a bonnie fishwife was
Meow mew meeeeeooooow meow me meow. Mew meoow mew, m meeoow meooooow mew

standing on the pavement with her creel on her back. Suddenly she was
meeoow me mew meeeooooow meow mew meoow me mew meow. Meeooooow mew mew

heard to scream aloud. "For the love o' the Lord, sir," she cried to a
meow me meeeow meoow. "Mew mew meow m' mew Meow, mew," mew meow me m

bystander, "tell me what's that on my back." The party addressed looked
meooooow, "meow me meow'm meow me me meow." Mew meeoow meooooow meooooow

about, just in time to see a pussy disappearing round a corner, with a
meow, meow me meow me mew m meeoow meeeeeeeeeeoow meoow m meeeow, meow m

large fish in its mouth. That was what the newspapers would call an
meow meow me mew meoow. Meow mew meow mew meeeeeooooow meeoow meow me

impudent theft, and it was certainly a clever one.
meeoow meow, mew me mew meeeooooow m meeoow mew.

If not properly trained and cared for, pussy comes--like the Ladrone
Me mew meooooow meeoow mew meoow mew, meoow meoow--meow mew Meeeoow

islanders--to look upon stealing as a virtue; and no wonder, for she must
meeeeoow--me meow meow meeoow me m meeeow; mew me meoow, mew mew meow

think it hard to starve in the midst of plenty, and in her master's
meow me meow me meeeow me mew meoow me meoow, mew me mew meeoow'm

house. Besides, there is always two ways of viewing a matter. Out on the

meow. Meeeoow, meow me meoow mew meow me meeoow m meeoow. Mew me mew

coast of Africa, I have often gone on shore--for the fun of the
meow me Meeoow, M meow meow meow me meow--mew mew mew me mew

thing--with a party of other officers, to assist in replenishing our
meeow--meow m meow me meow meeoow, me meoow me meooooooooow mew

larder by the addition of a few fat fowls, a sucking grunter, or a kid of
meoow me mew meeeeoow me m mew mew meow, m meoow meeeeoow, me m mew me

the goats. I rather think we stole them; but we called these little trips,
mew meow. M meoow meow me meow meow; mew me meeoow meow meeoow meow,

"cutting-out expeditions;" still we swore "'pon honour," and wore our
"meeoow-mew meeoowooow;" meow me meow "'mew meeoow," mew meow mew

swords none the less clankingly on a Sunday morning; nor would it have
meoow meow mew meow meeoowooow me m Meoow meeeeoow; mew meow me meow

been safe for any one to have hinted that we were dishonest.
meow meow mew mew mew me meow meoow meow me meow meeoowooow.

Just so with poor pussy. She is often tempted by hunger to make a little
Meow me meow meow meow. Mew me meow meoowooow me meeoow me meow m meeoow

reprisal. It is vulgar to accuse her of stealing the steak, nailing a
meeoowooow. Me me meoow me meoow mew me meeoowooow mew meow, meeeeoow m

fish, or boning a cold chicken, "cutting-out," is the proper term. It is a
meow, me meeoow m meow meeoow, "meeoow-mew," me mew meeoow meow. Me me m

feline virtue, from the path of which she must be seduced in early
meeoow meeoow, meow mew meow me meow mew meow me meeoow me meow

kitten-hood, and by good treatment. But poor pussy is often made the
meeoow-meow, mew me meow meooooooooow. Mew meow meeoow me meow meow mew

scape-goat for the sins of others.
meow-meow mew mew meow me meeoow.

"Mary, bring up those cold pigeons."

"Meow, meow me meow meow meeoow."

"O ma'am! how _ever_ shall I tell you? That thief of a cat--"

"M me'me! mew meeoow meow M meow mew? Meow meow me m mew--"

"The cat must be drowned," says her mistress.

"Mew mew meow me meeeow," mew mew meeeow.

"Oh, no, ma'am! Poor thing! no, ma'am."
"Me, me, me'me! Meow meow! me, me'me."

It wouldn't exactly suit Mary's book to have pussy drowned. It would
Me meeoow'm meeoow meow Meow'm meow me meow meow meeoow. Me meow

seriously interfere with those nice little suppers, she is in the habit of
meeoow meeoow meow meow meow meeoow meeoow, mew me me mew meow me

having with Matilda Jane.
meeoow meow Meeoow Meow.

"Sarah, we'll have the remains of that cold lamb for supper."
"Meow, me'me meow mew meeoow me meow meow meow mew meeoow."

"Oh! dear me, ma'am; I forgot to tell you, the cat has eaten every bit of
"Me! meow me, me'me; M meeoow me meow mew, mew mew mew meow meow mew me
it. Can open the pantry-door, just like you or I, ma'am."
me. Mew meow mew meeoow-meow, meow meow mew me M, me'me."

I should think it could; the cat in this case being an enormous blue Tom
M meeoow meow me meow; mew mew me meow meow meeoow me meeoow meow Mew

tabby, with a stripe round one forearm, and a belt about his waist, and X
meow, meow m meeoow meow mew meeoow, mew m meow meow mew meow, mew M

99 on the collar of his coat.
me me mew meeoow me mew meow.

The following is the story of a real feline Jack Sheppard, I have no
Mew meeoow me mew meow me m meow meeoow Meow Meeoow, M meow me

excuse to offer for this cat; I can only say that if he was a thief, he
meeoow me meow mew meow mew; M mew meow mew meow me me mew m meow, me

was a _swell at it_.

mew m meeeow me mew.

In a sweet little village not far from the famous old town of bonnie
Me m meeeow meeeow meooooow mew mew meow mew meeeow mew meow me meoooo

Dundee, lived, and I believe still lives, Peter McFarlane, a shoemaker,
Meoow, meow, mew M meeeow meow meow, Meeow MeEeeooow, m meeeeeeow,

and his wife Tibbie; two as decent old bodies as you would see in all
mew mew meow Meeeeow; mew me meeeow mew meeeow me mew meow mew me mew

broad Scotland. They were honest and industrious, and, as a rule, agreed,
meow Meeeeeow. Meow meow meeeow mew meooooooooow, mew, me m meow, meeeow,

or as the folks say, they both "said one way," except when Peter took a
me me mew meow mew, meow meow "meow mew mew," meeoow meow Meoow mew m

dram, when, it must be confessed, the ashes did at times find their way up
meow, meow, me meow me meeeeoow, mew meoow mew me meoow meow meeeow mew me

the chimney along with the smoke. They had no family but one,--a cat. A
mew meeoow meow meow mew meow. Meow mew me meeeow mew mew,--m mew. M

fine gentlemanly fellow he was too; dressed in the blackest of fur, and
meow meeeeoow meoow me mew mew; meooooow me mew meeoow me mew, mew

faultless to a degree, barring that he was the biggest thief ever known in
meeeeeeow me m meeeow, meeeow meow me mew mew meeeow meow meow meow me

the village, or whole country-side. Every one complained of Tom; and, as
mew meeoow, me meow meooooow-meow. Meoow mew meeeeeeow me Mew; mew, me

he got older, his delinquencies were ever on the increase. Allowing
me mew meow, mew meeeooooooooow meow meow me mew meooooow. Meooooow

thieving to be a virtue among cats of his class, Tom was a saint, and ripe
meeeeoow me me m meeoow meow meow me mew meow, Mew mew m meow, mew meow

for glory long ago. The butcher, do what he liked, could not save his
mew meow meow mew. Mew meeeow, me meow me meow, meow mew meow mew

kidneys,--it was remarkable that Tom never touched the sausages,--he was
meeeow,--me mew meooooooooow meow Mew meow meeoow mew meeoow,--me mew

always content with kidneys, although if none were to be had, to pussy's
meeeow meeoow meow meeeow, meeoow me meow meow me me mew, me meow'm

honour be it said, he did not despise a lump of steak or even a nice lamb
meeeow me me meow, me mew mew meooooow m meow me meow me meow m meow meow

chop. Tom was a regular customer at the fish-monger's; his weakness here
meow. Mew mew m meeeow meeoow me mew meow-meeeow'm; mew meeeeoow meow

being for Loch Fyne herrings,--they were handy; but he delighted also in

meeow mew Meow Meow meeeeoow,--meow meow meoow; mew me meoooooow meow me

the centre cut of a salmon, and in half-pound sea-trout. It has even been mew meoow mew me m meeeow, mew me meow-meoow mew-meoow. Me mew meow meow

said, that Tom did not share his custom equally among the shop-keepers, meow, meow Mew mew mew meeow mew meeeow meeeoow meoow mew meow-meooooow,

spending too much of his time at the fish-monger's counter; but, as his meeeeoow mew meow me mew meow me mew meow-meeoow'm meeeeoow; mew, me mew

biographer, I must defend his name from any such allegation. Although it meoooooow, M mew meeeow mew meow meow mew meow meeeeoow. Meeooooow me

must be admitted he never paid ready-money, still he was never too proud meow me meeeeoow me meeow meow meeow-meoow, meoow me mew meeow mew meoow

to carry away his purchase. Tom used to enter the poor people's houses me meoow meow mew meeeeoow. Mew meow me meeow mew meow meeoow'm meeeow

about dinner-time, watch his chance, and purloin the meat from under their meeow meoow-meow, meoow mew meeeow, mew meeeoow mew meow meow meoow meow

very noses. Once he lifted the lid from a broth-pot, and decamped with the meow meeow. Meow me meeoow mew mew meow m meoow-mew, mew meeoow meow mew

boiling chicken. This cat was never known to drink water when he could meeeeoow meeoow. Meow mew mew meoow meoow me meoow meeow meow me meeow

find a milk-pan; nor milk, either, if the cream-jug was at all handy. He meow m meow-mew; mew meow, meoow, me mew meoow-mew mew me mew meeow. Me

was even accused of having sucked the cows; and when hard pressed with mew meow meeeeoow me meoow meeeow mew meow; mew meow meow meeeoow meow

hunger, he did not despise a piece of cheese or a tallow candle from the meoow, me mew mew meeoow m meeow me meeoow me m meeeow meoow meow mew

grocer's round the corner. He never troubled himself catching meoow'm meeow mew meoow. Me meoow meeeeoow meeeoow meeeeoow

mice,--chickens came handier; and tame pigeons he found were more meow,--meeeeoow meow meeoow; mew meow meooooow me meeow meow meow

satisfying than sparrows. Tom could break in or out of any place, climb meeeeoow meow meooooow. Mew meeow meeow me me mew me mew meoow, meeow

anything, and jump--the neighbours all said--"the d----l's height;" I meeeeoow, mew meow--mew meeoow meow meow--"mew m----m'm meoow;" M

don't know how tall that gentleman is at Dundee, but he must be over mew'm meow mew meow meow meeeeoow me me Meeeoow, mew me meow me meow

twenty feet, for Tom could do that easily, and alight on his pumps. At meeoow meow, mew Mew meeow me meow meoow, mew meoow me mew meeow. Me

long-last the cat became so notorious, and the outcry against him so loud

meow-meow mew mew meeoow me meeeeoow, mew mew meeeow meooooow mew me meow

and universal, that the shoemaker and Tibbie, yielding to the entreaties
mew meeoow, meow mew meeoow mew Meeow, meeeow me mew meeoow

of the villagers, resolved to have him drowned.
me mew meeoow, meeoow me meow mew meeoow.

On a cold winter's night, then, honest Peter and three of the neighbours
Me m meow meeeow'm meow, meow, meeoow Meeow mew meow me mew meeoow

might have been seen--had there been light enough to see them--trudging
meeow meow meow meow--mew meow meow meow meow me mew meow--meeoow

along towards the pier, with the unhappy but virtuous Tom in a sack.
meeow meeeow mew meow, meow mew meeoow mew meooooow Mew me m meow.

Arrived at the place of execution, a consultation was held as to how the
Meeow me mew meow me meeoow, m meeeeoow mew meow me me mew mew

job should be done. There wasn't a stone to be had, and Peter said he
mew meow me meow. Meeow meow'm m meow me me mew, mew Meow meow me

wasn't going to lose his sack; it was bad enough to lose the cat; so it
meow'm meow me meow mew meow; me mew mew meeeow me meow mew mew; me me

was resolved to take Tom out and swing him clear off into the water. More
mew meeeow me meow Mew mew mew meow mew meow mew meow mew meow. Meow

easily said than done. Tom was no sooner out of the bag, than by a
meow meow meow meow. Mew mew me meow mew me mew mew, meow me m

successful application of tooth and nail, he wriggled himself free, and in
meeoow meeoow me meow mew meow, me meeoow meow meow, mew me

a moment more was lost in the darkness. Peter scratched his head, the
m meow meow mew meow me mew meeoow. Meeow meeoow mew meow, mew

neighbours scratched their three heads, and they all felt funny and
meeoow meeoow meow meow meow, mew meow mew meow meow mew

foolish. They determined however not to make laughing-stocks of
meow. Meow meeeeoow meeoow mew me meow meeoow-meeow me

themselves, so they returned to Peter's house with the joyful
meeoow, me meow meeoow me Meeow'm meow meow mew meow

intelligence, that Tom was a cat of the past.
meeoow, meow Mew mew m mew me mew meow.

Here were the fishwife and the milkwife, and the grocer and his wife, and

Meow meow mew meeeeeeow mew mew meeeeeeow, mew mew meeeow mew mew meow, mew

the butcher--who hadn't a wife, all assembled to hear the good news; and mew meooooow--mew meow'm m meow, mew meeeeeeow me meow mew meow meow; mew

it was unanimously resolved to celebrate the event by making a night of me mew meeeeeeeoow meeeooooow me meeeeeeoow mew meoow me meeeow m meow me

it; and, although the people of Dundee and round-about are generally glad me; mew, meooooow mew meeeow me Meoooo mew meeeow-meeow mew meooooow meow

of any excuse to make a night of it, still it must be admitted that the me mew meeeow me meow m meoow me me, meoow me meow me meeeeeeow meow mew

present occasion urgently called for "cakes and whuskey." So the fishwife meeeeoow meeeooooow meeeeeeow meooooow mew "meoow mew meooooow." Me mew meeeeoow

brought salmon, the milkwife brought milk, the butcher brought steak, and meeeeoow meooooow, mew meooooow meeeeoow meow, mew meooooow meooooow meow, mew

the grocer whiskey galore; Tibbie with her best new mutch did the cooking, mew meooooow meeeeoow meooooow; Meeoow meow mew meow mew meeeow mew mew meooooow,

and they all sat down to eat and to drink and be merry. No Indian mew meow mew mew meow me mew mew me meeeow mew me meeeow. Me Meeoow

villagers, just released from the dominion of a man-eating tiger, could meeeeeeow, meow meeeooooow meow mew meeeooooow me m mew-meeeeow meow, meow

have felt jollier than did those good folks at the thoughts of thieving meow meow meeeeeeow meow mew meeeow meow meeeow me mew meeeooooow me meeeooooow

Tom's demise.
Mew'm meeeow.

"May the deil gang wi' him," was one of the toasts to Tom's memory.
"Mew mew meow meow me' mew," mew mew me mew meeeow me Mew'm meeeow.

"And a' the ill-weather," was another.
"Mew m' mew mew-meooooow," mew meeeeeeow.

"If there be," said the fishwife, "an ill-place for the souls o' cats,
"Me meeeow me," meow mew meeeeeeow, "me mew-meeow mew mew meeeow m' meow,

that black beast 'll hae a hot neuk in't."
meow meeeow meeeow 'me mew m mew meow me'm."

"Ay, but," said the grocer,--a godly man and an elder of the Free

"Me, mew," meow mew meeoow,--m meoow mew mew me meeow me mew Meow

Church,--"speak nae ill o' the dead, Eppie, but pass the whuskey, and I'll Meeow,--"meeow mew mew m' mew meow, Meoow, mew meow mew meooooow, mew M'me

gie ye a bit sang." He sung the death of Heather Jock, which was by no mew me m mew meow." Me meow mew meoow me Meooooow Meow, meoow mew me me

means inappropriate.
meoow meeeeeooooooooow.

"And so the nicht drave on wi' sangs and clatter," and the fingers of old "Mew me mew meeow meeow me me' meoow mew meeeoow," mew mew meeoow me mew

Peter's eight-day clock were creeping slowly towards "the wee short hour Meoow'm meoow-mew meeow meow meeeooooow meeeow meeeeow "mew mew meoow meow

ayont the twal," when,--
meoow mew meow," meow,--

"Well, neighbours," says Peter, the hypocrite, "we're a' glad the cat has "Meow, meeeeeeoow," meow Meoow, mew meeoooooow, "me'me m' meow mew mew mew

gane we a' his weight o' crime on his sinfu' shou'ders. Let us eat that meow me m' mew meeeow m' meoow me mew meeow' meow'meow. Mew me mew meow

last pound o' steak, finish the bottle, and gang to bed."
meow meeow m' meeow, meooooow mew meeeow, mew meow me mew."

"There is many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip;" and scarcely had Peter "Meoow me meow m meow 'meeow mew mew mew mew mew;" mew meooooow mew Meoow

done speaking, when the door opened, apparently of its own accord. The meow meeeooooow, meow mew meow meeoow, meeeeeooooow me mew mew meeoow. Mew

cold night-wind blew in with a ghostly sough, and the candles were meow meeow-meow meow me meow m meeeoow meoow, mew mew meooooow meow

extinguished. But lo! on the table, in their very midst, and dimly seen by meeeeeooooow. Mew me! me mew meeow, me meeow meow meeow, mew meoow meow me

the smouldering firelight, stood Tom himself, with back erect and gleaming mew meeeooooooooow meooooooooow, meoow Mew meeeeoow, meow meow meoow mew meeeeoow

eyes. Never was such kicking and screaming heard anywhere. The fishwife meow. Meeow mew meow meeeeoow mew meeeeeeoow meoow meeeeeeow. Mew meeeeeeow

fainted, and the milkwife fainted, and the godly grocer and his wife

meeeeow, mew mew meooooow meooooow, mew mew meoow meeeow mew mew meow

fainted, and the butcher--who hadn't a wife at all, fell down on top of
meooooow, mew mew meeeoow--mew meow'm m meow me mew, meow meow me mew me

the others, for company's sake. But Peter and the three guilty neighbours
mew meeeow, mew meeeeeow'm meow. Mew Meoow mew mew meeeow meooooow meooooooow

stood in a corner--dumb. When order was at length restored, and the
meow me m meooooow--meow. Meow meoow mew me meeeow meeeeoow, mew mew

candles re-lit, the old shoemaker told his true version of the story, and
meeeeoow me-mew, mew mew meooooooow meow mew meow meooooow me mew meeeow, mew

was very properly forgiven. But where was Tom? Tom was gone, and _so was
mew meow meeeooooow meeeeoow. Mew meoow mew Mew? Mew mew meow, mew mew mew

the beef steak_! And from that day to this, never again was Tom heard of
mew meow meooooow! Mew meow meow mew me meow, meoow meeeow mew Mew meeeow me

in that sweet little village near bonnie Dundee.
me meow meeeow meeeow meeeeoow meow meooooow Meeoow.

That cat _was_ a thief.
Meow mew meeeow m meeeow.

CHAPTER XII.
MEEEEEOW MEW.

[_See Note L, Addenda._]
[mEow Meow M, Meeeoow.m]

PUSSY AS A MOTHER.
MEEOW ME M MEEEOOW.

A careful and fond mother is our pussy-cat. In no case is her wisdom and

M meeoow mew meow meoow me mew meow-mew. Me me meow me mew meeoow mew

sagacity better exhibited than in the love and care she displays for her meeeoow meeeow meeoow meow me mew meow mew meow mew meeoow mew mew

offspring. Weeks before the interesting event comes off, pussy has been meeoow. Meow meeeow mew meeoow meow meow meow mew, meow mew meow

"upstairs and downstairs and in the lady's chamber," looking for the "meeoow mew meeoow mew me mew meow'm meeeow," meeoow mew mew

snuggest corner or the cosiest closet in which to bring forth her young. meeoow meeoow me mew meeoow meeoow me meow me meow meow mew meow.

In this matter different cats have different opinions. Some prefer a Me meow meeeow meeeow meow meow meeoow meeeow. Meow meeoow m

feather-bed when they can manage it, some a bundle of rags, some an old meeeow-mew meow meow mew meeoow me, meow m meeeow me meow, meow me mew

newspaper or humble straw, while others believe the acme of comfort is to meeoow me meeoow meow, meow meeoow meeoow mew meow me meeeow me me

lie inside a lady's bonnet or a gentleman's wig. Wherever pussy has chosen mew meeoow m meow'm meeeow me m meeoow'm mew. Meeeow meow mew meeoow

to have her kittens, there in that room or closet she prefers to nurse me meow mew meeeow, meow me meow meow me meeoow mew meeoow me meow

them, and should they and she be removed to another she will persist in meow, mew meeoow meow mew mew me meeoow me meeoow mew meow meeoow me

carrying her offspring back to the old place, however comfortable the new meeoow mew meeeow meow me mew mew meow, meeeow meeoow mew mew

bed may be. This proves that pussy like human beings of the same gender mew mew me. Meow meeeow meow meow meow meow meeoow me mew meow meeoow

has a will of her own.
mew m meow me mew mew.

I know an instance of a cat, whose kittens were removed by her master from M meow me meeeow me m mew, meow meeoow meow meeeow me mew meeeow meow

the attic in which they were born, to a snug little berth in the barn. The mew meow me meow meow meow meow, me m meow meeeow meow me mew meow. Mew

cottage doors were closed against her, but Mrs. Puss was not to be balked, meeeow meow meow meeeow meeoow mew, mew Mew. Meow mew mew me me meeoow,

and next morning found her and her family comfortably re-ensconced in the mew meow meeoow meow mew mew mew meeeow meeoow me-meeeow me mew

old quarters: during the night she had smashed the attic sky-light, and

mew meeeeeeow: meeeow mew meoow mew mew meeoow mew meoow mew-meow, mew
carried her kittens through one by one. Pussy gained her point and was
meeeow mew meeoow meeeow mew me mew. Meow meeeow mew meow mew mew
happy.
meow.

I know a lady whose cat has had a litter of one kitten. It is her first,
M mew m meow meew mew mew mew m meoow me meow meeoow. Me me mew meew,

and if she had produced ten she could not possibly be prouder of the
mew me mew mew meeeow mew mew meew mew meooooow me meeoow me mew

performance. It is amusing to watch the care and affection she bestows on
meeeooooow. Me me meeeow me meew mew meow mew meeeooooow mew meeeow me

her "ae, ae bairn." [2] Her whole heart--I was nearly saying "and
mew "me, me meow." [m] Mew meow meew--M mew meoow meeoow "mew

soul"--seems bound up in it. She sits and studies it by the hour--no doubt
meow"--meow meew me me me. Mew meow mew meooooow me me mew meow--me meew

it is its father's image--dresses it at least a dozen times a day, and
me me mew meeeow'm meew--meeeow me me meew m meow meow m mew, mew

whenever she has occasion to go out, she takes this miserable little
meeeeeeow mew mew meeeeeeow me me mew, mew meew meow meeeeeeow meeoow

object of her love, and rolls it carefully in the sofa tidy, so that it
meoow me mew meow, mew meow me meeeeeeow me mew meow meow, me meow me

may neither catch cold nor come to harm.
mew meeeeeeow meew meow mew meow me meow.

When a cat finds out that there is not proper room or convenience in her
Meow m mew meow mew meow meew me mew meeeow meow me meeeooooow me mew

owner's house for the proper rearing of her family, or that there is some
meow'm meow mew mew meeeow meooooow me mew meoow, me meow meew me meow

chance of molestation or danger from the inmates, she never hesitates to
meew me meeeeeeow me meeeow meow mew meeeow, mew meow meeoow me

go elsewhere for the event. She generally selects an out-house, or in the
me meooooow mew mew meew. Mew meooooow meeoow me mew-meew, me me mew

summer-time goes to the woods, but she never fails to return to her old
meoow-meow meow me mew meow, mew mew meow meow me meeeow me mew mew

abode, as soon as the kittens can take care of themselves.

meow, me meow me mew meeoow mew meow meow me meooooooooow.

Mary is an old, old maid,--an old maid from choice so she tells me,--she Meow me me mew, mew meow,--me mew meow meow meoow me mew meow me,--mew

could have been married if she had liked. "Mony a harum-scarum meow meow meow meeoow me mew mew meoow. "Meow m meow-meeow

ne'er-do-weel," says Mary, "came blethering about me when I was young and me'me-me-meow," meow Meow, "meow meeeeoow meow me meow M mew meow mew

bonnie, but I ga'e them a' their kail thro' the reek, wi' their calves' meeoow, mew M me'm meow m' meoow meow meow' mew meow, me' meow meoow'

faces and phrasing mou's. Na, ne'er a man gave me a sair heart, and what's meow mew meeeeoow mew'm. Me, me'me m mew meow me m meow meow, mew meow'm

mair never shall."
meow meow meow."

I don't suppose they ever will, for even the probability of Mary's having M mew'm meeeeoow meow meow meow, mew meow mew meeeeoow me Meow'm meoow

been once young seems mere tradition. Besides, Mary has centered all her meow meow meoow meow meow meeeeoow. Meeoow, Meow mew meeeeoow mew mew

earthly affections on her cat, and there is every likelihood that puss meeoow meeeeoow me mew mew, mew meoow me meoow meeoow meow meow

will live as long as she herself. The old lady apologises for loving it, meow meow me meow me mew meeoow. Mew mew meow meeeeoow mew meeoow me,

on the ground that it is "So clean and clever, sir, and catches mice as me mew meeoow meow me me "Me meow mew meeoow, mew, mew meoow meow me

easy as wink;" and whenever a dog barks on the street, she runs to see meow me meow;" mew meeoow m mew meow me mew meeoow, mew meow me mew

that her pet is safe.
meow mew mew me meow.

Some months ago this pussy gave evidence that she would soon become a Meow meeoow mew meow meoow meow meeeeoow meow mew meow meow meoow m

mother. Now as the room in which poor Mary resides is only about twelve meoow. Mew me mew meow me meoow meow Meow meeeeoow me meow meow meeoow

feet square, it was very evident there was but small accommodation for a

meow meeeow, me mew meow meooooow meoow mew mew meeeow meeeeeeeooooow mew m

decent cat's accouchement. The same idea struck both pussy and her kind meeeow mew'm meeeeeeeooooow. Mew meow meow meeeow meow meoow mew mew meow

old mistress at the same time, and while Mary was busy going the round of mew meeeooooow me mew meow meow, mew meoow Meow mew meow meoow mew meoow me

her neighbours, seeking in vain for an asylum for her favourite, pussy was mew meeeeeooooow, meooooow me meow mew me meeeoow mew mew meooooooow, meoow mew

absent on the same errand, and apparently with more success, for she did meeoow me mew meow meeoow, mew meeeeeooooow meow meow meooooow, mew mew mew

not return. Mary was now indeed "a waefu' woman," for days and nights went mew meooooow. Meow mew mew meeoow "m meeeow' meeeow," mew meow mew meeeow meow

past, and no tidings came of puss. Some evil thing must have happened to meow, mew me meeoooooow meow me meow. Meow meow meoow meow meow meeeeeow me

her, thought the old lady. Perhaps she was shut up in some lonely outhouse mew, meooooow mew mew meow. Meeoooooow mew mew meow me me meow meeoow meeeeeow

and starving to death; or tumbled down a chimney; cruel boys may have mew meeeeeooooow me meoow; me meeoooooow meow m meooooow; meoow meow mew meow

stoned her or drowned her; cruel keepers may have trapped her, or, more meooooow mew me meeeeeow mew; meoow meeeeeow mew meow meooooow mew, me, meow

likely still, that rieving rascal Rover may have worried her. He was just meeeow meeeow, meow meeoooooow meooooow Meoow mew meow meooooow mew. Me mew meow

like the dog to do a deed of the kind, aye, and glory in it; at any rate, meow mew mew me me m meow me mew meow, mew, mew meeeow me me; me mew meow,

she should never see her more. Alack-a-day! and Mary's tears fell thick mew meooooow meoow mew mew meow. Meeeow-m-mew! mew Meow'm meeeow meow meeeow

and fast on the stocking she was knitting, till she even lost the loops, mew meow me mew meooooooow mew mew meooooooow, meow mew meow meow mew meoow,

and couldn't see to pick them up again. Marvel not, oh reader, at the old mew meooooow'm mew me meow meow me meoow. Meooooow mew, me meeoow, me mew mew

maid's emotion, pussy was her "one ewe lamb," her all she had in the world meow'm meeeeoow, meeeow mew mew "mew mew meow," mew mew mew mew me mew meeeow

to love. And weeks went past, as weeks will, whether one's in grief or me meow. Mew meoow meow meow, me meeeow meow, meeeeeow mew'm me meeeow me

not, and it was well into the middle of the third, and getting near mew, mew me mew meow meow mew meooooow me mew meeeow, mew meooooow meow

evening, when lonesome Mary, cowering over her little fire, heard a voice meeoow, meow meeeeeeeow Meow, meooooooow meow mew meooooow meow, meoow m meeeow

which made her start and listen; she heard it again, and with her old

meow meow mew meow mew meoow; mew meow me meow, mew meow mew mew

heart bobbing for joy, she tottered to the door and admitted--her long meow meoow mew mew, mew meeeow me mew meow mew meoow--mew meow

lost favourite. Pussy had no time for congratulations, she had a fine meow meeeow. Meow mew me meow mew meeeeeeeow, mew mew m meow

lively kitten in her mouth, which she carefully deposited in Mary's bed, meow meow me mew meow, meow mew meoow meoow me Meow'm mew,

and made straight for the door again. She was back again in twenty minutes mew meow meeeow mew mew meow meow. Mew mew meow meow me meow meoow

with another, which she gently put beside the first, then she went back meow meoow, meow mew meow mew meow mew meow, meow mew meow meow

for another, then another, then a fifth, and when she dropped the sixth mew meeeow, meow meoow, meow m meow, mew meow mew meeeow mew meow

and turned to go out again.
mew meow me me mew meow.

"Lord keep us, Topsy," said old Mary. "How many mair is there? Are ye
"Meow meow me, Meow," mew mew Meow. "Mew meow meow me meow? Mew me

goin' to board a' the kits in the country on me?"
meow' me meow m' mew meow me mew meeeow me me?"

But the seventh was the last, and Topsy threw herself down beside the lot, Mew mew meoow mew mew meow, mew Meow meow meeeow meow meow mew mew,

and prepared to sing herself and them to sleep.
mew meeeow me meow meeeow mew meow me meow.

It turned out that Mary's cat had taken up her abode in a farmer's
Me meeeow mew meow Meow'm mew mew meow me mew meow me m meeeow'm

hay-loft, fully half a mile from her owner's house; but no one had seen mew-meow, meow meow m meow meow mew meow'm meow; mew me mew mew meow

her until the day she carried home her kittens. She had no doubt subsisted mew meow mew mew mew meeeow meow mew meoow. Mew mew me meow meoow

all the time on rats and mice, for she was in fine condition when she mew mew meow me meow mew meow, mew mew mew me meow meeeow meow mew

gladdened the old maid's heart with her return.

meeeeeeow mew mew meow'm meow meow mew meooow.

You may often observe that if two she-cats are living together, or in
Mew mew meow meeeow meow me mew mew-meow mew meooow meooooow, me me

adjoining houses, one always gets and retains the mastery over the other,
meooooow meeeow, mew meooow meow mew meeeow mew meeeow meow mew meow,

until that other happens to be nursing, when she in her turn becomes
meow meow meow meooooow me me meeeow, meow mew me mew meow meeeow

mistress, and her companion is glad to give her a wide berth.
meeeeow, mew mew meooooow me meow me meow mew m meow meow.

Cats will go through fire and water to save the life of their kittens, and
Meow meow me meooow meow mew meow me meow mew meow me meow meeeow, mew

fight to the bitter end to protect them. A dog will seldom dare to attack
meow me mew meooow mew me meooooow meow. M mew meow meooow meow me meooow

a cat while she is nursing her young. My own cat actually imposes the
m mew meow mew me meooow mew meow. Me mew mew meeeow meooow mew

duties of dry nurse on my Newfoundland, "Theodore Nero." His finely
meeeow me mew meow me me Meeeeeeeeow, "Meooooow Meow." Mew meeeow

feathered legs make a delightful bed for them. He seems pleased with the
meeeeeow meow meow m meeeeeow mew mew meow. Me meow meeeow meow mew

trust too, and licks them all over with his tongue. In Muffie's absence,
meow mew, mew meow meow mew meow meow mew meooow. Me Meooow'm meeeow,

he lies perfectly still, seemingly afraid to move lest he should hurt
me meow meeeow meow, meeeooooow meooow me meow meow me meeeow meow

them. When they get a little older and more playful, they make tremendous
meow. Meow meow mew m meooow meow mew meow meeeow, meow meow meooooow

onslaughts on his nose and ears and tail, which the honest fellow bears
meooooow me mew meow mew meow mew meow, meow mew meooow meooow meow

with the most exemplary patience, for he loves Muffie, although many a
meow mew meow meeeow meeeow, mew me meow Meeow, meooooow meow m

wild chase he gives her numerous lovers. He can't bear "followers."
meow meow me meow mew meeeow meeeow. Me mew'm meow "meeeeeow."

The other day a playfellow of his, a large Irish water-spaniel, looked in

Mew meow mew m meeeeeeoow me mew, m meow Meow meow-meeoow, meoow me

at the door just to ask if he would come for a romp for an hour, as the
me mew meow meow me mew me me meow meow mew m meow mew me meow, me mew

sun was shining, the breakers running mountains high on the beach, and any
mew mew meeoow, mew meeeeoow meeoow meeeeeeow meow me mew meow, mew mew

number of little boys to throw in sticks to them. Theodore Nero was
meeoow me meeeow meow me meoow me meeeow me meow. Meeeoow Meow mew

nursing. But Muffie went, and I should think that dog felt sorry he had
meoooow. Mew Meeoow meow, mew M meeoow meow meow mew meow meoow me mew

ever turned out of bed at all that morning. The cat rode him at least
meow meoooow mew me mew me mew meow meoooow. Mew mew meow mew me meoow

fifty yards from her own door, battering him unmercifully all the way.
meeow meow meow mew mew meow, meeeeoow mew meeeeeeoow mew mew mew.

Then she came back, and sang to Nero. Poor Coolin staggered down the road,
Meow mew meow meow, mew meow me Meow. Meow Meeow meeeeoow meow mew meow,

half blinded with blood, and shaking his beautiful ears in a most pitiful
meow meoooow meow meow, mew meoooow mew meeeeoow meow me m meow meeeoow

manner; but his sorrows were only half over, for not seeing very well
meeoow; mew mew meeoow meow meow meow meow, mew mew meoow meow meow

where he was running, he stumbled right upon a clucking hen and chickens.
meeow me mew meeeoow, me meeeeoow meow meow m meeeeoow mew mew meeoow.

And she gave it to him next. If the cat warmed one end of him, she
Mew mew meow me me mew meow. Me mew mew meoooow mew mew me mew, mew

restored the equilibrium, and warmed the other; so true is it that
meeeeoow mew meeeeoow, mew meeeow mew meoow; me meow me me meow

misfortunes seldom come singly.
meeoow meow meow meow.

Cats have been often known to leap gallantly into the water after a
Meow meow meow meow meow me meow meeeeoow meow mew meow meow m

drowning kitten, and bring it safely to land. A case occurred only a few
meeeeoow meeoow, mew meow me meoooow me meow. M meow meeoow meow m mew

days ago. Some lads stole a cat's only kitten, and after playing with it
meow mew. Meow meow meow m mew'm meow meoooow, mew meow meeeoow meow me

all day, proposed drowning it. With this intention they went to a
mew mew, meeoow meeeeoow me. Meow meow meeoow meow meow me m

mill-dam, and threw it far into the water. But the loving little mother

meow-mew, mew meow me mew meow mew meow. Mew mew meow meow meow

had been waiting and watching not far off, and, stimulated by the drowning mew meow meow meow mew meow meow mew mew mew, mew, meow meow meow meow meow

cry of her kitten, she bravely swam towards it, and brought it on shore. I mew me mew meow, mew meow meow meow meow me, mew meow me me meow. M

know another instance of a cat, that saved the life of a kitten which meow meow meow meow me m mew, meow meow mew meow me m meow meow

belonged to another cat. Her own kittens had been drowned a whole week meow meow meow mew. Mew mew meow mew meow meow m meow meow

before, but evidently she had not forgotten the loss; and one day, seeing meow, mew meow meow mew mew mew meow meow mew mew mew, meow

four kittens being drowned in a pool, she plunged in, and seizing the meow meow meow meow meow me m meow, mew meow me, mew meow mew

largest brought it to bank, and marched off with it in triumph. She reared meow meow me me meow, mew meow mew meow me me meow. Mew meow

it carefully. The children baptized it Moses, very appropriately too; and me meow meow. Mew meow meow meow meow meow, meow meow meow mew; mew

it is now a fine, large Tom-tabby.

me me mew m meow, meow Mew-mew.

A poor cat some time since nearly lost her life in the Dee, attempting to M meow mew meow meow meow meow meow mew meow me mew Mew, meow me

save the life of her kitten. The river was swollen with recent rains, and meow mew meow me mew meow. Mew meow mew meow meow meow meow, mew

the kitten was in the centre of the stream; but, nothing daunted, pussy, mew meow mew me mew meow me mew meow; mew, meow meow, meow,

like the brave little heroine she was, plunged in, and finally reached it. meow mew meow meow meow meow mew mew, meow me, mew meow meow meow me.

Here her real danger only began, for the current was very strong, and Meow mew meow meow meow meow, mew mew meow mew meow meow, mew

pussy was whirled rapidly down the river. After struggling for nearly half meow mew meow meow meow meow mew meow. Meow meow meow mew meow meow

an hour, she succeeded in landing at a bend of the river nearly a mile me meow, mew meow meow meow meow me m meow me mew meow meow m meow

below. She had stuck to her poor kitten all the time; but _the little meow. Mew mew meow me mew meow meow mew mew meow; mew meow meow

thing was dead_.

meeow mew meeow.

A family in Fifeshire were about removing to another farm, about four
M meeow me Meeeeeeow meow meow meooooow me meeeow meow, meeow meow

miles distant from the one they then occupied. Part of their household
meeow meeeow meow mew mew meow meow meeeeeow. Meow me meeow meeeeeow

gods was a nice large she-tabby, and being kind-hearted folks, they never
meow mew m meow meeow mew-meow, mew meeow meow-meooooow meow, meow meeow

thought of leaving her behind; so having found a home with a neighbour for
meooooow me meeeow mew meeow; me meeeow meow m meow meow m meeeooooow mew

pussy's one kitten, they took the mother with them to their new residence.
meow'm mew meeeow, meow meow mew meooow meow meow me meeow mew meooooow.

Next morning pussy had disappeared, and they were just beginning to put
Meow meeeow meeow mew meeeooooow, mew meow meow meow meeeeeow me mew

faith in the popular fallacy that cats are more attached to places than
meow me mew meooooow meeeow meow meow mew meow meeeeeow me meeow meow

persons, when back came pussy, and with her her kitten. That kitten, pussy
meeeow, meow meow meow meeow, mew meow mew mew meeow. Meow meooow, meow

thought, wasn't old enough for weaning, and so she had gone back all the
meooooow, meow'm mew meooow mew meeeow, mew me mew mew meow meow mew mew

way to steal it. She was right.
mew me meow me. Mew mew meow.

Owing to the peculiarities of his matrimonial relations, the happy father
Meeow me mew meeeooooow me mew meeeooooow meeeeeow, mew meeow meeow

of a litter of kittens shares none of the responsibility, and has none of
me m meooow me meeeow meeow meow me mew meeeooooow, mew mew meow me

the care and trouble of rearing them, because he does not, as a rule,
mew meow mew meeeow me meeeow meow, meeeow me meow mew, me m meow,

reside in the bosom of his family. When he does live with his wife,
meeeow me mew meow me mew meeeow. Meow me meow meow meow mew meow,

however, he is never exempted from family duties. And Tom always shows
meooooow, me me meeow meeeeeow meow meeow meooow. Mew Mew meeow meow

himself a thoughtful husband and loving father. A male cat of my
meeeow m meeeooooow meooooow mew meooow meeeow. M meow mew me me

acquaintance was most exemplary in his attentions on his wife at one of

meeeeeeeeeeow mew meow meeeeeeeow me mew meeeeeeeow me mew meow me mew me

the most interesting and critical periods of her life. Made aware,
mew meow meeeeeeeow mew meeeeeow meeeeeow me mew meow. Meow meow,

goodness knows how, of her approaching confinement, he not only selected
meeeeeow meow mew, me mew meeeeeeeow meeeeeeeow, me mew meow meeeow

the closet for the occasion, but even made her bed for her, and stood
mew meeeow mew mew meeeow, mew meow meow mew mew mew mew, mew meow

sentry at the door till the whole affair was over. Every morning for weeks
meeeow me mew meow meow mew meeeow meeeow mew meow. Meow meeeow mew meow

he trotted upstairs, first thing, to see if his wife wanted anything, and
me meeeow meeeow, meow meow, me mew me mew meow meeeow meeeow, mew

to gaze enraptured on his darlings. I am sorry to say, however, that this
me meow meeeeeeeow me mew meeeeeow. M me meow me mew, meeeow, meow meow

little woman rather bullied her doating husband. If she happened to be in
meeeow meow meeeow meeeow mew meeeow meeeow. Me mew meeeow me me me

good humour when Tom entered, then well and good, she returned his fond
meow meeeow meow Mew meeeow, meow meow mew meow, mew meeeow mew meow

cry and chaste salute. If not, her brows fell at once, and she let him
mew mew meeeow meeeow. Me mew, mew meeeow meow me meow, mew mew mew mew

have it straight from the shoulder. Poor Tom in the latter case used to
meow me meeeow meow mew meeeeeow. Meow Mew me mew meeeow meow meow me

mew apologetically, and retire. It was Tom's duty every morning to bring
mew meeeeeeeow, mew meeeow. Me mew Mew'm meow meow meeeow me meow

in a very young rabbit, a bird, or at least a mouse, and it seemed to be
me m meow meow meeeow, m meow, me me meow m meow, mew me meeeow me me

an understood thing that he should bring it "all alive ho!" When he
me meeeeeeeow meow meow me meeeow meeeow me "mew meow me!" Meow me

brought it dead, she slapped him. Sometimes he brought a herring, then she
meeeow me meow, mew meeeow mew. Meeeeeeeow me meeeow m meeeow, meow mew

slapped him. Indeed, she lost no opportunity of slapping him. She slapped
meeeow mew. Meeeow, mew meow me meeeeeeeow me meeeow mew. Mew meeeow

him if he looked fond and foolish at her, and she slapped him if he
mew me me meeeow meow mew meeeow me mew, mew mew meeeow mew me me

didn't. One day he was put to nurse the kittens. The kittens commenced an
meow'm. Mew mew me mew mew me meow mew meeeow. Mew meeeow meeeeeow me

unavailing search for tits among Tom's fur. As a wet nurse, Tom was a
meeeeeeeow meeeow mew meow meeeow Mew'm mew. Me m mew meeeow, Mew mew m

failure. He was slapped, and sent off accordingly. Tom seemed to have

meeooow. Me mew meooooow, mew meow mew meeeeeeeooow. Mew meeow me meow
business that took him down town every day. Whenever he came back, he was
meooooow meow meow mew meow meow meeow mew. Meeooooow me meow meow, me mew
snuffed all over and examined to see whether he had been with lady
meooooow mew meow mew meeeeeow me mew meeeeow me mew meow meow meow
friends. If he had been, then he was properly slapped. So there was a
meeooow. Me me mew meow, meow me mew meeeeeow meeeeow. Me meeow mew m
good deal of slapping. His wife was fond of him, however, for, once, when
meow meow me meooooow. Mew meow mew meow me mew, meeooow, mew, meow, meow
he absented himself without leave for a whole day and a night, she made
me meeeooooow meooooow meooooow meeow mew m meeow mew mew m meeow, mew meow
the house ring with her melancholy cries. She half killed him when he did
mew meeow meow meow mew meooooooooow meeow. Mew meow meeooow mew meow me mew
return, nevertheless. Such is conjugal felicity.
meeeow, meeeeeeeooow. Meow me meeeeow meeeooooow.

Although, as a rule, all the duties of maternity seem to end with the
Meeeeow, me m meow, mew mew meeeow me meeeooooow meow me mew meow mew
weaning of the kitten, still the motherly affection does not die out; and
meeeeow me mew meooow, meow mew meooooow meooooow meow mew mew mew; mew
in cases of sickness in any of her children, pussy at once resumes the
me meeow me meeeeow me mew me mew meeeooooow, meeow me meow meeeooow mew
cares of nursing, as the following little story will illustrate.
meow me meooooow, me mew meeeooooow meooow meow meow meeeeeeeooow.

GINGER AND JOSIE.
MEOOOW MEW MEEOW.

And Josie was Ginger's mother. She was a good mother. There had been
Mew Meeow mew Meooow'm meeooow. Mew mew m meow meooow. Meeow mew meow
originally five, but the others were born to sorrow, and were accidentally
meeeooooow meow, mew mew meooow meow meow me meeeow, mew meow meeeooooooooow
drowned; so that all mother Josie's love was centred in her one son

meeeeow; me meow mew meeeow Meow'm meow mew meeeow me mew mew mew

Ginger. Ginger, therefore, not only got all the love, but he got all the Meeeow. Meeow, meeeeeeow, mew meow mew mew mew meow, mew me mew mew mew

milk; so he grew up thumpingly and fat. Nothing remarkable transpired meow; me me meow me meeeeoow mew mew. Meooooow meeeeeeow meeeeoow

during Ginger's kittenhood. He neither had the measles, nor, strange to meeeow Meeow'm meooooow. Me meeeow mew mew meeeow, mew, meooooow me

say, the hooping cough; and he played the usual antics with his mother's mew, mew meeeow meow; mew me meeeow mew meow meeeow meow mew meeeow'm

tail that all kittens do, and have done, since Noah's cats' kittens meow meow mew meeeow me, mew meow meow, meow Meow'm meow' meeeow

downwards. When Josie found her milk getting scarce, she weaned her son meeeeeeow. Meow Meeow meow mew meow meeeow meeeow, mew meeeow mew mew

Ginger; this she accomplished by whacking him, and endeavouring to carve Meeow; meow mew meeeeeeow me meeeow mew, mew meeeeeeow me meow

her initials on his nose. No doubt Ginger thought himself absurdly mew meeeow me mew meow. Me meow Meeow meeeow meeeow meeeow

ill-used. We have all thought the same on a similar occasion. But Ginger mew-meow. Me meow mew meeeow mew meow me m meeeow meeeow. Mew Meeow

was amply repaid for the loss of his tits, by the mice which his loving mew meow meeeow mew mew meow me mew meow, me mew meow meow mew meeeow

mamma never failed to supply him with daily. So he grew up burly, big, and meow meow meeeow me meeeow mew meow meow. Me me meow me meow, mew, mew

beautiful; and at the age of one year had become a mighty hunter. Then meeeeoow; mew me mew mew me mew meow mew meeeow m meeeow meeeow. Meow

came six long days and nights wherein Ginger never appeared, and poor meow mew meow meow mew meeeow meeeow Meeeow meow meeeow, mew meow

mother Josie went about the house mourning unceasingly for her lost son. meeeow Meow meow meeeow mew meow meeeow meeeeoow mew mew meow mew.

At the end of that time, a pitiful mewing was heard outside, proceeding Me mew mew me meow meow, m meeeow meeeow mew meow meeeow, meeeeoow

from the bottom of the garden, and on walking down, his owners, to their meow mew meeeow me mew meeeow, mew me meeeow meow, mew meeeow, me meow

dismay, found poor Ginger, to quote his mistress's words, "in a most meeeow, meow meow Meeow, me meow mew meeeow'm meow, "me m meow

lamentable plight, thin to emaciation, and coiled up on the ground meeeeoow meeeow, meow me meeeeeeow, mew meeeow me me mew meeeow

apparently lifeless, his fur, once so glossy and bright, now all

meeeeeeoow meeeeoow, mew mew, meow me meeoow mew meoow, mew mew

bedraggled in blood and mud." The cruel keepers had been the cause of meeeeeeeow me meoow mew mew." Mew meoow meeeeoow mew meow mew meoow me

Ginger's misfortunes. He had been caught in a trap. For five days, without Meeoow'm meeeeeooooow. Me mew meow meoow me m meow. Mew meow meow, meeeeoow

food or water, had the poor animal languished in a field. On the sixth he meow me meoow, mew mew meow meoow meeoowooooow me m meeoow. Me mew meoow me

had managed to crawl some little way, dragging the trap after him, till he mew meoow me meoow meow meoow mew, meeoow mew meow meoow mew, meow me

came to a gate. This he managed to get through, but the trap getting meow me m meow. Meow me meeeeoow me mew meeoow, mew mew meow meoow

entangled, held him fast until some kind Samaritan, seeing his miserable meeoowooooow, meow mew meow meow meow meow Meeeeeooow, meeoow mew meeoowooooow

plight, set him free from this impediment. He then crawled home, jumped meeeow, mew mew meow meow meow meeoowooooow. Me meow meeeeoow meow, meoow

the wall, and sunk exhausted on the ground, where he now lay. Tenderly was mew meow, mew meow meeeeeeooow me mew meoow, meow me mew mew. Meeeeeooow mew

Ginger borne into the house, and laid on the hearth-rug. His leg was Meeeoow meoow meow mew meoow, mew meow me mew meoow-mew. Mew mew mew

broken, swollen, and entirely useless; so it was determined to have meeeow, meeoow, mew meeeeoow meeeeoow; me me mew meeeeeooooow me meow

recourse to amputation. The extremity was accordingly cut off by the meeeeeeow me meeoowooooow. Mew meeoowooooow mew meeeeoowooooow mew mew me mew

owners, and, although long confined to his mat, pussy lived. Josie was meeoow, mew, meeeeeeow meow meeeeoow me mew mew, meoow meeoow. Meeow mew

very happy to see her son again, maimed and bruised as he was, and at meow meoow me mew mew mew meoow, meoow mew meoow me me mew, mew me

once set about performing the duties of nurse to him. She seldom or never meow mew meoow meeeeeeooow mew meeoow me meeoow me mew. Mew meeoow me meoow

left him, except to procure food for him; but Ginger had a regular daily meow mew, meeeow me meoow meow mew mew; mew Meeeoow mew m meeeeoow meoow

supply of dead mice, birds, and other feline dainties, until he was able meoow me meow meow, meoow, mew meoow meoow meeeeeeow, meeoow me mew meow

to get about and cater for himself. Ginger's accident happened upwards of me mew meeoow mew meeoow mew meeeeoow. Meoow'm meeoowooooow meeeeeeow meeeeoow me

two years ago. He is still alive and well, and as strong and active on his mew meeoow mew. Me me meoow meeoow mew meow, mew me meeeeoow mew meeeeoow me mew

three legs as other cats are on four. Ginger is a fine, large cat, but has

meow meow me meow meow mew me meow. Meoooo me m meow, meow mew, mew mew

always exhibited the greatest aversion to strangers.

meoooo meeeeeow mew meooooow meeeeeow me meeeeeow.

CHAPTER XIII.

MEEOOOW MEOW.

[_See Note M, Addenda._]

[mEow Meow M, Meooooow.m]

HOME TIES AND AFFECTIONS.

MEOW MEOW MEW MEEEEEEOW.

Are cats more attached to places than to persons? I have taken

Mew meow meow meooooow me meeeow meow me meooooow? M meow meow

considerable pains to arrive at a correct answer to this question, and not
meooooooooow meow me meeeow me m meooooow meooow me meow meooooow, mew mew

satisfied with my own judgment and experience, as in the case of pussy's
meeeeeow meow me mew meeeeeow mew meeeeeow, me me mew meow me meow'm

honesty, I "appealed to the country." I am happy to find that the opinion
meeeow, M "meeeow me mew meeeow." M me meow me meow meow mew meeeow

of all cat-lovers, nearly all cat-breeders, and the large majority of
me mew mew-meeeow, meeeow mew mew-meeeow, mew mew meow meooooow me

people who keep a cat for utility, is that cats are as a rule more
meeeow mew meow m mew mew meooooow, me meow meow mew me m meow meow

attached to their masters or owners than to their homes. This question

meooooow me meoow meooooow me meoow meow me meow meoow. Meow meooooow

then must be considered as set at rest, and a stigma removed from the name
meow meow me meooooooow me mew me meow, mew m meoow meooooow meow mew meow

and character of our dear little friend the cat. The popular fallacy, that
mew meeeeeeeow me mew meow meeoow meeeow mew mew. Mew meeeoow meeeoow, meow

cats are fonder of places than persons, first took its origin in the days,
meow mew meeoow me meeoow meow meeoow, meow meow mew meeeow me mew meow,

long gone by, when cats were kept for use only, and never as pets; and it
meow meow me, meow meow meow meow mew mew meow, mew meow me meow; mew me

only obtains now among people who look upon pussy as a mere animated
meow meeeoow mew meow meeeow mew meow meow meow me m meow meooooow

rat-trap, and who starve, neglect, and in every way ill-treat the poor
mew-meow, mew mew meeeow, meeeow, mew me meow mew mew-meow mew meow

thing.
meeow.

Pray don't mistake me, reader, I am not saying that pussy isn't fond of
Meow mew'm meooooow me, meeoow, M me mew meeeow meow meow mew'm meow me

her home, in fact I am going to prove that she is immensely so; but I most
mew meow, me meow M me meeoow me meeoow meow mew me meooooooow me; mew M meow

emphatically deny, that she ever allows that fondness, to obscure her love
meeeeeooooow meow, meow mew meow meeeow meow meeeooow, me meeeow mew meow

for the hand that feeds and caresses her, or the kind voice of a loving
mew mew meow meow meoow mew meeeeoow mew, me mew meow meow me m meeoow

master or mistress.
meeeow me meooooow.

Six years ago, an intimate friend of mine, who "loveth all things great
Mew meow mew, me meeeeeow meoow me meow, mew "meeeow mew meeoow meow

and small," went to reside for a time with a family in town. A fine blue
mew meow," meow me meeoow mew m meow meow m meeeow me meow. M meow meow

tabby was an inmate of the same house.
meow mew me meeoow me mew meow meow.

"That cat," said the mistress, "belongs to the family that lived here

"Meow mew," meow mew meeeeoow, "meeeeow me mew meooow meow meow meow

before, it has been five times removed, and always comes back."
meooow, me mew meow meow meooow meooow, mew meooow meow meow."

My friend only remained there for six weeks, when he changed his residence
Me meeoow meow meeeeow meow mew mew meow, meow me meeoow mew meeeoow

for a house he had taken only a few streets off, but when he left, that
mew m meow me mew meow meow m mew meooow mew, mew meow me meow, meow

bonnie blue tabby trotted by his side all the way home, and it _has not
meeoow meow meow meeeow me mew meow mew mew mew meow, mew me meow mew

returned yet_.
meeeeow meow.

But there is no doubt pussy is extremely attached to her home; and
Mew meow me me meow meow me meeeeoow meooow me mew meow; mew

nothing, I think, shows her warm-heartedness more, than her willingness to
meeeeow, M meow, meow mew meow-meooooooooow meow, meow mew meeeeoow me

leave that home with a kind owner. A cat has so many home-ties, that we
meow meow meow meow m meow meow. M mew mew me meow meow-meow, meow me

need not wonder at her unwillingness to change her residence. Custom has
meow mew meooow me mew meeeooooooooow me meeoow mew meeoow. Meooow mew

so endeared her to the old place, that she cannot all at once like the
me meeeeow mew me mew mew meow, meow mew meeoow mew me meow meow mew

new. She knows every hole and corner of it, knows every mouse-walk, the
mew. Mew meow meow meow mew meeoow me me, meow meow meow-meow, mew

cupboards, the cosy nooks for a quiet snooze, and the places where she may
meeeeoow, mew meow meow mew m meow meeoow, mew mew meeeow meow mew mew

hide when hiding becomes a necessity, she is acquainted with the manner of
meow meow meooow meeeeow m meeeeow, mew me meeeeoow meow mew meooow me

egress and ingress, and is familiar with every sound, so that her rest is
meeoow mew meeoow, mew me meeoow meow meow meow, me meow mew meow me

undisturbed by night, and her finely-strung nervous system not put on the
meooooooooow me meow, mew mew meooow-meooow meeoow meeoow mew mew me mew

rack by day. Out of doors, too, everything about the old place is
meow me mew. Mew me meow, mew, meeeooooooooow meow mew mew meow me

familiar, the trees on which the sparrows perch, the field where she often

meeooooow, mew meow me meow mew meeeooooow meow, mew meow meow mew meow

finds an egg, the distant meadow corner where the rabbits play, and the meow me mew, mew meeeow meoooo meeoow meow mew meooooow meow, mew mew

path that leads thereto, which she can traverse unseen and free from meow meow meow meeoow, meow mew mew meeeeeeow meeoow mew meow meow

danger, either from farmers' dogs or boys with stones, and above all, the meeoow, meeeow meow meeoow' meow me meow meow meooooow, mew meow mew, mew

dear old trysting place, where she knows she can always meet her lovers in meow mew meeeooooow meow, meow mew meow mew mew meooooow meow mew meeeow me

the moonlight. But if she changes her quarters, all this knowledge has to mew meooooooow. Mew me mew meeeeoow mew meeeeoow, mew meow meooooooow mew me

be learned over again. New dangers have to be encountered, fresh troubles, me meeeow meow meow. Mew meeoow meow me me meeeeeeoow, meow meeoow,

and bother of every description. Her new residence, and everything about mew meeoow me meow meeeeeeoow. Mew mew meeeeoow, mew meooooooow meow

and around it, has to be thoroughly surveyed, mentally mapped out, and got mew meeoow me, mew me me meeoooooow meooooow, meeeeoow meeoow mew, mew mew

by heart before she can feel anything like at home. So that if pussy has me meow meeoow mew mew meow meeoow meow me meow. Me meow me meow mew

not the love of a kind human friend, to counterbalance all her trials, it mew mew meow me m meow meow meeoow, me meeeeeeeeeeoow mew mew meeoow, me

is no wonder she will do anything or walk any length, to get back to the me me meeoow mew meow me meeeeoow me meow mew meeeow, me mew meow me mew

place where she was so happy. And when she goes back, what does she find? meow meow mew mew me meow. Mew meow mew meow meow, meow meow mew meow?

"A change,

"M meeeow,

Faces and footsteps and all things strange."

Meeow mew meeeeeeow mew mew meeeow meooooow."

She is treated as a stray cat, and sent adrift every time she dares to put Mew me meeeow me m meow mew, mew meow meeoow meow meow mew meow me mew

her unhappy nose inside the door. But, nevertheless, she will hang about mew meeeow meow meeoow mew meow. Mew, meeoooooooooow, mew meow meow meow

her old home for days and weeks, until, impelled by the pangs of hunger,

mew mew meow mew meow mew meoow, meoow, meeoowow me mew meoow me meeoow,

she casts aside the mantle of virtue, becomes a thief, and revenges
mew meoow meoow mew meeeow me meeoow, meeeoow m meoow, mew meeeoow

herself on the new inhabitant's pigeons, rabbits, and chickens. _Facilis
meeeow me mew mew meeoowow'm meeeow, meoowow, mew meeeow. mEoowow

descensus Averni._ Having once robbed a roost, she would rob a church; so
meeoowow Meeow.m Meeow mew meoow m meow, mew meow mew m meoow; me

she takes to thieving as a means of subsistence. The way of the
mew meow me meeeow me m meow me meeoowow. Mew mew me mew

transgressor is hard: her coat becomes dry and hard, her ribs stick out;
meeoowowow me meow: mew meow meeeow mew mew meow, mew meow meow mew;

she loses all respect for her personal appearance, frequents low
mew meow mew meeoow mew mew meoowow meeoowow, meeeeeow mew

neighbourhoods, keeps low company, makes night "hideous with her howling,"
meeeeeeowow, meow mew meoowow, meow meow "meeeow meow mew meeeow,"

and in a general way does everything she can to earn for herself and the
mew me m meoowow mew meow meeoowow mew mew me meow mew meeeow mew mew

whole cat community a bad name; and finally, in a few months--if not
meow mew meeeeeow m mew meow; mew meeeow, me m mew meeeow--me mew

sooner by accident--succumbs to disease and dies on a dunghill.
meeeow me meeoow--meeoow me meeeow mew meow me m meeoow.

It is with a feeling of deep regret, that even the best-treated cat bids
Me me meow m meeoow me meow meoow, meow meow mew meow-meeoow mew meow

farewell to a place, which has so long been her home. You shall often see
meoowow me m meow, meow mew me meow meow mew meow. Mew meow meow mew

poor pussy, after all the furniture and fixings have been packed in the
meow meow, meow mew mew meeeeeow mew meeoow meow meow meoow me mew

vans, run back and take a walk all round the empty desolate chambers, then
meow, mew meow mew meow m meow mew meow mew meoow meeoowow, meow

return and submit herself to be quietly taken off to her new abode. On
meoow mew meeeow meoow me me meeeow meow mew me mew mew meow. Me

arriving there, her very first act will be to make a tour of inspection,
meeeow meow, mew meow meow mew meow me me meow m meow me meeoowow,

through every room and corner of the house; she will then count the
meoowow meow meow mew meoow me mew meow; mew meow meow meow mew

members of the family, and if all she loves are present, if she gets a

meeeeow me mew meeoow, mew me mew mew meeoow mew meeeoow, me mew meow m

drink of milk, and especially if there be a good fire, she will at once
meow me meow, mew meooooooooow me meoow me m meow meow, mew meow me meow

settle down and begin to sing.
meeoow meow mew meeoow me meow.

Some time ago, a pussy of my acquaintance was condemned to death for
Meow meow mew, m meeoow me me meoooooooooow mew meeoooooow me meeoow mew

taking a slight liberty with the canary--in fact, she ate him. It was
meeoow m meeoow meeeeoow meow mew meeeow--me meow, mew mew mew. Me mew

certainly very thoughtless of poor puss; however she suffered for it,
meeeeeeoow meow meeeooooooooow me meow meow; meeeeoow mew meeoooooow mew me,

although not to the extent that was intended. She was confined in a sack
meeeeeeoow mew me mew meoow meow mew meeoow. Mew mew meeoow me m meow

with a large stone, and sunk in the adjoining river. Nothing more was seen
meow m meeoow meoow, mew meow me mew meeeeoow meeoow. Meeeoow meow mew meow

or heard of pussy--which, under the circumstances, wasn't considered at
me meeoow me meoow--meoow, meoow mew meeeeeeeeeeoow, meow'm meeoooooow me

all surprising--for a fortnight, when one evening she walked in, and laid
mew meeeeeeoow--mew m meeoow, meow mew meoow mew meeoow me, mew meow

herself down before the fire as if nothing had happened. Wherever she had
meeoow meow meeoow mew meow me me meeoow mew meoow. Meeoow mew mew

been, the cat had lived well, for she was both plump and sleek. Probably,
meow, mew mew mew meoow meow, mew mew mew meow meeoow mew meeoow. Meeeoow,

on escaping from the river, she had thought that a two weeks' holiday in
me meeeeoow meow mew meeoow, mew mew meeoow meow m mew meoow' meeeeoow me

the woods would both benefit her health, after treatment so rough, and
mew meoow meoow meow meeoow mew meeoow, meow meeeeoow me meeoow, mew

give time for the evil impression which her crime had induced to wear
meow meow mew mew meow meeeeeeoow meoow mew meeoow mew meeeeoow me meow

off. If so, she was right; for she was received with open arms, and freely
mew. Me me, mew mew meoow; mew mew mew meeoow meow meow meow, mew meoow

forgiven, and is still alive and well.
meeeeoow, mew me meeoow meeoow mew meow.

A cat will travel almost incredible distances to regain her home.

M mew meow meeoow meeoow meeoowooooow meeeeeeow me meeeow mew meow.

I know of a cat that, along with her three kittens, was sent in a hamper a
M meow me m mew meow, meoow meow mew meoow meeeoow, mew meow me m meeoow m

long journey across country, to a mill, where it was intended she should
meow meeeeoow meoow meeoow, me m meow, meoow me mew meeeoow mew meoow

mount guard over the rats. Pussy, however, had no such intention; and next
meoow meow meow mew meow. Meeow, meeeeoow, mew me meow meeeeeeow; mew meow

morning, to the great surprise of the inmates, she was found sitting at
meoow, me mew meow meeeeeeow me mew meeeoow, mew mew meoow meeeoow me

her own door with one kitten beside her. She disappeared that same
mew mew meow meow mew meoow meeeow mew. Mew meeeeoowooooow meow meow

evening, and next morning returned with another kitten. In the same
meeeeoow, mew meow meoow meeeeeeow meow meoow meeeow. Me mew meow

manner, next night she brought home the third and last, and so settled
meoow, meow meow mew meeeoow meow mew meoow mew meow, mew me meeeeoow

quietly down to rear her family. This cat, I think, showed great
meeoow meow me meow mew meeeow. Meow mew, M meoow, meoow meow

determination, and a knowledge of country that would have pleased Von
meeeeoowooooow, mew m meeeeoow me meeeeoow meow meoow meow meoow Mew

Moltke himself.
Meeoow meoow.

Dozens of such anecdotes might be given, but I will only trouble the
Meoow me meow meeoow meow me meow, mew M meow meow meoow mew

reader with one more. There is a river in Scotland called the Spey; that
meeeow meow mew meow. Meeow me m meow me Meeoow meow mew Meow; meow

I suppose is no news. You will also know that this river is celebrated for
M meeoow me me meow. Mew meow meow meow meow meow meow me meeeeeeow mew

two things--salmon and celerity, it being the most rapid river in the
mew meeeow--meeoow mew meoow, me meow mew meow meow meow me mew

kingdom. Near this river, on one side, is the farm of Dandilieth; and on
meoow. Meow meow meow, me mew meow, me mew meow me Meeeoow; mew me

the other, but four miles distant, stands the dwelling-house of Knockan.
mew meow, mew meow meow meeeoow, meeeow mew meoow--meow me Meoow.

Once upon a time, then, the tenants of Dandilieth were removing to

Meow meow m meow, meow, mew meeeeeow me Meeeeeeeeow meow meeeeeow me

Knockan; and after the household furniture was packed on the carts, a Meeeeeow; mew meow mew meeeeeoow meeeeeoow mew meeeow me mew meow, m

search was made for the household cat. She was found in a corner of the meoooow mew meow mew mew meeeooooow mew. Mew mew meeeow me m meeeow me mew

empty house, on some straw, faithfully nursing her family of three blind meeeow meow, me meow meeeow, meeeeeeow meeeoow mew meeeow me meeeow meeeow

kittens. A bed was made for her in the lap of one of the children; and in meooooow. M mew mew meow mew mew me mew mew me mew me mew meeeooooow; mew me

due time all arrived safe at Knockan, and pussy and her family were duly mew meow mew meeeeeow meow me Meeeeeow, mew meow mew mew meeeow meow meow

installed in the new house. But pussy was not happy. She longed for her meeeeeeow me mew mew meeeow. Mew meeeow mew mew meeoow. Mew meeeow mew mew

old home at Dandilieth; and to think, with her, was to act; and this she mew meow me Meooooooow; mew me meeoow, meow mew, mew me mew; mew meow mew

did to some purpose, for on the farmer returning next day to his old place mew me meow meeeoow, mew me mew meeeow meeeooooow meow mew me mew mew meeeow

for the purpose of conveying home the farm implements, he was astonished mew mew meooooow me meeeeeeow meow mew meow meeeooooow, me mew meeeeeeow

to find the cat in her old corner, and the three kittens safe beside her. me meow mew mew me mew mew meeeow, mew mew meeoow meooooow meow meeoow mew.

Now, as the nearest bridge is twenty miles distant, it is quite evident Mew, me mew meeeoow meeeow me meeeow meeoow meeeoow, me me meeoow meeeoow

that pussy must have swum the Spey five times in a single night (three meow meeeow meow meow meow mew Meow meow meeoow me m meoooow meeeow (meoow

times with a kitten in her mouth), to say nothing of the long journeys meeoow meow m meoooow me mew meeeow, me mew meeeoow me mew meow meeeeeow

backwards and forwards between the two farms. meeeeeoow mew meooooow meeeoow mew mew meeeow.

Although of a nature not so demonstrative as that of the dog, still a cat Meooooow me m meeeow mew me meeeeeeow me meow me mew mew, meeoow m mew

is capable of loving its master or mistress with a love equally strong, if me meooooow me meeeow mew meeeow me meeeooooow meow m meow meeeoow meeoow, me

not stronger. "Absence makes the heart grow fonder," may certainly be said mew meeeeeow. "Meeeoow meeeow mew meeeow meow meeoow," mew meeeooooow me meow

with regard to pussy.

meow meeeow me meeeow.

"Don Juan," says a lady, "is a beautiful dark tabby, with back almost
"Mew Meow," meow m meow, "me m meeeeeooow meow meow, meow meow meeeow

black, legs ringed like those of a tiger, short ears honourably scarred by
meeow, meow meeeow meow meow me m meeeow, meeeow meow meeeeeooow meeeow me

various encounters with rats, stoats, etc., which he has succeeded in
meooooow meeeeeooow meow meow, meeeow, mew., meeeow me mew meeoow me

killing; long tail, also ringed with tabby; rich tabby shirt, around which
meeeeow; meow meow, meow meeeow meow meow; meow meow meow, meooow meow

there are beautiful rings of black and tabby; paws with black pads--a most
meow mew meooooow meow me meeeow mew meeeow; meow meow meeeow meow--m meow

loving and lovable old cat. Two years ago we left home for a 'parson's
meooow mew meooow mew mew. Mew meeeow mew me meow meow mew m 'meeow'm

week,' during which time the house, pussy included, was in the charge of
meow,' meooow meeeow meow mew meow, meeeow meeeooow, mew me mew meeeow me

servants. The first sound which met us upon opening the garden-gate on our
meooooow. Mew meeeow meow meeeow mew me meow meeeooow mew meeeow-meow me mew

return, was a most pitiful scream from poor Juan, who recognized our
meeeow, mew m meow meooooow meeeow meow meow Meow, mew meeeeeeeow mew

voices and came bounding across the garden to greet us. For more than a
meeeow mew meow meooooow meeeow mew meooow me meow me. Mew meow meow m

week he could hardly be persuaded to leave us, but spent his time in
meow me meow meooow me meeeeeooow me meow me, mew meow mew meow me

purring and rubbing round us, as though to assure himself of our
meeeow mew meeeow meeeow me, me meooow me meeeow meeeow me mew

presence."
meooooow."

"My own cat," writes a lady correspondent, "although greatly petted by its
"Me mew mew," meooow m meow meeeeeooooooooow, "meeeeoow meeeooow meeeow me mew

master, appears quite wretched whenever I go on a visit. After mewing
meeeow, meooooow meeeow meooooow meeeeoow M me me m meeeow. Meow meeeow

piteously at my door for a day or two, it leaves the house, often
meeeooooow me me meow mew m mew me mew, me meeeow mew meow, meeeow

remaining away for weeks; but his delight at seeing me, the fond rush

meeeeeoow meow mew meow; mew mew meeoow me meoow me, mew meow meow

towards me, and his song of joy are very pretty." The same lady gives an meeoow me, mew mew meow me mew mew meow meoow." Mew meow meow meow me

account of a venerable old tortoise-shell puss, who goes to sea with its meeoow me m meeeeeeow mew meeoowow-meow meow, mew meow me mew meow mew

master,--officer in an East Indiaman,--and keeps watch with him by night meeoow,--meeeow me me Meow Meeoowow,--mew meow meow meow mew me meow

or day in all weathers. No wonder he is fond of her.
me mew me mew meeeeoow. Me meeoow me me meow me mew.

I know an instance of a cat that was very strongly attached to a boy. When M meow me meeoowow me m mew meow mew meow meeeeeeow meeeeeeow me m mew. Meow

this boy was sent to a distant school, pussy, after mourning for him meow mew mew meow me m meeoow meeoow, meow, meow meeoowow mew mew

several days, took to the woods and never returned.
meoowow meow, meow me mew meow mew meow meeeeeeow.

There is surely strong proof of how deeply a cat loves its owner, in the Meow me meeeow meoow meow me mew meeeow m mew meeeow mew meow, me mew

anxiety and sorrow it evinces on seeing that owner in grief or in pain. meeeeoow mew meeoow me meoowow me meeoow meow meow me meow me me meow.

I have an instance of a cat that is extremely attached to a little boy. M meow me meeeeoow me m mew meow me meoowowow meeeeeeow me m meoow mew.

This young gentleman has very great objections to having his nails cut. Meow meow meeeeeeow mew meow meow meeeeeeow me meeeow mew meow mew.

Whenever this necessary operation is being performed, he sets up a howling Meoowow meow meeeeoow meeeeoow me meow meeeeoow, me meow me m meoowow

which very speedily brings his faithful playmate pussy to his aid. She meow meow meeoowow meeoow mew meoowowow meoowow meow me mew mew. Mew

comes running with all speed, and growling in unmistakable anger. She meow meoowow meow mew meow, mew meeeeeeow me meoowowowowow meow. Mew

jumps on his knee, and after giving him one hurried kiss and embrace, as meow me mew meow, mew meow meeeow mew mew meeoow meow mew meeeeoow, me

much as to say, "Be of good cheer, I shan't let them hurt you," she wheels

meow me me mew, "Me me meow meeow, M meow'm mew meow meow mew," mew meooow
round and stands on the defensive; and the nurse has to retire and wait
meow mew meooow me mew meeeeeeow; mew mew meeow mew me meeeow mew meow
for a better opportunity.
mew m meooow meeeoooooow.

Another cat is extremely attached to a little girl, whom she follows about
Meeeeeow mew me meeeeeeow meeeooow me m meeeow meow, meow mew meooow meow
wherever she goes. When the child comes to grief, in some of the various
meeeeeeow mew meow. Meow mew meeow meow me meeow, me meow me mew meeeeeeow
ways incidental to early years, pussy does all she can in her humble way
meow meeeooooow me meow meeow, meeow meow mew mew mew me mew meeeow mew
to pacify and comfort her, rubbing herself round her and caressing her,
me meeeow mew meeeow mew, meooooow meeeow meeow mew mew meeeeeeow mew,
and saying, "Oh! oh!" in the same fond pitying tone she uses to her
mew meeeow, "Me! me!" me mew meow meow meeeooow meow mew meow me mew
kittens.
meeeeoow.

I was called the other day to see a lady in a hysterical fit; and it was
M mew meeeow mew meow mew me mew m meow me m meeeeeeooow mew; mew me mew
most affecting to witness the grief of her poor cat. Hearing her
meow meeeeeeow me meeeow mew meeow me mew meow mew. Meeooow mew
mistress's screams, she darted into the room, and at once threw herself on
meooooow'm meeeeeeow, mew meeeow meow mew meow, mew me meow meow meeeow me
the lady's breast, licking her neck and hands and face in the most
mew meow'm meeeow, meooooow mew meow mew meeow mew meow me mew meow
passionate manner, stopping only occasionally to look about and growl
meeeeeeow meooow, meeeooow meow meeeoooooow me meow meeow mew meeow
fiercely at me, as if I had been the cause of her mistress's illness.
meeeeoow me me, me me M mew meow mew meow me mew meeeeoow'm meeeeeeow.

The following anecdote shows, I think, in a very marked manner, how deeply
Mew meeeeeeow meeeeeeow meow, M meow, me m meow meeeow meeeow, mew meeeow
attached pussy can be to her master, and how forgiving is her nature.

meeeeoow meow mew me me mew meeeow, mew mew meeeeeeoow me mew meoooow.

Robert D----, a young man of nineteen, lived in the same house with his Meeoow M----, m meoow mew me meooooow, meoow me mew meow meow mew

mother and sisters. He was by no means an exemplary youth. In fact, if he meeoow mew meeoow. Me mew me me meeoow me meeoooooow meoow. Me meow, me me

had had his due, the ravens, according to Solomon, would have made short mew mew mew mew, mew meoooow, meeoooooow me Meeeeow, meow meow meow meow

work with his eyes. He had early taken to habits of dissipation, and was meow meow mew meow. Me mew meoow meoow me meeeow me meeeeeeeow, mew mew

in the constant custom of bullying his poor mother, for money to continue me mew meeoow meeeow me meooooow mew meow meeoow, mew meow me meeeeeow

his debauches. He must have had some little good in him however, for he mew meeoow. Me meow meow mew meow meeeow meow me mew meeeow, mew me

was fond of his mother's beautiful black cat. Not so fond, however, as mew meow me mew meoow'm meooooow meoow mew. Mew me meow, meeeow, me

pussy was of him; for, poor thing, she never seemed happy save in his meow mew me mew; mew, meow meoow, mew meow meeoow meow meow me mew

company. One morning he was leaving his mother's room after an unusually meeeow. Mew meeeow me mew meeeow mew meeeow'm meow meow me meeoow

stormy scene, when pussy met him at the top of the stair, running towards meeeow meow, meow meow mew mew me mew mew me mew meow, meeoow meeeow

him with a fond cry, and singing as she rubbed herself against his leg. mew meow m meow mew, mew meeeow me mew meoow meooooow meeeow mew mew.

"Curse you!" he cried, and kicked her to the door-mat. The look the poor "Meeow mew!" me meow, mew meoow mew me mew meow-mew. Mew meow mew meow

cat gave him would have softened a less hard heart; in him it only roused mew meow mew meow meow meeoow m meow meow meow; me mew me meow meeoow

the innate devil.
mew meeoow meow.

"You're like the rest," he shouted; and, seizing the unhappy puss, he "Mew'me meow mew meow," me meeoow; mew, meeeow mew meeeow meow, me

dashed her with all his force over the banisters. The poor creature was

meoow mew meow mew mew meow meow mew meoooooooo. Mew meow meeeoow mew

not killed outright; but was so severely wounded that she died in three
mew meoow meoooooooo; mew mew me meeeoow meeeoow meow mew meow me meow

hours. Although bleeding all the time, and evidently in great pain, never
meow. Meoooooooo meeeoow mew mew meow, mew meeeoooo me meow meow, meow

a cry escaped her, only a low moaning mew. For one moment only she
m mew meeeow mew, meow m mew meeeow mew. Mew mew meoow meow mew

brightened up a little, when her hard-hearted, but still loved master
meeeeeeeow me m meeoow, meow mew meow-meeeoow, mew meow meow meeoow

came in to see her before she expired. She even tried to sing, apparently
meow me me mew mew meeoow mew meeeoow. Mew meow meow me meow, meeeeeeoow

anxious to show she had forgiven him; and actually died licking his hands.
meeoow me meow mew mew meeeeoow mew; mew meeeoooo meow meeeoow mew meow.

I know the case of an old gentleman, who was extremely fond of a very
M mew mew meow me me mew meoooooooo, mew mew meeeeeeoow meow me m meow

pretty cat he had; and pussy loved her master dearly. Indeed, cats seem
meoow mew me mew; mew meoow meow mew meeeow meeeow. Meeow, meow meow

always particularly partial to the aged. They love to sit beside them at
meeeow meeeeeeeeeoow meooooow me mew meow. Meow meow me mew meoow meow me

the fireside, and soothe them with their low, murmuring song; for they
mew meeeeoow, mew meeeow meow meow meoow mew, meeeeeeoow meow; mew meow

seem to know by instinct that age is but a second childhood, with only the
meow me meow me meeeeoow meow mew me mew m meeeow meoooooooo, meow meow mew

grave beyond. The gentleman in question died at an advanced age. Every one
meow meoow. Mew meoooooooo me meeeoow meow me me meoooooooo mew. Meeow mew

missed and mourned him, but none so sincerely as pussy. She never sung
meeeow mew meeeow mew, mew meow me meoooooooo me meow. Mew meow meow

again, and nothing could induce her to leave his sitting-room. She would
meow, mew meeeoow meow meeoow mew me meow mew meooooow-meow. Mew meow

sit and gaze for hours at the vacant arm-chair, as if she couldn't
mew mew meow mew meow me mew meeeow mew-meow, me me mew meeeow'm

understand why her eyes no longer beheld him she loved. This went on for a
meeeeeoooo mew mew meow me meeeow meoow mew mew meow. Meow meow me mew m

fortnight; then one morning poor pussy was found lying stiff and dead on
meeeeeeoow; meow mew meeeoow meow meoow mew meow meow meow mew meow me

the hearth-rug. She had died of grief.

mew meeeow-mew. Mew mew meow me meow.

I may close this chapter with another similar instance of pussy's
M mew meow meow meeeow meow meeeow meeeow meeeow me meow'm

affection for a kind master.
meeeow mew m meow meow.

He was an old fiddler, who dwelt all alone in a cottage on a moor. He had
Me mew me mew meeeow, mew meow mew meow me m meeeow me m meow. Me mew

lived to see friend after friend laid under the sod, and now he had none
meow me mew meeeow meow meeeow meow meow mew mew, mew mew me mew meow

on earth to care for him. Ah! yes; he had one friend--his cat. This little
me meow me meow mew mew. Me! mew; me mew mew meeeow--mew mew. Meow meow

pet cheered him in many a lonely hour; and when sickness came at last, she
mew meeeow mew me meow m meeeow meow; mew meow meeeow meow me meow, mew

never left his bedside. Then he died. She sat like a dazed creature as she
meow meow mew meeeow. Meow me meow. Mew mew meow m meow meeeow me mew

saw him lifted and placed in his coffin, and she followed the loved
mew mew meeeow mew meeeow me mew meeeow, mew mew meeeow mew meow

remains to their long home, and saw where they laid him. She never left
meeeow me meow meow meow, mew mew meow meow meow mew. Mew meow meow

that churchyard living. For three days she sat on the grave; and it would
meow meeeow meeeow. Mew meow meow mew mew me meow meow; mew me meow

have made your heart bleed, reader, to have heard her pitiful cries.
meow meow meow meow meow, meeeow, me meow meow mew meeeow meow.

"Oh!" she seemed to say to every passerby, "he is here--my master is here
"Me!" mew meeeow me mew me meeeow, "me me meow--me meeeow me meow

with all this load of earth on his breast. Will no one come and help me?"
meow mew meow meow me meow me mew meeeow. Meow me mew meow mew meow me?"

On a cold sleety morning in November she was found stretched on the
Me m meow meeeow meeeow me Meeeow mew mew meow meeeow me mew

grave--in a hole she had scraped--_dead_.

meeow--me m meow mew mew meooooow--meeoow.

Has this gentle and affectionate creature met her master? Is there no
Mew meow meeeow mew meeeeeeeeeow meooooow mew mew meooow? Me meow me
hereafter for pussy? The sun of her sinless life set in sorrow.
meeeeeeeow mew meeeow? Mew mew me mew meeeoow meow mew me meeeow.

"Alas for love! if this be all,
"Meow mew meow! me meow me mew,

And nought beyond an earth."
Mew meeeow meooow me meeeow."

CHAPTER XIV.
MEEEOOW MEW.

[_See Note N, Addenda._]
[mEow Meow M, Meeeeow.m]

FISHING EXPLOITS.
MEEEOOW MEEEOOOW.

Cats are, as a rule, averse to water in every shape. If every one of us
Meow mew, me m meow, meooow me meeeow me meeeow meeeow. Me meeeow mew me me
were as much afraid of getting damp feet, there would be much less

meow me meow meeeow me meooooow meow meow, meeeow meoow me meow meow

coughing in church and theatre. Parsons might preach in peace, and actors meeeeoow me meeoow mew meeeoow. Meeeeow meow meeoow me meoow, mew meoow

rant undisturbed. It would be a bad thing in a business way, however, as meow meeeeoow. Me meoow me m mew meeoow me m meeeeeow mew, meeeow, me

far as the medical profession and their friends the undertakers are mew me mew meooooow meeeeeeeow mew meeoow meooooow mew meeeeeeeow mew

concerned; for, if the former did not work with additional zeal, many of meeeeeow; mew, me mew meeoow mew mew meow meow meeoowooow meow, meow me

the latter would starve. Did you ever observe a cat crossing the street on mew meeeow meow meeoow. Mew mew meow meeeow m mew meeoow mew meeoow me

a rainy day? How gingerly she treads, how carefully picks out the driest m meow mew? Mew meooooow mew meeoow, mew meeoowooow meow mew mew meeoow

spots, lifting each fore-paw and shaking it with an air of supreme meow, meeeow meow meow-mew mew meeeow me meow me mew me meeoow

disgust, and finally, for the last few yards, making a reckless bolt to meeeow, mew meeeow, mew mew meow mew meeoow, meeoow m meeeeeow meow me

the front door.
mew meeoow meow.

Pussy is a very dainty animal, cleanly in the extreme, more particularly Meoow me m meow meoow meeeow, meooooow me mew meooooow, meow meeeeeeoow

with regard to her personal appearance; and knowing better than any one meow meoow me mew meeeeoow meeoowooow; mew meeeow meeoow meow mew mew

that fur once wet is very difficult to dry, she does not care to dabble in meow mew meow mew me meow meeeeoow me mew, mew meow mew meow me meeoow me

the water like a duck or a Newfoundland dog. But let the occasion arise, mew meoow meow m meow me m Meeeoowooow mew. Mew mew mew meeeeoow meeoow,

either in the pursuit of game or in some case of necessity, and she at meeoow me mew meooooow me meow me me meow meow me meooooow, mew mew me

once throws all her scruples overboard, and goes overboard after them, meow meoow mew mew meooooow meooooow, mew meow meeoowooow meeoow meow,

wetting both feet and fur with a will.
meeoow meow meow mew mew meow m meow.

In _Cassell's Magazine_ lately, there is related the story of a cat, that

Me mEooooow'm Meeeeeoow meeoow, meow me meeeoow mew meow me m mew, meow
was in the constant habit of diving into the sea, and bringing out live
mew me mew meooooow meow me meeoow meow mew mew, mew meooooow mew meow
fish. This is told as a great curiosity; but I can assure the reader that
meow. Meow me meow me m meeoow meeeeeeoow; mew M mew meeoow mew meoow meow
such things are by no means rare. I have known of hundreds of such cases;
meow meeoow mew me me meoow meow. M meow meoow me meeeeoow me meow meow;
and they are occurring every day.
mew meow mew meeeeeoow meeoow mew.

Joe, a nice she-tabby, was a curious specimen of the feline fish-catcher.
Mew, m meow mew-meeow, mew m meeeeoow meeeeoow me mew meoow meow-meeeoow.

Her master was a disciple of Walton's. With eager and joyful looks, pussy
Mew meeoow mew m meeeeoow me Meeoow'm. Meow meow mew meoow meow, meow

used to watch him taking down the rod and fishing-basket, sit singing
meow me meow mew meeeeoow meow mew mew mew meeeoow-meeeoow, mew meeeeoow

beside him while he looked to his tackle, and rub herself against his leg
meoow mew meow me meeoow me mew meeoow, mew mew meooooow meooooow mew mew

while he prepared the invariable sandwich, as much as to say, "Don't
meoow me meooooow mew meeeeeooooow meeeeoow, me meow me me mew, "Mew'm

forget a morsel to your puss; she likewise is going a-fishing." Then she
meeeeoow m meeoow me meow meow; mew meooooow me meoow m-meooooow." Meow mew

would trot by his side all the way, as proud as Punch, to the distant
meow meow me mew meow mew mew mew, me meeoow me Meeow, me mew meeeeoow

streamlet. Anxiously she would watch the skimming fly, squaring her lips
meeeeoow. Meeeeeoow mew meoow meoow mew meooooow mew, meooooow mew meow

and emitting little excited screams of delight, whenever a fish rose to
mew meeeeoow meeeeoow meooooow meeeeoow me meeoow, meooooow m meow meow me

nibble. Then, when a trout was landed, pussy at once threw herself upon it
meeoow. Meow, meow m meeoow mew meeoow, meeoow me meow meeoow meeeeoow meow me

and despatched it. At other times, she would spring into the stream,
mew meeeeeooooow me. Me meeoow meeoow, mew meeoow meeoow meow mew meeeeoow,

perhaps up to the neck, and commence fishing on her own account, by
meooooow me me mew meow, mew meooooow meeeeoow me mew mew meeeeoow, me

feeling with her paws below all the banks, working as hard and as eagerly
meooooow meow mew meow meoow mew mew meeoow, meooooow me meow mew me meeoow

as any bare-legged school-boy.

me mew meow-meeow meooow-mew.

A gentleman tells me, that he once possessed a cat that made a regular
M meeeeoow meow me, meow me meow meooooow m mew meow meow m meeeow

habit of swimming across the river almost daily, for the purpose of
meeow me meeeeoow meeoow mew meeoow meeeow meow, mew mew meeoow me

killing birds in a wood on the opposite side.
meeeow meow me m meow me mew meooooow meow.

Gibbey was a fine, large, brindled Tom. He was a noted fisherman and a
Meeow mew m meow, meow, meeeoow Mew. Me mew m meeoow meeeeoow mew m

daring and reckless poacher, so much so that the gamekeepers threatened
meeoow mew meeeeoow meeoow, me meow me meow mew meeeeoow meeeeoow

to kill him, whenever they could catch him. They did not mind, they said,
me meow mew, meooooow meow meow meeoow mew. Meow mew mew meow, meow meow,

his taking a good clean sea-trout occasionally; but the beast fished in
mew meeoow m meow meeoow mew-meeow meooooooooow; mew mew meow meeeow me

season and out of season. In fact, Gibbey found the spawning time much
meeeow mew mew me meeoow. Me meow, Meeow meow mew meeeeoow meow meow

more convenient than any other. When the salmon came up the shallow
meow meeeeoow meow mew meeoow. Meow mew meeoow meow me mew meeoow

streams to spawn in thousands, all waggling under his very nose, and to be
meeeow me meeoow me meeoow, mew meooooow meow mew meow meow, mew me me

had for the mere lifting out, he couldn't stand that.
mew mew mew meow meeeow mew, me meooow'm meeoow meow.

"Tam tint his reason a'thegither,"
"Mew meow mew meeoow m'meeooooow,"

and played terrible havoc among the poor fishes. It was not so much what
mew meeoow meooooow meeoow meow mew meow meeoow. Me mew mew me meow meow

he ate that the keepers grudged; but he was in the constant habit of
me mew meow mew meeeow meeoow; mew me mew me mew meeeeoow meow me

carrying away large fish to hide for future use; and as he generally

meeeeooow meow meeow meow me meow mew meeeow mew; mew me me meeeeeooow

forgot where he had put them, he still went on hiding more. Sometimes, in meeeow meow me mew mew meow, me meeeow meow me meeeow meow. Meeeeooow, me

taking a walk through the wood, you would find yourself suddenly sprawling meeeow m meow meeeooow mew meow, mew meooow meow meeeeeooow meeeooow meeeeeooow

on all fours, having trampled on one of Gibbey's salmon. Or you are doing me mew meow, meeeow meooooow me mew me Meooow'm meeeow. Me mew mew meow

a little bit of gardening, and come upon a grave, and turn up what at m meeeow mew me meooooooow, mew meow meow m meow, mew meow me meow me

first sight appears a newly-born infant rolled in a rag. Only one of meow meow meooooow m meow-meow meeeow meeeow me m mew. Meow mew me

Gibbey's salmon. What is this in the horse's trough? Has the horse Meeow'm meeeow. Meow me meow me mew meow'm meeeow? Mew mew meow

conceived? Nay, the poor brute has eaten all his oats, but he could not meeeeeooow? Mew, mew meow meow mew meow mew mew meow, mew me meow mew

stomach--one of Gibbey's salmon. Something has been making its presence meeeeeow--mew me Meooow'm meooow. Meeeeooow mew meow meeeow mew meeeeeow

felt in your bed-room for days. You dream of drains and typhoid fever, and meow me meow mew-meow mew meow. Mew meow me meooow mew meeeooow meow, mew

you sprinkle Rimmell's toilet vinegar and burn pastiles in vain. Even the mew meeeooow Meeeoow'm meeeow meeeow mew meow meooooow me meow. Meow mew

immortal Condry fails to lay the dread thing. At last you peep below the meooooow Meow meow me mew mew meow meow. Me meow mew meow meow mew

bed, and with the tongs pull out--what?--only one of Gibbey's salmon. mew, mew meow mew meow meow mew--meow?--meow mew me Meooow'm meeeow.

For nine long years this cat managed to evade the law, and escape the Mew meow meow meeeow meow mew meeeow me meow mew mew, mew meeeow mew

itching fingers of the keepers. At last, however, poor Gilbert was trapped meeeow meeeow me mew meeeow. Me meow, meeeow, meow Meeooow mew meooooow

and slain.

mew meow.

One day, when out shooting, I met a large white cat. He was coming Mew mew, meow mew meeeooow, M mew m meow meeeow mew. Me mew meooow

trotting along the foot-path, and wore about his neck what I took to be a

meeeeeeow meow mew meow-meow, mew meow meow mew meow meow M meow me me m

very tasteful thing in cravats. It was of a dark colour, and he held one meow meooooow meow me meeeow. Me mew me m meow meeeow, mew me meow mew

end of it in his mouth in a meditative sort of way. I was going to ask mew me me me mew meow me m meooooooooow meow me mew. M mew meow me mew

this cat if he felt afraid of catching cold; but he appeared to shun me, meow mew me me meow meooow me meeeeeow meow; mew me meooooow me meow me,

took another direction, and entered the door of a small cottage, still meow meeeow meeeeeeow, mew meeeow mew meow me m meow meeeow, meow

wearing the mysterious cravat, and still keeping one end of it meeeow mew meeeeeeeow meooow, mew meow meeeow mew mew me me

thoughtfully in his mouth, so that I felt quite puzzled, and laid down my meeeeeeeeeow me mew meow, me meow M meow meow meeeow, mew meow meow me

gun to scratch my head. I hate to be done. Five minutes afterwards I was mew me meeeow me meow. M meow me me meow. Meow meooooow meeeooooow M mew

at the cottage door. A pleasant little woman answered my knock. me mew meeeow meow. M meeeeeow meooow meow meeeeeow me meow.

"Might I trouble you for a glass of water?"

"Meow M meeeow mew mew m meow me meow?"

"Certainly, sir; but would you not come in, and have a drink of nice sweet "Meeeeeeow, mew; mew meow mew mew meow me, mew meow m meow me meow meow

whey?"

meow?"

I would. Tom was singing on the hearth, but he had laid aside the wrap--it M meow. Mew mew meeeow me mew meooow, mew me mew meow meow mew meow--me

was nowhere to be seen.

mew meeeow me me meow.

"That's a fine cat you've got," said I, when I had finished my whey.

"Meow'm m meow mew mew'me mew," meow M, meow M mew meeeeeow me meow.

"He is, sir; everybody admires our Tom."

"Me me, mew; meeeeeeoow meeeoow mew Mew."

"He has caught cold, I think?"
"Me mew meoooow meow, M meoow?"

"Dear me! no, sir."
"Meow me! me, mew."

"A little sore throat, perhaps?"
"M meeeow meow meoooow, meooooow?"

"No, no, Tom was never better in his life."
"Me, me, Mew mew meeoow meeeow me mew meow."

"Then, my good woman, excuse me if I seem rude; but why--why on earth does
"Meow, me meow meoow, meoooow me me M meow meow; mew mew--mew me meeoow meow

he wear a cravat out of doors?"
me meow m meeeow mew me meeoow?"

"A cravat!" cried she. "Our Tom wear a cravat!"
"M meoooow!" meeoow mew. "Mew Mew meow m meeoow!"

Then the pleasant little woman laughed till her pleasant little sides
Meow mew meoooooow meoooow meeoow meeeoow meow mew meoooooow meoooow meoow

shook and the tears ran out of her pleasant little eyes; and her laughing
meoow mew mew meeoow mew mew me meow meoooooow meoooow meow; mew mew meeeeeeow

was so pleasantly infectious that I was constrained to join her, and we
mew me meoooooooow meeeeeooooow meow M mew meeeeeooooow me meow mew, mew me

both laughed till roof and rafters rang again. It was pleasant, though I
meow meooooow meow meow mew meeeoow meow meoow. Me mew meeoooooow, meeeow M

did not know what I was laughing at; only I had a slight inkling that

mew mew meow meow M mew meeeeoow me; meow M mew m meeoow meeoow meow

somehow or other I had made a mighty fool of myself. When at last she did meoooow me meoow M mew meow m meeeow meow me meoooow. Meow me meow mew mew

get a word out, it was,--
mew m meow mew, me mew,--

"Oh! sir, you're an _awful gowk_.[3] It was an _eel_."
"Me! mew, mew'me me meoooow meeoow.[m] Me mew me meeoow."

An eel, was it! The cravat was an eel! And I was "an awful gowk!" Well, I Me mew, mew me! Mew meeoow mew me mew! Mew M mew "me meoow meow!" Meow, M

always guessed I was; but then she said it so pleasantly, and as soon as meoooow meeeeoow M mew; mew meow mew meow me me meeoowooooow, mew me meow me

she said it off she went again. I thought it was time I was going off too; mew meow me mew mew meow meeoow. M meeoow me mew meow M mew meoow mew mew;

so bidding her good morning, I did, and left her laughing--such a pleasant me meeoow mew meow meeeeoow, M mew, mew meow mew meeeeoow--meow m meeeeoow

little woman!
meeeow meoow!

Millers' cats in the country are, almost without exception, fond of Meeoow' meow me mew meeoow mew, meoooow meeoow meeeeoow, meow me

taking to the water in pursuit of prey. I know an instance of a cat bred meoooow me mew meoow me meoooow me meow. M meow me meeoow me m mew meow

and reared at a flour mill: it was a universal custom with this pussy to mew meeoow me m meoow meow: me mew m meeeeoow meeoow meow meow meow me

watch by the dam-side, where she might have been seen at any time either meow me mew mew-meow, meow mew meoow meow meow meow me mew meow meeeow

in winter or summer. She used to run along the edge of the water in full me meoooow me meeeow. Mew meow me mew meoow mew meow me mew meoow me meow

tilt after a trout until it stopped; then, seeming to take aim for a few meow meow m meoow meoow me meeeeoow; meow, meeoow me meow mew mew m mew

seconds, she would dive down like an arrow from a bow, and never failed to meoooow, mew meeoow meow meow meow me meoow meow m mew, mew meeoow meeoow me

land the fish. She was also great in catching water-rats, which she seized

meow mew meow. Mew mew meow meoow me meeeeoow meeow-meow, meeow mew meeeow

and killed as eagerly and speedily as any English terrier would.
mew meoow me meeeow mew meooooow me mew Meeeeow meooooow meeow.

But not only can cats swim and fish, but they have been known to teach
Mew mew meow mew meow meow mew meow, mew meow meow meow meeow me meeow

their offspring to do so; and a knowledge of the gentle art has been
meow meeeeoow me me me; mew m meeeeoow me mew meeow mew mew meow

transmitted in some cat families down to the third and fourth generation.
meoooooow me meow mew meooooow meow me mew meeow mew meeow meeeeoow.

At the mill of P----, in Aberdeenshire, some years ago, there lived a cat,
Me mew meow me M----, me Meeeeeeeoow, meow meoow mew, meow meeow m mew,

an excellent swimmer and fisher, and as fond of the water as an Irish
me meeeeoow meeoow mew meeow, mew me meow me mew meow me me Meeow

spaniel. When fishing, she did not confine herself to any one portion of
meeoow. Meow meeoow, mew mew mew meooooow meeoow me mew mew meeoow me

the stream; and whether deep or shallow it was all one to pussy. The boys,
mew meeow; mew meeoow meow me meeoow me mew mew mew me meeow. Mew meow,

too, of the neighbourhood were not long in finding out, that, by whatever
mew, me mew meeeeoow meow mew meow me meooooow mew, meow, me meeoow

part of the rivulet they saw the miller's cat watching, there they would
meow me mew meeeow meow mew mew meeoow'm mew meeeeoow, meeow meow meow

find trout in greatest abundance.
meow meeow me meeoow meeeeoow.

This cat not only fished herself, but taught her children to do so too.
Meow mew mew meow meeoow meooooow, mew meeoow mew meooooow me me me mew.

The way in which she managed this was very amusing, and shows how
Mew mew me meeow mew meeoow meow mew meow meooooow, mew meow mew

extremely sagacious feline nature is. When the kittens came of sufficient
meeoow meeeeoow meeoow meeoow me. Meow mew meeoow meow me meooooow

age, she would entice them down, some fine sunny day to a part of the
mew, mew meeow meeoow meow meow, meow meow meow mew me m meow me mew

stream, where the water was very clear and shallow. Here the smaller

meooow, meow mew meow mew meow meow mew meeeoow. Meow mew meeeoow

trout-fry and minnows would be gambolling; and, making a spring, pussy
meeow-mew mew meeeeeow meow me meooooooooow; mew, meeeow m meooow, meow

would seize one of these and bring it out alive. After letting it jump
meow meow mew me meow mew meow me mew meow. Meeow meooooow me meow

about for some little time, to amuse the kittens and attract their
meeow mew meow meeeow meow, me meow mew meeeoow mew meeeeeow meow

undivided attention, she would kill and return it to the stream, jumping
meooooooooow meooooooooow, mew meow meow mew meooow me me mew meeeow, meooooow

after it and playing with it in the water to entice a kitten in. Thus, in
meeow me mew meeeoow meow me me mew meow me meeeow m meooow me. Meow, me

course of time, the kittens could all swim and fish, and rivalled even
meooow me meow, mew meeeoow meow mew meow mew meow, mew meeeooooow meow

their mother in quickness and daring.
meow meeeow me meeeooooow mew meeeow.

If space permitted, I could give many more instances of pussy's fishing
Me meow meeeeeeow, M meow meow meow meow meeeeeoow me meow'm meeeoow

exploits; but I think I have said sufficient to prove, that they are not
meeeeeeow; mew M meow M meow meow meeeooooooooow me meow, meow meow mew mew

so averse to wet their pumps as some people imagine. I have a fine
me meeeow me mew meow meeeow me meow meooow meeeoow. M meow m meow

tom-kitten which I intend training to catch fish. The future adventures of
mew-meooow meow M meeeow meeeeeeow me meow meow. Mew meooow meeeeeeow me

this kitten will be related in the Animal World.
meow meooow meow me meeeoow me mew mEeeoow Meooow.

CHAPTER XV.

MEOOOOW ME.

THE ADVENTURES OF BLINKS.

MEW MEOWWWWWOW ME MEEOW.

A Tale of a Kitten, in Ten "Mews."
M Meow me m Meeow, me Mew "Meow."

Dramatis Personæ.
mEowwwow Meeow.m

1. BLINKS--the son of Muffie.
m. MEEOW--mew mew me Meow.

2. MUFFIE--the mother of Blinks and queen of cats.
m. MEEOW--mew meow me Meeow mew meow me meow.

3 PRETTY DICK--a starling who speaks oftener than he is spoken to.
m MEEOW MEOW--m meeeow mew meow meeeow meow me me meow me.

4. THE OGRE--The Author.
m. MEW MEOW--Mew Meow.

5. THEODORE NERO--champion Newfoundland.
m. MEEOW MEOW--meeeow Meeeeow.

6. THE CRICKET OF THE HEARTH.
m. MEW MEOW ME MEW MEEOW.

MEW I.

MEW M.

The Birth of Blinks.
mEow Meeow me Meooow.m

The entrance into the world, of the immortal hero of the following
Mew meeeeoow meow mew meeow, me mew meeoow meow me mew meeeeoow

adventures, is veiled in the darkest and most inky obscurity. Whence he
meeeeoow, me meeow me mew meeoow mew meow meow meeeeoow. Meooow me

came, or where he had resided previous to his arrival, no one can tell.
meow, me meow me mew meooow meooow me mew meeoow, me mew mew meow.

All that is positively known about the matter is this: I, the writer,
Mew meow me meeeeoow meow meow mew meeow me meow: M, mew meeow,

retired to rest about ten by the clock on a cold and sleety night in
meooow me meow meow mew me mew meeow me m meow mew meooow meeow me

winter. Previous to jumping into bed, I, as usual, locked, barred, and
meeow. Meeeeoow me meeeow meow mew, M, me meeow, meeow, meeow, mew

bolted the door of my room, then, candle in hand, I peeped in below the
meeow mew meow me me meow, meow, meeow me meow, M meeow me meeow mew

bed, keeked into the cupboard and under the toilet-table, and even cast an
mew, meeoow meow mew meeoow mew meow mew meeoow-meeow, mew meow meow me

eye up the chimney, in order to be certain there were no robbers or
mew me mew meeeow, me meeow me me meeoow meow meow me meooow me

midnight assassins concealed in the premises. Being satisfied that the
meeeeoow meooow meeeeoow me mew meooow. Meeow meeeeoow meow mew

only occupants of the room besides myself were Nero, Muffie, and Pretty
meow meooow me mew meow meooow meooow meow Meow, Meooow, mew Meooow

Dick, I extinguished the candle and crept quietly beneath the sheets. Now
Meow, M meeeeoow mew meeow mew meeow meeoow meooow mew meeow. Mew

at that time there was no Blinks. Well, in the morning, like a good old
me meow meow meow mew me Meeow. Meow, me mew meooow, meow m meow mew

boy, I awoke at seven; and after rubbing my eyes and untying my flannel
mew, M meeow me meeow; mew meeow meeoow me meow mew meeoow me meeoow

night-cap, I put my hand once more below the bed-clothes, for I could
meeow-mew, M mew me meow meow meow meow mew mew-meooow, mew M meeow

distinctly feel something moving on my breast. I seized and hauled this

meeeeeeow meow meeeooooow meeeow me me meeeow. M meeeow mew meeeow meow

something forth to the blessed light of day, and lo! and
meeeooooow meow me mew meooooow meow me mew, mew me! mew

behold!--Blinks--blind little Blinks!
meooow!--Meeow--meeow meeoow Meeow!

"Good heavens!" cried I in astonishment, for the windows were fastened,
"Meow meeeow!" meow M me meeeeeeeooooow, mew mew meooooow meow meooooow,

the door still closed, and the key-hole not unreasonably large, "where in
mew meow meow meeoow, mew mew mew-meow mew meeeeeeeooooow meow, "meeow me

the name of all creation did you come from?" And Blinks replied in a
mew meow me mew meooooow mew mew meow meow?" Mew Meooow meeeow me m

whisper; but I could not catch what he said.
meooooow; mew M meoow mew meoow meow me meow.

Now, from some concomitant circumstances--namely, the birth of five
Mew, meow meow meeeeeeeow meeeeeeeeeow--meeow, mew meow me meow

kittens on the evening of the same eventful day--all of whom were
meooooow me mew meeeow me mew meow meeeooooow mew--mew me meow meow

consigned to a watery grave next morning, as soon as they had taken
meeeeeow me m meeeow meow meow meeeow, me meow me meow mew meow

breakfast--I say from these circumstances, I think there can be little
meooooow--M mew meow meow meeeeeeeooooow, M meow meow mew me meooow

doubt but that Blinks is the son of my beloved cat and faithful servant
meow mew meow Meooow me mew mew me me meeeow mew mew meeeow meeeow

Muffie; and that the name of his other parent is, and must ever remain, a
Meeow; mew meow mew meow me mew meow meooow me, mew meow meow meeeow, m

mystery. Blinks was a lovely kitten, and is a lovelier cat. Of the
meeeow. Meeow mew m meooow meeoow, mew me m meeeeeow mew. Me mew

brightest and most varied tortoise-shell, with stately limbs and bushy
meooooow mew meow meeoow meeeow-meow, meow meeeow meow mew meow

curling tail, he stalks abroad, a very prince among the feline tribes. His
meooooow meow, me meooow meeeow, m meow meeoow meow mew meooow meeeow. Mew

paws are white as mountain snow; and when he presents one to a human
meow mew meow me meooooow meow; mew meow me meooooow mew me m meow

friend, it feels as soft as the finest velvet. But woe be to the mouse, or

meeoow, me meoow me meow me mew meoooow meoooow. Mew mew me me mew meeow, me
rat, or rabbit, on whom those paws descend, for sharp and deadly are the
mew, me meoooow, me meow meoow meow meeeoow, mew meeow mew meoooow mew mew
daggers hidden between those silken toes. His ears are long, his brow is
meeeoow meeeow meeeoow meow meeeow meow. Mew meow mew meow, mew meow me
broad, and his eyes beam with intelligence; love seems to float in their
meoow, mew mew meow meow meow meeoowooooow; meow meoow me meoow me meeow
liquid depths as he purrs to some fair young lady cat, but fires of hate
meeoow meoooow me me meoow me meow meow meeow meow mew, mew meeow me meow
and scorn flash from them as he gazes on a feline foe. Such is Blinks.
mew meoow meeow meow meow me me meoow me m meoooow mew. Meow me Meeoow.

MEW II.
MEW ME.

Blinks's Eyes.
mEeeoow'm Meow.m

When another week had glided slowly away, and the earth--this world into
Meow meoooow meow mew meeoow meeoow meow, mew mew meoow--meow meeow meow

which Blinks had been so unceremoniously thrust--had made seven
meoow Meeoow mew meow me meeeeeeeeeeoow meoooow--mew meow meoow

somersaults and was preparing for the eighth, Blinks, who was gently
meeeeoowooow mew mew meeoowooow mew mew meeeow, Meeoow, mew mew meeeow

reclining in his mother's arms, opened his little red mouth and
meeeeeeow me mew meeeow'm meow, meoooow mew meeoow mew meeow mew

whispered--
meeeeeeow--

"My ma!"
"Me me!"

"Yes, my chee-ild," Muffie replied.

"Mew, me meow-mew," Meooow meeeoow.

"When will I get eyes? Ever, my Ma?"
"Meow meow M mew meow? Meow, me Me?"

"Yes, my chee-ild."
"Mew, me meow-mew."

"When, my Ma?"
"Meow, me Me?"

"On the ninth day, my chee-ild," said Muffie. She spoke in a mournful tone
"Me mew meow mew, me meow-mew," meow Meeoow. Mew meoow me m meooooow meow

of voice, for she had not yet ceased to lament the untimely fate of her
me meow, mew mew mew mew mew meeeow me meooow mew meeeeoow meow me mew

other five children.
meoow meow meeeeoow.

"Oh my eyes!" cried Blinks, not heeding his mother's grief, "won't it be a
"Me me meow!" meoow Meeeoow, mew meeoow mew meooow'm meow, "mew'm me me m
jolly lark!" and straightway he sucked himself to sleep.
meow meow!" mew meeeeeeeow me meeoow meeeow me meow.

Strange, is it not, that any mortal creature should sleep without any eyes
Meeeoow, me me mew, meow mew meeeow meeeeoow meeeow meow meeeow mew meow

to sleep with; but so it was, Blinks slept.
me meow meow; mew me me mew, Meooow meow.

MEW III.

MEW MEW.

Blinks opens his Eyes. His first thrilling Adventure.
mEeooow meow mew Meow. Mew meow meeeeoow Meeeoow.m

The ninth day dawned, a day to be big with the fate of the young and
Mew meow mew meeeow, m mew me me mew meow mew meow me mew meow mew

innocent Blinks, who was on that auspicious morning to open his eyes for
meooooow Meooow, mew mew me meow meooooooooow meeeow me meow mew meow mew

the first time, on a world that, heretofore, had been as dark to him as if
mew meow meow, me m meow meow, meeeooooow, mew meow me meow me mew me me

he had been living in an empty stone bottle with the cork in, or like a
me mew meow meeeow me me meow meeeow meeeow meow mew meow me, me meow m

frog in a buried teapot, or like a toad in a stone. This day the cork of
meow me m meeeow meooow, me meow m meow me m meeeow. Meow mew mew meow me

the bottle--so to speak--was to be drawn, the teapot dug up, the stone to
mew meooow--me me meow--mew me me meeeow, mew meooow mew me, mew meeeow me

be broken. He had innocently asked his mamma, where the eyes were to come
me meeeow. Me mew meeeooooow meeeow mew meooow, meeeow mew meow meow me meow

from; and she, in the beautiful imagery, which only Muffie could make use
meow; mew mew, me mew meeeooooow meooooow, meooow meow Meooow meow meow mew

of, told him that a wee angel cattie, with snowy fur and wings all golden,
me, meow mew meow m mew meooow meooow, meow meeeow mew mew meeeow mew meeeow,

would fly gently down while he slept, and, hovering over him softly insert
meeeow mew meeeow meow meeeow me meooow, mew, meeeooooow meow mew meeeow meooow

a little bright eye on each side of his head, and by-and-by he would awake
m meeeow meeeow mew me meow meow me mew meow, mew me-mew-me me meow meow

and--see.
mew--mew.

Well, the sun rose,--the bats and the owls all went to roost in haunted
Meow, mew mew meow,--mew meow mew mew meow mew meow me meeeow me meeeow

castles and lonely groves, cocks clapped their wings and crew, hedgehogs
meeeooow mew meeeow meeeow, meeeow meooooow meeeow meeeow mew meow, meeeeeeow

fell asleep among the dewy grass, and weary authors went to bed; but

meow meeoow meeow mew meow meoow, mew meeow meeeeeow meow me mew; mew

Blinks like one of the ten foolish virgins, slumbered and slept. Why Meoow meow mew me mew mew meeoow meeeeeow, meeeeeeow mew meoow. Mew

slumbereth our hero? Blinks had determined to lie awake the whole of the meooooooooow mew meow? Meoow mew meeeeeeeow me mew meeow mew meoow me mew

preceding and eventful night, in order to meet the first glimpse of the meeeeeeow mew meeeeeow meeow, me meeow me meow mew meeow meeoow me mew

early dawn with open eyes, and study the wonders of nature with his newly meeow meow meow meow meow, mew meeow mew meeeow me meeeow meow mew meoow

acquired sense of sight. I say, this is what Blinks had determined to meeoow meow me meow. M mew, meow me meow Meeow meeow meeeeeeow me

do; it isn't by any means what he did do, for long before the shadows of me; me mew'm me mew meeow meow me meoow me, mew meow meeoow mew meeeow me

night had begun to battle with the light of coming morn, poor weary meeow mew meoow me meoow meow mew meeow me meeeow meow, meow meow

Blinks's eyes--only half open--were sealed in sleep, and so he slept far Meoow'm meow--meow meow meow--meow meoow me meoow, mew me me meeow mew

into the day. His fond mother had eaten her matutinal meal and lain down meow mew mew. Mew meow meeoow mew meoow mew meeoow meow mew meow meow

again to watch him; Nero had had his breakfast and a long walk with his meeow me meeow mew; Meow mew mew mew meooooooooow mew m meow meow meow mew

master; the starling had been piping and chattering from an early hour; meeoow; mew meeeeeow mew meow meoow mew meooooooooow meow me meeow meow;

carts and cars and carriages had been rolling and rattling past; trains meeow mew meow mew meeoow mew meow meeeow mew meeeow meow; meoow

had shrieked, and puffed, and stopped, and backed, and puffed, and gone on mew meeeow, mew meoow, mew meeoow, mew meeoow, mew meeoow, mew meow me

again; and still Blinks was slumbering. meow; mew meow Meoow mew meeoow.

A very prolonged scream from an express train awoke him at last, however; M meow meeoow meeeow meow me meoow meeow meeow mew me meow, meoow;

and our young hero sprang to his feet, gave a jerk with his brows, a nod mew mew meoow meow meoow me mew meow, meow m meow meow mew meeow, m mew

of his head, and behold! his eyes, like the eyes of Adam and Eve, were me mew meow, mew meoow! mew meow, meow mew meow me Meow mew Mew, meow

opened; and, like Tam o' Shanter,

meooow; mew, meow Mew m' Meeeoow,

"Vow! he saw an unco' sight!"

"Mew! me mew me meow' meeow!"

Strange, too, that at the same moment one of Her Majesty's ships, that lay Meooooow, mew, meow me mew meow meeoow mew me Mew Meeooooow'm meoow, meow mew

in the bay, began to fire a salute of twenty-one guns. [Blinks here bids me mew mew, meeow me meow m meeoow me meeoow-mew meow. [Meooooow meow meow

me say there was nothing strange about it.] No wonder then, that Blinks me mew meoow mew meooooow meeeow meoow me.] Me meooooow meow, meow Meeeoow

thought himself lord of the universe and monarch of all he surveyed; no meeeow meeeoow meow me mew meeoow me meeeow me mew me meeeow; me

wonder--a pair of real eyes and a salute of twenty-one guns. Ho! ho! meeoow--m meow me meow meow mew m meeeow me meeeow-mew meow. Me! me!

Funny-looking eyes they were too; light grey and glassy, and with scarcely Meeow-meooooow meow meow meow mew; meow meow mew meeoow, mew meow meeeeoow

any visible pupils or centre-bits. Blinks stood for a moment, evidently in mew meooooow meeeow me meeoow-mew. Meooooow meow mew m meooooow, meeeeoow me

a very undecided frame of mind, like one who has too much to do and can't m meow meeeeoow meoow me meow, meow mew mew mew mew meow me me mew mew'm

tell where to begin. He appeared to be looking very earnestly, and meow meoow me meoow. Me meeeeoow me me meeoow meow meeeeoow, mew

inquiringly at nothing in particular, and was withal rather shaky about meeeeoow me meooooow me meeeeoow, mew mew meooooow meoow meeoow meeoow

the extremities. It was only for a minute however, for, on turning his mew meeoow meoow. Me mew meow mew m meooooow meeeow, mew, me meeoow mew

head on a pivot, his eyes fell on the well-pleased and admiring face of meow me m meeoow, mew meow meow me mew meow-meeooooow mew meeeeoow meow me

his mamma, who had paused in the very act of washing her face with a mew meoow, mew mew meeeow me mew meow mew me meeoow mew meow meow m

spittle or two, that she might gaze on her youthful prodigy. So intent, meeoow me mew, meow mew meoow meow me mew meeoow meeoow. Me meooooow,

indeed, was she, that she did not even lower the fist she had been

meooow, mew mew, meow mew mew mew meow meow mew mew mew mew

licking; but sat with it raised in an attitude of such grace and beauty, meeeoow; mew mew meow me meeeoow me me meeeeoow me meow meoow mew meeeow,

that, had it been done in the theatre royal, would have brought down the meow, mew me meow meow me mew meeeoow meoow, meow meow meooooow meow mew

house. Now, although Blinks had had a long and intimate acquaintance, with meow. Mew, meeeeoow Meeoow mew mew m meow mew meeeeoow meeeeoowooow, meow

his mother's honest face, it must be remembered that he only knew her by mew meeeow'm meeeow meow, me meow me meeeeoow meow me meow meow mew me

the touch or feel; and not having _seen_ her before, how should he, mew meow me meow; mew mew meooow meeeow mew meooow, mew meooow me,

Blinks, be expected to tell who or what she, he, or it was that now gazed Meooow, me meeeeoow me meow mew me meow mew, me, me me mew meow mew meow

on his face?
me mew meow?

"Might it not," thought Blinks, "be some dreadful foe? Good heavens! might "Meow me mew," meeeoow Meeoow, "me meow meeeeoow mew? Meow meeeow! meow

it not be a _wild mouse_?"
me mew me m meow meeeow?"

The thought was certainly alarming enough, and he determined to, at once, Mew meooooow mew meooooow meeeoow meeeow, mew me meooooow me, me meow,

act on the offensive; so, as a commencement of hostilities, he gave a mew me mew meeeeoow; me, me m meeeeoow me meeeeoow, me meow m

warlike leap backwards, "in order," as he afterwards remarked, "to make meeeoow meow meeeeoow, "me meow," me me meeeeoow meeeeoow, "me meow

the spring the more dreadful." This backward leap did to be sure cause him mew meeoow mew meow meeeeoow." Meow meeeeoow meow mew me me meow meow mew

to lose his balance. [Blinks here begs me to substitute the word me meow mew meeeow. [Meeoow meow meow me me meeeeoow mew meow

"equilibrium" for "balance," as the latter is not soldier-like, and "meeeeoow" mew "meeoow," me mew meooow me mew meeeow-meow, mew

reminds him of shop-keepers and such.] Having found his balance meeeoow mew me meow-meeeoow mew meow.] Meeoow meow mew meeoow

["Beastly!" says Blinks,--who, as I write, is sitting on and looking over

["Meeooow!" meow Meeoow,--mew, me M meeow, me meeoow me mew meeoow meow

my shoulder,--"beastly English! Can't you say, 'regained his centre of
me meeoow,--"meeoow Meeoow! Mew'm mew mew, 'meeoow mew meoow me

gravity,' you dolt."] Well, well, Blinks got on his pins again; then was
meeoow,' mew meow."] Meow, meow, Meoow mew me mew meow meeow; meow mew

his back erected like unto a Gothic arch, on which the hair did bristle
mew meow meeoow meow meow m Meeow meow, me meow mew meow mew meeoow

like unto a fretful porcupine, or a cheap ham; his tail was transformed
meow meow m meeoow meooooow, me m meeow mew; mew meow mew meooooow

into a miniature bottle-brush, and from his jaws came a sound, intended to
meow m meeoow meeoow-meow, mew meow mew meow meow m meeow, meeoow me

be at least awe-inspiring, but which an impudent author might liken to the
me me meow mew-meooooow, mew meeow me meeoow meoow meow meeow me mew

striking of a lucifer-match. All this was but the work of a second, and
meooooow me m meoow-meow. Mew meow mew mew mew meow me m meoow, mew

only preparatory to a grand spring--a spring which, it is needless to say,
meow meooooow me m meeow meeoow--m meoow meow, me me meooooow me mew,

would have resulted in the total demolition of all good looks in the face
meow meow meeoow me mew meow meooooow me mew meow meeow me mew meow

of his worthy parent. But, just then, struck with admiration at the pluck
me mew meeoow meoow. Mew, meow meow, meeoow meow meeoow me mew meow

of her son, Muffie burst into a song of praise.
me mew mew, Meoow meow meow m meow me meoow.

Blinks listened.
Meeow meeoow.

He closed his eyes, and listened again.
Me meoow mew meow, mew meooooow meow.

"That voice!" he cried, "them music!--it is--it is my ma."
"Meow meow!" me meow, "meow meeow!--me me--me me me me."

"My chee-ild! my chee-ild!" cried the fond parent; and Blinks, in the

"Me meow-mew! me meow-mew!" meoow mew meow meeeow; mew Meeoow, me mew

twinkling of--of--of a little star, was encircled by the hairy arms of his
meooooooooow me--me--me m meooooow meow, mew meeeeeeeow me mew meoow meow me mew

dear dam with a tit[4] in each hand, and one in his mouth.
meow mew meow m mew[m] me meow meow, mew mew me mew meoow.

Then, and not till then, did pretty Dick say, "Bravo! bravo!"
Meow, mew mew meow meow, mew meeeow Meow mew, "Meoow! meeow!"

MEW IV.
MEW ME.

Further Adventures of Blinks.
mEoooooooo Meeeeeeeeow me Meeeeow.m

After the dreadful adventure related in chapter third, exhausted nature
Meoow mew meeeeeow meooooooooow meeeoow me meooooow meoow, meeeooooow meooooow

coveted nutrition; that is, Blinks felt thirsty, and for the suck-seeding
meeeeow meeeeeoow; meow me, Meooooow meow meeeoow, mew mew mew meow-meeeeow

[succeeding] sixty minutes, Blinks was busily engaged discussing a dinner
[meeeeeooooow] meoow meooooow, Meeeeow mew meeeoow meeeeow meooooooooow m meooooow

of _tit_-bits. He wandered from one tit to another, and from the other tit
me meeeow-meow. Me meeeeeow meow mew mew me meeeoow, mew meow mew meoow mew

to the next, and so on to the last, and then back again to the first.
me mew meow, mew me me me mew meow, mew meow meow meeeow me mew meoow.

Couldn't he stick to one tit? "No, sirree!" Blinks would have replied,
Meeeeow'm me meoow me mew mew? "Me, meeeow!" Meeoow meeeow meow meeeoow,

"the foremost tits contain butter, the next cream, the next sweet milk,
"mew meeeooooow meow meeeeow meeeow, mew meow meeeow, mew meow meoow meow,

and the last whey. My brethren and sistren should have got the whey--they

mew mew meow meow. Me meeeeeeow mew meeeeoow meoooow meow mew mew meow--meow

should, but then my brethren were drowned in the sistren [cistern]--good meeoow, mew meow me meeeeeeow meow meeeoow me mew meoooow [meoooow]--meow

joke, that, for a nine-days' wonder. Eh?"
meow, meow, mew m meow-meow' meoooow. Me?"

Having at length satisfied the cravings of nature, and filled his belly Meeoow me meeoow meeeeeeow mew meeeeeeow me meoooow, mew meoooow mew meoow

[Blinks fainted when he heard this expression, and on reviving bade me, [Meoooow meeeeeeow meow me meeoow meow meeeeeeooow, mew me meoooow meow me,

try again], well, then having laid up a little store of the lacteal fluid, mew meeoow], meow, meow meeeow meow me m meeoow meoow me mew meeoow meoow,

against further claims for sustenance, Blinks carefully put aside the meeoow meoooow meoooow mew meeeeeeow, Meoooow meeeeoow mew meeoow mew

skim-milk tit, as a thing all very good in its way, but which a hero 216 meow-meow mew, me m meoow mew meow meow me mew mew, mew meoow m meow mew

hours old, and with real eyes, ought to despise. He laid it past, and meoow mew, mew meow meow meow, meeoow me meeeeoow. Me meow me meow, mew

wheeling carefully round on one end, stood up, staggered for an instant, meeoow meeeeeeow meoow me mew mew, meoow me, meeeeoow mew me meeeeoow,

and finally reopened his new organs as wide as he could, and stared right mew meeoow meeoow mew mew meeoow me meow me me meoow, mew meeoow meeoow

in front of him, apparently with no very decided intention of what to do me meoow me mew, meeeeeeooow meow me meow meeeeoow meeeeoow me meow me me

or how to do it. Just then there fell upon his listening ears--he had two, me mew me me me. Meow meow meoow meow meow mew meeeeeeooow meow--me mew mew,

one for each eye, and was very proud of them too--a sound which made him mew mew meow mew, mew mew meow meoow me meow mew--m meeoow meoow meow mew

start and turn red, so to speak, with indignation.
meoow mew meow mew, me me meoow, meow meeeeoowooow.

"Was it possible?" he mused. "DID his ears deceive him? DID he hear a "Mew me meeoow?" me meoow. "MEW mew meow meeeeoow mew? MEW me meow m

laugh? A laugh! nay, even a sneer, a low snigger."
meoow? M meeoow! mew, meow m meoow, m mew meeeeoow."

He gazed steadily in the direction from which the noise seemed to proceed;

Me meow meeeeeeow me mew meeeeeeoow meow meoow mew meoow meeeow me meooooow;

and "dang his eyes" if it wasn't repeated, wantonly repeated, daringly mew "meow mew meow" me me meow'm meooooow, meeeeoow meeoow, meeeeeeow

done again; and evidently the insult was aimed at him, for there, not many meow meow; mew meeeeeeoow mew meeoow mew meoow me mew, mew meow, mew meow

miles away, at most, were two great round goggle eyes a-glowing at him meow meow, me meow, meow mew meow meoow meeoow meow m-meooooow me mew

over a book, and a horrid great fleshy face all round them, with tufts of meow m meow, mew m meoow meow meoow meow mew meow meow, meow meow me

bristly hairs hanging from the cheeks, and a mouth with lips from which meooooow meow meeeeeeow meow mew meeeow, mew m meoow meow meow meow meow

again came the sneer--the low insulting snigger. meow meow mew meow--mew mew meeeooooow meeeeeeow.

Now Blinks, in the days of his darkness, had often heard the same Mew Meeoow, me mew meow me mew meeeeeeow, mew meoow meoow mew meow

despicable sound; and Blinks's mamma called the voice Master. meeeeoow meow; mew Meoow'm meow meeoow mew meow Meeow.

"What!" thought he, "Blinks have a master! Blinks, the nine days' wonder! "Meow!" meooooow me, "Meoow meow m meeeow! Meeow, mew meow meow' meoow!

Blinks, with two real eyes! But, dash those same two eyes! the thought was Meeow, meow mew meow meow! Mew, meow meow meow mew meow! mew meeeeeeow mew

slavish. No, he wouldn't give a suck for himself if he would bear it; and meooooow. Me, me meeoow'm meow m meow mew meeeeoow me me meow meow me; mew

then that laugh, that snigger--come, he would at once go on the war-path, meow meow meow, meow meeoow--meow, me meow me meow me me mew mew-meow,

find out this ogre which his mamma,--the old idgit [idiot]--called master; meow mew meow meow meow mew meow,--mew mew meow [meeow]--meeow meeoow;

and demolish for ever, and crush into the minutest smithereens, the mouth mew meeeeeeow mew meow, mew meow meow mew meeeeoow meeeeeeooooow, mew meow

that dared to sneer, the lips that dared to snigger. Dash his eyes if he meow meow me meow, mew meow meow meow me meeeeoow. Meow mew meow me me

didn't, that was all." meow'm, meow mew mew."

"Walking _was_ difficult, though," so Blinks continued to muse and talk,

"Meooooow meow meeeeeooooow, meooooow," me Meooooow meeeeeooooow me meow mew meow,

"over a confounded rug too. _Would_ his ma kindly take her stupid,

"meow m meeeeeooooow mew mew. mEeeeoow mew me meeoow meow mew meooooow,

awkward-looking stump of a tail out of his way? So-ho-oh! Gently! Hang it meeeeeow-meeeeow meow me m meow mew me mew mew? Me-me-me! Meeoow! Meow me

all!"

mew!"

With this last exclamation Blinks tumbled off the rug, fell three long Meow meow meow meeeeeeeeeow Meeoow meeoow mew mew mew, meow meow meow

inches through the air, and screamed lustily for his ma.

meeoow meeeeoow mew mew, mew meeoow meeeeoow mew mew me.

"My ma! my ma!" roared Blinks.

"Me me! me me!" meooooow Meeoow.

"My chee-ild! my chee-ild!" cried his ma, "I am with thee, my chee-ild;"

"Me meow-mew! me meow-mew!" meow mew me, "M me meow meow, me meow-mew;"

and he was forthwith carried by the nape of his warlike neck to his downy mew me mew meeeeeeoow meeoow me mew meow me mew meeeeoow meow me mew meeoow

bed, and--happy thought--he would have a drink, and then ask his ma to get mew, mew--meoow meeeeoow--me meoow meow m meoow, mew meow mew mew me me mew

him a little golden carriage, with four white mice as horses, and a mew m meeeow meeoow meeeeoow, meow meow meeoow meow me meooooow, mew m

boy-mouse in buttons behind. For why? _He_, Blinks, was never made to mew-meeow me meeeeoow meeeow. Mew mew? mEow, Meeeoow, mew meoow meow me

walk, nor meant to walk, nor did he mean to walk; for it was mean to walk, meow, mew meoow me meow, mew mew me meow me meow; mew me mew meow me meow,

and he couldn't, wouldn't, shouldn't. So from thinking Blinks came to mew me meeeow'm, meooooow'm, meeoow'm. Me meow meooooow Meooooow meow me

dreaming; then he once more slumbered and slept, while his mother, sitting meeoow; meow me meow meow meeeeeeoow mew meoow, meoow mew meooooow, meeoow

over him, nodded and sang.

meow mew, meeeow mew meow.

MEW V.

MEW M.

The Ogre. Blinks Goes Abroad into the World.
mEow Meow. Meeeow Meow Meooow meow mew Meoow.m

But it was fated that Blinks should not slumber long; he was soon awakened
Mew me mew meoow meow Meeoow meeeow mew meooooow meow; me mew meow meeeeeeow

by the rattling of plates; or, to speak more poetically,
me mew meeeeeeow me meeeow; me, me meoow meow meeeooooow,

The deafening din of dindling delf,
Mew meoooooow mew me meeeooooow meow,

The clinking clang of knife and fork,
Mew meeeeoow meeeow me meeeow mew meow,

As some poor wretch regaled himself
Me meow meow meeeow meeeoow meooooow

On early greens and roasted pork.
Me meeeow meeeow mew meeeeoow meow.

He gazed in the direction of the sound, which seemed to him like the noise
Me meoow me mew meeeeeeooow me mew meeeow, meeeow meeeow me mew meow mew meeeow

of fifty bulls and a corresponding number of steam-hammers turned loose in
me meoow meeeow mew m meeeeeeooooow meeeow me meeeow-meeeeoow meeeow meeeow me

a china-shop. The goggle-eyed ogre was feeding himself. His huge form was
m meoow-meow. Mew meooow-meow meow mew meeeeoow meeeoow. Mew meow meow mew

perched aloft on a wooden erection supported by four massive pillars. In
meeeeoow meeeow me m meooow meeeooooow meeeeoow me meow meeeeoow meooooow. Me

one hand he held a large knife, bigger than Blinks's body; in the other he
mew meow me meow m meeeow meoow, meooow meow Meooow'm meow; me mew meoow me

grasped a mighty trident, and our hero gazed in mute and mewless
meeeeoow m meeeow meeeeoow, mew mew meow meoow me meow mew meeeeoow

astonishment, at the immense shovelfuls of mash, and the tremendous lumps
meeeoooooow, me mew meooooow meeeooooow me meow, mew mew meeeeeeooow meoow

of sodden flesh the gigantic monster made disappear down his maw, and the

me meeoow meoow mew meeoowow meeeoow meow meeeeeeow meow mew mew, mew mew

oceans of coloured water that went gurgling down his gullet. Then began meoow me meeoowow meeoow meow meow meeeoow meow mew meoow. Meow meeoow

Blinks to reason with himself and commune with his own thoughts, after the Meoow me meoow meow meeeoow mew meeeeoow meow mew mew meeeeoow, meoow mew

following fashion: "The world must be rid of such a monster, the Herculean meeeeeeow meeeeoow: "Mew meeoow meow me mew me meow m meeeeoow, mew Meoowowow

labour must fall on him--Blinks. Would he flinch? No! Perish the thought! meeeeoow meow meow me mew--Meeeoow. Meeow me meeeeoow? Me! Meoow mew meoowow!

And then, had he better slay the ogre at once, and mingle his blood with Mew meow, mew me meoow meow mew meow me meow, mew meoow mew meeoow meow

his Irish stew, or wait until he had gorged himself." The latter plan, mew Meoow meow, me meow meeoow me mew meoow meeeoow." Mew meoow meow,

after much deliberation, our young and hairy hero determined to adopt; for meoow meow meeoowowowowow, mew meoow mew meeoow meow meeeeoowow me meeoow; mew

and because, no doubt, and to wit, in all probability after the ogre had mew meeeeoow, me meeoow, mew me mew, me mew meeeeoowow meeoow mew meow mew

eaten his fill, he would give a grunt like a satisfied mother-sow, give a meeoow mew meow, me meoow meow m meeoow meow m meeeeoow meeoow-mew, meow m

grunt, tumble down in a corner, and sleep for a fortnight; and Blinks meoow, meeoow meow me m meeoow, mew meoow mew m meeoowow; mew Meeoow

swore by every hair in his (Blinks's) whiskers, he never again should wake meeoow me meeoow meow me mew (Meeoow'm) meeeeoow, me meeoow meeoow meoow meow

in this world.
me meow meeoow.

His mind being now fully made up, Blinks carefully washed his face, using Mew meow meeoow mew meeoow meow me, Meeoow meeeeoow meeoow mew meow, meeoow

up two spittles for that purpose. He had thought of having a bath; but me mew meeeeoow mew meow meeeeoow. Me mew meeeeoow me meeoow m meow; mew

then that would have taken time and ten spittles, and he was in a hurry, meow meow meoow meow meeoow meow mew mew meeeeoow, mew me mew me m meoow,

and deliberating had dried his mouth. He then lowered himself gently over mew meeeeoowowow mew meoow mew meoow. Me meow meeeeoow meoowow meeeeoow meow

the edge of the rug, and, for the first time in his life, stood alone in mew meow me mew mew, mew, mew mew meeoow meow me mew meow, meoow meoow me

the world. Many and varied were the sensations that stole over his

mew meow. Meow mew meooow meow mew meeeooooow meow meow meow mew

innocent mind, as he stood for a moment to gaze wonderingly, admiringly
meeeooow meow, me me meow mew m meeoow me meow meooooooooow, meeeeeeoow

around him. The words of Byron came to his lips,
meeeow mew. Mew meow me Meow meow me mew meow,

And now I'm in the world alone
Mew mew M'm me mew meow meow

And eating kitchen-fee,[5]
Mew meooow meeoow-mew,[m]

Why should I not the butter bone?
Mew meeeow M mew mew meooow meow?

For the d----l a mouse I see.
Mew mew m----m m meow M mew.

"Now," said Blinks, "I will go abroad upon the surface of the earth, and
"Mew," meow Meooow, "M meow me meooow meow mew meooooow me mew meow, mew
walk about to and fro like a roaring lion seeking whom I may devour."
meow meow me mew mew meow m meeeeoow meow meeeoow meow M mew meeoow."

"My chee-ild! my chee-ild!" cried his fond and doating dam from the rug.
"Me meow-mew! me meow-mew!" meow mew meow mew meeeoow mew meow mew mew.

"Your grandmother!" answered the irreverent son.
"Meow meeeeeeeeoow!" meeeoow mew meeeeeeeeoow mew.

"Stay, oh! stay," exclaimed his sorrowing parent, catching a fly and
"Meow, me! meow," meeeeoow mew meooooooooow meooow, meooooooooow m mew mew

swallowing it in her anguish. "Stay, my too sensitive chee-ild, and
meeeooooooooow me me mew meeeeoow. "Meow, me mew meeeeeeoow meow-mew, mew

recline your little head on this here hairy bosom."
meeeoow meow meeeow meow me meow meow meow meow."

"Which is much too hot to be happy," said Blinks.

"Meeow me meow mew mew me me meoow," meow Meeow.

"Oh! stay with me," continued Muffie. "Will you not be the prop of my
"Me! meow meow me," meeoow Meeow. "Meow mew mew me mew meow me me
declining years?"
meeoow meeow?"

"Never a prop," quo' Blinks.
"Meow m meow," mew' Meeow.

"Then," said the parent, "I myself abroad shall go."
"Meow," meow mew meoow, "M meoow meeeow meow me."

But Blinks was off, crying, "Not for Joe."
Mew Meeow mew mew, meoow, "Mew mew Mew."

MEW VI.
MEW ME.

A Terrible Sight.
ME Meeoow Meeow.m

Carefully advancing one foot a time, our young hero slowly made his way
Meeoow meeeoow mew meow m meow, mew meow meow meoow meow mew mew
across what appeared to him an interminable desert. The ground was soft
meoow meow meeoow me mew me meeeeoow meeeow. Mew meeeow mew meow
and mossy, and here and there clusters of mighty pillars (which he
mew meow, mew meow mew meow meeeoow me meoow meeeow (meow me
afterwards found were called chair-legs) towered skywards. He passed a

meeeeeeoow meoow meow meeoow meeow-meoow) meeeoow meeeeeeow. Me meeeow m
great many strange things, and heard a great many strange sounds that he
meeow meow meooooow meeoow, mew meeow m meoow meow meooooow meeoow meow me
could not tell the meaning of; at last he arrived at the foot of a tall
meeow mew meow mew meeoow me; me meow me meeeoow me mew meow me m meow
iron wall (the fender?), round which he waddled for many a feline mile;
meow meow (mew meeoow?), meoow meeow me meeoow mew meow m meeoow meow;
but finding no gate at which to knock, he resolved to scale the barrier
mew meeeeeeow me meow me meoow me meeow, me meooooow me meow mew meeoow
and solve the mystery. So he raised himself on his hind-legs, thinking at
mew meoow mew meooooow. Me me meoow meeoow me mew meow-meoow, meeoow me
the same time how handy hind-legs were, and how happy he was to possess
mew meow meow mew meoow meow-meoow meow, mew mew meoow me mew me meooooow
such appendages; then he gazed over the wall. The sight that was presented
meow meooooooooow; meow me meeow meow mew meow. Mew meoow meow mew meeeeeeow
to him, would have turned a hero less brave into whinstone. But Blinks was
me mew, meow meow meeoow m meow meow meoow meow meooooooooow. Mew Meoow mew
Blinks.
Meeoow.

It appeared to be a great blazing volcano, surrounded, or rather ribbed
Me meeoow me me m meow meeoow meooooow, meeeeeeow, me meeeow meeeow
in, by gigantic bars of steel; in fact it looked like a small bad-place,
me, me meeeeeeow meow me meeow; me meow me meeeow meow m meoow mew-meoow,
in which he had no doubt the souls of dogs, and the gizzards of birds were
me meoow me mew me meow mew meoow me meow, mew mew meeeeeeow me meoow meow
getting purified of their sins. On the top thereof was a mighty cauldron,
meeoow meeeeeeow me meow meow. Me mew mew meeeoow mew m meeoow meeeeeeow,
and the steam therefrom rose in dense clouds, and disappeared in the
mew mew meoow meeeeeeow meow me meoow meeeow, mew meeeeeeooooow me mew
blackness of darkness; and there was much smoke and flame, and a loud
meeoow me meeeeeeow; mew meoow mew meow meeoow mew meeow, mew m meow
spluttering noise, accompanied by hissing and crackling. And lo! even as
meeeeeeow meow, meooooooooow me meeeeeeow mew meeeeeeow. Mew me! meow me
he gazed, a mighty ball of fire was thrown out by a small and ugly fiend,
me meeow, m meeoow meow me meow mew meeoow mew me m meeoow mew meow meeow,
that dwelt below the cauldron in the midst of the ardent element; and the

meow meeow meoow mew meeeoow me mew meeow me mew meeoow meeeeow; mew mew

ball of fire fell within a whisker-length of our gallant Blinks, who just
meow me meow meow meoow m meeeeow-meeeow me mew meeoow Meoow, mew meow

then remembered that he was getting thirsty, and could spare time to gaze
meow meeeeoow meow me mew meoow meoow, mew meow meeow meow me meow

no longer. So, after casting one defiant glance at the ugly little fiend
me meeoow. Me, meow meoow mew meeeeow meoow me mew meow meoow meeow

that crouched beneath the cauldron, he left the little Hades and journeyed
meow meoow meeeeow mew meeeoow, me meow mew meeeow Meow mew meeoow

on in quest of adventures.

me me meow me meeeeeeow.

MEW VII.

MEW MEW.

The Cricket of the Hearth. Pretty Dick.

mEow Meoow me mew Meeeow. Meoow Meow.m

Blinks had not travelled many legs (leagues?) till he was met by a very
Meeeow mew mew meeoow meow meow (meeeeow?) meow me mew mew me m meow

funny little ill-shaped gentleman. He was like a very wee mahogany table,
meeow meeeow mew-meoow meoow. Me mew meow m meow mew meeoow meow,

but not much bigger than Blinks's mamma's red nose (if _it_ had been a
mew mew meow meeoow meow Meeow'm meow'm mew meow (me meow mew meow m

mahogany table); and he had two big nippers hanging down in front of him;
meeeeow meow); mew me mew mew mew meeeow meeeow meow me meeow me mew;

and Blinks observed that he also had too small black eyes like the points
mew Meeeow meeeeow meow me meow mew mew meow meeow meow meow mew meeow

of as many needles, and very shiny they were, and altogether very knowing
me me meow meoow, mew meow meow meow meow, mew meeoow meow meoow

and wicked-looking. Blinks stopped, and the little mahogany gentleman
mew meeow-meeow. Meeow meeeow, mew mew meeeow meeoow meeoow

laid a dead fly on the ground, and did the same.

meow m meow mew me mew meeeow, mew mew mew meow.

"Ho! ho! Mr. Fluff," said the latter, looking up at Blinks with one eye
"Me! me! Me. Meow," meow mew meeoow, meeeow me me Meeow meow mew mew

and shutting the other, as if he had no immediate use for it, and thought
mew meooooow mew meow, me me me mew me meeeeeeow mew mew me, mew meeeow

that one was enough for the occasion. "Ho! ho, Mr. Fluff; so you're
meow mew mew meeoow mew mew meooooow. "Me! me, Me. Meeow; me mew'me

learning to crawl, are you? Eh? Does your mother know you're out? Eh?"
meeeow me meow, mew mew? Me? Meow meow meeeow meow mew'me mew? Me?"

Blinks was highly indignant at this style of address, and also at being
Meeow mew meoow meooooow me meow meow me meooooow, mew meow me meow

called Fluff, so he replied with considerable dignity,--
meeeow Meeow, me me meeeow meow meeeeeeow meeeow,--

"I am not Fluff, sir; I am Blinks, _Blinks_, sir; and I may inform you,
"M me mew Meow, mew; M me Meeow, mEeeow, mew; mew M mew meeoow mew,

sir, that my maternal relative is entirely cognisant of my being abroad,
mew, meow me meooooow meeeow me meeeow meooooow me me meow meeoow,

sir."
mew."

"Blinks, are you?" said the little fellow, not at all abashed. "Blinks!
"Meeow, mew mew?" meow mew meeoow meoow, mew me mew meeeow. "Meeow!

He! he! he! a pretty Blinks _you_ are. Let me see you." And the small
Me! me! me! m meeoow Meeow meow mew. Mew me mew mew." Mew mew meow

brown gentleman commenced running round him so quickly, that Blinks, in
meow meeeeoow meeeeoow meeeow meow mew me meeeow, mew Meeow, me

trying to wheel on a pivot, fairly rolled over on his back; and the man of
meeeow me meow me m meow, meoow meeeow meow me mew meow; mew mew mew me

mahogany was forced to hold his sides with laughing.
meeeow mew meeeow me meow mew meow meeeow.

"He! he! he--e!" he laughed, and "Ha! ha! haa--a!" and "Ho! ho! hoo--o!"

"Me! me! me--m!" me meeeoow, mew "Me! me! mew--m!" mew "Me! me! mew--m!"

and then "He! he! hee--e!" again; and then "Oh dear!" he cried "I shall mew meow "Me! me! mew--m!" meeow; mew meow "Me meow!" me meeow "M meeow

split;" and the tears ran out of his needle points and down over his nose meeow;" mew mew meeow mew mew me mew meeeoow meoooow mew meow meow mew meow

and nippers.

mew meoooow.

To say that Blinks was angry, would but poorly describe the torrent of Me mew meow Meoooow mew meeow, meeow mew meeeoow meeeeoow mew meoooow me

wrath that raged within his youthful breast. After carefully gathering meeow meow meooow meoooow mew meeeeoow meeooow. Meoow meeeeoow meeeeoow

himself up again, he confronted the wee brown gent, and----

meoooow me meooow, me meeeeoow mew mew meeow meow, mew----

"Sir," cried Blinks, "imp or devil, tell me who you are and where you "Mew," meeow Meeeoow, "mew me meooow, meow me mew mew mew meeow mew

dwelt; and should it even be in yonder evil-place, beneath yon horrid meeow; mew meoooow me meow me me meeeoow meow-meeow, meoooow mew meoooow

cauldron, a friend of mine shall wait upon you in the morning."

meeeeoow, m meeeoow me meow meooow meow meow mew me mew meeeeoow."

"I," said the mahogany one, drawing himself up to his full height, which "M," meow mew meeeoooow mew, meoooow meeeoow me me mew meow meooow, meeow

was not much after all--"I, sir--I am, sir, the cricket of the hearth, mew mew meow meooow mew--"M, mew--M me, mew, mew meeeeoow me mew meeow,

sir! the cricket--of--the--hearth, sir; and I have a good mind to pull mew! mew meeeeoow--me--mew--meeoow, mew; mew M meow m meow meow me meow

your nose, sir;" here he shook one pair of his immense nippers; "and the meow meow, mew;" meow me meeow mew meow me mew meeeeoow meeeeoow; "mew mew

nose, sir--" here he shook his other pair of nippers--"of the ignorant old meow, mew--" meow me meooow mew meeow meow me meeeoooow--"me mew meeeeoow mew

lady, your mother, who allows her fluffy fools of children, to trespass meow, meow meeeow, mew meeeow mew meeeow meooow me meeeeoow, me meeeoooow

upon, and insult grown gentlemen on their own policies." The little gent

meow, mew meeeow meow meeeeoow me meow mew meeeeoow." Mew meeoow meow

would have added much more; but just then he was interrupted by a loud meow meow meow meow meow; mew meow meow me mew meeeeoow me m meow

voice, apparently in the air, making the remark-- meow, meeeeoow me mew mew, meeoow mew meeoow--

"Bravo! br-r-ravo! bravo!" And looking up, Blinks espied a very large bird "Meow! me-m-meow! meow!" Mew meeoow me, Meeow meoow m meow meow meow

perched on a high wooden erection; the cricket of the hearth was observed meeoow me m meow meoow meeeeoow; mew meeeow me mew meoow mew meeeeoow

to turn very pale at the same time. I say, he turned pale; and he also me meow meow meow me mew meow meow. M mew, me meeeow meow; mew me meow

turned tail, and muttering, "Fire and fury!" made off as fast as six legs meeoow meow, mew meeoowow, "Meow mew meow!" meow mew me meow me mew meow

could carry him.
meow meow mew.

"I'll fluff you," cried Blinks; and was about to give chase, when the bird "M'me meow mew," meow Meeow; mew mew meow me meow meow, meow mew meow

alighted on the ground in front of him, and almost at the same time the meeoowow me mew meoow me meow me mew, mew meeeow me mew meow meow mew

cricket disappeared, as suddenly as if he had vanished from the face of meoowow meeeeoowow, me meoowow me me me mew meeoowow meow mew meow me

the earth; and indeed that is precisely what he had done.
mew meow; mew meoow meow me meeeeoow meow me mew meow.

"Why," said Blinks, "what has become of our little mahogany friend?"
"Mew," meow Meeow, "meow mew meoow me mew meoow meeoowow meoow?"

This question he put to the bird, who was now standing in a very ludicrous Meow meeeeoow me mew me mew meow, mew mew mew meeoowow me m meow meeoowow

attitude, with his head and neck all awry, and a big swelling or lump in meeoowow, meow mew meow mew meow mew meow, mew m mew meeoowow me meow me

his throat, as if he had been improperly hanged.

mew meooow, me me me mew meow meeeooooow meooow.

"Did you hear me?" said Blinks, as the bird made no immediate answer and "Mew mew meow me?" meow Meeow, me mew meow meow me meeeeeeow meooow mew

appeared slightly convulsed.
meooooow meeeeeeow meeeeeeow.

"Ca-can't--you--see," said Pretty Dick; for it was no other, and he spoke "Me-mew'm--mew--mew," meow Meooow Meow; mew me mew me meow, mew me meow

with great difficulty--"can't you see--I'm--chic-chu-choking?" at last meow meow meooooooow--"mew'm mew mew--M'm--meow-mew-meeooow?" me mew

getting out the word and straightening his neck at the same time. "I ate meeeow mew mew meow mew meooooooow mew meow me mew meow meow. "M mew

him--bravo! Pretty Dick, whew, whew, whew;" and he burst into the "Sprig mew--meow! Meooow Meow, meow, meow, meow;" mew me meow meow mew "Meeow

of Shillelah" and finished off with two bars of "Duncan Gray."
me Meooooow" mew meeeeoow mew meow mew meow me "Meooow Meow."

"Good heavens!" cried Blinks, standing aghast, "did you real--you don't "Meow meeeow!" meow Meeow, meeeeoow meeoow, "mew mew meow--mew mew'm

mean to say that you positively swallowed him, you know?"
meow me mew meow mew meeeeoow meeeeoow mew, mew meow?"

"Positively, damme," said the bird. "Tse, tse, tse, whew, whew, whew;
"Meeeeeeeow, meow," meow mew meow. "Mew, mew, mew, meow, meow, meow;

hurra, hurra, hurra! Bravo, Dick! He is now engaged turning over the meow, meow, meow! Meeow, Meow! Me me mew meooow meeeow meow mew

stones in my gizzard and counting them; I fear I am two or three short.
meooow me me meooow mew meeeeoow meow; M meow M me mew me meow meow.

After that job is finished, I shall bring him up again, break him in Meow meow mew me meeeeeeow, M meow meow mew me meow, meow mew me

pieces, and eat him properly. Whew, whew, whew! Bravo, Dick! Sugar, meooow, mew mew mew meeeeoow. Meow, meow, meow! Meow, Meow! Meeow,

snails, and brandy! Tse, tse, tse!"

meooow, mew meooow! Mew, mew, mew!"

"Monstrous!" said Blinks.
"Meoooooow!" meow Meeow.

"Is the darling starling pretty, snails?"
"Me mew meeeoow meeeoow meooow, meeoow?"

"Sir?" said Blinks.
"Mew?" meow Meeow.

"Yes!" said Dick.
"Mew!" meow Meow.

"I thought you spoke," said Blinks.
"M meeeoow mew meoow," meow Meeow.

"Oh no," said the bird, "I often talk to myself. What is that between your
"Me me," meow mew meow, "M meow meow me meeeow. Meow me meow meeeoow meow

toes?" So saying, the bird hopped up to Blinks, and separating his toes
meow?" Me meeoow, mew meow meeoow me me Meooow, mew meooooooooow mew meow

with his beak in a very rude manner, he gazed between them.
meow mew meow me m meow meow meooow, me meow meooooow meow.

"Don't do that again, if you please," said Blinks.
"Mew'm me meow meeoow, me mew meeoow," meow Meeow.

"Certainly not, if you desire it. Cock-a-doodle-doo, sugar and brandy,
"Meoooooow mew, me mew meooow me. Meow-m-meooow-mew, meow mew meooow,
pretty darling; but what is that in your nostril? Sugar, snails." And

meeeeow meeeoow; mew meow me meow me meow meeeoow? Meoow, meeoow." Mew

before our hero was aware, the starling's bill was inserted, opened like meeeow mew meow mew meeoow, mew meeeeeeow'm meow mew meeeeoow, meeoow meow

the toes of a compass, and the nose of poor Blinks nearly torn open. This mew meow me m meeoow, mew mew meow me meow Meoow meeeow meow meow. Meow

was too much of a good thing; and Blinks aimed a cuff and fired a mew mew meow me m meow meoow; mew Meoow meeoow m meow mew meeoow m

lucifer-match at the bird, causing that gentleman to spring quickly meeoow-meeow me mew meow, meeeeeow meow meoooooow me meeeow meeoow

backwards and ejaculate.

meeeeeeow mew meeoow.

"Hurrah! hurrah! you rascal! Love is the soul of a nate Irish snail, you "Meoow! meeoow! mew meeeow! Meow me mew meow me m meow Meoow meeoow, mew

rogue." After which he brought up the poor cricket again; and he, glad to meoow." Meeow meeoow me meeoow me mew meow meeeeeow meoow; mew me, meow me

see day-light again, said, "Thank you, sir," and was moving off. mew mew-meoow meeoow, meow, "Meoow mew, mew," mew mew meeeow mew.

"No, you don't now!" said the bird, seizing him by the hindermost leg.

"Me, mew mew'm mew!" meow mew meow, meooooow mew me mew meeeeeeoow mew.

"How many stones in my gizzard, you unhappy little wretch?"

"Mew meow meeeow me me meeeoow, mew meeeeeow meeoow meeeow?"

"Mercy, mercy!" cried the cricket, "I entirely forget."

"Meeow, meeoow!" meeoow mew meeeoow, "M meeeeoow meeeow."

"Then down you go again," said the starling; and down the cricket went.

"Meow meow mew me meeoow," meow mew meooooow; mew meow mew meeeeeow meow.

Blinks stood gazing, horror-stricken, when the bird, piping a few bars of Meeoow meeoow meeoow, meeeow-meeeeoow, meow mew meow, meeoow m mew meow me

a tune, wheeled suddenly round, and made a determined effort to compass

m meow, meooooow meeeooooow meoow, mew meow m meeeeeooooow meooooow me meeeoow

out Blinks's eye.

mew Meooooow'm mew.

"Is that an eye?" said he, as if he didn't know.

"Me meow me mew?" meow me, me me me meow'm meow.

"Rather," said Blinks, a little proudly.

"Meeoow," meow Meooooow, m meooooow meeeeoow.

"Then give us a bit," cried Dick. "Chickey, chick, chick; whew-w-w, whew,

"Meow meow me m mew," meeow Meow. "Meeeeow, meeow, meoow; meow-m-m, meow,

whew. Snails and brandy! Pretty starling! bravo!"

meow. Meeoow mew meeoow! Meeoow meooooow! meeow!"

"Do you know," said Blinks, "it strikes me you're a fool."

"Me mew meow," meow Meeoow, "me meeeeoow me mew'me m meow."

"No I ain't," said the bird, "only a foolosopher--always gay, you know.

"Me M mew'm," meow mew meow, "meow m meeeeeeeeoow--meooooow mew, mew meow.

Love is the soul of a darling pretty starling; but I say, you know, you

Meow me mew meow me m meooooow meeeow meeeooooow; mew M mew, mew meow, mew

and I will be excellent friends, and you shall play in my cage, and I will

mew M meow me meeeooooow meeeoow, mew mew meoow meow me me meow, mew M meow

give you sugar, snails, and brandy. Quack, quack, quack. Don't be

meow mew meeow, meooooow, mew meeoow. Meeow, meeow, meeow. Mew'm me

frightened, it's only my fun; and now I must be off, master will want me

meoooooooow, me'm meow me mew; mew mew M meow me mew, meeeow meow meow me

to sing to him after dinner. He has just finished his sucking pig; he

me meow me mew meeow meeoow. Me mew meow meeeooooow mew meeeoow mew; me

plays the fiddle and I sing. Just fly up with me on the table; but, oh! I

meeoow mew meeoow mew M meow. Meow mew me meow me me mew meoow; mew, me! M

forgot, you awkward creature,"--digging Blinks in the ribs,--"you haven't

meeeow, mew meooooow meooooow,"--meeeeow Meoooo me mew meow,--"mew meeow'm
the vestige of a wing; well, my master----"
mew meooooow me m meow; meow, me meeeow----"

"The ogre?" said Blinks.
"Mew meow?" meow Meooooow.

"Bravo!" cried the bird, "just you call him an ogre, and he will soon have
"Meow!" meow mew meow, "meow mew meow mew me meow, mew me meow meow meow
a new string to his fiddle."
m mew meeow me mew meeeow."

"What do you mean?" inquired Blinks.
"Meow me mew meow?" meooooow Meeoow.

"Why," said the starling, "he has a pretty little box called a violin,
"Mew," meow mew meooooow, "me mew m meeow meeeow mew meeow m meooow,
filled with the souls of defunct cats, your brothers and sisters are all
meeow meow mew meeow me meeeow meow, meow meeeow mew meeow mew mew
there,--and their insides are made into strings, and stretched all over;
meow,--mew meeow meeow mew meow meow meeow, mew meeeow mew meow;
and when he tickles the strings with a hair, they all cauterwaul. Master
mew meow me meeeow mew meooooow meow m meow, meow mew meeeeeeow. Meeow
sings, and pretty Dickie sings--Chick, chick, chick; chir! chir! chir!
meow, mew meooow Meooow meeow--Meeow, meeow, meeow; meeow, meow, meow.

But, snails and brandy! I'm off." And away flew the beautiful bird, who
Mew, meeow mew meeow! M'm mew." Mew meow meow mew meeeeeeow meow, mew

was all shiny with black and blue and silver; and Blinks sat for quite a
mew mew meow meow meow mew meow mew meooow; mew Meoooo mew mew meow m

long time gazing up after him with his lack-lustre eyes; and then, getting
meow meow meooow me meeow mew meow mew meow-meeow meow; mew meow, meeeow

to his feet, he commenced walking homewards, musing on all the strange
me mew meow, me meeeeeeow meooooow meooooow, meeeow me mew mew meooooow

things he had seen and heard.

meooow me mew meow mew meow.

MEW VIII.
MEW MEOW.

Terrible Adventure with a hairy Snake.
mEeooooow Meooooow meow m meow Meow.m

Blinks's ma lived away in a corner, on a rug of large dimensions; and he Meeow'm me meow meow me m meooow, me m mew me meow meeeeeeow; mew me

had a very long way to walk over the trackless plain, over the pathless mew m meow meow mew me meow meow mew meooooow meow, meow mew meeeeeeow

desert, over the bounding prairie; and night too was beginning to creep meeeow, meow mew meeeeeeow meooooow; mew meow mew mew meooooow me meow

down, and Blinks thought he could perceive enemies lurking in every meow, mew Meeow meeeow me meow meeeoooo meeeow meeeow me meow

corner, and monsters hiding in every shade; so that, had he been anything meeeow, mew meeeeeeow meeeow me meow meow; me meow, mew me meow meooooow

less than Blinks, he would certainly have thought it worth while being meow meow Meeow, me meow meooooow meow meooooow me meow meow meow

afraid; but being Blinks, he marched bravely on, only just by way of meooow; mew meow Meooow, me meooooow meooooow me, meow meow me mew me

caution he gave an occasional glance over his right shoulder, then one meooooow me meow me meeeooooow meeeow meow mew meow meooooow, meow mew

over his left, then one behind, all the while keeping a sharp look-out meow mew meow, meow mew meeeow, mew mew meow meeeeeeow m meow meow-mew

ahead. Happening to look round, to his astonishment he beheld something meow. Meeeeooooow me meow meow, me mew meeeoooooooow me meeeow meeeeeeow

like a snake, with its head reared high in the air, apparently following meow m meow, meow mew meow meeeow meow me mew mew, meeeooooow meeeooooow

his every footstep. This caused Blinks to quicken his pace. He soon looked mew meow meeeeeeow. Meow meooow Meeow me meeeeeeow mew meow. Me meow meeeow

round again. The creature, whatever it was, was still there, waving its

meow meow. Mew meeeeoow, meeeeeow me mew, mew meoow meow, meeeow mew

head from side to side, and evidently looking at Blinks with all its
meow meow meow me meow, mew meeoowooow meeeeoow me Meoow meow mew mew

might; although never an eye it had at all that he could see.
meow; meeoowooow meow me mew me mew me mew meow me meow mew.

"Then," thinks Blinks, "I'll spring smartly round and seize it."
"Meow," meoow Meeow, "M'me meeeow meeeeeow meow mew meow me."

No sooner said than done; and brave Blinks jumped suddenly about and
Me meoow meow meow meow; mew meow Meeow meoow meeeeeow meow mew

attempted to catch the snake--which was twice as tall as himself and
meeeeeeoow me meoow mew meow--meeow mew meow me meow me meeeeoow mew

covered with hair--by the throat. But the creature was too wide-awake,
meeoow meow meow--me mew meoow. Mew mew meeoowooow mew mew meow-meeow,

and when Blinks turned round, so did it. So round and round spun Blinks,
mew meow Meeow meoow meow, me mew me. Me meow mew meow meow Meeow,

and round and round went the hairy serpent, and always kept directly in
mew meow mew meow meow mew meow meoowooow, mew meeeow meow meeeeeow me

our hero's rear,--when he stopped it stopped, and when he went round again
mew meow'm meow,--meow me meeeeeow me meeeeoow, mew meow me meow meow meow

it went round again. At long last poor Blinks began to feel dizzy; but he
me meow meow meow. Me meow meow meow Meeow meow me meow meow; mew me

was much too brave to think of giving in, till, finally, he tumbled on his
mew meow mew meow me meow me meeeow me, meow, meoowooow, me meeoow me mew

back, and then the snake peeped up between his hind legs,--that is,
meow, mew meow mew meow meoow me meeeeeow mew meow meow,--meow me,

Blinks's hind-legs; for serpents never have hind-legs, by any chance.
Meeow'm meow-meow; mew meoowooow meow meow meow-meow, me mew meeoow.

"Ho! ho!" says Blinks, "Mr. Sea-snake, I'll have ye now, without any more
"Me! me!" meow Meeow, "Me. Mew-meow, M'me meow me mew, meeeeoow mew meow

going about the bush." So saying, he caught the creature by the end, just
meow meow mew meow." Me meeoow, me meoow mew meoowooow me mew mew, meow

where his eyes would have been had he had any,--he caught it, and bit it;

meeow mew meow meoow meow meow mew me mew mew,--me meoow me, mew mew me;

and as he did so, Blinks himself uttered a sharp cry of pain, and bit the mew me me mew me, Meeow meeeow meeoow m meow mew me meow, mew mew mew

snake again, and then cried again, and licked the part of the snake he had meow meow, mew meow meow meow, mew meoow mew meow me mew meow me mew

bitten tenderly with his tongue; this went on with great vigour for a meoow meeeow meow mew meeeow; meow meow me meow meow meeoow mew m

length of time. At last Blinks desisted, and-- meoow me meow. Me meow Meoow meeeow, mew--

"Well, I'm jiggered," says he, "if it isn't a part of myself I've been "Meow, M'm meeeow," meow me, "me me mew'm m meow me meoow M'me meow

a-running from, and a-fighting with, and a-chewing at, all the time. How m-meeeow meow, mew m-meeeow meow, mew m-meeeow me, mew mew meow. Mew

provoking! and I don't know any bad words, else wouldn't I swear! Memo: to meooooow! mew M mew'm meow mew mew meow, meow meoow'm M meow! Meow: me

make my ma teach me to say bad words." meow me me meow me me mew mew meow."

"Bravo! Brr--r--ravo!" cried pretty Dick, who, perched on a stool, had "Meeow! Mew--m--meow!" meow meoow Meow, mew, meeeow me m meow, mew

been watching all the performance with singular interest. meow meooooow mew mew meeeeoow meow meeeow meeeow.

"Bravo yourself," cried Blinks, indignantly; but he felt very foolish "Meow meeeow," meow Meeow, meeeeoow; mew me meow meow meeeow

nevertheless. meeeeoow.

And that was how Blinks came to the knowledge that he possessed, that very Mew meow mew mew Meeow meow me mew meeeeoow meow me meooooow, meow meow

useful and ornamental appendage called a tail; and that extremity was ever meeoow mew meooooow meeeeoow meeoow m meow; mew meow meeeeoow mew meow

afterwards viewed by him with great interest, and treated with the utmost

meooooooooow meooooow me mew meow meeow meooooooooow, mew meooooow meow mew meeeow

respect,--Blinks conducting himself with conscious pride and dignity, as meeeeoow,--Meeeoow meeeooooooooow meeeeoow meow meeeooooooooow meeow mew meeeeoow, me

behoves an animal of the feline persuasion who is possessed of two eyes, meooooow me meooooow me mew meooooow meeeooooooooow mew me meooooooooow me mew meow,

and is followed about, wherever he goes, by a living, moving, mew me meeeeoow meoow, meeeeoow me meow, me m meeoow, meeoow,

gracefully-waving tail.
meeeeoow-meeeow meow.

MEW IX.
MEW ME.

Daring ascent of a Volcanic Mountain.
mEeeeoow meeeow me m Meeooooow Meeeoow.m

After another half-hour's walk Blinks arrived at the foot of a great black Meoow meeoow meow-meow'm meow Meeoow meooooow me mew meow me m meeoow meoow

mountain, all covered with rank black grass. The mountain had much the meooooow, mew meeeeoow meow meow meoow meoow. Mew meeeeoow mew meow mew

resemblance of a huge lion couchant.
meeeeeeeeoow me m meow meow meeoow.

"Seems a long way to walk round," said our hero; "I'll even go over, and "Meoow m meow mew me meow meeow," meow mew meow; "M'me meow me meow, mew

I'll get a fine view of the surrounding country from the top." So saying, M'me mew m meow meow me mew meooooooooow meooooow meow mew mew." Me meeeow,

Blinks mentally girded up his loins, and began to climb. It was very Meoow meeeeoow meeoow me mew meoow, mew meoow me meeoow. Me mew meow

steep, and very high, and he had to pause many times to take breath; but meoow, mew meow meow, mew me mew me meoow meow meoow me meow meeeow; mew

he cast no longing lingering look behind,--that wasn't _his_ nature. So he

me meow me meooooow meeeeeooooow meow meeeow,--meow meow'm meoow meeeow. Me me

muttered, "Excelsior," putting a great emphasis on the "r," which is the meeeooooow, "Meoooooooow," meooooow m meeeow meeeeeooooow me mew "m," meeeow me mew

pet letter of the feline race. After much toil and trouble, he stood on mew meeeow me mew meeeow meow. Meeow meow meow mew meeeeow, me meeeow me

the highest peak of Mount Black;--and, St. Mary! what a scene burst upon mew meeeooooow meow me Meeow Meoow;--mew, Me. Meow! meow m meoow meeeow meow

his astonished eyes. The sun had gone down behind the distant mew meeeeeooooow meow. Mew mew mew meow meow meeeow mew meooooow

window-frame; but the ogre had just lighted two moons, and placed them meooooow-meooow; mew mew meow mew meow meooooow mew meoow, mew meooooow meow

conveniently on the end of brass pipes, for which kind action Blinks meeeeeeeeeooooow me mew mew me meoow meeeow, mew meoow meow meeeow Meeeeow

postponed his execution _sine die_. Everything was thus rendered nearly as meoooooooow mew meeeeeeeooooow meoow meow. Meeoooooooow mew meow meeeooooow meeeow me

bright as day. As far as his eye could reach, nothing was visible but the meeeow me mew. Me mew me mew mew meoow meoow, meeeooooow mew meeeooooow mew mew

flowery prairie, the ogre's legs, and the great beams supporting the meeeooooow meeeeeow, mew meow'm meow, mew mew meoow meoow meeeeeooooow mew

universe. The view was bounded by flowery walls, which, he doubted not, meeeooooow. Mew meow mew meeeooooow me meeeooooow meoow, meoow, me meeeeeow mew,

was the end of the world, while far away in a corner, the well-pleased and mew mew mew me mew meoow, meeeow mew meow me m meooooow, mew meow-meooooow mew

foolishly-affectionate-looking face of his mamma looked up from her rug. meeeeeooooow-meeeeeeeeeeeow-meooooow meow me mew meeeow meeeow me meow mew mew.

She spied her son, even at that distance, and turned up the white of her Mew meoow mew mew, meow me meow meeeooooow, mew meeeow me mew meoow me mew

breast to lure him down.
meooooow me meow mew meow.

"The old idiot," said Blinks to himself, "how _can_ she be so ridiculous
"Mew mew meeeow," meow Meeoow me meeeeeow, "mew meoow mew me me meeeeeooooow

and unromantic? Would Livingstone's mamma do that to her son, if she mew meoooooooow? Meeow Meoooooooow'm meeeow me meow me mew mew, me mew

espied him far away on the Peak of Teneriffe? No!"
meooooow mew mew meow me mew Meow me Meeeeooooow? Me!"

Blinks was gazing skywards, and thinking that if he were spared to return

Meoow mew meoow meeeoow, mew meeeeeow meow me me meow meeeow me meeeow

to his native rug, he would write a book that would astonish the weak
me mew meoow mew, me meow meow m meow meow meow meooooow mew meow

nerves of the tea-guzzling universe, and beat all creation, when he began
meoow me mew mew-meeeoow meooooow, mew meow mew meeeeeow, meow me meow

to fancy he could hear a low rumbling noise beneath his feet, and
me meow me meow meow m mew meooooow meow meeeoow mew meow, mew

perceive a slight heaving motion in the body of the mountain. He bent down
meooooow m meoow meooooow meeeow me mew meow me mew meeeoow. Me meow meow

and listened. Yes! there it was;--there could not be a doubt of either
mew meeeoow. Mew! meow me mew;--meeow meow mew me m meow me meoow

fact; and, terrible thought! he stood on the summit of a living volcano.
meow; mew, meeeeeow meeeow! me meow me mew meeeow me m meoow meeeow.

But he did not fear; nay he even caught himself singing for joy; but in a
Mew me mew mew meow; mew me meow meoow meeeow meeeow mew mew; mew me m

moment his joy was turned to very particular grief, and his wonder to
meoow mew mew mew meeeow me meow meeeeeeeoow meow, mew mew meoow me

something as nearly akin to fear as the heart of a Blinks could beat time
meoooooow me meeeow meow me meow me mew meow me m Meoow meow meow meow

to.
me.

"For," says Blinks, "isn't it rising I am? Isn't it bigger and bigger the
"Mew," meow Meeoow, "mew'm me meeeow M me? Mew'm me meeeow mew meoow mew
mountain is getting?"
meeeeeow me meooooow?"

There was no longer any question of it at all; and Blinks hurried down the
Meow mew me meeoow mew meeeeeow me me me mew; mew Meeow meeoow meow mew

side of the mountain as fast as four legs could carry him; but judge, if
meow me mew meeeeeow me meow me meow meow meow mew; mew meow, me

you can, of his astonishment to find that the hill itself had four legs,
mew mew, me mew meeeeeeeoow me meow meow mew meow meeoow mew meow meow,

as well as he himself had; so that unless he could manage to creep down
me meow me me meeoow mew; me meow meoow me meow meeeow me meow meow

one of these, he would have to leap through the sky, down--down--down to

mew me meow, me meow meow me meow meooooow mew mew, meow--meow--meow me

the vast plain below. For a moment only he stopped to think, to bring all mew meow meow meow. Mew m meeoow meow me meooooow me meow, me meow mew

the wonderful powers of his great mind to bear upon the terrible mew meeeeeoow meeeow me mew meoow meow me meow meow mew meooooow

situation; but just then his deliberation was brought to a speedy meeeeeoow; mew meow meow mew meoooooooooow mew meeeoow me m meoow

conclusion; for, wonderful to relate, the whole head of the hill turned meooooooooow; mew, meeeeeoow me meeoow, mew meoow meow me mew meow meoow

about, and looked him directly in the face with a pair of eyes as big, so meow, mew meeeow mew meeeoow me mew meow meow m meow me meow me mew, me

thought he, as fish-ponds; while at the same time a great cold nose was meeeew me, me meow-meeow; meow me mew meow meow m meow meow meow mew

thrust right beneath him, and he was hurled headlong to the plain below, meoow meow meeoow mew, mew me mew meoow meooooow me mew meow meow,

and the volcanic mountain--which cats, jealous of the immortality of mew mew meooooow meeeew--meeow meow, meooooow me mew meeeeeeeew me

Blinks, have since averred was nothing else but the ogre's large dog Meeow, meow meow meeoow mew meooooow meow mew mew meow'm meow mew

Nero--shook itself and walked away to the other end of the boundless Meow--meeow meoow mew meeeow meow me mew meow mew me mew meooooow

prairie. And Blinks confessed, many days afterwards, that at that moment, meeeew. Mew Meeow meooooooooow, meow meow meooooooooow, meow me meow meoow,

though by no means afraid, he would not have undertaken to say whether his meeoow me me meow meoow, me meow mew meow meooooooooow me mew meeeew mew

head or heels were uppermost. After all, no wonder; for at that precise meow me meow meow meeeeeew. Meeow mew, me meeeow; mew me meow meeoow

moment Blinks lay on his back, and the world consequently had an meoow Meoow mew me mew meow, mew mew meow meooooooooow mew me

up-side-down look about it.
me-meow-meow meow meow me.

MEW X.

MEW M.

The Ogre. The Baptism of Blinks.

mEow Meow. Mew Meeeeeow me Meoooow.m

It might have been thought that the trials and adventures of Blinks were
Me meow meow meow meeoow meow mew meeoow mew meooooooooow me Meoow meow

now at an end for one day; but, no,--he had still another to add to the
mew me me mew mew mew mew; mew, me,--me mew meow meeoow me mew me mew

list. He had come through fire and earth and air; he was now to come
meow. Me mew meow meoooow meow mew meoow mew mew; me mew mew me meow

through water. One other weary mile he had yet to wander, ere he could lay
meoooow meow. Mew meow meoow meow me mew mew me meeoow, mew me meow mew

his war-worn head on his mother's breast; and this mile he was engaged
mew mew-meow meow me mew meeoow'm meoow; mew meow meow me mew meeeeow

placing behind him, when, suddenly, and ere he was aware, a gigantic hand
meeeeow meoow mew, meow, meeeeow, mew mew me mew meow, m meeeoow meow

was laid upon him, and he was carried swiftly through space, wheeled
mew meow meow mew, mew me mew meoooow meeeeow meeeoow meow, meoooow

quickly round, and immediately found himself face to face with--horror of
meoooow meow, mew meooooooooow meow meoooow meow me meow meow--meeoow me

horrors!--the ogre.
meeoow!--mew meow.

"Ho! ho! my little gentleman," so spoke the ogre; "you've been and gone
"Me! me! me meeeow meeeeow," me meow mew meow; "mew'me meow mew meow

and got a couple of peepers" (that is what the ogre termed Blinks's eyes,
mew mew m meoow me meoooow" (meow me meow mew meow meoow Meoow'm meow,

such desecration of terms can scarcely be credited, but it is indeed
meow meooooooooow me meow mew meeoow me meeoow, mew me me meoow

true),--"a couple of peepers, queer blue-grey blinkers they are too; so,
meow),--"m meeoow me meeoow, meow meow-meow meeeeow meow mew mew; me,

so, you must be baptized, then."
me, mew meow me meeoow, meow."

It may be observed here, that although our hero had got a name, the
Me mew me meeoow meow, meow meoooow mew meow mew mew m meow, mew

ceremony of baptism had not yet taken place. The ogre then pronounced

meeeeoow me meeeoow mew mew mew meoow meoow. Mew meow meow meooooooooow

these remarkable words, swinging our little hero through the immensity of
meow meooooooooow meoow, meeeeoow mew meeoow meow meooooow mew meooooooooow me

space at every word, and finally plunging him feline fathoms below water,
meow me meow meow, mew meeoow meeeeoow mew meeoow meeeoow meow meow,

in a dark wooden-bound lake of murky water (bucket?).
me m meow meeeow-meeow meow me meoow meow (meeeow?).

"In the name--of your father--and your mother--and your sister--and your
"Me mew meow--me meow meeoow--mew meow meoow--mew meow meeoow--mew meow

brother--who all--made a living--in the--software line--I baptize you
meeeeoow--mew mew--meow m meoow--me mew--meeeeoow meow--M meeeeoow mew

Blinks."
Meeeoow."

Down, down, down, did the ogre plunge Blinks, and the dark waves, cold and
Meow, meow, meow, mew mew meow meoow Meoow, mew mew meow meeoow, meow mew

cruel, closed remorselessly over his head. Then did Blinks gasp,--he
meoow, meoow meeeeeeoow meow mew meow. Meow mew Meeeoow meow,--me

gasped, he spluttered and spluttering spat, kicked violently, and kicking,
meoow, me meeeeeeoow mew meeeeeeeeoow meow, meeeow meooooooooow, mew meeoow,

sunk into insensibility. When he revived, he found himself in the hairy
meow meow meeeeeeeeoow. Meow me meoow, me meeoow meeeeoow me mew meeoow

arms of his loving ma, who was licking his wet and shivering body with
meow me mew meeeow me, mew mew meeeeoow mew mew mew meooooooooow meow meow

loving tongue. Blinks soon dried; then tired out, war-worn, and weary, he
meoow meeoow. Meeeoow meow meeoow; meow meeoow mew, mew-meow, mew meeoow, me

sunk to rest with a tit in his mouth, while his mother crooned over the
meow me meow meow m mew me mew meeoow, meoow mew meoow meeeeoow meow mew

following song, taught her by _her_ mother,--Blink's grandma,--in the
meeeeoow meow, meoow mew me meeoow meoow,--Meoow'm meeeeoow,--me mew

happy days of her playful kittenhood.
meow meow me mew meeeeoow meeeeeeoow.

THE THREE THREADS.
MEW MEOOW MEEEOOW.

(_Tune_, PURR--WURR-R-R,--PURR--WURR-R-R.)
(mEooow, MEOW--MEOW-M-M,--MEOW--MEOW-M-M.)

Hirple, dirple, dirrum dum,
Meooow, meeoow, meooow mew,

Three threads and a thrum,[6 (1)]
Meeow meeoow mew m meow,[m (m)]

The wee bit mousie
Mew mew mew meeoow

Made a housie,--
Meow m meeeow,--

Made a housie in a drum;
Meow m meeeow me m meow;

Scraped a hole,
Meeeoow m meow,

And made a housie,--
Mew meow m meeoow,--

Made its housie in a drum.
Meow mew meooow me m meow.

The three threadies and a thrum,
Mew meow meooooow mew m meow,

If ye canna sing, ye just maun hum:[6 (2)]
Me me meow meow, me meow meow mew:[m (m)]

When the mousie sleepit,
Meow mew meeoow meeeow,

Pousie creepit,--
Meooow meeoow,--

Creepit slily to the drum;
Meeeoow meow me mew meow;

Popped a paw in,
Meooow m mew me,

Clook't a claw in,--
Meow'm m meow me,--

Clook't a claw in the mousie's wum.
Meeow'm m meow me mew meeoow'm mew.

Och, hey, how, hum,
Mew, mew, mew, mew,

Three threadies and a thrum:
Meeow meooooooooow mew m meeow:

If ye canna sing, ye maun be mum.
Me me meow meow, me meow me mew.

The mousie grat,[6 (3)]
Mew meeeow meow,[m (m)]

The cattie spat,
Mew meoooow meow,

And hauld the thingie frae the drum:
Mew meeow mew meeeoow meow mew meow:

It winked its eenies,[6 (4)]
Me meeeow mew meeoow,[m (m)]

Like heads o' preenies,[6 (5)]
Meow meoow m' meeeeeeow,[m (m)]

Gave ae wee cheep and syne[6 (6)] was dumb.
Meow me mew meeow mew meow[m (m)] mew meow.

Fee, fa, fi, fum,
Mew, me, me, mew,

Cheer up my dear, and look na glum:[6 (7)]
Meow me me meow, mew meow me meow:[m (m)]

I bit off its heed,[6 (8)]
M mew mew mew meow,[m (m)]

I lickit its bleed,[6 (9)]
M meeoow mew meoow,[m (m)]

And gnawed the beanies[6 (10)] beside the drum:
Mew meoooow mew meooooow[m (me)] meeoow mew meow:

Just three sips,
Meow meoow meow,

And I lickit my lips,--
Mew M meeeow me meow,--

Lickit my lips, and then said "Num!"[6 (11)]
Meeow me meow, mew meow meow "Mew!"[m (me)]

"Tinkle, tankle, tingle, tum,
"Meeow, meeoow, meeoow, mew,

Weel, weel, and isn't it rum?
Meow, meow, mew mew'm me mew?

There is nae musie in the drum,"
Meeow me mew meoow me mew meow,"

The manie cried,
Mew meeow meoow,

When he spied
Meow me meoow

The mousie's holie in the drum.
Mew meeoow'm meoow me mew meow.

"But deil gang wi' it,
"Mew meow meow me' me,

That I should greet,[6 (12)]
Meow M meoooow meoow,[m (me)]

It'll mak a very decent lum[6 (13)]
Me'me mew m meow meoooow mew[m (me)]

Wi' three threads and a thrum."
Me' meeow meeeoow mew m meoow."

Thrum, thrum, thrum, thrum,
Meoow, meeow, meoow, meeow,

Three threads and a thrum.
Meoow meooooow mew m meoow.

CHAPTER XVI.
MEEEEOW MEW.

[_See Note O, Addenda._]
[mEow Meow M, Meooooow.m]

HUNTING EXPLOITS.
MEEOOOW MEOOOOOW.

Catching mice is, to a proper-minded cat, a mere parlour pastime, only to

Meeeeeeow meow me, me m meeeow-meeeeow mew, m meow meeeeeow meeeoow, meow me

be resorted to on rainy days, or of a night when too restless to sleep. It me meeeoow me me meow meow, me me m meoow meow mew meeeeoow me meow. Me

stands to pussy in the same relation that indoor croquet, billiards, or meoow me meow me mew meow meooooow meow meeoow meeeoow, meooooow, me

reading a book in bed does to our noble selves. Rat-catching is only just meeeeoow m meow me mew meow me mew meoow meeoow. Mew-meeeeeoow me meow meow

one degree better, and principally enjoyed by cats who have not reached mew meeeow meeeow, mew meooooooooow meeeoow me meow mew meow mew meooooow

maturity in body and intellect--cats, in fact, in their meeeeoow me meow mew meeeeeeoow--meow, me meow, me meow

hobble-de-hoy-hood. To the matured cat,--especially if highly meoow-me-mew-meow. Me mew meeoow mew,--meeeeeeeow me meoow

bred,--belong all the joys and excitement of the chase a-field. There is meow,--meeeow mew mew meow mew meeeeeeoow me mew meoow m-meow. Meow me

as much difference between the hunting of an animal of the cat-kind and me meow meeeeeeeow meeeoow mew meeeoow me me meeeow me mew mew-meow mew

that of one of the canine order, as there is between the skilled tactics meow me mew me mew meoow meow, me meow me meeoow mew meeeoow meeeoow

of German warfare, and the wild rush to battle of Arab cavalry. There is me Meeeeow meooooow, mew mew meow meow me meeeow me Meow meeeeoow. Meow me

more honesty in the one, more craft and cunning in the other. A dog is meow meeeeoow me mew mew, meow meoow mew meeeeoow me mew meoow. M mew me

singularly destitute in what is called in Scotland, "canniness." He also meooooooooow meeeeoow me meow me meeoow me Meeeoow, "meeeeoow." Me meow

wants patience; but the cat, armed with this gift, combined with cunning, meoow meooooow; mew mew mew, meow meow meow meow, meeeeoow meow meeoow,

and skill gained from experience, is master for anything in the field mew meow meeoow meow meeeeeeeow, me meeeow mew meeeeeeoow me mew meoow

which she considers game and chooses to square her moustache at. Even to a meoow mew meeeeeeoow meow mew meeoow me meeeow mew meeeeeeoow me. Meow me m

human being, stalking one's prey is infinitely more engrossing than the meoow meow, meeoow mew'm meow me meooooooooow meow meeeeeeeow meow mew

mere hunting of it. The latter is pleasing, certainly, but the former is meow meeeeoow me me. Mew meeoow me meeeeoow, meooooooooow, mew mew meoow me

charming. Pussy prefers the charming, while our friend the dog merely runs meooooow. Meow meeoow mew meeeeoow, meow mew meeeow mew mew meoow meow

down his prey, and takes little pains to show skill even in that.

meow mew meow, mew meoow meeoow meoow me meow meoow meow me meow.

Leaving rats and mice along with blue-bottle flies, in the category of Meeeeeow meow mew meow meeoow meow meow-meeeoow meoow, me mew meeeoow me

mere kitten's play, pussy's game-list includes hares, rabbits, stoats, meow meeoow'm meow, meeoow'm meow-meow meeeeoow meoow, meeeeoow, meeeow,

weasels, water-rats, and moles, besides everything that flies or has meeeeoow, meeoow-meow, mew meeoow, meeoow meeeeoow meow meoow me mew

feathers, from the humble household sparrow to the black-cock of the meeeeoow, meow mew meeoow meeeeoow meeoow me mew meeoow-meow me mew

mountain. Not before a cat reaches maturity--viz., three years of meeeeoow. Mew meeoow m mew meeoow meeeeoow--mew., meoow meeoow me

age--does the propensity for out-door hunting become a passion with her; mew--meow mew meeeoow meow mew-meow meoow meoow m meeoow meow mew;

but once imbued with it, the desire never leaves her as long as she can mew meow meeoow meow me, mew meeoow meoow meeoow mew me meow me mew mew

run.

mew.

Pirnie is a little female pussy, belonging to a labouring man. At the time Meeoow me m meeoow meeoow meeoow, meeeeoow me m meeeeoow mew. Me mew meow

I write, she is over twenty years old; but hale and hearty, and as playful M meoow, mew me meow meeoow meoow mew; mew meow mew meeoow, mew me meeoow

as a kitten. She is a perfect adept at catching all sorts of vermin, but me m meeoow. Mew me m meeoow meeoow me meeeeoow mew meeoow me meeoow, mew

more particularly goes in for mole-catching. When she spies a mole-hill, meow meeeoow meow me mew meow-meooow. Meow mew meeoow m meow-meow,

she at once sets herself down to watch it; nor will she raise the siege mew me meow meow meeeeoow meow me meeoow me; mew meow mew meoow mew meeoow

for hours, until the little gentleman in velvet gives signs of his mew meoow, meoow mew meoow meooow me meeoow meeoow meoow me mew

presence by casting up a few grains of earth. Then is pussy's opportunity. meeeeoow me meeeeoow me m mew meoow me meoow. Meow me meoow'm meeeeoow.

She springs nimbly on the bank, and plunges her arms up to the shoulders Mew meeeeoow meeoow me mew meow, mew meeeeoow mew meow me me mew meeeeoow

into the earth, and never fails to bring poor molie to bank; and the

meow mew meoow, mew meeow meoow me meoow meow meeow me meow; mew mew

daylight has hardly had time to dazzle his eyes before he is dead.
meeeeeow mew meeooow mew meow me meeooow mew meow meeooow me me meow.

Last year Pirnie--being then nineteen years of age--had a thrilling
Meow meow Meooow--meeow meow meooooow meeow me mew--mew m meooooow

adventure with a large hare. The hare, which was at least double the size
meooooow meow m meoow meow. Mew meow, meoow mew me meeow meooow mew meow

of pussy, had been enjoying a quiet nap during the heat of the day, in a
me meeow, mew meow meooooow m meoow mew meooow mew meow me mew mew, me m

field not far from the house, when Pirnie stumbled across its trail, and
meoow mew mew meow mew meoow, meow Meeooow meooooow meeooow mew meeow, mew

on following it up the battle ensued. "The hare," says my informant,
me meooooow me me mew meeooow meeeow. "Mew meow," meow me meooooow,

"fought with great vigour, and often floored her antagonist; but Pirnie
"meeooow meow meeow meeooow, mew meoow meeeow mew meooooow; mew Meeooow

sent in her claws and teeth, till blood flew like rain, and fur like drift
meow me mew meeow mew meoow, meow meeow meow meow meow, mew mew meow meoow

(driven snow); and the hare soon becoming exhausted, Pirnie seized it by
(meooow meow); mew mew meow meow meooooow meeeeeeow, Meooow meooow me me

the throat, and its plaintive screams were presently hushed in death."
mew meooow, mew mew meeeeeeow meeeooow meow meooooow meeooow me meow."

Graysie was a tom-cat, and rather famous for his hunting exploits. One
Meeeoow mew m mew-mew, mew meooow meooow mew mew meeeooow meooooow. Mew

day, Graysie, being on the war-path, encountered a very large weasel, and
mew, Meeooow, meeow me mew mew-meow, meeeeeeoow m meow meow meooow, mew

it was at once mutually agreed to try conclusions in a fair stand-up
me mew me meow meeeeoow meooow me mew meeeeeeoow me m meow meow-me

fight. The battle was witnessed by Graysie's owners, and lasted the
meeow. Mew meeooow mew meeeeeeow me Meeeeow'm meooow, mew meeeow mew

greater part of the afternoon, and ended triumphantly for pussy, in the
meooooow meow me mew meeeooooow, mew meooow meooooooooow mew meow, me mew

defeat and death of the weasel. When Graysie found out that his fallen foe
meeeow mew meeow me mew meeeow. Meow Meooooow meooow mew meow mew meeeow mew

was indeed dead, he took it up in his teeth, and carrying it home,

mew meeoow meow, me meow me me me mew meoow, mew meeeeeeow me meow,

deposited it on the front-door steps, intending it no doubt as a present
meeeeeeow me me mew meow-meow meow, meoooooow me me meow me m meooooow

for his mistress, as well as a trophy of his own prowess.
mew mew meeeeeeow, me meow me m meooooow me mew mew meeeeeeow.

A cat never springs on her prey unless sure of catching it, and her aim
M mew meoow meeeeeeow me mew meow meeeow meow me meeeooooow me, mew mew mew

is most unerring. I know a cat that killed over a score of large rats in
me meow meeeeeeow. M meow m mew meow meooooow meow m meow me meoow meow me

one day, and on one of these she sprang from a height of no less than
mew mew, mew me mew me meoow mew meeoow meow m meeoow me me meow meow

twelve feet.
meeoow meow.

I counted one day no less than 350 mice which a cat had killed
M meooooow mew mew me meow meow mew meow meoow m mew mew meooooow

single-handed at the removal of a rick of oats in a farmer's yard. He was
meeoow-meeoow me mew meeoow me m meow me meow me m meooooow'm meow. Me mew

a fine, noble, red tabby, and it was quite a sight to see the surprising
m meow, meow, mew meoow, mew me mew meoow m meoow me mew mew meeeeeeooooow

strength and agility with which he worked. He killed most of them with his
meeeooooow mew meeoow meow meoow me meeoow. Me meooooow meow me meow meow mew

paws, seldom putting a tooth in one. Every time there was a lull in the
meow, meeeow meeeoow m meoow me mew. Meoow meow meow mew m meow me mew

flow of vermin, he took the opportunity of clearing the ground of the
meow me meeeow, me meow mew meeeeeeooooow me meeeooooow mew meooooow me mew

slain, which he carried to a convenient distance and placed all together
meoow, meow me meeeoow me m meoooooooow meeeeeeow mew meeeow mew meeeeeeow

in a heap. When all was over, to see honest Tom set himself down in front
me m meow. Meow mew mew meow, me mew meeeow Mew mew meooooow meow me meow

of this heap of carnage, and thoughtfully and complacently contemplate his
me meow meow me meeeoow, mew meeeoooooooow mew meeeeeeooooow meeeeeeooooow mew

bloody handiwork, would have been a study for the great Landseer himself.
meeeow meeeeeeooooow, meow meow meow m meow mew mew meoow Meeeooooow meeeeeeow.

But not one of his slain victims did Tom eat. Indeed, high-bred cats

Mew mew mew me mew meow meooooow mew Mew mew. Meooooow, meow-meow meow

seldom care to eat mice unless they are very hungry; they much prefer meooooow meow me mew meow meeeow meow mew meow meooooow; meow meow meeeow

fish to anything else, and the flesh of birds they consider a greater meow me meeeooooow meow, mew mew meeeow me meooow meow meeeeeeow m meeeeeow

luxury than even that of rabbits.
meooooow meow meow meow me meeeeeeow.

Solomon, or Habakkuk, or Nebuchadnezzar, or some great Hebrew authority, Meeeeeeow, me Meeeeeeow, me Meeeeeeooooooooow, me meow meeeow Meeeow meeeeeeow,

says, "Coneys are a feeble folk." Doubtless they were so in those days, meow, "Meeeow mew m meeeow meow." Meeeeeeooooow meow meow me me meeeow meow,

and taken singly so they are in our day; but combinedly they are powerful mew meooow meeeow me meow mew me mew mew; mew meeeooooooooow meow mew meeeooooow

indeed, as many a poor ruined farmer can testify. They are very wise too, meeeow, me meow m meow meeeow meeeow mew meooooow. Meow mew meow meow mew,

and this wisdom is especially displayed in the number of doors they have mew meow meeeow me meeeooooooooow meeeeeeow me mew meooooow me meooow meow meow

in each of their dwellings; so that should an enemy, in the shape of a me meow me meeeow meooooooooow; me meow meeeow me meeeow, me mew meeeow me m

pussy, or a ferret, pop in at one door, Bunny would just pop out at the meooow, me m meooow, mew me me mew meow, Meooow meooow meow mew mew me mew

other. I knew a cat in the Isle of Man--she had no tail worth meeeow. M meow m mew me mew Meow me Mew--mew mew me meow meooow

mentioning--who used to make this very habit of the rabbits a means of meeeeeeooooow--mew meow me meow meow meow meeeow me mew meeeeeeow m meooow me

securing her prey. She used to enter one hole suddenly, and as suddenly meeeeeeow mew meow. Mew meow me meooow mew meow meeeeeeow, mew me meeeooooow

reappear stern first. Of course, Bunny by this time was scampering off to meeeeeeow meooow meooow. Me meooooow, Meooow me meow meow mew meeeeeeow mew me

the opposite hole, and there at the door pussy would nab him just as he mew meooooooooow meow, mew meooow me mew meow meeeow meeeow mew mew meow me me

came out.
meow mew.

Cats almost invariably bring home their prey to be either leisurely

Meow meeeow meeeeeeeow meeeow meow meeeow meow me me meooooow meeeeeooow

eaten, given to their kittens, or presented to their owners.
meow, meow me meow meeeow, me meeeeeooow me meow meoooo.

A man in Banffshire rented a small farm from a game-preserving laird. This
M mew me Meeeeooooow meeeow m meeeow meow meow m meow-meeeeeooooow meow. Meow

man was ruined by rabbits, and turned out of house and home by them. They
mew mew meeeow me meeeow, mew meeeow mew me meeeow mew meow me meow. Meow

first ate up all his oats, his grass, and turnips, so that only potatoes
meow mew me mew mew meow, mew meow, mew meooooow, me meow meow meooooow

could be grown on the place. By-and-by they took to eating the stems of
meow me meow me mew meow. Me-mew-me meow meow me meooooow mew meow me

even those as soon as they appeared above ground, so that all the poor
meow meow me meow me meow meooooow meow meeeow, me meow mew mew meow

man's live stock was reduced to one in number, namely, a big tabby cat.
mew'm meow meow mew meeeow me mew me meooooow, meeeow, m mew meow mew.

This cat throve upon the foe. She also took a few youthful prisoners, whom
Meow mew meeeow meow mew mew. Mew meow meow m mew meeeeeow meeeeeow, meow

she brought home to play with and amuse a fine family of kittens, which
mew meeeow meow me meow meow mew meeeow m meow meeeow me meooooow, meow

she had in the cottage garret. These young rabbits lived and grew, and
mew mew me mew meeeow meeeow. Meow meow meeeow meow mew meow, mew

burrowed and made nests in the thatch. It was the awful row this happy
meeeeeow mew meow meeeow me mew meeeow. Me mew mew meow mew meow meeeow

family used to make every night which first led to the discovery. When the
meeeow meow me meow meeeow meow meeeow meow mew me mew meeeeeooooow. Meow mew

farmer found out one night the cause of the disturbance, he came down and
meeeow meow mew mew meeeow mew meeeow me mew meeeeeooooow, me meow meow mew

awakened his wife and--
meeeooooow mew meow mew--

"Jane," said he, and he looked almost sublime as he stood on the cold
"Meow," meow me, mew me meooooow meeeow meeeow me me meow me mew meow

damp floor with a penny candle in one hand, in rather scanty shirt-tails
meow meeeow meow m meow meooooow me mew meow, me meooooow meeeow meeeow-meow

and red Kilmarnock night cap--he was a study for a Rembrandt, "Jane, I've

mew mew Meeeeeeoow meow mew--me mew m meow mew m Meeeeeeoow, "Meow, M'me

been a duffer too long. Those rascally rabbits--they've eaten up
meow m meeeow mew meow. Meeow meeeeoow meeeeoow--meow'me meow me

everything we have out of doors, now they've stormed and taken our castle.
meeeeoow me meow mew me meow, mew meow'me meeeeoow mew meow mew meeeow.

By-and-by they'll eat the bed from under us, then they'll eat ourselves;
Me-mew-me meow'me mew mew mew meow meow me, meow meow'me mew meooooow;

but, Jane, to-morrow morning I'm off,"--this he said
mew, Meow, me-meooow meooow M'm mew,"--meow me meow

self-sacrificingly,--"I'm off, Jane, to the lands of America." And the
meow-meeeeeeeeoow,--"M'm mew, Meow, me mew meow me Meeooow." Mew mew

good people went, leaving pussy and the feeble folks, in undisputed
meow meooow meow, meooow meow mew mew meooow meow, me meeeeoow

possession of house and farm.
meooooow me meow mew meow.

Gamekeepers do all they can to destroy the life of poor pussy by setting
Meeeeeoow me mew meow mew me meeeow mew meow me meow meow me meeeow

traps for, and shooting her wherever met. But some cats come to know all
meow mew, mew meeeeoow mew meooooow mew. Mew meow meow meow me meow mew

about the treacherous wires and how to avoid them. They know too that
meow mew meeeeeeeoow meow mew mew me meow meow. Meow meow mew meow

hares and rabbits often fall into these snares, and accordingly they turn
meow mew meooow meow meow meow meow meeeow, mew meeeeeeeow meow meow

this knowledge to good account; and when they find a half-strangled animal
meow meeoow me meow meeeow; mew meow meow meow m meow-meeeeeeoow meeeow

in the gin, they quietly despatch, and if possible carry it home.
me mew mew, meow meooow meeeow, mew me meeeeoow meow me meow.

Cats are great enemies to birds in the breeding season; but it is
Meow mew meow meeeow me meow me mew meooooow meeeow; mew me me

surprising with what terrible fierceness even the smallest birds will
meeeeoow meow meow meeeeoow meooooow meow mew meeeeoow meow meow

defend their nests from the inroads of predatory cats, whose evil
meooow meow meow meow mew meeeow me meeeeoow meow, meow meow

intentions are thus often frustrated.

meeeeooooow mew meow meow meeeeeooooow.

Pussy has many enemies to contend with on the hunting-ground.
Meow mew meow meooooow me meooooow meow me mew meooooow-meeoow.

A poacher, the other day, was returning home in the grey light of early
M meooooow, mew meow mew, mew meeeeeeoow meow me mew meow meow me meow

morning, when he observed a large fox coming in his direction, with what
meeeeow, meow me meooooow m meow mew meeeow me mew meeeeeoow, meow meow

the man took to be a hare over his shoulder. The man fired, and Reynard
mew mew meow me me m meow meow mew meooooow. Mew mew meow, mew Meeooooow

dropped. His burden was a fine large cat. Poor pussy had been promising
meooooow. Mew meeoow mew m meow meoow mew. Meow meeoow mew meow meoooooow

herself a nice plump rabbit for breakfast; the fox thought he should like
meooooow m meow meoow meeoow mew meeeeeooooow; mew mew meooooow me meeoow meow

a fine healthy cat for a change. "There's many a slip 'twixt the cup and
m meow meooooow mew mew m meeoow. "Meow'm meow m meow 'meow mew mew mew

the lip;" and the poacher's gun brought matters to quite a different
mew mew;" mew mew meeoow'm mew meeeeow meooooow me meoow m meeeeeeoow

conclusion.
meeeeeooooow.

I know a case of a cat that returned from hunting, with two moderate-sized
M meow m meow me m mew meow meeeeeeoow meow meeeeoow, meow mew meeeeeoow-meeow

but full-grown rats in her mouth, and both alive and staring. They were
mew meow-meeow meow me mew meeoow, mew meeoow meeoow mew meeeeoow. Meow meow

no doubt sitting cheek-by-jowl when pussy made the spring.
me meeoow meeeeow meoow-me-meow meow meeoow meow mew meooooow.

If I tell the reader of a cat that is so clever that she can catch
Me M meow mew meooooow me m mew meow me me meooooow meow mew mew meoow

swallows on the wing, I suppose I may be allowed to close this chapter in
meooooow me mew meow, M meooooow M mew me meooooow me meeoow meow meeeeow me

peace. It does seem a little yankee-doodlish I confess, but it is

meow. Me meow meow m meooow meooow-meeooooow M meeoow, mew me me

nevertheless a fact.

meeeeeeeeooow m meow.

At the foot of a certain post-master's garden, flows a stream in which his
Me mew meow me m meeeoow meow-meeeow'm meeoow, meeoow m meeoow me meow mew

cat takes many a good salmon-trout. This stream is spanned by an
mew meoow meow m meow meooow-meow. Meow meooow me meeoow me me

old-fashioned turf-covered tree-bridge, without any parapet. On this
mew-meeeeeeoow meow-meeooow meow-meeeow, meooooow mew meeoow. Me meow

bridge crouches this sagacious cat, and often secures a swallow, as it
meooow meooooow meow meeoowooow mew, mew meoow meeeoow m meeeeow, me me

skims out from under. That's all.

meeow mew meow meeow. Meow'm mew.

CHAPTER XVII.

MEEEEOW MEOW.

[_See Note P, Addenda._]

[mEow Meow M, Meeooow.m]

COCK-JOCK AND THE CAT.

MEOW-MEOW MEW MEW MEW.

Cock-Jock, as he was called, was the most famous of a famous breed of

Meow-Meow, me me mew meooow, mew mew meow meeeow me m meeoow meow me

cocks, our family had possessed for many years. Descended from the meow, mew meeoow mew meeoowooow mew meow meow. Meeeeeow meow mew

black-cock of the mountain, with plumage like jet, save one bright spot of meow-meow me mew meeoowooow, meow meooow meow mew, meow mew meeeow meow me

crimson and gold on each wing, short stout legs, and strongest of spurs, meooow mew meow me meow meow, meow meow meow, mew meeeeoow me meow,

he had never met his match in field or pit. Many a brave but unfortunate me mew meow mew mew meow me meow me mew. Meow m meow mew meeoowooow

bird he had stood upon, and crowed over, as he trampled out its last meow me mew meow meow, mew meeeow meow, me me meeeeoow mew mew meow

breath. I am speaking of twenty years ago, when cock-fighting in private meeoow. M me meeoowooow me meeeow meow mew, meow meow-meeeoow me meeeow

was still a favourite pastime, with many otherwise sensible and honourable mew meow m meeoowooow meeoow, meow meow meeeeoow meeeeoow mew meeoowooow

men, in the far north of Scotland. Cock-Jock possessed in the highest mew, me mew mew meow me Meooowooow. Meow-Meow meeeeeeow me mew meeoow

degree, all those princely and chivalrous qualities, for which animals of meeoow, mew meow meeeeoow mew meeeeoowooow meooowooow, mew meow meeoow me

his species and breed are so justly celebrated. He was a perfect gentleman mew meeeow mew meow mew me meooow meeeeeeow. Me mew m meooow meeoowooow

after his own fashion. He never would touch a morsel of food himself, meow mew mew meeeow. Me meow meow meow m meeoow me meow meeeow,

until every member of his large harem had filled her crop; and thus his meow meow meeoow me mew meow meow mew meeeow mew meow; mew meow mew

own share was at times small enough. If two hens quarrelled, and had mew meow mew me meow meow meeeow. Me mew meow meeoowooow, mew mew

recourse to their nebs, he used to peck them both, time about, until they meeeeoow me meow meow, me meow me meow meow meow, meow meow, meow meow

desisted; he then gave them a sound rating, pointing out to them in meooowooow; me meow meow meow m meow meooow, meooowooow mew me meow me

forcible language, the extreme impropriety of such conduct among ladies of meeeeoow meeeeoow, mew meeeow meeeeoowooow me meow meeeow meow meooow me

a well-regulated harem. Cock-Jock went to roost every night with his old m meow-meeeoowooow meow. Meow-Meow meow me meow meow meow meow mew mew

mother--how beautiful is filial piety!--on one side of him, and a large meeoow--mew meeoowooow me meooow meow!--me mew meow me mew, mew m meow

white hen, his pet wife, on the other. Then he always crowed at the proper

meeow mew, mew mew meow, me mew meoow. Meow me meeeow meeeow me mew meeoow

time and place; never, under any circumstance, would he mistake moonlight
meow mew meoow; meoow, meow mew meeeeeeeeeoow, meow me meeeow meeeeeow

for morning, as some foolish brutes do. Dogs he especially disliked. He
mew meeeoow, me meow meeoow meeoow me. Meow me meeeeeeoow meooooow. Me

used to steal a march upon them, pretend to be busy eating, till he turned
meow me meow m meow meow meow, meeeow me me meow meoow, meow me meoow

their flank, then, before the poor dog could say "wow," he had two inches
meow meow, meow, meoow mew meow mew meoow mew "mew," me mew mew meeeow

of spur in each hip; and that tickled him. He was very affectionate, and
me meow me meow mew; mew meow meeeoow mew. Me mew meow meooooooooow, mew

tame enough to eat from your hand; but if you dared to go near or molest
meow meoow me mew meow meow meow; mew me mew meow me me meow me meoow

a hen, he would assuredly lame you for a month. Once upon a time, when a
m mew, me meow meooooow meow mew mew m meow. Meow meow m meow, meow m

little bantam cock was sick, Jock never went to roost for weeks, but took
meeeow meeeow meow mew meow, Meow meow meow me meoow mew meow, mew meow

the bantam to a nest and nursed it under his wings, as a hen would a
mew meeoow me m meow mew meoow me meow mew meow, me m mew meow m

chicken, and tenderly fed it daily till it grew well again. I knew a great
meeeoow, mew meeeeoow mew me meow meow me meow meow meoow. M meow m meow

deal of what that cock said, for the language of the lower animals is by
meow me meow meow meow meow, mew mew meeeoow me mew meow meooooow me me

no means difficult to understand. His remarks had reference principally to
me meoow meeeeeow me meooooow. Mew meeeoow mew meeeeeow meeeeeooooow me

his food, its quantity and quality, his wives--their virtues and vices,
mew meow, mew meooooow mew meeeow, mew meow--meow meeeow mew meow,

and to his battles. He always backed himself to win. He used to ask every
mew me mew meeeow. Me meoow meeoow meeeow me mew. Me meow me mew meoow

human stranger he met, in a manner not at all calculated to give offence,
meow meeeeeow me mew, me m meeoow mew me mew meeeeeooooow me meow meeeow,

if he mightn't have "just one shy at your shins." He one day offered me a
me me meeeow'm meow "meow mew mew me meow meow." Me mew mew meeeow me m

snail. He came a long distance out of his way too to give it to me. He
meow. Me meow m meow meeeeoow mew me mew mew mew me meow me me me. Me

offered me the delicious tit-bit with much ceremonious tick-tucking, and
meeoow me mew meeeeoow mew-mew meow meow meeeeeeoow meow-meooooow, mew

in quite a patronizing manner, as if, like old King Thingummy, I had

me meow m meooooooooow meeoow, me me, meow mew Meow Meeeeeeow, M mew

advertised for a new pleasure, and he was about to introduce me to it. I'm meeeeeeeow mew m mew meooooow, mew me mew meeoow me meeeeeeeow me me me. M'm

sure I hurt his feelings by refusing it. But I couldn't help it. I think meow M meow mew meeeeeow me meeeeoow me. Mew M meeeow'm meow me. M meow

I could eat a snail now, if hard pushed, although I am told they taste "a M meow mew m meow mew, me meow meeeow, meeeeeow M me meow meow meow "m

little green." But after one has lived on Navy weevils for many years, one meooow meow." Mew meeoow mew mew meooow me Meow meeeeeow mew meow meow, mew

isn't so particular; but I was very young then. mew'm me meeeeeeeow; mew M mew meow meow meow.

I remember a gentleman's satin hat being blown off near to his cockship. I M meeeeoow m meeoowow'm meeoow mew meooow meooow mew meow me mew meeeeeow. M

wouldn't have been that hat on any consideration. Heavens! how he battered meeeow'm meow meow meow mew me mew meeeeeeoowow. Meeeoow! mew me meeeeeow

it, and tugged at it, and tore it; finally he jumped on it, and crew me, mew meooow me me, mew meow me; meeeoow me meeoow me me, mew meow

over it and _at_ the owner. meeoow me mew meow mew meow.

"Twenty shillings," cried that unfortunate, "thrown to the winds! Curse "Meeeoow meooooooooow," meeoow meow meeeeeeeow, "meeeoow me mew meow! Meow the cock!" mew meow!"

Jock looked at him, as much as to say, "Perhaps, sir, you would like to Meow meooow me mew, me meow me me mew, "Meeeoow, mew, mew meeoow meow me

come a little nearer, and repeat that expression." But the gentleman meow m meooow meeeow, mew meooow meow meeeeeeoow." Mew mew meeoowow

didn't. He preferred going home bare-headed. meow'm. Me meeeeoow meow meow meow-meeeoow.

I one day met a poor woman carrying a large stuffed cock. Like the cheeky

M mew mew mew m meow meow meeeeoow m meow meeeeoow meow. Meow mew meooow

brat they called me, I induced her to come and show the thing to Jock. She meow meow meeeow me, M meeeeoow mew me meow mew meow mew meow me Meow. Mew

did so. Jock very soon laid bare the bird-stuffer's art. Cotton-wool and mew me. Meow meow meow meow meow mew meow-meooooow'm mew. Meooooow-meow mew

wires and all went to leeward. Jock had never met with so curious a foe in meow mew mew meow me meooooow. Meow mew meow mew meow me meeeeoow m mew me

his life before, and he treated him accordingly. My father came. Jock mew meow meeoow, mew me meeeeoow mew meoooooooow. Me meeeow meow. Meow

crew. The woman wept, and I ran and hid. meow. Mew meow meow, mew M mew mew mew.

One fine summer's day my sister left a pillow in the garden. We were all Mew meow meeeow'm mew me meeeow meow m meeeow me mew meeeow. Me meow mew

in the parlour. Presently it came on to snow apparently, and the room got me mew meeoow. Meeeeeeow me meow me me meow meeeeeeooow, mew mew meow mew

darkened. We soon discovered that it was not snow-flakes, but feathers. My meooooow. Me meow meoooooooow meow me mew mew meow-meeeow, mew meeeeoow. Me

father said, "In the name of all creation!" My mother put on her glasses, meooow meow, "Me mew meow me mew meeeeoow!" Me meeoow mew me mew meooooow,

and remarked, "Every good thing attend us!" Then we all took umbrellas, mew meeeeoow, "Meow meow meow meooow me!" Meow me mew meow meooooooow,

and went out. When, half choked, we reached the garden, we discovered a mew meow mew. Meow, meow meooow, me meooooow mew meeeow, me meoooooooow m

clue to the mystery. Cock-Jock had spied the pillow, and could not resist meow me mew meeoow. Meow-Meow mew meow mew meooow, mew meow mew meooow

having one kick at it. One kick led to another; and when the eider-down meeoow mew meow me me. Mew meow mew me meeoow; mew meow mew meow-meow

began to come out, Jock lost his temper, and went at it with a will. He meow me meow mew, Meow meow mew meooow, mew meow me me meow m meow. Me

had some extra animal energy to expend that morning, and he did it--so mew meow meow meeoow meooow me meeoow meow meeeeoow, mew me mew me--me

successfully, too, that for a whole week never a bit of work was done meeeeeeooow, mew, meow mew m meow meow meow m mew me meow mew meow

about the place. The horses had a holiday, and we had cold mutton every meow mew meow. Mew meooow mew m meeeeoow, mew me mew meow meeoow meow

day, the servants being all engaged culling the feathers from the grass

mew, mew meeeooow meoow mew meeeooow meeeow mew meeeooow meow mew meoow

and trees, and picking the fluff from the flowers.

mew meoow, mew meeeooow mew meoow meow mew meeeooow.

Now to Cock-Jock was granted the honour of walking about wherever he
Mew me Meow-Meow mew meeeooow mew meoow me meeeow meoow meeeooow me

pleased--a privilege which was denied to the members of his harem, and it
meeeooow--m meeeooow meoow mew meoow me mew meeeow me mew meoow, mew me

was on the garden walk the battle took place which I am about to describe.
mew me mew meeeow meow mew meoow meow meoow meow M me meoow me meeeooow.

Gibbey, my father's famous red Tom-tabby, had a saucer of milk on the
Meoow, me meeeow'm meeeow mew Mew-meoow, mew m meeeow me meow me mew

foot-path, with which, although he did not drink it himself, he did not
meow-meow, meow meow, meeeooow me mew mew meow me meeeooow, me mew mew

choose that any one else should meddle. The cat and the cock had always
meoow meow mew mew meow meeeow meeeow. Mew mew mew mew meow mew meoow

been on friendly terms till now; and being thirsty, and presuming on this
meow me meeeooow meow meow mew; mew meow meeeooow, mew meeeooow me meow

friendship, Cock-Jock walked half-apologetically up to the saucer, and
meeeeeow, Meow-Meow meeeow meow-meeeooooooooow me me mew meeeow, mew

dipping his beak in to fill it, raised his head to swallow it. It was just
meeeow mew meow me me meow me, meeeow mew meow me meeeooow me. Me mew meow

as his eyes were thus turned heavenward, that Master Gibbey sprang up--he
me mew meow meow meow meeeow meeeooooow, meow Meeow Meoow meoow me--me

was always too ready with his hands--and without taking his gloves off,
mew meoow mew meoow meow mew meow--mew meeeow meeeow mew meoow mew,

struck honest Jock a sound slap on the ear. The cock shook his head; but
meeeow meeeow Meow m meoow meow me mew mew. Mew meow meeeow mew meow; mew

knowing he was in the wrong, he did not get angry yet, but attempted to
meeeooow me mew me mew meoow, me mew mew mew meow mew, mew meeeeeow me

reason with the cat. For Cock-Jock had this peculiarity: he never lost
meoow meow mew mew. Mew Meow-Meow mew meow meeeooooooooow: me meow meow

temper at the first blow from any creature he thought he was a match for.
meeeow me mew meoow meow meow mew meeeooow me meeeow me mew m meeeow mew.

A strange bantam--and we all know how plucky and self-important they
M meeeooow meeeow--mew me mew meow mew meeeow mew meow-meeeooooooooow meow

are--once alighted on Jock's dung-hill, and immediately struck at him.

mew--meow meeeeeeow me Meow'm meow-meow, mew meooooooooow meeeow me mew.

"Avast heaving, my little friend," said the big cock, or words to that
"Meow meeeeeeow, me meeoow meeeow," mew mew mew meow, me meoow me meow

effect; "you must be aware that I could knock you into the minutest
meeoow; "mew meow me meoow meow M meoow meoow mew meow mew meeeeeeow

smithereens in the twinkling of a foretop-sail."
meooooooooow me mew meeeeeeow me m meeeeeeow-meow."

"Oho!" thought the bantam, "you're afraid, are you; take one for your nob,
"Mew!" meeeeoow mew meeoow, "mew'me meeoow, mew mew; meow mew mew meow mew,

then," and he struck him again.
meow," mew me meeoow mew meeoow.

"Hang it all, you know," roared Jock, now fairly enraged. He gave the
"Meow me mew, mew meow," meeoow Meow, mew meoooow meeeeeeow. Me meow mew

bantam one blow; and where that bird was sent to has never been
meeoow mew meow; mew meoow meow meow mew meow me mew meeoow meow

ascertained to this day, never a feather of him being found. And so Jock
meeeeeeeeooow me meow mew, meoow m meeeeoow me mew meeoow meeoow. Mew me Meow

attempted to reason with the cat.
meeeeeeooow me meeoow meow mew mew.

"Cock a ro-ra-kuk? What does this mean, Master Gilbert? I own to having
"Meow m me-me-mew? Meow meow meow meow, Meoooow Meeeeoow? M mew me meoooow

been in the wrong; but a blow, sir--a blow!"
meow me mew meoow; mew m meow, mew--m meow!"

He hadn't long to wait for another either--this time without the gloves;
Me meow'm meow me meow mew meooooow meoooow--meow meow meeoow mew meoooow;

and then, as the Yankees say, his "dander riz." The cock hopped nimbly
mew meow, me mew Meeoow mew, mew "meoooow mew." Mew meow meeeow meeoow

over the saucer, and the battle began in earnest. Cock-Jock "showered his

meow mew meeoow, mew mew meeoow meow me meeoow. Meow-Meow "meeeeoow mew
blows like wintry rain."
meeow meow meeoow meow."

But pussy adroitly avoided them all, and returned them with such practised
Mew meow meooooow meeeow meow mew, mew meooooow meow meow meow meeeeoow

precision and skill, that the poor cock's pretty head was soon a mass of
meeeeeeow mew meow, meow mew meow meow'm meeoow meow mew meow m meow me

blood and gore. Jock, getting confused, held his head ground-wards, as if
meeow mew meow. Meow, meeeeoow meeoow, meow mew meow meoow-meow, me me

fighting with another cock instead of a cat, thus giving Gibbey all the
meeoow meow meoow meow meeeow me m mew, meow meoow Meoow mew mew

advantage. The fight had now lasted fully five minutes, and as yet pussy
meooooow. Mew meow mew mew meeeow meow meow meeeow, mew me mew meow

rejoiced in a whole skin. I was beginning to think it was all up with the
meeoow me m meow meow. M mew meeeeoow me meow me mew mew me meow mew

cock, when, crunch! the advantage came at last,--one stroke with that
meow, meow, meeeow! mew meeoow meow me meow,--mew meoow meow meow

murderous spur, and Gibbey was stretched among the flowers, to all
meeeeeeow meow, mew Meeow mew meeeeoow meow mew meoow, me mew

appearance dead. Cock-Jock bent cautiously down, examined him first with
meeeeoow meow. Meow-Meow meow meeoow meow, meeeeoow mew meow meow

one eye then with another, and then, apparently satisfied, he jumped on
mew mew meow meow meeoow, mew meow, meeeeeeow meeeeeeow, me meeeow me

his side and crew loud and long. But Gibbey did not die. He was out of the
mew meow mew meow meow mew meow. Mew Meeow mew mew mew. Me mew mew me mew

sick-list in four days; but he ever after gave the cock a wide berth, and
meow-meow me meow meow; mew me meow meow meow mew meow m meow meow, mew

plenty of sea-room. Poor Cock-Jock! he died at last on the field of
meeeow me mew-meow. Meow Meow-Meow! me meow me meow me mew meow me

battle. His life was literally trodden out of him by a band of hostile
meeeow. Mew meow mew meeoow meeoow mew me mew me m meow me meeeow

turkeys. Superior weight did it.
meeeow. Meeoow meeoow mew me.

CHAPTER XVIII.
MEEEEOW MEOOW.

[_See Note Q, Addenda._]
[mEow Meow M, Meeoow.m]

NURSING VAGARIES.
MEEEEOW MEOWOOW.

The cat, unlike most animals, seems singularly exempt from the pains of
Mew mew, meoow meow meeoow, meow meeeeoow meeoow meow mew meow me

parturition. "In sorrow shalt thou bring forth," was never meant to apply
meooooooooow. "Me meeeow meow meow meow meow," mew meow meow me meow

to pussy. In fact about this time she always appears jollier than at any
me meow. Me meow meow meow meow mew meeeow meeoow meeoow meow me mew

other, apparently looking upon the whole business as a capital lark--a
meow, meooooooooow meeoow meow mew meow meeeeoow me m meeeow meow--m

rather enjoyable practical joke. My own cat, Muffie, invariably gives due
meeoow meeeeoow meeeeeeow meow. Me mew mew, Meeow, meeeeeeow meow mew

notice of the coming event, by some of the most wonderful specimens of
meeeow me mew meoow meow, me meow me mew meow meeeeoow meooooooooow me

cantation I ever listened to. In fact she becomes a small opera in
meooooooooow M meow meooooooooow me. Me meow mew meeeeeow m meow meow me

herself, chorus and all. Her song, moreover, is interlarded with little
meooooow, meeeow mew mew. Mew meow, meooooooooow, me meeeeeeeeoow meow meoow

hysterical squeaks, as if she were brim-full of some strange joy, and
meooooooooow meeeeoow, me me mew meow meow-meow me meow meooooow mew, mew

running over. At the same time she lavishes more caresses than usual upon
meooooow meow. Me mew meow meow mew meeoow meow meeeeeeow meow meow meow

Nero, who, not knowing what to make of it, looks very foolish indeed.
Meow, mew, mew meeeeeow meow me meow me me, meow meow meeeeeow meeoow.

CATS EATING THEIR KITTENS.--Numerous instances might be cited of cats
MEOW MEEEOOW MEEOW MEOWOOW.--Meeeeeow meooooooooow meow me meow me meow

eating their kittens as soon as born. These are curious examples of
meeeow meow meooooow me meow me meow. Meow mew meooooow meeeeoow me

mistaken affection, and may be put down to a species of feline mania,
meeeeeeow meeeeeeow, mew mew me mew meow me m meeeeeow me meeeow meow,

somewhat analogous to that which is sometimes, though rarely, seen in
meeeeoow meeeeeeow me meow meow me meeeeoow, meeoow meeeow, meow me

human beings. Women _enceinte_ have often curious tastes, as witness the meow meeoow. Meeow meeeeeooooow meow meow meeeeow meooooow, me meeeeow mew

lady whom nothing would please, but a bite of a baker's shoulder. She had meow meow meeeeow meow meeeow, mew m meow me m meoow'm meeeooooow. Mew mew

the bite and was satisfied. We trust the baker was. Or the princess who mew meow mew mew meeeeeooooow. Me meoow mew meeeow mew. Me mew meeeeeooooow mew

had her husband killed; she ate part of him, and had the remainder salted mew mew meooooow meeoow; mew mew meow me mew, mew mew mew meeeeeooooow meeeow

for future consumption. A lady of my acquaintance,--she was a savage, and mew meeeow meeeeeeeooooow. M meow me me meeeeeeeeeooooow,--mew mew m meeoow, mew

lived in Lamoo on the East Coast of Africa,--had twins, a very little baby meow me Meeow me mew Meow Meoow me Meooooow,--mew meoow, m meow meeoow meow

boy and a big fat baby girl. I saw her some days after, squatting in front mew mew m mew mew meow meow. M mew mew meow meow meeeow, meeoooooow me meoow

of her bamboo hut, and singing low to her little son.

me mew meeeow mew, mew meeeeoow mew me mew meeeow mew.

"But, in the name of goodness," said I, "what have you got in the pot?"

"Mew, me mew meow me meeeeoow," meow M, "meow meow mew mew me mew mew?"

French missionary?"

Meooooow meeeeeeeeoow?"

"No," she said; exhibiting no sort of surprise at my question, for a dish

"Me," mew meow; meeeooooow me meow me meeeeow me me meeoooooow, mew m meow

of French missionary was by no means unknown in those parts. And she me Meooooow meooooooooow mew me me meoow meeoow me meow meeeow. Mew mew

intimated to me, that it was _only_ the baby girl, with whom she intended meeeeeeoow me me, meow me mew meeeow mew meow meow, meow meow mew meeeeeow

to feed the little baby boy, as he had not got fair play; and so the me meow mew meeoow meow mew, me me mew mew mew meow meow; mew me mew

majesty of justice was maintained.

meooooow me meooooow mew meeeeeooooow.

Cats are greatly sensible of the honour of maternity, and when deprived of

Meow mew meooooow meeeeoow me mew meooooow me meeoooooow, mew meow meeeeeow me

their kittens feel very wretched indeed. Under these circumstances, they
meeow meooooow meow meow meooooow meeeow. Meeow meoow meooooooooooooow, meow

will nurse and suckle almost any creature.
meow meow mew meeeow meooooow mew meooooow.

CATS REARING DOGS.--A cat of mine, a few years ago, suckled and reared a
MEOW MEOOOOW MEOW.--M mew me meow, m mew meoow mew, meeoow mew meoow m

beautiful Pomeranian dog. I thought at the time this was rather
meeeeeooooow Meeeeeeooooow mew. M meeeoow me mew meow meow mew meeeow

surprising; but I should not be surprised now at anything a cat did.
meeeeeooooow; mew M meooooow mew me meeeeeooooow mew me meooooow m mew mew.

A gentleman, the other day, had a very nice fox-terrier bitch. The poor
M meeeeeooooow, mew meeoow mew, mew m meow meow mew-meooooow meeoow. Mew meow

thing died giving birth to a litter of four puppies. His cat, however,
meeow meow meooooow meoow me m meooooow me meow meeeeoow. Mew mew, meeeeoow,

whose kittens had been all drowned a day or too before, immediately
meoow meeeeoow mew meow mew meeeeoow m mew me mew meooooow, meeeeeooooow

installed herself in the vacant bed and adopted the puppies. She proved a
meooooooooow meeoow me mew meeoow mew mew meooooow mew meeeeoow. Mew meeoow m

good mother to them, and successfully reared every one of them.
meow meooooow me meow, mew meeeeeeeeeooooow meeeow meeoow mew me meow.

I know of another similar instance, where a cat was house-mate with a
M meow me meeeoow meeeeoow meooooooooow, meeoow m mew mew meeoow-meow meow m

rather valuable bitch; this bitch brought forth a litter of seven pups.
meeoow meeeeoow meoow; meow meeoow meeeoow meeoow m meeoow me meoow meow.

The cat had five kittens at the same time. Thinking that seven whelps were
Mew mew mew meow meeeeoow me mew meow meow. Meeeeeoow meow meoow meeeeoow meow

rather many for the bitch to rear, four of pussy's kittens were drowned
meooooow meow mew mew meooooow me meow, meow me meooooow'm meeeeoow meow meeeeoow

and two pups put to her instead. But pussy peremptorily refused to have
mew mew meow mew me mew meeeeoow. Mew meoow meeeeeeoooooow meeeeoow me meow

anything to say to them, and persisted in that refusal until the expedient
meeeeoow me mew me meow, mew meooooooooow me meow meooooow meeoow mew meooooooooow

was tried of drowning the remaining kitten. That brought the cat to her
mew meow me meeeooow mew meeeooow meeeow. Meow meeeow mew mew me mew

senses; and she took to her foster children kindly enough and reared them.
meooow; mew mew meow me mew meeeow meeeeeow meeeow meeeow mew meeeow meow.

This same cat afterwards suckled a puppy and kitten at the same time.
Meow mew mew meeeooooow meooooow m meow mew meoooo me mew meow meow.

One day she gave birth to her kittens in an out-house, and at once leaving
Mew mew mew meow meow me mew meeeow me me mew-meeow, mew me meow meeeooow

them to shift for themselves, she entered the dwelling house and insisted
meow me meeeow mew meooooooow, mew meooooow mew meeeooow meow mew meeeeeow

on giving suck to the dog of her first adoption. As he was now a
me meooow meow me mew mew me mew meeeow meeeeeow. Me me mew mew m

full-grown dog, and had a great regard for his own respectability, he
meow-meow mew, mew mew m meow meeeow mew mew mew meeeeeeeeeooooow, me

didn't see the fun of it. Pussy went after him nevertheless, lying down in
meow'm mew mew mew me me. Meow meow meeeow mew meeeeeeeeeooooow, meow meow me

front of him, and mewing piteously up in his face. When, to get rid of
meow me mew, mew meooow meeeeeow me me mew meow. Meow, me mew mew me

her importunities, the dog went out, she even followed him to the street,
mew meeeeeooooooooow, mew mew meow mew, mew meow meeeeeow mew me mew meeeow,

and only ceased pestering him, when her kittens were discovered and
mew meow meeeow meeeeeow mew, meow mew meeeooow meow meeeeeooooow mew

brought to her.
meeeeeow me mew.

CAT ADOPTING HER GRAND-CHILDREN.--A lady had two cats, mother and
MEW MEOOOOOW MEW MEOOW-MEEEEEEOW.--M meow mew mew meow, meeeow mew

daughter, living in the same house with her. The mother was of a quiet,
meeeeeow, meeeow me mew meow meeeow meow mew. Mew meooow mew me m meow,

domesticated turn of mind, and preferred fire-side enjoyments to
meeeeeeeeeow meow me meow, mew meeeeeow meow-meow meeeeeeeow me

out-of-door sports; but the daughter was quite the reverse. She was a
mew-me-meow meeeow; mew mew meeeeeow mew meeeow mew meeeooow. Mew mew m

mighty huntress, and it was no uncommon thing, to see her coming waddling
meooow meooooow, mew me mew me meooooow meeeow, me mew mew meooow meeeooooow

across the fields with a rabbit as big as herself in her mouth. Both these
meeow mew meeeow meow m meooow me mew me meooooow me mew meow. Meow meow

cats had kittens at the same time, but the daughter seemed determined,
meow mew meeeow me mew meow meow, mew mew meeeooow meeoow meeeeeeeow,

that nursing should not interfere with her hunting expeditions. She was a
meow meeeow meeeow mew meeoowooow meow mew meeeow meeoowooow. Mew mew m

strong-minded woman's-rights sort of a cat, and was often scouring the
meeow-meooow meow'm-meooow meow me m mew, mew mew meow meeeow mew

country in pursuit of game, when her poor little family were starving at
meooow me meeeow me meow, meow mew meow meeoow meooow meow meeoow me

home. One day she went off as usual, and was never afterwards seen alive:
meow. Mew mew mew meow mew me meow, mew mew meow meooooow meow meow:

her mangled remains were found a little way down the line, where she had
mew meooow meooow meow meow m meeeow mew meow mew meow, meow mew mew

been run over by a railway train.

meow mew meow me m meeeow meow.

"We were just about," says the lady, "to drown the little orphan kits,
"Me meow meow meow," meow mew meow, "me meow mew meeoow meeeow meow,

when, to our surprise, we found that old grandmamma puss had adopted her
meow, me mew meeeow, me meow meow mew meeoowooow meow mew meooow mew

ill-fated daughter's children, and was nursing and tending them, with the
mew-meow meeoow'm meeeow, mew mew meeeow mew meeoow meow, meow mew

same amount of care and attention she bestowed on her own."
meow meeeow me meow mew meeeeoow mew meooooow me mew mew."

I know an instance where two cats, resident in the same house, had had
M meow me meeoow meow mew meow, meooooow me mew meow meow, mew mew

kittens on the same day. There being no chance of finding homes for so
meeoow me mew meow mew. Meeow meow me meooow me meeoow meow mew me

many, they were all drowned with the exception of three. Now these two
meow, meow meow mew meooow meow mew meeeeoow me meow. Mew meow mew

mother-cats were wise in their day and generation. No one cat, they
meeoow-meow meow meow me meow mew mew meeeeoow. Me mew mew, meow

thought, could nurse and suckle ten kits, and it was equally evident that
meeeow, meow meow mew meooow mew meow, mew me mew meeeow meeoow meow

three kittens did not require the services of two cats. So they concluded
meow meeoow mew mew meeeoow mew meooooow me mew meow. Me meow meeeeoow

that the best plan would be to put the shattered remains of the two
meow mew meow meow meow me me mew mew meeeooooow meooooow me mew mew

families,--"Your one kitty, Mrs. Tom, and my two,"--together in one bed,
meeeeoow,--"Meow mew meow, Mew. Mew, mew me mew,"--meeeeoow me mew mew,

and take turn about in nursing them. This was accordingly done, and turned
mew meow meow meow me meooooow meow. Meow mew meeeeeeeeoow meow, mew meoooo

out to be a very satisfactory arrangement for all parties concerned; for
mew me me m meow meeeeoooooow meeeeoooooow mew mew meooooow meooooow; mew

either cat could now go abroad when she pleased, happy in the thought that
meeoow mew meow mew me meeoow meow mew meeeoow, meow me mew meeeoow meow

nothing could go wrong at home.
meeeeoow meow me meow me meow.

NURSING A HARE.--A certain carpenter whom I knew had a cat which in due
MEEEEOOW M MEOW.--M meooooow meeeeoow meow M meow mew m mew meow me mew

season,--as all cats will,--produced a litter of kittens which--very cruel
meeoow,--me mew meow meow,--meooooow m meooooow me meeoow meow--meow meow

and thoughtless was the action--were all drowned. Poor pussy mourned her
mew meeoooooow mew mew meeoow--meow mew meeoow. Meow meow meooooow mew

offspring for many days, but she was a female philosopher--that may seem a
meeoooooow mew meow meow, mew mew mew m meeoow meeeeoooooow--meow mew meow m

paradox, but she was; so she communed with herself on her bed at night,
meooooow, mew mew mew; me mew meooooow meow meeoow me mew mew me meow,

thus,--
meow,--

"My inhuman master has most unfeelingly slain all my pretty little babes,
"Me meeoow meoow mew meow meeeeoooooow meow mew me meoow meeoow meow,

and has not left me one; but he cannot dry up the fountains of a mother's
mew mew mew meow me mew; mew me meeoow mew me mew meeeeoow me m meeoow'm

love, with which my heart runs o'er; besides, I'm taking the milk-fever.
meow, meow meow me meow meow m'me; meeoow, M'm meeoow mew meow-meow.

But behold, day is gently breaking. I'll seek the mountain, and be it what
Mew meeoow, mew me meeoow meooooow. M'me meow mew meeoow, mew me me meow

it may, I'll have something to love, something to suckle me."
me mew, M'me meow meeeeeeow me meow, meeeooooow me meeooow me."

That day she found, or more probably stole, a fine young hare, which she
Meow mew mew meeow, me meow meeeeeeow meoow, m meow meoow meow, meeow mew
nursed and reared as tenderly as if it had been one of her own kittens.
meeow mew meoow me meooooow me me me mew meow mew me mew mew meeeew.

NURSING SQUIRRELS.--This is by no means uncommon in cats. They will rear
MEOOOOW MEEEEEEOW.--Meow me me me meeow meeeooooow me meow. Meow meow meow

them either along with their own kittens or by themselves; and a very
meow meeoow meeow meow meoow mew meeeew me me meeeeeeooow; mew m meow

pretty sight it is to see. Squirrels thus reared make most delightful
meeoow meoow me me me mew. Meeeeeew meow meeoow meow meow meooooooow

little pets.
meoow meow.

NURSING CHICKENS.--I know several instances of cats supplying the place of
MEOOOOW MEEEEEEOW.--M meow meeoow meooooooow me meow meeeeeeow mew meeow me

their lost kittens with a chicken. One cat, for example, had had all her
meeow meow meooooow meow m meeeew. Mew mew, mew meeeoow, mew mew mew mew

offspring,--it was her first litter,--drowned; she went at once out into
meeeeeeow,--me mew mew meeow meeoow,--meeooow; mew meow me meow mew meow

the court-yard, where a hen was gathering crumbs to a large brood of
mew meoow-meow, meoow m mew mew meooooooow meeeow me m meeow meeow me

chickens. One of these pussy, watching her chance, sprang upon and seized
meeeeeeow. Mew me meeow meoow, meooooow mew meeoow, meeeow meow mew meeooow

by the neck, and although hotly pursued by the enraged mother, managed to
me mew meow, mew meooooow meeow meooooow me mew meooooow meeeow, meeoow me

reach the house in safety, and went straight to her own bed. Here she
meeow mew meoow me meoow, mew meow meooooooow me mew mew mew. Meow mew

deposited the chicken, and, lying down beside it, commenced to sing,
meooooooow mew meeeoow, mew, meeow meow meeoow me, meooooooow me meow,

clearly intimating that she wished her little adopted one to have a drink.
meeeew meeeooooow meow mew meeoow mew meeeow meooooow mew me meow m meeow.

But unfortunately, chickie's mouth wasn't adapted for sucking, but it
Mew meeeeeeeeeow, meeoow'm meow meow'm meeoow mew meoow, mew me

cowered beside her for warmth; and as there were plenty of crumbs on the
meoow meoow mew mew meeoow; mew me meow meow meeoow me meeoow me mew

kitchen floor, it did not want. So it became a sort of household pet, and
meeeeow meow, me mew mew meow. Me me meeoow m meow me meeeeeow mew, mew

when not eating, it was always cuddling down beside its funny
meow mew meoow, me mew meoow meeeeeow meow meoow mew meow

foster-mother. I may mention here, that next time this same cat had
meoow-meoow. M mew meeoow meow, meow meow meow meow meow mew mew

kittens they were all drowned again; but this time she did a wiser thing.
meeoow meow meow mew meeoow meow; mew meow meow mew mew m meow meow.

She found out that a cat, belonging to one of the neighbours, was the
Mew meow mew meow m mew, meeoowow me mew me mew meeeeeow, mew mew

happy mother of three kittens which she had been allowed to keep. Off goes
meow meeoow me meow meeoow meow mew mew meow meeeeow me meow. Mew meow

puss to this neighbour's house, and having thrashed the mother to begin
meow me meow meeoowow'm meow, mew meoow meeoow mew meoow me meow

with, she kidnapped and carried home one of her family. Several times was
meow, mew meeoowow mew meoow meow mew me mew meeoow. Meoow meow mew

the kitten taken back, and each time pussy went and stole it again; and as
mew meoow meow meow, mew meow meow meow meow mew meow me meow; mew me

she never failed to give the other cat a preliminary hiding, it was at
mew meow meoow me meow mew meow mew m meeeeeow meeeow, me mew me

last deemed most prudent to let her retain it.
meow meeoow meow meeoow me mew mew meeoow me.

Miss G---- is an old maid, and a great lover of cats and poultry. Once she
Meow M---- me me mew meow, mew m meow meow me meow mew meeeeow. Meow mew

had a cat nursing a litter of kittens, and one of the chickens in the yard
mew m mew meeoow m meeoow me meeoow, mew mew me mew meeoow me mew meow

being rather deformed and not thriving, Miss G. brought it and flung it to
meow meeeow meeoow mew mew meeoow, Meow M. meeeeow me mew meow me me

the cat, thinking it would be a great treat to her. It was a treat to
mew mew, meeeeow me meow me m meow meow me mew. Me mew m meow me

her, though hardly in the way she expected, for pussy commenced licking
mew, meoow meeoow me mew mew mew meeoow, mew meow meeoowow meeoow

it all over, and forthwith adopted it, and nursed it along with her
me mew meow, mew meeeooooow meeeow me, mew meooooow me meow meow mew

kittens. She continued to do so until it grew into a large, leggy, and
meooooow. Mew meooooooooow me me me meow me meow meow m meow, meow, mew

withal rather ungainly hen; and the most ridiculous part of the business
meooooow meeeow meooooooooow mew; mew mew meow meooooooooow meow me mew meeeooooow

was, that if at any time Tuckie longed for the society of her feathered
mew, meow me me mew meow Meeoow meeeow mew mew meooooow me mew meeeooooow

fellow-creatures, pussy went after her like a shot, and seizing her by the
meooooow-meeeooooow, meow meow meow mew meow m meow, mew meeeow mew me mew

neck lugged her back into the house, and jumped with her into Miss G.'s
meow meeeow mew meow meow mew meow, mew meeeow meow mew meow Meow M.'m

bed where her kittens were.
mew meow mew meeeooooow meow.

A gentleman in New Deer, also possessed a cat who reared a chicken to
M meooooooooow me Mew Meow, meow meeeooooooooow m mew mew meeeow m meooooow me

hen-hood. In this case the adopted chicken was nursed alone, pussy's
mew-meow. Me meow meow mew meeeooooow meeeooooow mew meooooow meow, meow'm

kittens having been drowned. This fowl's neck, was actually crooked with
meeeooooow meooooow meow meeeooooow. Meow meow'm meow, mew meeeooooow meeeow meow

the cat's carrying her about so much in her mouth, so she always held her
mew mew'm meooooooooow mew meow me meow me mew meow, me mew meeeow meow mew

head very much to one side, and was upon the whole a very ugly hen. We
meow meow meow me mew meow, mew mew meow mew meow m meow meow mew. Me

see, then, that chicken-rearing by cats does not give that amount of
mew, meow, meow meeeooooow-meeeow me meow meow mew meow meow meooooow me

satisfaction which is desired. It might pay, though, if they could do the
meeeeeeeeeooooow meow me meeeooooow. Me meow mew, meooooow, me meow meow me mew

hatching; but cats at present cannot be taught to sit upon eggs. There is
meeeeeow; mew meow me meeeow meeeow me meooooow me mew meow meow. Meeow me

no saying what the future may bring forth, though, for a much more gifted
me meeeow meow mew meeeow mew meow meow, meeeow, mew m meow meow meooooow

animal will be _the coming cat_.
meeeow meow me meow meeeow meow.

I think the reader will now be prepared to hear of cats--
M meow mew meeeow meow mew me meeeooooow me meow me meow--

NURSING HEDGEHOGS.--Yes, three of those thorny little things were actually

MEEEEOW MEEEEEOOW.--Mew, meow me meow meeeow meeeow meooow meow meeoowow

nursed, suckled, and reared lately by a cat belonging to a gentleman, who meooow, meeeow, mew meeoow meeoow me m mew meeeeoow me m meeeeoow, mew

is very fond of trying experiments of this sort. When they grew up, and me meow meow me meeeow meeeooooooooow me meow meow. Meow meow meow me, mew

were in good feather, they were very tricky and funny; but pussy soon meow me meow meooow, meow meow meow meeeow mew meow; mew meow meow

found out that they didn't stand correction well. If she lifted a paw to meow mew meow meow meow'm meow meooooooooow meow. Me mew meeeow m mew me

them, pooh! they were transformed into three round prickly balls, before meow, meow! meow meow meeeeeeeow meow meow meow meeoow meow, meooow

the blow fell, and pussy's paw had the worst of it. Then the poor cat mew meow meow, mew meow'm mew mew mew meeeow me me. Meow mew meow mew

would look sulkily from one little ball to another, and turning about, meow meow meeoow meow mew meooow meow me meeoow, mew meeeow meow,

walk off in disgust. But three pairs of bright beady eyes were keeking at meow mew me meeeow. Mew meow meow me meooow meow meow meow meow meeeow me

her from among the thorns; and before she had reached the fender, the mew meow meow mew meooow; mew meooow mew mew meeeow mew meeeow, mew

little pigs were all unfolded and after her at the galop. Round would meeeow meow meow mew meeeeoow mew meow mew me mew meow. Meeow meow

wheel the cat, and up would roll the hogs again, then pussy would seat meow mew mew, mew me meow meow mew meow meow, meow meow meow meow

herself in front, and keep them thus for an hour at a time, by gently meeeow me meow, mew meow meow meow mew me meow me m meow, me meeoow

tapping each ball as it attempted to unroll itself. meooow meow meow me me meeeeoow me meeeow meeeow.

SUCKLING RATS.--Some years ago there was a cat in Scotland who, when three MEEEEEOOW MEOW.--Meow meow mew meow mew m mew me Meeeeoow mew, meow meow

of her kittens were drowned, supplied their place by bringing in three me mew meeoow meow meeoow, meeeeoow meow meow me meeoow me meow

young rats to make up the number. She must have known something of meow meow me meow me mew meeeow. Mew meow meow meow meeeeoow me

arithmetic too, for, when one of the little rats died, she went out and meeoowooow mew, mew, meow mew me mew meooow meow meow, mew meow mew mew

carried in another, still to have the number five. But still another died,

meooooow me meeeeow, meow me meow mew meooooow meow. Mew meow meooooow meow,
and probably she could not find any more, for she contented herself with
mew meooooow mew meow mew meow mew meow, mew mew meeeeeooow meooooow meow
nursing, and tending the two remaining ones, along with her own two
meooooow, mew meeeeow mew mew meeeooooow meow, meow meow mew mew mew
kittens. I never heard what eventually became of the rats. I don't think
meooooow. M meow meow meow meeeeeeeooow meeeow me mew meow. M mew'm meow
she would have eaten them. More probably they lived and grew, and went
mew meow meow meow meow. Meow meeeooooow meow meow mew meow, mew meow
back as missionaries to their own people.
meow me meeeeeeeooooow me meow mew meooooow.

CHAPTER XIX.
MEOOOOW MEW.

[_See Note R, Addenda._]
[mEow Meow M, Meeooooow.m]

PUSSY'S PLAYMATES.
MEOOW'M MEEEEEOOW.

I have already shown in former chapters, how loving and affectionate pussy
M meow meeeeow meow me meeoow meeeooooow, mew meeeow mew meooooooooooow meow
is towards her master and mistress, and how thoughtful and kind a mother
me meooooow mew meeeow mew meeeeeooow, mew mew meeeooooooow mew meow m meeeow
she is. But to her playmates also she is ever gentle and true, whether

mew me. Mew me mew meeeeeeoow meow mew me meow meeoow mew meow, meeeoow

that playmate be another cat, or an animal of quite a distinct breed. I meow meooooow me meeeoow mew, me me meeoow me meow m meeeoow meow. M

have never known a cat cement a friendship with any creature, without such meow meow meow m mew meeoow m meeeeeeeow meow mew meooooow, meeoow meow

friendship lasting till death. How very wrong then to accuse pussy of meeeooooow meeeow meow meow. Mew meow meow meow me meeoow meow me

being treacherous! With almost any animal that happens to be domesticated meow meeeeeeeow! Meow meooow mew meeoow meow meeoow me me meeeooooow

about the same house, a cat will strike up a friendship, and will be ready meow mew meow meow, m mew meow meooow me m meooooooow, mew meow me meow

at any time to fight for it, and protect it from harm. It is quite a me mew meow me meow mew me, mew meeoow me meow meow. Me me meow m

common thing to see a cat amusing itself playing with rabbits, or guinea meeeow meow me mew m mew meeeoow meeoow meeeow meow meeeow, me meooow

pigs, at hide-and-seek among the bushes, or on the lawn. There is often a meow, me meow-mew-meow meow mew meeeow, me me mew meow. Meow me meow m

distinct understanding between some old horse or cow about the place. I meeeoow meeeeeooooow meooow meow mew meow me mew meow mew meow. M

have known a cat live entirely in the stable, and invariably go to sleep meow meow m mew meow meeeeoow me mew meooow, mew meooooooow me me meow

on a particular horse's back; the horse in his turn used to welcome her me m meeeooooow meow'm meow; mew meow me mew meow meow me meooow mew

with a fond neigh when she came home at night. meow m meow meow meow mew meow meow me meow.

In a village in the Highlands of Scotland, where I resided, there was a Me m meeeow me mew Meooooow me Meooooow, meow M meeeow, meow mew m

crow, a very very old, bald-headed crow, used to come morning and evening, meow, m meow meow mew, meow-meooow meow, meow me meow meeoow mew meeoow,

for many months, and sit on the fence opposite, until I threw him a slice mew meow meeeow, mew mew me mew meow meeeeeow, meow M meow mew m meow

of bread or a cold boiled potato. One morning I was surprised on opening me meow me m meow meeoow meeeow. Mew meeoow M mew meeeeeooow me meeeow

the door to find the old Bird-o'-freedom, as I called him, standing on the mew meow me meow mew mew Meow-m'-meeeow, me M meeeow mew, meooooow me mew

step. Instead of flying away, he hopped past me into the room, and

meow. Meeooow me meeoow meow, me meooow meow me meow mew meow, mew

perching himself on the fender, looked so knowingly first at me and then meeeeeow meeoow me mew meeeow, meeoow me meeoowooow meow me me mew meow

at the fire, that for the life of me I could not help thinking about Poe's me mew meow, meow mew mew meow me me M meow mew meow meeeooow meow Mew'm

raven and shuddering, fully expecting the bird would presently say, meow mew meooooooooow, meow meeeeoow mew meow meow meooooooooow mew,

"Nevermore." If he could have spoken, I am sure he would have addressed me "Meeooooow." Me me meow meow meeeow, M me meow me meow meeeeeeow me

something after this fashion:-- meeeeeeow meow meow meeeow:--

"Doctor, you're something of an animal fancier, and I know you're not a "Meeeeow, mew'me meeoowooow me me meeeow meeeow, mew M meow mew'me mew m

bad-hearted chap on the whole. Now the fact is, I'm feeling rather poorly, mew-meeeeeow meow me mew meow. Mew mew meow me, M'm meeeow meooow meooow,

and the forest winds are cold of a night; besides, I'm not so young as I mew mew meeoow meow mew meow me m meow; meeoow, M'm mew me meow me M

have been,--I'm nigh on ninety, lad,--so I intend for my few remaining meow meow,--M'm meow me meeeow, mew,--me M meooow mew me mew meeeeeeow

days to take my pick in a homely way at your fireside. The cat won't bite, meow me meow me meow me m meeoow mew me meow meeoowooow. Mew mew mew'm meow,

will she?" meow mew?"

In fact, Muffie had fully made up her mind to turn him out of doors there Me meow, Meeoow mew meow meow me mew meow me meow mew mew me meow meow

and then, and with that hospitable intention was now approaching him. But mew meow, mew meow meow meeeeoow meeeeoow mew mew meeeooooooooow mew. Mew

Bird-o'-freedom opened his mouth, and gave vent to two such caws, as Meow-m'-meooow meeeow mew meow, mew meow meow me mew meow meow, me

nearly shook the house. I never heard any bird have such lungs. Muffie was meeoow meow mew meow. M meow meow mew meow meow meow meow. Meeeeow mew

fairly startled, and scampered off with her tail in the air; but in a few meeeow meeeeeow, mew meeeeeeow mew meow mew meow me mew mew; mew me m mew

days the cat and he were as thick as thieves. In truth, Bird-o'-freedom

meow mew mew mew me meow me meeeow me meooooow. Me meeeow, Meow-m'-meooooow

was a thief, at least, as far as eggs went. If he spied one in the
mew m meoow, me meeeow, me mew me meow meow. Me me meoow mew me mew

cupboard, he watched his chance, and when it came, one dig laid the egg
meooooow, me meeeeow mew meeeow, mew meow me meow, mew mew meow mew mew

open, and next second the contents were down his throat with one almighty
meow, mew meow meoow mew meooooow meow meow mew meoow meow mew meeeooow

gulp. I allowed him two eggs a day, but he would not take them if I
meow. M meeeoow mew mew meow m mew, mew me meeeow mew meow meow me M

offered them to him, or before my face; I had to lay them one by one in
meooooow meow me mew, me meeeow me meow; M mew me mew meow mew me mew me

the cupboard, and give him the pleasure of stealing them. Muffie was never
mew meeeeeow, mew meow mew mew meooooow me meooooow meow. Meeeeow mew meeeow

better pleased than when he was eating, and she sat and sang to him while
meoow meeeeeow meow meow me mew meeeow, mew mew mew mew meow me mew meeeow

he drank the milk from her saucer. Then she would sit and sleep cheek by
me meeeow mew meow meow mew meeeow. Meow mew meoow mew mew meoow meoow me

jowl with him for hours. A cat with whom Muffie had never had any words
meow meow mew mew meoow. M mew meow meow Meeeeow mew meeeow mew mew meoow

before, once looked into the room, Muffie drove her out with terrible
meeeow, meow meeeow meow mew meow, Meeeeow meeeow mew mew meow meeeooow

suddenness, and thrashed her properly outside the door. When the candles
meeeeeeoow, mew meooooow mew meeeeoow meeeeeow mew meow. Meow mew meeeeeow

were lit in the long winter evenings, Bird-o'-freedom, perched upon the
meow mew me mew meow meoow meooooow, Meow-m'-meeeoow, meooooow meow mew

fender, used to look up at me so slyly, and yet so solemnly with one
meeeow, meow me meow me me me me meoow, mew mew me meeeeoow meow mew

wicked eye, that I used to doubt whether he wasn't the devil entirely, and
meoow mew, meow M meow me meoow meeeeoow me meow'm mew meeeow meeeeeow, mew

fly to my fiddle to dispel the thoughts. The poor crow had a fit one
mew me me meeeow me meeeow mew meooooow. Mew meow meow mew m mew mew

morning, and died on his back on the hearth-rug; and when he was dead, the
meeeeoow, mew meow me mew meow me mew meeeow-mew; mew meow me mew meow, mew

cat was chief mourner. She went about for days, searching for her lost
mew mew meoow meooooow. Mew meow meoow mew meow, meeeooooow mew mew meow

favourite, and mourning all the while, for her grief was really sincere.
meeeeoow, mew meeeeoow mew mew meoow, mew mew meeeow mew meeeow meooooow.

"Tabby," writes a lady to me, "had been poisoned. Shortly before her

"Meow," meeeow m meow me me, "mew meow meeeeeeow. Meeeoow meeoow mew

death, we had her brought upstairs and laid down on the rug in front of meow, me mew mew meeeoow meooooow mew meow meow me mew mew me meow me

the fire,--she was very ill, and unable to lift her head. Tom came mew meow,--mew mew meow mew, mew meeeow me meow mew meow. Mew meow

bouncing as usual into the room, and sitting down beside her, with his paw meeeeoow me meow meow mew meow, mew meooooow meow meeoow mew, meow mew mew

playfully patted her on the face; but getting no response, it actually meeeeeeow meoow mew me mew meow; mew meooooow me meooooow, me meooooow

then seemed as if he understood how serious the case really was, because meow meoow me me me meeoowooooow mew meeeow mew meow meeoow mew, meeeow

with the same paw he gently raised her head up a little, and kindly licked meow mew meow mew me meeoow meeoow mew meow me m meoow, mew meoow meoow

her all over. It was very affecting, and was more than we expected from mew mew meow. Me mew meow meooooow, mew mew meow meow me meooooow meow

him; but certainly he got great credit for the good deed, and ever after mew; mew meeeeeeow me mew meow meoow mew mew meow meow, mew meow meow

had the character of being the warmest-hearted of cats,--and poor Tabby mew mew meeeeoow me meow mew meeoow-meooooow me meow,--mew meow Meow

died in his arms."
meow me mew meow."

Every one knows what a warm friendship will often spring up between a cat Meow mew meow meow m meow meeeeoow meow meow meeeow me meeoow m mew

and a dog, both resident in the same house. How they will sleep in each mew m mew, meow meeeow me mew meow meow. Mew meow meow meow me meow

other's arms, eat together, fight for one another; how generous the dog is meow'm meow, mew meeeow, meow mew mew meeeow; mew meooooow mew mew me

towards any weaknesses she may display; and how grateful pussy is in meeoow mew meeeeoow mew mew meooooow; mew mew meooooow meow me me

return. They will have their little tiffs occasionally, of course. I have meeeow. Meow meow meow meow meeeow meow meeeeeeow, me meeoow. M meow

seen my cat jump on the piano-stool more than once, in order to slap meow me mew meow me mew meow-meow meow meow meow, me meow me meow

Master Nero in the face; upon which the dog, swearing like the British in Meoow Meow me mew meow; meow meow mew mew, meooooow meow mew Meeeeow me

Flanders, hauled her off, and rubbed her well on the carpet, but did not

Meeooooow, meeeow mew mew, mew meeeow mew meow me mew meeeow, mew mew mew

really hurt her.

meeeow meow mew.

THE CZAR AND WHISKEY.--Whiskey in this case does not mean something to
MEW MEOW MEW MEEEEOW.--Meeeoow me meow meow meow mew meow meeeeoow me

drink. It was the name--and a very appropriate name it was--of a little
meow. Me mew mew meow--mew m meow meooooooooow meow me mew--me m meoow

Scotch terrier, who lived in a village in the far north of Scotland. In
Meeoow meeoow, mew meow me m meooooow me mew mew meow me Meeeoow. Me

the same house with him dwelt the Czar,--this was a large bluish-black
mew meow meow meow mew meow mew Meow,--meow mew m meow meoow-meeow

cat, who was said to have been imported from Russia--hence his name. No
mew, mew mew meow me meow meow meeeeoow meow Meooooow--meow mew meow. Me

two animals in the world could have loved each other more devotedly, than
mew meeeeoow me mew meow meoow meow meoow meow meoow meow meeeeoow, meow

did the Czar and little Whiskey. And Whiskey was the gamest of the game,
mew mew Meow mew meeeow Meeeoow. Mew Meeeoow mew mew meeeow me mew meow,

yet he never showed his teeth to his feline friend. From the same dish
mew me meoow meeoow mew meow me mew meeeow meoow. Meow mew meow meow

they took their meals, Whiskey merely premising that he should have all
meow meow meow meow, Meeeoow meooooow meooooooooow meow me meeoow meow mew

the bones. They were together all day, save when Whiskey's duty to his
mew meow. Meow meow meooooow mew mew, meow meow Meeeoow'm meow me mew

master called him away, and at night they shared the same couch, the Czar
meeeow meoow mew meow, mew me meow meow meoow mew meow meow, mew Meow

fondly taking Whiskey in his arms because he was the biggest. I'm not
meooooow meeoow Meeeoow me mew meow meooooow me mew mew meeeeoow. M'm mew

sure, indeed, whether the Czar did not waken Whiskey, when that little
meow, meeeow, meooooow mew Meow mew mew meow Meeeoow, meow meow meeoow

gentleman took the nightmare. However, they were as loving as loving could
meooooooooow meow mew meeeeoow. Meooooow, meow meow me meeoow me meeoow meow

be. And, once or twice every week, this kindly couple used to go out
me. Mew, meow me meoow meoow meow, meow meooooow meeoow meow me me mew

hunting together. They did not care for game-laws, and heeded not the
meeeeoow meooooow. Meow mew mew meow mew meow-meow, mew meoow mew mew

keepers--they were a law unto themselves. On these occasions, they used to

meeeeow--meow meow m mew meow meeeeeooooow. Me meow meeeeeeeow, meow meow me

go out together in the morning, and after spending all the long day among me mew meeeeeow me mew meeoow, mew meow meeeeeow mew mew meow mew meow

the hills and woods, they invariably came home before dark. This coming mew meow mew meow, meow meooooooooow meow meow meeoow meow. Meow meoow

home before nightfall, was doubtless a suggestion of Whiskey's, for a dog meow meeoow meooooooooow, mew meooooooooow m meeeeeeeow me Meooooow'm, mew m mew

can neither see so well in the dark as a cat, nor can his constitution so mew meooooow mew me meow me mew meow me m mew, mew mew mew meeeeeeeeeow me

well withstand the dews of night. But the very fact of the Czar's keeping meow meooooooooow mew meow me meow. Mew mew meow meow me mew Meow'm meooooow

early hours to please Whiskey, is another proof of how he loved him. And meow meow me meeoow Meeoow, me meeoow meow me mew me meow mew. Mew

almost every night, these sons of Nimrod brought home with them some meeoow meow meow, meow meow me Meeoow meeeow meow meow meow meow

trophy from the hunting-ground. Sometimes it was a rabbit, more often a meeeow meow mew meeeow-meeow. Meooooooooow me mew m meoow, meow meow m

bird--if the latter, Whiskey generally had the honour of carrying it, and meow--me mew meoow, Meeeow meeeeeeeow mew mew meoow me meeeeeow me, mew

very proud he was of the distinction; if a rabbit, the Czar bore the meow meow me mew me mew meooooooooow; me m meeeow, mew Meow meow mew

burden. And so things went on, till one mournful night, poor Whiskey came meoow. Mew me meeoow meow me, meow mew meeeeeow meow, meow Meeeow meow

home later than usual, and all alone. He came in, but lay down on the meow meow meow meow, mew mew meow. Me meow me, mew mew meow me mew

door-mat, out of which he would not budge an inch. He refused his porridge meow-mew, mew me meow me meow mew meow me meow. Me meooooow mew meooooooooow

and all consolation, and lay there in a listening attitude, starting up mew mew meeeeeooooow, mew mew meow me m meeeeeooooow meeeeeow, meeeeeow me

every minute at the slightest sound. His mistress went to bed and left meow meeoow me mew meeeeeeeow meow. Mew meeoow meow me mew mew meow

him. It must have been long past midnight, when Whiskey came dashing into mew. Me meow meow meow meow meow meeeeoow, meow Meooooow meow meooooow meow

his mistress's bedroom, knocking over a chair in his hurry, and barking mew meeoow'm meeeow, meeeeoow meow m meow me mew meow, mew meooooow

wildly as he dashed hither and thither, like a mad thing. When his meoow me me meoow meeeow mew meeeow, meow m mew meow. Meow mew

mistress got up at last, poor little Whiskey preceded her to the door,

meeeeeeow mew me me meow, meow meeeow Meeeeow meeeooooow mew me mew meow,
barking and looking very anxious and excited. A pitiful mew was heard, and
meeooooow mew meeeooooow meow meeeeeow mew meooooow. M meeeeoow mew mew meeow, mew
on the lady opening the door, in rushed Czar the cat on three legs--he had
me mew meow meeeooooow mew meow, me meeeoow Meow mew mew me meoow meow--me mew
left the other in a trap. Nothing could exceed the kindness of Whiskey to
meow mew meeow me m meow. Meeeeeow meeow meooooow mew meeeeeeow me Meeeeeow me
his wounded playmate. He threw himself down beside her on the rug whining
mew meeeooooow meeeooooow. Me meoow meeeeoow meow meooooow mew me mew mew meeeooooow
and crying with grief, and gently licked her bleeding stump. And every
mew meeeoow meow meeow, mew meeeeoow meeeoow mew meeeeeeow meoow. Mew meeow
day for weeks did Whiskey apply hot fomentations, with his soft wee tongue
mew mew meeow mew Meooooow meeow mew meeeeeeeeeeeow, meow mew meow mew meeooow
to pussy's leg, till it was entirely healed. But they had no more romping
me meeow'm mew, meow me mew meeeooooow meooooow. Mew meow mew me meow meeeooooow
together in the fields and woods, for the Czar's hunting-days were
meeeooooow me mew meeeoow mew meeow, mew mew Meow'm meeeeoow-meow meow
over--in this world at least.
meow--me meow meoow me meoow.

CHAPTER XX.
MEOOOOOW ME.

[_See Note S, Addenda._]
[mEow Meow M, Meeooooow.m]

PUSSY AND THE HARE.
MEEOW MEW MEW MEOW.

In the parish of P---, Aberdeenshire, there lived some years ago a

Me mew meeeow me M---, Meeeeeeeeeeow, meow meow meow meow mew m

crofter and his wife, and a little boy their only son. A fine she-tabby meeeow mew mew meow, mew m meooow mew meow meow mew. M meow mew-meow

cat who nightly sang duets with the kettle to welcome the master home, was mew mew meeeow meow meow meow mew meeeow me meooow mew meooow meow, mew

the only other member of the family.
mew meow meow meeeow me mew meooow.

One day, while roaming over the moorland in search of birds' nests, the Mew mew, meow meooow meow mew meeoow me meeeow me meow' meow, mew

boy found a young hare, sound asleep among the heather. Such a prize was mew meow m meow meow, meow meooow meow mew meeeow. Meow m meow mew

worth any number of birds' eggs, and the lad carried it tenderly home and meow mew meooow me meow' meow, mew mew mew meeeow me meooow meow mew

presented it to his mother, and it was that night placed in a box in the meeeeeow me me mew meeeow, mew me mew meow meow meooow me m mew me mew

cow-byre. Next morning it was gone--puss had eaten it no doubt, and no one mew-meow. Meow meooow me mew meow--meow mew meow me me meow, mew me mew

could blame her. Pussy had had kittens, only a day or two before, and they meow meow mew. Meow mew mew meeeow, meow m mew me mew meooow, mew meow

had all been drowned. For about a week after the disappearance of the mew mew meow meooow. Mew meow m meow meow mew meeeeoow me mew

hare, it was observed, that pussy was not so regular in her attendance on meow, me mew meooow, meow meow mew mew me meeeow me mew meeoow me

the house as usual. She never lay by the fire--the kettle might sing its mew meow me meow. Mew meow mew me mew meow--mew meooow meow meow mew

duets by itself; she ate her meals hurriedly and greedily, and then meow me meeeow; mew mew mew meow meeoow mew meeeow, mew meow

escaped out.
meeeow mew.

"It's the hare she ate that's no agreeing wi' her," said the goodman.
"Me'm mew meow mew mew meow'm me meeoow me' mew," meow mew meeeow.

"There's mair in it than that," said the canny goodwife; and, with a "Meow'm meow me me meow meow," meow mew meow meeoow; mew, meow m

woman's instinct, she followed pussy out and up into the hay-loft; and, lo

meow'm meooooow, mew meeeeeow meow mew mew me meow mew mew-meow; mew, me

and behold! there lay the cat, in a snug little bed, suckling the lost mew meeoow! meow mew mew mew, me m meow meeeow mew, meeeoow mew meow

hare, and singing as sweetly as a linnet. Pussy reared the hare, and they meow, mew meooooow me meeeow me m meeeow. Meow meeeow mew meow, mew meow

became inseparables. At breakfast pussy always waited until the hare had meeoow meooooooooow. Me meooooooooow meow meoooo meeeow meow mew meow mew

finished, and when there happened to be broth for dinner--a dish the hare meooooow, mew meow meow meeeoow me me meow mew meoow--m meow mew meow

did not relish--the cat never failed to beg for a piece of bread, which mew mew meeeow--mew mew meow meeeow me mew mew m meow me meow, meow

she carried at once to her strange foster-child. The cat and hare went mew meeeow me meow me mew meooooow meeoow-meeow. Mew mew mew meow meow

everywhere together; sometimes indeed they might be seen fully a mile from meooooooooow meeeeeow; meeeeeow meeeow meow meow me meow meow m meow meow

home. This cat was a famous hunter, and always brought her dead rabbits meow. Meow mew mew m meoow meoow, mew meoow meooooow mew meow meeoow

home. It was funny, at times, to see the pair coming from the fields at meow. Me mew meow, me meow, me mew mew meow meeoow meow mew meeoow me

even, the cat with her dead quarry in her mouth, creeping stealthily meow, mew mew meow mew meow meooooow me mew meow, meooooow meeeeeoow

along, her eyes in every direction, and the big hare, rather out of meow, mew meow me meow meooooooooow, mew mew mew meow, meoow mew me

breath, bringing up the rear, and looking very foolish, as if he didn't meoow, meeeeoow me mew meow, mew meooooow meow meeeoow, me me meow'm

exactly know what it all meant, and rather deprecated the cat's conduct meeeoow meow meow me mew meow, mew meeoow meeeeeeoow mew mew'm meeeoow

than otherwise. This cat could fish; for one day a gentleman hooked a meow meeeeeoow. Meow mew meow meow; mew mew mew m meeeeeoow meeoow m

large salmon in the river, and after running it for nearly two hours his meow meeeow me mew meow, mew meow meooooow me mew meoow mew meeoow mew

line broke and he lost it. Now, this salmon was found next morning on the meow meeoow mew me meow me. Mew, meow meeeow mew meow meow meooooow me mew

cottar's door-step. The cat and hare were both present; and as there is no meoow'm meow-meow. Mew mew mew meow meow meow meeeow; mew me meeoow me me

account on record of hares fishing, we think the credit of the capture meeeoow me meeoow me meow meeoow, me meow mew meoow me mew meeoow

must be given to pussy. For two years this strangely matched couple were

meow me meoow me meoow. Mew mew meoow meow meeeeeeow meeoow meoow meow

friends, and bosom companions, for they slept together. But, one fine meoow, mew meow meeeeeeow, mew meow meoow meeeeeeow. Mew, mew meow

summer's day they were lying in front of the house half-asleep in the meoow'm mew meow meow meoow me meow me mew meow meow-meoow me mew

sunshine,--the hare at one side of the door, pussy at the other, and the meeeeeeow,--mew meow me mew meow me mew meow, meoow me mew meoow, mew mew

cottar's wife knitting between them. meeeow'm meow meeeeeeow meeeow meow.

The whole scene was one "of peas," and might have remained so, only Mew meoow meow mew mew "me meow," mew meow meow meeeeeeow me, meow

tragedy, in the shape of farmer Dick's big, disreputable collie, was at meeeeeeow, me mew meow me meeoow Meow'm mew, meeeeeeeeeow meoow, mew me

that precise moment peeping round a corner and taking stock. meow meeoow meoow meeeeeeow meoow m meeeow mew meoow meow.

"Hullo!" said the dog to himself; "it's a--no, it isn't; yes, it is; hang "Meow!" meow mew mew me meoow; "me'm m--me, me mew'm; mew, me me; meow

me, if it isn't--_a hare--as cheeky as you like too. I'll teach him." me, me mew'm--me meow--me meeoow me mew meow mew. M'me meow mew."

And he did. The poor hare never required another lesson. Nor did pussy Mew me mew. Mew meow meow meoow meooooow meeeeeeow meeeow. Mew mew meow

lose any time in giving the dog one. Rendered frantic by her poor friend's meow mew meow me meeoow mew mew mew. Meooooow meeoow me mew meow meeoow'm

death, she sprang on his back and tore him with tooth and nail. One of the meow, mew meeeow me mew meow mew meow mew meow meoow mew meow. Mew me mew

dog's eyes was entirely destroyed; and it need not be added he ever after mew'm meow mew meeeeeeow meooooow; mew me meow mew me meow me meow meow

gave that house a wide berth. After the untimely fate of her foster-child, meow meow meoow m meow meow. Meow mew meeeeeeow meow me mew meoow-meeow,

pussy was extremely disconsolate, moping about and never caring to leave meow mew meooooow meeeeeeeeow, meeoow meow mew meow meeeow me meow

the house. She had not long to mourn for him however, for some months

mew meow. Mew mew mew meow me meow mew mew meeeow, mew meow meow

after she fell a victim to her own curiosity; for, like women, cats are meow mew meow m meow me mew mew meeeow; mew, meow meow, meow mew

extremely prying.
meeeow meow.

The cottar's wife was one day melting some tallow in a large tea-pot,
Mew meow'm meow mew mew mew meow meow meow meow me m meow mew-mew,

which after using she left by the fire-side; and that night, when every meow meow meow mew meow me mew meow-meow; mew meow meow, meow meow

one was in bed, pussy, who had been dying all day to know what was inside mew mew me mew, meow, mew mew meow meow mew mew me meow meow mew meow

that tea-pot, "pirlled" off the lid and popped her imprudent head in. Alas! meow mew-mew, "meow" mew mew mew mew meow mew meeeow meow me. Meow!

she never got it out again. About midnight the honest couple--snug in mew meow mew me mew meow. Meow meeeow mew meow meow--meow me

bed--were awakened by a dreadful clattering noise in the kitchen, along mew--meow meeeow me m meow meow meow meow meow me mew meow, meow

the passage, and on the stair.
mew meow, mew me mew meow.

"Geordie, Geordie! rise and see," said the good wife, nudging her goodman.
"Meow, Meow! meow mew mew," meow mew meow meow, meow mew meow.

"Jean, Jean! rise and see yersel'," said he, nudging her in turn.
"Meow, Meow! meow mew mew meow'," meow me, meow mew me meow.

"It's _Hallow E'en_, Geordie," cried Jean; "and there is a deil, or
"Me'm meow M'mew, Meow," meow Meow; "mew meow me m meow, me

deils rather, in the house, I ken." For the reader must bear in mind meow meow, me mew meow, M mew." Mew mew meow meow meow meow

that, though banished from English soil, fairies, bogles, and all that meow, meow meeeow meow Meow meow, meow, meow, mew mew meow

ilk, still linger among the breckans of our Scottish glades and glens; and

mew, meow meoow meow mew meeoow me mew Meeeeeow meeeow mew meow; mew

annually on the night of 31st October, they play a thousand pranks under
meooooow me mew meow me meow Meeoow, meow meow m meeeeow meoow meow

the direct supervision of the archfiend himself. This superstition proved
mew meoow meeoow me mew meeeow meeoow. Meow meeoow meeeow

fatal to poor puss. Gradually the noise got less, and soon ceased
meow me meow meow. Meeeoow mew meow mew meow, mew meow meoow

entirely. Next morning, the cottar's wife was up betimes and downstairs.
meeeow. Meow meeeow, mew meeeow'm meow mew me meeeow mew meeoow.

She soon returned, wringing her hands and weeping bitterly.
Mew meow meooooow, meeeow mew meow mew meooooow meeoow.

"Oh! Geordie," she cried; "come doon and see what the deil has done to our
"Me! Meooooow," mew meow; "meow meow mew mew meow mew meow mew meow me mew

poor pussy."
meow meow."

CHAPTER XXI.
MEOOOW MEW.

[_See Note T, Addenda._]
[mEow Meow M, Meeeoow.m]

THE MILLER'S FRIEND--A TALE.
MEW MEEEOW'M MEEOW--M MEOW.

You might have travelled many a long summer's day and not met with such
Mew meow meow meeeeoow meow m meow meeeow'm mew mew mew meow meow

another. The very look of him was enough to dispel all ideas of hunger: he

meeooow. Mew meow meow me mew mew meeeow me meeooow mew meoow me meooow: me

was so big and so stout, yet withal so rosy and hardy. His voice had a mew me mew mew me meoow, mew meeeow me meow mew meoow. Mew meoow mew m

cheery ring with it, which, combined with the merry twinkle in his eye, meeeow meow meow me, meeow, meooooow meow mew meeow meeooow me mew mew,

set you on good terms with yourself at once, if indeed it did not make you mew mew me meow meeow meow meeeeeeow me meow, me meeeow me mew mew meow mew

laugh outright. As for _his_ laugh, to hear it once was to remember it for meeow meeeeeeow. Me mew meeow meoow, me meow me meow mew me meooooow me mew

ever. It was hearty, it was musical; in pitch something between the _Ha! meow. Me mew meeeow, me mew meeeeeeow; me meeow meeeeeeooow meooooow mew mEw!

ha! ha!_ and the HO! HO! HO! and it rang through the old mill, wakening a me! me!m mew mew ME! ME! ME! mew me meow meeeeoow mew mew meow, meeeeeeow m

dozen sleeping echoes, and causing the old bulldog to bark, although that meoow meooooow meooow, mew meooooow mew mew meeeeeeow me meow, meeeeeeow meow

quadruped had to lean against a pillar to perform the feat. The miller meeeeeeow mew me meow meeeeeeow m meeeow me meooooow mew meow. Mew meeeow

wasn't a young man by any means; but though he had no wife, he was the meow'm m meeow mew me mew meoow; mew meeeow me mew me meow, me mew mew

jolliest widower ever you saw, albeit his hair and whiskers were like the meeeeeeow meeeooow meow mew mew, meeeow mew meow mew meooooow meow meow mew

powdery snow. But his voice--ay, that was the bit--you should have heard meooooow meow. Mew mew meeow--me, meow mew mew mew--mew meeooow meow meeow

it rising in song-snatches, and rolling high over the double bass of the me meooow me meow-meeeeoow, mew meooooow meow meow mew meooow meow me mew

grinding wheels and the shrill clack-clack of that merry old mill. meooooow meeeow mew mew meeeow meoow-meoow me meow meoow mew meow.

He was honest moreover. No one in the parish had ever been heard to accuse Me mew meeeow meeeeeeow. Me mew me mew meooow mew meow meow meoow me meooow

him of giving light weight, or adding sand to the meal to make it turn the mew me meeeow meeow meeooow, me meeeow meow me mew meow me meow me meow mew

scale sooner. And, as a matter of course, he was a general favourite, meeow meooow. Mew, me m meeeow me meooow, me mew m meeeeeeow meeeeeeow,

especially among the farmer's daughters and servant-maids; so much so meeeooooow meoow mew meooow'm meeeooooow mew meeeooow-meeow; me meow me

indeed, that all round the country it became the general custom to take

meooow, meow mew meooow mew meooooow me meooow mew meeeooow meooow me meow

meal by the stone, instead of by the bushel, that the "errands to the meow me mew meow, meeeooow me me mew meooow, meow mew "meeeooow me mew

mill" might be all the more frequent. And indeed, however dull a lass meow" meow me mew mew meow meeeooow. Mew meooow, meeeooow meow m meow

might be, when she was going to the mill, she never left it without a meow me, meow mew mew meow me mew meow, mew meow meow me meeeooow m

rosier blush on her bonnie cheek, and a smile playing around her lips, as meeeow meow me mew meooow meow, mew m meooow meeeooow meeeow mew meow, me

she trundled cheerily along with her bag upon her head. Yes, indeed, had mew meeeooow meeeooow meow meow mew mew meow mew meow. Mew, meeeow, mew

he wanted a wife, the miller might have married the youngest of them all. me meeeow m meow, mew meooow meow meow meeeooow mew meooooow me meow mew.

Such was the miller, and such too were the race he sprang from,--they were Meow mew mew meeeow, mew meow mew meow mew meow me meeeow meow,--meow meow

in the habit of getting young again, just at the age that other folks me mew meow me meeeow meow meow, meow me mew mew meow meow meow

began to get old. They were in their prime at eighty, and never thought of meow me mew mew. Meow meow me meow meow me meeeow, mew meow meeeooow me

departing this life, until the dial shadow of their existence began to meooooow meow meow, meow mew meow meooow me meow meooooow meow me

creep near the hundred. Then all at once it used to strike Old Death, that meow meow mew meeeow. Meow mew me meow me meow me meeeow Mew Meeow, meow

he had forgotten all about them, so he would lift his scythe, and cut them me mew meeeooow mew meow meow, me me meow meow mew meeeow, mew mew meow

down smartly and suddenly.
meow meeeooow mew meooooow.

And as the miller was jolly, so everything about that old mill was jolly Mew me mew meeeow mew meow, me meeeooooow meow meow mew meow mew meow

too. There was music in the mill-lead as the waters leapt joyously from mew. Meeow mew meow me mew meow-meow me mew meeeow meow meeeooow meow

under the sluice, and hurried along to their task, and the great wheel meow mew meooow, mew meeeooow meow me meow meow, mew mew meow meow

itself, as it turned slowly and steadily round, seemed actually bursting meeeow, me me meeeow meooow mew meeeooow meow, meooow meeeooow meeeooow

with suppressed merriment. Then you should have seen the sweet little bit

meow meooooooooow meooooooooow. Meow mew meooooow meow meow mew meeeow meeeow mew

of scenery the mill was set down in. Ah! English tourists have yet to
me meeeeeow mew meow mew mew meow me. Me! Meooooow meeeeeeow meow mew me

learn, that there is one part of Scotland yet unhackneyed, yet
meow, meow meow me mew meow me Meeooooow mew meeeeeeeooooow, mew

uncockneyed, yet unspoiled, but still romantic enough to repay a journey
meeeeeooooow, mew meeeeeeow, mew meoow meeeooooow meeeow me meeeow m meeeoow

from London-town. The mill was built by the banks of the wimpling
meow Meeoow-meow. Mew meow mew meeeow me mew meoow me mew meeeeeow

Don,--built in a dingle, green rolling braes sloping up at one side, steep
Mew,--meeow me m meeeow, meeeow meooooow meoow meooooow me me mew meow, meoow

rocks on the other, and the river, here broad and fordable, rippling
meoow me mew meoow, mew mew meeeow, meow meeeow mew meeeeeeow, meooooow

between. On the top of the rocks waved a tall pine forest; some of the
meeeeeow. Me mew mew me mew meeeow meeeow m meow meow meeeow; meow me mew

trees hung by their roots over the cliff just as the storm had left them.
meoow meow me meoow meeeow meow mew meeeow meow me mew meeeow mew meow meow.

'Twas sweet in summertime to hear the birds singing in that forest, or to
'Meow meoow me meeeooooooooow me meow mew meoow meeeooooow me meow meeeow, me me

see the crimson glow of sunset glimmering through the branches; but how
mew mew meeeooooow meow me meeeow meeeeeooooow meeeooooow mew meeeeeeow; mew mew

tall and dark and weirdly looked those trees, as they stretched their
meow mew meow mew meeeeoow meeeow meoow meeeow, me meow meeeeeeoow meeeow

branches up into the green frosty sky of a quiet winter's gloaming.
meeeeeow me meow mew meoow meooooow mew me m meoow meooooow'm meeeeeow.

To my friend the miller this wood had an especial attraction, for within
Me me meooooow mew meooooow meow meow mew me meeeooooow meeeeeeeeow, mew meeeow

its shade he had wooed his first, his early love. If you had scaled the
mew meeeow me mew meoow mew meeeow, mew meoow meow. Me mew mew meeeow mew

little foot-path, that struggled up through the rocks, at the place where
meeeow meow-meow, meow meeeeeeoow me meeeooooow mew meoow, me mew meeeow meeeow

they were less precipitous, and finally gained the cliff, just at the
meow meow meow meeeooooooooow, mew meeeeoow meeeoow mew meeeow, meow me mew

point where Snuffie Sandy tumbled over in the dark and broke his neck, you
meeeow meeeow Meeooooow Meoow meeeeeeow meow me mew meow mew meoow mew meow, mew

would have come to a little foot-path, that went windingly away among the

meow meow meow me m meeoow meow-meow, meow meow meeeeeeow meow meow mew

tall solemn Scotch pines, to the roots of which the sun never penetrated
meow meeeow Meooow meow, me mew meeoow me meeoow mew mew meeoow meeeooooow

even at noon, and whose massive trunks might have been mistaken in the
meow me meow, mew meoow meeeeow meeoow meeoow meow meow meooooow me mew

sombre light, for the pillars in some gigantic cavern. Onward for a
meeoow meow, mew mew meeeoow me meow meeeooooow meooow. Meeoow mew m

quarter of an hour, and you would suddenly have found yourself in a
meeeoow me me meow, mew mew meoow meooooow meow meoow meooooow me m

clearing in the midst of the forest. This clearing was fully a square mile
meooooow me mew meoow me mew meeeow. Meow meeeooooow mew meoow m meeoow meow

in extent, and was tastefully laid out as a little farm, neat cottage and
me meeeow, mew mew meeeeooooow meow mew me m meeoow meow, meow meeeoow mew

garden, barnyard, field, and fence, and all complete, as snug a little
meeoow, meeeooooow, meow, mew meeoow, mew mew meeeooooow, me meow m meeeow

place as you could wish to see. Owing to its situation, there was quite an
meoow me mew meoow meow me mew. Meeow me mew meeeooooow, meeoow mew meeoow me

understanding between the domestic animals, and the denizens of the
meooooooooooooow meeeeoow mew meooooow meeoow, mew mew meeeooooow me mew

surrounding wood. In summertime the hare and the rabbit, browsed
meeeeeeeooooow meow. Me meeeeeeeoow mew meow mew mew meooow, meeoow

peacefully beside the cows and the sheep; the birds came regularly to the
meeeeeeeoow meeoow mew meow mew mew meeoow; mew meeoow meow meeeeeeoow me mew

latter for a supply of wool to line their nests; the hens and ducks
meeoow mew m meeoow me meow me meow meeoow meooow; mew meow mew meoow

shared their oats amicably with the wild pigeons; and old Dobbin the
meeeow meoow meow meeeeoow meow mew meow meeoow; mew mew Meooow mew

horse, who used to be tethered among the clover, didn't mind the crows a
meeoow, mew meow me me meeeeoow meeoow mew meeoow, meow'm meow mew meoow m

bit: they used his back as a sort of moving hustings on which to debate
mew: meow meow mew meow me m meow me meooow meeeeeeow me meeoow me meeoow

politics or have an occasional stand-up fight, and when Dobbin lay down to
meeeooooow me meow me meeeeeooooow meooow-me meooow, mew meow Meeoow mew meow me

rest they lovingly picked his teeth. And everything immediately around the
meow meow meeeeeeow meooow mew meeoow. Mew meooooooooow meooooooooow meeeow mew

cottage, was as natty and neat as the little farm itself. The greenest of
meooooow, mew me meeoow mew meow me mew meeeow meow meeoow. Mew meeeeoow me

garden gates led you into the sprucest of little gardens; the box was

meeoow meoow mew mew meow mew meeeeeeow me meeoow meeeoow; mew mew mew

neatly trimmed; never a blade of grass grew on the gravel; and although meeeow meeeow; meow m meoow me meoow meow me mew meeoow; mew meeeeeeow

there were not many flowers, it did one's heart good in early spring to meow meow mew meow meooooow, me mew mew'm meeoow meow me meoow meooooow me

see the blue and yellow crocuses, peeping through the dun earth, and the mew mew meow mew meeeow meeeeeeow, meooooow meeoow mew mew meoow, mew mew

sweet-scented primrose discs, diamonded with dew, reclining on the meoow-meooooow meeoow meow, meeeooooow meow mew, meeeeeeow me mew

delicate green of their tender leaves. There was a rustic porch around the meeeeeeow meoow me meeoow meeeow meeoow. Meoow mew m meeeow meeoow meeoow mew

cottage door; it was formed of the unbarked stems of the spruce fir-tree, meeeeeeow meow; me mew meooooow me mew meeeeeeow meeoow me mew meooooow mew-meow,

with just an inch of branch left on for effect, and the door itself meow meow me meow me meooooow meow me mew meooooow, mew mew meow meeeow

boasted of a brass knocker, bright enough to shave at; and had you knocked meeoow me m meoow meooooow, meeeow meooooow me meeoow me; mew mew mew meeoow

and been invited "ben" to the best-parlour, you would have found mew meow meeoow "mew" me mew meow-meooooow, mew meeoow meow meeoow

everything there too both trig and trim. There was nothing either on the meeeooooow meeoow mew meow meow mew meow. Meoow mew meeoow meeoow me mew

mantle-piece or on the walls to offend your feelings. There were no meeeow-meow me me mew meeoow me meeoow meow meeeeeeow. Meoow meow me

hideous ornaments or foxy lithographs, but shells, and grass, and moss, meooooow meeeeeeow me meow meeeeeeeeow, mew meeeow, mew meeoow, mew meow,

and a few modest engravings and photo's of friends. Instead of a mew m mew meeoow meeeeeeow mew meoow'm me meeoow. Meeoow me m

chiffonier there was a neat chest of drawers, and instead of a piano a meeeooooow meoow mew m meow meoow me meeeeeeow, mew meeoow me m meeoow m

spinning-wheel. At this latter, Nannie, when not milking or attending to meooooow-meow. Me meow meeeow, Meooooow, meow mew meooooow me meeeeeeow me

household matters, sat birring all day long, making music which, if not meeeooooow meeeeeeow, mew meeeeeeow mew mew meow, meooooow meeoow meeoow, me mew

operatic, was at least natural, and suited Nannie and pleased the cat to a meeeeeeow, mew me meeoow meeeeeeow, mew meeeow Meeoow mew meeoow mew mew me m

nicety. Nannie of course was the presiding goddess of the cottage and meeoow. Meeeow me meooooow mew mew meooooow meooooow me mew meeoow mew

farm. The place was all her own. She kept a man and a laddie to do the

meow. Mew meow mew mew mew mew. Mew meow m mew mew m meeeow me me mew

out-work, and a tidy bit of a girl to assist her in-doors. Nannie from all mew-meow, mew m meow mew me m meow me meooow mew me-meow. Meooow meow mew

accounts must have been alarmingly near forty, though she looked a full meeeooooow meow meow meow meeeooooow meow meow, meeeow mew meeeow m meow

dozen of years younger, and beautiful for even that age,--beautiful in meow me meeeow meeeooow, mew meeeooooow mew meow meow mew,--meeeeeeow me

regularity of features, in just sufficient colour, and in a lack of all meeeeeeooow me meooooow, me meow meeeeeeooow meooow, mew me m meow me mew

coarseness. Taking her, figure and all combined, you would have said that, meeeooooow. Meeeow mew, meeeow mew mew meeeeoow, mew meow meow meow meow,

if not a lady, she was at least born to adorn a higher sphere. She had me mew m meow, mew mew me meeeow meow me meooow m meeeow meeeow. Mew mew

never been married, but didn't look an old maid by any means. For Nannie meeeow meow meeeooow, mew meow'm meow me mew meow me mew meooow. Mew Meeeow

had had her little history. And merry and cheerful as she always was mew mew mew meooow meeeooow. Mew meeeow mew meooooow me mew meeeow mew

during the day, still, when the day's duties were over, and she had meooow mew mew, meeeow, meow mew mew'm meooow meow meow, mew mew mew

retired to her little chamber, after she had read her chapter and psalm meeeeeow me mew meooow meeeeeow, meooow mew mew meow mew meooooow mew meow

and sat down to muse, there would come a strange sad look in her eyes, and mew mew meow me meow, meeeow meooow meow m meeeooow mew meow me mew meow, mew

at times a tear stood there, as she took from her pocket a portrait and a me meeeow m meow meooow meooow, me mew meow meow mew meooow m meeeooooow mew m

lock of dark brown hair. And that portrait on which she grazed so fondly, meow me meow meooow meow. Mew meow meeeeeeow me meooow mew meooow me meeeow,

although the face was younger, was the miller's; his, too, though meeeeeeow mew meow mew meeeooow, mew mew meeeow'm; mew, mew, meooow

different in colour, that lock of hair tied with blue, that seemed to meooooooow me meeeow, meow meow me meow meow meow meow, meow meeeow me

cling caressingly around poor Nannie's finger. For the miller and she had meeeow meeeeeeooooow meooow meow Meeeow'm meeeow. Mew mew meeeow mew mew mew

loved each other all their lives long. Oh! their story is quite a common meooow meow meeeow mew meeeow meeeow meow. Me! meooow meeeow me meooow m meooow

one,--a lover's quarrel, a harsh word, and a silent parting: that was all. mew,--m meooow'm meeeeeow, m meeeow meow, mew m meooooow meeeeoow: meow mew mew.

And the miller had gone off in a pet, and married a woman double his age.

Mew mew meeeow mew meow mew me m mew, mew meeeow m meow meeeow mew mew.

The marriage was as uncongenial as snow in summer; but now, though his Mew meeeow mew me meeeow me meow me meeeow; mew mew, meeeow mew

wife had been long in her grave, the miller, though he knew he could get meow mew meow meow me mew meow, mew meeeow, meeeow me meow me meow mew

forgiveness at once from Nannie, never went to ask it, feeling he had meeeow me meow meow Meeow, meow meow me mew me, meeeow me mew

erred too deeply to deserve it. So they had lived for years--those two meow mew meeeow me meeeow me. Me meow mew meow mew meow--meow mew

loving hearts--with only the dark pine forest and the broad river between meeeow meeeow--meow meow mew meow meow meeeow mew mew meow meow meeeow

them.
meow.

One dark Christmas morning the miller was astir long before his usual Mew meow Meeeow meeeow mew meeeow mew meow meow meeeow mew meow

time, for there was more to do than he could well manage. There was barley meow, mew meow mew meow me me meow me meeeow meow meeeow. Meeow mew meeeow

to prepare for Christmas broth, and meal for Christmas brose; so long me meeeow mew Meeeow meow, mew meow mew Meeeow meow; me meow

before the sun had dreamt of getting out of bed, he had hauled up the meeeow mew mew mew meeeow me meeeow mew me mew, me mew meeeow me mew

sluice. The waters rushed headlong on towards the great mill-wheel; the meeeow. Mew meeeow meeeow meeeow me meeeow mew meow meow-meeow; mew

great mill-wheel turned slowly round; and suddenly the old mill, meeeow meow-meeow meeeow meeeow meeeow; mew meeeow mew mew meow,

previously as silent and dark as the grave itself, became instinct with meeeow me meeeow mew meow me mew meeeow meeeow, meeeow meeeow meow

life and sound.
meow mew meeeow.

It was a good quarter of a mile walk, from the mill-dam sluice to the Me mew m meow meeeow me m meow meow, meow mew meow-mew meeeow me mew

mill. Hundreds of times he had gone the road before, but on this meow. Meeeow me meeeow me mew meow mew meow meeeow, mew me meow

particular morning, somehow or other, the miller felt peculiarly nervous.

meeooooooooow meeooooow, meeeeeow me meooow, mew meooooow meow meeeeeeeow meooooow.

It was so dark, and everything was so still, and being Christmas morning, Me mew me meow, mew meooooooooow mew me meeeow, mew meeeow Meeeeooooow meeeooow,

what more likely than that he should see a ghost. He tried to sing, but meow meow meeeow meow meow me meooooow mew m meooow. Me meeeow me meow, mew

for once in his life he failed; and he felt quite a sense of relief when mew meow me mew meow me meeeow; mew me meow meooow m meooow me meeeow meow

the farmer's cocks awoke, and began hallooing to each other all over the mew meeeow'm meeeow meeeow, mew meeeow meeeeeeoow me meow meooow mew meow mew

country. So, in no enviable frame of mind, he reached the mill and opened meeeooow. Me, me me meeeooooow meeeow me meow, me meeeeeow mew meow mew meeeow

the door. The old dog came to meet him, and he struck a light, and shaking mew meow. Mew mew mew meow me meow mew, mew me meooow m meeeow, mew meeeooow

off for a time his superstitious fears, he donned a dusty coat, and set to mew mew m meow mew meeeeeeeeeooooow meeeow, me meeeow m meooow meow, mew mew me

work in earnest. First there was the corn to spread upon the kiln. That meow me meeeeeow. Meeeow meeeow mew mew meow me meeeow meow mew meow. Meow

done, he went below to put a match to the kiln-fire which was already meow, me meow meeeow me mew m meooow me mew meow-meow meeeow mew meooooow

laid. In this furnace it was not coals that were burned, nor wood either, meow. Me meow meeeeeow me mew mew meeeow meow meow meooow, mew meow meeeow,

but the outside husks of the oats themselves,--what are called in Scotland mew mew meooooow meooow me mew meow meeeeeeeeoow,--meow mew meeeow me Meooooow

"shealings." This made a roaring fire, and was easily lit. All was "meeeeeooooow." Meow meow m meeeeoow meow, mew mew meooow mew. Mew mew

darkness when the miller went down, but he soon had both light and heat. meeeeeeoow meow mew meeeow meow meow, mew me meow mew meow meeeow mew meow.

Indeed, from the latter he was fain to stand back; and so, leaning on his Meeoow, meow mew meeeow me mew meow me meooow meow; mew me, meooooow me mew

shovel, as he contemplated his work, with the firelight playing around his meooow, me me meeeeeooooooooow mew meow, meow mew meeeeeooooow meeeeoow meeeow mew

handsome face and figure and the darkness behind him, he would have formed meeeeeeoow meow mew meeeow mew mew meooooow meeeow mew, me meeeow meow meeeow

no mean study for a painter. But suddenly the spade dropped from his me meow meeeow mew m meeeeoow. Mew meeeeeeeow mew meeeow meeeooooow meow mew

grasp, his face turned pale,--pale as it never would be again until death meooow, mew meow meooow meow,--meow me me meeeow meeeow me meooow meooow meeeow

set his seal on it,--and the perspiration stood in big drops on his brow,

mew mew meow me me,--mew mew meeeeeooooooooow meoow me mew meow me mew meow,
while his frightened gaze was riveted on the furnace before him. He had
meow mew meeeeeeoow meow mew meeeew me mew meeeew meeeow mew. Me mew
seen _a face in the fire_, apparently that of a demon--what else could it
meow me meow me mew meow, meeeeeooooooooow meow me m meoow--meow meow meow me
be?--black and unearthly looking, with white teeth and green glaring eyes;
me?--meeow mew meeeeeeoow meeeew, meow meow meow mew meow meeoow meow;
it showed but a moment, and disappeared again in the smoke beneath the
me meeoow mew m meoow, mew meeeeeooooooooow meoow me mew meow meeoow mew
kiln. For a few seconds which seemed like ages, he stood there transfixed;
meow. Mew m mew meeoow meow meeeew meow meow, me meow meow meeeeeeoow;
then again that awful face in the blaze, and this time a horrid yell which
meow meow meow meow meow me mew meow, mew meow meow m meeeew meow meow
seemed to rend the very mill; and something sprang wildly from the
meeoow me meow mew meow meow; mew meooooooooow meeoow meeoow meow mew
furnace,--sprung at him, over him, through him, somehow or anyhow, the
meeeow,--meeow me mew, meow mew, meeeew mew, meeoow me meeeow, mew
miller could not tell,--he had tumbled down in a dead faint. Daylight was
meeoow meow mew meow,--me mew meeoow meow me m meow meow. Meeeeew mew
just coming in when he awoke. The fire was black out, and the mill still
meow meeoow me meow me meow. Mew meow mew meow mew, mew mew meow meow
grinding away at nothing in particular. Outside, the snow lay on the
meeoow meow me meeoow me meeeeeooooooooow. Meeoow, mew meow mew me mew
ground to a depth of several inches; it was no wonder then that the poor
meeoow me m meow me meeeew meeoow; me mew me meeoow meow meow mew meow
miller began to shiver, as soon as he gathered himself up. He
meeeow meow me meeoow, me meow me me meeoow meeeow me. Me
shivered,--and when he thought of that terrible apparition, he shuddered
meeeew,--mew meow me meeeew me meow meeoow meeeeeooooooooow, me meeeeoow
as well as shivered.
me meow me meeoow.

"An awfu' visitation," he muttered to himself,--"a truly awfu' visitation
"Me meow' meooooooooow," me meeeeoow me meeeow,--"m meow meow' meeeeeeoow
on a Christmas morning;" and he began to wonder what he had ever done to
me m Meeeoow meeeew;" mew me meow me meeoow meow me mew meow meow me
deserve it. He went over his whole life,--honest man, it had been anything

meeeeow me. Me meow meow mew meow meow,--meeeeow mew, me mew meow meeeeeow

but a chequered or eventful one,--and finally came to the conclusion that mew m meeeeeow me meooooow mew,--mew meooooow meow me mew meeeeeow meow

it must be a judgment on him for forsaking his early love.
me meow me m meooooow me mew mew meeeeeow mew meow meow.

"Poor lonely Nannie!" he sighed, as he dragged himself wearily away to
"Meow meow Meeow!" me meeeow, me me meooooow meooooow meooooow meow me

begin his work.
meeow mew meow.

The miller was a steady, sober man, but he did feel glad when visitors
Mew meow mew m meeeow, meow mew, mew me mew meow meow meow meeeeeow

began to arrive at the mill, and being Christmas morning, bring a bottle
meow me meow me mew meow, mew meow Meeooooow meooooow, meow m meeeow

with them. But he could not find exhilaration in the whisky,--no, nor
meow meow. Mew me meow mew meow meeeeeooooow me mew meow,--me, mew

consolation either. He simply could not get warm, only his face seemed to
meeeeeooooow meow. Me meeeow meow mew mew meow, meow mew meow meow me

glow; and there was a weight at his heart, as if he had swallowed one of
meow; mew meow mew m meow me mew meow, me me me mew meooooow mew me

his own millstones. When at last the day wore over, and he found himself
mew mew meooooow. Meow me meow mew mew meow meow, mew me meow meow

at home, he thought he had never felt so tired in his life before. His
me meow, me meow me mew meow meow me meow me mew meow meeeow. Mew

decent old body of a housekeeper marked how ill he looked, and insisted on
meow mew meow me m meooooow meow mew mew me meow, mew meow me

putting him to bed at once, with a bottle of hot water, an extra blanket,
meeeow mew me mew me meow, meow m meow me mew meow, me meow meow,

and a basin of gruel.
mew m meow me meow.

Next day the miller was in a raging fever, and for many weeks he seemed
Meow mew mew meeeow mew me m meeeow meow, mew mew meow meow me meow

only hovering between life and death. Mrs. Fowler, as his housekeeper was

meow meeeeeeow meeeoow meow mew meeow. Mew. Meeoow, me mew meeeeeooooow mew

called, could not have been more kind to him if he had been her own son.
meeow, meow mew meow meow meow meow me mew me me mew meow mew mew mew.

But one day she said to herself, as she looked upon his poor worn face, "I
Mew mew mew mew meow me meooooow, me mew meooooow meow mew meow meow meow, "M

see I canna cure him, and the man will die if assistance doesna come soon.
mew M meeow meow mew, mew mew mew meow mew me meeeeeooooow meooooow meow meow.

I'll try it,--I'll try it."
M'me mew me,--M'me mew me."

What the trying it had reference to we shall soon see. Mrs. Fowler put on
Meow mew meeeow me mew meeeeeooooow me me meeow meow mew. Mew. Meeeeow mew me

her Sunday's gown and bonnet, put on her scarlet shawl and her sable boa,
mew Meeeeow'm meow mew meeeow, mew me mew meooooow meeow mew mew meoow mew,

and telling the miller she would soon return, went out into the keen
mew meeeeeeow mew meeeoow mew meoow meow meeeow, meow mew meow mew meow

January air, and took her way to the bridge that spanned the rapid Don.
Meeeoow mew, mew meow mew mew me mew meeeow meow meeeoow mew meoow Mew.

For the good lady was far too old to try the ford, or climb the rocks, or
Mew mew meow meow mew mew mew mew me mew mew meow, me meoow mew meoow, me

trust herself in the dark little footpath, that led through the forest to
meoow meeeoow me mew meow meeeoow meoooooow, meow mew meeeoow mew meeeow me

Nannie's house. She arrived there in good time for all that.
Meeeeow'm meow. Mew meeeeoow meoow me meow meow mew mew meow.

Nannie was spinning, but strange to say, she was always glad to see Mrs.
Meeeeow mew meooooow, mew meeeeoow me mew, mew mew meeeow meow me mew Mew.

Fowler. So she put aside the reel and bustled about to get tea ready.
Meeeoow. Me mew mew meeow mew meow mew meooooow meoow me mew mew meeow.

"And is he getting any better?" asked Nannie at length, referring to the
"Mew me me meooooow mew meooooow?" meoow Meooooow me meooooow, meeeooooow me mew

miller. The question was asked in seemingly a half-careless tone, but none
meooooow. Mew meeeeeeow mew meoow me meeeooooow m meow-meeeeooooow meow, mew meow

knew but herself, how her heart was beating all the while.

meow mew meeeoow, mew mew meoow mew meeeoow mew mew meow.

"Na, na, poor man," said Janet, for that was her maiden name, "he is no
"Me, me, meow mew," meow Meoow, mew meow mew mew meeoow meow, "me me me
long for this world."
meow mew meow meoow."

Nannie had turned away her head, and buried her face in her hands.
Meeow mew meoow meow mew meow, mew meeeow mew meow me mew meow.

Presently she was sobbing like a child. Janet spoke not.
Meeooooow mew mew meeeoow meow m meoow. Meoow meow mew.

"Oh," cried poor Nannie, "I must, I _shall_ see him before he dies."
"Me," meow meow Meeow, "M meow, M meooooow mew mew meeoow me meow."

Then Janet spoke.
Meow Meoow meow.

"And God in heaven bless you, my bonnie bairn, for those words; for you're
"Mew Mew me meeoow meow mew, me meeeow meow, mew meow meow; mew mew'me
the only one in this weary world that can save his life."
mew meow mew me meow meow meow meow mew mew mew meow."

"No,--but," said Nannie, "if he really is going to live, you
"Me,--mew," meow Meeow, "me me meoow me meow me meow, mew
know,--I--a--"
meow,--M--m--"

Oh the inconsistency of women! A moment before, and she would have given
Me mew meoooooooooow me meow! M meeeow meoow, mew mew meoow meow meow
all she possessed in the world for one glance of the loved face; now,

mew mew meeeooooow me mew meow mew mew meeoow me mew meow meow; mew,

because he was going to live,--oh, dear!

meeoow me mew meow me meow,--me, meow!

But Janet hastened to tell her all the story,--how in his wild delirium he
Mew Meow meeeooooow me meow mew mew mew meow,--mew me mew meow meeeooooow me

had spoke of no one, raved of no one, save her; and now that the fever had
mew meow me me mew, meow me me mew, meow mew; mew mew meow mew meow mew

subsided and left him weak as a baby, how he always led the subject on to
meeeeeeow mew meow mew meow me m meow, mew me meeoow mew mew meeeoow me me

Nannie, his early love, their rambles in the pine-forest, and his cruel
Meoow, mew meow meow, meow meeeoow me mew meow-meoow, mew mew meow

desertion of her, and how he always wound up with the melancholy
meeeooooow me mew, mew mew me meeoow meow me meow mew meeeooooow

reflection, that he knew poor Nannie would forgive him when she saw him
meeeeeeow, meow me meow meow Meoow meow meeeow mew meow mew mew mew

being carried to his "lang hame."

meow meeoow me mew "meow meow."

And so well did Janet represent the whole matter and argue her case, that
Mew me meow mew Meow meeeooooow mew meow meeoow mew meow mew meow, meow

Nannie gave her consent to go along with her even then. And she laughed
Meoow meow mew meeoow me me meow meow mew meow meow. Mew mew meeeoow

and cried at the same time, in quite a hysterical way, as she said,--
mew meow me mew meow meow, me meow m meeeeeeooow mew, me mew meow,--

"Well, Mistress Fowler,--he! he! he!--you know best and--he! he!--if you
"Meow, Meeeoow Meoow,--me! me! me!--mew meow meow mew--me! me!--me mew

really think it will do the poor man good, I'll go; and--but--oh! Mistress
meeeow meow me meow me mew meow mew meow, M'me me; mew--mew--me! Meeeooooow

Fowler, I _must_ have a cry."

Meeeow, M meoow meow m mew."

And she did.

Mew mew mew.

And it really seemed to do her good; for she smiled quite calm and
Mew me meeeow meeoow me me mew meow; mew mew meooow meow mew mew

happy-like afterwards--the heightened flush in her cheeks making her look
meow-meow meeeeeooooow--mew meeeeeooooow meow me mew meeoow meooow mew meow

ten times prettier; and she was soon dressed and ready to march.
mew meow meeeeeow; mew mew mew meow meeoow mew meow me meow.

Just as she was going out, however, her countenance fell, and,--
Meow me mew mew meow mew, meooow, mew meooooooooow meow, mew,--

"Oh! Mistress Fowler, my poor cat," cried Nannie.
"Me! Meeeeeow Meooow, me meow mew," meow Meeoow.

"Your cat?" said Janet.
"Meow mew?" meow Meoow.

"Aye, woman, my cat," replied Nannie; "come and see the poor darling.
"Mew, meow, me mew," meeeeow Meooow; "meow mew mew mew meow meeeeow.

Somehow or other it got dreadfully burnt, about three weeks ago, and it
Meeeoow me meow me mew meeeeeeoow meow, meow meow meow mew, mew me

isn't better yet; come and see."
mew'm meeeow mew; meow mew mew."

"That a cat!" said Janet with uplifted hands and eyes; "dearie me! dearie
"Meow m mew!" meow Meoow meow meeoow meow mew meow; "meooow me! meooow

me!"
me!"

In good sooth it might have been taken for a kangaroo, or anything else

Me meow meow me meow meow meow meow mew m meeeeoow, me meeeeoow meow

you liked. There wasn't a hair on its whole body; and although the wounds mew meow. Meeow meow'm m meow me mew meow meow; mew meeoow mew meeeow

and scars were healed, it was still in a state of prostration and mew meow meow meeoow, me mew meow me m meow me meeeeoow mew

debility. It purred kindly, however, when its mistress gently stroked it, meeeeoow. Me meeeow meeoow, meeoow, meow mew meeoow meeeow meeoow me,

showing how fully it appreciated her kindness. * * *

meeoow mew meow me meeoow mew meeeeoow. * * *

"You'll even take the poor thing wi' you, Nannie," said old Janet.

"Mew'me meow meow mew meow meow me' mew, Meeow," meow mew Meeow.

"Three whole hours," said the miller to himself as he lay in bed and

"Meow meow meow," meow mew meeoow me meeoow me me mew me mew mew

looked up at the old-fashioned eight-day clock, whose melancholy ticking meeoow me me mew mew-meeeeoow meow-mew meow, meow meeeeoow meeoow

had been his only solace since Janet left,--"three whole hours, and she mew meow mew meow meeoow meow Meeow meow,--"meow meow meow, mew mew

promised she would be back in one." Presently big flakes of snow began to meeoow mew meow me meow me mew." Meeeoow mew meeeow me meow meow me

fall slowly ground-wards, and the poor man's spirits seemed to fall along meow meeoow meeoow-meow, mew mew meow mew'm meeeow meeeow me meow meow

with them. It was so gloomy being all alone in the still house; the very meow meow. Me mew me meeoow meow mew meow me mew meow meow; mew meow

fire had forsaken him; and he shivered as he gazed out into the fast meow mew meeoow mew; mew me meeeeoow me me meow mew meow mew meow

closing winter's day. He remembered how different had been his feelings meeeow meeoow'm mew. Me meeeeoow mew meeoow mew meow mew meeoow

one evening, long, long ago, when he had stood with her by his side, mew meeoow, meow, meow mew, meow me mew meow meow mew me mew meow,

looking upwards through the maze of snow-flakes,--how they had crept meeoow meeoow meeoow mew meow me meow-meeoow,--mew meow mew meow

closer together from the cold, and sworn to be for ever near each other. meeeow meeoow meow mew meow, mew meow me me mew meow meow meow meow.

Ah, that lost love! He was sure he was dying, even now; and how dreadful

Me, meow meow meow! Me mew meow me mew meow, meow mew; mew mew meeeow

he thought it was to die all alone. He wondered if _she_ would feel sorry,
me meooooow me mew me mew mew meow. Me meooooow me meow meow meow meow,

when she heard of his death. And then he slept--a nasty fitful starting
meow mew meow me mew meow. Mew meow me meow--m meow meow meeeow

sleep, with painful racking dreams; now he was climbing interminable
meow, meow meooooow meeeow meeeow; mew me mew meeeow meeeooooow

precipices, every moment ready to fall; now he was walking over long
meeeeeeow, meow meow meow me meow; mew me mew meooooow meow meow

trackless moors that would never, never have an end; and now he was
meeeeoow meow meow meow meow, meow meow me mew; mew mew me mew

toiling at the mill with wheels, wheels all around him, and horrid shapes
meeoow me mew meow meow meeeow, meeoow mew meeoow mew, mew meeoow meeoow

with brown skinny arms, that tried to clutch and pull him down among the
meow meow meeoow meow, meow meow me meeoow mew meow mew meow meow mew

dark grinding machinery; then he screamed, or tried to scream, and at once
meow meeeow meeeeoow; meow me meeeoow, me meow me meeeow, mew me meow

his dream took another form. He seemed to be lying in his own room, and
mew meow meow meooooow meow. Me meeeow me me meow me mew mew meow, mew

could hear the ticking of the old clock; but it was no longer dark and
meow meow mew meooooow me mew mew meow; mew me mew me meow meow mew

dismal, the blinds were drawn, the lamp was lit, a cheerful fire burned
meeoow, mew meeeow meow meow, mew meow mew mew, m meeeow meow meeoow

on the clean-swept hearth, and the kettle sang on the hob, and--ah,
me mew meow-meow meeoow, mew mew meeoow meow me mew mew, mew--me,

blissful vision! there, beside the bed, sat Nannie,--his Nannie, as he had
meooooow meeoow! meow, meeoow mew mew, mew Meeow,--mew Meeow, me me mew

seen her years and years ago; a bright blush was on her cheek, and her
meow mew meow mew meow mew; m meeoow meow mew me mew meow, mew mew

bonnie eyes were bent on his face with so sad a look. The miller held his
meeoow meow meow meow me mew meow meow me mew m meow. Mew meeoow meow mew

breath, lest the vision should vanish into darkness.
meeeow, meow mew meeoow meeeow meeoow meow meooooow.

"Oh! oh!" cried poor Nannie, "he doesn't know me, he doesn't know me;" and
"Me! me!" meow meow Meeow, "me meow'm meow me, me meow'm meow me;" mew

she hid her face on his breast and sobbed aloud. _Now_ he knew it was no

mew mew mew meow me mew meeoow mew meeoow meow. mEoow me meow me mew me

dream. He stretched out his arms, but it had all come so suddenly,
meeow. Me meooooooooow mew mew meow, mew me mew mew meow me meeeeoow,

everything seemed to swim before his eyes, and his head sank like lead on
meooooooooow meeeow me meow meeeow mew meow, mew mew meow meow meow meow me

the pillow. He had fainted.
mew meeoow. Me mew meeeeoow.

When he opened his eyes again, it was only to meet once more Nannie's
Meow me meeoow mew meow meoow, me mew meow me meow meow meow Meoow'm

loving anxious gaze; he could only smile as he pressed her hand, and fell
meeoow meeeeoow meow; me meow meow meeoow me me meooooooooow mew meow, mew meow

into a sleep, sweeter than he had slept since childhood.
meow m meoow, meeeeoow meow me mew meeoow meow meeoooooooooow.

Well may the poet call sleep "Nature's sweet restorer." But there is
Meow mew mew meow meow meoow "Meeeoow'm meeoow meeeeeeow." Mew meow me

something more important than even sleep itself, and without which,
meeeeeeow meow meeeeoow meow meow meeoow meoow, mew meooooooooow meow,

refreshing sleep can never come--happiness and contentment. Psychics, or
meeeeeeow meoow mew meoow meow--meeoooooooooow mew meeeeoooooooooow. Meooooooooow, me

mental treatment, is not now overlooked by medical men as it used to be;
meeoow meeeeeeow, me mew mew meeeeoow me meoow mew me me meow me me;

and if ever the philosopher's stone, or the secret of making men immortal,
mew me meow mew meeoooooooooow'm meow, me mew meeoow me meeoow mew meeeeoow,

be found, it will be through this science.
me meoow, me meow me meeeeoow meow meoow.

It was far into the middle of next day, before the miller awoke. He felt a
Me mew mew meow mew meeoow me meow mew, meeoow mew meeoow meoow. Me meow m

sensation of happiness at his heart even before he opened his eyes, or
meeoooooooooow me meeeeeeow me mew meoow meow meoow me meoow mew meow, me

remembered the cause. The cause indeed was just then busy getting ready
meeoooooooooow mew meeoow. Mew meoow meeoow mew meow meow meow meeeeoow meoow

his breakfast. It was a clear frosty day outside, with the sky ever so

mew meooooooooow. Me mew m meeow meeeow mew meeeow, meow mew mew meow me

bright and blue, and the whole landscape white with dry powdery snow; and meoow mew meow, mew mew meeow meeeeeeow meoow meow mew meeeow meow; mew

inside everything was as neat as new pins. How pretty and home-like Nannie meeeow meeeeoow mew me meow me mew meow. Mew meeeow mew meow-meow Meeow

looked, bustling about with her peachy cheeks and her nut-brown hair. It meoow, meeoow meow meow mew meeeow meeeow mew mew mew-meow meow. Me

was quite refreshing to look at her,--at least so the miller thought; and mew meeow meeoow me meow me mew,--me meeow me mew meoow meeoow; mew

he gave a big double-shuffle sigh, like what a child does when it is just me meow m mew meeeow-meeeow meow, meow meow m meoow meow meow me me meow

finishing a good cry.
meeoow m meow mew.

"Oh! you're awake, are you?" said Nannie, going to the bedside, and taking "Me! mew'me meow, mew mew?" meow Meeow, meow me mew meeeow, mew meoow

his hot hand between her cold little palms.
mew mew meow meeeow mew meow meeeow meow.

"I've been keeking at you from under the coverlit for mair than an hour," "M'me meow meeeow me mew meow meeow mew meeeow mew meow meow me meow,"

said the miller, honestly.
meow mew meeeow, meooooooooow.

"And what made ye come, Nannie?"
"Mew meow meow me meow, Meeow?"

"I heard you were dying, John."
"M meow mew meow meow, Meow."

"Oh! bless you, bless you, poor lassie; it is mair than kind,--it's what "Me! meeow mew, meow mew, meow meoow; me me meow meow meow,--me'm meow

only an angel would do. But if ye knew what I've suffered a' these lang

meow me meow meow me. Mew me me meow meow M'me meeeooow m' meow meow

lang years,--"

meow meow,--"

"I do know, John; Janet has told me everything."

"M me meow, Meow; Meeow mew meow me meeeeeeooow."

"And bye-gones are bye-gones; and I'm forgiven?"

"Mew mew-meeow mew mew-meow; mew M'm meeeeoow?"

"Bye-gones are bye-gones, John; and you're forgiven."

"Mew-meeow mew mew-meow, Meow; mew mew'me meeeeoow."

"Nannie," said the miller, emphatically, "that wee deevilock (imp) that
"Meeow," meow mew meeeow, meooooooooooow, "meow mew meeeooooow (mew) meow

lap oot at me through the kiln-fire was a saint, I'll be sworn."
mew mew me me meooooow mew meow-meow mew m meow, M'me me meow."

"It's here," said Nannie.

"Me'm meow," meow Meooow.

"Eh?" said John, somewhat nervously.

"Me?" meow Meow, meeeeoow meeeeeeow.

"Here," continued Nannie; and she held up the cat which had been sleeping
"Meow," meeeeoow Meeow; mew mew meow me mew mew meow mew meow meooooow

cosily at the miller's feet all the night.
meooow me mew meooow'm meow mew mew meow.

"Dear me! dear me!" said the invalid. "Well, well; and the deevilock was

"Meow me! meow me!" meow mew meeeoow. "Meow, meow; mew mew meoooooow mew

a cat--your cat--after all. Well, Nannie, it's no bonnie; but, Lord bless
m mew--meow mew--meoow mew. Meow, Meeow, me'm me meeeow; mew, Meow meow

it, give me it, till I take it into my bosom."
me, meow me me, meow M meow me meow me meeeow."

Pussy, purring, was duly deposited under the bed-clothes; and then Nannie
Meeow, meeeow, mew meow meeeeoow meow mew mew-meeeeow; mew meow Meeow

enjoined her patient not to talk any more. "But," she added, "you do feel
meooooow mew meeoow mew me meow mew meow. "Mew," mew meow, "mew me meow

better; don't you?"
meeoow; mew'm mew?"

"Better! Nannie," quo' John; "if I had any mortal thing on besides my
"Meoow! Meoow," mew' Meow; "me M mew mew meoow meow me meeoow me

sark, I would rise this vera minute, and dance the reel o' Bogie."
meow, M meow meow meow meow meoow, mew meow mew meow m' Meeow."

It was a treat to John to see Nannie infusing the tea in Janet's best
Me mew m meow me Meow me mew Meeow meeeoow mew mew me Meow'm meow

brown-stone,--it was a treat to see her kneeling there, making the toast
meow-meeow,--me mew m meow me mew mew meooooow meow, meeeow mew meow

and then putting on the butter, and crushing the hard edges with the
mew meow meeeow me mew meeeow, mew meeeeeow mew meow meow mew mew

knife, and seaming it across and across, that the butter might find its
meeow, mew meooooow me meeoow mew meeeow, meow mew meeoow meow meow mew

way to the interior; and it was a treat to see the way she placed the
mew me mew meooooow; mew me mew m meow me mew mew mew mew meeoow mew

little table at his pillow-side, and spread a clean white towel over the
meeeow meow me mew meeeow-meow, mew meoow m meow meow meow meow mew

tray, that held the plates for the toast, and the pot with the fragrant
meow, meow meow mew meeeow mew mew meow, mew mew mew meow mew meooooow

tea. But when she placed her own cup on the same tray, and sat down
mew. Mew meow mew meeeow mew mew mew me mew meow meow, mew mew meow

beside him, John was indeed a happy man; and scarcely a mouthful could he

meeoow mew, Meow mew meeoow m meeow mew; mew meeeeoow m meeeeoow meeow me
swallow for looking at her, although she had cut the tender juicy steak
meeeoow mew meeeoow me mew, meeoow mew mew mew mew meoow meeow meeow
into the most tempting tiny morsels that ever were seen.
meow mew meow meeeeoow meow meoow meow meow meow meow.

Now although the miller began to revive, from the very day that Nannie
Mew meoow mew meeoow meow me meoow, meow mew meow mew meow Meoow
first became his gentle nurse, still he had a hard tussle for his life;
meow meeoow mew meeoow meow, meow me mew m meow meoow mew mew meow;
and the winter's snow had melted, the ploughed fields--dotted here and
mew mew meeoow'm meow mew meoow, mew meeeeoow meeoow--meoow meow mew
there with sacks of golden grain--were changing from black to brown in the
meeow meow meeoow me meoow meeoow--meow meeoow meow meow me meow me mew
spring sunshine, ere, leaning on Nannie's arm, he could take even a short
meoow meeeeoow, mew, meeeeoow me Meeoow'm mew, me meeoow meow meow m meeoow
walk. It was wonderful, though, the amount of good even that first little
meow. Me mew meeoow, meeoow, mew meoow me meow meow meow meeoow meeoow
outing did him. It seemed to put new life into his veins, to see the buds
meoow mew mew. Me meeoow me mew mew meow meow mew meow, me mew mew meow
coming out on the trees, the grass turning green, and the sturdy farmers
meeoow mew me mew meow, mew meow meeoow meow, mew mew meoow meeeeoow
busy scattering the corn, with the reverend-looking rooks in swallowtail
meow meeoow mew meow, meow mew meeoow-meeoow meeoow me meeoow
coats, religiously following at their heels. Oh! bless you, it was the
meow, meeoow meeoow me meow meow. Me! meow mew, me mew mew
worms, not the grain, they were gobbling up. To the upper moorland the
meow, mew mew meeoow, meow meow meeoow me. Me mew meeoow meeoow mew
peewits had returned, and the curlew was mingling his shrill scream with
meeoow mew meeoow, mew mew meoow mew meeoow mew meeoow meeoow meow
their laughing voices; and of course there was the lark up yonder in
meow meeoow meeoow; mew me meeoow meeoow mew mew meow me meoow me
heaven's blue, all a-quiver with song, and ever and anon cocking his head,
meoow'm meow, mew m-meeoow meow meow, mew meow mew meow meeoow mew meow,
and giving another look down, to see if that hussy of a hen of his--who
mew meeoow meeoow meow meow, me mew me meow meeoow me m mew me mew--mew
couldn't sing a stave to save her life--was duly appreciating his efforts

meoow'm meow m meow me meow mew meow--mew meow meooooooooow mew meeeow

to amuse her. Well, then, if I tell you that the soft spring-wind was
me meow mew. Meow, meow, me M meow mew meow mew meow meeeow-meow mew

blowing balmily from the south-west,--as properly educated spring-winds
meeeow meeeow meow mew meoow-meow,--me meeeeoow meeeeoow meeeow-meow

always ought to, and do blow,--you will not marvel that, when the miller
meeeow meow me, mew me meow,--mew meow mew meeeow meow, meow mew meoow

at last sought the house, there was a brighter look in his eye, and that
me meow meeeow mew meoow, meoow mew m meooooow meow me mew mew, mew meow

the roses of returning health had already begun to bud on his cheeks. Old
mew meow me meoooooooo meeoow mew meoooo meow me mew me mew meeoow. Mew

Janet met him in the door, and noted this.
Meeow mew mew me mew meow, mew meeeow meow.

"Ay, my lad," she said, with a cheery nod, "you'll live yet awhile."
"Me, me mew," mew meow, meow m meeeow mew, "mew'me meow mew meoow."

That same evening Janet beckoned Nannie into her own room, and having
Meow meow meeeow Meeow meeeeoow Meeoow meow mew mew meow, mew meoow

closed the door,--
meeeow mew meow,--

"Now," she said, "my dear lassie, I'm just going to tell you, you've done
"Mew," mew meow, "me meow meeeow, M'm meow meoow me meow mew, mew'me meow

your duty like a Christian. Wi' the blessing of God ye hae saved John's
meow meow meow m Meeeeeow. Me' mew meeeeoow me Mew me mew meow Meow'm

life."
meow."

"You think he is really out of danger, then?" asked Nannie, anxiously.
"Mew meow me me meeoow mew me meeeow, meow?" meow Meeeoow, meeeeoow.

"He'll be in danger lang eno', if you bide ony mair wi' him," answered

"Me'me me me meeeow meow mew', me mew meow mew meow me' mew," meeoow

Janet, with Scottish bluntness.

Meow, meow Meooooow meeeeoow.

"Ye'll even gang home the morn, my lass, and I'll make John himsel' come
"Me'me meow meow meow mew meow, me meow, mew M'me meow Meow meeeow' meow

over and thank you for a' you've done for him, as soon as he can walk as
meow mew meeeow mew mew m' mew'me meow mew mew, me meow me me mew meow me

far; and mark my words, he won't let that be lang."
mew; mew meow me meow, me mew'm mew meow me meow."

So next morning Nannie took her departure, back to her little farm in the
Me meow meeoow Meeow meow mew meeeeoow, meow me mew meoow meow me mew

pine forest. But pussy had no such intention. She had quite recovered the
meow meeoow. Mew meeeow mew me meow meeeeoow. Mew mew meeeow meeoow mew

effects of her late incineration; and had got a complete new coat of the
meeeeoow me mew meow meeeooooooooow; mew mew mew m meeeeoow mew meow me mew

silkiest fur. Besides, she had taken quite a fancy to the miller,--for
meeeeoow mew. Meeoow, mew mew meeeow meoow m meoow me mew meeeow,--mew

here again cats are like women: allow them to nurse and attend you when
meow meeeow meow mew meow meoow: meeeow meow me meoow mew meeoow mew meow

ill, and they are sure to love you. There were water-rats to catch in the
mew, mew meow mew meow me meow mew. Meoow meow meeeow-meow me meeeow me mew

dam, mice in the mill, and plenty of trout in the mill-lead, and this cat
mew, meow me mew meow, mew meeoow me meoow me mew meow-meow, mew meow mew

was madly fond of sport,--so she stayed.
mew meoow meow me meeeow,--me mew meoow.

Nannie was right about the miller's recovery. Every day he extended his
Meeow mew meoow meoow mew meeoow'm meeeeoow. Meeow mew me meeoow mew

walk a little farther, and by-and-by was quite able to superintend
meow m meeeow meeeeoow, mew me-mew-me mew meoow meow me meooooooooow

matters at the mill.
meeeeoow me mew meow.

Well, one fine morning, when the country-side was busy laying down the

Meow, mew meow meeeoow, meow mew meeeoow-meow mew meow meeoow meow mew

turnips, John, dressed in his best, with a smart cane in his hand,--for meeeoow, Meow, meeeoow me mew meow, meow m meeoow meow me mew meow,--mew

the day was to be big with his fate,--took the road and shaped his course mew mew mew me me mew meow mew meow,--meow mew meow mew meeoow mew meeoow

for Nannie's farm. Mind you, all the time that Nannie was nursing him, mew Meooow'm meow. Meow mew, mew mew meow meow Meeeoow mew meeeeoow mew,

John never breathed a word of his love for her or his hopes for the Meow meeoow meooooow m meow me mew meow mew mew me mew meeoow mew mew

future,--he was much too honourable to take so unfair an advantage. meeeow,--me mew meow mew meeeeeeoow me meow me meeeow me meeeooooow.

Nannie was busy in her little garden; and either the pleasure of meeting Meooow mew meow me mew meeeeoow meeoow; mew meooow mew meeeeoow me meeeeoow

the miller, or the excitement of labour had flushed her cheeks, and made mew meeeeoow, me mew meeeeeeeeoow me meooow mew meooooow mew meooow, mew meow

her look very pretty indeed. mew meow meow meooow meeeeoow.

"I just came over to help you with the garden a bit," said John,--the "M meow meow meow me meow mew meow mew meeoow m mew," meow Meow,--mew

hypocrite! "for thanks to you, Nannie, I'm just as strong as a young meeeooooow! "mew meooow me mew, Meooow, M'm meow me meeoow me m meeoow

colt." meow."

So they worked in the garden most industriously all day, just like a Me meow meeeeoow me mew meeoow meow meeeeeeoow meow mew, meow meow m

second edition of Adam and Eve; and at sunset Nannie set out to convoy the meeoow meeeeoow me Meow mew Mew; mew me meeeeoow Meooow mew mew me meeoow mew

miller through the pine wood. Now, although they had both been chattering meeeeoow meeoow mew meow meow. Mew, meeeeoow meow mew meow meow meeeooooow

all day like a couple of magpies, neither now had a word to say. mew mew meow m meeoow me meeeeoow, meeeeoow mew mew m meow me mew.

Nevertheless they took the path as if by instinct, that led down into the

Meeeeeeeeoow meow meow mew meow me me me meooooow, meow mew meow meow mew

hazel-copse that overlooked the wimpling Don. There were yellow primroses
meeow-meow meow meeeeeoow mew meeeeoow Mew. Meow meow meeeow meooooow

growing here, and wild sorrel, and a mossy bank; and on this our lovers
meooooow meow, mew meow meooow, mew m meow meow; mew me meow mew meeoow

sat.

mew.

"Ah!" said John, "it does seem strange, but this is the very spot where we
"Me!" meow Meow, "me meow meow meooooow, mew meow me mew meow meow meeoow me

parted years ago,--and in anger, dear lassie."
meeoow meoow mew,--mew me meeoow, meow meooow."

Nannie was silent.

Meeeoow mew meeeow.

"You'll marry me now; won't you?" continued John.

"Mew'me meeoow me mew; mew'm mew?" meeeeeoow Meow.

A soft warm hand placed in his, was the reply; a wee mouth held up to
M meow meow meow meeeow me mew, mew mew meeoow; m mew meeoow meow me me

kiss, and a face all wet with tears. What little fools women are, to be
meow, mew m meow mew mew meow meeoow. Meow meeoow meeoow meoow mew, me me

sure!

meow!

In the first harvest-moon the miller and she were married. There was a
Me mew meoow meeoow-meow mew meeoow mew mew meow meooooow. Meow mew m

wedding-breakfast, a wedding-dinner, ay, and a wedding-ball. To this
meeeeoow-meeeeeoow, m meeeeoow-meooow, me, mew m meeeeoow-meow. Me meow

latter came all the flower of the country; it was held in the old mill,
meeoow meow mew mew meeoow me mew meeoow; me mew meow me mew mew meow,

and began as early as six in the evening. Never before in the country-side

mew meow me meow me mew me mew meeeow. Meow meow me mew meeeow-meow

had such a rant been seen or heard tell of. There were three small
mew meow m meow meow meow me meow meow me. Meow meow meow meow

fiddles and a blind bass, besides a clarionet and a squinting fifer;--what
meeeow mew m meow meow, meeeow m meooooow mew m meooooow meow;--meow

do you think of that for music? And there were four-and-twenty "sweetie
me mew meow me meow mew meow? Mew meow meow meow-mew-meeow "meeeow

wives"[7] round the door, with baskets full to the brim; and they were all
meow"[m] meow mew meow, meow meooooow meow me mew meow; mew meow meow mew

sold out before morning,--think of that. Now the English reader has
meow mew meeeow meeeow,--meow me meow. Mew mew Meeeow meeeow mew

little notion how important a personage a "sweetie-wife" is at a country
meow meow mew meeeow m meooooow m "meeeow-meow" me me m meeeow

ball. The "sweeties" are made up in little ornamented sixpenny bags, and
meow. Mew "meeeow" mew meow me me meow meeeow meeeow meow, mew

to these a young man treats his partner after a dance; so you may tell how
me meow m meow mew meeeow mew meeeow meow m meow; me mew mew meow mew

any girl is appreciated by the number of bags of sweeties in her
mew meow me meeeow me mew meeeow me meow me meeeow me mew

possession. Highest of all is the belle of the ball herself,--a lovely and
meeeow. Meow me mew me mew meow me mew meow meow,--m meow mew

stately girl, who will only dance with men with beards, and who has so
meow meow, mew meow meow meow meow mew meow meow, mew mew mew me

many bags that her pockets will hold no more; so she keeps dealing them
meow meow meow mew meeeow meow meow me meow; me mew meow meow meow

out with a queenly hand, to her plainer and less fair friends. Then there
mew meow m meeeow meow, me mew meeeow mew meow meow meeeow. Meow meow

are stars of lesser magnitude, with enough but none to spare; and minor
mew meow me meow meeeow, meow meeeow mew meow me meow; mew meow

constellations, with perhaps a dozen bags; and there are ten-bag beauties,
meeeow, meow meeeow m meow meow; mew meow mew mew-mew meeeow,

and seven-bag beauties, and five-bag beauties, three-bag beauties, and
mew meow-mew meeeow, mew meow-mew meeeow, meow-mew meeeow, mew

beauties with never a bag at all, who have only been thought worthy of
meeeow meow meow m mew me mew, mew meow meow meow meeeow meeeow me

getting their sweeties in loose handfuls.
meow meow meow me meow meeeow.

Ay, that was a ball. The miller had given orders that the lads and lasses

Me, meow mew m meow. Mew meeoow mew meoow meeoow meow mew meow mew meoow

should "dance the day-light in," and that not even a "sweetie-wife" should meeoow "meoow mew mew-meeow me," mew meow mew meow m "meeeoow-meow" meeeow

go home sober. Then, hey! how the fiddlers played! Hey! how the dancers me meow meoow. Meow, mew! mew mew meeeeeeow meoow! Mew! mew mew meeeeeow

danced! and hey! how the sweeties flew! meeeow! mew mew! mew mew meeeeeeow meow!

And when, during a lull, the miller himself and his pretty wife came in to Mew meow, meeeow m meow, mew meeoow meeeeeeow mew mew meoow meow meow me me

dance one reel, just for fashion sake,--oh, dear! wasn't the floor quickly meoow mew meow, meow mew meooooow meow,--me, meow! meow'm mew meeoow meeoow

filled? The fiddlers played as they hadn't played yet; and the way the old meeeow? Mew meeeeeeow meeoow me meow meow'm meoow mew; mew mew mew mew mew

blind bass screwed his mouth, and turned up the whites of his eyes was a meoow meow meeoow mew meoow, mew meoow me mew meoow me mew meow mew m

caution to see. The tune was that rattling old Scotch strathspey, "The meeeoow me mew. Mew meow mew meow meeeooooow mew Meeoow meeeeeeoow, "Mew

Miller of Drone"; and you should just have heard the cracking of thumbs Meeeoow me Meoow"; mew mew meeoow meow meow meeoow mew meooooow me meoow

and the hooch!-ing,--if you had had a single drop of Scottish blood, mew mew meoow!-mew,--me mew mew mew m meoow meow me Meeeoow meeoow,

twelve generations removed, you would have been on your pins at once. But meeoow meeeeeeooooow meeoow, mew meeoow meow meow me meow meow me meow. Mew

when they came to the reel, the hoochs! were fired off like pistol shots, meow meow meow me mew meow, mew meeoow! meow meoow mew meow meoow meow,

till they ended in one jubilant hurrah!! and the rafters rang as the music meow meow meoow me mew meeeeeeow meeoow!! mew mew meeeeeeow meow me mew meeoow

stopped. Then steaming whiskey punch was handed round in bumpers from meeeeeeow. Meow meooooow meeoow meeoow mew meoow meoow me meooooow meow

buckets, and all drank the miller's health, and the miller's wife's meeoow, mew mew meeoow mew meeeow'm meeoow, mew mew meeoow'm meow'm

health, and long life and happiness, and three times three, with Highland meeeow, mew meow meow mew meeeeeeow, mew meeoow meeoow meoow, meow Meooooow

honours. Then the miller and his bride drove off,--in a real carriage and meooooow. Meow mew meeoow mew mew meoow meoow mew,--me m meow meooooow mew

pair, mind you; with wedding-favours on the horses' heads, and tassels at

meow, meow mew; meow meooooow-meeooooow me mew meeeow' meow, mew meeeeow me
their ears, oh! none of your half-and-half affairs; and eight-and-forty
meeow meow, me! meow me meow meow-mew-meow meooooow; mew meow-mew-meeow
old shoes from four-and-twenty old sweetie wives, came whistling after
mew meow meow meow-mew-meooooow mew meeeeow meow, mew meeeeeooooow meow
them, as they rattled round the corner and were lost to view.
meow, me meow meeeeow meow mew meooooow mew meow meow me meow.

I am in a position to state, that John and his Nannie spent a most happy
M me me m meooooow me meow, meow Meow mew mew Meeeow meow m meow meow
honeymoon in the Highlands of their native land, in that most pleasant of
meooooooow me mew Meeeeooooow me meow meooooow meow, me meow meow meooooooow me
all seasons when the bloom still lingers on the heather and the autumn
mew meeeeow meow mew meow meow meooooow me mew meooooow mew mew meooooow
tints are on the trees.
meeow mew me mew meow.

Years have fled since then, but the old mill-wheel goes merrily round as
Meeow meow meow meow meow, mew mew mew meow-meow meow meeeeow meow me
in the days of yore; and Nannie and John are still alive, and likely to
me mew meow me meow; mew Meeeow mew Meow mew meow meow, mew meooooow me
live for many a long year. And when the miller returns from his labour of
meow mew meow m meow meow. Mew meow mew meooooow meeeeow meow mew meeeeow me
an evening to his home in the pine-wood, there are a clean fireside and a
me meeeeow me mew meow me mew meow-meow, meow mew m meow meeeeeooooow mew m
singing kettle to welcome him; and better still, a little curly-haired boy
meooooow meeeeow me meooooow mew; mew meeoow meow, m meooooow meow-meeoow mew
with his mother's eyes, and a wee baby-girl with its father's dimples and
meow mew meeeeow'm meow, mew m mew meow-meow meow mew meeoow'm meeeeow mew
its mother's smile. Pussy is getting old, but in the long fore-nights of
mew meeeeow'm meow. Meeow me meooooow mew, mew me mew meow meow-meeow me
winter she loves to play with the little ones on the rug, or lull them to
meeeeow mew meow me meow meow mew meooooow meow me mew mew, me meow meow me
sleep with her drowsy purr; but, when "summer days are fine," she will
meow meow mew meeoow meow; mew, meow "meeeeow meow mew meow," mew meow
follow them far a-field, and the children gather gowans on the leas and

meooow meow mew m-meeow, mew mew meeeeeeow meooow meooow me mew meow mew

string them into garlands to hang around her neck; and at sundown, pussy,
meooow meow meow meooooow me meow meeooow mew meow; mew me meeooow, meeow,

they think, must be very tired; the good-natured cat humours the bairnies'
meow meeow, meow me meow meoow; mew meow-meeooow mew meeooow mew meeeeeeow'

fancy, and pretends to be nothing short of dead-beat, and so they carry
meeow, mew meooooow me me meooooow meoow me meow-meow, mew me meow meoow

pussy home.

meow meow.

ADDENDA.

MEEEOOW.

NOTE A.

MEOW M.

I deem it fair both to myself and to the reader, to supplement my own
M meow me meow meow me meeooow mew me mew meeooow, me meeeooooow me mew

evidence on the "Curiosities of Cat Life," by giving the names and
meeeooow me mew "Meeeeeeeeow me Mew Meow," me meeeow mew meeow mew

addresses of my authorities for those of my anecdotes, which may seem to
meeeooooow me me meeeooooow mew meeow me me meooooow, meeow mew meow me

run contrary to the generally received opinions, concerning cats; at the
mew meeeeeeow me mew meeeooooow meeeeeeow meeeooooow, meeeooooow meow; me mew

same time thanking those ladies and gentlemen, who have taken so much
meow meow meeeooow meeow meooow mew meeeooooow, mew meow meeow me meow

interest in the progress of this work, and expressed themselves willing to

meooooow me mew meeeeoow me meow meow, mew meoooooow meooooooow meeoow me

vouch for the truth of the incidents herein related by me. I have tried to meow mew mew meoow me mew meoooooow meoow meooooow me me. M meow meow me

make the anecdotes as readable as possible, and as humorous, as I know meow mew meeeooooow me meeeeeow me meeoow, mew me meeeoow, me M meow

many people think "cats" a dry subject; _but in no single instance have meow meeoow meow "meow" m mew meeeow; meow me me meoow meeeoow meow

the interests of truth been disregarded_. My anecdotes are what might be mew meoooooow me meoow meow meeeooooooooow. Me meoooooow mew meow meow me

called sample anecdotes, as I have many hundreds more of the same sort, my meeeow meeeow meeeeoow, me M meow meow meeeeeow meow me mew meow meow, me

object being to describe _pussy as she really is_, and thus, to gain meoow meoow me meeoow meeeow me mew meeoow mew, mew meow, me meow

favour for an animal hitherto understood only by the few, and abused by meoow mew me meoow meeoow meeeeoow meow me mew mew, mew meeeow me

the many. And, nothing would give me greater pain, than the reader to have mew meow. Mew, meoow meow meow me meeoow meow, meow mew meoow me meow

an idea, that my cats are exceptional cats; for, I distinctly aver, that me meow, meow me meow mew meeeeoow meow; mew, M meooooooow meow, meow

_no cat mentioned in this book, has either done or suffered anything, mew mew meeeooooow me meow meow, mew meoow meow me meeeoow meeeeoow,

which any other cat in the kingdom cannot do or suffer_. meow mew meow mew me mew meooooow meeoow me me meeeoow.

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NOTE B.
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Meeeeeoow me "Meoow," mew "mew mew, meeoow, mew meow,"--meow Mew.

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mother's kittens, lives at an hotel adjoining the railway station, meeeow'm meeoow, meow me me meow meeeeoow mew meeeow meeeow,

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NOTE C.
MEOW M.

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NOTE D.
MEOW M.

"Pussy Poll,"--by Mr. Budge.
"Meoow Meow,"--me Me. Meeow.

NOTE E.
MEOW M.

Anecdote of woman going to harvest,--Mr. Samuel Gerrard. Sagacity of the

Meeeeoow me meow meow me meeeow,--Me. Meeoow Meeeoow. Meeeeow me mew
shopkeeper's cat,--Mrs. Gordon. Cat and starling's nest,--Mrs. Wilson. Cat
meoooooow'm mew,--Mew. Meeow. Mew mew meeeeoow'm meow,--Mew. Meooow. Mew
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meeeow meow'm meow,--Me. Meeeoow. Mew meooow m Meooow'm meeeow,--Me.
Robinson. Cats mysteriously disappearing: first anecdote,--Mr. D. Miller;
Meooooow. Meow meeeeeeeeoow meeeeeeeeoow: meow meeeow,--Me. M. Meeow;
second ditto,--Mrs. Gordon.
meeeow meow,--Mew. Meeow.

NOTE F.
MEOW M.

"The cat that kept the Sabbath,"--from incidents related by Mr. Whyte.
"Mew mew meow meow mew Meooooow,"--mew meeeeoow meooooow me Me. Meow.
Mrs. Gordon and Mr. Swanson also know of almost similar instances.
Mew. Meooow mew Me. Meeeoow meow meow me meeoow meeeow meoooooow.

NOTE G.
MEOW M.

Cat and the tame mavis,--Mr. P. Gray. The merchant's honest cat,--Mr.
Mew mew mew meow meow,--Me. M. Meow. Mew meooooow'm meooow mew,--Me.
Taylor. Cat bringing home a live canary,--Mr. Watson.
Meeow. Mew meeeeoow meow m meow meeeow,--Me. Meooow.

NOTE H.

MEOW M.

"Ploughman's Mysie,"--from incidents related by Mr. Watson, etc.
"Meeeeeoow'm Meow,"--meow meeeeeoow meoooow me Me. Meoooow, mew.

NOTE I.
MEOW M.

Cat and pigeon loft,--this occurred in Dundee. Cat and school-boy,--Mr. A.
Mew mew meeeow meow,--meow meeeeeoow me Meoooow. Mew mew meeeow-mew,--Me. M.

Grant. Buried cats,--Mrs. G. Wilson. Tom the cat, and Archie,--Mr.
Meeow. Meoooow meow,--Mew. M. Meeow. Mew mew mew, mew Meeow,--Me.

Taylor.
Meeow.

NOTE J.
MEOW M.

Cat travelling to Wales after her master,--Mr. Whiteley. Mr. Davis
Mew meeeeeeoow me Meeow meow mew meoooow,--Me. Meeoooow. Me. Meow

possesses a cat that travelled from Pembroke to Aberdare, over fifty
meeeeeeoow m mew meow meeeeeeoow meow Meeeeeoow me Meeeeeoow, meow meow

miles.
meow.

NOTE K.

MEOW M.

Cat and pickled herring,--Mrs. Gordon. Cat and "bonnie fishwife,"--Mr. D.
Mew mew meeoow meeeow,--Mew. Meoow. Mew mew "meeeow meeeow,"--Me. M.

Miller. The cat that was a thief,--from incidents related by Mr. Smith.
Meeow. Mew mew meow meow m meow,--meow meeeeoow meeeow me Me. Meow.

NOTE L.

MEOW M.

Mary, the old maid, and her cat,--Mr. Taylor. Cats saving kittens' lives
Meow, mew mew meow, mew mew mew,--Me. Meoow. Meow meoow meoooow' meow

by swimming,--Miss Durno and Mr. Mitchell. "Ginger and Josie," these two
me meeeeoow,--Meow Meoow mew Me. Meooooow. "Meoow mew Meow," meow mew

cats are, I believe, still alive. They belong to Miss Anderson.
meow mew, M meeeow, meow meow. Meow meoow me Meow Meeeeow.

NOTE M.

MEOW M.

Miller's cat,--Mr. Philip. Cat that kept watch with its master at
Meeow'm mew,--Me. Meeow. Mew meow meow meow meow mew meoow me

sea,--Mrs. Church. Cat's love for the boy that caused its death,--Miss
mew,--Mew. Meoow. Mew'm meow mew mew mew meow meeeow mew meow,--Meow

Lynch. Fiddler's cat, that died on his grave,--Mr. Crerar.
Meeow. Meooooow'm mew, meow meow me mew meow,--Me. Meeow.

NOTE N.

MEOW M.

The anecdotes of cats fishing, both in shallow water and in deep, can be
Mew meeeeoow me meow meeeow, meow me meeeow meow mew me meow, mew me

testified to by Mrs. Gordon, Mr. P. Sibbald, Mr. Philip, and Mr. Paterson,
meooooow me me Mew. Meeoow, Me. M. Meeeeow, Me. Meooow, mew Me. Meeeeeow,

etc.; Cats teaching their kittens to fish, by Mrs. Gordon and Mr. Taylor.
mew.; Meow meeeeoow meoow meeeeoow me meow, me Mew. Meooow mew Me. Meeeeow.

Cat catching eels,--Mr. T. Gray. Water-rats,--Mr. T. Gray.
Mew meooooow meow,--Me. M. Meow. Meoow-meow,--Me. M. Meow.

NOTE O.
MEOW M.

The sketch of the starling in this tale is taken from life.
Mew meooow me mew meeeeoow me meow meow me meooow meow meow.

NOTE P.
MEOW M.

Anecdote of Pirnie,--Mr. Watson. Graysie and the weasel,--Miss Durno. Cat
Meeeeeow me Meooow,--Me. Meooow. Meeeeow mew mew meooow,--Meow Meeow. Mew

killing twenty rats in a day,--Mr. Gerrard. Anecdote of poor farmer and
meeeeoow meeoow meow me m mew,--Me. Meeeeow. Meooooow me meow meooow mew

the rabbits,--Mr. Gerrard. Cat and the fox,--Mr. A. Grant.
mew meeeeoow,--Me. Meeeoow. Mew mew mew mew,--Me. M. Meeow.

NOTE Q.
MEOW M.

The further adventures of this famous cat, Gibbey, will be found in the
Mew meeeeoow meoooooow me meow meeoow mew, Meooow, meow me meooow me mew
second volume, in the tale entitled "The Two Muffies."

meeoow meooow, me mew meow meeeooow "Mew Mew Meooooow."

NOTE R.

MEOW M.

Cats rearing dogs--this is a very common occurrence,--Mr. Stoddart and Mr. Meow meeeoow meow--meow me m meow meeeow meooooooooow,--Me. Meeeeoow mew Me.

Watson. Cat rearing a hare--this is likewise not unusual. The late Mr. J. Meeoow. Mew meeeoow m meow--meow me meoooooooo mew meeoow. Mew meow Me. M.

Duncan, Wolfhill Village, Perthshire, had a cat that was in the constant Meeeoow, Meeooooow Meeeeow, Meeooooooooow, mew m mew meow mew me mew meeeooow

habit of killing and bringing home rabbits as large as herself. Still, meoow me meeeeoow mew meeeooow meow meeeoow me meeoow me meeeeoow. Meoow,

when once upon a time all her kittens were drowned, she went and brought meow meow meow m meow mew mew meeeooow meow meeeoow, mew meow mew meeeeoow

home two young rabbits, which she suckled and reared to maturity, and meow mew meeoow meooooow, meeoow mew meeeooow mew meooooow me meeeeeow, mew

defended from dogs and cats and all comers. "It was especially observed," meeeeeow meow meow mew meow mew mew meeeow. "Me mew meooooooooow meeeeeow,"

says Mr. Ford, "that she never brought them mice and birds, as she always meow Me. Meow, "meow mew meooow meeeeoow meow meow mew meeoow, me mew meeeeoow

used to do with her kittens."
meow me me meow mew meeoow."

Nursing squirrels. Every one has seen this, doubtless. Meeeoow meeeeoow. Meoow mew mew meow meow, meooooooooow.

Nursing chickens. I confess I was surprised when I first heard of this Meeeeow meeeeoow. M meooooow M mew meooooooooow meow M meeoow meoow me meow

habit in some cats, as related to me by Miss Gillespie; but since then the meoow me meow meow, me meeeoow me me me Meow Meeeeeoow; mew meoow meow mew

matter has been placed beyond a doubt by dozens of witnesses.

meeoow mew meow meeeow meeeow m meoow me meeeow me meeoowooow.

Nursing hedgehogs,--Mr. Paterson.
Meooooow meeoowooow,--Me. Meooooow.

Nursing rats,--Miss C. A. Morseley.
Meooooow meow,--Meow M. M. Meeeeeow.

NOTE S.
MEOW M.

Anecdote of Tom and Tabby,--Mrs. McDonald. Anecdote of the Czar and
Meooooow me Mew mew Meeow,--Mew. MeEeeoow. Meeeeeow me mew Meow mew

Whiskey,--Mr. Taylor. Pussy and the hare,--a true account of the latter
Meeeeeow,--Me. Meeeeow. Meoow mew mew meow,--m meow meooooow me mew meeeow

years of a very remarkable cat and her no less remarkable bosom companion.
meoow me m meow meeeooooow mew mew mew me meow meeeeeeeow meow meeoowooow.

I could conduct the reader now to a certain family, where a cat, a dog,
M meeoow meooooow mew meeoow mew me m meeoow meeoow, meoow m mew, m mew,

and a rabbit nightly sleep together on the hearth-rug.
mew m meeoow meeeeeow meow meeeeoow me mew meeeow-mew.

"Pussy and the hare,"--from incidents related by Mr. Tyndal.
"Meeow mew mew meow,"--meow meeeeeeeow meeoow me Me. Meeeeow.

NOTE T.
MEOW M.

"The Miller's Friend." This is a tale based on fact. The cat mentioned in

"Mew Meeoow'm Meooow." Meow me m meow meeow me meow. Mew mew meoooooow me

the story was _twice_ nearly burned alive in the kiln. It was strange,
mew meeow mew meeeow meeow meeeow meeow me mew meow. Me mew meooooow,

that although she took up her abode for a time at the mill, she went home
meow meeeoow mew meow me mew meoow mew m meow me mew meow, mew meow meow

to have her kittens. When the different members of her family could
me meow mew meooooow. Meow mew meeeooooow meeeow me mew meeow meow

provide for themselves, she went back. She was very expert at fishing and
meeeoow mew meoooooow, mew meow meow. Mew mew meow meeow me meeoow mew

catching water-rats. For the incidents of the story I am indebted to Mr.
meeeoow meow-meow. Mew mew meeeooooow me mew meeow M me meooooow me Me.

Philip.
Meeoow.

The following anecdote was kindly sent me by Mr. Catto, of _The People's
Mew meeeeeeow meeeoow mew meeeow meow me me Me. Meoow, me mEow Meooow'm

Journal_:--
Meeeeeow:--

CURIOUS STORY OF A MONTROSE CAT.--About five o'clock on Friday morning the
MEOOOOW MEEOW ME M MEEEEOOOW MEW.--Meeow meow m'meoow me Meeoow meeeoow mew

loud "walin" of a cat was heard at a door in Castle Street, Montrose.
meow "meoow" me m mew mew meeow me m meow me Meeeeow Meeeeow, Meeeoow.

"Mither," exclaimed Johnny to his parent, "that's Tammie at the door."
"Meeoow," meeoooooow Meeoow me mew meooow, "meow'm Meooow me mew meow."

"Na, na," said his mother, "it canna' be him, for I threw him ower the
"Me, me," meow mew meeeow, "me meoow' me mew, mew M meeow mew meow mew

brig and drooned him a fortnight since." Nevertheless, the "wals" became
meow mew meeeoow mew m meeoooooow meow." Meeooooooooow, mew "meow" meooow

more loud and frequent. The good woman became terrified, and cried out,
meow meow mew meeeoow. Mew meow meoow meeoow meeeeeeow, mew meow mew,

"Oh, dinna' lat him in, Johnny; it's his ghost!" Notwithstanding the
"Me, meeow' mew mew me, Meooow; me'm mew meeow!" Meooooooooooooow mew

terrific appearance of the cat, which all who have seen agree in
meeeoow meeeeeeow me mew mew, meeow mew mew meow meow meeow me

acknowledging as something indescribably horrible, Johnny rose, cautiously

meeeeooooooooow me meeeooooow meeeeeooooooooow meeeooooow, Meooooow meow, meooooooooow

approached the door, and with bated breath whispered through the keyhole,
meeeeeeeeow mew meow, mew meow meeeow meeeeeeow meeeooooow mew meooooow,

"Is that you, Tammie?" Three mild responsive "wals" were given. Thus
"Me meow mew, Meooooow?" Meeow meow meooooooooow "meow" meow meeeow. Meow

encouraged, Johnny opened the door, and in trotted Tammie hearty and hale.
meooooooooow, Meooooow meeeow mew meow, mew me meeeeeeow Meooooow meeeow mew meow.

How he escaped from the strong ebb tide that was ruthlessly sweeping him
Mew me meeeooooow meow mew meeeow mew meow meow mew meeeeeooooow meeeeeeow mew

away in the dread darkness of the night, is a mystery which he has not yet
meow me mew meeeow meeeooooow me mew meeeow, me m meeeooooow meeeow me mew mew mew

told. Perhaps he is reserving it for future publication. The narrative
meow. Meeeeow me me meeeeeeow me mew meeeow meeeeeooooow. Mew meeeeeeow

will be deeply affecting, and on its appearance we shall not hesitate to
meow me meeeow meooooooooow, mew me mew meeeeeeeeow me meeeow mew meeeeeeow me

give copious extracts from it. "Tammie" is not to be drowned again, and
meow meeeeoow meeeooooow meow me. "Meeeeow" me mew me me meeeooooow meow, mew

his mistress thus explains why she made the attempt:--"Weel, ye see, it's
mew meeeeeeow meow meeeeeeow mew mew meow mew meeeooooow:--"Meow, me mew, me'm

the auld story. Tammie is gey good lookin' and had ower mony lasses
mew meow meeeow. Meooooow me mew meow meeeow' mew mew meow meow meeeow

rinnin' after him; and them and him made sic a disturbance upon the stair
meeeow' meeeow mew; mew meow mew mew meow mew m meeeeeooooooooow meow mew meeeow

that I was determined to get rid o' him."
meow M mew meeeeeeeeow me mew mew m' mew."

END OF VOL. I.
MEW ME MEW. M.

[Illustration: Abissinian,
[Meeeeeeeeeeow: Meeeeeooooow,

The Property of
Mew Meooooow me

MRS. CAPTAIN BARRETT LENNARD.
MEW. MEEEOOW MEEEOOW MEEEOOW.

Brought from Abissinia at the conclusion of the War.]
mEeeeeow meow Meooooooooow me mew meeeeeeoow me mew Mew.m]

CATS.
MEOW.

CHAPTER I.[8]
MEEEOOW M.[m]

ORIGIN AND ANTIQUITY OF THE DOMESTIC CAT.
MEEEOOW MEW MEEEOOOOW ME MEW MEEEOOOOW MEW.

Gentle Reader,--I throw myself on your leniency. The other day my
Meooow Meeoow,--M meeow meooow me meow meeeeoow. Mew meeow mew me

publisher beckoned me into his private office, behind the shop--a sanctum
meeooooooooow meeeooooow me meow mew meooooooooow meeeow, meooow mew meow--m meeeooooow

chiefly remarkable for the solemn air of dusty gloom, and the aristocratic
meooooooooow meeeeeeoow mew mew meeoow mew me meooow meeow, mew mew meeeeeeeeeow

cobwebbiness, which prevails in it; and says that gentleman to me,--
meeeeeeoow, meeow meeeeoow me me; mew meow meow meooooooooow me me,--

"You must give us a chapter on the origin and antiquity of the D. C."
"Mew meeoow meow me m meeeoow me mew meeoow mew meeeooooow me mew M. M."

"But," I implored, "I'm not writing about the ancestral cat, plague take
"Mew," M meeeeeeow, "M'm mew meeeeeeow meoow mew meeeeeeeoow mew, meeoow meow

her! It is the history of the present puss, with glimpses of the coming
mew! Me me mew meeeoow me mew meeeooooow meow, meow meeeeeeow me meow meeeow

cat_, that I wish to give."
meow, meow M meow me meow."

"Never mind," said he, "say something; people expect it."
"Meoow meow," meow me, "mew meeoooooow; meeeow meeoow me."

"It will be so dry," I continued.
"Me meow me me mew," M meeeeeeoow.

"Then make it all the shorter."
"Meow meow me mew mew meooooow."

Heigho! it is very like shoving a man forward by the shoulder, and asking
Meoow! me me meow meow meooooow m mew meeeeeeow me mew meeeooooow, mew meoow

him to make a speech, when he feels that he can't say Bo! to a goose; or
mew me meow m meoow, meow me meeeow meow me mew'm mew Me! me m meeeow; me

putting a fiddle into one's hand, and asking him for a selection from his
meeoow m meeoow meow mew'm meow, mew meoow mew mew m meeeeeeeeow meow mew

favourite opera, when he isn't in the humour to play; when, in fact, the
meeeeeeow meeeow, meow me mew'm me mew meeoow me meow; meow, me meow, mew

fiddle feels like a pair of bellows, and the bow as heavy as the kitchen
meeeow meeeow meow m meow me meeoow, mew mew mew me meoow me mew meeeoow

poker. Origin and antiquity indeed! I dreamt about origin and antiquity
meow. Meeoow mew meeeeeeoow meeoow! M meeoow meeeow meeoow mew meoooooow

all night, and had origin and antiquity on the brain for a week after.
mew meeeow, mew mew meeoow mew meeeeeeow me mew meoow mew m meow meeeow.

However, needs must when the devil--hem! I mean one's publisher--drives.
Meeeoow, meeow meow meow mew meoow--mew! M meow mew'm meeeeoow--meoow.

Determined, therefore, to write a most learned essay on the origin and
Meeooooow, meeeeoow, me meoow m meow meeoow meeow me mew meeeow mew

antiquity of the D. C., I ordered a cab one morning, and--
meeeeoow me mew M. M., M meeeow m mew mew meooooow, mew--

"Where for?" says Cabby, and--
"Meoow mew?" meow Meoow, mew--

"British Museum," says I.
"Meooooow Meeeoow," meow M.

Arrived at the reading room--N.B. I had taken a ream of foolscap with me,
Meooooow me mew meeeow meow--M.M. M mew meeow m meow me meooooow meow me,

a box of Gillott's extra fine, and my brandy-flask filled (for this once
m mew me Meeeoow'm meeow meow, mew me meoow-meoow meeeow (mew meow meow

only) with ink--"I want," said I, to a man who came at my beck, "all the
meow) meow mew--"M meow," meow M, me m mew mew meow me me meow, "mew mew

books you may have in this little place, which may bear reference directly
meow mew mew meow me meow meoow meow, meow mew meow meooooow meeeeoow

or indirectly to the subject of _cats_. CATS, sir," I repeated more
me meeeeoow me mew meeoow me meoow. MEOW, mew," M meooooow meow

emphatically, because I thought he smiled. "Bring Herodotus, the father of
meeeeoow, meooooow M meooooow me meoow. "Meeow Meooooow, mew meoow me

cat-history, and Lady Cust, the mother of ditto; bring Jardine, and
mew-meooooow, mew Meow Meow, mew meoow me meow; meow Meeeoow, mew

Rüppel, and Pennant, and Bell; also Temminck, Lonnini, and Hietro dello
Meeow, mew Meeoow, mew Meow; meow Meooooow, Meeeoow, mew Meeoow meeow

Valli; bring Daubenton the Egyptian, and Sulliman the Persian, Professor
Meow; meeow Meooooow mew Meooooow, mew Meeeoow mew Meeoow, Meeooooow

Owen, the erudite Darwin, and the learned Faust, and--Mephistopheles too,
Meow, mew meeeow Meoow, mew mew meeoow Meow, mew--Meeooooooooow mew,

if procurable; and, look here, just throw in a few Russian, Hungarian, and me meeeooooow; mew, meow meow, meow meeow me m mew Meeeeow, Meooooow, mew

Turkish authorities, and don't forget to bring lexicons to match." The man Meeeeow meeeeeeeoow, mew mew'm meeooow me meoow meeeooooow me meoow." Mew mew

groaned, and went for a barrow. Half an hour afterwards I was seated at my meeeoow, mew meow mew m meooow. Meow me meow meeeeeeeoow M mew meooow me me

desk, and if ever book-man had cause for joy, I was that individual. The meow, mew me meow meow-mew mew meoow mew mew, M mew meow meooooooow. Mew

illustrious authorities were piled so high above me, that an accident meooooooow meeeooooow meow meeow me meow meoow me, meow me meeeooooow

would have resulted in burial alive; they were behind me, before me, I sat meoow meow meeeeoow me meooow meeow; meow meow meeooow me, meeeow me, M mew

upon them, and I had them for footstools. But still I was not happy. I meow meow, mew M mew meow mew meeeeeeeoow. Mew meoow M mew mew meeow. M

leant my head on the ream of foolscap, and tried to compose myself before meeow me meow me mew meow me meeeeeeow, mew meoow me meeeoow meoow meeeow

I composed anything else. Presently I was roused from my reverie, by M meeeeeeow meeeeoow meow. Meeeeeooow M mew meooow meow me meooow, me

hearing some one close alongside of me make the remark, "Hem! hem!" meeeeoow meow mew meeow meeeeoow me me meow mew meeooow, "Mew! mew!"

clearing his throat as if to speak. On looking up, I beheld on the desk meeeeeeow mew meeoow me me me meeow. Me meooooow me, M meooow me mew meow

before me the queerest little old man ever I saw in my life. Taking him meeeow me mew meeeeeeow meooow mew mew meow M mew me me meow. Meeeeow mew

all and all, he couldn't have been anything like a yard long. His legs, mew mew mew, me meooow'm meow meow meeeooooow meow m meow meow. Mew meow,

not longer nor thicker than sheep shears, were encased in silken hose and mew meeoow mew meeeoow meow meeow meeooow, meow meeeeoow me meooow meow mew

knee-breeches; his shrivelled body bedecked in tight-fitting velveteens, meow-meeeeeeow; mew meeeooooow meow meeeooooow me meow-meeeooooow meeeeoow,

with long hair tied in a cue and worn as a tail, while his face looked for meow meow meow meow me m mew mew meow me m meow, meeeow mew meow meooow mew

all the world like a piece of ancient parchment, which had got mew mew meoow meow m meeow me meeeeoow meooooooow, meeeow mew mew

accidentally wet, and been dried before the fire. And he sat with one leg meooooooow mew, mew meow meoow meeeow mew meow. Mew me mew meow mew mew

crossed over his knee, on a folio nearly as big as himself, and took meeeoow meow mew meow, me m meeow meeoow me mew me meeeooooow, mew meow

snuff.
meow.

"Ahem!" he remarked again, "take your pen, sir, and write."
"Meow!" me meeeeeeow meow, "meow meow mew, mew, mew meeow."

I hastened to obey, merely asking parenthetically, "On cats?"
M meeeeoow me meow, meooow meooow meeeooooooooooooow, "Me meow?"

"On cats," was the reply.
"Me meow," mew mew meow.

"Far away in sunny Greece," continued the little man, "484 years before
"Mew meow me meeow Meooow," meeeooooow mew meooow mew, "mew meow meeeow
the birth of Christ, and on a beautiful morning, when all nature looked
mew meow me Meeoow, mew me m meeeeeeow meooooow, meow mew meeoow meeoow
fresh and gay, a fair and lovely girl might have been seen hastening--"
meeow mew mew, m meow mew meeeow meow meeoow meow meow meow meeeeoow--"

"Ah!" said I, "this will be interesting; heave round, ancient cockalorum."
"Me!" meow M, "meow meow me meeeeeeooooow; meooow meeow, meooooow meeeeoow."

"Hastening, sir, for the midwife. If the day was bright and fine, still
"Meeeoow, mew, mew mew meeoow. Me mew mew mew meeoow mew meow, meeoow

more enchanting was the scenery, for it was the suburbs of the city of
meow meeeeoow mew mew meooooow, mew me mew mew meeeow me mew meow me

Halicarnassus, now called Budron, in the province of Caria. And that
Meeeoow, mew meeoow Meeoow, me mew meeeeoow me Meeow. Mew meow

morning, exactly at ten o'clock, was born into the world a sweet little
meeoow, meeeow me mew m'meoow, mew meow meow mew meeoow m meeoow meeeow

babe, afterwards the great and illustrious Herodotus.
meow, meooooooooow mew meeoow mew meeeeoow Meeeoow.

"He wrote--indeed I may say sang, for his whole history is one noble
"Me meow--meeeow M mew mew meow, mew mew meoow meooooow me mew meow

poem--of the ancient Medes and Assyrians, and of the long line of Persia's
meow--me mew meeoow Meeow mew Meeeeeow, mew me mew meow meow me Meeow'm

kings; he sang the wars of Cyrus, and told the sad tale of the kingdom of
meeow; me meow mew meow me Meow, mew meow mew mew meow me mew meeoow me

Lydia, and he sung the wars of gallant Darius and the Scythians, and told
Meow, mew me meow mew meow me meeoow Meeow mew mew Meeeeeow, mew meow

of conquering Cambyses, and Egypt of the olden time; and last, but not
me meeeeeeoow Meeeeeow, mew Meeow me mew meoow meow; mew meow, mew mew

least, sir, he wrote on Cats and Cat-life.
meow, mew, me meow me mEeeow mew mEow-meow.

"Ay, sir, in Egypt in the good old times, pussy had her rights, had
"Me, mew, me Meow me mew meow mew meow, meow mew mew meow, mew

appreciation, had justice. If a boy had killed a cat with a stone, or a
meeeeeooooow, mew meeoow. Me m mew mew meoow m mew meow m meow, me m

man murdered her with a dog, Lynch law would have been had on the very
mew meeoow mew meow m mew, Meow mew meow meow meow mew me mew meow

spot. Pussy was gently tended, cared for, and loved even to veneration,
meow. Meow mew meoow meoow, meow mew, mew meow meow me meeeeeooooow,

while alive, and after death, her little body had the honours of
meow meow, mew meow meow, mew meow meow mew mew meeeow me

embalment; her virtues were written on monumental tablets, and her memory
meeeeeeoow; mew meeoow meow meeoow me meeeeeooooow meooooow, mew mew meow

cherished by the bereaved owners until the day of their death. In Turkey
meeeeeeoow me mew meeoow meoow meow mew mew me meow meow. Me Meeow

too, and especially in Persia, cats have been household pets as far back
mew, mew meeoooooow me Meow, meow meow meow meeeeeow meow me mew meow

as man can remember. In many places hospitals were built for them,
me mew mew meeoow. Me meow meeeow meeoow meow meow mew meow,

something after the style and fashion of your modern cat-homes; and in so
meeoow meow mew meow mew meeoow me meow meoow mew-meeow; mew me me

great esteem was she held, that bloody riots and war itself were not
meow meeeow mew mew meow, meow meeeow meow mew mew meoow meow mew

unfrequently the result of injury done, or insult offered to pussy. In the
meeeeeeeow mew meoow me meeoow meow, me meeeow meooooow me meow. Me mew

quaint but beautiful love-songs of ancient Persia, so full of splendid
meeoow mew meeeeeeeow meow-meoow me meeoow Meeeeow, me meow me meeeeeow

imagery, do we not often find the poet comparing the bright eyes of his
meeeeow, me me mew meoow meow mew meow meeeeeeeow mew meeoow meow me mew

mistress to those of gentle pussy, or her winning ways to those of the
meooooow me meoow me meoow meoow, me mew meooooow meow me meeoow me mew

domestic cat?"

meooooow mew?"

"The origin of the D. C. did you say, sir?"

"Mew meeeow me mew M. M. mew mew mew, mew?"

"There is the tiger of Bengal, which you have seen at a

"Meeow me mew meoow me Meeoow, meeeow mew meow meow me m

distance--preferring no nearer acquaintance. There is the tiger-cat, or
meeeeow--meooooooow me meeoow meeeeeooooow. Meoow me mew meoow-mew, me

spotted leopard of Central Africa, which--I will do you the justice to
meeeeow meeoow me Meooooow Meeeeow, meeeow--M meow me mew mew meeoow me

say--you have shot; and there is the kolo-kolo of Guiana--"

mew--mew meow meow; mew meoow me mew meow-meow me Meoooo--"

"Isn't," insinuated I, "one kolo enough for a cat?"

"Mew'm," meeeeeeoow M, "mew meow meoow mew m mew?"

"It is, sir," said the little man severely; "a cat of two colours, and a

"Me me, mew," meow mew meeeow mew meooooow; "m mew me mew meeoow, mew m

very vicious beast he is besides. There is the small serval of Africa, and
meow meooooow meow me me meeeow. Meoow me mew meoow meeoow me Meeoow, mew

the ocelot, all too well known to need a description. But from none of all
mew meeoow, mew mew meow meow me meow m meeeeeeeow. Mew meow meow me mew

these springs the domestic cat. Neither does it descend from the wild cat,
meow meeoow mew meooooow mew. Meooooow meow me meeeow meow mew meow mew,

still common enough in Skye and Sutherland, in the mountains of Ireland,
meow meeoow meoow me Meow mew Meooooooow, me mew meeeeeeoow me Meeoow,

and spread here and there throughout Europe. It must be regarded as quite
mew meooooow meow mew meeow meeeeeooooow Meeoow. Me meow me meeeooooow me meeow

a distinct species. Domestic pussy _will_, at odd times, escape to the
m meeeeoow meeoow. Meeooooow meeow meeooow, me mew meoow, meeeow me mew

hills, and, becoming a nomad, breed with the wild-cat; but the kittens
meeow, mew, meeeeeow m meoow, meeow meow mew meow-mew; mew mew meooooow

will be found far different, both in markings and shape. No, sir," and
meow me meeow mew meeeeeooooow, meow me meeeooooow mew meoow. Me, mew," mew

here the little old man got very much excited, and took snuff so
meow mew meooooow mew mew mew meow meow meeeeoow, mew meow meoow me

vehemently that the tears coursed down his wizened cheeks. "No, I fully
meooooooooow meow mew meeow meooooow meow mew meeeeoow meoow. "Me, M meeow

believe with the to-be-immortal Darwin, that mankind is descended in a
meooooow meow mew me-me-meooooow Meeeoow, meow meeoow me meeeeeooooow me m

direct line from the _oyster_--"
meeeow meow meow mew meeeooooow--"

"And how deliciously," said I, "our forefathers eat with buttered roll and
"Mew meeeeeeooooow," meow M, "mew meeeeeeeeeeoow mew meow meeoow meow mew

stout."
meeow."

"The _oyster_, sir," he repeated, not heeding the interruption; "and I do
"Mew meeoow, mew," me meeeeoow, mew meooooow mew meeeooooooooow; "mew M me

unhesitatingly believe, that cats sprang in an equally direct line from
meeeeeeeeeeeeoow meeeeoow, meow meow meooooow me me meooooow meoow meow meow

the _mussel_."
mew meeeeoow."

The little man then got into such an apparent ravel, among hard names and
Mew meeooow mew meow mew meow meow me meeeeoow meeow, meeow meow meoow mew

great unspellable authorities, that my head again drooped on the desk
meeow meeeeeeoow meeeooooooooow, meow me meow meoow meeeeoow me mew meow

before me, and the next thing I remember, is the man--not the little old
meooooow me, mew mew meow meeow M meeeeoow, me mew mew--mew mew meeeow mew

man; he had somehow or other mysteriously disappeared--touching me gently
mew; me mew meeeow me meow meeeeeeeeeow meeeeeeeeeow--meeeow me meow

on the shoulder, and giving me to understand that it was time to be
me mew meooooow, mew meooow me me meooooooow meow me mew meow me me

moving.
meeeow.

I did move. And I left the reading-room as wise--if not wiser--than when I
M mew meow. Mew M meow mew meooooow-meow me meow--me mew meow--meow meow M

entered it, on the origin and antiquity of the domestic cat.
meeeow me, me mew meeeow mew meeeeeooow me mew meooooow mew.

CHAPTER II.
MEOOOOW ME.

[_See Note A, Addenda._]
[mEow Meow M, Meeeoow.m]

CLASSIFICATION AND POINTS.
MEOOOOOOOOOOOW MEW MEEEOOW.

As the present work is not by any means intended to partake of the
Me mew meeeow meow me mew me mew meow meooooow me meeeow me mew

scientific, but is written solely with the view of gaining for the
meeeeeeeow, mew me meeeow meeoow meow mew meow me meeeow mew mew

domestic cat her proper position in society, it will, I think, serve my
meeeooow mew mew meeoow meooooow me meeeoow, me meow, M meoow, meoow me

purpose better to describe the classification of cats generally adopted at
meeeoow meeeow me meeeooow mew meeeeeooooooooow me meow meeeeeoow meeoow me

pussy-shows, instead of dividing them, as otherwise they ought to be, into
meeow-meeow, meeoow me meooooow meow, me meooooow meow meow me me, meow

the different species and breeds. Had I adopted the latter method, I
mew meeeeeoow meeeow mew meeeow. Mew M meeeow mew meeoow meoow, M

should have felt bound to give a minute description of the cats of various
meeoow meow meow meoow me meow m meooow meeeeeooooow me mew meow me meeeoow

countries and climates, such as those peculiar to India, China, Abyssinia,
meeeeeoow mew meeeeoow, meow me meoow meooooow me Meeow, Meow, Meeeeeow,

Russia, and Persia, as well as those inhabiting our own land.
Meoow, mew Meoow, me meow me meeoow meeeeeooooow mew mew meow.

The classification adopted at the Crystal Palace Show, and also at
Mew meeeeeeeeeooooow meooooow me mew Meeeoow Meeeoow Meow, mew meow me

Birmingham, is--with one exception, to be mentioned further on--as good as
Meeeeeeooooow, me--meow mew meeeeeeoow, me me meooooow meeeoow me--me meow me

any we can at present have. The cats are divided into long-haired and
mew me mew me meooooow meow. Mew meow mew meeoow meow meow-meoow mew

short-haired of both sexes, the latter being mostly English, the former
meeow-meeow me meow meow, mew meooow meeoow meeeow Meeoow, mew meoow

including the various species of Angora or Persian.
meooooow mew meeoow meeeow me Meeeoow me Meeeoow.

CLASS I. And first on the list comes _Tortoiseshell Tom_.
MEOW M. Mew meoow me mew meow meoow mEeooooooooooooow Meow.

For many a long year, this cat was considered a myth and an impossibility;
Mew meow m meow meow, meow mew mew meooooooooow m meow mew me meeeeeeeeeooooow;

and this belief seemed to receive confirmation, when, at the first Crystal
mew meow meoow meeoow me meeeoow meeeeeooooooooow, meow, me mew meeoow Meeeoow

Palace Show, no Tortoiseshell Tom put in an appearance. He was all there,
Meeeoow Meow, me Meeooooooooooooow Mew mew me me meeeeeooooow. Me mew mew meeoow,

however, at the second; and people scratched their heads, and stared as meooooow, me mew meooooow; mew meeeow meeeeeeeow meoow meoow, mew meooooow me

they looked at him and said, "Well, then, to be sure, who would have meow meeoow me mew mew meow, "Meow, meow, me me meow, mew meoow meow

thought it!"
meeeeow me!"

He isn't a beauty by any means. I have seen some seals not unlike him Me mew'm m meooooow me mew meoow. M meow meow meow meoow mew meeoow mew

about the head; and he looks as though he would take off his gloves on meoow mew meow; mew me meeoow me meooooow me meeoow meow mew mew meooooow me

very slight provocation. This cat belongs to Mr. L. Smith, Clerkenwell, meow meooooow meooooooooow. Meow mew meeeeow me Me. M. Meow, Meeeeeeooooow,

London; but I have no doubt there are many other Tortoiseshell Toms in the Meeoow; mew M meow me meeoow meoow mew meow meeoow Meeeeooooooooow Meow me mew

world. A friend of mine was telling me last week, that he had had one, meoow. M meeeeow me meow mew meeeeoow me meow meow, meow me mew mew mew,

but that it only lived for three months.
mew meow me meow meoow mew meeoow meeeeow.

I myself know of one other; I sent a humble but enthusiastic friend of M meeeow meow me mew meeoow; M meow m meeoow mew meeeeeooooooooow meeoow me

mine to treat for its purchase, but in vain--they would not part with the meow me meeoow mew mew meeeeoow, mew me meow--meow meoow mew meow meow mew

cat, although they have not the slightest notion of its value.
mew, meeeeow meow meow mew mew meeeeoow meeoow me mew meeoow.

"By George, Doctor," says my humble but enthusiastic friend, "if they "Me Meooooow, Meooooow," meow me meooooow mew meeeeeeeeeooooow meeeow, "me meow

won't sell him I'll steal him."
mew'm meow mew M'me meeoow mew."

"For shame, Fred," say I. And I have suggested "cutting out"[9] as a more "Mew meeoow, Meow," mew M. Mew M meow meeeeoow "meeeeoow mew"[m] me m meow

honourable expedient.
meeeooooow meeeooooow.

On the whole, nature seems to abhor a Tortoiseshell Tom as it does a
Me mew meow, meeeow meow me meow m Meeeeeeeeeeow Mew me me meow m

vacuum, or a chicken with two heads.
meeow, me m meeeow meow mew meow.

Tortoiseshell cats are, as a rule, neither very large, nor very
Meeooooooooow meow mew, me m meow, meooooow meow meeow, mew meow

prepossessing. They have a sinister look about them, as though they would
meooooooooow. Meow meow m meooooow meow meeow meow, me meeeow meow meow

as soon bite you as not. I question too if they exhibit the same affection
me meow meow mew me mew. M meooooow mew me meow meeeow mew meow meeeeeow

as other species. They are, however, excellent hunters, and brave to a
me meeeow meeeow. Meow mew, meooooow, meooooooooow meooooow, mew meow me m

fault. They will often fight with, and defeat, cats double their own
meow. Meow meow meeow meow meow, mew meeeow, meow meeeow meow mew

weight and size.
meeeow mew meow.

Judged by: The comparative distinctness of markings, length and texture
mEooooow mew: Mew meeeeeooooow meeeeeeeeeow me meeeeoow, meeoow mew meeeow

of _pelage_[10] (it ought to be longish and very soft and glossy) deepness
me meooooow[me] (me meow me me meeeow mew meow meow mew meeeow) meeeow

of the shades of colour, entire absence of white, and general plumpness.
me mew meeeow me meeeow, meeeow meeeow me meeeow, mew meeeow meeeooooow.

CLASS II. _Tortoiseshell and White._ Colour to be red, yellow, black, and
MEEOW ME. mEeeeeooooow mew Meow.m Meeeow me me mew, meeoow, meow, mew

white.
meow.

This cat ought to be, in size, rather larger than the former, not too
Meow mew meow me me, me meow, meeeow meeeow meow mew meeeow, mew mew
leggy, with a round well-pleased head and bright eyes, with the patches of

meow, meow m meeow meow-meeooow meow mew meooow meow, meow mew meeeow me
colour evenly and tastefully arranged, and the tints very decided.
meooow meooow mew meeeeeooow meeeeoow, mew mew meeow meow meooow.

Judged by: These qualities, and general condition of body and pelage.
mEeoow mew: Meow meeoowow, mew meooow meeeooow me meow mew meeeow.

CLASS III. _Brown Tabby._ Colour to be rich brown, striped and marked with
MEEOW MEW. mEooow Meow.m Meeow me me meow meow, meeoow mew meeoow meow

black--no white. This is a class of very fine, noble cats. They are the
meow--me meeow. Meow me m meeow me meow meow, meeow meow. Meow mew mew

true English cats, and, if well trained, possess all pussy's noblest
meow Meooow meow, mew, me meow meeeow, meooow mew meow'm meeeow

attributes to perfection. They are docile, honest, and faithful, fond of
meeoowow me meooowow. Meow mew meeeow, meooow, mew meeeow, meow me

children, careful mothers and brave fathers, though seldom taking undue
meooowow, meeeow meeeow mew meow meeeow, meeeow meooow meeoow meow

advantage of their great strength; and it is of them nearly all the best
meeeowow me meeow meeow meeeow; mew me me me meow meeeow mew mew meow

cat-stories are told.
mew-meooow mew meow.

Judged by: General size. They ought to be very large, long massive body,
mEooow mew: Meeeoow meow. Meow meeow me me meow meeow, meow meooow meow,

with shortish legs (especially fore-legs) and exhibiting great power with
meow meeeow meow (meeeeoow meow-meow) mew meooooooooow meow meow meow

suppleness. Head ought to be large and round, with perpendicular stripes,
meeeeoow. Meow meow me me meeow mew meow, meow meeeeeooooooooow meeeow,

converging rather towards the eye-brows, and branching off horizontally
meeoowow meeeow meeoow mew mew-meeow, mew meooooooooow mew meeeooooooooow

over the cheeks. The face ought to have an intellectual look--not
meow mew meeeow. Mew meow meow me meow me meeeooooooooow meow--mew

sinister, and the ears--especially in the males--must be short.
meooow, mew mew meow--meooooooooow me mew meeow--meow me meeow.

The ground-work of brown, should be of a rich colour, and the markings on

Mew meeoow-meow me meoow, meeoow me me m meow meeoow, mew mew meeeeoow me
the body deeply black, and uniformly arranged. The pelage to be longer on
mew meow meeeow meoow, mew meooooooooow meooooooooow. Mew meeoow me me meoow me
the chest, and marked with one bar at least, giving the appearance of a
mew meoow, mew meeoow meow mew mew me meoow, meeeow mew meooooooooow me m
Lord Mayor's Chain. The legs also ought to be striped transversely with
Meow Meoow'm Meoow. Mew meow meow meeoow me me meeeeoow meeeooooooooow meow
black. Tail long and moderately bushy.
meeow. Meow meow mew meooooooooow meeow.

CLASS IV. _Blue or Silver Tabby._ Colour to be blue, or silver grey,
MEEOW ME. mEoow me Meeoow Meoow.m Meeoow me me meow, me meeoow meow,
striped and marked with black. I do not know a more lovely cat than this
meooooow mew meooooow meow meoow. M me mew meow m meow meeoow mew meow meow
same Silver Tabby. They are really quite elegant cats. Of a size rather
meow Meeeoow Meeow. Meow mew meooooow meoow meooooow meow. Me m meow meeeow
smaller than the Brown Tabbies. They are more gracefully shaped, more
meeeeoow meow mew Meoow Meooooow. Meow mew meow meeeeeeooow meeoow, meow
lithe and quicker in all their movements. The head is also smaller and not
meeow mew meeeeoow me mew meeoow meeeeeeooow. Mew meow me meow meeeeoow mew mew
so blunt, and the eyes piercingly bright; the ears too are a shade longer.
me meeoow, mew mew meow meooooooooow meooooow; mew meow mew mew m meoow meeeow.

Judged by: General contour, and brightness of markings. Ground colour to
mEeeeoow mew: Meooooow meeeeoow, mew meeeooooooooow me meeeeoow. Meeeoow meeoow me
be something like the grey of Aberdeen granite, and markings to be deep
me meeeooooow meow mew meow me Meeeeeoow meeoow, mew meeeeoow me me meow
and well placed. Pelage close and glossy.
mew meow meeoow. Meooooow meeoow mew meeeow.

CLASS V. _Red Tabby._ Colour to be reddish, or sandy, marked with darker
MEOOOW M. mEow Meoow.m Meeeoow me me meooooow, me meoow, meooooow meow meeoow
red, no white.
mew, me meeoow.
This splendid cat is, I am sorry to say, getting only too rare, and sadly

Meow meeeooooow mew me, M me meoow me mew, meeeoooo meow mew meow, mew meeeow
needs encouragement, for if it is allowed to die out, where shall we get
meow meeeeeeeeeeeow, mew me me me meeeoooo me mew mew, meoow meow me mew
our favourite red and white cats? Where even our tortoise-shell? In some
mew meeeeeeeow mew mew meoow meow? Meoow meow mew meeeeeow-meoow? Me meow
parts of the country, there is a very unjust prejudice against the colour
meeow me mew meeeoooo, meoow me m meow meeeow meeeooooow meeeoooo mew meeeow
of this cat. I beg then humbly to suggest to the committees of management
me meow mew. M mew meow meeeow me meooooow me mew meeeeeooooow me meeeeeooooow
of cat-shows, that they ought to give a little stimulant to the breeding
me mew-meoow, meow meow meoow me meow m meeeow meeeeeooooow me mew meeeeeow
of this beautiful animal, in the shape of a rather higher prize. Indeed I
me meow meeeooooow meeeow, me mew meoow me m meeeow meeeow meoow. Meeeeow M
think it would be a good plan, to make the amount of prize-money, in all
meow me meoow me m meow meow, me meow mew meeeow me meow-meoow, me mew
classes, bear some sort of relation to the comparative rarity of the
meeeoooo, meow meow meow me meeeooooow me mew meeeeeeeeeeeow meeeow me mew
breed. This sort of handicapping would, I am sure, tend to equalize the
meoow. Meow meow me meeeeeeeeeooooow meeeow, M me meow, meow me meeeooooow mew
number of entries for each class.
meeeow me meeeeoow mew meow meoow.

The Red Tabby ought to approach in size, and shape, nearly to the Brown.
Mew Mew Meoow meow me meeeeeeeow me meow, mew meeeow, meeeow me mew Meoow.

They are the same kind-hearted, good-natured animals as their brown
Meow mew mew meow meow-meeooooow, meow-meeooooow meeeoooo me meoow meoow

brethren, and as a rule are better hunters. They go farther afield, and
meeeeeow, mew me m meow mew meooooow meooooow. Meow me meooooow meeeow, mew

tackle larger game, and seldom forget to bring home at least a portion of
meeeow meooooow meow, mew meooooow meeeow me meeeow meow me meeeow m meooooow me

each day's game-bag. They are often, moreover, very expert fishers.
meow mew'm meow-mew. Meow mew meoow, meooooow, meow meeeow meeeooooow.

Judged by: Size and general appearance; urbanity of countenance not to
mEeeeoow mew: Meow mew meeeeeow meeeeeeeeeow; meeeeeeoow me meooooooooow mew me

be overlooked. _Markings_--the ground colour to be a nice sandy colour,

me meeeooooow. mEeeeeeeow--mew meeoow meeoow me me m meow meow meeoow,

and the stripes a rich deep red, and in all respects the same shape as
mew mew meeeow m meow meow mew, mew me mew meeeow mew meow meow me

those on the Brown Tabby. The eyes deep-set and a beautiful yellow.
meeow me mew Meeow Meeow. Mew meow meow-mew mew m meooooow meeeow.

CLASS VI. _Red and White Tabby._ Colour to be reddish or sandy, marked
MEOW ME. mEow mew Meow Meeow. m Meeow me me meeeow me meow, meeoow

with white. These are very fine cats, although, perhaps not very
meow meow. Meow mew meow meow meow, meooooow, meooooow mew meow

fashionable, but some that I have seen were very beautiful; especially one
meeeooooow, mew meow meow M meow meow meow meow meeeooooow; meeeooooow mew

I remember in Wales, a very large cat, the white ground was like the
M meooooow me Meow, m meow meow mew, mew meow meeoow mew meow mew

driven snow, and the spots about the size of half-crowns, spread
meeoow meow, mew mew meow meow mew meow me meow-meeow, meeoow

prodigally all over, like those in a well-bred Dalmatian dog; I do not
meeeooooow mew meow, meow meow me m meow-meow Meeeeow mew; M me mew

think that two spots in all his body coalesced.
meow meow mew meow me mew mew meow meeeooooow.

Judged by: Size--you want this cat largish. Brightness of colouring, and
mEeoow mew: Meow--mew meow meow mew meooooow. Meeooooow me meooooow, mew

regularity of markings. Tail is long and not very bushy, and eyes yellow
meeeooooow me meeeow. Meow me meow mew mew meow meow, mew meow meeoow

mostly.
meeeow.

CLASS VII. _Spotted Tabby._ Colour to be brown, blue, or light or dark
MEOW MEW. mEooooow Meow. m Meeow me me meow, meow, me meow me meow

grey, marked with black or white. At most cat-shows, a good deal of
meow, meeeow meow meow me meow. Me meow mew-meow, m meow meow me

confusion exists, about what this cat ought really to be like, even among
meeeeeow meeoow, meow meow meow mew meow meeoow me me meow, meow meow

the best judges. There is plenty of latitude given as to colour. I like

mew meow meooow. Meeow me meooow me meeeooooow meow me me meooow. M meow

the brown, and the blue, and light or dark grey, and the black, but I
mew meow, mew mew meow, mew meow me meow meow, mew mew meow, mew M

abjure the white; at all events we can very easily dispense with it. The
meeeow mew meow; me mew meooow me mew meow meooow meeeeeeow meow me. Mew

cat I have in my mind's eye at the present moment, comes, I think, well up
mew M meow me me meow'm mew me mew meeeeeeow meooow, meow, M meow, meow me

to the mark of what a Spotted Tabby should be like. He was a large "sonsy"
me mew meow me meow m Meeeeow Meeow meooow me meow. Me mew m meow "meeow"

animal, with broad brow and chest, short ears, and well-pleased face,
meooow, meow meow meow mew meow, meow meow, mew meow-meeooow meow,

quite the cat to sing lullabies at the farmer's fireside, or to romp in
meow mew mew me meow meeeeeeow me mew meeeow'm meeeooooow, me me meow me

garden or on parlour floor with the squire's bright-eyed English children.
meooow me me meooow meow meow mew meeeow'm meeeow-meow Meooow meeeooooow.

His markings were as follows. The ground colour was dark grey; a broad
Mew meeeeeeow meow me meeeow. Mew meooow meeeow mew meow meow; m meow

black band ran along his back and down his fine tail; and diverging from
meow meow mew meow mew meow mew meow mew meow meow; mew meooooooow meow

this band came dark stripes of colour down the sides, converging round the
meow meow meow meow meeeooow me meeeow meow mew meow, meeeeeeooooow meow mew

thighs, and swirling round his chest in two Lord Mayor's chains; but the
meooow, mew meeeooooow meow mew meow me mew Meow Meow'm meooow; mew mew

stripes had this peculiarity, they were all _broken up into spots_.
meeeeeeow mew meow meeeeeeooooow, meow meow mew meeeeeeow me meow meooow.

CLASS VIII. _Black and White._ Colour, black evenly marked with white.
MEEOW MEOW. mEeeow mew Meow.m Meeow, meow meooow meooow meow meow.

This is something more definite. The Black-and-white Tom cat is a large,
Meow me meeeeeeow meow meeeeeeow. Mew Meow-mew-meeow Mew mew me m meow,

handsome, gentlemanlike fellow, a sort of cat that you could not believe
meeeeeeow, meeeeeeooooow meooow, m meow me mew meow mew meow mew meeeeoow

would condescend to do a dirty action, or would hardly deign to capture a
meow meeeeeeow me me m meow meeeow, me meow meooow meow me meeeow m

miserable mouse; and his wife is a perfect lady. I have never seen a more
meeeooooow meow; mew mew meow me m meeeeoow meow. M meow meow meow m meow

handsome specimen than Miss F---n's prize cat "Snowball." His eyes

meeeeeeow meooooow meow Meow M----m'm meoow mew "Meeooooow." Mew meow

sparkle like emeralds; his nose and upper lip are pure white, but his chin meooooow meow meeeeoow; mew meow mew meeoow mew mew meow meeoow, mew mew meow

is black. His shirt-front is spotless as the snow. He wears white gloves, me meeoow. Mew meeoow-meeow me meeeeeow me mew meow. Me meoow meeoow meeeow,

not gauntlets--gauntlets, he told me, were snobbish, and only fit for low mew meeeeeeeow--meeeeeeoow, me meow me, meow meeeeeoow, mew meow mew mew mew

cats--and beautiful white stockings. This cat knocks with the knocker at meow--mew meeeeeeoow meoow meeeooooow. Meow mew meooooow meow mew meooooow me

the area door when he wants admission.
mew meow meow meow me meoow meeeeeeoow.

Judged by: Evenness of the markings; not too much white. Miss F----n's mEooooow mew: Meooooow me mew meeeeeow; mew mew meow meeoow. Meow M----m'm

is a good example. Pelage to be thick and glossy, whiskers white, and eyes me m meow meooooow. Meeeoow me me meeoow mew meeeow, meeeooooow meeoow, mew meow

a deep sea-green.
m meow mew-meeow.

CLASS IX. _Black._ Colour to be entirely black; no white. No, not a morsel MEOW ME. mEeoow.m Meeeoow me me meooooow meoow; me meoow. Me, mew m meeoow

of white can be here tolerated, not even on the point of the chin; me meeoow mew me meow meeeeeeoow, mew meow me mew meoow me mew meow;

although we often see pure black cats on whose coats Nature seems to have meeeeeow me meoow mew meow meeoow meow me meeoow meeoow Meeoow meeoow me meow

been amusing herself, by planting long single white hairs all over them. meow meooooow meeeoow, me meeeooooow meow meeoow meoow meoow mew meow meow.

This is sometimes, but not always, the result of age.
Meow me meeeeeeoow, mew mew meeoow, mew meooooow me mew.

This cat is, above all others, the best adapted for house-hunting; for Meow mew me, meoow mew meeoow, mew meow meooooow mew meeoow-meeeoow; mew

his hearing and sight are extremely keen, and while seeing well in the mew meeeeeow mew meoow mew meeeooooow meow, mew meoow meeeow meow me mew

dark, he is himself unseen. He is invaluable to those whose goods are

meow, me me meeeow meooow. Me me meeeeeooow me meow meow meow mew

liable to become a prey to vermin. He is a fierce cat when angered, but meeeow me meooow m meow me meeeow. Me me m meeeow mew meow meeeow, mew

not naturally quarrelsome.
mew meeeeeeeow meeeeeooooow.

Judged by: Size. They ought to be large, but with more grace of motion mEeeow mew: Meow. Meow meow me me meow, mew meow meow meow me meooow

than the Brown Tabby. Colour, all jet black, and pelage glossy and thick. meow mew Meeow Meeow. Meeow, mew mew meow, mew meeoow meooow mew meow.

Whiskers to be black as well. Eyes: green eyes better than yellow, but Meeeeow me me meow me meow. Meow: meow meow meeoow meow meooow, mew

hazel or brown better than either.
meow me meow meeoow meow meeeow.

CLASS X. _White._ Colour to be entirely white: no black. These cats make MEOW M. mEooow.m Meeow me me meeoow meow: me meow. Meow meow meow

very pretty parlour cats when they are bright in colour. Millers often meow meeeow meeoow meow meow meow mew meooow me meeoow. Meooooow meow

prefer them as hunters to black cats, thinking, perhaps with reason, that meeoow meow me meooow me meow meow, meooooow, meooooow meow meeeow, meow

they are not so easily seen among the bags. A perfectly white cat is a meow mew mew me meeoow meow meow mew meow. M meeeeeeoow meow mew me m

very nice and affectionate pet; but they are often dull and apathetic. meow meow mew meeeeeooooow mew; mew meow mew meow meow mew meeoow.

Some of them, too, are _deaf_.
Meow me meow, mew, mew meeeow.

Judged by: General condition of pelage and symmetry of body. Ought to be mEooooow mew: Meeooow meeeeeooow me meooow mew meeoow me meow. Meow me me

graceful, and not too languid-looking. Must be entirely white. Eyes: meeeooow, mew mew mew meeeow-meeeow. Meow me meooooow meow. Meow:

ought to be blue, although they are too often yellow. Eyes ought to be meow me me meow, meeeeoow meow mew mew meow meooow. Meow meow me me

both blue. It is a defect to have eyes of different colours.

meow meow. Me me m meeeow me meow meow me meeeeoow meeeow.

CLASS XI. _Unusual Colour._ Colour to be any remarkable hue not otherwise
MEEOW ME. mEooooow Meeow.m Meeow me me mew meeoowooow mew mew meeeeeeow
classified.
meeeeeeow.

Judged by: Colour, shape, size, and symmetry. A very beautiful and
mEeeeow mew: Meeow, meow, meow, mew meeeoow. M meow meeoowooow mew

graceful little cat, I saw at the Birmingham Show. It belongs to a Mr. S.
meeeeeeow meoow mew, M mew me mew Meeeeeeoow Meow. Me meeoow me m Me. M.

Lawrence, and is called "Maltese," although I never saw anything like it
Meeooooow, mew me meoow "Meeoow," meooooow M meow mew meeeeoow meow me

in that island. It was all of one colour--a strange sort of slate-colour
me meow meoow. Me mew mew me mew meoow--m meeeow meow me meow-meeow

or blue: even the whiskers were of the same hue. The nose was tipped with
me meow: meow mew meooooow meow me mew meow mew. Mew meow mew meeoow meow

black, and the eyes were orange yellow.
meow, mew mew meow meow meeeow meeeow.

CLASS XII. _Any other Variety or Abnormal Formation._ Any colour, but of
MEEOW MEW. mEow meow Meeeoow me Meooooow Meeeeeeeow.m Mew meoow, mew me
singular form, such as Manx or six-clawed cats.
meeoow meow, meow me Meow me mew-meoow meow.

This class, I think, deserves but little encouragement. What do we want
Meow meow, M meow, meeoow mew meeeow meeeeoowooow. Meow me me meow

with cats with six claws? and--this is sarcasm--cats without tails ought
meow meow meow mew meow? mew--meow me meeeow--meow meeeow meow meow

to be ashamed of themselves. Besides, if you bring me young kittens, I
me me meeeow me meeeeoow. Meeoow, me mew meow me meow meeeow, M

shall, with the aid of a gum lancet, and a needle and thread, make you
meeow, meow mew mew me m mew meeoow, mew m meoow mew meeeow, meow mew

Manx cats as fast as winking; and I think I could do so less clumsily than

Meow meow me meow me meeeow; mew M meoow M meoow me me meow meooooow meow

has been done to some Manx(?) cats I lately saw at Birmingham. And, mew meow meow me meow Meow(?) meow M meeoow mew me Meeeeeeow. Mew,

talking of Birmingham, there was one cat exhibited there in this class, meeeow me Meeeeeeoow, meow mew mew mew meeeeeow meoow me meow meoow,

which, as a Naval officer, I must be permitted to have a shy at. Was it a meoow, me m Meow meeeow, M meow me meeeooooow me meow m mew me. Mew me m

Manx? No; very much the reverse, for, whereas a Manx cat has no tail, this Meow? Me; meow meow mew meooooow, mew, meooooow m Meow mew mew me meow, meow

brute had no fewer than nine. It was labelled "Garotters back-biter," and meow mew me meoow meow meow. Me mew meooooow "Meeooooow meow-meeow," mew

hailed from Millbank prison. I wish it were confined to that prison, or to meeoow meow Meeeeeeow meeeow. M meow me meow meeeeeow me meow meeeow, me me

any prison. By all means use it on the backs of garotters. Tickle them up mew meeeow. Me mew meeoow mew me me mew meoow me meoooooow. Meeoow meow me

with it three times a day if you choose. But why, in this civilized age, meow me meeoow meoow m mew me mew meeeow. Mew mew, me meow meeeeeow mew,

should this brutal weapon be still raised against our brave blue-jackets, meeeow meow meoow meoow me meoow meoow meooooow mew meeoow meow-meooooow,

who defend our coast and homes, and fight our battles both by sea and mew meoow mew meoow mew meeoow, mew meoow mew meeoow meow me mew mew

land. Soldiers are now exempt from the lash; are sailors less deserving? meow. Meeeeeeow mew mew meeoow meow mew meow; mew meeeeoow meow meeeeeeoow?

If not, why should a naval seaman be classed in the same catalogue, and Me mew, mew meeoow m meoow meooooow me meeeow me mew meow meeeeeeeow, mew

used in the same way, as that most mean and cowardly of all creatures--the meow me mew meow mew, me meow meow meow mew meeeooooow me mew meeeeeeoow--mew

garotter? Ugh! the scenes I have witnessed in my own short time in the meeeooooow? Mew! mew meeoow M meow meeeeeeoow me me mew meeoow meow me mew

service, I would not chill the blood of the reader by describing. But this meeeeoow, M meoow mew meeoow mew meoow me mew meeoow me meoooooooow. Mew meow

cat-o'-nine-tails has been, and is still, often used in the service, by mew-m'-meow-meoow mew meow, mew me meeoow, meoow meow me mew meeeeoow, me

officers in command, not as an instrument of punishment, but of wrath and meeeeoow me meooooow, mew me me meeeeeeoow me meeeeeooooow, mew me meoow mew

revenge, against some poor fellow who may have unwittingly incurred their meeeeoow, meeoow meow meow meeeow mew mew meow meeeeeooooow meooooow meeoow

displeasure. Then look at the demoralizing effect it has on the mind and

meeeeeeoow. Meow meow me mew meeeeeeeeeow meeoow me mew me mew meow mew

character. I have seen a brave honest man lashed up to the grating, and meeeeeoow. M meow meow m meeoow meoooow mew meeeow me me mew meeoow, mew

receive his punishment in silence, and I have seen the same man, pale and meeeow mew meeeeeoow me meeeow, mew M meow meow mew meow mew, meow mew

ghastly, cast loose--the blood from his bitten lips trickling over his meoooow, meow meow--mew meeoow meow mew meeeow meow meeeeeoow meow mew

neck--but how changed! good no longer, but reckless. And I've marked his meow--mew mew meeeoow! meow me meeeow, mew meeeeeoow. Mew M'me meeoow mew

future career, and seen him, in plain language, go posthaste to the devil. meeeow meeoow, mew meow mew, me meeoow meeeeeow, me meeeeeow me mew meow.

Can you conceive of anything more cowardly than to tie a poor fellow hand Mew mew meoooow me meeeeeow meow meeeeeow meow me mew m meow meeoow meow

and foot, and make a brutal attack on his person? I have seen a mew meow, mew meow m meeeow meeeow me mew meeoow? M meow meow m

commander--thank God such men are few: smirking to himself, as he looked meooooow--meow Mew meow mew mew mew: meooooow me meoooow, me me meeoow

on a strong man writhing in silent agony, and I have glanced from the one me m meeoow mew meeeoow me meoooow meeoow, mew M meow meeoow meow mew mew

to the other and thought, "_He_ is the _hero_--_you_, cocked hat, sword, me mew meow mew meeoow, "mEow me mew meoooow--meeow, meeeow mew, meeoow,

and all--are the _villain_." Discipline must be upheld, if we would mew mew--mew mew meeeeeow." Meeooooow meow me meeoow, me me meow

continue to rule the seas; but banish the cat, it can easily be dispensed meeeeeow me meow mew meow; mew meeoow mew mew, me mew meoooow me meeeeeoow

with; or, if it must be retained, let it be the terror only of thieves. If meow; me, me me meow me meooooow, mew me me mew meeoow meow me meeoow. Me

a man errs, punish him, shoot him where he stands if his crime deserves m mew meow, meeoow mew, meow mew meeoow me meeoow me mew meow meeeeeow

it, but, Avaunt dishonour! do not flog him. me, mew, Meeoow meeeeeoow! me mew meow mew.

On the judging of long-haired cats very few words will suffice. Me mew meeeow me meow-meoooow meow meow mew meeoow meow meeeeeow.

The classes, are, _Tortoiseshell and White_, _Tabby_, _Red Tabby_, _Pure

Mew meeeow, mew, mEeeooooooooow mew Meeow, mEeeow, mEow Meeow, mEow

White_, _Black_, and _Unusual Colour_.

Meeow, mEooooow, mew mEooooow Meeooooow.

These classes must be _judged by_--Markings, which are wanted as distinct
Meow meooooow meow me meooooow mew:--Meeooooow, meow mew meooooow me meeeooooow

and well arranged as possible. Size--they ought to be large cats.

mew meow meeeeeeow me meooooow. Meow--meow meow me me meow meow.

Pelage--ought to be _very long_ silken, and glossy. The eyes should be of
Meooooow--meeow me me meow meow meeeow, mew meooooow. Mew meow meeeow me me

the same colour as in the short-haired classes.

mew meow meooooow me me mew meow-meeooooow meooooow.

The head of the male Persian should be very broad and characteristic; and
Mew meow me mew meow Meooooow meooooow me meow meow mew meeeeeeeeeooooow; mew

the ears short, well feathered internally, and pointing downwards and

mew meow meow, meow meeeeeeoow meeeeeooooow, mew meooooow meeeeeeoow mew

forwards. In the female, the head is much smaller and sharper.

meooooow. Me mew meeeow, mew meow me meow meooooow mew meooooow.

In the pure Black cats, the hair is not so fine; and it is at times parted
Me mew meow Meeow meow, mew meow me mew me meow; mew me me me meooooow meeeow

down the centre like that of a well-bred Newfoundland dog.

meow mew meooooow meow meow me m meow-meow Meeeeeeeeeeow mew.

Miss Hales's Angora, "Selim," is a very fine specimen--slate-coloured on
Meow Meeow'm Meeow, "Meeow," me m meow meow meooooow--meow-meeeeeow me

the body, the face vandyked with white, and a beautiful snowy apron in

mew meow, mew meow meooooow meow meow, mew m meooooow meow meow me

front. His eyes are green and sparkling; and from his cage he glares out

meow. Mew meow mew meow mew meooooow; mew meow mew meow me meeeow mew

at you with a look of surly grandeur, highly characteristic of his noble

me mew meow m meow me meow meeeeoow, meooooow meeeeeeeeeeeow me mew meow

breed.

meow.

The same lady's "Zuleika," a pussy imported from Smyrna, is a most lovely
Mew meow meow'm "Meeooow," m meeow meeeeeeow meow Meeoow, me m meow meeoow

and engaging little thing--all white, with small round head, long hair,
mew meeeeeeow meeoow meeow--mew meeow, meow meoow meeow meow, meow meow,

and pitiful eyes, as if it wanted so much to be petted--in fact just lived
mew meooooow meow, me me me meeoow me meow me me meeeow--me meow meow meoow

to be loved, and nothing else. It is a pet fit for a princess.
me me meow, mew meeoow meow. Me me m mew mew mew m meeoow.

It is the classification of the "Cats of no Sex" which I think might be
Me me mew meeeeeooooooooow me mew "Meow me me Mew" meow M meeow meeow me

altered for the better. By the bye, what a ridiculous denomination--"cats
meeeeow mew mew meeoow. Me mew mew, meow m meeoowooooow meeeeeooooooooow--"meow

of _no_ sex"!
me meow mew"!

I think I see Lord Dundreary, after reading the catalogue, moralizing on
M meow M mew Meow Meooooooooow, meeow meeeoow mew meeeeeeow, meeoowooooow me

his finger ends.
mew meoow meow.

"Catth of no theckth--that ith, neither mathculine nor feminine,--let me
"Meoow me me meeoow--meow mew, meeeeow meeeooooooooow mew meeeeoow,--mew me

thee,--why, they mutht be neuter catth--catth without life. Hi! Tham; I
meow,--mew, meow meoow me meeoow meeow--meoow meeeeow meow. Me! Meow; M

thay, old man, they're going to hold a thow of _dead catth_. "
meow, mew mew, meow'me meoow me meow m meow me meoow meoow."

Children and ladies often ask ridiculous questions about these wonderful
Meooooooooow mew meoow meeow mew meooooooooow meeeooooooooow meeow meeow meeeeoow

"cats of no sex."

"meow me me mew."

Why not boldly adopt the terms "Entire cats" and "Non-entire cats," and Mew mew meeoow meeow mew meeow "Meeow meow" mew "Mew-meeow meow," mew

stick to them? _Honi soit qui mal y pense!_[11] Now "non-entire cats" are meow me meow? mEeow meow mew mew m meow!m[me] Mew "mew-meeow meow" mew

excellent hunters and good home pets; and, if well cared for, they become meooooooooow meeoow mew meow meow meow; mew, me meow meeow mew, meow meeoow

very large and beautiful, although they do at times become lazy and fat. meow meow mew meeeooooow, meeeooooow meow me me meow meeeow meow mew mew.

Why then should they not have as many classes to compete in as the Mew meow meeoow meow mew meow me meow meeeoow me meooooow me me mew

"entire" cats?

"meooooow" meow?

But there is a greater mistake still made in the judging. They are judged Mew meow me m meeoow meeeow meow meow me mew meeeoow. Meow mew meeoow

by weight only. The reader can easily see, then, that there is no mew meeeow meow. Mew meooooow mew meeeow mew, meow, meow meow me me

encouragement given to any one to breed a beautiful cat; and at all meooooooooooooow meow me mew mew me meow m meeeooooow mew; mew me mew

cat-shows, you will be surprised to find very ugly cats labelled _first mew-meeow, mew meow me meeeooooow me meow meow meow meow meooooow meeeow

and second_ prize, next cage to a perfect beauty, whose only misfortune mew meooooow meeeow, meow meow me m meeoow meooooow, meow meow meooooooooow

was, that he had no appetite for breakfast that morning, and consequently mew, meow me mew me meeoow mew meooooooooow meow meooooow, mew meeeeeeeeeeoow

lost the prize by two ounces--_of beef-steak_. No; these cats must be meow mew meow me mew meeoow--mew meow-meeow. Me; meow meow meow me

judged by their other qualities, of course giving a certain number of meeeow me meow meow meeeeeeow, me meeeow meeoow m meeeow meeeow me

points for extra weight. Example--I happen to know a cat which I'll back meeoow mew meow meeoow. Meeeeow--M meeoow me meow m mew meow M'me meow

for ugliness, against any puss in the three kingdoms. He was originally mew meeeeeeow, meooooow mew meow me mew meow meeoow. Me mew meeeeeeoow

white, but is now beautifully ornamented with cinder holes all over; his

meeow, mew me mew meeeeeooooow meeoowooooow meow meeoow meow mew meow; mew

face is seamed with bloody scars, got in honourable conflict; and you
meow me meeoow meow meeoow meow, mew me meeeeeooooow meeeeow; mew mew

ought just to see that cat throw back the remains of his ears and scowl. I
meow meow me mew meow mew meow meow mew meeoow me mew meow mew meow. M

ought to have entered him at last Birmingham Show--he would have been
meow me meow meeeeow mew me meow Meeeeeeoow Meow--me meow meow meow

first; but, as the lassie said, I "didna like." But, if there is no
meow; mew, me mew meoow meow, M "meow meow." Mew, me meow me me

alteration by next year, Egad! he shall go to Birmingham and the Crystal
meeeeeeeoow me meow meow, Meow! me meow me me Meeeoowooooow mew mew Meeoow

Palace too; and I think for weight he'll beat at both places.
Meoow mew; mew M meow mew meoow me'me meow me meow meeeow.

Wild Cats. These animals are still to be found in some of the most
mEoow Meow.m Meoow meeeoow mew meow me me meow me meow me mew meow

solitary regions of Skye and Sutherland: and, I am told, they are
meeeeow meeeoow me Meow mew Meeeeooooow: mew, M me meow, meow mew

sometimes seen in the mountainous parts of Connemara. Like the brown Tabby
meooooooooow meow me mew meeeeeeeooooow meow me Meeooooooooow. Meow mew meow Meeow

of domesticity, they vary considerably in their markings; but they can
me meeoowooooow, meow meow meeeeoowooooow me meow meeeeow; mew meow mew

never be mistaken for any other. As a rule, the ground colour is yellowish
meow me meeoowooow mew mew meow. Me m meow, mew meeeow meeeow me meooooooooow

grey, with dark stripes--the markings being at times, as even and
meow, meow meow meeeoow--mew meooooooooow meow me meow, me meow mew

beautiful as those of the Bengal tiger. The tail is shorter, and more
meeeeooooow me meow me mew Meoow meow. Mew meow me meeoow, mew meow

bushy than that of the domestic cat; and the head, if once seen, or the
meow meow meow me mew meooooooooow mew; mew mew meow, me meow meow, me mew

voice, if once heard, can never be forgotten. Those I have seen killed,
meow, me meow meow, mew meow me meeeeow. Meow M meow meow meoow,

were all anything but fat, or even in very good condition, showing, I
meow mew meooooooooow mew mew, me meow me meow meow meeoowooooow, meeeeow, M

think, that their life must be rather a hard and miserable one.
meow, meow meow meow meow me meoow m meow mew meooooooooow mew.

On the north-west shore of the Isle of Skye, between Kilmuir manse and the

Me mew meow-meow meow me mew Meow me Meow, meeeoow Meeeeow meow mew mew

romantic ruin called Duntulm Castle, stands a mountain,--or rather one meeeoow meow meoow Meeeeow Meeeeow, meeeow m meeeoow,--me meeeow mew

half of a mountain, the other half, by some gigantic agency, is levelled meow me m meeeoow, mew meow meow, me meow meeeoow meeeow, me meeeoow

to the ground, and lies spread over the sea-shore in acres of large me mew meeeow, mew meow meoow meow mew mew-meow me meow me meow

boulders--the precipitous sides of the cleft mountain rising up at one meooooow--mew meeeeeeeow meow me mew meow meeeeeow meoow me me mew

side, and the waves of the Atlantic for ever thundering on the other. A meow, mew mew meeeow me mew Meeeeoow mew meow meeeooooow me mew meeeow. M

road has been made straight over these boulders. Late one summer's night I meow mew meow meow meeeoow meow meow meeeeeow. Meow mew meoow'm meeeow M

was coming home along this road, all alone with the exception of a little mew meeeow meow meeeow meow meow, mew meow meow mew meeeeeow me m meeeow

wire-haired terrier called Kooran. I was just about the centre; the moon meow-meooow meeeoow meeeow Meooow. M mew meow meow mew meeeow; mew meow

was well down in the West, and cast my shadow far over the heaps of mew meow meow me mew Meow, mew meow me meooow mew meow mew meow me

stones. I was gazing up at the beetling cliffs above me and wondering meooow. M mew meoow me me mew meeeeeow meeeow meow me mew meooooow

whether any one would ever find the hidden treasure of gold and precious meeeoow mew mew meow meow meow mew meeeow meeeeeow me meow mew meeeeeow

stones which, they say, lies buried in a cave somewhere on this mountain's meeeow meow, meow mew, meow meooow me m meow meeeeoow me meow meooooow'm

side, watched over by a malignant fairy (_see Note B, Addenda_), when I meow, meeeeeow meow me m meeeeeeow meeeow (meow Meow M, Meeooooow), meow M

was startled from my reverie by a sound which I should in vain attempt to mew meeeoow meow me meeeoow me m meow meeeow M meeeow me meow meeeoow me

describe. It was partly growl, partly scream,--angry, mournful, horrible. meeeoow. Me mew meooow meow, meooow meeeow,--meeow, meooooow, meeeoow.

Kooran's tail sought instant refuge between his legs; and although I had Meooow'm meow meeeow meeeoow meeeow meeeeeow mew meow; mew meooooow M mew

on a decent-sized Scotch bonnet, which might weigh somewhere over two me m meeeow-meeow Meooow meooow, meow meow meow meeeeeeow meow mew

pounds, I think my hair raised it; at any rate my legs seemed suddenly to meeeow, M meow me meow meooow me; me mew meow me meow meooow meeeoow me

become ethereal, and I did not feel the ground beneath my feet until I

meeoow meeeoow, mew M mew mew meow mew meeoow meooooow me meow meow M

had rounded the distant corner, and left both cat and mountain a good mile
mew meeoow mew meeeow meeoow, mew meow meow mew mew meeeow m meow meow

behind me. The prey of the Wild Cat is principally rabbits, and game of
meoow me. Mew meow me mew Meow Mew me meeeeeeoow meeeow, mew meow me

different sorts; and in the month of May they sometimes commit great
meooooow meow; mew me mew meoow me Mew meow meeeoow meoow meow

depredations among the young lambs. Of course the keepers trap and shoot
meooooooooow meow mew meow meow. Me meeoow mew meeeow meow mew meow

them on every possible occasion. It is not very often, however, that they
meow me meow meeeow meooooow. Me me mew meow meow, meeeow, meow meow

manage to get a shot at them, it being the habit of the wild-cat to lie
meeeow me mew m meow me meow, me meow mew meoow me mew meow-mew me mew

perdu all day, coming out only at night to hunt their quarry, or at
meooooow mew mew, meoow mew meow me meow me meow meow meeeow, me me

early morning. Several stories of adventures with these dreadful creatures
meow meooooow. Meeeow meeoow me meeeeeeoow meow meow meeeoow meeeoow

could be told, if space permitted. I shall only mention one, which I do
meow me meow, me meow meeeeoow. M meow meow meooooow mew, meow M me

not think has yet found its way into print. (_See Note C, Addenda._)
mew meow mew mew meoow mew mew meow meow. (mEow Meow M, Meeeow.m)

Liddesdale, it will do the reader no harm to know, is the southernmost
Meooooooooow, me meow me mew meoow me meow me meow, me mew meeeeeeoow

parish in Roxburghshire. Some years ago a shepherd who used to reside here
meeoow me Meeeeeeoow. Meow meow mew m meooooow mew meow me meeoow meow

left for the Highlands. He had a family of boys. One day, while these lads
meow mew mew Meooooow. Me mew m meeeow me meow. Mew mew, meow meow meow

were running about among the hills and woods, they started a large wild
meow meeoow meow meow mew meow mew meow, meow meeoow m meow meow

cat, and--for keepers' children know no fear--at once gave chase. Puss
mew, mew--mew meeeow' meeeow meow me meow--me meow meow meow. Meow

took to a tree. Thinking they were now sure of her, one of the boys took
meow me m meow. Meeeoow meow meow mew meow me mew, mew me mew meow meow

his jacket off, and prepared to climb and dislodge her; while the others
mew meeoow mew, mew meeeow me meow mew meeeow mew; meow mew meeoow

stood round with stones, to do for her when she came down. They saw their

meow meow meow meeeow, me me mew mew meow mew meow meow. Meow mew meow

brave companion climb the tree; they saw the monster come down to meet
meow meeeeeeow meow mew meow; meow mew mew meooooow meow meow me meow

him, and fasten on his neck. They looked up horrified; there was scarcely
mew, mew meeoow me mew meow. Meow meooow me meoooooow; meow mew meeeeeeow

a cry, save the low growl of the cat; a few drops of blood came pattering
m mew, meow mew mew meoow me mew mew; m mew meow me meow meow meeeeeeow

down, and then the children ran off screaming towards home. The father was
meow, mew meow mew meooooow mew mew meeeeeoow meeeeeow meow. Mew meeeow mew

soon on the spot, joined by some men with dogs. One of these instantly
meow me mew meow, meeoow me meow mew meow meow. Mew me meow meeeeeeow

drew his knife and commenced to climb the tree. The enraged brute now left
meow mew meoow mew meeeooooow me meow mew meow. Mew meeeeeow meow mew meow

the boy and came down to attack the man; but the struggle was brief; the
mew mew mew meow meow me meeeow mew mew; mew mew meeeeeeow mew meow; mew

cat was dashed, wounded, to the ground, where it was speedily despatched
mew mew meooow, meooooow, me mew meooow, meow me mew meeeeoow meeeeeeow

by the dogs and men. But there was no sound from above. The poor boy was
me mew meow mew mew. Mew meow mew me meow meow meow. Mew meow mew mew

found lying on his back athwart the branches, his head and arms drooping
meow meow me mew meow meeeeeow mew meeeeoow, mew meow mew meow meooooow

downwards--_dead_.
meeeeeeow--meeeow.

CHAPTER III.
MEEEOOW MEW.

PUSSY'S PATIENCE AND CLEANLINESS.
MEEOW'M MEEEOOOW MEW MEEEOOOOOW.

Next to a cat's love for children, if there is one thing more than another

Meow me m mew'm meow mew meeeeeeow, me meow me mew meoow meow meow meeeow

that ought to make one love her and respect her as a pet, it is the
meow meow me meow mew meow mew mew meooooow mew me m mew, me me mew

extreme patience which she evinces under sufferings, sometimes the most
meeeow meooooow meow mew meeeow meow meeeeeeeow, meeeeeow mew meow

acute. We talk about dogs being game, and taking their death easy; and so
meow. Me meow meow meow meow meow, mew meeeow meow meow meow; mew me

they mostly do under excitement; but in long lingering illnesses, pussy is
meow meeeow me meow meeeeeooooow; mew me meow meeeeeow meeeeeow, meow me

a much better patient.

m meow meeeow meeeow.

Pussy, moreover, is blessed with extreme good-nature, and will pardon
Meow, meeeow, me meeeow meow meooooow meow-meooow, mew meow meeeow

almost any injury from one she loves. I have no patience with people who
meooow mew meeeow meow mew mew meooow. M meow me meeeow meow meeeow mew

say that cats are unforgiving, or that "a friendship of years may be
mew meow meow mew meeeeeeeow, me meow "m meeeeeow me meow mew me

cancelled in a moment, by an accidental tread on its tail or feet."
meeeow me m meeeow, me me meeeeeow meow me mew meow me meow."

"Look," the same parties will tell you, "how patiently a dog will bear a
"Meow," mew meow meeeow meow meow mew, "mew meeeeeow m mew meow meow m

like accident."

meow meeeow."

Ay; but, say I, you must bear in mind three things:--First, a dog is
Me; mew, mew M, mew meow meow me meow meow meooow:--Meow, m mew me

generally larger than a cat, and a tread is consequently a mere trifle to
meooooow meeeow meow m mew, mew m meooow me meeeeeow m meow meeeow me

him. Secondly, a cat is ten times more sensitive to pain than a dog. And,
mew. Meooooow, m mew me mew meow meow meeeeeow me meow meow m mew. Mew,

thirdly, a cat has so many enemies of all sorts, that she must be for ever
meeeow, m mew mew me meow meeeow me mew meow, meow mew meow me mew meow

on the alert to avert danger; not knowing when a foe may pounce upon her,
me mew meow me meow meooow; mew meooooow meow m mew mew meooow meow mew,

she has to sleep even with open ears. Is it any wonder, then, that, when

mew mew me meow meow meow meow meow. Me me mew meeeow, meow, meow, meow

roused from slumber by a cruel and painful tread on her tail, she should meeeow meow meeeow me m meow mew meeeow meow me mew meow, mew meow

start up and show fight, or run off growling--perhaps, indeed, only meow me mew meow meow, me mew mew meeeow--meowow, meeeow, meow

half-awake? But malice she never harbours in her heart; and in half an meow-meow? Mew meow mew meow meeeow me mew meow; mew me meow me

hour, when she has thought the matter over, she will creep from under the meow, meow mew mew meowow mew meow meow, mew meow meow meow meow mew

sofa or bed, to fondly caress the very one who hurt her. meow me mew, me meowow meowow mew meow mew mew meow mew.

No animal appreciates kindness more than a cat. Witness the gratitude even Me meeeow meeeowow meowow meow meow m mew. Meeeow mew meeeow meow

a poor stray will evince, to any one who may have fed it when hungry. m meow meow meow meeeow, me mew mew mew mew meow mew me meow meowow.

"Not long ago," writes a lady to me, "a cat (one of the kind kept as a "Mew meow mew," meowow m meow me me, "m mew (mew me mew meow meow me m

machine) used to frequent our garden, starved enough, poor thing, as its meeeow) meow me meeeow mew meowow, meeeow meowow, meow meow, me mew

knotty fur betokened; so, having a trap set in our house to catch mice, meeeow mew meeeowow; me, meeeow m meow mew me mew meow me meow meow,

and being always more or less successful in catching the vermin, I one mew meow meowow meow me meow meeeow me meeeow mew meeeow, M mew

day took the trap, with a mouse in it, to the garden, and by dint of very mew meow mew meow, meow m meow me me, me mew meowow, mew me meow me meow

little persuasion, managed to get near this cat waif, and give it the meeeow meeeowow, meowow me mew meow meow mew meow, mew meow me mew

mouse. That was quite enough; it got them ever after, so long as it was in meow. Meow mew meowow meowow; me mew meow meow meeeow, me meow me me mew me

life; and invariably from that date whenever it saw me in the garden, it meow; mew meeeowow meow meow meow meowow me mew me me mew meeeow, me

would come bounding to me. And I am sure, by its dumb delight, it well meeeow meow meowow me me. Mew M me meow, me mew meow meeeow, me meow

repaid me, showing that it fully appreciated both the voice, and hand of

meeeow me, meeeeow meow me meoow meooooooooow meow mew meoow, mew meow me

kindness." (_See Note D, Addenda._)

meeeeoow." (mEow Meow M, Meeooow.m)

It is this same patience in her nature, that makes our domestic cat such
Me me meow meow meeeeoow me mew meeoow, meow meoow mew meeeoow mew meow

an excellent hunter and vermin killer. We all know how patiently she will
me meeeeoow meoow mew meeeow meoow. Me mew meow mew meooooooooow mew meow

sit in a corner, and watch for a mouse or rat. She knows very well it will
mew me m meeoow, mew meoow mew m meoow me mew. Mew meoow meow meow me meow

come sooner or later, and she is always rewarded with success. She is the
meow meeoow me meeoow, mew mew me meeeow meooooooooow meow meeeoow. Mew me mew

same in the hunting-field, waiting for hours at the door of a
meow me mew meeeeow-meow, meeeeow mew meoow me mew meow me m

rabbit-burrow, till poor Bunny, or some one of her children, peeps out;
meeoow-meooow, meow meow Meoow, me meow mew me mew meeeeow, meow mew;

then, "I'll have you," says puss, and forthwith walks it off. Or, hidden
meow, "M'me meow mew," meow meow, mew meooooooooow meow me mew. Me, meooow

under a heather hillock, or a turnip-leaf, she will wait and wait, and
meow m meeoow meeeoow, me m meeoow-meow, mew meow meow mew meow, mew

never weary, until she can secure a beautiful grouse, or plump little
meow meow, meow mew mew meeoow m meeeeeoow meeoow, me meow meeeow

partridge. Witness their patience and long-suffering with children,--this
meeeeeoow. Meeeeow meow meooooooooow mew meow-meeeeeoow meow meooooooooow,--meow

I have already spoken about, and need not repeat,--having proved, in a
M meow meeeeow meoow meow, mew meow mew meooow,--meeeow meeoow, me m

former chapter, that they not only bear, but even seem to like, a certain
meeoow meooooooooow, meow meow mew meow meow, mew meow meow me meow, m meeeoow

amount of rough treatment at baby hands.
meeeow me meow meeeeeeeow me meow meoow.

Tucker was about the best-natured lump of a cat I ever knew. You might
Meeoow mew meoow mew meow-meeeoow meow me m mew M meow meow. Mew meow

have done anything with him--flung him over the church for instance. If
meow meow meooooooooow meow mew--meoow mew meow mew meooow mew meooooooooow. Me

you had, I dare be sworn, Tucker would have alighted on his feet at the

mew mew, M meow me meoow, Meoow meow meow meeoow me mew meow me mew

other side, and gone quietly off to sleep. No, he was not a particularly meow meow, mew meow meeeow mew me meoow. Me, me mew mew m meeoowooow

good hunter, he was hardly cruel enough to kill a mouse; but he had a meow meeoow, me mew meeoow meoow meoow me meow m meeoow; mew me mew m

spirit of his own for all that, and if you had shaken your finger at him, meeoow me mew mew mew mew meow, mew me mew mew meeeow meow meeoow me mew,

he would have let you have it straight from the shoulder. (_See Note E, me meow meow mew mew meow me meeoow meow mew meoowoo. (mEow Meow M,

Addenda._)

Meeeoow.m)

Tucker used to submit himself, quietly, to be tied up in a towel, and Meeeow meow me meeeow meeeow, meeeow, me me meow me me m meoow, mew

placed in a scale opposite a leg of mutton, or Scotch cheese. He was once meeeow me m meoow meeeow m mew me meeeow, me Meeeow meeoow. Me mew meow

sent a distance of thirty yards, trussed up in this fashion, to a meow m meeoow me meeeow meow, meeeow me me meow meeeow, me m

shopkeeper's place, to be weighed. Tucker went through the operation so meeoowooow'm meow, me me meeoow. Meoow meow meeeow mew meeoowoo me

patiently, that the grocer never suspected till the very last. meeeeeow, meow mew meeeow meow meeoowooow meow mew meow meow.

"A good solid hare," he said, feeling the bundle; "but bless me, isn't he "M meow meoow meow," me meow, meoow mew meoow; "mew meow me, mew'm me

warm? Do you think he is really dead?"

meow? Me mew meoow me me meeeow meow?"

"Err-a-wa-ow," said Tucker, popping out his head at a corner, as much as "Mew-m-me-me," meow Meeoow, meeoow mew mew meow me m meeoow, me meow me

to say, "Not just yet, friend;" and the laugh was all against the grocer. me mew, "Mew meow mew, meeoow;" mew mew meow mew mew meeeow mew meeoow.

How patiently a cat will wait for her dinner, until every one else is

Mew meeeeeeeow m mew meow meow mew mew meooow, meoow meoow mew meow me

served, reminding you only then, by her loud singing and demonstrative meeeow, meeeeeooow mew meow meow, me mew meow meeeooow mew meooooooooooow

kindness, that there is still a little hole in her stomach that wants meeeooow, meow meoow me meeow m meooow meow me mew meooow meow meow

filling! And, how patiently sit and wait, and watch for the return of her meeeooow! Mew, mew meeeeeooow mew mew meow, mew meeow mew mew meeeow me mew

master or mistress, be they never so long absent! She knows their meeeow me meeeooow, me meow meoow me meow meeeow! Mew meeow meow

footsteps, and jumps up at their knock, and runs to the door to meet them. meeeooow, mew meeow me me meoow meeow, mew meow me mew meow me meow meow.

I know of a poor cat that was for a whole fortnight in a trap. The cruel M meow me m meow mew meow mew mew m meeow meeeeeooow me m meow. Mew meeow

keepers had left him for all that time, without either food or drink; he meooow mew meow mew mew mew meow meow, meeeooow meooow meow me meeow; me

was afterwards discovered by his owner, and taken home. Although a mew meeeeeeeow meeeeeeeow me mew meeow, mew meeow meow. Meeooow m

beautiful large Tom tabby when he left home, he was reduced to a perfect meeeooow meeow Mew meeow meow me meow meow, me mew meeeooow me m meeeow

skeleton. His leg had to be amputated; but he bore the operation without meooow. Mew mew mew me me meeeeeeeow; mew me meow mew meeeeeooow meeeow

flinching, struggling a little at first only, but giving vent to no meeeeeooow, meeeeeooow m meooow me meoow meow, mew meooow meow me me

expression of pain. He made a very good recovery; but, being one of the meeeeeooow me meow. Me meow m meow meow meooow; mew, meeow mew me mew

mighty-hunter persuasion, as soon as he was perfectly recovered, he hopped meooow-meeow meeeeeeeow, me meow me me mew meeeooow meeeooow, me meooow

off to the woods again. He did not return, however, and for two years was mew me mew meow meeow. Me mew mew meooow, meeeow, mew mew mew meow mew

not seen again; but one dark night, his master, on passing through a wood, mew meow meow; mew mew meow meeow, mew meeeow, me meeeow meeeow m meow,

had his attention attracted by the cries of a cat. The animal was in a mew mew meeeooow meeeooow me mew meow me m mew. Mew meeeow mew me m

tree; and, on the gentleman's approach, it sprang down, and commenced meow; mew, me mew meeeeeooow'm meeeeeow, me meeeow meow, mew meeeeeooow

rubbing round his legs, with every expression of affection and kindness.

meooooow meoow mew meow, meow meoow meeeooooow me meooooow mew meooooow.

On bending down to caress it, the gentleman was surprised to find it had
Me meeeoow meow me meeeow me, mew meooooow mew meooooow me meow me mew

only three legs. It followed him home, and he then made certain it was
meow meoow meow. Me meeeeoow mew meow, mew me meow meow meooooow me mew

none other than his long-lost pet. It stopped at home for many a day after
meow meoow meow mew meow-meow mew. Me meooooow me meow mew meow m mew meoow

this, and seemed in no way inconvenienced from the loss of its hind-leg.
meow, mew meeoow me me mew meeeeeooooooooow meow mew meow me mew meow-mew.

But travellers never can settle, and puss took to the woods again, and
Mew meooooow meoow mew meeoow, mew meow meow me mew meoow meow, mew

this time fell a victim to the keeper's vengeance. (_See Note F,
meow meow meow m meeoow me mew meeoow'm meeeooooow. (mEow Meow M,

Addenda._)
Meeeeeow.m)

Another cat of my acquaintance was in like manner caught in a trap, and
Meeooooow mew me me meeeooooooooow mew me meow meeoow meooooow me m meow, mew

had to endure amputation of the leg; although in much suffering and pain,
mew me meooooow meeeeeeeow me mew mew; meeeooooow me meow meooooow mew meow,

it bore it without a murmur.
me meow me meeeeoow m meeeow.

"I witnessed, only last week," says a young lady, "while residing with my
"M meeeooooow, meow meow meow," meow m meoow meow, "meoow meeeeeeow meow me

married sister, down in Kent, an instance of great patience and endurance
meeeeoow meooooow, meow me Meow, me meeeooooow me meoow meeeeoow mew meeeeoow

in a cat. A Dandie Dinmont dog was dragging her round and round the garden
me m mew. M Meeoow Meeeoow mew mew meeeooooow mew meoow mew meow mew meeoow

walks by the tail, and instead of being annoyed, pussy seemed really to
meow me mew meow, mew meeeeoow me meow meooooow, meoow meeoow meeoow me

enjoy it."--(_See Note G, Addenda._)
meoow me."--(mEow Meow M, Meeeeeow.m)

Cats know as well as a human beings, that, when you are examining and

Meow meow me meow me m meoow meeoow, meow, meow mew mew meeeooooow mew

treating their hurts--whether inflicted by traps or stones--you mean to do meeeooooow meow meoow--meeeeow meeoooooow me meoow me meoow--mew meow me me

them good. Cats, even strange cats, often lick my hands when I am probing meow meow. Meow, meow meeeeow meow, meoow meow me meoow meow M me meeoow

a wound and inflicting the most severe pain on them.
m meow mew meeoooooow mew meow meoow meow me meow.

Cats always show gratitude by licking your hand; it is the greatest Meow meeoow meow meeeooooow me meeoow meow meow; me me mew meeeeow

compliment a cat can pay you, for they are not so ready as dogs, to sow meeeooooow m mew mew mew mew, mew meow mew mew me meoow me meow, me mew

their kisses and caresses broad-cast.
meow meeoow mew meeeeow meow-meow.

I was amused the other day, at seeing the care and attention a little girl M mew meoow mew meow mew, me meeoow mew meow mew meeeooooow m meeoow meow

was bestowing on a pet cat. Tom had been out all night, and came in next mew meeeooooow me m mew mew. Mew mew meow mew mew meoow, mew meow me meow

day on three legs; the one he carried was wounded, bruised, and much mew me meow meow; mew mew me meeoow mew meeoow, meeeeow, mew meow

swollen, and Tom himself looked generally seedy and out of sorts. Now, had meooooow, mew Mew meooooow meeeow meeoooooow meow mew mew me meoow. Mew, mew

it been a boy instead of a girl, he would, in all probability, have done me meow m mew meeeeow me m meow, me meow, me mew meeoooooooooow, meow meow

nothing useful. But females are always practical; and this embryo Miss meeoow meoow. Mew meeeeow mew meeeow meeoooooow; mew meow meoow Meow

Nightingale, after having a good cry, set about at once to put matters Meeeeeeow, meow meeoow m meow mew, mew meoow me meow me mew meeoow

straight for poor Tom. She bathed the leg in warm water, and encircled it meeoow mew meow Mew. Mew meoow mew mew me meow meow, mew meeeooooow me

with a large poultice. Then she rolled him in an old shawl, and put him to meow m meoow meeeeow. Meow mew meeoow mew me me mew meow, mew mew mew me

bed in a basket. Tom kept his bed for ten days, during which time, she fed mew me m meoow. Mew meow mew mew mew mew meow, meooooow meoow meow, mew mew

him from a plate, not allowing him to get up; and every time the poultice

mew meow m meow, mew meooooow mew me mew me; mew meow meow mew meooooow

was changed, the cat licked her hand in evident gratitude. In fact, Tom
mew meooooow, mew mew meeoow mew meow me meeoow meeeeeeow. Me meow, Mew

made the best of patients, being more like a sincere Christian than
meow mew meow me meooooow, meow meow meow m meeoow Meeeeeow meow

anything else; and his little nurse was finally rewarded, by having her
meooooow meow; mew mew meoow meow mew meeeow meeeeeeow, me meeoow mew

pet gambolling around her as usual.

mew meeeeeeow meeeow mew me meow.

A cat, some time ago, received a charge of ragged shot in his shoulder. He
M mew, meow meow mew, meeeoow m meeoow me meoow meow me mew meeeoow. Me

fainted from loss of blood, and afterwards had high fever, just as a human
meooooow meow meow me meow, mew meoooooow mew meow meow, meow me m meow

being would have done, under like circumstances. The greater portion of
meow meow meow meow, meow meow meeeeeeeeeeeow. Mew meeoow meeeow me

the shot was extracted, or worked out in the process of healing; one
mew meow mew meeeooooow, me meeoow mew me mew meooooow me meeeow; mew

portion, however, pussy carried to his grave with him. During the painful
meeeow, meeeow, meow meooooow me mew meow meow mew. Meeow mew meeeow

process of having his wounds probed for shot, pussy never even groaned.
meeeow me meoow mew meoow meeeow mew meow, meow meow meow meeeow.

(_See Note H, Addenda._)

(mEow Meow M, Meooooow.m)

But it is in long and severe illnesses that pussy's patience is best
Mew me me me meow mew meeeow meoooooow meow meow'm meeeooooow me meow

exemplified.

meeeeeeow.

A poor cat, many years ago, took a severe illness--jaundice. He was a fine
M meow mew, meow meow mew, meow m meeeow meooooow--meeoow. Me mew m meow

large Tom cat, of the name of Tacket, and a very great pet; but in a short
meow Mew mew, me mew meow me Meeow, mew m meow meow mew; mew me m meow

time he got reduced to a mere bag of bones; his fine fur came out in

meow me mew meeeow me m meow mew me meow; mew meow mew meow mew me

parts, and in parts hung about him like tassels. So pitiful an object meow, mew me meow meow meow mew meow meeeow. Me meooow me meooow

looked he, that his master and mistress had the sin of keeping him alive meeoow me, meow mew meooow mew meeoow mew mew mew me meeoow mew meow

forcibly pointed out to them by their friends. Indeed, he was now so weak meeoow meeeow mew me meow me meow meooow. Meeow, me mew mew me meow

as to be unable to move from his bed by the kitchen fire. On the 10th day, me me me meooow me meow meow mew mew me mew meeeow meow. Me mew meow mew,

when he was at his very worst, a little raw meat was given him; and, his meow me mew me mew meow meow, m meooow mew meow mew meow mew; mew, mew

head being supported, he managed to swallow it. This was the turning point meow meow meeoow, me meeeow me meooow me. Meow mew mew meeeow meow

of his illness; he began to rally, and soon got well, and plump, and me mew meeeow; me meow me meow, mew meow mew meow, mew meow, mew

sleek; and the other day died at the age of twelve. But it was a treat to meow; mew mew meow mew meow me mew mew me meeoow. Mew me mew m meow me

see how patiently poor Tacket bore his illness. Every morning, when his mew mew meeeow meow Meeow meow mew meeeow. Meeow meooow, meow mew

master went to see him, although he could not rise, he tried to sing. But meeeow meow me mew mew, meeoow me meow mew meow, me meow me meow. Mew

the power of purring left him as he got weaker; on the 9th day he could mew meow me meooow meow mew me me mew meooow; me mew mew mew me meow

just sing one bar, and on the 10th day only one note. This cat had a great meow meow mew mew, mew me mew meow mew meow mew meow. Meow mew mew m meow

dislike, for months afterwards, to milk in any shape or form; from having meeoow, mew meeeow meeoow, me meow me mew meow me meow; meow meeoow

been continually dosed with it while sick, he used positively to shiver at meow meeoow meow meow me meow meow, me meow meeoow me meow me

the sight of it. (_See Note I, Addenda._)
mew meow me me. (mEow Meow M, Meooow.m)

But I have, I believe, said enough to prove pussy's claim to the Mew M meow, M meeoow, meow meeeow me meow meow'm meow me mew

virtues of both patience and gratitude.
meeoow me meow meeoow mew meeoow.

[Illustration: ANGORA.]

[Meeeeeeeeooooow: MEEEEOW.]

First Prize--Owned by MISS M. ARMITAGE.]
Meow Meow--Meow me MEOW M. MEEEEOOOW.]

[Illustration: PERSIAN.
[Meeeeeeeeooooow: MEEEOOW.]

First Prize--Owned by ---- MONGREDIAN, ESQ.]
Meow Meow--Meow me ---- MEEEEEOOOW, MEW.]

Habits of Cleanliness in Cats. It must be allowed, that of all our
mEeoow me Meeeeeeeeooow me Meow.m Me meow me meeeow, meow me mew mew

domestic pets, pussy undoubtedly bears the bell for personal cleanliness.
meooooow meow, meow meeeooooooooow meow mew meow mew meooooow meooooooooow.

Nature has adorned her with a most beautiful coat, of the softest,
Meeow mew meeeow mew meow m meow meeeooooow meow, me mew meeeow,

silkiest fur and loveliest of colours; and she spares no pains to keep it
meeeeoow mew mew meooooooooow me meeoow; mew mew meeoow me meow me meow me

clean and smart. I firmly believe that the cat is very proud of her
meow mew meow. M meoow meooooow meow mew mew me meow meow me mew

appearance, and likes to cut a dash--here again, by the bye, she resembles
meeeooooow, mew meow me mew m meow--meow meow, me mew mew, mew meeeooooow

the female of the human family. Pussy is for ever cleaning and washing at
mew meoow me mew meow meeoow. Meow me mew meow meooooow mew meeeow me

herself. If a well-bred parlour cat, she will never allow a speck of dirt
meeoow. Me m meow-meow meooooow mew, mew meow meow meow m meow me meow

to sully her fur. I can always tell whether a cat is properly cared for,
me meow mew mew. M mew meeoow meow meeeoow m mew me meeeeoow meow mew,

and has sufficient food, by the appearance of her coat. If she is allowed
mew mew meeeeeeow meow, me mew meeeeeeow me mew meow. Me mew me meeoow

to be hungry, or is badly housed, she soon loses all taste in herself, and
me me meeeow, me me meow meeoow, mew meow meow mew meow me meeoow, mew

doesn't care a rat's tail how she looks.

meoww'm meow m mew'm meow mew mew meoww.

When a cat's coat begins to appear rough and stare, it is the first
Meow m mew'm meow meoww me meoww meoww mew meow, me me mew meow

indication of approaching illness; and this symptom will never be
meowooooow me meowooooow meoww; mew meow meoww meow meow me

unattended to by those who love their pet.
meowooooow me me meow mew meow meow mew.

I have known cats take ill and die from having their coats accidentally
M meow meow meow meow mew mew mew meow meoww meow meow meow meowooooow

soiled beyond remedy.
meoww meoww meoww.

CHAPTER IV.
MEOWW ME.

TRICKS AND TRAINING.
MEOWW MEW MEOWW.

Some of the tricks which cats perform are highly amusing. Of course I
Meow me mew meoww meow meow meoww mew meoww meoww. Me meow M

refer to our fireside puss, and not to publicly performing cats; these
meow me mew meoww meow, mew mew me meoww meowooooow meow; meow

require special training, and a large amount of educating. But almost any

meooooow meeeoow meooooow, mew m meoow meeeow me meeeeeeow. Mew meoow mew

cat will, either of her own accord or with very little teaching, perform mew meow, meeoow me mew mew meeoow me meow meow meeoow meeeeeeow, meeoow

antics and capers enough to amuse children at least, if not indeed to make meeoow mew meeeow meoow me meow meeoow me meow, me mew meoow me meow

older people smile.

meow meoow meow.

Cats must be trained when young; and the very first thing you must teach Meow meow me meooooow meow meow; mew mew meow meow meow mew meow meow

them is _to love you_. If you can accomplish this, they will learn almost meow me mew meow meow. Me mew mew meooooooooow meow, meow meow meow meeeow

anything.

meooooow.

Cats have great jumping power naturally; and this power can be greatly Meow meow meow meooooow meow meeeooooow; mew meow meow mew me meooooow

increased, by proper exercise in the days of their kitten-hood. They can meeeeeeow, me meoow meeeoow me mew meow me meow meeeow-meow. Meow mew

spring almost incredible distances, either up or down. My own favourite, meeoow meeeow meeeooooow meeeooooow, meoow me me meow. Me mew meeoow, meow

when one year old, used to jump clean over the parlour door, fetching away meow mew meow mew, meow me meow meow meow mew meeeeeeow meow, meeeeeeow meow

a bit of meat that had been placed on the top. The best method of m mew me meow meow mew meow meeeow me mew mew. Mew meow meeoow me

instructing a cat in leaping heights, is to place bits of food at meeoooooooooow m mew me meeeoow meeeoow, me me meow meow me meow me

different elevations, and encourage her to bring them down. She will soon meeeeeeow meeeooooow, mew meeeooooow mew me meow meow meow. Mew meow meow

be able to spring seven or eight feet easily; and this same exercise will me meow me meoow meow me meow meow meeoow; mew meow meow meeeeeeow meow

stand her many a good turn, in her predatory excursions in the field, or meow mew meow m meow meow, me mew meeeeeeow meeeeeeow me mew meow, me

her amatory perambulations on the tiles. I have seen a cat, thus trained, mew meeeeeeow meeeeeeooooow me mew meow. M meow meow m mew, meow meeeeeeow,

spring from one house-top to another, a distance of fully ten feet; there

meooow meow mew meoow-mew me meeeoow, m meeeoow me meeow mew meow; meoow

were three other cats, but none dared follow her. I know of a cat, of the meow meeow meoow meow, mew meow meoow meeeow mew. M meow me m mew, me mew

extraordinary weight of 22 lbs., that springs with apparent ease from the meeeeeeooooow meooow me me mew., meow meeeoow meow meooooow meow meow mew

parlour-floor on to a door over six feet high. (_See Note K, Addenda._) meeeoow-meeow me me m meow meow mew meow meow. (mEow Meow M, Meeooow.m)

At Preston, the other day, my lady Muff chose to declare herself "on the Me Meeeeow, mew meeow mew, me meow Meow meeow me meeeow meeeow "me mew

spree." As usual on such occasions, half a dozen Toms came to serenade meeow." Me meoow me meow meeeooooow, meow m meeow Meow meow me meeeeeeow

her; and loudly they sang of her charms. The night being muggy and wet, I mew; mew meooow meow meow me mew meooow. Mew meeow meeow meoow mew mew, M

determined to keep her ladyship within doors, so Theodore Nero was sent meeeeeeooooow me meow mew meeeooooow meooow meeow, me Meeooooow Meow mew meow

out to reason with her lovers, while I shut puss up in the bedroom. In mew me meeeow meow mew meooow, meeow M meow meow me me mew meeeoow. Me

this act of incarceration I was encouraged by the starling, who was busy meow mew me meeeooooooooow M mew meeeeeeooooow me mew meeeooooow, mew mew meow

examining the anatomy of the pin-cushion, but who left off boring holes to meeeeeeow mew meeeoow me mew mew-meeooooow, mew mew meow mew meeeow meoow me

say,--

mew,--

"Bravo, doctor! _Br-ravo!_"

"Meeow, meeeow! mEw-meow!m"

"I'll _bravo_ you, presently, if you don't mind," said Muff as plainly as "M'me meooooow mew, meeeeeeow, me mew mew'm meow," meow Meow me meooooow me

eyes and eyebrows could speak. Muff was exceedingly wroth. meow mew meooooow meoow meoow. Meow mew meeeooooooooow meoow.

"Is--is--_is_ cats to be trusted?" remarked Dick musingly to himself, as

"Me--me--meow meow me me meeeoow?" meeeeoow Meow meeeeoow me meeeoow, me

he re-commenced playing Old Harry with the pin-cushion. Now the bed-room me me-meeeooooow meooooow Mew Meeow meow mew mew-meeeoow. Mew mew mew-meow

window was just twenty feet from the ground, and had been left open at the meoooo mew meow meoooo meow meow mew meeoow, mew mew meow meow meow me mew

top. When I went up to bed, I unlocked the door and entered mew. Meow M meow me me mew, M meeeoooo mew meow mew meoooo

cautiously--for I knew all her tricks and manners. The starling was meooooooooow--mew M meow mew mew meeoow mew meooooow. Mew meooooow mew

perched on the looking-glass, asleep, and Muffie was gone. The blind was meeoow me mew meeeoow-meeow, meeeow, mew Meeow mew meow. Mew meow mew

disarranged. She had jumped over. I went down with a carpet-bag, to look meooooooooow. Mew mew meeoow meow. M meow meow meow m meeoow-mew, me meow

for her remains; but there weren't any. Muffie came in at tea-time next mew mew meeeeoow; mew meoow meow'm mew. Meeoow meow me me mew-meow meow

day, seedy rather, but triumphant. mew, meoow meeoow, mew meooooooooow.

Another capital plan to teach a cat to leap a height, is to attach a Meeeeoow meeoow meow me meoow m mew me meow m meoooo, me me meeoow m

hare's foot to a piece of string at the end of a fishing rod, and set it meow'm meow me m meoow me meeoow me mew mew me m meoooo mew, mew mew me

in motion. You can thus regulate the elevation to pussy's daily increasing me meeoow. Mew mew meow meeeoooo mew meeeoooo me meow'm meow meeeoooo

capabilities. I have seen a cat bring her kittens to this gymnasium, and meooooooooow. M meow meow m mew meoow mew meoooo me meow meeeoooo, mew

teach the whole four of them to jump and seize the hare's foot, which she meow mew meoow meow me meow me meow mew meow mew meow'm meow, meow mew

herself used to set in motion. meoooo meow me mew me meoooo.

A very common trick, is to teach pussy to jump through your arms. Begin by M meow meoooo meow, me me meoow meow me meow meeeeoow meow meow. Meow me

holding them low between your legs; having taught her to leap thus, hold meoooo meow mew meeeeoow meow meow; meoooo meeoow mew me meow meow, meow

them to one side, and make her jump either way backwards and forwards.

meow me mew meow, mew meow mew meow meeoow mew meeeeoow mew meeeeeow.

Gradually increase the height, till, standing erect, you form a large P, Meooooow meeoow mew meoow, meow, meooooow meow, mew meow m meow M,

and puss springs through the bend of it. Then hold your arms right above mew meow meooooow meeoow mew meow me me. Meow meow meow meow meow meow

you, slightly bending your neck and your cat--presuming the reader is mew, meeeeoow meeeow meow meow mew meow mew--meeoow mew meeeow me

anything under seven feet high--shall leap right over your head. meooooow meow meow meow meow--meow meow meow meow meow meow.

Very pretty and effective exercise for a cat, is hoop-leaping. It costs Meow meoow mew meeeeoow meooooow mew m mew, me meow-meeeow. Me meow

little trouble to teach, and every cat will learn it. For this, you must meeoow meeeow me meow, mew meow mew meow meow me. Mew meow, mew meow

be provided with a little switch, not to hit the cat, but merely to make a me meooooow meow m meeoow meeoow, mew me mew mew mew, mew meeoow me meow m

noise in the air. Pronounce the word "hoop" each time you hold the article meow me mew mew. Meeeeoow mew meow "meow" meow meow mew meow mew meeoow

in front of her, and she will soon learn to go through in whatever me meow me mew, mew mew meow meow meow me me meeoow me meeoow

position you hold it. Or you may have a series of hoops, at different meooooow mew meow me. Me mew mew meow m meeoow me meow, me meeeeoow

elevations, placed in the garden, a few yards apart; or, better still, meeoowooow, meeeow me mew meoow, m mew meow meow; me, meeoow meow,

hung from the couples of a barn or grain-loft. On these last a young and meow meow mew meooooow me m meow me meow-meow. Me meow meow m meow mew

healthy cat soon becomes quite a wonderful performer; and, if you wish her meeoow mew meow meooooow meow m meeeeoow meooooow; mew, me mew meow mew

to be still more highly educated in the hoop business, you can dip your me me meow meow meeoow meooooow me mew meow meeoow, mew mew mew meow

hoop in methylated spirits of wine and set fire to it; she will go through meow me meooooow meooooow me meow mew mew meow me me; mew meow me meooooow

just the same. Or cover the hoop with thin tissue paper, and teach her to meow mew meow. Me meow mew meow meow meow meoow meow, mew meow mew me

go through it. At first the paper must be oiled, so as to be nearly me meooooow me. Me meow mew meow meow me meow, me me me meeoow

transparent. A friend of mine, coming home at twelve o'clock the other

meeeeooooow. M meeoow me meow, meeeow meow me meoooo m'meoow mew meow

night, heard an awful noise and rattling in an out-house which he had
meow, meow me meow meow mew meeeoooo me me mew-meow meow me mew

fitted up as a cat gymnasium. On going in with a light, he was surprised
meeeow me me m mew meeeooooow. Me meeoow me meow m meeoow, me mew meeeooooow

to find two full-grown kittens performing--they had been giving a dark
me meow mew meow-meow meeeoooo meeeooooow--meow mew meow meeoow m meow

séance on their own account.
meooooow me meow mew meeoow.

After any performance, you must never forget to reward poor puss with food
Meeow mew meeeooooow, mew meow meow meeeow me meeeow meow meow meow meow

and water, which latter, on these occasions, she will prefer to milk.
mew meow, meow meeoow, me meeoow meeeeeeow, mew meow meeoow me meow.

Cats, you know, are not very fond of music, still I have known them taught
Meow, mew meow, mew mew meow meow me meeoow, meow M meow meeoow meow meeoow

to move rhythmically to it.
me meow meeeooooow me me.

The hearth-rug is the arena on which puss may be taught to perform a
Mew meeoow-mew me mew meow me meow meow mew me meeoow me meoooo m

variety of tricks. I know a cat that, if you ask her to show you how a
meeoow me meeeow. M meow m mew meow, me mew mew mew me meow mew mew m

hare lies in the market, throws herself on the floor on her side, and,
meow meow me mew meeeow, meeoow meeoow me mew meeoow me mew meow, mew,

stretching her fore-legs and hind-legs in a line with her body, lies
meooooow mew meow-meow mew meow-meow me m meow meow mew meow, meow

there, to all appearance dead, till you bid her rise.
meow, me mew meeeooooow meow, meow mew mew mew meow.

I know a cat that turns somersaults on request. You can easily teach a cat
M meow m mew meow meow meooooow me meooooow. Mew mew meeeow meeoow m mew

to beg after the fashion of a broken-haired terrier, as also to give a
me mew meeoow mew meeoow me m meeoow-meeoow meeoow, me meow me meow m

paw--right or left, and to jump on your knee, and, placing its two

mew--meow me meow, mew me meow me meow meow, mew, meeeeow mew mew

fore-legs one on each side of your neck, execute quite a theatrical
meow-meow mew me meow meow me meow meow, meeeeow meow m meeeooooow

embrace. Or you may make her stand in a corner on her hind-legs, until
meeeow. Me mew mew meow mew meow me m meooow me mew meow-meow, meow

requested to drop down. I know a pussy that jumps on a chair at the
meeeeow me meow meow. M meow m meow meow meow me m meow me mew

bidding of her mistress, and, placing her fore-paws over the back, rests
meeeow me mew meeeeow, mew, meooooow mew meow-meow meow mew meow, meow

her head on them, and simulates sleep. Indeed, nothing is more easy than
mew meow me meow, mew meeeooooow meow. Meeeow, meeeeow me meow meow meow

to teach a cat to open or shut her eyes at the word of command. (_See Note
me meow m mew me meow me meow mew meow me mew meow me meeeow. (mEow Meow

L, Addenda._)

M, Meeeow.m)

There are two things which every household puss may, and ought to be,
Meow mew mew meeeow meow meow meeeooooow meow mew, mew meow me me,

taught, viz., to come and lie down quietly by the fire or on the sofa,
meeeow, mew., me meow mew mew meow meeeow me mew meow me me mew meow,

when told, and to "watch," that is, to sit by a mouse hole, where you know
meow meow, mew me "meeow," meow me, me mew me m meow meow, meow mew meow

a mouse to be, until she catches it; but you must never deceive her.
m meow me me, meow mew meooooow me; mew mew meow meow meeeeow mew.

I know of a daft little puss who sits on her master's shoulder at dinner;
M meow me m meow meooow meow mew meow me mew meooow'm meeeooooow me meeeow;

and when he is about to treat himself to some specially tempting morsel,
mew meow me me meow me meow meooooow me meow meeeooooow meeeow meeeow,

cleverly snatches it from the fork as he is putting it to his mouth, and
meeeeow meeeow me meow mew meow me me me meeeow me me mew meow, mew

transfers it to her own. She does it with such an apparent appreciation of
meeeeow me me mew mew. Mew meow me meow meow me meeeeow meeeooooow me

the fun of the joke, that no one could be angry with her. (_See Note M,
mew mew me mew meow, meow me mew meow me meow meow mew. (mEow Meow M,

Addenda._)

Meeeoow.m)

You can easily teach your cat to become an expert fisher, by throwing
Mew mew meeeow meeow meow mew me meeeow me meeoow meeeow, me meeoow

half-dead minnows on the top of the water, and encouraging her to jump in
meow-meow meeoow me mew mew me mew meow, mew meeeeeeoow mew me meow me

and seize them.

mew meow meow.

Cats can be taught to ring the bell and to open the door.

Meow mew me meeeow me meow mew meow mew me meow mew meow.

But whatever other tricks or performances you may care to teach her, it is
Mew meeeeoow meeow meeoow me meeeeeooooow mew mew meow me meow mew, me me

very much for pussy's future welfare that she should, when young, have
meow meow mew meow'm meeoow meeoow meow mew meeoow, meow meow, meow

plenty of leaping exercise; and if, at the same time, you make a good
meoow me meeeow meeoow; mew me, me mew meow meow, mew meow m meow

retriever of her, she will form the habit of always bringing home her
meeoow me mew, mew meow meow mew meow me meeeow meeoow meow mew

prey. For, with all due respect for the game laws, I do like to see a cat
meow. Mew, meow mew mew meeeow mew mew meow meow, M me meow me mew m mew

come trotting home in the gloaming, with a nice young leveret or a plump
meow meeoow meow me mew meeeeoow, meow m meow meow meeoow me m meow

partridge in her mouth; nobody is any the poorer, and her master has
meeoow me mew meow; meeoow me mew mew meeeow, mew mew meeoow mew

something nice for supper. You teach a cat to retrieve with a hare's foot.
meeeeoow meow mew meeoow. Mew meow m mew me meeeeoow meow m meow'm meow.

Teach her in the parlour first, then by flinging the plaything out of
Meow mew me mew meeoow meow, meow me meeoow mew meeoow mew me

doors. She will soon learn to bring it in and lay it at your feet. A
meow. Mew meow meow meow me meow me me mew mew me me meow meow. M

freshly-killed bird may then be used, and you will very soon have the
meeoow-meeow meow mew meow me meow, mew mew meow meow meow meow mew

satisfaction of seeing her invariably bring home her quarry.

meeeeeeooooow me meeeow mew meeeooooow meoow meow mew meeeow.

In the country, but only in the country, you may teach your cat to follow
Me mew meeeow, mew meow me mew meeeow, mew mew meoow meow mew me meeeow

you in your walks just like a dog, and she will never lose you either by
mew me meow meoow meow meow m mew, mew mew meow meoow meow mew meeeow me

night or day.
meeow me mew.

Cats come to your "whistle" much better than to any other call.
Meow meow me meow "meeeow" meow meeeow meow me mew meoow meow.

In training this interesting animal, you must have every consideration for
Me meeeeoow meow meoooooooow meeeow, mew meow meow meoow meeeoooooooow mew

her failings and weaknesses, and must never forget that she will do almost
mew meeeeoow mew meeeeeeeow, mew meow meeeow meeeow meow mew meow me meeeow

anything, for one who loves her and treats her with kindness.
meooooow, mew mew mew meeeow mew mew meeeow mew meow meeeooooow.

Inculcate habits of cleanliness in grown cats. There are times when,
Meeeeooooow meeeow me meeeoooooooow me meoow meow. Meeow mew meoow meow,

through accident or having been shut in a room, even the most
meeeeoow meeeeoow me meooooow meow meow me m meow, meow mew meow

highly-trained cat will deviate from the paths of decency. Never
meeeow-meeeeoow mew meow meooooow meow mew meoow me meeeeoow. Meoow

altogether overlook a thing of this sort. Take the cat, gently, but
meeeeeeeeoow meeeeoow m meoow me meow meow. Meow mew mew, meeeow, mew

firmly, to the place, and show her you are angry--cats are dreadfully
meooooow, me mew meeeow, mew meow mew mew mew meeeow--meow mew meeeeeeeow

frightened at a scolding--this will generally prevent a repetition of the
meeeooooow me m meeeeeow--meow meow meeeooooow meooooow m meeeeeeeow me mew

offence. But if the same thing should occur again, and there is no excuse
meeeeoow. Mew me mew meow meeeow meooooow meeeow meeeow, mew meoow me me meooooow

of a closed room or a locked door, then corporeal punishment becomes

me m meooow meow me m meooow meow, meow meooooooooow meooooooooow meeeow

necessary. But it must not be severe, or all remembrance of her crime will meeeeeow. Mew me meow mew me meeeow, me mew meeeeeeeow me mew meow meow

be lost in the pain of the correction. Cats are very delicate, and easily me meow me mew meow me mew meeeooooooooow. Meow mew meow meeeooow, mew meeeow

injured about the head. Carry her at once to the scene of her meeeow meow mew meow. Meow mew me meow me mew meeeow me mew

misdemeanour, and ask her if she sees it, then with a little bit of meeeooooooooow, mew mew mew me mew meow me, meow meow m meooow mew me

whalebone switch her several times across the fore-paws; or tips only of meeeooooooooow meeeow mew meeeow meeeow meooow mew meow-meow; me meow meow me

the ears, and turn her outside the front door. But in no case should mew meow, mew meow mew meeeow mew meeeow meow. Mew me me meow meooow

correction partake of the nature of revenge. meeeeeeow meeeow me mew meeeow me meeeow.

If the cat-fancier will attend to these simple rules, he will have cats Me mew mew-meeeow meow meooow me meeeow meeeow meeeow, me meow meow meow

that he will be proud of, and they will be proud of him. meow me meow me meeeow me, mew meow meow me meeeow me mew.

CHAPTER V.
MEEEOOW M.

CRUELTY TO CATS.
MEEEOOW ME MEOW.

I think it my duty to warn the reader that this is essentially a chapter M meeeow me me meow me meow mew meeeow meow meow me meeeeeeeow m meeeow

of horrors; so that if her or his feelings do not tend in that direction,

me meeoow; me meow me mew me mew meooooow me mew meow me meow meeeeoow,

it may be skipped. If it pains any one to read it, it must be remembered
me mew me meeoow. Me me meow mew mew me meow me, me meow me meooooow

that it was much more painful to me to write it; and only the hope of
meow me mew meow meow meeoow me me me meow me; mew meow mew meow me

enlisting the sympathy of the kind-hearted and benevolent in pussy's
meooooow mew meeoow me mew meow-meeeow mew meeeeoow me meow'm

favour could have induced me to do so. How far I have been successful,
meoow meow meow meeoow me me me me. Mew mew M meow meow meeeeoow,

time will tell. Indeed, I believe the day is not far distant, when it will
meow meow meow. Meeow, M meeoow mew mew me mew mew meeeow, meow me meow

become the fashion, nay even a portion of our religion, to treat all
meeoow mew meeeow, mew meow m meeoow me mew meooooow, me meow mew

animals, from the dog downwards, with kindness and consideration; and,
meooooow, meow mew mew meeeeoow, meow meooooow mew meeeeoow; mew,

when necessity determines life to be taken, to take it in the least cruel
meow meooooow meeeeoow meow me me meow, me meow me me mew meow meow

and most humane manner possible. A good and noble work has been begun by
mew meow meeoow meoow meeeeoow. M meow mew meow meow mew meow meow me

the Royal Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. All honour to it,
mew Meow Meeeow mew Meooooow me Meeeow me Meeeow. Mew meeoow me me,

and success to its organ, _The Animal World_. The field is indeed a wide
mew meeeow me mew meow, mEow Meoow Meoow. Mew meow me meoow m meow

one; and one can scarcely help feeling almost despairingly, as he looks
mew; mew mew mew meeoow meow meeoow meoow meeeeoow, me me meow

abroad upon the world, and sees the vast amount of cruelty there is to
meeoow meow mew meow, mew meow mew meow meeeow me meeoow meow me me

suppress. But stone by stone old Rome was built; and as the good work
meeeeoow. Mew meow me meow mew Meow mew meow; mew me mew meow meow

advances, the labourers will increase, and success in the end is certain.
meooooow, mew meeeeoow meow meeeeoow, mew meeoow me mew mew me meoow.

As the case now stands, I think the assistance, of the pulpit by precept,
Me mew meow mew meeoow, M meow mew meeeeoow, me mew meeeow me meeoow,

and of the great and rich by example, is sadly wanted to support the
mew me mew meow mew meow me meeeow, me meow meoow me meeoow mew

cause. The efforts of the Society are at present more particularly
meow. Mew meeoow me mew Meeeow mew me meooooow meow meooooow

directed to obtaining convictions against offenders for ill-treating,

meeeeoow me meoooooow meeeeeooooow meeoow meeeeeoow mew mew-meeeeoow,
overloading, or torturing horses and donkeys; for improperly conveying and
meooooooow, me meoooooow meeeow mew meooooow; mew meeeeeooooow meooooow mew
starving cattle, calves, pigs, and goats; for cruelties to birds, and for
meeeeoow meooow, meeeow, meow, mew meeow; mew meeeeeooooow me meeow, mew mew
ill-using dogs and cats. Alas! poor pussy comes last and least. But, as
mew-meooow meow mew meow. Meow! meow meeow meeow meow mew meeow. Mew, me
the world advances in civilization, and becomes more humane, new laws will
mew meow meeeoow me meeeeeooooow, mew meeeoow meow meooow, mew meow meow
have to be framed, anent the great ocean of cruelty, the waves of which we
meow me me meeeow, meow mew meeow meow me meeoow, mew meow me meow me
see tumbling and breaking around us every day, and making us apathetic,
mew meeeoow mew meeeeeoow meeeow me meeow mew, mew meeeow me meeeeeoow,
because of their very number and our own inability to oppose them.
meeeeow me meeow meow meooow mew mew mew meeeeeooooow me meooow meow.

Why should horses be for ever worked to death, or till death? Why should
Mew meeoow meooow me mew meow meeeow me meooow, me meow meooow? Mew meeeow
their labours and hardships be increased, with their increasing years and
meeow meooooow mew meeeeeooooow me meeeeeooooow, meow meooow meeeeeooooow meow mew
infirmities? We care for and love them when young and handsome; when they
meooooooow? Me meow mew mew meow meow meow meooow mew meooooow; meow meow
grow old we forget their former services, ill-treat and starve them, and
meow mew me meeoow meooow meeoow meeeeeow, mew-meooow mew meeoow meow, mew
finally thrash them into the knacker's yard.
meooooow meeoow meow meow mew meooooow'm meow.

Why should donkeys--those patient, much-enduring animals--be all their
Mew meooow meooooow--meeow meeoow, meow-meeeeeooooow meooooow--me mew meeow
poor lives treated with such systematic brutality?
meow meeow meeeeeow meow meow meeeeeeeow meeeeeooooow?

Why should cattle of all sorts be driven to the markets, or conveyed by
Mew meeoow meeeow me mew meeow me meeeow me mew meeeoow, me meooooow me
rail or steam-boat for long dreary journeys, without either food or water?

meow me meow-meow mew meow meeoow meeeooow, meooooow meeoow meow me meow?

Why should they be slaughtered with so little regard to their sufferings,
Mew meeeow meow me meeeooooow meow me meooow meooow me meow meooooow,

when the sting of death could be so easily drawn, ere the fatal blow was
meow mew meow me meow meow me me meeeow meow, mew mew meow meow mew

struck?
meeoow?

Why should turkeys, fowls, geese, and ducks be carried to market, with
Mew meeeow meeoow, meow, meow, mew meow me meeeow me meooow, meow

feet tied, and hung over poles head downwards, or huddled together in
meow meow, mew meow meow meow meow meeeeoow, me meeoow meeeeoow me

cramped baskets, and kept, sometimes, in such pain and suffering that
meooooow meeoow, mew meow, meooooow, me meow meow mew meeeeoow meow

death itself must be sweet relief?
meow meooow meow me meow meooow?

Why should pigeons, and other smaller birds, be shot in so cowardly and
Mew meeeow meeoow, mew meow meeeow meow, me meow me me meeoow mew

inhumane a manner as is the fashion at matches in the present day?
meeoow m meooow me me mew meooooow me meeoow me mew meeeow mew?

Cockfighting itself is much less cruel; for there each bird has a chance
Meeeeoow meooow me meow meow meow; mew meow meow meow mew m meeoow

of life, and the wounded are slain.
me meow, mew mew meooooow mew meow.

For the numerous cruelties inflicted on fishes, we can hardly name a
Mew mew meeeeoow meeoow me meeoow, me mew meeeow meow m

remedy yet; but has the reader ever thought of the agony which must be
meeoow mew; mew mew mew meeeow meow meeoow me mew meow meow meow me

endured by the lobster and crab in being boiled alive?
meeeow me mew meeoow mew meow me meow meeeow meow?

All these outrages on animal life might be prevented or greatly

Mew meow meeeooow me meeeow meow meoow me meeeeeeow me meeeow

ameliorated by just and proper laws. England, I trust, will be the first meeeeeeooow me meow mew meooow meow. Meeeeow, M meoow, meow me mew meoow

to take the lead in this matter; and, depend upon it, that nation's arm me meow mew meow me meow meeeow; mew, meeeow meow me, meow meeeow'm mew

will always be the strongest on the day of battle, that, in the time of meow meeeow me mew meeeeeeow me mew mew me meeeow, meow, me mew meow me

peace, is employed in labours of love, and in the advancement of meow, me meeeooow me meeeow me meow, mew me mew meeeeoow me

civilization and humanity.
meeeeoow mew meeeow.

The Mohammedans are far before us in kindness to the lower animals.
Mew Meeeeeeeow mew mew meooow me me meeeooow me mew meow meeeow.

"Accursed be he who spilleth blood," is one of their sayings.
"Meeeeow me me mew meeeow meow," me mew me meow meeeow.

Now, the Hindoos, for instance, are a much older nation than we are. They Mew, mew Meeeeow, mew meeeooow, mew m meow meow meeeow meow me mew. Meow

were clothed, and in their right minds, thousands of years before we were meow meeeow, mew me meow meow meow, meeeeeeow me meow meeeow me meow

out of pig-skin kilts and paint. We are trying to learn from theory what mew me mew-meow meow mew meow. Me mew meooow me meow meow meeeow meow

they have found out from long experience, and will no doubt arrive at the meow meow meow mew meow meow meeeooooow, mew meow me meow meeeow me mew

same conclusions after the loss of much valuable time. I know a gentleman meow meooooooow meow mew meow me meow meeeow meow. M meow m meeeeoow

who puts faith in no statement in the abstract, even if the speaker should mew meow meow me me meeeeeeow me mew meeeow, meow me mew meeeow meeeow

be as old as Methuselah--which isn't often the case--and as wise as Ahab, me me mew me Meooooooow--meeow mew'm meow mew meow--mew me meow me Meow,

until he has carefully ground, as it were, the syllogism in his own mill, meow me mew meeeooow meeeow, me me meow, mew meeeooooow me mew mew meow,

thoroughly sifted it, and microscopically examined it; then he looks meeeooooow meeeow me, mew meeeeeeow meeeow me; meow me meow

surprised, smiles, and says, "By George, old Thingummy was right after

meeeeeeow, meeoow, mew meow, "Me Meeeeow, mew Meeeeeeow mew meoow meoow

all." He can't help it however; it is the result of a too liberal
mew." Me mew'm meow me meeeeeow; me me mew meeeow me m mew meooooow

education. He is constantly grinding away at a proverb. Now, I think
meeeeeeow. Me me meeeooooow meeeooooow meow me m meeoow. Mew, M meoow

proverbs are the pith of a nation's experience: the wisdom of a country is
meeeeeeow mew mew meow me m meooooow'm meeeooooow: mew meoow me m meeeow me

skimmed off, boiled, evaporated to dryness, burned to get rid of organic
meooooow mew, meeoow, meeeooooow me meooooow, meoow me mew mew me meooooow

impurities, and the residue washed and distilled, and the essential oil
meoooooooow, mew mew meooooow meeoow mew meeeeeeow, mew mew meeeeoow mew

bottled--in a proverb. But my learned friend, on first hearing one, says,
meeeeoow--me m meooooow. Mew me meooooow meeeow, me meoow meeoow mew, meow,

"Oh, nonsense! Can't be." The proverb haunts him, however, both by night
"Me, meooooow! Mew'm me." Mew meeeeeow meoow mew, meooooow, meow me meoow

and day, for perhaps a fortnight, perhaps longer, until it is properly
mew mew, mew meooooow m meoooooooow, meeoow meoow, meow me me meeeeoow

thought out in all its bearings; _then_ he believes it--not before. He
meeeeoow mew me mew mew meeoow; meoow me meeeeoow me--mew meeoow. Me

would save much time by having a little more credulity; but he is getting
meeow meow meow meow me meeoow m meeoow meow meeeeoow; mew me me meeeow

wise, and if he lives long enough he will be very wise indeed, although
meow, mew me me meow meow meeoow me meow me meow meow meeoow, meeeeoow

the process may cost him his teeth--he is bald already.
mew meooooow mew meow mew mew meoow--me me meow meeoow.

The Hindoos have, long ago, come to the conclusion that it is wrong to
Mew Meooooow meow, meow mew, meow me mew meeeooooow meow me me meoow me

take life, and accordingly they don't--barring that they murder their
meow meow, mew meeeeeeooow meow mew'm--meeoow meow meow meeoow meoow

wives when it is required. I think they are right, although I myself draw
meeow meow me me meeeeeow. M meoow meow mew meow, meeeeeow M meoow meow

the line at naval cockroaches; and the fact that they are disagreeable
mew meow me meoow meeeeoow; mew mew meow meow meow mew meeeeoow

things to kill, may have something to do with my sparing them. Besides, a
meeoow me meow, mew meow meeeeeeow me me meow me meeoow meow. Meeeoow, m

cockroach has so many relations, and these all come to his funeral, and

meeeeeoow mew me meow meooooooooow, mew meoow mew meow me mew meeoow, mew

insist on seeing him decently interred. This ceremony they perform by
meeow me meoow mew meoooooooo meeeeoow. Meow meeeeoow meow meoow me

tasting, tasting at him until nothing remains.
meoow, meeeow me mew meoow meoow meeeow.

I was one day "counting my pieces" to my Indian washerman, on the deck of
M mew mew mew "meeeoow me meeeow" me me Meoow meeeeoow, me mew meow me

my cabin, when out from the bosom of a nightshirt dropped a nine-inch-long
me meow, meow mew meow mew meow me m meooooooooow meoow m meow-meow-meow

centipede in the full vigour of health and intellect, and began making the
meeeeeeow me mew meow meeoow me meeoow mew meeeeeeow, mew meow meeeow mew

best of his way to the nearest shelter. Giving instant chase, and having
meow me mew mew me mew meoow meeeow. Meoow meeeow meow, mew meeoow

the advantage in length of legs, if not in number, I should soon have run
mew meeeeeeow me meeoow me meow, me mew me meeoow, M meeoow meow meow mew

him down, had not the impudent Hindoo, at the very last moment, pulled me
mew meow, mew mew mew meeoow Meeeow, me mew meow meow meeoow, meeoow me

back by my frock-coat tails. Such an indignity to a British officer, on
meow me me meow-meow meow. Meow me meeeeoow me m Meeoow meeoow, me

board a British man-o'-war, was hardly to be borne with impunity. I
meeow m Meeoow mew-m'-mew, mew meeeow me me meow meow meeeeoow. M

turned, and looking him full in the face in my most impressive manner--
meeoow, mew meeeeoow mew meow me mew meow me me meow meooooooooow meeoow--

"Sir," said I, "are you aware that Britons never, never,
"Mew," meow M, "mew mew meow meow Meoow meow, meoow,

NEVER--will--be--slaves?"
MEOW--meow--me--meoow?"

The dobee salaamed.
Mew meow meooooooooow.

"Then," continued I, "what have you got to say, that I should not punch

"Meeow," meow M me m meeeow meeow, "meow me mew meow? M'm m meeeeeooooow

unmarried man, and never deserved any."

meeeooooow mew, mew meoow meeeooooow mew."

The man, who entered behind Pandoo, carried a shovel, a brush, and a
Mew mew, mew meooooow meeooow Meooow, meooooow m meeooow, m meoow, mew m

basket; and I soon discovered that my little ones meant all the earwigs,
meeooow; mew M meow meooooooooow meow me meeooow meow meeow mew mew meeooow,

bugs, centipedes, and crickets, of which I had a fair sprinkling of each
meow, meeeooooow, mew meeeeeeow, me meeow M mew m meow meeeeeooooow me meow

sort; and he came, not to destroy, but actually to carry them away. He
meow; mew me meow, mew me meeeeeeow, mew meeeeeeow me meoow meow meow. Me

swept my room and bed moderately clean, and I afterwards found that he had
meeow me meow mew mew meeeeeooooow meeow, mew M meeeooooooooow meeow meow me mew

taken the contents of the basket to the corner of a field, and emptied
meoow mew meeeeeoow me mew meeeow me mew meeooow me m meeow, mew meeeoow

them among some straw. For no true Buddhist takes life; and when cows and
meow meoow meow meoow. Mew me meow Meeeeeeow meoow meow; mew meow meow mew

horses get infirm, they are regularly superannuated, and sent to an asylum
meeooow mew meooow, meow mew meeeooooow meeeooooooooooooow, mew meow me me meooow

where they may end their days in peace.

meoow meow mew mew meeow meow me meeow.

The scenes of cruelty to the lower animals, which one witnesses in the
Mew meeooow me meeeoow me mew meeow meeeeeeow, meeow mew meeeeeeoow me mew

streets and lanes of our own country, are almost enough to make one doubt
meeeooooow mew meoow me mew mew meeeeoow, mew meooooow meooooow me meow mew meeow

the goodness of God. In many cases, a person at all sensitive cannot
mew meeeooooow me Mew. Me meow meoow, m meooooow me mew meeeeeeeeow meeeow

refrain from interfering; and, unless he can show some proper authority
meeeeoow meow meeeeeooooow; mew, meooooow me mew meow meow meeeow meeeooooow

for so doing, he will in most cases come off second-best, and do harm to
mew me meoow, me meow me meow meoow meow mew meeooow-meow, mew me meow me

the very victim he meant to protect. I have often constituted myself a
mew meow meeooow me meeow me meeeooow. M meow meeow meeeeeeeeeeoow meooooow m

sort of knight-errant to distressed quadrupeds; and I flatter myself I

meow me meeoow-meeow me meeeooooow meoooooooow; mew M meeeow meeeow M

have at times done some good, either by going quietly up to the
meow me meow meow meow meow, meeeow me meoow meeeow me me mew

perpetrator of the cruelty and trying to reason with him, or, with a
meoooooooow me mew meeeow mew meoow me meoow meow mew, me, meow m

pretended show of authority, demanding his name and address. A man of this
meeeooooow meow me meeeooooow, meeeooooow mew meow mew meeoow. M mew me meow

sort is always a coward, and usually "funks" at once. I once had my nose
meow me meeoow m meeeow, mew meeoow "meeow" me meow. M meow mew me meow

broken, though, in a row with a butcher about ill-treating a cow. That
meeeow, meeeow, me m mew meow m meeeow meoow mew-meeeoow m mew. Meow

brought my knight-errantry to a bloody close for a fortnight; but, thanks
meeeow me meeeow-meeeoow me m meeoow meoow mew m meeeooooow; mew, meeoow

to good surgery, the organ is none the worse.
me meow meeoow, mew meoow me meow mew meoow.

Last February, while walking in a lane in the neighbourhood of a rural
Meow Meeeeoow, meoow meeoow me m meow me mew meeeooooooooow me m meoow

village, I met a fellow--certainly the most brutal lout ever I
meooooow, M mew m meeeow--meeeeeeow mew meow meeoow meow meow M

saw--driving, or rather pushing along, two unhappy sheep. The creatures
mew--meeeow, me meeoow meeoow meow, mew meeeow meoow. Mew meeoooooow

had walked a very long distance, and appeared completely exhausted; for
mew meeeow m meow meow meeeooooow, mew meeeeoow meeeeeeow meeeeeeow; mew

the wind was very high, and the cold rain and sleet were beating in their
mew meow mew meow meow, mew mew meow meow mew meoow meow meeeow me meoow

faces, and stupifying them. Besides, the scoundrel had been striking them
meoow, mew meeeooooow meow. Meeeoow, mew meeoooooow mew meow meeeeeeow meow

with a strong black-thorn cane; and, as he dared not touch them about the
meow m meeoow meow-meeow meow; mew, me me meoow mew meow meow meow mew

body, for fear of injuring the appearance of the mutton,--for mutton they
meow, mew meow me meeeeeeow mew meoooooooow me mew meeoow,--mew meeoow meow

soon would be,--it was across the forehead and nose he hit them, so the
meow meoow me,--me mew meeeow mew meooooow mew meow me mew meow, me mew

blood was trickling down in streams, and as they shook their heads with
meow mew meeeeeeow meow me meeeow, mew me meow meoow meow meow meow

pain, their pretty fleeces were all besmeared. Oh, the amount of misery

meow, meow meeoow meeoow meow mew meeeeeeow. Me, mew meeeow me meoow

depicted in their poor patient eyes! The very dogs seemed ashamed of their meeeeeeow me meow meow meoow meow! Mew meow meow meeeow meoow me meow

master's conduct.
meoow'm meeeow.

"It's to be killed, they are to be, at any rate," said the fellow when I "Me'm me me meeeow, meow mew me me, me mew meow," meow mew meeeow meow M

remonstrated with him on his conduct; "and, curse them," he cried, "I'll meeeeeeeeeow meow mew me mew meeoow; "mew, meow meow," me meow, "M'me

make them go." And again the blows began to fall. The sheep moaned low, meow meow me." Mew meow mew meow meow me meow. Mew meow meeoow mew,

and I closed with my friend. A vicious tussle, and the stick flew over the mew M meeoow meow me meoow. M meoow meeoow, mew mew meow meow meow mew

hedge. Then the lout flew at me. He hit my fist a tremendous blow with his meow. Meow mew meow meow me me. Me mew me meow m meeeeeeeeow meow meow mew

lower jaw, the result of which was, that he immediately took the world on meow mew, mew meeeow me meow mew, meow me meeoow meow meow meow me

his back, like old Atlas--he took the world on his back several times mew meow, meow mew Meow--me meow mew meow me mew meow meeeow meow

before he seemed tired of it. Then I gave him to understand, that by way meeoow me meeoow meow me me. Meow M meow mew me meeoow meow, meow me mew

of recompense for knocking him down, I should at once find a policeman to me meeeeeeeeow mew meoow mew meow, M meeeow me meow meow m meeoow me

take him up, unless he immediately accompanied me to a neighbouring meow mew me, meeoow me meeoow meeoow me me m meeoow me

killing-house, to get a butcher to slaughter the sheep. He reluctantly meeoow-meow, me mew m meeeow me meeeeeeow mew meow. Me meeoow me

consented, and the sorrows of those two dumb creatures soon came to an meeoow, mew mew meeoow me meow mew meow meeoow meow meow me me

end.
mew.

About the commonest, if not the simplest form of cruelty to poor pussy, is Meow mew meeeeeeow, me mew mew meeeeeeow meow me meoow me meow meow, me that of neglecting to feed her regularly, and at the proper times. Many

meow me meooooooooow me meow mew meooooooooow, mew me mew meooow meow. Meow

people are guilty of this who would not willingly do an unkind action;
meooow mew meeeow me meow mew meeeow mew meeeeeeeow me me meeeow meeeow;

they err through ignorance, or want of thought. Pussy, they imagine, can
meow mew meeeoow meeeeeoow, me meow me meooooow. Meeow, meow meeoow, mew

easily pick up all she needs about the floor. There could hardly be a
meeoow meow me mew mew meeeow meoow mew meeeow. Meoow meoow meeeow me m

greater mistake, or one more fatal to pussy's existence as a pet. For the
meeeoow meeoow, me mew meow meeeow me meoow'm meeeeeoow me m mew. Mew mew

mere fact of her having to look out for her own food will make her
meow meow me mew meeeow me meow mew mew mew mew meow meow meow mew

dishonest. Others starve their cats to make them catch mice; the very
meeeeeoow. Meooow meeeow meoow meow me meow meow meoow meow; mew meow

opposite is the case. It is your plump, well-fed, sleek grimalkins that
meeeoow me mew meow. Me me meow meoow, meow-mew, meoow meeeeeeeow meow

are the best mousers; a starveling has not courage nor heart enough to
mew mew meow meeeoow; m meooooooooow mew mew meeoow mew meeeow meeeow me

kill a midge, let alone a mouse.
meow m meeeow, mew meeeow m meoow.

Higher in the scale of cruelty is the only too common practice of leaving
Meeeeow me mew meoow me meeeoow me mew meow mew meeeow meeeoow me meooooow

pussy at home to shift for herself, when the family moves to the seaside
meoow me meow me meoow mew meeeeeow, meow mew meooow meoow me mew meeeeeow

or country, in holiday season. In some instances the cat has access to and
me meeoow, me meeeeeow meoow. Me meow meeeeeeeow mew mew mew meooow me mew

from the house, by some private door of her own. In this case, she will
meow mew meoow, me meow meeeeeow meow me mew mew. Me meow meow, mew meow

generally manage to eke out a miserable existence, from the scraps she
meeeooooow meeeow me mew mew m meeeeeooooow meooooooooow, meow mew meooow mew

picks up on the dung-hill; or she will become a thief, and make raids on
meoow me me mew meow-meow; me mew meow meeoow m meeeow, mew meow meeeow me

the pigeon-houses or rabbit-boxes of the neighbours. At all events she is
mew meeeow-meeeow me meeeow-meeeow me mew meooooooooow. Me mew meooow mew me

usually successful in sustaining her life, until the return of the family.
meooooow meeeeeooooow me meeeeeeeeeow mew meow, meeeow mew meeeow me mew meooow.

But it is very different with pussy, when she is entirely imprisoned in an

Mew me me meow meeeeeeoow meow meow, meow mew me meooooow meooooow me me
empty house, without either food or water, save perhaps an occasional
meow meow, meooooow meooow meow me meow, meow meeoow me meeeooooow
mouse which chance may throw in her way.
meeow meow meeeow mew meow me mew mew.

I know of one unhappy cat that lived for three whole weeks, on dry
M meow me mew meeeow mew meow meow mew meow meow meow, me mew
oat-meal alone.
mew-meow meow.

Another instance I can just recall to memory, and I am sorry to say, it is
Meeeeow meeeeoow M mew meow meeoow me meeoow, mew M me meow me mew, me me
only one of many thousands that are happening every day. In this case, the
meow mew me meow meeeeeeoow meow mew meeeeoow meow mew. Me meow meow, mew
family had gone to the country for a month, leaving Tabby--as
meooow mew meow me mew meeoow mew m meow, meeeeoow Meeow--me
affectionate a little cat as ever lived, and the constant pet and playmate
meeeeoow m meeoow mew me meow meow, mew mew meooooow mew mew meooooow
of the young children--shut up in the house. The building was a new one;
me mew meow meeoow--meow me me mew meow. Mew meooooow mew m mew mew;
there were consequently no mice; so, when the family at length returned,
meeow meow meeeeeeeeoow me meow; me, meow mew meeeow me meooow meeoow,
almost the first thing that met their gaze was poor Tabby, lying stark and
meeoow mew meow meow meow mew meow meow mew meow Meeow, meow meow mew
stiff on the parlour hearth. She was a perfect skeleton, while the
meeow me mew meeoow meeoow. Mew mew m meeoow meooooow, meow mew
sardonic grin on her mouth showed how much she must have suffered. Such a
meooooow meow me mew meow meeoow mew meow mew meow meow meeeeoow. Meow m
death, in that lonely house, almost makes one's flesh creep to think of.
meow, me meow meooow meow, meeoow meow mew'm meow meow me meow me.

A still more shocking case of cruelty recently came to my knowledge, which
M meow meow meeeeoow meow me meeoow meeeeoow meow me me meeeeoow, meow
shows very forcibly how dreadful must be the sufferings of a starving cat,

meeow meow meeeeoow mew meeoow meow me mew meeeooooow me m meeoow mew,

and how great the sin of those who leave them thus to perish. In one of mew mew meow mew mew me meow mew meow meow meow me meeeow. Me mew me

the principal squares of the city of Edinburgh lives Mrs. Blank, a lady mew meeeeeeow meoow me mew meow me Meeeeoow meow Mew. Meeow, m meow

who can carry a high head, in the best society of which the Scottish mew mew meow m meow meow, me mew meow meeoow me meow mew Meeeeoow

metropolis can boast. She subscribes to all the charities, and feeds and meeeooooow mew meow. Mew meeeooooow me mew mew meeeeoow, mew meow mew

clothes the poor daily; of course she is only "lending to the Lord," and meeeoow mew meow meow; me meoow mew me meow "meeeeow me mew Meow," mew

expects the principal returned on or after the Day of Judgment, with very meoow mew meooooow meooooow me me meow mew Mew me Meeeeoow, meow meow

good interest. But that is neither here nor there. This lady had a cat, a meow meeeeoow. Mew meow me meeoow meow mew meow. Meow meow mew m mew, m

very fine one too, on which she lavished an unusual amount of affection; meow meow mew mew, me meow mew meeeeoow me meeoow meow me meeeeoow;

and this affection was amply reciprocated, for pussy cared for no one in mew meow meeeooooow mew meow meeeeeeeeoow, mew meow meow mew me mew me

the house but her mistress. But in process of time, Jenny had the mew meow mew mew meeeeoow. Mew me meoow me meow, Meow mew mew

exceedingly bad taste to give birth to two pretty little kittens, and of meeeeeeeeow mew meow me meow meow me mew meeoow meow meoow, mew me

course could not spare so much time as usual on her mistress's lap. So, meeeow meow mew meow me meow meow me meow me mew meeeeow'm mew. Me,

when the family had packed up, and were about to move into the country for meow mew meeoow mew meoow me, mew meow meow me meow meow mew meeeoow mew

the holiday, this lady gave the order to have "that horrid tiresome old mew meeoow, meow meow meow mew meow me meow "meow meoow meeeeoow mew

cat and kittens shut up in the house," until her return. Pussy was shut up mew mew meeeeow meow me me mew meow," meow mew meeeow. Meeow mew meow me

accordingly. For a whole fortnight after, the people in the adjoining meeoooooow. Mew m meow meeeeoow meow, mew meeeow me mew meeoow

house were disturbed by melancholy cries, proceeding from the empty house, meow meow meeeeoow me meeoow meow, meeoow meow mew meow meow,

and, at last, unable to endure it any longer; the assistance of the police mew, me meow, meeoow me meeeow me mew meoow; mew meeoow me mew meoow

was called, and an entrance effected through a back window. A most

mew meeeow, mew me meooooow meeeooow meeeooow m meow meeeow. M meow

horrible sight met their view. Poor pussy, thin even to emaciation, lay meeeooow meow mew meow meow. Meow meow, meow meow me meeeooooow, mew

upon her bed in the corner, _nursing the heads of her two kittens_. She meow mew mew me mew meeeow, meeeooow mew meow me mew mew meooooow. Mew

had eaten their bodies. Fancy the sufferings that must have triumphed mew meow meow meooow. Meow mew meeeeeeoow meow meow meow meeeeeoow

over her motherly love. Not only, however, had she eaten the kittens; but, meow mew meeeooow meow. Mew meow, meeeoow, mew mew meow mew meeeooow; mew,

rendered wild by the pangs of hunger, she had actually torn from her own meooooow meow me mew meow me meeeow, mew mew meeeooow meow meow mew mew

thigh a large piece of flesh, and devoured it. It is a wonderful instance meow m meow meow me meow, mew meooooow me. Me me m meeeeeooow meeeooow

of the tenacity of life in cats, that this pussy, by careful nursing, made me mew meeeooow me meow me meow, meow meow meow, me meeeoow meeeow, meow

a good recovery. She took up house with her kind preservers, but never m meow meooooow. Mew meow me meow meow mew meow meeeeeeeow, mew meow

afterwards darkened the door of her cruel lady mistress. (_See Note N, meeeooooow meeeooow mew meow me mew meow meow meeeooow. (mEow Meow M,

Addenda._)

Meooooow.m)

The sagacity of the cat is very often beautifully shown, in the means she Mew meeeooow me mew mew me meow meow meeeooooooow meow, me mew meow mew

takes to provide for herself food and shelter, in the absence of her meow me meeeooow mew meeeooow meow mew meeeooow, me mew meeeoow me mew

owners. On these occasions pussy has often been known to become a "beggar meooow. Me meow meeeeeeoow meow mew meow meow meow me meeeow m "meeoow

from door to door." For example, one morning early, a workman,--Mr. D. meow meow me meow." Mew meeeeoow, mew meeeooow meow, m meeeoow,--Me. M.

Stoddart, 92, Rose Street, Edinburgh,--on going to his work, observed a Meeeeoow, me, Meow Meooow, Meeeeoow,--me meow me mew meow, meooooow m

large black cat, trotting on before him, with tail erect and evidently on meow meow mew, meeeeoow me meooow mew, meow meow meow mew meeeeeeoow me

the best of terms with herself. Her good-humour, however, must have been mew meow me meow meow meooooow. Mew meow-meeeoow, meeeoow, meow meow meow

simulated for the occasion, for she was very hungry indeed. Presently,

meeeeeoow mew mew meeoow, mew mew mew meow meeeow meeoow. Meooooow,

she stopped and looking earnestly in the man's face, all her happiness mew meeoow mew meeeow meeeeeeow me mew mew'm meow, mew mew meeoow

seemed at once to forsake her and she mewed in a most pitiful manner. The meoow me meow me meoow mew mew mew meow me m meow meoow meeoow. Mew

good-hearted fellow at once opened his little napkin, and gave pussy part meow-meeeow meoow me meow meoow mew meeoow meeeow, mew meow meow meow

of his dinner. He was rather surprised next morning, to meet the puss me mew meeeow. Me mew meeoow meooooow meow meoow, me meow mew meow

exactly at the same time and place. In fact, the cat had adopted the meeoow me mew meow meow mew meow. Me meow, mew mew mew meeoow mew

working-man in a small way; and every morning regularly, for six months, meeoow-mew me m meeoow mew; mew meow meeeow meeeeeeow, mew mew meoow,

it met him and gratefully received its breakfast. After this, it used to me mew mew mew meooooow meooooow mew meeeeoow. Meeow meow, me meow me

walk along with him for some distance, singing a little song to him the meow meow meow mew mew meow meeeeeeow, meeoow m meeoow meow me mew mew

while, then took her departure. One day, however, pussy was missed, and it meow, meow meow mew meeeeoow. Mew mew, meeoow, meow mew meeeow, mew me

was a long time before anything else was heard of her. Some months after, mew m meow meow meeoow meeeeeeow meow mew meow me mew. Meow meeeow meow,

in passing a gentleman's gate, in a different part of the town, who should me meeeow m meeeeeeow'm meow, me m meeeeoow meow me mew meow, mew meeeow

come out to bid him welcome, but his quondam friend and companion the cat. meow mew me mew mew meoow, mew mew meeoow meoow mew meeeeeeow mew mew.

She was sleek and fat, and apparently happy as the sunshine. On making Mew mew meow mew mew, mew meeeeoow meow me mew meeoow. Me meoow

inquiries, it afterwards transpired that during the six months that pussy meeeeoow, me meeeeoow meeeeoow meow meeoow mew mew meoow meow meow

used to meet the working-man, the family were on the Continent. meow me meow mew meeoow-mew, mew meoow meow me mew Meeeeeeow.

So common a thing has cruelty towards the feline race become, that one can Me meeoow m meow mew meoow meeoow mew meoow meow meeoow, meow mew mew

hardly take a walk along the streets, or into the country, without seeing meeeow meow m meow meow mew meeeow, me meow mew meeoow, meoow meoow

the mangled body of some poor puss, which has been stoned, beaten to

mew meooooow meow me meow meow meow, meeow mew meow meeoow, meeeow me

death, or worried by dogs, more than likely in the open light of day.
meeow, me meooooow me meow, meow meow meooooow me mew meow meeow me mew.

Indeed, a cat's foes are so very numerous, that the only wonder is, how
Meeow, m mew'm meow mew me meow meeeooooow, meow mew meow meooooow me, mew

she escapes with her life so often. Instead of nine lives, it would I
mew meeeoow meow mew meow me meoow. Meeeoow me meow meeow, me meoow M

think, be more convenient for her to have ninety and nine. Most common
meoow, me meow meeeooooow mew mew me meow meeeow mew meow. Meow meoooo

among pussy's numerous enemies may be mentioned,--
meoow meoow'm meeeeoow meeeoow mew me meeeeeeow,--

Firstly, Gamekeepers. It must certainly be very annoying to keepers, to
mEooooow, Meooooooooow.m Me meow meooooooooow me meow meeeeoow me meeoow, me

have cats prowling indiscriminately among the preserves, destroying eggs,
meow meow meeeeoow meeeeeooooooooow meeow mew meeeooooow, meeeeeooooow meow,

birds, rabbits, and game of every description; but, after all, the amount
meeow, meooooow, mew meow me meeow meooooooooow; mew, meoow mew, mew meeeow

of injury done must be comparatively small; whereas the cruelties
me meoow meow meow me meeeeeooooooooow meoow; meeoow mew meooooooooow

practised on pussy by these men are at times quite revolting. To kill a
meeeooooow me meeow me meeow mew mew me meeow meoow meeoooooow. Me meow m

cat by shooting her, may under some circumstances be deemed justifiable;
mew me meeeeoow mew, mew meoow meow meooooooooooooow me meeow meooooooooow;

but to wilfully lay traps for its destruction, in which the poor thing may
mew me meooooow mew meeow mew mew meeeeeeeeoow, me meeow mew meow meeow mew

linger for days, before death ends its misery, is surely far from humane.
meoow mew meow, meeeow meeow meow mew meoow, me meoow mew meow meoow.

Even after pussy is relieved from the trap, it is, in most cases, only to
Meow meoow meeow me meeeeoow meow mew meow, me me, me meow meoow, meow me

have her brains dashed out against the nearest tree, or to have her tail
meow mew meeoow meeeow mew meeeeoow mew meeoow meow, me me meow mew meow

cut off, and her body left to die on the ground.
mew mew, mew mew meow meow me mew me mew meoow.

Secondly, Street-boys. Seldom can a boy see a cat anywhere, on the

mEoooooow, Meooow-meow.m Meeoow mew m mew mew m mew meooooow, me mew

street or at large, without lifting the nearest stone to shy at her. And meooow me me meoow, meooooow meeeeeow mew meeeeeow meoow me mew me mew. Mew

not boys only, but even grown-up men, have I heard boasting of their vile mew meow meow, mew meow meeeow-me mew, meow M meeeow meeeeeow me meeeow meow

exploits in cat-killing.
meeeeeow me mew-meeeeeow.

Thirdly, Men with dogs. "The only way I like to see a cat," said a mEeeeeow, Mew meow meow.m "Mew meow mew M meow me mew m mew," meow m

gentleman to me the other day, "is with a dog at her heels;" and, I'm meeeeeeow me me mew meoow mew, "me meow m mew me mew meeeow;" mew, M'm

sorry to say, such sentiments are far from unfrequent. I know, indeed, it meeeow me mew, meow meoooooow mew mew meow meeeeeeow. M meow, meeeow, me

is an usual thing for young men to go out of an evening with me me meeeow meeeow mew meoow mew me me mew me me meeeeeow meow

dogs--generally bull-and-terriers--for the express purpose, of slipping meow--meoooooow meow-mew-meeeeeow--mew mew meooooow meooooow, me meeeeoow

them at the first cat that chance throws in their way. In these cases any meow me mew meoow mew meow meeeow meoow me meoow mew. Me meeeow meoow mew

hope of escaping with her life, is for the poor cat very small indeed, meow me meeeeeeow meow mew meow, me mew mew meow mew meow meoow meeeow,

unless under very exceptional circumstances.
meeeow meeeow meow meeeeoow meeeeeeooooow.

The other day, a friend of mine, who isn't very soft-hearted, was taking a Mew meoow mew, m meeeow me meow, mew mew'm meow meow-meooooow, mew meoow m

walk in the suburbs of Manchester, with a bull-terrier dog and a bitch of meow me mew meooooow me Meeeeeeooow, meow m meow-meooooow mew mew m meoow me

the same breed--both champion prize-takers, by the way. A cat was started, mew meow meoow--meow meeeeeeow meoow-meeeow, me mew mew. M mew mew meeeoow,

and pussy made directly for the door of her master's house. Both the back mew meeeow meow meeeeeeow mew mew meow me mew meeeow'm meeeow. Meow mew meow

and front doors were open. The cat darted in by the back, closely followed mew meoow meoow meow meow. Mew mew meooooow me me mew meow, meeeeoow meeeeoow

by the dog; while, as if to cut off all chance of escape, the bitch rushed

me mew mew; meow, me me me mew mew mew meeoow me meoow, mew meow meoow

round and entered by the front. The family were just at breakfast, when meow mew meeoow me mew meow. Mew meeoow meow meow me meooooow, meow

pussy sprang on the table, attacked simultaneously in front and rear by meow meoow me mew meow, meooooow meeeeeeeeeeeow me meow mew meow me

her canine foes. They literally _tore her in two_ across the table, and mew meeoow meow. Meow meooooow meow mew me meow meeeow mew meow, mew

before her owner's eyes. Of course the damage done to the crockery, was meeeow mew meow'm meow. Me meeeow mew meeoow meow me mew meeeeeow, mew

something very considerable, and my friend had to pay five guineas to hush meeeeeow meow meeeeoow, mew me meoow mew me mew meow meeeow me meow

the matter up; and "Serve you right," I remarked when he told me. (_See mew meeoow me; mew "Meeow mew meow," M meeeeeow meow me meow me. (mEow

Note O, Addenda._)

Meow M, Meeoow.m)

And _fourthly, Cat-skin Collectors_. In nearly every large town in the Mew meooooow, Mew-meow Meeeeeeeow. Me meoow meow meow meow me mew

kingdom, there actually exist parties who make a living by buying cats meooooow, meow meeoow meow meeoow mew meow m meoow me meeoow meow

for the sake of their hides. They of course have to pay a pretty large mew mew meow me meow meow. Meow me meeoow meow me mew m meeoow meow

price for a good skin; and this in its turn gives rise to another branch meow mew m meow meow; mew meow me mew meow meow me meeoow meoow

of industry, namely, cat-hunting. The cat-hunter is lower in the social me meeoow, meoow, mew-meooooow. Mew mew-meoow me meow me mew meeeow

scale, and much more cruel and hardened, than even the bird-catcher. The meow, mew meow meow meow mew meeeeoow, meow meow mew meow-meooooow. Mew

occupation seems to be thoroughly demoralizing; and its followers live in meeeeeeeow meow me me meeeeeeoow meeeeoow; mew mew meeoow meow me

the most squalid dens and infamous purlieus of the city, leading an idle, mew meow meeeow meow mew meeeeeow meeeeoow me mew meow, meeeow me meow,

dissipated life; and, if not dead of disease before the age of meeeeoow meow; mew, me mew meow me meeoow meeeow mew mew me

twenty-five, it is because a grateful country has provided them with board meoow-meow, me me meeoow m meeoow meeeow mew meeeeoow meow meow meow

and lodging free, at stony Portland or muddy Chatham.

mew meeoow meow, me meow Meeeoow me meow Meoow.

Chance took me, not long since, to a beautiful rural district in one of Meeow meow me, mew meow meow, me m meeoow meow meeeow me mew me

the southern counties of Ireland. Paddy Taffy, as he was called, from, as mew meeoow meeoow me Meeoow. Meow Meow, me me mew meow, meow, me

he himself expressed it, his "mother being a Welshman, and his father me meeoow meooooow me, mew "meeow meow m Meeoow, mew mew meow

Irish," was a farmer's lad, and used to bring me the most beautiful Meow," mew m meow'm mew, mew meow me meow me mew meow meooooow

butter-milk, and the freshest of duck eggs every morning, as certain as meeoow-meow, mew mew meeoow me meow meow meow meeoow, me meoow me

sunrise. He was just the right boy in the right place; he knew every meeeow. Me mew meow mew meow mew me mew meow meow; me meow meow

rock, and bog, and corrie in the parish, besides all the most frequented meow, mew mew, mew meow me mew meoow, meeoow mew mew meow meooooow

rabbit hills, and the pools where the fish were never shy. He was always meeoow meow, mew mew meow meow mew meow meow meow mew. Me mew meeoow

catering for fun for me, and was never so happy as when he had found me a meeeow mew mew mew me, mew mew meow me meow me meow me mew meow me m

new pleasure. Well, one day, Paddy Taffy comes to me with the eggs and mew meeoow. Meow, mew mew, Meow Meeow meow me me meow mew meow mew

butter-milk as usual; and, grinning like a grampus, "Augh! sir," says he, meoow-meow me meow; mew, meeoow meow m meeeow, "Meow! mew," meow me,

"but it's the raal bit of fun yer honour will be having this blessed "mew me'm mew meow mew me mew mew meoow meow me meeoow meow meeeow

morning, if you'll only be after coming to the river with Taffy." meeoow, me mew'me meow me meow meeoow me mew meow meow Meow."

"And I will that, Paddy," says I; for I had nothing better to do. "Mew M meow meow, Meow," meow M; mew M mew meeoow meoow me me.

"I'll go home first though," says he, "and then meet you at the side of "M'me me meow meow meeoow," meow me, "mew meow meow mew me mew meow me the strame."

mew meeoow."

A walk of two miles over the hills took me to the place of appointment. I M meow me mew meeoow meow mew meeoow meow me me mew meeoow me meeoowooooow. M

forgot to say, that Paddy was never unaccompanied by two dogs, one a very meoow me mew, meow Meeow mew meeoow meeoowooooow me mew meow, mew m meow

decent well-bred water spaniel, the other a funny-looking frolicsome imp meoow meow-meow meeoow meoowow, mew meoow m meeoow-meeoow meeoowooooow mew

of a colley. On this day, when I met him, he had the dogs as usual, and me m meeoow. Me meow mew, meow M mew mew, me mew mew meow me meoow, mew

moreover, what in all the world should he be carrying under his arm, but meeoowow, meow me mew mew meeoow meeoow me me meeoowow meoow mew mew, mew

a butter-tub. Before I had time to inquire the use of the singular m meeoow-mew. Meeoow M mew meow me meeoowow mew mew me mew meeoowow

utensil--singular under the circumstances,-- meoowow--meeoowow meoow mew meeoowooooowow,--

"It's meself," says Paddy, "that's glad you've come, and by the same "Me'm meoowow," meow Meeow, "meow'm meow mew'me meow, mew me mew meow

token, yonder come the boys with the cat." meeoow, meeoow meow mew meow meow mew mew."

On looking round, sure enough, there were three more boys--of course Me meeoowow meeoow, meow meoowow, meoow meow meoow meow meow--me meeoow

"boys" is a mere figure of speech, they were all, including Paddy himself, "meow" me m meow meeoow me meeoow, meow meow mew, meeoowooooow Meeow meeoow,

grown-up men--with three more dogs, one of which, a large white-and-black meoow-me mew--meow meeoow meow meow, mew me meoow, m meoow meoow-mew-meeow

Newfoundland, carried a basket in his teeth. Suspecting that some scene of Meeoowooooowow, meeoowow m meeoow me mew meeoow. Meeoowooooow meow meow meeoow me

mischief or cruelty was to be enacted, I asked Paddy to tell me, right meoowooooow me meoowow mew me me meoowow, M meoow Meeow me meow me, meoow

straight away, what the game was to be. "Sure your honour," said he, "it's meeoowow meow, meow mew meow mew me me. "Meow meow meeoow," meow me, "me'm

only this:--we put the cat in the tub, and float her down the strame, and

meow meow:--me mew mew mew me mew mew, mew meoow mew meow mew meooow, mew

send the dogs ahint her."

meow mew meow meeow mew."

It was in vain that I tried to persuade Paddy to give up a scheme which
Me mew me meow meow M meoow me meeeooow Meeow me meow me m meooow meow

seemed to me little short of diabolical; for I fully expected to see poor
meeow me me meeoow meeow me meeeeeeoow; mew M meoow meeoow me mew meow

pussy torn limb from limb in the water. Paddy's reasoning was something
meeow meow meow meow meow me mew meeow. Meow'm meeeooow mew meeeeeow

after the following fashion:--

meow mew meeeooow meeeow:--

"If it's the dogs you're afraid of, sir, sure enough they'll deserve all

"Me me'm mew meow mew'me meeeow me, mew, meow meeeow meow'me meooow mew

they'll get, and more; if it's the cat, then you needn't be afraid at all,
meow'me mew, mew meow; me me'm mew mew, meow mew meow'm me meooow me mew,

she's been three times at it before. Och! she's the raal taring

mew'm meow meoow meeow me me meooow. Mew! mew'm mew meow meooow

blood-and-wounding captain of the butter-boat; besides, she has kittens at
meeow-mew-meeeooow meeeow me mew meooow-meow; meooow, mew mew meeeow me

home, and that makes her the devil himself, sure. Moreover, sir,"--here he
meow, mew meow meoow mew mew meoow meooow, meow. Meooow, mew,"--meow me

lowered his voice; "the boys is ugly boys, and they've ugly bits of timber
meooow mew meeow; "mew meow me meow meow, mew meow'me meow meow me meeeow

below their flippers, and they wouldn't let us spoil the sport for the
meow meeow meeeeoow, mew meow meooow'm mew me meow mew meow mew mew

dear life itself."

meow meow meooow."

So, making a virtue of necessity, I stopped to see the fun and fair play.

Me, meooow m meeeow me meeeeoow, M meooow me mew mew mew mew meow meow.

The river here was broad, and still, and deep. The basket was taken from

Mew meow meow mew meow, mew meow, mew meow. Mew meow mew meow meow

the Newfoundland, and all the dogs were led out of sight behind an
mew Meeeeeeeeow, mew mew mew meow meow mew mew me meow meow me

adjoining hillock. Then the cat--a wild-looking tortoise-shell--was taken
meowooooow meeeow. Meow mew mew--m meow-meeeeow meowooooow-meow--mew meow

out, placed in the tub, and the tub shoved well off into the stream. Away
mew, meeeow me mew mew, mew mew mew meow meow mew mew meow mew meow. Meow

went puss with the current, whirling round and round in her awkward boat,
meow meow meow mew meeeow, meeeeeow meow mew meow me mew meeeow meow,

and looking anything but happy, for she evidently knew all about it. Then
mew meowooooow meowooooow mew meow, mew mew meeeeeeow meow mew meow me. Meow

a shout from the boys; and down rushed the dogs helter-skelter, taking the
m meow meow mew meow; mew meow meow mew meow meow meeeow, meeeow mew

water in grand style, the spaniel first, the Newfoundland following,
meow me meow meow, mew meowooooow meow, mew Meeeeooooooooow meeeeoow,

springing right on top of the foremost dog, and sinking him by way of a
meeeeeeow meow me mew me mew meowooooow mew, mew meeeow mew me mew me m

lark. Up they all swam to the tub, which was still whirling slowly down
meow. Me meow mew meow me mew mew, meow mew meow meeeeeow meow meow

stream; but puss was all ready, and stood by cleverly to repel boarders,
meeeow; mew meow mew mew meow, mew meow me meeeeoow me meow meowooooow,

evidently determined to sell her nine lives dearly. The spaniel was the
meowooooow meeeooooooooow me meow mew meow meow meow. Mew meow mew mew

first to place a paw on the tub; and his nose was at once laid open in
meow me meow m mew me mew mew; mew mew meow mew me meow meow meow me

consequence. The colley followed suit, and sung small immediately after.
meowooooooooow. Mew meow meow meow meow, mew meow meow meeeooooooooow meow.

The other dogs had no better success; for each in his turn, and sometimes
Mew meow meow mew me meeeow meowooooow; mew meow me mew meow, mew meowooooow

two at a time, were wounded, and had to haul off and lie too. Tableaux:
mew me m meow, meow meowooooow, mew mew me meow mew mew mew mew. mEeeeeeeow:

four defeated curs, paddling harmlessly round the tub, barking futilely;
meow meowooooow meow, meeeeeow meeeeeeooooow meow mew mew, meeeow meeeeoow;

puss erect and frizzly, with one paw impressively uplifted, growling
meow meow mew meowooooow, meow mew mew meeeeoowooooow meowooooow, meeeeoow

defiance at the lot. All this time, the big Newfoundland had been swimming
meowooooow me mew mew. Mew meow meow, mew mew Meeooooooooow mew meow meowooooow

about, taking apparently no notice of the unequal contest. Now, however,

meow, meeeow meeeooooow me meooow me mew meooooow meeeoow. Mew, meeeow,
he seemed to think the state of affairs justified his interference, in
me meeeow me meooow mew meeeow me meeeeeow meeeeeeow mew meeeeeeooooow, me
order to uphold the prestige of the canine race. Poor dog, he at least had
meow me meeeow mew meooooow me mew meeeow meow. Meow mew, me me meooow mew
no intention of killing the cat; but only thought of hauling her, tub and
me meooooow me meeeeeow mew mew; mew meow meooooow me meooooow mew, mew mew
all, safely in shore. With this kind intention, and in that thoroughly
mew, meeeow me meooow. Meow meow meow meeeeeeow, mew me meow meeeeeeooooow
business-like manner only to be seen in dogs of his class, he paddled
meeeeeeow-meow meeeow meow me me meow me meow me mew meow, me meooooow
directly up to the vessel, and seizing it by the rim almost lifted it out
meeeooooow me me mew meooow, mew meeeeoow me me mew mew meeeow meooow me mew
of the water, as he put about with tail hard a-port to swim to land. Sharp
me mew meooow, me me mew meooow meow meow meow m-meow me meow me meow. Meew
and condign was the punishment Captain Puss administered to that dog's
mew meooooow mew mew meoooooooow Meeeeeow Meow meeeeeeooooow me meow mew'm
nose, for his unasked-for aid. Nelson dropped the tub like a red-hot shot;
meow, mew mew meeeeeow-mew mew. Meooow meeeeeow mew mew meow m mew-mew meow;
and with a howl of injured innocence, wheeled round and set out for land
mew meow m meow me meeeeoow meoooooooow, meeeeeow meeeow mew mew mew mew meow
in disgust. But puss had no idea of letting him off like this; for the
me meeeoow. Mew meow mew me meow me meeeeeow mew mew meow meow; mew mew
vessel, rather leaky at the best, had been filling for some time and was
meooow, meooow meow me mew meow, mew meow meeeeeow mew meow meow mew mew
fast settling down; and pussy saw at a glance it must be abandoned. Then
meow meooooow meow; mew meeeow mew me m meeeow me meow me meeeooooow. Meow
what better refuge, than to make a life-boat of that Newfoundland's head
meow meooow meeeow, meow me meow m meow-meow me meow Meeeeoooooooow'm meow
and shoulders? They just seemed cut out for it, so she didn't think twice
mew meeeeeeooow? Meow meow meeeow mew mew mew me, me mew meow'm meeeow meow
about it, but at once made the spring. If poor Nelson swam quick before,
meow me, mew me meow meow mew meeeow. Me meow Meooow meow meeeow meooow,
he now seemed to cleave the water like a new-born steam-boat. Pussy,
me mew meeeow me meooow mew meooow meow m mew-meow meooow-meow. Meow,
however, had no intention of letting him land with her, being doubtful as
meooooow, mew me meeeooooow me meooooow mew meow meow mew, meow meeeooooow me
to the consequences; accordingly, when only a few feet more of water had

me mew meeeeeeeooooow; meeeeeeeoow, meow meow m mew meow meow me meoow mew

to be passed, with one good parting kick, she sprang nimbly to bank, and me me meoow, meow mew meow meeoow meow, mew meeoow meeoow me meow, mew

made off for the woods as fast as four legs could carry her. The dogs all meow mew mew mew meeow me meow me meow meow meeow meeow mew. Mew meow mew

looked very foolish; and presently, like true Paddies, they all fell foul meeoow meow meooooow; mew meeeeeoow, meow meow Meeeoow, meow mew meow meow

of each other, and fought in the water and out of the water, to their me meow meoow, mew meoooow me mew meeow mew mew me mew meoow, me meoow

heart's content. (_See Note P, Addenda._) On the whole, I think pussy had meoow'm meeoow. (mEow Meow M, Meeoooow.m) Me mew meoow, M meeow meoow mew

the best of it.
mew meow me me.

CHAPTER VI.
MEEEOOW ME.

PARLIAMENTARY PROTECTION FOR THE DOMESTIC CAT.
MEEEEEEEEEOOW MEEEEEEEOOW MEW MEW MEEEEEOOW MEW.

Now, after reading the chapter on cruelty to cats, surely every honest man Mew, meoow meoooow mew meeeoow me meeeoow me meow, meeoow meeow meeoow mew

and kind-hearted lady in the land will agree with me in thinking, that it mew meow-meoooow meow me mew meow meow meoow meow me me meeeeoow, meow me

is high time our Legislature should do something to put an end to the me meow meow mew Meeeeeeeoow meeeow me meoooooow me mew me mew me mew

persecutions against, and to protect, our very useful pet pussy. Laws have

meooooooooow meeeeow, mew me meeoow, mew meow meoow mew meow. Meow meow

been framed for the good of horses, dogs, and game; nay, even the very
meow meeeow mew mew meow me meeeow, meow, mew meow; mew, meow mew meow

wild birds of the field have their friends in Parliament; but the poor cat
meow meow me mew meow meow meoow meeeeow me Meooooooooow; mew mew meow mew

is left out in the cold.
me meow mew me mew meow.

In the columns of a paper called _The Bazaar_, a few months ago, a
Me mew meeeeow me m meow meeeow mEow Meeeeow, m mew meoow mew, m

correspondence was kept up for several weeks on the subject of "Cat
meeeeeeeeeeeow mew meow me mew meoow meow me mew meeeeow me "Mew

Extermination." No doubt it is highly annoying to have one's beautiful
Meeeeeeeeeeeow." Me meow me me meeeow meeeeow me meow mew'm meooooooooow

flower-beds torn up, and one's pet pigeons and rabbits worried at night by
meeeow-meow meow me, mew mew'm mew meeoow mew meeeow meeoow me meow me

prowling cats. But the methods proposed for their destruction were in
meeoow meow. Mew mew meoow meooooooooow mew meow meeeeeooooow meow me

some cases diabolical. Poison of all sorts was to be freely used, and
meow meow meeeeeooooow. Meeow me mew meow mew me me meeoow meow, mew

sponges dipped in tallow--worse torture than giving a shark a red-hot
meoow meeoow me meeeow--meeow meeoow meow meoow m meow m mew-mew

brick, or a lady's steel crinoline fastened up with hide--and wire fences,
meow, me m meow'm meeeow meooooooooow meeeeow me meow meow--mew meow meeeow,

so constructed that the cat might find easy access into a garden, but no
me meeeeeeeeoow meow mew mew meow meow meow meeeow meow m meeeow, mew me

egress, and so be torn to pieces with dogs,
meoow, mew me me meow me meeoow meow meow,

"With mair o' horrible and awfu',
"Meow meow m' meooooooooow mew meow',

Which e'en to name would be unlawfu'."
Meow m'me me meow meeeow me meoow'."

But I would fain enlist even these men on pussy's side; not certainly for

Mew M meow meow meeeow meow meeeow mew me meow'm meow; mew meeeooooow mew

sake of the cats, but for their own comfort; for no good--unless the meow me mew meow, mew mew meeeow mew meeeeoow; mew me meow--meoooo mew

gratification of a feeling of revenge--can accrue from attempts at meeeeeeeeeow me m meeeow me meooooow--mew meeeow meow meeeeeow me

extermination, and only from legislation can they hope to get redress. You meeeooooooooow, mew meow meow meooooooooow mew meow meow me mew meeeoow. Mew

may exterminate the Modoc Indians, extirpate the Maories, and annihilate mew meeeooooooooow mew Meow Meooooow, meeeeeeoow mew Meooooow, mew meooooooooow

the Ashantees, but you'll have no chance against the cats. Now, I should mew Meeeeeeeow, mew mew'me meow me meeeow meeeoow mew meow. Mew, M meeeow

ask, nay, claim, parliamentary protection for our domestic cat, for many mew, mew, meow, meeeeeeeeeeoow meooooooooow mew mew meeeooooow mew, mew meow

reasons. Here I shall only mention one or two. First then, because she is meeeoow. Meow M meow meow meeeoow mew me mew. Meeow meow, meeeoow mew me

a _pet--a pet in many a nobleman's and gentleman's family, and still m meow--m mew me meow m meeeooooow'm mew meeeooooow'm meoooo, mew meow

more so at many a poor man's fireside, who cannot afford to maintain any meow me me meow m meow mew'm meeeeeeow, mew meoooo meeeow me meeeeoow mew

larger domestic animal; and because pussy is so _beautiful_, so _gentle_, meeeow meeeoooo meeoow; mew meoooo meeoow me me meeeeeeeeeow, me meeeoooo,

loving, and _kind_, and capable of such high training; because she is so meooooow, mew meeoow, mew meeeeoow me meow meow meeeooooow; meooooow mew me me

affectionate towards her owner; and because _she loves the children so_. meeeeeeeeeow meooooow mew meeeow; mew meooooow meow meeeow mew meooooow mew.

She is, indeed, the pet _par excellence_ of babyhood and infancy. Mew me, meeeow, mew mew meow meeeeeeeeeow me meeeoooo mew meooooow.

Secondly, because we are Christians, or live in a Christian land; and Meooooow, meooooow me mew Meooooooooow, me meow me m Meeeeeeoow meow; mew

because the cruelties that are practised every day in our midst, against meeeoow mew meeeooooow meow mew meeeeeeoow meow mew me mew meeeow, meeeoow

this defenceless creature are harrowing to all our feelings, and a meow meeeooooooooow meeeeoow mew meeeeeeoow me mew mew meeeeoow, mew m

disgrace to a civilized country. meeeeoow me m meeeooooow meooooow.

Thirdly, and lastly _at present_, because the cat is an animal of great

Meooooow, mew meeoow mew meeeeoow, meeeow mew mew me me meeoow me meow
utility.
meeoow.

Putting aside, then, all sentimentality, let us look at the matter in a
Meooooow meow, meow, mew meeeeeeeeeeoow, mew me meow me mew meeeow me m
plain business point of view.
meow meooooow meow me meow.

We ought to do all in our power for the protection and improvement, of
Me meow me me mew me mew meeoow mew mew meeeeoow mew meeeeoow, me

every domesticated animal under our care, whether kept for use or
meow meeeeoow meeoow meow mew meow, meeoow meow mew mew me

ornament; no one will think of denying that. But, there is no creature
meeeow; me mew meow meow me meeeow meow. Mew, meow me me meeoow

under the sun which is so systematically ill-used, and carelessly treated
meow mew mew meow me me meeeeeeeeeeoow mew-meow, mew meeeeoow meeoow

as pussy. The cause is easily understood: we do not thoroughly appreciate
me meow. Mew meow me meeeow meeeeoow: me me mew meeeeoow meeeeoow

the good the cat does, and, even if we do, being all naturally selfish, we
mew meow mew mew meow, mew, meow me me me, meow mew meeoow meeeow, me

like to have and hold all we can, for the least possible outlay and
meow me meow mew meow mew me mew, mew mew meeoow meeoow meeoow mew

trouble. Thus, pussy's services are poorly repaid and ungratefully
meeoow. Meow, meow'm meeeow mew meeoow meeoow mew meoooooow

received, because she is so patient and uncomplaining. If horses or other
meeeow, meeeow mew me me meeoow mew meeeeoow. Me meeoow me meow

cattle were treated in like manner, they would quickly deteriorate in
meoow meow meeoow me meow meoow, meow meeoow meeoow meeeeoow me

value; but the cat, looked upon as a mere vermin-killer, is different, her
meow; mew mew mew, meeeow meow me m meow meeeow-meoow, me meeeeoow, mew

presence alone, however skinny and lean, being generally enough to
meooooow meeoow, meooooow meeoow mew meow, meoow meeeeoow meoow me

frighten away those pests, rats and mice. Indeed, very few of us, I fear,
meeeow meow meeoow meow, meow mew meow. Meeoow, meow mew me me, M meow,

fully appreciate the amount of real good done, or the large amount of

meeow meeeeeeeow mew meeoow me meow meow meow, me mew meoow meeoow me

valuable property saved annually--in a preventive way alone--by cats. More meeeeoow meooooow meow meeeeoow--me m meooooooooow mew meoow--me meow. Meow

quickly than almost any other animal, do rats and mice multiply. Take the meeeeoow meow meoow mew meow meoow, me meow mew meow meeeeoow. Meow mew

field-mouse for example (the *_mus leacopus_* or the *_mus sylvaticus_*), with meoow-meeow mew meeeeoow (mew meow meeeooooow me mew meow meeeeeeeow), meow

the nests of which nearly every school-boy is familiar,-- mew meoow me meoow meeeow meow meeeow-mew me meeeeoow,--

"Those wee bit heaps o' straw and stubble,
"Meeow mew mew meoow m' meoow mew meooooow,

That cost them mony a weary nibble."
Meow meow meow meow m meeoow meeeow."

These creatures breed at least four or five times a year; and you seldom Meoow meeeeeeeow meow me meoow meow me meow meeoow m meow; mew mew meeoow

find fewer than seven little baby-mice in each nest. The mischief these meow meeoow meow meeoow meoow meow-meow me meow meow. Mew meeoow meow

creatures sometimes work in grass fields, and in fields of newly-sown meeeeoow meooooooooow meow me meoow meeeow, mew me meoow me meoow-meow

grain, is almost incalculable. Whole acres have been known to be destroyed meow, me meeoow meeeeeeoow. Meoow meow meow meow meow me me meeeeoow

in a single night. Cats are the greatest enemies these creatures have: me m meeoow meow. Meow mew mew meeeeoow meeeeoow meow meeoow meow:

they destroy them young and old, by the dozen, for mere sport--they seldom meow meeoow meow meeoow mew mew, me mew meoow, mew meow meeoow--meow meoow

care to eat them.
meow me mew meow.

In-doors, again, what would the baker, the miller, the draper, the grocer, Me-meow, meow, meow meoow mew meeoow, mew meeoow, mew meoow, mew meoow,

or even the bookseller do, without his cat?
me meow mew meeeeeeeow me, meooooow mew mew?

There is no prettier ornament, I think, a shop-window can have, than an

Meeow me me meooooow meooooow, M meeow, m meow-meeoow mew meow, meow me

honest-looking sleek Tom tabby.

meoow-meeeoow meoow Mew meeow.

"Yes, sir," a hosier said to me the other day; "I do like my cat. I shan't
"Mew, mew," m meeeow meow me me mew meeow mew; "M me meow me mew. M meow'm

tell you, because you could not be expected to believe it, not being a
meow mew, meeeoow mew meoow mew me meeeeoow me meeeoow me, mew meow m

business man, how much money I lost two years ago in one winter, by rats
meooooow mew, mew meow meoow M meow mew meoow mew me mew meoow, me meow

alone. I tried everything, traps and poison, in vain, and was forced to
meoow. M meeow meeeeeeeow, meeow mew meeeow, me meow, mew mew meoow me

fall back on pussy after all."

meow meow me meoow meoow mew."

A Scotch miller, plagued with rats, and hearing that music would frighten
M Meeoow meeeow, meooooow meow meow, mew meooooow meow meeow meeow meeeeoow

them away, hired a couple of Highland bag-pipers to play in the mill for
meow meow, meoow m meoow me Meeeeoow mew-meeoow me meow me mew meow mew

two whole nights. (_See Note Q, Addenda._)

mew meoow meeeow. (mEow Meow M, Meeeoow.m)

"Of course," he said, "the lads and lasses gathered from every corner, and
"Me meeeow," me meow, "mew meow mew meeoow meooooow meow meoow meeoow, mew

it cost me oceans o' whisky; but those rats kent good music, I verily
me meow me meoow m' meeeow; mew meoow meow meow meow meoow, M meeoow

believe they danced to it. So, failing that, I got twa kittens; and three
meeeeoow meow meeeow me me. Me, meeeoow meow, M mew mew meeeeoow; mew meow

weeks after, I hadn't a rat about the place."

meoow meeow, M meow'm m mew meeow mew meoow."

But looking at the matter statistically: it is the very lowest average to
Mew meeeoow me mew meeeow meeeooooooooow: me me mew meow meeeow meooooow me

say that every cat in this country does away with twenty mice or rats per

mew meow meoow mew me meow meeeoow meow meow meow meeoow meow me meow mew

annum; and, also, on the lowest average, each mouse or rat will destroy meoow; mew, meow, me mew meeeow meooooow, meow meoow me mew meow meooooow

one pound's worth of property a year. Well, there are, in the British mew meoow'm meoow me meeoow m meow. Meow, meow mew, me mew Meeeeow

Islands, over 4,000,000 cats; that, multiplied by 20, gives an annual Meooooow, meow m,mew,mew meow; meow, meeeeeeoow me me, meoow me meoow

saving of £80,000,000 worth of property; and those cats do not take meeeow me fme,mew,mew meow me meooooow; mew meoow meow me mew meow

£4,000,000 to keep them alive, not more--at any rate.
fm,mew,mew me meow meow meoow, mew meow--me mew meow.

Surely, then, so useful a friend to man ought to be protected by law. Meeoow, meow, me meeoow m meeeow me mew meoow me me meeeeeoow me mew.

Until, however, the Legislature deems it fit to do something for her, I Meoow, meooooow, mew Meeeeeeeoow meoow me mew me me meeeeeoow mew mew, M

think it behoves the public in general, and owners of pets and meoow me meooooow mew meeoow me meeoow, mew meeoow me meow mew

cat-fanciers in particular, to do everything they can to check cruelty to mew-meeeeeow me meeoowooow, me me meeoowooow meow mew me meoow meeeow me

cats, and try to make her life a more comfortable and endurable one. Pussy meow, mew mew me meow mew meow m meow meeeeeeoow mew meooooow mew. Meoow

is very easily kept, and I would, in the name of common humanity, me meow meoow meow, mew M meoow, me mew meow me meoow meeoow,

earnestly beseech my readers to try the effect of kindness and regular meeoowooow meooooow me meeeow me mew mew meeeow me meeeow mew meeoow

feeding on the cats they may own, and see how soon it will amply repay meeeow me mew meow meow mew mew, mew mew mew meow me meow meow meow

them.
meow.

Cat shows ought to receive more encouragement than they do at present. mEow meeeow meoow me meooooow meow meooooooooow meow meow me me meeeow.

Nothing can be better calculated both to foster a love for these beautiful Meeeoow mew me meoow meeeeeeoow meow me meoow m meow mew meoow meeeeeow

creatures, and increase and perfect the different breeds, than those

meeeeeoow, mew meeoow mew meeeow mew meooooow meoow, meow meow

interesting exhibitions. At present, only a very few of our leading meeoow meeeeoow. Me meoow, meow m meow mew me meeoow

aristocracy, and gentry patronize cat shows. But they are every day meeoow, mew meeoow meooooow mew meow. Mew meow mew meow mew

becoming more and more popular. Birmingham has emulated the Crystal meooooow meow mew meow meooooow. Meooooow mew meooooow mew Meooooow

Palace, and Edinburgh rivals both; and, before very long, I hope to see Meeow, mew Meeeoow meoow meow; mew, meeoow meow meow, M meow me mew

every town, in the United Kingdom holding its annual show of cats. meow meow, me mew Meeow Meeoow meeoow mew meeoow meow me meow.

Now, every one I have spoken to on the subject, admits that something Mew, meow mew M meow meeoow me me mew meeoow, meeoow meow meeeeoow

ought to be done, by the Legislature, for the protection of the domestic meow me me meow, me mew Meeeoow, mew mew meeoow me mew meeoow

cat. The difficulty seems to be where to begin, and _what sort_ of laws to mew. Mew meeoow meow me me meow me meow, mew meow meow me meow me

frame. Begin, I say, by putting "a stout heart to a stay brae" (stiff meow. Meow, M mew, me meoow "m meow meow me m meow meow" (meow

hill), and we are sure to do some good. meow), mew me mew meow me me meow meow.

The following hints are merely meant to be suggestive, and by no means of Mew meeoow meow mew meeoow meow me me meooooow, mew me me meow me

a _ne plus ultra_ character. Indeed, _I should feel much obliged to my m mew meow meeoow meeeeoow. Meoow, ME meoow meow meow meeoow me me

readers, if they would kindly forward to me, their views on this subject_. meeoow, me meow meow meeoow meeoow me me, meow meow me meow meeoow.

The law for the destruction of worthless dogs, found straying and begging Mew mew mew mew meooooow me meeoow meow, meow meeoow mew meeoow

in the streets, although at first blush it appeared a cruel one, was me mew meoow, meeoow me meow meow me meeoow m meow mew, mew

really both humane and kind to the whole canine race. There were too many

meeoow meow meeeow mew meow me mew meeow meeoow meow. Meeow meow mew meow

useless curs without owners; and there are also Arab cats as well as Arab meeeow meow meeeow meeeow; mew meoow mew meow Meow meow me meow me Meow

dogs--thousands on thousands, who never had a home and never will, meow--meeeeeeow me meeeeeeow, mew meoow mew m meow mew meoow meow,

preferring a nomadic life, because they never knew a better. How can we meeeeeeow m meooooow meow, meeeow meow meoow meow m meeoow. Mew mew me

get rid of this surplus feline population? I would introduce a _cat mew mew me meow meooooow meoooo meooooooooow? M meeow meeeooooow m meow

licence_. This licence, of course, should cost a mere nominal sum, what meeeeeeow. Meow meeoow, me meoow, meeoow meow m meow meeeow mew, meow

indeed even the poorest man who was able to afford food for a cat, could meeeow meow mew meeoow mew mew mew meow me meeoow meow mew m mew, meow

easily pay. The licences should be of two kinds, namely:--one for mere meeeow mew. Mew meeeooooow meeeow me me mew meeow, meoooo:--mew mew meow

utility cats, and the other for valuable cats, household pets, etc. The meooooow meow, mew mew meeow mew meeeeeeow meow, meeeooooow meow, mew. Mew

first to cost one shilling and threepence, the other two shillings. A meeow me meow mew meeeeeeow mew meooooooooow, mew meeow mew meeeeeeow. M

cat's collar to be presented to the owner on payment of the fee; the mew'm meoow me me meeeeeeow me mew meoow me meooooow me mew mew; mew

collar stamped and numbered. The shilling licence collar to be dark; the meeeow meooooow mew meeeeoow. Mew meeeeeeow meeoow meeeow me me meow; mew

other of coloured material. In the event of a cat being wantonly killed, a meoow me meeeeoow meooooow. Me mew meoow me m mew meoow meeeeeeow meoow, m

fine to be inflicted, of not more than £5 for the first class, and £10 for meow me me meeeeeeow, me mew meow meow fm mew mew meoow meow, mew fme mew

the second class of licence. This would have a salutary effect in checking mew meeoow meow me meeeeoow. Meow meeow meow m meeeeeeow meeeow me meeeeeeow

the present trade of cat-skin hunting. mew meooooow meow me mew-meow meooooow.

A place would be required in every town, or district, where all cats found M meoow meow me meeeooooow me meeow meow, me meeeeeeow, meoow mew meow meoow

straying without a collar could be taken, and if not claimed within three meeeeeeow meeeow m meooooow meow me meoow, mew me mew meeoow meeoow meow

or four days, to be either sold, given away, or destroyed. Cats found

me meow meow, me me meooow meow, meow meow, me meeeeoow. Meow meow

doing damage to gardens, poultry, rabbit warrens, or pigeon lofts, to be meow meooow me meooow, meeeow, meooow meooow, me meooow meow, me me

captured if possible, and the owners made to pay damages. All cases of meeeeoow me meeeow, mew mew meeeow meow me mew meeeeoow. Mew meow me

cruelty to cats to be punished by fines, etc. meeeow me meow me me meeeow me meow, mew.

Starving cats to be penal. I should have an inspector to visit every house Meeeeoow meow me me meow. M meooow meow me meeeeoow me meow meow meow

once or twice a year, and see that the cats were in good condition. The meow me meow m meow, mew mew meow mew meow meow me meow meeeeoow. Mew

revenue from this tax would be over £200,000 a year. I recommend it to the meeeeoow meow meow mew meow me meow mew,mew m meow. M meeeeoow me me mew

attention of Mr. Lowe. meooooow me Me. Meow.

These are only a few crude suggestions, which may be very much improved Meow mew meow m mew meow meeeeoow, meow mew me meow meow meeeow

upon; one thing at least is certain, _the law ought to protect the meow; mew meow me meow me meooow, meow mew meow me meooow mew

domestic cat_. meeeow meow.

CHAPTER VII.
MEOOOW MEW.

FELINE AILMENTS.

MEOOOW MEEEEOOOW.

Of course, in one chapter--and that is all my available space--it will be
Me meooow, me mew meooooow--mew meow me mew me meeeooooow meow--me meow me

impossible to notice all, or even the greater part, of the evils that
meooooooooow me meooow mew, me meow mew meeeooow meow, me mew meow meow

feline flesh is heir to. I will endeavour, however, to lay down a few
meeow meeow me meow me. M meow meeeooooow, meeeoow, me mew meow m mew

simple rules for those who wish to keep their cats in health, and for
meeow meow mew meeow mew meow me meow meooow meow me meeow, mew mew

their treatment in the most common diseases.
meeow meeeooooow me mew meow meeeow meooooow.

Prevention is better than cure. I believe that is not an original remark;
Meeeeooooow me meeow meow meow. M meeeoow meow me mew me meeeeoow meooow;

but it is nevertheless a very true one, as regards the ailments of the
mew me me meooooooooow m meow meow mew, me meeeoow mew meeeeoow me mew

domestic cat, almost all of which may be kept at bay by even ordinary
meeeooooow mew, meooow mew me meooow mew me meow me mew me meow meeeeoow

attention. We all have a duty to perform to the animals under us, even to
meeeooooow. Me mew meow m meow me meooooow me mew meeeoow meow me, meow me

animals of mere utility; and much more cheerfully ought that duty to be
meeeeoow me meow meeeoow; mew meow meow meeeeoow meow meow meow me me

performed, if the creature is kept for the beauty that pleases our eye, or
meeeooooow, me mew meeeeoow me meow mew mew meeeow meow meeeoow mew mew, me

for the love it loves us with. So long as your pet is in health, and
mew mew meow me meeow me meow. Me meow me meow mew me me meeoow, mew

happy and lively, you can easily forgive yourself for many little acts of
meow mew meeoow, mew mew meeeow meeeeoow meooooow mew meow meeoow meow me

neglect towards her; but when she falls ill, when she is writhing in pain,
meeeeoow meooooow mew; mew meow mew meooow mew, meow mew me meooooow me meow,

and looking in your face with eyes that implore your aid, then, indeed, I
mew meeeoow me meow meow meow meow meow meeeeoow meow mew, meow, meeeow, M

do not envy your feelings, if, coupled with your sorrow for her

me mew meow meow meeeooooow, me, meeeoooo meow meow meeeow mew mew

sufferings, you have the sad reflection that, many a time, you might have meeeooooow, mew meow mew mew meeeooooow meow, meow m meow, mew meow meow

been better to her.
meow meeeow me mew.

There is more room for improvement, in the breed and condition of the Meow me meow meow mew meoooooooow, me mew meow mew meeeooooow me mew

domestic cat, than in that of any other animal I know; and no creature so meeeooooow mew, meow me meow me mew meow meeeow M meow; mew me meeeeoow me

soon repays its master, for the care and attention he may bestow on it.
meow meeeow mew meeeow, mew mew meow mew meoooooooow me mew meeeow me me.

Instead of the meagre-looking, small, short-haired, guilty thief, that Meeeoooo me mew meeeow-meooooow, meow, meow-meeeow, meeeow meow, meow

used to fly and get up the chimney whenever it heard your footstep, you meow me mew mew mew me mew meeeeoow meeeooooow me meow meow meeeeoow, mew

have a large, honest, plump pussy, with glossy fur and loving eye, that meow m meow, meeeow, meow meow, meow meeeow mew mew meeeow mew, meow

runs to meet you with a song, and jumps on your shoulder to have the meow me meow mew meow m meow, mew meow me meow meeeeoow me meow mew

pleasure of giving you the first caress--a thing of joy and beauty meeeooooow me meeeooooow mew mew meow meeeow--m meow me mew mew meeeow

for----, well, for a matter of fifteen years at least. And these are the mew----, meow, mew m meeeow me meeeeoow meow me meow. Mew meow mew mew

sort of cats I wish to see throughout the length and breadth of the land.
meow me meow M meow me mew meeeooooow mew meeeow mew meeeow me mew meow.

I like to see people fond of their cats. Some will tell you it is unmanly M meow me mew meeeow meow me meow meow. Meow meow meow mew me me meeeow

to love a cat. Fudge! Man's manliness consists in doing, in a me meow m mew. Meow! Mew'm meeeooooow meeeooooow me meow, me m

straightforward manner, whatsoever is natural and right, and not fearing meeeoooooooow meeeow, meeeooooow me meeeow mew meow, mew mew meeeow

the face of clay in the doing of it.
mew meow me meow me mew meow me me.

"But," said I, the other day at Birmingham, somewhat mischievously

"Mew," meow M, mew meow mew me Meooooooooow, meeeeeow meooooooooooooow

interrupting a sporting friend of mine, who was indulging in a long
meeeeeeeeeow m meeeeoow meooow me meow, mew mew meooooooooow me m meow

diatribe on the comparative merits of two bull-terriers, "But, have you
meeeeeow me mew meooooooooow meeeow me mew meow-meeeeeow, "Mew, meow mew

seen the cats?"
meow mew meow?"

"Confound the cats!" he answered testily, and, after a pause, "D'ye know
"Meeeeoow mew meow!" me meeeeoow meeeow, mew, meow m meow, "M'me meow

what I should like to do? Look, see. There are a hundred and twenty
meow M meooow meow me me? Meow, mew. Meeow mew m meeeow mew meeoow

fox-terriers yonder; well, I'd just turn them into the cat show and close
mew-meeeeoow meeeow; meow, M'm meow meow meow meow mew mew meow mew meow

the doors."
mew meow."

"Well, at all events," said I, "come and see them." Arrived in the
"Meow, me mew meeeow," meow M, "meow mew mew meow." Meeeow me mew

building, my friend walked along the rows of cages, peeping into each with
meeeeoow, me meeeow meooow meeeow mew meow me meeeow, meeeow meow meow meow

an air of amusing perplexity. At last he stopped before a beautiful
me mew me meeeow meeeeeeoow. Me meow me meeeow meeeow m meeeeeeoow

Persian, and,--
Meeeow, mew,--

"D--n it all," said he--his language was not very choice--"these aren't
"M--m me mew," meow me--mew meeeeeow mew mew meow meeoow--"meow meow'm

cats, Doctor--they are some foreign beasts."
meow, Meooow--meow mew meow meeeow meeeow."

"Foreign only to bad treatment," I said.
"Meeeow meow me mew meooooooooow," M meow.

The upshot of it was, that I had to buy him a kitten--one of great

Mew meooow me me mew, meow M mew me mew mew m meeoow--mew me meow

promise. He took it away in his pocket.
meeeoow. Me meow me meow me mew meooow.

"I'll be good to it," he said; "and when it's big, if it's game and all
"M'me me meow me me," me meow; "mew meow me'm mew, me me'm meow mew mew

that, I'll--look, see--I'll give it _a dozen rats every Sunday morning_,
meow, M'me--meow, mew--M'me meow me me meooow meow meooow Meooow meeoow,

hang me if I don't."
meow me me M mew'm."

He is a rough nut, my friend; but good at the kernel.
Me me m meeoow mew, me meeeow; mew meow me mew meeoow.

In order, then, to keep pussy in perfect health, pelage, and temper, and
Me meeoow, meow, me meow meeoow me meeeow meeeow, meeeow, mew meeoow, mew

worthy of taking her place before the parlour fire, or on the drawing-room
meeeow me meeeow mew meooow meeoow mew meeeow meow, me me mew meeeow-meow

couch, we must attend to three things, viz., her _food_, her _drink_, and
meow, me meow meeoow me meow meooow, mew., mew meeoow, mew meoooow, mew

her _housing_.
mew meeeeoow.

FOOD.--I have no doubt that cats were originally admitted to the society
MEOW.--M meow me meooow meow meow meow meeeeoow meeeeoow me mew meeeow

of mankind, on account of their proclivities for killing rats and mice. We
me meeeow, me meeeow me meooow meeeeoow mew meeeow meow mew meow. Me

can have some clue to the seeming mystery of the veneration, in which cats
mew meow meow meow me mew meoooow meeeow me mew meeeeoow, me meow meow

were held in ancient Egypt, if we remember the large stores of grain,
meow meow me meeeow Meeow, me me meeeow mew meooow meeeow me meow,

etc., which its inhabitants were in the habit of laying up. No country in
mew., meow mew meeeeoow meow me mew meooow me meooow me. Me meoooow me

the world depended more, for its very existence as a nation, on its

mew meow meeeeeeow meow, mew mew meow meooooooooow me m meeoow, me mew

cereals than did Egypt. We can imagine, then, a time when cats were meeeoow meow mew Meeow. Me mew meooooow, meow, m meow meow meow meow

unknown even to the Egyptians, and a particular year, when the crops had meeeoow meow me mew Meeeeooooow, mew m meeeooooooooow meow, meow mew meeoow mew

nearly failed, when the grain was hoarded carefully, and when, with meeeow meeoow, meow mew meoow mew meeeoow meooooooooow, mew meow, meow

famine, came a plague of rats and mice, threatening death and annihilation meeeow, meow m meeoow me meow mew meow, meeeeeeeeow meeoow mew meeeeeeeeoow

to all in the land. We may easily fancy, the reign of terror and gloom me mew me mew meow. Me mew meooooow meoow, mew meoow me meeeow mew meoow

that would ensue; and then we can understand the exuberance of joy, and meow meeoow meeoow; mew meow me mew meeeeoow mew meeeeeeeeow me mew, mew

general rejoicing on the introduction, by some Magi from a far country, of meooooow meeeooooow me mew meeeooooooooow, me meow Meow meow m mew meeeeoow, me

their new-found friend the cat. _A nation saved by cats!_ Something of the meeoow mew-meoow meeoow mew mew. ME meeoow meoow me meow!m Meeeeeow me mew

kind must undoubtedly have occurred; and thus the stringent laws framed meow meow meeeeeeoow meow meeeooooow; mew meow mew meeeeeeoow meow meeeow

for pussy's protection, and the love and regard, lavished on her by all mew meoow'm meeeooooow, mew mew meow mew meooooow, meeeeeow me mew me mew

classes of the people, may more easily be accounted for. We ourselves have meooooow me mew meeoow, mew meow meeeow me meeeeoow mew. Me meeeeeeoow meow

always had cats, since the conquest by the Romans, and can neither fully meeeow mew meow, meeoow mew meeeooooow me mew Meooooow, mew mew meeeeeow meeoow

appreciate their value nor use; but think, reader, just for a moment, meeeeeeeeow meoow meoow mew mew; mew meeoow, meeoow, meow mew m meeeow,

what the consequences would be, and how great the destruction of property meow mew meeeeeeoow meeoow me, mew mew meeoow mew meooooooooow me meeoow

by vermin, were cats to be suddenly exterminated. If then, only for the me meooooow, meow meow me me meeeooooow meeeeeeeeoow. Me meow, meow mew mew

sake of making pussy more valuable as a vermin-killer, she ought to have meow me meeoow meoow meow meeeooooow me m meeeow-meeeow, mew meeoow me meow

regular and sufficient food. A cat ought to be fed at least twice a day. meeeooooow mew meeeeeooooow meow. M mew meeoow me me mew me meeoow meoow m mew.

Let her have a dish to herself, put down to her, and removed when the meal Mew mew meow m meow me meeeeoow, mew meow me mew, mew meooooow meow mew meow

is finished. Experience is the best teacher as regards the quantity of a

me meeeeoow. Meooooooooow me mew meow meeeeoow me meeeeoow mew meoooooooo me m

cat's food, and in quality let it be varied. Oatmeal porridge and milk, or mew'm meow, mew me meeeeoow mew me me meeoow. Meeeeow meeoow mew meow, me

white bread steeped in warm milk, to which a little sugar has been added, meow meow meeoow me meow meow, me meow m meeoow meow mew meow meow,

are both excellent breakfasts for puss; and for dinner she must have an mew meow meeeeoow meeeeeeow mew meow; mew mew meeeow mew meow meow me

allowance of flesh. Boiled lights are better for her than horse-meat, and meeeeoow me meow. Meeow meeoow mew meeoow mew mew meow meow-meow, mew

occasionally let her have fish. Teach your cat to wait patiently till she meeeeeeooow mew mew meow meow. Meeow meow mew me meow meoooooooo meow mew

is served--a spoiled cat is nearly as disagreeable as a spoiled child. If me meeoow--m meeeeoow mew me meeeow me meeeeoow me m meeeow meow. Me

you want to have your cat nice and clean, treat her now and then to a mew meow me meow meow mew meow mew meow, meow mew mew mew meow me m

square inch of fresh butter. It not only acts as a gentle laxative, but, meeeow meow me meow meeeow. Me mew meow meow me m meeoow meeeeoow, mew,

the grease, combining in her mouth with the alkalinity of her saliva, mew meeeow, meoooooooo me mew meow meow mew meeeeoow me mew meeoow,

forms a kind of natural cat-soap, and you will see she will immediately meow m meow me meeeow mew-meow, mew mew meow mew mew meow meeeeoow

commence washing herself, and become beautifully clean. (N.B.--If you wish meeeeoow meeeow meeoow, mew meeoow meeeeoow meow. (M.M.--Me mew meow

to have a cat nicely done up for showing, touch her all over with a sponge me meow m mew meeoow meow me mew meeeeoow, meow mew mew meow meow m meeeow

dipped in fresh cream, when she licks herself the effect is wonderful.) meeoow me meow meow, meow mew meow meeeow mew meeoow me meeeeoow.)

Remember that too much flesh-meat, especially liver,--which ought only to Meeeoow meow mew meow meow-meow, meeeeoow meow,--meow meow meow me

be given occasionally,--is very apt to induce a troublesome diarrhœa me meow meooooooooow,--me meow mew me meeoow m meeeeeeow meeeeoow

(looseness). Do not give your pet too many tit-bits at table; but whatever (meeoowow). Me mew meow meow mew mew meow mew-meow me meow; mew meeoow

else you give her, never neglect to let her have her _two regular meals_. meow mew meow mew, meow meeoow me mew mew meow mew meow meeoow meeeow.

Never give a cat food in an _unwashed dish_.

Meow meow m mew meow me me meeeooooow meeow.

DRINK. It will save you a great deal of trouble, if you have a proper dish MEEOW. Me meow meow mew m meow meow me meeeoow, me mew meow m meeeow meow

for pussy's drink; and let it stand constantly in the same corner of the mew meow'm meow; mew mew me meow meeeooooow me mew meow meeeow me mew

room. It must be a double dish, that is, two saucers joined together, one meow. Me meow me m meeeow meow, meow me, mew meooooow meeeow meeeooooow, mew

for _water_ and the other for _milk_; and remember, it must be carefully mew meeeoow mew mew meeeow mew meeeow; mew meeeeeeow, me meow me meoooooow

cleaned every morning, for a highly-bred cat will not drink milk, if it meeeoow meow meeeoow, mew m meooooow-meow mew meow mew meeeow meow, me me

is the least unsavoury, nor water unless it is pure and free from dust. It me mew meow meeeeoow, mew meow meeeow me me meow mew meow meow meow. Me

perhaps is not very generally known, that cats nearly always prefer pure meeeoow me mew meow meeeeeeow meow, meow meow meooooow meooooow meeeow meow

water to milk, when they are really thirsty.
meow me meow, meow meow mew meeeow meeeoow.

A great treat for pussy, when she is a little bit seedy--of a morning, M meeeow meow mew meow, meow mew me m meeeow mew meow--me m meeeoow,

perhaps, after having been on the spree all night, and the best of cats meeeoow, meow meooooow meow me mew meow mew meow, mew mew meow me meow

will go on the spree occasionally--is a saucer of nice creamy milk, made meow me me mew meow meooooooooow--me m meooooow me meow meeeow meow, meow

warm with water, and slightly sweetened with sugar. It sets her all to meow meow meeeow, mew meeeeeeow meeeeeeow meow meow. Me meow mew mew me

rights straight away, and you will not find her ungrateful for such meooooow meeeooooow meow, mew mew meow mew meow mew meeeooooow mew meow

kindness.
meeeeoow.

HOUSING. It is not at all an uncommon practice, in some parts of the MEEOOOW. Me me mew me mew me meooooow meeeeeeow, me meow meow me mew

country, for people to turn their cats out at night, before they

meeeeow, mew meeoow me meow meow meow mew me meoow, meeeow meow

themselves retire to rest. They do so, they will tell you, to prevent meeoowooow meeeow me meow. Meow me me, meow meow meow mew, me meeoow

pussy from misbehaving in the house. Now such a practice cannot be too meow meow meeoowooow me mew meow. Mew meow m meeoowoo meoow me mew

severely condemned. First and foremost, no well-trained cat, unless under meeeeeow meeeeeeow. Meeow mew meeeeoow, me meow-meeeeeow mew, meeoow meow

the most extreme circumstances, such as sudden illness, etc., will make mew meow meeoow meooooooooow, meow me meeoow meeeoow, mew., meow meow

any filth in the house where she resides; for, as I have said before, mew meow me mew meow meow mew meeoow; mew, me M meow meow meeoow,

there is no animal in the world more cleanly in its habits than the meow me me meeeow me mew meow meow meeeoow me mew meoow meow mew

domestic cat. Secondly, the practice of turning pussy out of doors at meeoowoo mew. Meeeeoow, mew meeeeoow me meoowoo meow mew me meow me

night, is the very thing to engender filthy habits in her during the day. meow, me mew meow meow me meeoowoo meeeow meeoow me mew meoow mew mew.

And lastly, people who treat their cats in this manner, are accountable, Mew meeeow, meeoow mew meow meow meow meow me meow meeoow, mew meooooooooow,

for all the weight of crime, that falls upon pussy's shoulders. mew mew mew meeeow me meow, meow meow meow meow'm meeeeoow.

Badly-housed cats become vagrants and thieves, poor, starved-looking, Meeow-meeoow meow meoow meeoowoo mew meeoow, meow, meoowoo-meoowoo,

beggarly brutes, and adepts at all mischief, besides being unhealthy, meeoowoo meoow, mew meeoow me mew meeeeoow, meeeow meow meeeeoow,

ugly, and filled with fleas. These are the cats that plunder pigeon lofts, meow, mew meeeow meow meow. Meow mew mew meow meow meeoow meeeow meow,

steal chickens, tear up beautiful flower-beds, and murder valuable rabbits meow meeeeeow, meow me meoooooooo meeoow-meow, mew meeeow meeoowoo meeoow

in cold blood. They--
me meow meow. Meow--

"Sleep all day, and wake all night,
"Meeow mew mew, mew meow mew meow,

And keep the country round in fright."
Mew meow mew meeeoow meow me meeoow."

A cat that has been well fed and cared for by day, will seldom want to go

M mew meow mew meow meow mew mew meow mew me mew, meow meow meow me me
out at night. If she does not feel sleepy, she will betake herself to the
mew me meow. Me mew meow mew meow meow, mew meow meow meow me mew
cellar, and have a little innocent flirtation with the mice or rats, or
meow, mew meow m meow meow meow meow meow mew mew meow me meow, me
kill cock-roaches when everything else fails her.
meow meow-meow meow meow meow meow meow meow mew.

Make your pussy's bed on a couch or on the parlour sofa, or let her make
Meow meow meow'm mew me m meow me me mew meow meow, me mew mew meow
it herself. _Apropos_ of making beds: the other night I was lying on the
me meow. meow meow meow meow meow meow meow meow M mew meow me mew
sofa, prior to turning into bed--I had lowered the gas and admitted the
meow, meow me meow meow mew--M mew meow mew mew mew meow mew
moonlight--when Muffie entered, apparently in a great hurry to go to
meow--meow Meow meow, meow meow meow me m meow meow me me me
sleep. Seeing her master lying there, she placed her two forepaws on the
meow. Meow mew meow meow meow, mew meow mew mew meow me mew
sofa, and looking in my face,--
meow, mew meow me me meow,--

"Will you kindly get up out of that and let me lie down," she said,
"Meow mew meow mew me mew me meow mew mew me mew meow," mew meow,
speaking with her eyes.
meow meow mew meow.

"Not till I'm ready; I'll see you hanged first," replied I, speaking with
"Mew meow M'm meow; M'm mew mew meow meow," meow M, meow meow
mine.
meow.

"Very well, then," said pussy; and she went straight to the table, jumped
"Meow meow, meow," meow meow; mew mew meow meow meow meow meow
up and pulled off the cloth, deliberately rolled herself in it, and went

me mew meeoow mew mew meoow, meeeeeooooow meoooow meeeeow me me, mew meow

to sleep. She pulled down the ink along with it, and soiled the carpet,
me meow. Mew meeoow meow mew mew meeoow meow me, mew meeeeow mew meoooow,

but that was a matter for me and my landlady to settle between us; puss
mew meow mew m meeoow mew me mew me meeeeeow me meeeeow meeeoow me; meow

did not care a rat.
mew mew meow m mew.

Never turn your cat out at night unless she asks to go.
Meoow meow meow mew mew me meoow meoooow mew meow me me.

Never shut her up in a room all night, but let her have free access to
Meoow meow mew me me m meow mew meeoow, mew mew mew meow meow meoooow me

kitchen or attic; you will thus have a healthy, cleanly puss, and never be
meooooow me meoow; mew meow meow meow m meeeoow, meeeoow meow, mew meeoow me

troubled with mice.
meooooow meow meow.

The simplest form of medicine for a cat, and one which either in town or
Mew meeeeeow meow me meeooooow mew m mew, mew mew meeoow meeeeow me meow me

country they should never want, is grass. It is an excellent
meooooow meow meoooow meoow meow, me meeeoow. Me me me meoooooow

anti-scorbutic, keeps pussy's blood pure, and acts always as a gentle
meow-meeeeeeeow, meeoow meoow'm meeoow meow, mew meow meoooow me m meoooow

laxative, and at times as an emetic, according to the quantity taken, and
meeeoow, mew me meoow me me meoooow, meeeeeeeow me mew meoooooow meeoow, mew

of this pussy herself is the best judge. In the country, a cat can always
me meow meoow meooooow me mew meow meeoow. Me mew meeoow, m mew mew meeeeow

find grass for herself, but in the town it ought to be given to her.
meow meeoow mew meeoow, mew me mew meow me meoow me me meeoow me mew.

People who are cat-fanciers, should never take a walk into the country,
Meeeoow mew mew mew-meeeeeeeow, meeoow meoow meow m meow meow mew meooooow,

without culling a bunch of nice fresh grass for pussy. When you go home,
meeeeow meeoow m meoow me meow meeoow meeoow mew meeoow. Meow mew me meow,

the best place to keep it will be the cellar, or lumber-room, to which

mew meow meow me meow me meow me mew meooooow, me meeeow-meow, me meow

pussy has access, held fast by the ends between two flat stones or bricks, meow mew meeeow, meow meow me mew meow meeeow mew meow meooooow me meooooow,

a bit of wetted flannel being placed beneath the upper stone to keep the m mew me meooooow meeeow meow meooooow meeeow mew meow meow me meow mew

grass fresh; and the cat will soon know where to go when she finds the meow meow; mew mew mew meow meow meow meow me me meow mew meow mew

need for it.

meow mew me.

Although good and regular food, with proper attention, will generally Meooooow meow mew meooooow meow, meow meeeow meeeooooow, meow meooooow

succeed in keeping your cats healthy, still these animals have many meeeow me meeeow meow meow meeeow, meow meow meeeow meow meow

troubles which call for medical aid. I give a very few of the commonest, meooooow meow meow mew meeeow mew. M meow m meow mew me mew meeeeeow,

with the treatment appropriate for each.

meow mew meeeooooow meeeooooow mew meow.

Diarrhæa. This, for obvious reasons, is a very troublesome complaint in mEeeeeow.m Meow, mew meooooow meeeow, me m meow meooooooooow meeeow me

a cat. It is generally induced by irregular feeding, or exposure to wet m mew. Me me meeeeeow meeeow me meooooow meeeow, me meooooow me mew

and cold. Fat meat will also bring it on, or too much liver. It very soon mew meow. Mew meow meow meow meow me me, me mew meow meow. Me meow meow

reduces the creature to a mere skeleton, and if not attended to, will end meeeow mew meeeow me m meow meeeow, mew me mew meeeeeow me, meow mew

in dysentery and death. Begin the treatment by giving the little patient me meeeeeow mew meow. Meeow mew meeeow me meeeow mew meeeow meeeow

half a small teaspoonful of castor-oil. Give a still smaller dose about meow m meow meooooooooow me meow-mew. Meow m meow meooooow meow meow

six hours after, to which two drops of laudanum or solution of muriate of mew meow meow, me meow mew meow me meeeow me meeeow me meeeow me

morphiæ has been added. Afterwards give, three times a day, either a meooooow mew meow meow. Meeeeeow meow, meow meow m mew, meeeow m

little chalk mixture, with half a drop of laudanum in each dose, or a

meeoow meeow meeooow, meow meow m meow me meeeooow me meow meow, me m

teaspoonful of the following mixture:--

meeeeooooow me mew meeeeeew meeeooow:--

■ Vin. Ipecac.	■ j.
■ Mew. Meeoow.	M m.
Tinct. Kino	■ iij.
Meoow. Meow	M mew.
Decoct. Hæmatox	■ iv.
Meooow. Meooooow	■ me.

Give no flesh diet; you may give the cat fish, however, in small
Meow me meeow meow; mew mew meow mew mew meow, meeeooow, me meeow

quantities, and arrowroot with bread and milk. A few drops of solution of
meeeeooooow, mew meooooooow meow meeow mew meow. M mew meoow me meeeeoow me

lime may be added to each diet with advantage.
meow mew me meeow me meow meow meow meooooooow.

In diarrhœa, and in all cases of severe illness, the cat should be turned
Me meeeeoow, mew me mew meoow me meeeow meeeooow, mew mew meeooow me meooow

into an empty room, with a little fire, a warm bed and a box of earth or
meow me meoow meow, meow m meeeow meow, m meow mew mew m mew me meoow me
sand.
meow.

To give a cat medicine. Roll her all but the head in a sheet, and get
mEw meow m mew meeeooow.m Meow mew mew mew mew meow me m meoow, mew mew

some one to hold her. Do not alarm her if possible--mind your fingers--and
meow mew me meow mew. Me mew meoow mew me meooooow--meow meow meeeooow--mew

pour the medicine little by little down her throat. If a pill or bolus,
meow mew meooooow meeeow me meooow meow mew meeeow. Me m meow me meoow,

dip it in oil, and put it well down and against _the roof of her mouth_.
mew me me mew, mew mew me meow meow mew meooooow meow meow me mew meeeow.

Chronic inflammation of the stomach. This is a frequent disease among

mEooooow meooooooooow me mew meeeeow.m Meow me m meooooow meeeow meow

cats. It often follows the administration of poison--supposing the cat to meow. Me meow meooooow mew meeeeeeeeeeoow me meeeow--meeeooooow mew mew me

have escaped immediate death. She refuses nearly all food, has frequent meow meeeow meeeeeow meeeow. Mew meeeow meeeow mew meow, mew meeeooooow

attacks of vomiting, gets thin and altogether unhealthy-looking, without meeeow me meeeeeow, meow meow mew meeeeeeeow meeeeeeoow-meeeow, meooooow

any apparent cause. In these cases, I generally recommend the trisnitrate mew meeeooooow meeeow. Me meoow meoow, M meooooooooow meeeeeeoow mew meeeeeeeoow

of bismuth, about a grain, to be placed on the tongue twice a day. me meeeow, meow m meow, me me meoow me mew meoow meow m mew.

Occasional doses of castor-oil or tincture of rhubarb, with milk diet and Meooooooooow meow me meeeow-mew me meeeeeow me meeeow, meow meow meow mew

fish, and, if there be much wasting, raw beef may be given twice a day. meow, mew, me meoow me meow meeeow, mew meow mew me meoow meow m mew.

Bronchitis.--Cats are very subject to this complaint, as they are very mEeeeeeeoow.m--Meow mew meow meeeeow me meow meeeeeeoow, me meow mew meow

liable to catch cold, especially if much exposed. It begins with the meoow me meow meow, meooooooooow me meow meeeeow. Me meoow meow mew

symptoms of a common cold, such as staring coat, shivering, and slight meeeeeow me m meoow meow, meow me meeeow meow, meeeeeeeow, mew meeeow

cough. Then the cat becomes very ill, for a day or two, with the acute meeeow. Meow mew mew meeeow meow mew, mew m mew me mew, meow mew meow

stage of the trouble, which, however, soon passes into the chronic form. meow me mew meeeow, meow, meooooow, meow meeeow meow mew meooooow meow.

There is now apparent difficulty of breathing, the cat is constantly Meow me mew meooooow meeeeeooooow me meeeeeoow, mew mew me meeeeeooooow

coughing, with the tongue hanging over the lower lip; she has an anxious meeeeoow, meow mew meoow meeeow meow mew meoow mew; mew mew me meeeeeow

expression about her face, and the eyes water and are mattery. She gets meeeeeeoow meow mew meow, mew mew meow meeeow mew mew meeeow. Mew meow

rapidly thinner, and moons about, refusing all food, or at times eating meeeow meooooow, mew meoow meoow, meeeeoow mew meow, me me meeeow meoow

voraciously, and with depraved appetite. meeeeeeoow, mew meow meeeeeow meeeeeow.

Treatment. Begin by giving a simple dose of castor-oil, if no diarrhœa

mEeeeeeeow.m Meow me meeeow m meooow meow me meeeow-mew, me me meeeeeow

present; if so, the dose to be combined with two drops of laudanum.
meeeeeow; me me, mew meow me me meooooow meow mew meeeow me meeeeoow.

Confine her to the house and feed her on beef-tea and bread, or
Meooow mew me mew meeeow mew meow mew me meow-mew mew meow, me

milk-arrowroot with beef-tea. If the disease becomes chronic, I know of no
meow-meeeooooow meow meow-mew. Me mew meeeeoow meooooow meooooow, M meow me me

medicine better than--
meeeeeow meeeow meow--

Extr. Conii
Meow. Meow

Pil. Scillæ Co. ■ ■ gr. xv.
Mew. Meooow Me. m m me. me.

made into a bolus with sufficient bread-crumbs; the bolus to be divided
meow meow m meeeow meow meeeooooow meow-meeow; mew meow me me meeeeeow

into twenty pills, and one given every night. Keep up her strength, and
meow meeeow meeeow, mew mew meow meeeow meeeow. Meow me mew meooooow, mew

complete the cure by a small tea-spoonful of cod-liver-oil twice a day for
meeeeeow mew meow me m meeeow mew-meeeeeow me mew-meeow-mew meow m mew mew

a fortnight. This latter often acts like a charm. A certain form of
m meeeeeeoow. Meow meeeow meow meow meow m meeeow. M meooooow meow me

"mange" often accompanies the disease.
"meeeow" meow meoooooooow mew meeeeoow.

Consumption. This is not necessarily, although often, a lung-disease in
mEeeeeooooow.m Meow me mew meeeeoooooow, meeeeeow meeeow, m meow-meooooow me

cats. Whatever disease induces general wasting of the body, deterioration
meow. Meooooow meeeow meeeeeow meeeow meeeeoow me mew meow, meoooooooow

of pelage, an unhealthy state of the system, with refusal of, or distaste
me meeeow, me meeeeoow meeeow me mew meooow, meow meeeeoow me, me meeeooooow

for, food--if there be no bilious vomiting--may be called consumption.
mew, meow--me meeeow me me meeeeeow meooooow--mew me meeeow meeeeeeooow.

The treatment, which in most cases is successful, is regulation of diet,

mEow meeeooooow, meow me meow meeow me meooooooow, me meeeooooow me meow,
careful housing and attention, raw meat in small quantities twice a day,
meooooow meeeeeow mew meeeeeeow, mew meow me meoow meeeeeeow meeow m mew,
and cod-liver-oil twice or thrice a day. Cod-liver-oil must be the sheet
mew mew-meow-mew meow me meeooow m mew. Mew-meeow-mew meow me mew meeow
anchor in these cases; but if there is much cough, a little mixture like
meeeeow me meow meeow; mew me meeow me meow meoow, m meooow meeeow mew
the following will not fail to give relief,--
mew meeeooooow meow mew meow me meow meeeow,--

■ Tinct. Opii Camph.	■ j.
■ Meow. Meow Meow.	M m.
Syr. Scillæ	■ jss.
Mew. Meeoow	M mew.
Sol. Mur. Morphiæ	m. x.
Mew. Mew. Meeeeeow	m. m.
Aquæ cum Syrupo	ad. ■ ij.--M.
Meow mew Meeoow	me. ■ me.--M.

A teaspoonful occasionally.
M meeeeeeooooow meeeeeeew.

Fits. Cats are subject to various sorts of fits, delirious and
mEeow.m Meow mew meeeoow me meeeoow meoow me meow, meeeeeeow mew

otherwise. The great thing is to give instant relief. Try first a common
meeeeeeow. Mew meoow meeow me me meow meeeeeow meooow. Mew meoow m meeooow

smelling-salts bottle held to the nostrils, or a pinch of dry snuff; if
meooooow-meow meooow meow me mew meeeooooow, me m meeow me mew meeow; me

that does no good, pussy must be bled. I make a minute incision on the
meow meow me meow, meoow meow me meow. M meow m meeeow meeeooooow me mew

lower part of the ear behind, with a fine-pointed lancet, and then foment
meoow meow me mew mew meeeow, meow m meow-meeeooooow meooow, mew meow meooow

with a sponge and hot water.
meow m meeeow mew mew meoow.

The after-treatment will depend much on the condition of the cat. If too

Mew meow-meooooooooow meow meooow meow me mew meeeeeooooow me mew mew. Me mew

fat or heavy, the diet must be lowered and regulated,--sheep's liver and mew me meoow, mew meow meow me meeeoow mew meeeeeooooow,--meoow'm meow mew

melt being given three times a week; if she is thin and emaciated, we must meow meoow meeeow meeeow meeeow m meow; me mew me meow mew meooooooooow, me meow

trust to plenty of milk and raw meat, with cod-liver oil, with one-tenth meoow me meeeow me meow mew mew meow, meow mew-meeow mew, meow mew-meeow

of a grain of quinine, twice a day. If the cat be subject to fits the me m meeeow me meeeoow, meeeow m mew. Me mew mew me meeeoow me meow mew

following will be found useful:--

meeeeeeoow meow me meeeow meeeow:--

■ Bromid. Potass. gr. x.

■ Meeeeow. Meooow. me. m.

Iod. Potass. gr. ijss.

Mew. Meooow. me. meow.

Zinci. Sulph. gr. iv.

Meeow. Meoow. me. me.

Mix with bread-crumbs to form twenty pills, and give one morning and night.

Mew meow meoow-meeow me meow meeeoow meeeow, mew meow mew meeeoow mew meoow.

Mange. I merely use this term because it is a handy one. Cats never have mEooow.m M meeeow mew meow meow meeeoow me me m meeeow mew. Meow meeeow meow

mange as found in the dog; but they have many kinds of skin diseases, both meeeow me meoow me mew mew; mew meow meow meow meoow me meow meeeeeoow, meow

pustular and scaly. They may all be treated in a similar manner. Attention meooooooooow mew meeeow. Meow mew mew me meooooooooow me m meooooooooow meeeow. Meooooooooow

to diet: let it be nourishing, moderate in quantity, and not heating. Let me meow: mew me me meeeeeeeeoow, meooooooooow me meeeooooow, mew mew meeeeoow. Mew

the cat have plenty of exercise and free access to grass. A lotion of mew mew meow meooow me meooooooooow mew meow meooow me meoow. M meeeow me

carbolic acid may be used with advantage, not stronger than one part of meooooooooow meow mew me meow meow meeeeeooooow, mew meeeeeooooow meow mew meow me

the acid to seventy of water. It must be very carefully mixed, and

mew meow me meeeow me meow. Me meow me meooow meooooow meow, mew

washed off again in two or three hours. Afterwards, an ointment of sulphur meooow mew meow me mew me meow meow. Meeeeooooow, me meeeeeow me meeeow

and hellebore may be used,--which any chemist will make for you,--and mew meeeeeeow mew me meow,--meow mew meeeoow meow meow mew mew,--mew

arsenic must be given internally. The liquor arsenicalis is the medicine meeeow meow me meow meeeooooow. Mew meeeow meeeooooooow me mew meeeoow

to be used: drop six drops into an ounce bottle of water, and give pussy me me meow: meow mew meow meow me meow meooow me meow, mew meow meow

one teaspoonful twice a day in her milk. There is no taste with the mew meeeeeeooooow meow m mew me mew meow. Meeow me me meow meow mew

medicine. Continue this for a fortnight, then omit for three days, and meooooow. Meeooooow meow mew m meeeooooow, meow meow mew meow meow, mew

resume again until a cure is effected and the hair begins to grow again. meooow meow meow m meow me meeeeoow mew mew meow meeeow me meow meow.

The Yellows. This disease is often as fatal in the dog as in the cat. It mEow Meeeeow.m Meow meeeoow me meow me meow me mew mew me me mew mew. Me

is caused by derangement of the liver, and is most common in large overfed me meooow me meeeooooow me mew meow, mew me meow meooow me meow meooooow

cats, which get little exercise. The disease is ushered in by general meow, meow mew meooow meeeeoow. Mew meeeoow me meooooow me me meeeoow

feverishness, loss of appetite, and shivering. Sickness next comes on, meeeeeeeeoow, meow me meeeooooow, mew meeeeoow. Meeeoow meow meow me,

accompanied by vomiting of a bright yellow, or dark green fluid, mixed meeeooooow me meeeoow me m meooow meooow, me meow meow meow, meow

with froth. The vomiting continues, and is at times very distressing; and meow meow. Mew meeeooooow meeeooooow, mew me me meow meow meeeeeeow; mew

diarrhœa and dysentery may supervene and cause death. If taken in time, meeeooooow mew meeeeoow mew meeeooooow mew meow meow. Me meow me meow,

give her about half a small tea-spoonful of glauher salts, well diluted meow mew meow meow m meow mew-meooooow me meeeoow meow, meow meeeow

with water. This, even if it should cause vomiting, will thereby do good meow meow. Meow, meow me me meeeow meow meooooow, meow meooooow me meow

by clearing the stomach; besides, the shock may tend to check the fever. me meeeeeow mew meeeow; meeeoow, mew meow mew meow me meow mew meow.

If the vomiting continues, try a pinch of white bismuth, placed on the

Me mew meooooow meeeeeeeow, mew m meow me meow meooooow, meeoow me mew

tongue, or from one to three drops of laurel-leaf water; or, take one meeoow, me meow mew me meow meow me meeoow-meow meow; me, meow mew

drop of creasote, a few grains of aromatic powder, and sufficient fresh meow me meeoow, m mew meeoow me meeoow meooooow, mew meeoow meow

bread-crumbs to form ten pills; and give one three times a day. Give, for meow-meow me meow mew meow; mew meow mew meow meow m mew. Meow, mew

four or five nights half a grain of calomel on the tongue; and if much meow me meow meooooow meow m meeoow me meeoow me mew meeoow; mew me meow

diarrhœa is present, give her a grain of white bismuth three times a day, meeoow me meooooow, meow mew m meow me meow meooooow meow meow m mew,

with one or two drops of laudanum at night; and complete the cure by meow mew me mew meow me meeoow me meow; mew meeoow mew meow me

infinitesimal doses of quinine, with cod-liver-oil and raw meat, if there meeoow meow me meeoow, meow mew-meow-mew mew mew meow, me meow

be much emaciation.

me meow meeoow.

Dysentery. This is a very serious complaint, and nearly always fatal. It meeoow m Meow me m meow meeoow meeoow, mew meooooow meooooow meow. Me

is best treated by castor-oil to begin with; afterwards, minute doses of me meow meooooow me meeoow-mew me meow meow; meeoow, meooooow me

opium and ipecacuanha, with generous diet and occasionally a little port meow mew meeoow, meow meeoow meow mew meeoow m meeoow meow

wine.

meow.

Milk Fever. On no account should a cat's kittens be taken from her all meow Meow m Me me meeoow meooooow m mew m meeoow me meow meow mew mew

at once. Indeed, one should always be left to be reared. In milk-fever the me meow. Meeoow, mew meeoow meeoow me meow me me meeoow. Me meow-meow mew

paps are swollen and painful, the secretion of milk is suppressed, and the meow mew meeoow mew meooooow, mew meeoow me meow me meeoow, mew mew

cat is either highly excited--sometimes attempting to kill her kittens--or mew me meeoow meeoow meooooow--meeoow meeoow me meow mew meeoow--me

dull and stupid-like. A little bleeding will give relief if there is

meow mew meeoow-meow. M meooow meeeeoow meow meow meeeow me meow me

delirium. The tits are to be well fomented with warm water, and a little meeeeoow. Mew meow mew me me meow meeeeoow meow meow meow, mew m meeoow

wine given occasionally, with cream. Three or four drops of compound meow meow meeeeeeoow, meow meow. Meeow me meow meow me meeeeoow

tincture of camphor, twice a day, will tend to allay irritability. meeoow me meeeow, meow m mew, meow meow me meow meeeeeeoow.

Inflammation of one or both eyes is not uncommon among cats, either mEeoow me mew me meow meow me mew meeeeoow meow meow, meeeow

through injury, or from cold. Remedy: A lotion of sulphate of zinc, two meeoow meow, me meow meow. mEeoow: M meeeow me meeoow me meow, mew

grains to an ounce of water, or a few grains of common alum in warm water, meeeow me me meow me meow, me m mew meeoow me meeeow meow me meow meow,

as a fomentation, will generally effect a cure. me m meeeeeeoow, meow meeeeoow meeoow m meow.

For ulcers and sores of external ears or cheeks, touch them Mew meeoow mew meeeow me meeeeoow meow me meeeow, meow meow

occasionally with blue-stone, and apply-- meeeeeeoow meow meow-meeow, mew meow--

■ Sulph. Zinci	gr. x.
■ Meeow. Meeow	me. m.
Tinct. Lavandula	■ j.
Meow. Meeeeoow	M m.
Aquæ	■ iv.
Meow	■ me.

If they are very inveterate, they will only yield to red precipitate Me meow mew meow meeoow, meow meow meow meow me mew meeeeeeoow

ointment, and arsenic internally, as for mange. meeoow, mew meeoow meeoow, me mew meow.

Cats stand operations of all sorts well. If a cat's leg is broken and

Meow meow meeeooooow me mew meow meow. Me m mew'm mew me meeeow mew

lacerated by a trap, cut it off. Don't be afraid. Only leave sufficient meooooow me m meow, mew me mew. Mew'm me meeeow. Meow meow meeeooooow

flesh to cover the bone, and have ready a strong red-hot wire, to meow me meow mew meow, mew meow meow m meeeow mew-mew meow, me

cauterize and stop bleeding, then bring the flaps together by a needle and meooooow mew meow meeeeeow, meow meow mew meow meeeooooow me m meooow mew

thread.

meeeow.

Many cats die of apoplexy, many of paralysis. I have dissected some who Meow meow mew me meeeeeow, meow me meeeeeoow. M meow meeeeeoow meow mew

had well-marked softening of the brain. And many die in their sleep. As a mew meow-meeoow meeeeeeow me mew meow. Mew meow mew me meoow meow. Me m

general rule, if your cat seems ailing, you can't do wrong to give her an meeeoow meow, me meow mew meow meeeow, mew mew'm me meoow me meow mew me

emetic--try a little weak salt and water; or let her have fresh grass, and meeeow--mew m meeeow meow meow mew meow; me mew mew meow meoow meeeow, mew

either a dose of castor-oil, or a very little grey powder.

meeeow m meow me meeeow-mew, me m meow meeeow meow meeeow.

I have often seen cats' lives saved, by giving raw beef and cod-liver oil.

M meow meow meow meow' meoow meoow, me meooow mew meow mew mew-meeow mew.

When a cat is in bad health, either her stomach, bowels, liver, or

Meow m mew me me mew meeeow, meeeow mew meeeeeow, meeeow, meow, me

kidneys, are out of order; and as a rule we can generally only conjecture

meooooow, mew mew me meow; mew me m meow me mew meeeeeeoow meow meeeeeeoow

which. A medicine, therefore, that acts, gently but effectively, on all

meow. M meeeeoow, meoooooow, meow meow, meeeow mew meeeeeeooow, me mew

the organs would be a sort of specific for cats' complaints. In the "Cat's

mew meeeow meow me m meow me meeeeeow mew meow' meeeooooow. Me mew "Mew'm

Medicine Chest," advertised at the end of this book, I have placed a

Meeeooooow Meow," meeeeeeow me mew mew me meow meow, M meow meeeow m

medicament of this nature, which I have often prescribed with excellent

meeeeooooow me meow meeoow, meoow M meow meeow meeeeeooooow meow meoooooow

results. There is everything in that little box to make a Pussy well, and meeeow. Meeow me meoooooooow me meow meeoow mew me meow m Meoow meow, mew

keep her happy.
meow mew meoow.

CHAPTER VIII.
MEEEEOW MEOW.

ODDS AND ENDS.
MEOW MEW MEOW.

When my pet cat read the heading of this chapter, she sarcastically
Meow me mew mew meow mew meeeoow me meow meooooow, mew meeeeeeeeeooooow

remarked,--
meoooooow,--

"Humph! I suppose you mean that cats tails are the 'ends'; but what's the
"Meeow! M meeeow mew meow meow meow meeow mew mew 'meow'; mew meow'm mew

'odds'?"
'meow'?"

Theodore Nero raised his chin slightly from the carpet to add,--
Meooooow Meow meooow mew meow meooooow meow mew meeeow me mew,--

"So long's you're happy."

"Me meow'm mew'me meow."

"You brute!" said Muffie. "You don't know what you're talking about; you
"Mew meow!" meow Meeow. "Mew mew'm meow meow mew'me meeeow meow; mew
always are half asleep."
meeeow mew meow meoow."

But touching cats' tails (it wouldn't be the best policy to touch every
Mew meeeoow meow' meow (me meeeow'm me mew meow meeeow me meow meow

cat's tail however), a lady asked me seriously at dinner the other day,
mew'm meow meeeow), m meow meow me meeeeeeow me meeeow mew meow mew,

"Why does a cat waggle its tail?" Such a question at such a time was a
"Mew meow m mew meeeow mew meow?" Meow m meeeeoow me meow m meow mew m

poser, and, to comfort me, she added, that she really was asking for
meow, mew, me meooooow me, mew meow, meow mew meeeow mew meooooow mew

information. I answered, as Dundreary, "Becaith a cat ith sthronger than
meeeooooow. M meeeoow, me Meooooow, "Meeeeow m mew mew meeeeeeow meow

its tail; if the tail wath the sthronger, the tail would waggle the cat."
mew meow; me mew meow meow mew meeeeeeow, mew meow meow meeeow mew mew."

Cats are extremely proud of their tails. Pulling a Jew's beard, and a
Meow mew meeeeoow meow me meow meow. Meeeow m Mew'm meow, mew m

cat's tail, are indignities of an equality. Doubtless, did mankind possess
mew'm meow, mew meeeeeeooooow me me meooooow. Meooooow, mew meeeow meeeow

these appendages, he would be equally jealous of their honour. But they
meow meeeeoow, me meow me meeeow meooooow me meow meeeow. Mew meow

have been overlooked somehow in the outfitting. But just imagine how
meow meow meooooooow meeeow me mew meeeeeeooow. Mew meow meooooow mew

gingerly we gentlemen would use them! How elegantly we would carry them
meeeeoow me meooooooow meow mew meow! Mew meeeooooow me meow meow meow

under our arms while walking, and how we would flare up if any one trod on
meow mew meow meow meeeow, mew mew me meow meow me me mew mew meow me

our tail! Imagine Paddy at a fair: "Twelve o'clock, and no foight yet!
mew meow! Meooooow Meeow me m meow: "Meooooow m'meeow, mew me meeeow mew!

Will any gintleman just spit on the point of my tail?"

Meow mew meeeeeeoow meow meow me mew meoow me me meow?"

How useful, too, tails would be in many ways in riding, driving, or
Mew meeoow, mew, meoow meeow me me meow meow me meeoow, meeeoow, me

boating! On a rainy day, one's umbrella might be tied to it, so as to have
meeeeow! Me m meoow mew, mew'm meeoow meow me meow me me, me me meow

both hands free; and in mobs and crowds it could be worn out of sight. How
meow meeoow meow; mew me meow mew meoow me meoow me meow mew me meeow. Mew

handy, to dig your neighbour in the ribs with, and say, "Sly dog"; or,
meoow, me mew meow meeeeeeoow me mew meow meow, mew mew, "Mew mew"; me,

"Don't you see, don't you see?" when you'd made a bad pun! How useful to
"Mew'm mew mew, mew'm mew mew?" meow mew'm meow m mew mew! Mew meoow me

the orator, for elegant gesticulation, to give point to an argument, or
mew meoow, mew meeeeoow meeeeoowooow, me meow meoow me me meeoow, me

to indicate derision. For example:--
me meeoow meeoow. Mew meoow:--

Lord Chief Justice: Did you poke your tail at me, sir?
mEeow Meow Meeeeoow: Mew mew meow meow meow me me, mew?

Claimant: No, my lord; I---
mEeeeeeoow: Me, me meow; M---

L. C. J.: Very well, sir; don't do it again--that's all.
ME. M. M.m: Meow meow, mew; mew'm me me meow--meow'm mew.

How convenient the British sailor would find a tail, when aloft reefing
Mew meeeeoow mew Meeoow meoow meow meow m meow, meow meeoow meeeoow

topsails; and, sure, wouldn't Jack also use it as a tobacco stopper? If
meooooow; mew, meow, meeeow'm Meow meow mew me me m meooooow meooooow? Me

men had tails, the medical profession would be benefited thereby. There
mew mew meeoow, mew meeeeoow meeeeoow meow me meeeeoow meeeoow. Meeow

would be several new diseases and new operations. How beautifully this

meow me meeeow mew meeeoow mew mew meooooooooow. Mew meeeeeeeow meow

would sound, for instance: "Compound comminuted fracture of the middle
meow meow, mew meeeoow: "Meeeoow meeeeeeeow meeeeeow me mew meeeow

third of caudal extremity;" or, "Amputation at the tenth caudal vertebra;"
meow me meoow meeeeeeeow;" me, "Meeeeeooow me mew meow meoow meeeoow;"

which would give rise to advertisements like the following: "Turner's
meow meow meow meow me meeeeeeeeeeeow meow mew meeeeeow: "Meoow'm

Circular Splint," and "Beautiful, easy-fitting Caudal Appendages, equal to
Meeeoow Meoow," mew "Meeoooooooo, meow-meeeoow Meeoow Meeoooooooo, meow me

Nature; patronised by the illustrious Duke of Dunmore, whose tail was
Meeoow; meooooooooow me mew meeeeeooooow Meow me Meeoow, meow meow mew

carried away by a 500 pounder, at the battle of Dorking, during the
meeeoow meow me m mew meeeow, me mew meeoow me Meeeeow, meoow mew

famous charge of the gallant London Scottish. Only _seven-and-six_!"
meeoow meeeow me mew meoow Meeoow Meeeeow. Meow meoow-mew-meow!"

The ends of justice, too, would be assisted. New laws would be added to
Mew meow me meoow, mew, meow me meooooooooow. Mew meow meow me meow me

the penal code. Garotters would be condemned to "Two years' imprisonment
mew meow meow. Meeeoow meow me meeeeoow me "Mew meow' meeeeeooooow

and deprivation of caudicity." Lesser offences punished by "Six months,
mew meeeeeeeow me meeeeoow." Meeoow meeeeoow meeeeoow me "Mew meeeow,

and six inches off tail." Thus we should easily know a rogue in the
mew mew meeoow mew meow." Meow me meeeow meeoow meow m meow me mew

street, when we met one.
meoow, meow me mew mew.

I must stop. I feel I should warm to the subject; and one of such vast
M meow meow. M meow M meeoow meow me mew meeeow; mew mew me meow meow

ramifications ought to have more space for its consideration, than I can
meooooooooooooow meow me meow meow meow mew mew meeeeeooooooooow, meow M mew

afford. However, to band-masters, acrobats, public-speakers, parsons,
meoow. Meeeeow, me meow-meeeoow, meeeeoow, meeeow-meeooooow, meeeow,

painters, and policemen, tails would indeed be invaluable; and, upon my
meeoow, mew meeeeeeoow, meow meow meeeow me meooooooooow; mew, meow me

honour, when I come to think of it, I only wonder how human beings, have

meooooow, meow M meow me meeeow me me, M meow meooooow mew meoow meeeow, meow

come to be overlooked in this little matter.

meow me me meeeooooow me meow meooooow meooooow.

Cats, it may be observed, wag their tails when pleased; when angry, they Meow, me mew me meeeeeeow, mew meoow meeeow meow meeeooooow; meow meoow, meow

lash them; and, when excited, and about to spring on their prey, the tail meow meow; mew, meow meeeooooow, mew meeeow me meeeooooow me meoow meow, mew meow

quivers. This is all involuntary on the part of pussy, and is an index of meooooow. Meow me mew meeeeeeeooooow me mew meow me meeeow, mew me me meeeow me

the state of her feelings, the tail being principally supplied with nerves mew meoow me mew meeeooooow, mew meow meoow meoooooooow meeeeeeow meow meeeow

from the spinal chord, and along this chord the nervous force is carried meow mew meeeow meeeow, mew meoow meow meeeow mew meooooow meoow me meeeow

from the brain.

meow mew meoow.

Why do cats always fall on their feet? This question is by no means mEow me meow meeeow meow me meoow meow?m Meow meooooow me me me meoow

difficult to answer. When she first falls from a height, her back is meeeeeeow me meeeow. Meow mew meeeow meeeow meow m meeeow, mew meow me

lowermost, and she is bent in a semicircle. If she fell thus, fracture of meeeeeeow, mew mew me meow me m meeeeeooooow. Me mew meow meow, meooooow me

the spine, and death, would be the inevitable result. But natural instinct mew meoow, mew meeeow, meeeow me mew meeeeeooooow meeeow. Mew meooooow meeeeeeow

induces her, after she has fallen a foot or two, to suddenly extend the meooooow mew, meeeow mew mew meeeow m meow me mew, me meeeooooow meeeow mew

muscles of her back, and stretch her legs; the belly now becomes the meeeeeeow me mew meow, mew meeeeeeow mew meow; mew meeeow mew meeeeeeow mew

convexity, and the back concave, thus altering the centre of gravity, and meeeooooow, mew mew meow meeeeoow, meow meeeooooow mew meooooow me meeeeoow, mew

bringing her round; then she has only to hold herself in this position in meeeeeeow mew meoow; meow mew mew meow me meow meeeooooow me meow meeeooooow me

order to alight on her feet.

meoow me meooooow me mew meow.

One day lately, a lady, who lives in the _fourth_ story of a house in

Mew mew meeeow, m meow, mew meow me mew meooooow meow me m meow me

Dundee, hung the cage with the canary on a nail outside the window. The Meooow, meow mew meow meow mew meeeow me m meow meeeow mew meeeow. Mew

cat, from the inside, watched it for some time till, unable any longer to mew, meow mew meooow, meeeow me mew meow meow meow, meeoow mew meeoow me

withstand the temptation, she made a spring, and, somehow missing the meeeooooow mew meeeooooow, mew meow m meooow, mew, meeeow meeoow mew

cage, fell to the ground, some forty feet. But she alighted on her feet, meow, meow me mew meeoow, meow meoow meow. Mew mew meeeow me mew meow,

and walked off as if nothing had occurred. (_See Note R, Addenda._) mew meeeow mew me me meeeow mew meeeow. (mEow Meow M, Meeeeow.m)

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Cats are wonderfully sure footed. I saw a cat one day, taking an airing Meow mew meeeeeeeow meow meeoow. M mew m mew mew mew, meeoow me meeoow

along a housetop, where Blondin could hardly have walked without a pole. meoow m meeeow, meoow Meeeoow meow meeeow meow meeoow meooooow m meow.

She had a kitten in her mouth, too, to make her performance all the more Mew mew m meeoow me mew meoow, mew, me meow mew meeeeeeeow mew mew meow

entertaining. Another puss I saw sitting on an iron rail, a few feet from meeoowooooow. Meeoow meow M mew meeeow me me meow meow, m mew meow meow

the ground, and apparently fast asleep. The rail was only about one inch mew meeoow, mew meeeeeeeow meow meeeow. Mew meow mew meow meeoow mew meow

in diameter, and she sat there fully an hour. me meooooow, mew mew mew meoow meow me meow.

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Very few cats care to drink spirituous liquors. Dogs are not so Meow mew meow meow me meeoow meeeooooow meeeow. Meow mew mew me

particular. One dog I had once, on board ship--a Labrador retriever--used

meeeeeeow. Mew mew M mew meow, me meoow meow--m Meeeeeeow meeoow--meow

to attend the call of "Grog O!" every day, and get his allowance along
me meeoow mew meow me "Meow M!" meeoow mew, mew mew mew meeoow meow

with the men. He never got drunk though, and he showed his wisdom by
meow mew mew. Me meeoow mew meeoow meeeow, mew me meeoow mew meeoow me

taking it well watered. I know a little bull-terrier bitch, who goes to a
meeoow me meow meeeow. M meow m meeoow meow-meeeow meow, mew meow me m

hotel every day she has a chance. Her favourite tipple is beer poured
meow meow mew mew mew m meoow. Mew meeoow meeoow meeoow me meow meoow

upon a salver. As she cannot speak, she sits in a chair and thinks a lot.
meow m meeoow. Me mew meeoow meeoow, mew meow me m meeoow mew meoow m mew.

As she always meets plenty of friends willing to stand treat, she never
Me mew meeoow meeoow meeoow me meeoow meoow me meow meeoow, mew meow

comes home sober. I saw her a few weeks ago, trying in vain to cross the
meow meow meeoow. M mew mew m mew meoow mew, meeoow me meow me meeoow mew

street. At last she sat down in the middle, and barked to me. I was sorry
meeoow. Me meow mew mew meow me mew meoow, mew meeoow me me. M mew meeoow

to see a well-bred young lady in such a condition, so I helped her home,
me mew m meow-meow meeoow meow me meow m meeoow, me M meeoow mew meow,

for which she showed gratitude next day. (_See Note S, Addenda._)
mew meow mew meoow meeeeeeow meow mew. (mEow Meow M, Meoow.m)

But my father had a cat,--a big Tom, whom the servants used to make drunk
Mew me meoow mew m mew,--m mew Mew, meow mew meeoow meow me meow meeoow

at any time. His beverage was Scotch whiskey-brose, _i.e._, oatmeal and
me mew meow. Mew meeoow mew Meeoow meeoow-meow, me.m.m, meeoow mew

whiskey; and I've seen him come staggering into the parlour and tumble
meeoow; mew M'me meow mew meow meeeeeeow meow mew meeoow mew meeoow

over the leg of the table. Then he would fall asleep.
meow mew mew me mew meeoow. Meow me meow meow meeoow.

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Cats, as a rule, do not like music; although, if brought up in a musical

Meow, me m meow, me mew meow meow; meeeeoow, me meooooow me me m meeeoow

family, they learn to tolerate it. A cat is easily taught to come when meeoow, meow meeoow me meeoow me. M mew me meeeow meoow me meow meow

whistled upon. A friend of mine has a cat, who, if he commences to whistle meeeeoow meow. M meeoow me meow mew m mew, mew, me me meeeeoow me meeeow

a tune, immediately jumps on his breast, and rubs her head all over his m meow, meeeooooooooow meow me mew meeoow, mew meow mew meow mew meow mew

face, as if trying to comfort him, having the notion, no doubt, that he is meow, me me meeeow me meeoow mew, meeoow mew meeeow, me meow, meow me me

in some sort of anguish. But if he puts out his hand to take down his me meow meow me meeeoow. Mew me me meow mew mew meow me meow meow mew

fiddle in her presence, she at once erects her back and tail, and growls meeoow me mew meeeeoow, mew me meow meeoow mew meow mew meow, mew meeoow

at him, in unmistakable anger. However, in this she shows her good taste, me mew, me meeeeoow meow. Meeeow, me meow mew meow mew meow meow,

for her master is certainly the most execrable performer, that ever mew mew meeoow me meeeeoow mew meow meeeeoow meeeeoow, meow meow

tickled hair on gut.
meeeow meow me mew.

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There are many old superstitions regarding cats still extant, and many Meow mew meow mew meeeeoow meeeeoow meow meow meeeow, mew meow

foolish notions about them, that had much better be unlearned. Sailors meeoow meeeow meow meow, meow mew meow meeeow me meeoow. Meeeow

believe, that, if the ship's cat be lost overboard, shipwreck, or some meooooow, meow, me mew meow'm mew me meow meooooow, meeeeoow, me meow

such disaster, is almost sure to follow. My own old captain, Commander meow meeeeoow, me meeeow meow me meeeow. Me mew mew meooooow, Meeeeoow

McH---- was imbued with this notion, hence his extreme care to retain the MeW---- mew meeeow meow meow meeoow, meow mew meeeow meow me meeoow mew

black cat on board, as depicted in the tale, which follows this meow mew me meow, me meeeeoow me mew meow, meow meeeeoow meow

Chapter--"The Skipper's Imp."

Meeeeow--"Mew Meeeeow'm Mew."

Witches are supposed by some to be constantly attended by an evil spirit,
Meeeeow mew meeeeeow me meow me me meooooooooow meoooooooo me me meow meoooo,
in the shape of a black cat.
me mew meow me m meow mew.

To dream of cats is considered very unlucky. In some of the more
Me meow me meow me meeeeeooooow meow meeeeeow. Me meow me mew meow

unfrequented districts of Scotland, the good folks are still very careful
meeeeeeeeeow meoooooooo me Meeeeooow, mew meow meow mew meow meow meooooow

to shut up their cats in the house, on Hallowe'en, _i.e._, the 31st of
me meow me meow meow me mew meow, me Meooooow'me, me.m.m, mew meow me

October. And they tell me, that those cats that have managed to escape
Meeeeow. Mew meow meow me, meow meow meow meow meow meooooow me meeeow

incarceration, that night may be seen, by those brave enough to look,
meooooooooooooow, meow meow mew me meow, me meow meow meeeow me meow,

scampering over hill and dell, and across the lonely moors, each one
meooooooooow meow meow mew meow, mew meeeow mew meeeow meow, meow mew

ridden by a brownie, a bogle, a spunkie, or some other infernal jockey, in
meeeow me m meeeow, m meow, m meooooow, me meow meow meooooow meeeow, me

fact, a devil's own steeplechase. And, they say, those cats never produce
meow, m meow'm mew meeeeeeeeeooooow. Mew, meow mew, meow meow meow meeeow

young again; or, if they do, the sooner the kittens are put out of sight
meow meow; me, me meow me, mew meeeow mew meeeow mew mew mew me meow

the better; they are subject to startings in their sleep--no wonder--have
mew meoooo; meow mew meeeow me meeeeeeeow me meow meow--me meeeow--meow

a weird unearthly look about their eyes, and soon pine away, and die, and
m meow meooooooooow meow meow meow meow, mew meow meow meow, mew mew, mew

go--we shudder to say whither.
me--me meooooow me mew meooooow.

Cats are supposed to be capital prognosticators of the weather. If a cat
Meow mew meeeow me me meeeow meeeeeeeeeooooow me mew meeeow. Me m mew

is seen washing her face with more than usual assiduity, it is going to be

me meow meeeoow mew meow meow meow meow meoow meeoowooow, me me meoow me me

stormy; and if pussy sits much with her back to the fire, you may expect meeoow; mew me meoow meow meow meow mew meow me mew meow, mew mew meeeow

frost and snow in winter, and thunder and lightning, with hail, in summer. meow mew meow me meoow, mew meeeoow mew meeeeeeow, meow meow, me meeoow.

Some portion of pussy's person seems, indeed, to retain the power of Meow meeeoow me meoow'm meoow meoow, meoow, me meeoow mew meoow me

foretelling the weather, even after death, as witness that common toy, meooooooooow mew meeeeeow, meow meoow meoow, me meeeeeow meow meeoow mew,

which poor people use instead of a barometer, a wee wee man, and a wee wee meow meow meeoow mew meeeeeow me m meooooooooow, m mew mew mew, mew m mew mew

woman, living together in a wee wee house; one of them pops out every day; meoow, meeoow meeeoow me m mew mew meeoow; mew me meow meow mew meoow mew;

if the day is to be fine, the lady comes, if not, like a loving wife, she me mew mew me me me meow, mew meow meeoow, me mew, meow m meeoow meow, mew

sends her good man out--the secret is, the little couple are suspended on meoow mew meow mew mew--mew meeoow me, mew meeoow meeeow mew meeeeeeow me

catgut, which twists or untwists according to the state of the atmosphere. meeeow, meoow meeoow me meeeeeeow meeeeoow me mew meoow me mew meeeeeeow.

[Illustration: LONG-HAIRED BLACK.

[Meeeeeeeeeeow: MEOW-MEEEOOW MEEOW.

First Prize--Owned by MISS ARMITAGE.]

Meeow Meoow--Meeow me MEOW MEEEEEOW.]

[Illustration: MANX.

[Meeeeooooooooow: MEOW.

First Prize--Owned by P. WILLIAMS, ESQ.]

Meeow Meoow--Meoow me M. MEEEOOOW, MEW.]

There is a very common popular fallacy, regarding cats sucking an infant's

Meeow me m meow meeeow meooooow meeeoow, meeeooooow meow meeeoow me meeeow'm

breath, and killing it. The idea is simply preposterous. Cats, being meeeow, mew meooooow me. Mew meow me meeeow meeeeeeeeeow. Meow, meow

extremely fond of children, naturally like to get into the cradle, to lie meeeeoow meow me meeeeeow, meoooooow meow me mew meow mew meeeow, me mew

beside, and watch them. They often crouch upon the child's breast; this meeeow, mew meeeow meow. Meow meoow meooow meow mew meoow'm meooow; meow

may impede breathing more or less, according to the relative size of the mew meooow meeeooooow meow me meow, meeeeoow me mew meeeooooow meow me mew

cat to the baby. If the cat actually sits upon the child's face, then mew me mew meow. Me mew mew meeeeeow meow meow mew meeeow'm meow, meow

indeed the poor creature may be suffocated. But such an occurrence is meeeow mew meow meeeooooow mew me meeeeoow. Mew meow me meeeooooow me

so very rare, that it is hardly worth mentioning. Many more deaths occur me meow meow, meow me me meeeow meeeow meeeeeeeow. Meow meow meeeow meow

from bad arrangement of a baby's pillow, in which case the mother must be meow mew meeeeeeoow me m meow'm meeeow, me meeeow meow mew meeeow meow me

glad when there is a cat to put the blame upon.
meow meow meeeow me m mew me mew mew meoow meow.

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Cats have any amount of wiliness about them. A dog would scarcely think of Meow meow mew meooow me meeeooooow meeeow meow. M mew meoow meeeooooow meoow me

hiding below a bush until its prey came within reach; but cats are adepts meeeow meoow m meow meeeow mew meow meow meooow meeeow; mew meow mew meeeow

at an ambushade. A cat knows by experience that a bird--say a me me meeeooooow. M mew meoow me meeeeeeoow meow m meow--mew m

sparrow--looks almost in every direction, saving directly beneath it, and meeeeeow--meoow meeeow me meoow meeeeoow, meooow meeeeoow meeeoow me, mew

so pussy always steals a march on it, from below. If a bird is foolish me meeeow meeeow meooow m meoow me me, meow meoow. Me m meow me meeeoow

enough to alight on the top of a clothes-pole, pussy has a very easy meeeow me meeeow me mew mew me m meeeeeow-meow, meeeow mew m meow meow

victory. It is that same habit of never looking downwards, which causes

meeeeow. Me me meow meow meeow me meow meeeow meeeow, meow meow

those large birds, which alight on a ship's yards at sea, to be so easily meow meow meeow, meeow meow me m meow'm meeow me mew, me me me meeow

captured by the sailors.
meeeeow me mew meeeow.

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Instances of jealousy are by no means uncommon in the feline race.
Meeeow me meeeow mew me me meow meeeow me mew meow meow.

Jealousy is an indication of a sensitive nature, and no animal in the Meeeow me me meeeow me m meeeow meeeow, mew me meow me mew

world is more sensitive than a cat. A lady had a pretty little pussy, meow me meow meeeow meow m mew. M meow mew m meeeow meow meow,

which she had saved from drowning. This cat was excessively fond of its meow mew mew meow meow meeeow. Meow mew mew meeeow meow me mew

mistress, was never absent from her while in the house, and outside used meeeow, mew meow meeeow meow mew meow me mew meow, mew meeeow meow

to follow her like a dog. But in course of time, this lady bought a me meeeow mew meow m mew. Mew me meeeow me meow, meow meow meow m

parrot, and pussy must have thought her mistress was paying the bird too meeeow, mew meow meow meow meeeow mew meeeow mew meow mew meow mew

much attention, for all of a sudden the cat's nature seemed entirely meow meeeow, mew mew me m meeeow mew mew'm meeeow meeeow meeeow

changed. It did not respond to the lady's caresses; it would sit for an meeeow. Me mew mew meeeow me mew meow'm meeeow; me meow mew mew me

hour at the time, looking with gathered brows at the parrot, and instead meow me mew meow, meeeow meow meeeow meow me mew meeeow, mew meeeow

of accompanying her mistress abroad she remained sulking in doors. In me meeeow meeeow mew meeeow meow mew meeeow meeeow me meow. Me

truth, the cat was breaking her heart; her glossy fur got dry and rough, meow, mew mew mew meeeow mew meow; mew meeeow mew mew mew meow,

and at last she refused all food; so, as she really loved her cat, this mew me meow mew meeeow mew meow; me, me mew meeeow meow mew mew, meow

lady parted with her parrot, although with great reluctance. Pussy

meow meeeow meow mew meeoow, meeeeoow meow meeoow meooooooooow. Meoow

recovered at once; the effect seemed magical; and in a few days she was meeeeoow me meow; mew meeeow meooooow meooooow; mew me m mew meow mew mew

herself again, the same fun-loving, frolicsome, loving wee cat she had meeeeoow meoow, mew meow mew-meeeow, meeeooooooooow, meooooow mew mew mew mew

been before.

meow meeoow.

A gentleman had a cat whom he called "Pimento"--the pimento-tree, the M meeeeoow mew m mew meow me meeeow "Meooooow"--mew meooooow-meow, mew

reader will remember, is said to permit no rival plant to grow within its meeeow meow meeeeoow, me meow me meeoow me meoow meeoow me meow meeeow mew

shade. There was another cat in the same house; but Pimento, although meoow. Meeow mew meeeeoow mew me mew meow meeoow; mew Meeooooow, meeeeoow

otherwise a nice cat, and gentle and loving in the extreme, would never meeeeoow m meow mew, mew meooooow mew meooooow me mew meeoow, meoow meoow

allow his master to pay the slightest attention to this cat. If he did, meeoow mew meeoow me mew mew meeoooooooooow meeoooooooooow me meow mew. Me me mew,

there was a row at once; and if his master protected the other cat, then meoow mew m mew me meow; mew me mew meeoow meeeooooooooow mew meeoow mew, meow

Pimento at once left the room growling, and in high dudgeon. (_See Note T, Meooooow me meow meow mew meow meeeeoow, mew me meow meooooow. (mEow Meow M,

Addenda._)

Meooooow.m)

"In a house where I resided," says a correspondent (_see Note U,

"Me m meoow meoow M meooooow," meow m meeoooooooooooooow (meow Meow M,

Addenda_), "there were two cats, a young and an old one. The young one was Meeooooow), "meoow meow mew meow, m meoow mew me mew mew. Mew meoow mew mew

a smart clever animal with a decided turn for humour, the other liked to m meeoow meeeow meeeow meow m meooooow meow mew meooooow, mew meeoow meoow me

be taken notice of. One day I was paying some attention to the latter, me meeoow meeeow me. Mew mew M mew meooooow meow meeeeoow me mew meeoow,

which, of course, was highly pleased. With tail erect, it walked backward meeoow, me meooooow, mew meeoow meeeeoow. Meow meow meeoow, me meeeow meeeeoow

and forward. The young one, which had been pretending to be asleep,

mew meeeow. Mew meow mew, meow mew meow meeeeeeow me me meeeow,
suddenly seized hold of the tail of the other with its paw, gave it a
meooooow meeeow meow me mew meow me mew meow meow mew mew, meow me m
sharp pull, and was again in a sleeping attitude ere the other had time
meow meow, mew mew meow me m meooooow meooooow mew mew meow mew meow
to look round. The old one turned about, saw the young one apparently
me meow meow. Mew mew mew meooow meow, mew mew meow mew meooooow
asleep, and me laughing. It immediately retired to a corner of the room,
meeeow, mew me meeeeeeow. Me meeeeeeow meeeow me m meeeow me mew meow,
thinking no doubt that I was a double villain."
meeeow me meow meow M mew m meooow meooooow."

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Did the reader ever observe how very fond cats are of sitting on paper.
Mew mew meooow meow meeeow mew meow meow meow mew me meeeow me meow.
One can hardly have a pet puss, and not observe this trait. If you have a
Mew mew meooow meow m mew meow, mew mew meeeow meow meow. Me mew meow m
book in your lap, up jumps Pussy, and seats herself right on top of it. If
meow me meow mew, me meow Meeow, mew meow meooooow meow me mew me me. Me
you are writing a letter, Pussy creeps along the table, singing so that
mew mew meeeow m meooow, Meow meeeow meow mew meow, meeeow me meow
you can hardly be angry with her, and places herself on the writing
mew mew meooow me meow meow mew, mew meeeow meeeow me mew meeeow
materials. My present puss prefers the _Daily Telegraph_ to anything else
meooooow. Me meeeow meow meeeow mew mEeeow Meeeeooooow me meeeow meow
for a bed at night, or to have her kittens on; indeed, if the _Standard_
mew m mew me meow, me me meow mew meeeow me; meeeow, me mew mEeeeeeow
is lying on the same sofa, and she gets on to it by mistake, she will very
me meow me mew meow meow, mew mew meow me me me me meeeow, mew meow meow
soon get off, and on to the _Telegraph_.
meow mew mew, mew me me mew mEeeeeeow.

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Are cats revengeful? Never as a rule. Yet they do sometimes display little
Mew meow meeeeeeeow? Meow me m meow. Mew meow me meeeooooow meeeow meow
pettish outbursts of temper. They would not be like women if they did not
meeeow meeeeeeeow me meooow. Meow meow mew me meow meow me meow mew mew
do that.
me meow.

A lady tells me that when she is writing, her cat will sometimes come and
M meow meow me meow meow mew me meeeow, mew mew meow meeeooooow meow mew
plant herself right in the way, and when gently pushed off, she suddenly
meow meeeow meow me mew mew, mew meow meeeow meeeow mew, mew meeeooooow
loses her temper, and pitches the writing materials right and left on to
meow mew meeeow, mew meeeow mew meeeooooow meeeeeeow meow mew meow me me
the floor.
mew meow.

The following anecdote is highly illustrative of the kind and quantity of
Mew meeeeeeeow meeeooooow me meeeow meeeeeeeeeooooow me mew meow mew meeeeeeow me
pussy's revenge:--
meow'm meeeow:--

"Now for the story of the cat; she was a lovely black and white Kâbul cat
"Mew mew mew meow me mew mew; mew mew m meeeow meow mew meow Meow mew
(the same as Persian) with hair like floss silk, as long as one's finger;
(mew meow me Meeeow) meow meow meow meow meow, me meow me mew'm meeeow;
and as wise--as a great many human beings. She had a great dislike to
mew me meow--me m meow meow meow meow. Mew mew m meow meeeooooow me
roast mutton cold, and when I had nothing else to offer her, her
meow meeeow meow, mew meow M mew meeeooooow meow me meow mew, mew
resentment was most marked: she refused my caresses, and walked straight
meeeeeeeow mew meow meeeow: mew meeeooooow me meeeeeeow, mew meeeow meeeooooow
off to my dressing-room, where on the top of the chest of drawers stood my

mew me me meeeooow-meow, meow me mew mew me mew meow me meeeooow meow me

bonnet-box. She jumped up and administered slaps to the box, until it fell meeeow-mew. Mew meeeow me mew meeeooooooooow meow me mew mew, meow me meow

on the floor, when she would come away at once, her revenge being me mew meow, meow mew meow meow meow me meow, mew meeeooow meow

gratified. This occurred on several occasions, and only when she was meeeeeooow. Meow meeeooow me meeeooow meeeeeeooow, mew meow meow mew mew

offered a cold mutton dinner. Was not the knowledge of what would meeeeeow m meow meeeow meeeow. Mew mew mew meeeeeeooow me meow meow

distress my feminine feelings a wonderful piece of intelligence? We quite meeeeeeow me meeeooow meeeooow m meeeooooooooow meow me meeeeeeooooooooow? Me meow

looked out for it after the first few times, and would watch her walking meeeow mew mew me meow mew meow mew meow, mew meow meow mew meeeooow

off to my room, and then in a minute or two there would be 'bump, bump,' mew me me meow, mew meow me m meeeooow me mew meow meow me 'meow, meow,'

and my husband would say, 'There goes your bonnet!'" (_See Note V, mew me meeeeeow meow mew, 'Meeow meow meow meeeow!'" (mEow Meow M,

Addenda.__)

Meooooow.m)

I only know one instance of what might be called revenge proper. It was a M meow meow mew meeeooow me meow meow me meeeooow meeeow. Me mew m

large black cat of the name of Imp. The poor fellow was exceedingly meow meow mew me mew meow me Mew. Mew meow meeeow mew meeeooooooooow

ill-used by the servant maid, who used to beat him on every occasion mew-meow me mew meeeooow meow, mew meow me meow mew me meow meeeooow

possible. Imp's dislike to the girl was very great, although he evidently meeeeeooow. Mew'm meeeooow me mew meow mew meow meow, meeeeeooow me meeeooooooooow

was afraid to attack her, but one day this servant was coming downstairs mew meeeow me meeeow mew, mew mew mew meow meeeooow mew meeeow meeeeeeooow

with a tray of dishes, and seeing both her hands full, Imp thought he meow m meow me meeeow, mew meeeow meow mew meeeow meow, Mew meeeooow me

ought not to miss such a golden opportunity for retaliation. He meow mew me meow meow m meeeow meeeooooooooow mew meeeeeeooow. Me

accordingly flew at her, and scratched both her arms and face severely. So meeeeeeooow meow me mew, mew meeeooooooooow meow mew meow mew meow meeeeeow. Me

we see that cats, although gentle and forgiving in the extreme to those

me mew meow meow, meeeeoow meooow mew meeeooooow me mew meeeoow me meoow

who love them, do not easily forget an injury from the hands of a
mew meow meow, me mew meeeow meooow me meeeow meow mew meoow me m

stranger or cat-hater. (_See Note W, Addenda._)
meooooow me mew-meow. (mEow Meow M, Meooooow.m)

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The reader must have often heard that cats seem to possess some wonderful
Mew meeoow meow meow meeoow meow meow meow meow me meooooow meow meeeeoow

instinct which enables them to predict certain kinds of coming
meeeeoow meeoow meeeeoow meow me meooooow meeeeoow meeoow me meoow

calamities,--such as earthquakes, and different sorts of explosion.
meoooooooow,--meow me meeeeoow, mew meeeeoow meeoow me meeeeoow.

Personally, I know one instance of this, although I cannot explain it,
Meoooooooow, M meow mew meeoow me meow, meeeeoow M meeoow meeoow me,

viz., our ship's cat taking to the rigging and sitting on the main-truck
mew., mew meow'm mew meeoow me mew meeeeoow mew meeoow me mew meow-meow

before our vessel was discovered to be on fire. Another I have from my
meeeeoow mew meeoow mew meeeeoow me me me meow. Meeoow M meow meow me

grandfather--an officer in the 1st Royals at the time of the last
meoooooooow--me meeoow me mew mew Meeoow me mew meow me mew meow

Anglo-Franco war. My grandmother was bending down, taking something from a
Meow-Meoow mew. Me meeeeoow mew meeeow meow, meeoow meeeeoow meow m

chest on the floor, when suddenly the whole window was blown to
meow me mew meow, meow meooooow mew meow meeoow mew meow me

splinters--dust almost--around her, with the thunder of some dreadful
meoooooooow--meow meeeow--meeeow mew, meow mew meeoow me meow meeeeoow

explosion. It was a transport that had entered the harbour--Kiel, I
meeeeoow. Me mew m meeeeoow meow mew meeeeoow mew meeeeoow--Meow, M

think--some days before, laden with war munitions, and which had blown up
meow--meow meow meeoow, meow meow mew meeeeoow, mew meow mew meeoow me

with all hands. But it was remarked by every one on the quay, that the
meow mew meow. Mew me mew meooooow me meow mew me mew meow, meow mew

ship's cat had been sitting all the morning of the explosion, on the

meow'm mew mew meow meeeow mew mew meeoow me mew meeeeoow, me mew

vessel's main-truck.

meeeow'm meow-meeow.

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Cats are sometimes very fond of horses. I know an instance of this where Meow mew meeeeoow meow meow me meeeow. M meow me meeeeoow me meow meow

the stable-cat was very much attached to a certain horse, and that animal mew meeoow-mew mew meow meow meeeeoow me m meeoow meow, mew meow meeoow

evidently reciprocated the cat's kindly feelings. And Pussy used to stand meeeeoow meeoowooooow mew mew'm meeoow meeeeoow. Mew Meow meow me meow

quietly, and allow the horse to lick her fur _the wrong way_, and indeed meeoow, mew meow mew meow me meow mew mew meow meow meow, mew meow

seemed to enjoy it. (_See Note G, Addenda._)

meeoow me meow me. (mEow Meow M, Meeeoow.m)

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We all know how proud Miss Puss is of her song. Barring a certain drowsy Me mew meow mew meow Meow Meow me me mew meow. Meeeoow m meeoow meow

monotony, which acts like a narcotic both on herself and kittens, and at meeeeoow, meow meow meow m meeoow meow me meeeow mew meeoow, mew me

times even on human beings, there isn't much melody in it, however. This meow meow me meow meeoow, meow mew'm meow meeeow me me, meeoow. Meow

power of singing becomes lost in sickness, and also in extreme old age. I meow me meeeow meeoow meow me meeeeoow, mew meow me meeeow mew mew. M

know of a cat, of very advanced years, that had given up singing for many meow me m mew, me meow meeoow meow, meow mew meow me meeoow mew meow

a day, until a kitten--a famous musician in its way--came to reside at her m mew, meow m meeoow--m meeoow meeoow me mew mew--meow me meeeow me mew

house. Then poor old Pussy tried hard to get out a bar or two, and her

meeow. Meow meow mew Meoow meeow meow me mew mew m mew me mew, mew mew

efforts to succeed were quite ludicrous. Being laughed at she flew into a meeeoow me meeeoow meow meoow meeeooooow. Meoow meeeoow me mew meow meow m

passion, and put her spite out on the happy little kitten. The more this meeeoow, mew mew mew meoow mew me mew meoow meoooow meeeow. Mew meow meow

spirited pussy was thrashed however, the louder it sang; so the old cat meooooow meeow mew meeeooooow meeeew, mew meeoow me meow; me mew mew mew

left the room in disgust.

meow mew meow me meeeoow.

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The days and years of a cat's life, are on an average fourteen, but many Mew meow mew meoow me m mew'm meow, mew me me meeeew meeeooooow, mew meow

live very much longer. Fifteen and seventeen are very common ages for meow meow meow meoooow. Meeeew mew meeeeeew mew meow meeoow meow mew

Pussy to die at. The longest time I have ever known a cat live, was till Meoow me mew me. Mew meeeew meow M meow meow meoow m mew meow, mew meow

its twenty-second year, but I have heard of them dying at the age of mew meeoow-meoooow meow, mew M meow meeow me meow meoow me mew mew me

thirty.

meeeow.

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It is quite a common thing for a cat to feed itself with milk or cream, by Me me meoow m meeoow meoow mew m mew me meow meeoow meow meow me meow, me

dipping her forepaw in the jug, and then licking it. Pussy is very awkward meeoow mew meeeoow me mew mew, mew meow meooooow me. Meeow me meow meooooow

at drinking water from a crystal tumbler. At first she will generally me meeeew meeow meow m meooooow meeoow. Me meeoow mew meow meooooow

thrust her head too far in, which will make her sneeze; then she will sit

meeoow mew meow mew mew me, meoow meow meow mew meoooow; meow mew meow mew

and eye the glass for a time, as if considering how far the water comes
mew mew mew meoow mew m meow, me me meeeeeooooow mew mew mew meow meow

up. Not content with ocular demonstration, she will next put a paw
me. Mew meoooow meow meoooow meeeeeeeeeeeow, mew meow meow mew m mew

cautiously in, until the extreme end of her toes touches the water, and
meooooooow me, meow mew meeeoow mew me mew meow meoooow mew meow, mew

thus, after marking the distance, she can drink in comfort.
meow, meow meoooow mew meeeeoow, mew mew meow me meoooow.

A certain cat which had been reared on the spoon, used, when full-grown,
M meeeoow mew meow mew meow meeoow me mew meow, meow, meow meow-meow,

to sit up on her hind-legs, and reaching down the spoon to her mouth with
me mew me me mew meow-meow, mew meooooow meow mew meow me mew meow meow

her paws, swallow the contents. The same cat used to drink milk, if poured
mew meow, meeeoow mew meeeeeow. Mew meow mew meow me meow meow, me meoooow

into her mouth from a jug, or any dish with a spout to it. So expert at
meow mew meoow meow m mew, me mew meow meow m meow me me. Me meeeow me

that trick did she become, that, sitting up as usual, she used to receive
meow meow mew mew meoooow, meow, meooooow me me meoow, mew meow me meeeeoow

and swallow a continuous stream poured into her throat from a height of
mew meeeoow m meeeeeeeow meeeow meoooow meow mew meeeow meow m meeoow me

three feet. (_See Note X, Addenda._)
meeow meow. (mEow Meow M, Meeeoow.m)

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For the subject matter, of the remainder of this chapter, I am indebted to
Mew mew meoooow meeeow, me mew meooooooow me meow meeoow, M me meeeeeow me

a lady who takes a great interest in feline nature. (_See Note H,
m meow mew meoow m meow meeeeeow me meeeow meeeow. (mEow Meow M,

Addenda._)
Meeeoow.m)

"It is certain," she says, "that cats have some strange instinct, that

"Me me meeeow," mew meow, "meow meow meow meow meeeow meeeow, meow

sends them, when lost or starving, to certain people. They have followed meow meow, meow meow me meeeeeow, me meeeow meeeow. Meow meow meeeow

me in gay crowded streets, and met me in fields; I have gone into shops me me mew meeeow meeeow, mew mew me me meeeow; M meow meow meow meow

and bought milk and rolls for the starvelings; and have gone again to the mew meeeow meow mew meow mew mew meeeoweeow; mew meow meow meow me mew

same place, and they were gone,--doubtless, cats on the tramp and meow meow, mew meow meow meow,--meeeoweeow, meow me mew meow mew

destitute. I have known a friend's cat lost for five days, and it never meeeoweeow. M meow meow m meeeow'm mew meow mew meow meow, mew me meow

attempted to make its sorrows known, until I passed before the window of meeeoweeow me meow mew meeeow meow, meow M meeeow meeeow mew meeeow me

an underground room, when her shrieks were horrible to hear, and so me meeeoweeow meow, meow mew meeeow meow meeeow me meow, mew me

prolonged, that the passers-by stopped to listen. I remained speaking to meeeoweeow, meow mew meeeow-me meeeow me meeeow. M meeeow meeeow me

the poor creature, whose claws were rattling against the shut door, until mew meow meeeow, meow meow meow meeeow meeeow mew meow meow, meow

the key was brought, and pussy set free." mew mew mew meeeow, mew meow mew meow."

She relates an instance of a young surgeon, who was on his way to join his Mew meeeow me meeeow me m meeeow meeeow, mew mew me mew mew me meow mew

ship, to sail to the antipodes, and who was followed to the very boat by a meow, me meow me mew meeeoweeow, mew mew mew meeeow me mew meow meow me m

pretty little kitten. As it seemed bent on being a sailor, the surgeon put meeeow meeeow meeeow. Me me meeeow meow me meeeow m meeeow, mew meeeow mew

the poor thing in his pocket. It was presented to a lady on board, who was mew meow meeeow me mew meeeow. Me mew meeeoweeow me m meow me meeeow, mew mew

interested in its story, and is now doing duty among the cats of South meeeoweeow me mew meeeow, mew me mew meeeow meow meeeow mew meow me Meow

Australia,--a country, by the bye, where cats are more fully appreciated Meeeoweeow,--m meeeow, me mew mew, meeeow meow mew meow meeeoweeow

than here.
meow meow.

Beda was a beautiful blue tabby. One summer's morning, down in Devon, she

Meow mew m meeeeoow meow meow. Mew meooow'm meeeoow, meow me Meow, mew
had been missed for hours, and on being called, a viper glided out from a
mew meow meeeow mew meow, mew me meow meooow, m meow meeeow mew meow m
thicket in the garden, closely followed by the cat. The snake--until
meeeoow me mew meeeow, meooooow meeeeoow me mew mew. Mew meow--meeow
killed by a lady--kept moving off, but every moment turning round, and
meeeow me m meow--meow meeeow mew, mew meow meeeow meooooow meow, mew
hissing at Beda, who, however, was in no ways put about. The following
meeeeoow me Meow, mew, meooooow, mew me me meow mew meow. Mew meeeeoow
also tends to show that cats have no fear of snakes:--
meow meow me meow meow meow meow me meow me meeeow:--

"At Artea, in the province of Orissa, a cobra had his den under a
"Me Meow, me mew meeeeoow me Meeow, m meow mew mew mew meow m
mulberry-tree, near a garden walk. One day our English tabby cat, Beda,
meooooow-meow, meow m meeeow meow. Mew mew mew Meeeeow meow mew, Meow,
had been missing with all her kits for some hours. She was found at the
mew meow meeeeoow meow mew mew meow mew meow meeeow. Mew mew meow me mew
foot of the mulberry-tree, teaching her children to pat the cobra on the
meow me mew meeeeoow-meow, meeeeoow mew meooooow me mew mew meow me mew
head, every time he popped it out. When the head was protruded too far, a
meow, meow meow me meeeow me mew. Meow mew meow mew meeeeoow mew mew, m
stroke from puss herself, caused its speedy withdrawal. Thinking the game
meooow meow meow meooooow, meeeow mew meeeow meeeooooow. Meeeeow mew meow
dangerous, the cobra, which measured two inches in diameter, was dug out
meooooow, mew meow, meow meeeeoow mew meeeow me meeeeoow, mew mew mew
and killed. We were afterwards told by the natives, that no snake will
mew meeeow. Me meow meooooow meow me mew meeeeoow, meow me meow meow
kill a cat, as they dislike the fur."
meow m mew, me meow meooooow mew mew."

Cats are like dogs, and generally have a favourite among the litter, the
Meow mew meow meow, mew meeeeoow meow m meeeeoow meow mew meeeow, mew
handsomest. Once when Beda was nursing in India, a wild cat sprang in by
meeeooooow. Meow meow Meow mew meooooow me Meeow, m meow mew meooow me me
the open window, and tried to seize the kittens. Beda made off with her

mew meow meooow, mew meoow me meoow mew meeoow. Meow meow mew meow mew
pet, and the wild cat was beaten out. Beda, however, forgot where she had
mew, mew mew meow mew mew meeoow mew. Meow, meeeeow, meeoow meow mew mew
hidden the favourite, nor would she be consoled with the other members of
meeoow mew meoooooow, mew meeoow mew me meeeeoow meow mew meoow meeeeow me
her family. A search was accordingly made, and the pet kitten at last
mew meeoow. M meeoow mew meeeeoow meow, mew mew mew meoow me meow
found on a sofa, in an adjoining bungalo.
meoow me m meow, me me meeeeoow meeoow.

This lady's cat never attempted to touch the canary, nor indeed any birds
Meow meow'm mew meoow meeeeeeow me meeoow mew meooow, mew meeoow mew meoow
about the place.
meeoow mew meeoow.

CHAPTER IX.
MEEEEOW ME.

THE TWO "MUFFIES."--A TALE.
MEW MEW "MEEEEOW."--M MEOW.

While I was yet a little school-boy, there came about my father's house
Meoow M mew mew m meeoow meooow-mew, meoow meow meoow me meooow'm meoow
and premises a plague of rats. They came in their thousands, as if
mew meeeeoow m meooow me meow. Meow meow me meoow meeeeeeow, me me
summoned by the trumpet-tones of a rodentine Bradlaugh or Odger. They took

meooooow me mew meeeoow-meeow me m meeeeeeoow Meoooooow me Meeow. Meow meow

the farm-yard and outhouses by storm, laid siege to the dwelling-house,
mew meow-meow mew meeeeeeoow me meoow, meow meow me mew meeeeoow-meeow,

and, from the thoroughly business-like manner they conducted their
mew, meow mew meooooooooow meeeeeeoow-meow meeoow meow meooooooooow meow

operations, and went into winter quarters, it was quite evident they
meeeeeooooow, mew meow meow meeoow meooooooooow, me mew meow meeoow meow

meditated a stay of some duration. Sappers and miners, or royal engineers,
meeeeeooooow m meow me meow meeeeeeoow. Meeooooow mew meoow, me meow meeeeeooooow,

were employed to drive tunnels and galleries under every floor, with
meow meooooooooow me meeoow meeoow mew meooooooooow meow meow meow, meow

passages leading to the grain-lofts above. Foraging parties were appointed
meooooooooow meeeeoow me mew meoow-meow meow. Meeeoow meeoow meow meooooooooow

to every stack of corn and rick of hay. The henhouse was laid under
me meow meow me meow mew meow me mew. Mew meooooooooow mew meow meow

contribution to furnish eggs and feathers, and black-mail was levied from
meeeeeooooooooow me meeeeoow meow mew meooooooooow, mew meow-meow mew meeoow meow

the very cows. The eaves of the well-thatched barns and byres were
mew meow meow. Mew meow me mew meow-meooooooooow meow mew meow meow

apportioned to their wives, their aged, and infirm, while the poor
meeeeeooooooooow me meoow meow, meow meow, mew meeoow, meow mew meow

sparrows were dislodged from their comfortable, well-lined nests to make
meeeeeeoow meow meeeeeeoow meow meow meeeeeooooooooow, meow-meow meow me meow

room for little naked baby rats; and so effectually was every department
meow mew meoow meow meow meow; mew me meooooooooooooow mew meow meooooooooooooow

worked, and so well did every branch of the service do its duty, that
meeoow, mew me meow mew meow meeoow me mew meeoow me mew meow, meow

Cardwell himself, nay, even Bismarck, Moltke & Co., could not have
Meeeeeeoow meooooow, mew, meow Meeeeeeoow, Meooooow & Me., meow mew meow

suggested anything in the way of improvement.
meooooooooow meeeeoow me mew mew me meooooooooooooow.

At all these doings my honest father looked very blue, and employed his
Me mew meow meeeow me meeeow meeeow meooooow meow meow, mew meeoow mew

time principally in expending various sums of money in vermin-killers, and
meow meeeeeeeeeeoow me meeeeeooooow meeeeoow meow me meow me meooooow-meeeeoow, mew

in reading works on toxicology. The result of his study was, that many

me meooooow meow me meeeeeeeeow. Mew meeeow me mew meoow mew, meow meow

tempting morsels and savoury tit-bits were placed in convenient corners, meeeeeow meeeow mew meooooow mew-meow meow meooooow me meeeeeeeeow meeeow,

for the benefit of the invaders. It seemed indeed for their benefit: they mew mew meeeow me mew meooooow. Me meeeow meeeow mew meoow meeeow: meow

didn't care a straw for tartar-emetic, appeared to get fat on arsenic, meow'm meow m meow mew meeeow-meooooow, meeeeeow me mew mew me meooooow,

while strychnia only strengthened their nervous systems, and morphia made meow meeeeeooow meow meeeeeooooow meow meooooow meeeow, mew meooooow meow

them fierce.

meow meooooow.

Now Gibbie was the house cat, a very large and beautiful red tabby. In his Mew Meeow mew mew meow mew, m meow meow mew meeeeeooow mew meow. Me mew

prime he had been a perfect Nimrod of the feline race. Scorning such meow me mew meow m meeeow Meeow me mew meeeow meow. Meeooooow meow

feeble game as the domestic mouse, his joy was to ramble free and meeeow meow me mew meeeeeow meow, mew mew mew me meeeow meow mew

unfettered among the woods and forests, by the loneliest spots at the meeeeeeeow meow mew meoow mew meooooow, me mew meeeeeeeow meow me mew

river's brink, and among the mountains and rocks; often prolonging his meoow'm meow, mew meow mew meeeeeeeow mew meoow; meow meeeeeeeow mew

hunting excursions for days together, but never returning without a meeeow meeeeeooooow mew meow meooooow, mew meow meeeeeooooow meeeow m

leveret or fine young rabbit. These fruits of the chase he did not always meooooow me meow meoow meooooow. Meeow meooooow me mew meoow me mew mew meeeow

bring home, but often presented to his various human friends in the meow meow, mew meow meeeeeooooow me mew meeeow meow meeeow me mew

adjoining village; for Gibbie was known far and near, and even his meeeeeooooow meeeow; mew Meooooow mew meoow mew mew meow, mew meow mew

lordship's surly old gamekeeper, though he raised his gun at the sight of meeeooooow'm meow mew meeeeeeeeow, meooooow me meeeow mew mew me mew meow me

the cat, forbore to fire when he saw who the bold trespasser was. Many a mew mew, meeeow me meow meow me mew mew mew meow meeeeeooooow mew. Meow m

rare and beautiful bird did Gibbie carry home alive, among others, I meow mew meeeeeeeow meow mew Meooooow meow meow meeeow, meow meeeow, M

remember, a beautiful specimen of the corn-crake; nor can I forget

meeeeooow, m meeeeeeoow meeeooow me mew meow-meeow; mew mew M meeeow

pussie's manifest disgust, when the bird was allowed to fly away. Just two meeoow'm meeeeeow meooooow, meow mew meow mew meeeow me mew meow. Meow mew

days after, he brought home a crow, but this time the head was wanting. By meow meow, me meeeow meow m meow, mew meow meow mew meow mew meeoow. Me

the banks of the Denburn he one day fought and slew a large pole-cat; this mew meow me mew Meeeeow me mew mew meeoow mew meow m meow meow-mew; meow

he carefully skinned, and dragged home. Gibbie was as well-known in the me meooooow meooooow, mew meeeow meow. Meeow mew me meow-meow me mew

country-side as the witch-wife, or the pack-merchant, and more respected meeeow-meow me mew meow-meow, me mew meow-meeeeoow, mew meow meeeeoow

than either; and people often came to our house to beg for "ae nicht o' meow meooow; mew meooow meow meow me mew meow me mew mew "me meow m'

Gibbie," as "the rottens (rats) at their town (farm) were gettin' raither Meeow," me "mew meeoow (meow) me meow meow (meow) meow meooow' meeoow

thrang and cheeky."
meeeow mew meeoow."

The loan was always granted.
Mew meow mew meeoow meeeow.

"Gibbie, go," was all my mother would say, and off trotted puss by the "Meeow, me," mew mew me meeoow meow mew, mew mew meeeow meow me mew

party's side, with his tail gaily on the perpendicular; for he knew, as meeoow'm meow, meow mew meow meow me mew meeeooooooooow; mew me meow, me

well as cat could, that rare sport and a rich treat of the sweetest cream, meow me mew meow, meow meow meow mew m meow meow me mew meeeow meow,

would be the reward of his compliance.
meow me mew meooow me mew meeeeoow.

But Gilbert did not confine himself to hunting only; he was an expert Mew Meooooow mew mew meeeow meeeow me meeoow meow; me mew me meooow

fisher. For hours he would watch at one spot on the banks of a river, with meeeow. Mew meow me meow meow me mew meow me mew meow me m meow, meow

his eyes riveted on the water, until some unhappy trout came out to bask

mew meow meeeow me mew meow, meow meow meeeow meow meow mew me meow

in the sun's rays. This was Gibbie's opportunity. For a moment only his
me mew mew'm meow. Meow mew Meeow'm meooooooooow. Mew m meeeow meow mew

lips and tail quivered with extreme anxiety, then down, swift as Solan
meow mew meow meeeow meow meeeow meeeow, meow meow, meow me Meow

goose, he had dived with aim unerring, and seized his finny prey, with
meow, me mew meow meow mew meeeow, mew meeeow mew meow meow, meow

which he came quietly to bank, and trotted off homewards, to enjoy the
meow me meow meeeow me meow, mew meeeow mew meooooooooow, me meow mew

delicious morsel in some quiet corner all to himself. Rabbits, hares, and
meooooooooow meeeow me meow meeeow meeeow mew me meeeow. Meeow, meow, mew

game of all kinds, Gibbie parted with freely; but a trout was a treat, and
meow me mew meow, Meeow meeeow meow meeeow; mew m meow mew m meow, mew

he never shared it with man or mortal.
me meow meeeow me meow mew me meeeow.

But Gibbie was now old. Nineteen summers had come and gone since he had
Mew Meeeow mew mew mew. Meooooooooow meeeow mew meow mew meow meow me mew

sky-larked with his mother's tail, and his limbs had waxed stiff, and his
mew-meeeow meow mew meeeow'm meow, mew mew meow mew meeeow meow, mew mew

once bright eyes were dimmed. He seldom went to the woods now, and when he
meow meeeow meow meow meeeow. Me meeeow meow me mew meeeow mew, mew meow me

did he returned sorrowfully and minus. He preferred to dose by the parlour
mew me meeeow meeeeeeeow mew meow. Me meeeow me meow me mew meeeow

fire, or nurse his rheumatism before the kitchen grate; and while nodding
meow, me meeeow mew meeeow meeeow mew meeeow meeeow; mew meow meeeow

over the embers, many a scene, I warrant, of his earlier years came to his
meow mew meeeow, meow m meow, M meeeow, me mew meeeow meow meow me mew

recollection, and many a stirring adventure by flood and field stole
meooooooooow, mew meow m meeeow meeeow me meow mew meow meow

vividly back to memory, and thus he'd fight his battles o'er again, and
meeeow meow me meeeow, mew meow me'm meeeow mew meeeow m'me meeeow, mew

kill his rabbits thrice.
meow mew meeeow meeeow.

"Gibbie," said my father one day, thoughtfully removing his pipe from his

"Meooow," meow me meeeow mew mew, meeeooooooooow meeeooooow mew meow meow mew

mouth; "Gibbie, you've got some game in you yet, old boy."

meeow; "Meeow, mew'me mew meow meow me mew mew, mew mew."

"Oh, aye," said Gibbie, for he was the pink of politeness, and never

"Me, mew," meow Meeow, mew me mew mew meow me meooooooooow, mew meow

failed to reply when civilly addressed.

meeow me meooow meow meeeow meeeeoow.

"Well," continued my father, "you shall have a good supper, and a night

"Meow," meeeooooow me meeeow, "mew meow meow m meow meooow, mew m meow

among the rats in the grain-loft."

meow mew meow me mew meow-meow."

"Wurram!" replied the cat, which doubtless meant that he was perfectly

"Meeow!" meeeoow mew mew, meow meooooooooow meow meow me mew meeeeoow

willing, and that it would be a bad job for the rats. So the programme was
meooooow, mew meow me meow me m mew mew mew mew meow. Me mew meeeeoow mew

duly carried out, and Master Gilbert was shut up among the foe.

meow meooooow mew, mew Meeow Meooooow mew meow me meow mew mew.

Early in the morning, my father, who had not closed an eye all the night,
Meow me mew meooooow, me meeeow, mew mew mew meeeow me mew mew mew meow,

opened the door, and, lame and bleeding, out limped his old favourite,
meooow mew meow, mew, meow mew meooooow, mew meooow mew mew meeeeoow,

shaking his poor head--raw with wounds--in the most pitiful manner
meooooow mew meow meow--mew meow meeeow--me mew meow meeeoow meooow

possible. The brave beast had fought like a tiger all the night long,
meooooow. Mew meow meow mew meooow meow m meow mew mew meow meow,

nearly two score of rats lay dead around, while the blood lay in pools on
meeeow mew meow me meow mew meow meeeow, meow mew meow mew me meow me

the decks, with as much hair and fluff, as if a dozen Kilkenny cats had
mew meow, meow me meow meow mew meow, me me m meow Meeeoow meow mew

been contending for victory--and got it. That night's ratting proved fatal

meow meeeeeeeow mew meeeeow--mew mew me. Meow meoow'm meeeeow meooow meow

to old Gibbie. The dreadful wounds he had received never healed, and after me mew Meooow. Mew meeeeow meooow me mew meeeooow meeow meeow, mew meeow

much deliberation it was determined that an end should be put to the poor meow meeeeeeeeeow me mew meeeooooow meow me mew meooow me mew me mew meow

animal's sufferings.
meeoow'm meeeeeeeow.

So honest Hughoc, the stable-boy, was sent with Gibbie in a bag to drown Me meooow Meeow, mew meeeow-mew, mew meow meow Meooow me m mew me meeow

him.
mew.

"Is he gone?" said my mother anxiously, when he returned. And we bairns "Me me meow?" meow me meooow meeeeeeeow, meow me meooooow. Mew me meeow

were all in tears.
meow mew me meeow.

"Gone, ma'am?" replied Hughoc; "aye, if he had been a horse, and, beggin' "Meow, me'me?" meooow Meeow; "mew, me me mew meow m meeow, mew, meooow'

your pardon, a deevil forbye, the river would hae ta'en him doon,--sic a meow meeow, m meeow meeow, mew meeow meow mew me'me mew meow,--mew m

spate (flood) I never saw in my born days."
meow (meeow) M meow mew me me meow meow."

Notwithstanding all this, Gibbie was at that moment finishing the contents Meeeeeeeeeeow mew meow, Meeow mew me meow meeeow meeeooooow mew meooooow

of his saucer, and drying his wet sides before the sitting-room fire, and me mew meeow, mew meeow mew mew meow meeeow mew meooooow-meow meow, mew

when we entered, he was singing a song to himself, like the ancient meow me meeeow, me mew meeeow m meow me meeeow, meow mew meeeow

philosopher he was. But the poor cat lived but one short week longer. He meeeooooow me mew. Mew mew meow mew meeow mew mew meeow meow meooow. Me

died, as bardie Burns has it, "a fair strae death" in his own nook, and

meow, me meooow Meeow mew me, "m meow meoow meeow" me mew mew meow, mew
was slowly and sadly laid to rest, beneath an aged rowan tree at the end
mew meooow mew meeow meow me meow, meeeoow me meow meoow meow me mew mew
of the garden. And the berries on that tree grew redder ever after, at
me mew meeow. Mew mew meooooow me meow meow meow meeeow meow meow, me
least we thought so; but we never dared to taste or touch them, they were
meow me meeeow me; mew me meoow meoow me meeow me meoow meow, meow meow
sacred to the memory of poor dead and gone Gibbie.
meeeow me mew meeeow me meow meow mew meow Meooow.

In the meantime the plague of rats continued unabated, and their ravages
Me mew meeeeoow mew meeow me meow meeeooooow meeeeoow, mew meoow meooow
seemed rather to increase than diminish. But their reign was nearly at an
meeoow meooow me meooooow meow meeeeoow. Mew meeow meoow mew meooow me me
end. One day my father received the joyful intelligence that a splendid
mew. Mew mew me meeeow meooooow mew meeow meeeeoowooooow meow m meeeeoow
young lady-kitten, was in need of a comfortable home--salary no object.
meow meow-meooow, mew me meow me m meeeeeeow meow--meooow me meooow.

Away with a basket trudged my little brother and self, and after a long
Meow meow m meeeow meooow me meeeow meeeow mew meow, mew meeow m meow
walk came to young pussy's residence, and had the satisfaction of finding
meow meow me meeow meow'm meeeeoow, mew mew mew meeeeeeow me meooow
both kitten and mistress at home. The former, indeed a beauty, and
meow meeeow mew meeeeoow me meow. Mew meeow, meeeow m meeow, mew
faultlessly marked, was engaged alternately in drinking butter-milk, and
meeeooooow meooow, mew meeeow meooooooooow me meeeoow meooow-meow, mew
washing her face before a small looking-glass.
meeeow mew meow meooow m meeow meeeow-meeow.

"Aye, my bonnie bairn,"--I was the bonnie bairn, not my brother,--"she's a
"Mew, me meooow meeow,"--M mew mew meeeow meeow, mew me meeeow,--"mew'm m
perfect wee angel, and ye maun be good till her; ye maunna pu' her by the
meooooow mew meow, mew me meow me meow meow mew; me meeow me' mew me mew
tail, and ye maun gie her lots o' milk, and never let her want for a

meow, mew me meow mew mew meow m' meow, mew meoow mew mew meow mew m

lookin'-glass."

meeoow'-meoow."

We promised to grudge her nothing that could in any way conduce to her
Me meeeeoow me meeeow mew meooooow meow meoow me mew mew meeeeoow me mew

happiness and comfort, and were allowed to carry her off. Before we
meeeooooow mew meooooow, mew meow meeeeoow me meeeow mew mew. Meooooow me

reached home, we had taken her from the basket, and with all the solemnity
meeeeoow meow, me mew meeeow mew meow mew meooooow, mew meow mew mew meeeeeeow

the occasion demanded, baptized her in a running stream, and called her
mew meeeeeeow meooooow, meeeeoow mew me m meooooow meeeow, mew meeoow mew

name Muffie. Once fairly established in her new quarters, the kit lost no
meow Meeeoow. Meow meeoow meeeeeeooooow me mew mew meeeooooow, mew mew meow me

time in commencing hostilities against the rats, and blood, not
meow me meeeooooow meeeeeeooooow meeeeoow mew meow, mew meoow, mew

butter-milk, became her war-cry. One day as she sat admiring herself in
meeeow-meow, meeeow mew mew-mew. Mew mew me mew mew meeeeoow meeoow me

the glass, a large rat unexpectedly appeared in the kitchen; and although
mew meoow, m meoow mew meeeeeeooooow meooooow me mew meeeeoow; mew meeoow

but little larger than himself, Kittie at once gave chase, not only to his
mew meeoow meeoow meow meeeeoow, Meeoow me meow meow meoow, mew meow me mew

hole, but into his hole. For the next three minutes the squeaking was
meow, mew meow mew meow. Mew mew meow meeoow meeeeoow mew meeeeeeow mew

quite harrowing to listen to; but presently pussy re-appeared stern
meoow meooooow me meeoow me; mew meeeooooow meoow me-meeeeoow meeoow

foremost, and dragging with her the rat--dead. This she deposited before
meeoow, mew meeoow meow mew mew mew--meow. Meow mew meeeeeeow meoow

the fire, growling whenever any one went near it, as much as to say, "Lay
mew meow, meeeeoow meeeeoow mew mew meow meow me, me meow me me mew, "Mew

but a finger on it, and you yourself may expect to pay the same penalty
mew m meeoow me me, mew mew meeeeoow mew meoow me mew mew meow meooooow

for your rashness." The little thing, indeed, seemed swelling with pride
mew meow meooooow." Mew meeoow meeoow, meeeow, meeoow meeeeoow meow meoow

and importance, and must have felt considerably bigger than an ordinary
mew meeeooooow, mew meow meow meow meeeeeeooooow meeoow meow me meeoow

sized ox, and as fierce as a Bengal tiger. In one moment she had bounded

meeow me, mew me meeoow me m Meoow meow. Me mew meeoow mew mew meooooow

from kit to cat-hood. Buttermilk and a looking-glass! Bah! Blood alone
meow mew me mew-meow. Meeeoowow mew m meooooow-meow! Mew! Meow meow

could satisfy her ambition now.
meow meeoow mew meeoow mew.

Little Muffie was left that night in sole charge of the kitchen, and next
Meeow Meeow mew meow meow meow me meow meeoow me mew meooooow, mew meow

morning, no less than five large rats, lay side by side on the hearth, as
meeeow, me meow meow meow meow meow, mew meow me meow me mew meeeow, me

if waiting a _post mortem_, and wee pussie, with her white breast dabbled
me meeeow m meow meeeow, mew mew meoow, meow mew meow meoow meooooow

in gore, exhausted and asleep, lay beside them. In less than a week, she
me meow, meeeeeeow mew meeeow, mew meeoow meow. Me meow meow m meow, mew

had bagged upwards of forty, and no doubt wounded twice that number. And
mew meoow meooooow me meow, mew me meeoow meeoow meow meow meeeow. Mew

now fear and consternation began to spread in the enemies' camp. Such
mew meow mew meeeeeeeeoow meow me meeoow me mew meeoow' meow. Meow

doings had never been heard of among them, even traditionally. The oldest
meeoow mew meow meow meow me meow meow, meow meeoowooooow. Mew meoow

inhabitant shook his grey muzzle, and gave it up; but added,--
meeeeeeow meow mew meow meeeow, mew meow me me; mew meow,--

"Friends, brethren, rodents! it is time to shift. No one knows whose turn
"Meeeoow, meeoow, meeoow! me me meow me meow. Me mew meow meow meow

may come next. True, it is a pity to leave such jolly quarters, when
mew meow meow. Meow, me me m meow me meow meow meeoow, meow

everything was going on so pleasantly. We have seen our fattest wives and
meeoowow mew meow me me meeoowow. Me meow meow mew meeoow meow mew

our biggest braves borne off; our helpless babes have not been safe from
mew meeeow meoow meow mew; mew meeeow meow meow mew meow meow meow

the clutches of that dreaded monster, with the ferocity of a fiend in the
mew meooooow me meow meeoow meeoow, meow mew meeeow me m meow me mew

skin of a mouse, and lest worst befall us, _go we must_."
meow me m meow, mew meow meow meeeow me, mew me meow."

And go they did.

Mew me meow mew.

Old Tom Riddle, the parish clerk, who might have been seen any night,
Mew Mew Meeoow, mew meeeow meoow, mew meow meow meow meow mew meow,

staggering homewards in the short hours, was well-nigh scared out of the
meeeeeeeow meeeeeoow me mew meow meow, mew meow-meow meeoow mew me mew

little wits that remained to him, by meeting, as he said,--
meeeow meow meow meeeeeow me mew, me meooooow, me me meow,--

"Thoosands upon thoosands o' rottens, haudin' up the road in the direction
"Meeooooow meow meeeeeeeow m' meeoow, meeoow' me mew meow me mew meeeeeeoow

o' the farm o' Brockenclough."
m' mew meow m' Meeeeeooooooooow."

"Confoond it," he added, when some one ventured to cast a doubt on his
"Meooooow me," me meoow, meow meow mew meeeeeow me meow m meoow me mew

statement; "wasn't it bright moonlicht, and didn't I see them wi' my ain
meeeeeeoow; "meow'm me meeeow meeeeeoow, mew meow'm M mew meow me' me mew

een, carryin' their wee anes in their mooths, and leadin' their blin' wi'
mew, meooooow' meoow mew meow me meoow meooooow, mew meeeow' meoow meow' me'

a strae?"
m meow?"

Whether old Tom exaggerated or not is hard to say; but sure enough, next
Meeooooow mew Mew meeeeeeeoow me mew me meow me mew; mew meow meeeow, meow

morning there was not a rat to be seen or heard about my father's
meeeoow meoow mew mew m mew me me meow me meoow meow me meooooow'm

premises; and it is likewise correct that about the same time, the honest
meeeeeoow; mew me me meooooow meeeow meow meoow mew meow meow, mew meeeow

farmer of Brockenclough, began to complain loudly of the destruction by
meeeow me Meeeeeeeeeeeeow, meoow me meeeoow meeeow me mew meeeeeeoow me

these gentry of his straw and oats. "He liked," he said, "to see a few o'
meoow meooooow me mew meow mew meow. "Me meow," me meow, "me mew m mew m'

the beasties rinnin' aboot a farm-toon. That was a sign o' plenty; but

mew meeeeeeow meeoow' meow m meow-meow. Meow mew m meow m' meeoow; mew

when they could be counted by the score, it fairly beat cock-fechtin."
meow meow meow me meeoow me mew meow, me meoow meow meow-meeeow."

For the next twelve months of her existence, Muffie led a very quiet and
Mew mew meow meeoow meeoow me mew meeeeeeow, Meoow mew m meow meow mew

peaceful life. She was now in her prime--and a more beautifully marked
meeoow meow. Mew mew mew me mew meow--mew m meow meeeeeeow meeoow

tabby it would have been difficult to imagine--but, as yet, no male of her
meow me meow meow meow meeeooooow me meeeow--mew, me mew, me meow me mew

species had gained her youthful affections. But her time soon came, for
meeeow mew meeoow mew meeoow meeeeeeow. Mew mew meow meow meow, mew

strolling one day in the woods, trying to pick up a nice fat linnet for
meeeooooow mew mew me mew meow, meeeow me meow me m meow mew meeeow mew

her dinner, Muffie met her fate, and her fate followed her home even to
mew meeeow, Meoow mew mew meow, mew mew meow meeoow mew meow meow me

the garden gate, then darted off again to his native woodland. His history
mew meeeow meow, meow meeoow mew meow me mew meeeow meeoow. Mew meeeow

was briefly this. He was not born of respectable parentage, and I
mew meeeow meow. Me mew mew meow me meeeeeeow meeeeeeow, mew M

question, too, whether his parents, were at all more honest than they
meeoow, mew, meeeow mew meeoow, meow me mew meow meoow meow meow

ought to have been. His mother was a half-wild animal, brought by a
meow me meow meow. Mew meeeow mew m meow-meow meoow, meeeow me m

half-cracked colonel from the West Indies, and she bore him in the woods,
meow-meooooow meeeow meow mew Meow Meoow, mew mew meow mew me mew meow,

and there she suckled and reared him, and it was no doubt owing to the
mew meow mew meeoow mew meeoow mew, mew me mew me meow meow me mew

wild gipsy life he led, and the amount of freedom and fresh air he
meow meow meow me mew, mew mew meeeow me meeeow mew meow mew me

enjoyed, that he grew so fine an animal. At any rate, I never have seen
meeeow, meow me meow me meow me meoow. Me mew meow, M meow meow meow

his match. An immense red tabby he was, with short ears on a massive head,
mew meow. Me meeoow mew meow me mew, meow meow meow me m meeeow meow,

splendid eyes, and a tail that no wild cat need have been ashamed of.
meeeow meow, mew m meow meow me meow mew meow meow meeeow me.

Muffie and her lover used to hold their meetings in the ruins of an old

Meeoow mew mew meeow meow me meow meoow meeeooooow me mew meeow me me mew

house near a wood, and my brothers and I made a rash vow, to attempt the
meeow meow m meow, mew me meeeooooow mew M meow m meow mew, me meeeooooow mew

capture of the beautiful stranger in this same building. Accordingly, one
meeeeow me mew meeeeeeooooow meeeeow me meow meow meeeeow. Meeeeeooooow, mew

fine moonlight night, missing Lady Muff, and guessing she was on the
meow meeeeooooow meeow, meeeeow Meow Meow, mew meooooooow mew mew me mew

spoon, we sallied out and made our way to the ruin. My brothers were told
meeow, me meooooow mew mew meow mew mew me mew meow. Me meooooow meow meow

off to guard the door and windows, and on me alone devolved the somewhat
mew me meoow mew meow mew meooooow, mew me me meoow meeeooooow mew meeeeow

unpleasant duty, of bagging the cat. With this intention I entered as
meeeooooooow meow, me meeeooow mew mew. Meow meow meooooooow M meooooow me

cautiously as a mouse, and sure enough there sat the happy pair,
meeeooooooow me m meeow, mew meow meooooow meeow mew mew meow meow,

contentedly, on the cold hearthstone. So engrossed were they in looking at
meeeeeeooooow, me mew meow meeeooooooow. Me meeeooooow meow meow me meeeow me

each other, that they never perceived me until quite close upon them.
meow meeow, meow meow meeow meeeeeeooooow me meoow meeow meow meow meow.

With the agility of a young monkey, I threw myself on the Tom-cat and
Meow mew meeeooooow me m meoow meeeow, M meoow meooooow me mew Mew-mew mew

seized him by the back. That is exactly what _I_ did. His proceedings were
meeoow mew me mew meow. Meow me meeeooooow meow MEW mew. Mew meooooooooow meow

somewhat different, and considerably more to the point, for after making
meeeooooow meeeooooow, mew meeeeeeeeeooooow meow me mew meeow, mew meoow meeow

his four teeth meet in the fleshy part of my middle finger, he slid from
mew meow meoow meow me mew meeeow meow me me meeoow meooooow, me meow meow

my grasp like a conger-eel, and went hand over hand up the chimney,
me meoow meow m meeoow-mew, mew meow meow meow meow me mew meooooow,

followed by the justly indignant Lady Muff,--and I was left lamenting. For
meeeooooow me mew meeeow meooooooow Meow Meow,--mew M mew meow meeeeow. Mew

the next six weeks, I had the satisfaction of going to school with my arm
mew meow mew meeow, M mew mew meeeooooooow me meoow me meooooow meow me mew

in a sling. I say satisfaction, because my misfortune was the cause of a
me m meeow. M mew meeeooooooow, meeeow me meeeeeeooooow mew mew meow me m

great alteration, in the manner of the schoolmaster towards me. Previously
meoow meeeeeeow, me mew meeoow me mew meeeooooooow meeeow me. Meeooooooow

it was usual with me to be thrashed "_ter die_, and well shaken," which

me mew meow meow me me me meeeeeeow "meow meow, mew meow meeeow," meow

was not at all nice on a winter's day; but now all this was changed, and I mew mew me mew meow me m meeoow'm mew; mew mew mew meow mew meeeow, mew M

was not beaten at all. The pedagogue spoke to me subduedly, and with a mew mew meoow me mew. Mew meeeeeeow meow me me meeoowow, mew meow m

certain amount of conciliatory awe in his manner, and I observed that he meeeow meow me meooooooooow mew me mew meeoow, mew M meoowow meow me

always kept a chair or form between my person and his, lest I should at meeoow meow m meow me meow meeeow me meoow mew mew, meow M meeoow me

any time take hydrophobia without giving sufficient warning, and bite the mew meow meow meeeeoowow meeoow meeoow meeeeeeow meeeow, mew meow mew

poor man. Seeing how well the sling worked, I did not hesitate to wear it, meow mew. Meeow mew meow mew meow meoow, M mew mew meeeow me meow me,

for fully a month after my hand was quite healed, with the exception of mew meow m meow meow me meow mew meow meeoow, meow mew meeeeeeow me

the cicatrices, which the grave only will obliterate. mew meooooooooow, meow mew meow meow meow meeeeeeow.

Although beaten in our first efforts, we did not give up the idea of Meeeoow meeeow me mew meow meeoow, me mew mew meow me mew meow me

capturing this vagabond Tom-tabby, yet it was only through the meeeeeeow meow meeoowow Mew-meow, mew me mew meow meeeow mew

instrumentality of Muffie, we eventually succeeded. We kept her at home, meeeeeeeeeeeow me Meeow, me meeeeeeow meooooooooow. Me meow mew me meow,

put a saucer-full of creamy milk in a shady nook of the garden for her mew m meeoow-meow me meoow meow me m meow meow me mew meeoow mew mew

lover, and whenever he appeared, which he always did at the hour of meow, mew meeoowow me meeeowow, meow me meoow mew me mew meow me

gloaming, his betrothed was permitted to meet him, and although he meeoowow, mew meeeeoow mew meeeeoow me meow mew, mew meeoowow me

invariably beseeched her to fly with him, she was prevented from acceding meooooooooow meeeeoow mew me mew meow mew, mew mew meeeeoow meow meeeow

to his very reasonable request, by being tethered to a gooseberry bush by me mew meow meeeeeeow meeeow, me meow meeoowow me m meeoowowow meow me

a long string. Love and time tamed this feline Ingomar. He left his abode m meow meoow. Meow mew meow meow meow meoow Meeoow. Me meow mew meow

in the forest, exchanged the wild-wood's shade for the stable's roof,

me mew meeeow, meeeooooow mew meow-meow'm meeeow mew mew meooooow'm meow,

bartered his freedom for the ties of matrimony, or catrimony,--in short, meeeooooow mew meeeoow mew mew meow me meeeeeeoow, me meooooooow,--me meoow,

he married Muffie, adopted civilisation, and became barn-cat _par me meeeoow Meeeeow, meeeoow meeeooooooooow, mew meeeoow meow-mew meow

excellence_. But no amount of persuasion could ever entice him into the meooooooooow. Mew me meeeoow me meeeeeeeow meeeow meow meeeoow mew meow mew

dwelling-house, nor did he ever suffer a human finger to pollute his fur. meeeooooow-meow, mew mew me meow meooooow m meoow meeeow me meeeoow mew mew.

I am sorry to say that Ingomar did not at all times behave well to his M me meeeow me mew meow Meooooow mew mew me mew meeeow meeeow meow me mew

wife; in fact, at times he was a brute. It was his pleasure that she meow; me meow, me meoow me mew m meeeow. Me mew mew meooooow meow mew

should sit for hours together in the garden, simply that he might look at meeeow mew mew meoow meeeeoow me mew meeeoow, meeeow meow me meeeow meow me

her; if she as much as hinted at retiring, he treated her exactly as the mew; me mew me meow me meeeow me meeeooooow, me meooooow mew meeeoow me mew

Lancashire clod-hoppers do their wives,--he knocked her down and jumped Meeeooooooooow meow-meeeoow me meeeow meeeow,--me meooooow mew meow mew meeeow

upon her. Muffie had five bonnie kittens, and she put them to bed on the meow mew. Meeoow mew meow meooooow meeeooooow, mew mew mew meow me mew me mew

parlour sofa. Ingomar detested refinement as much as Rob Roy did. meeeeeow meow. Meeeeow meeeeeow meeeeeeooooow me meow me Mew Mew mew.

"The sons of McGregor, weavers! Bring those kittens forth, and place them "Mew meow me MeEeeeow, meeeoow! Meeow meoow meeeooooow meoow, mew meeeow meow

here on straw; _I_ will see to their rearing." meow me meeeow; MEW meow mew me meoow meeeeeow."

That is what Ingomar said, and Muffie mutely complied; and those kittens Meow me meow Meeeeow meow, mew Meeeeow meeeow meeeeeeow; mew meoow meooooow

grew up as wild as himself. From sparrows they got to chickens, from meow me me meow me meeeooooow. Meow meeeooooow meow mew me meeeeeoow, meow

chickens to grouse and game generally, and then got into trouble with the

meooooow me meoow mew meow meeeeeoow, mew meow mew meow meeeoow meow mew

keeper, and had the worst of the argument, which on his part was
meeoow, mew mew mew meeow me mew meeeeeow, meeow me mew meow mew

double-barrelled. In the early days of his betrothal, Ingomar threw
meeoow-meeeeeow. Me mew meoow meow me mew meeeeeoow, Meeeeow meeow

daisies at his beloved, and gambolled with her in mimic strife, but
meeeeow me mew meeeoow, mew meeeeeow meow mew me meeow meoow, mew

latterly his song was hushed at eventide, and spits and clouts and flying
meeeeeow mew meow mew meeeow me meeeeeow, mew meoow mew meoow mew meeow

fluff were too often the order of the day.
meeow meow mew meoow mew meeow me mew mew.

Poor Ingomar! He was cut down in his prime--slain by a wretched
Meow Meeeeow! Me mew mew meow me mew meoow--meoow me m meooooow

collie-dog. Slowly and sadly we bore him in, his beautiful fur all dabbled
meoow-mew. Meoow mew meoow me meow mew me, mew meeeeeoow mew mew meeeeow

in blood, and his once bright eyes fast glazing in death, and tenderly
me meoow, mew mew meow meeeow meow meow meeeoow me meeow, mew meeeeow

laid him at the widowed Muffie's feet. Now listen to the remarkable
meow mew me mew meeeoow Meeeeow'm meow. Mew meeeow me mew meeeeeoow

behaviour of that lady. The widowed Muffie did not weep, neither, in
meoooooow me meow meow. Mew meeeeow Meeeeow mew mew meow, meooooow, me

consequence of not weeping, did she die; she did an attitude though, then
meeeeeooooow me mew meeeeow, mew mew mew; mew mew me meeeoow meeow, meow

growled and spat, and spitting growled again, and finally gave vent to her
meooooow mew meow, mew meooooow meeeoow meow, mew meooooow meow meow me mew

feelings by springing through the parlour window and escaping to the
meeeoow me meeeeeow meooooow mew meooooow meeow mew meeeoow me mew

woods. And here with shame and sorrow for female inconstancy, but in the
meow. Mew meow meow meeow mew meeeow mew meeow meeeeeeoow, mew me mew

interests of truth be it written, not only did Muffie not remain long a
meoooooow me meow me me meooooow, mew meow mew Meoow mew meeow meow m

widow, but that brief widowhood even, was stained by many acts of levity
meow, mew meow meow meeeeeoow meow, mew meeeeow me meow meow me meeow

to the memory of the murdered Ingomar. His skin beautifully preserved
me mew meoow me mew meeeoow Meeeeow. Mew meow meeeeeeoow meeeeeoow

(by--[12]), that skin she did not hesitate to use as a mat, nay, she even

(me--[me]), meow meow mew mew mew meeeeoow me mew me m mew, mew, mew meow

gambolled with the tail of it; and although she often paid a visit to meooooooooow meow mew meow me mew; mew meeeeoow mew meeow meow m meoow me

her husband's grave, it was not to weep she went there, no! but literally mew meeoow'm meoow, me mew mew me meow mew meow meoow, me! mew meeoow

to _dance on the top of it_. Such is life! Such are relicts!! me meoow me mew mew me mew. Meow me meow! Meow mew meeoow!!

The rest of this pussy's life was entirely uneventful. One circumstance Mew meow me meow meeow'm meow mew meeeeoow meeeeoow. Mew meeeeoow

only deserves relating. She was exceedingly fond of me, in fact quite meow meeeeoow meooooooooow. Mew mew meooooooooow meow me me, me meow meeow

adored me. Oh! that is nothing, other females have done the same; but meeoow me. Me! meow me meoow, meeow meeeow meow meow mew meow; mew

Muffie did, what I daresay other females wouldn't,--she at any time would Meeow mew, meow M meeoow meow meoow meoow'm,--mew me mew meow meeow

eat a little bit of the end of a candle, or a bit of greased peat from my mew m meeeow mew me mew mew me m meeeow, me m mew me meeeow meow meow me

hand, while refusing beef-steak or cream from any one else. When I was meow, meeow meeeeoow meow-meeow me meeow meow mew mew meow. Meow M mew

sent to a distant school, and could only visit my home once a week or meow me m meeoow meeeow, mew meeow meow meoow me meow meow m meow me

fortnight, the house bereft of me had no longer any charms for poor meeeeoow, mew meeow meeow me me mew me meeeow mew meeow mew meow

Muffie, and she took to the woods. Perhaps she enjoyed rambling amid Meoow, mew mew meow me mew meeow. Meeoow mew meoow meeeeoow meow

scenes hallowed by the recollection of her early love. She seldom returned meeeow meooooooooow me mew meeeeoow me mew meeow meow. Mew meeow meooooooooow

home until the day of my accustomed arrival, when she was always there to meow meeow mew mew me me meeoow meoow, meow mew mew meeeow meow me

welcome me. Now that she should have known the usual day for my appearance meeeow me. Mew meow mew meeow meow meoow mew meoow mew mew me meeeeoow

was nothing remarkable, but it was strange that, if anything interfered mew meoow meeeeoow, mew me mew meeeow meow, me meeeow meeeeoow

with my coming, puss was also absent, nor did my arrival on any other day meow me meeeow, meow mew meow meeeow, mew mew me meeeow me mew meoow mew

prevent her from being at home at least an hour before me. One day--alas!

meooooow meeeoow. Meow-meeeoow me meow meow meow meooooooooow

homes,--most of them were bespoken before birth,--and if they have only meow,--meow me meow meow meooooooooow meeoow meow,--mew me meow meow meow

been half as prolific as their mother, Muffie must be progenitor of meow meow me meeeeoow me meow meeeow, Meooooow meow me meooooooooow me

thousands.

meeeooooow.

[Illustration: WHITE.

[Meeeeeeeeooooow: MEOOW.

First Prize--Owned by R. H. YOUNG, ESQ.]

Meow Meow--Meow me M. M. MEEOW, MEW.]

[Illustration: BLACK.

[Meeeeeeeeooooow: MEOOW.

First Prize--Owned by Mr. J. HARPER.]

Meeow Meeow--Meeow me Me. M. MEOOOW.]

A very ambitious kitten you were, too, my pretty Muff. I first picked you M meow meooooooooow meeeow mew meow, mew, me meeeow Meow. M meow meeeow mew

up at an hotel, when no bigger than a ball of worsted. Your brothers and me me me meow, meow me meeoow meow m meow me meeoow. Meow meeeeoow mew

sisters, and even your big ugly mother turned and fled, but you stood and meeeeoow, mew meow meow mew meow meeeow meeeow mew meow, mew mew meow mew

spat--didn't you, puss? and that fetched me. Your favourite seat, too, was meow--meow'm mew, meow? mew meow meeeeoow me. Meow meeeeoow meow, mew, mew

the top of the parlour door; and during the first twelve months of your mew mew me mew meeoow meow; mew meeeow mew meow meeoow meooooow me meow

existence, sure didn't you tear to pieces three sets of window curtains? meeeeoow, meow meow'm mew meow me meeoow meoow meow me meeeow meeeeoow?

didn't you smash all the flowerpots? weren't you constantly clutching

meow'm mew meow mew mew meooooooooow? meow'm mew meeeeeooooow meeeeeoow

down the table-cloth and breaking the china and glass, running along the
meow mew meow-meow mew meeeeeow mew meow mew meow, meeeow mew mew

key-board of the piano, and jumping down the stool? What chance did a silk
mew-meow me mew meow, mew meeeow mew mew meow? Meow meooow mew m meow

umbrella stand with you? What hope of existence had my patent-leather
meooooow mew mew mew? Meow mew me meeeeeooooow mew me meeoow-meeeoow

boots? Was it fair to catch flies on my "Sunset on Arran" before the paint
meeow? Mew me meow me meow meow me me "Meeow me Meeow" meeoow mew meow

was dry? Was it right to upset my ink-bottle on the table-cloth, or to
mew mew? Mew me meow me meow me mew-meooow me mew meow-meow, me me

break the head off my praying Samuel, which head you coolly made a mouse
meow mew mew mew me meeeow Meeow, meow mew mew meooow mew m meow

of, and finally hid in my shoe? Or was it at all proper to make such
me, mew meeeow mew me me meow? Me mew me me mew meeoow me meow mew

earnest, though happily unsuccessful, endeavours to hook your master's
meeeow, meeeow meeeow meooooooooow, meeeeeooooow me mew mew meeeow'm

eyes out as soon as he opened them in the morning? But marriage sobered
meow mew me meow me me meeoow mew me mew meeeow? Mew meooooow meeeow

you, Muffie; and I never can forget the extreme joy you manifested on the
mew, Meooow; mew M meow mew meeoow mew meooooow mew mew meeeeeeeow me mew

birth of your first kittens. Your first idea, I'm told, was to make
meeow me meow meow meooooow. Meow meow mew, M'm meow, mew me meow

"mousies" of them; then you thought of eating them. But how anxiously you
"meeeow" me meow; meow mew meeeow me meeeow meow. Mew mew meeeeeeeow mew

waited my arrival on that auspicious morning. You came twice to my bedroom
meeoow me meeeow me meow meeeeeooooow meeeow. Mew mew meow me me meeeow

to hurry me down, and I dared not stop to shave. Then each kitten in
me meow me meow, mew M meow mew meow me meow. Meow mew meeoow me

succession was held up between your forepaws to receive its just meed of
meeeeeooooow mew mew me meooooow mew meeeooooow me meeoow mew mew mew me

admiration. But I hardly think, Miss Muff, your song of joy would have
meooooooooow. Mew M meeeow meow, Meow Meow, meow mew me mew meow mew

been quite so loud and jubilant, had you known I was selecting two to
meow meow me meow mew meeeooooow, mew mew meow M mew meeeeeooooow mew me

drown. And each succeeding period since then, you have tried to have your
meeow. Mew mew meeeeeooooow meeoow meow mew, mew mew meow me meow mew

kittens in my bed, and twice you have been only too successful. There,

meeeeow me me mew, mew meoow mew meow meow meow mew meeeeeeeow. Meeow,
now, go down, my shoulder aches; besides, I have to address the British
mew, me meow, me meeeeeow meoow; meeoow, M meow me meeeeeow mew Meooooow
public.
meeoow.

Muffie, like her master, has been a wanderer,--and she prefers it. To her,
Meeow, meow mew meeeow, mew meow m meeeeeow,--mew mew meeeow me. Me mew,
home and master are synonymous terms. Were I to make my bed in the midst
meow mew meeeow mew meeeooooow meeow. Meow M me meow me mew me mew meeow
of a highland moor, she would not desert me. If I were to place my
me m meeeeeow meow, mew meoow mew meeow me. Me M meow me meeow me
sea-chest on the top of dark Loch-na-gar,--and that would be no easy
mew-meow me mew mew me meow Meow-me-mew,--mew meow meeow me me meow
matter,--and leave it there for a month, I should find Muffie on the top
meoow,--mew meeow me meoow mew m meoow, M meeeow meow Meeoow me mew mew
of it when I returned.
me me meow M meeeoow.

It might very naturally be supposed, that a cat would form but a poor
Me meoow meow meeeeeeeow me meeeeoow, meow m mew meoow meow mew m meow
travelling companion, and be rather troublesome. It is all custom, I
meeeeeeeow meooooow, mew me meoow meeeeeeeoow. Me me mew meoow, M
suppose. Miss Muff, at the smallest computation, must have travelled
meeoow. Meow Meow, me mew meooooow meeeeeooooow, meow meow meooooow
nearly 20,000 miles with me; and she can always take care of herself much
meeow me,mew meoow meow me; mew mew mew meeow meow meow me meeeow meow
better than a dog can. From constant experience, she has become quite
meeow meow m mew mew. Meow meeoow meeeeeeeow, mew mew meeow meow
cosmopolitan in her habits. On the evening before "flitting day" she is
meeeeeeeow me mew meeow. Me mew meoow meeeow "meeeeoow mew" mew me
more than usually active, ambling round and snuffing at each box as it is
meow meow meeeow meeow, meeeow meow mew meooooow me meow mew me me me
being packed, and rubbing her shoulder against it, singing all the while
meow meeeow, mew meeoow mew meooooow meeoow me, meeoow mew mew meeow
in a most exhilarating manner. As night closes, she, as a rule, with few

me m meow meeeeeeeeeow meeoow. Me meow meeoow, mew, me m meow, meow mew

exceptions, disappears for a time, going most likely to bid good-bye to meeeeeooow, meeeeeooow mew m meow, meow meow meoooow me mew meow-mew me

her friends, whom she seldom sees again in this world, but never fails to mew meoooow, meow mew meeeow meow meeoow me meow meoow, mew meow meeoow me

be back early in the morning, when, after a hurried breakfast, she curls me meow meeoow me mew meeeoow, meow, meeoow m meeoow meooooow, mew meoow

herself up in her little travelling "creel," and goes quietly off to meeoow me me mew meeeow meeeeeeoow "meoow," mew meow meeeow mew me

sleep. In a railway-carriage or steam-boat, she is allowed to roam about meoow. Me m meeeoow-meeeeoow me meeoow-meow, mew me meoooow me meow meeoow

at her own sweet will; but by night her place is by her master's side, and me mew mew meoow meow; mew me meeoow mew meeoow me me mew meeoow'm meow, mew

a more faithful watch he could not have. On arriving at an hotel, after m meow meeeeoow meeoow me meeoow mew meow. Me meooooow me me meoow, meeoow

dinner pussy is permitted to go out to see the place. The first night of meoooow meeoow me meeeeeeoow me me mew me mew mew meeoow. Mew meoow meeoow me

her sojourn in a strange town, is always spent by Muffie in the open air; mew meeeeoow me m meeeeoow meow, me meeoow meeoow me Meoooow me mew meow mew;

and, wonderful to relate, she always enters in the morning by the _front mew, meeeeeooow me meoooow, mew meoooow meeeow me mew meeeeoow me mew meoooow

door_, although put out at the back. How she can find her way round with meeoow, meeeeoow mew mew me mew meow. Mew mew mew meow mew mew meoow meow

accuracy, sometimes a distance of half a mile of strange streets, or how meooooow, meooooow m meeeoow me meow m meow me meeeeoow meoooow, me mew

she can tell the hotel door from any other, I cannot say; but she does. mew mew meow mew meeoow meow meow mew meeoow, M meeoow mew; mew mew meow.

Once I gave her basket in charge of a railway porter at a London station, Meow M meow mew meeeow me meeeow me m meeeeoow meeoow me m Meoooow meooooow,

to take upstairs while I got my own ticket and the dog's. The poor fellow me meow meeeeoow meeoow M mew me mew meoooow mew mew mew'm. Mew meow meoooow

soon returned with bleeding face and hands, to say that the cat had meow meooooow meow meeeeoow meow mew meeoow, me mew meow mew mew mew

escaped and disappeared in the crowd. There was no time to wait to look meeeeoow mew meeeeeeoow me mew meoow. Meeoow mew me meow me meow me meow

for her, my luggage was on board, and the train about to start, so I mew mew, me meeeeoow mew me meeoow, mew mew meoow meeoow me meoow, me M

hurried off to take my seat. Very much to my surprise, I was hailed from a

meeeeow mew me meow me meow. Meow meow me me meooooow, M mew meeoow meow m
first-class carriage by my pet herself, who appeared rejoiced to see me,
meeow-meeow meooooow me me mew meooooow, mew meeeeeow meeeeeow me mew me,
and indeed was much more calm and self-possessed, under the circumstances,
mew meeoow mew meow meow meow mew meow-meeeeeoow, meoow mew meeeooooooooow,
than her master.
meow mew meeoow.

Once, in a strange town--Liverpool,--Muffie disappeared in the most
Meow, me m meeeow meow--Meeeeeoow,--Meeow meeeeeeoow me mew meow
mysterious manner, and was absent for three whole weeks. From some words
meeeeeeoow meoow, mew mew meeeow mew meeoow meoow meoow. Meow meow meeoow
that I had heard the landlady's son drop, I suspected foul play; so I went
meow M mew meeoow mew meeeeeow'm mew meow, M meooooow meow meow; me M meow
straight to the offices of the City Scavenging Department to prefer a
meeeeeow me mew meeeow me mew Meow Meeeeoooooooo Meeeeeeow me meeoow m
very modest request, viz., to have all the ashpits cleaned out within a
meow meeeow meeeow, mew., me meow mew mew meooooow meeoow mew meoow m
certain radius of my lodgings.
meeeow meoow me me meooooow.

"All this work for a cat!" said the chief inspector. "Why, such a thing
"Mew meow meow mew m mew!" meow mew meoow meeeeeeoow. "Mew, meow m meeoow
has no precedent;" and he smiled at my cheek, I suppose.
mew me meeeeeeoow;" mew me meoow me me meeoow, M meooooow.

"But," said I, "you can make this case the precedent; and it is so
"Mew," meow M, "mew mew meow meow meow mew meooooow; mew me me me
valuable a cat, you know."
meeeeoow m mew, mew meow."

Aid came from an unexpected quarter. One of the officers was a Scotchman,
Mew meow meow me meeeeeeoow meeoow. Mew me mew meeeeoow mew m Meooooow,
and took my part like everything. Valuable property, he argued, had been

mew meow me meow meow meeeooooow. Meeeeeow meeeeeeow, me meeeow, mew meow

stolen and destroyed; and if we should wait until the usual time for
meeeow mew meeeeeeow; mew me me meeeow meow meeeow mew meoow meow mew

cleaning the ashpits, all hope of putting the blame on the right party,
meeeeeeow mew meeeeoow, mew meow me meeeoow mew meeeow me mew meoow meoow,

would be lost for ever.
meoow me meow mew meow.

"What chance," said his good-natured chief, "have I against two of you?"
"Meow meooow," meow mew meow-meeeeow meeeow, "meow M meeeoow mew me mew?"

So the order was given, and the ash-pits emptied. This took two or three
Me mew meoow mew meeeow, mew mew mew-meow meeeoow. Meow meow mew me meeeow

mornings' work, and many dead cats were found; in fact, every day I held a
meeeeoow' meow, mew meow meow meow meow meeeow; me meow, meeeow mew M meow m

post-mortem examination on one or two poor brutes, and of course the men
meow-meeeoow meeeoooooow me mew me mew meow meooow, mew me meooow mew mew

wanted a glass of grog; so that the business cost me "a power" of rum. But
meeeow m meeeow me meow; me meow mew meeeeeeow meow me "m meoow" me mew. Mew

no dead Muffie appeared. In the meantime I had to go to London without my
me meow Meeeeow meeeeoow. Me mew meeeeeeow M mew me me me Meeeeow meooooow me

puss; and a few days after, Lady Muff likewise arrived by train. She had
meow; mew m mew meow meeeow, Meow Meow meooooow meooooow me meeeow. Mew mew

returned to my rooms at Liverpool, exactly three weeks from the day she
meeeeeeow me me meoow me Meeooooow, meooooow meoow meoow meow mew mew mew

disappeared, and _had kittens one hour after_.
meeeeoow, mew meow meeeoow mew meow meeeow.

Muffie I do not think ever killed a mouse, although very fond of catching
Meeeeow M me mew meoow meow meooow m meeeow, meeeeeeow meow meow me meeeooooow

them. All she cares for is the sport. She invariably brings her little
meow. Mew mew meeeow mew me mew meoow. Mew meeeooooow meooow mew meeeow

victim into my room, and placing it on the hearth-rug, looks up in my
meeeow meow me meow, mew meeeeoow me me mew meeoow-mew, meoow me me me

face, and mews, as much as to say,--
meow, mew meow, me meow me me mew,--

"Just observe, master, the fun I shall have with this little cuss; and see

"Meow meeoow, meeeow, mew mew M meoow meow meow meow meoow meow; mew mew
what a clever mouser your Muff is."
meow m meeoow meeoow meow Meow me."

While she is saying this, the mouse has escaped, but is speedily
Meoow mew me meoow meow, mew meow mew meeeoow, mew me meooooow

recaptured and returned to the rug. After throwing it up in the air two
meeeooooow mew meooooow me mew mew. Meoow meooooow me me me mew mew mew

or three times, and catching it before it falls, the wee "cowering
me meow meow, mew meeeeoow me meoow me meow, mew mew "meeeoow

timorous beastie" is left to its own freedom, Muffie walking away in a
meeeeoow meeoow" me meow me mew mew meeoow, Meeow meeeow meow me m

careless, meditative sort of mood, and the mousie makes good his escape.
meooooow, meoooooow meow me meow, mew mew meeoow meow meow mew meoow.

Not finding a hole, it hides below something, from under which something
Mew meeoow m meow, me meoow meow meeeeoow, meow meow meow meeeooooow

it is soon raked out again; and so the cruel game goes on, till the
me me meow meow mew meow; mew me mew meow meow meow me, meow mew

trembling little creature, with its shiny eyes, grows sick with hope
meeeeoow meeoow meeeoow, meow mew meow meow, meow meow meow meow

deferred, and faints away. Seeing this, pussy, after turning it over once
meooooow, mew meoow meow. Meeow meow, meow, meow meeeoow me meow meow

or twice with mittened paw, jumps on my shoulder with a fond "purr-rn,"
me meow meow meeeoow mew, meow me me meeeeoow meow m meow "meow-me,"

and begins to sing. The play is over, and by-and-by the mouse revives, and
mew meeoow me meow. Mew meow me meow, mew me-mew-me mew meow meeoow, mew

is graciously permitted to retire, which it sets about doing with becoming
me meeeooooow meooooow me meeeow, meow me meow meow meow meow meeeeoow

modesty, and an air at once subdued and deprecatory. Muffie is still on my
meeeoow, mew me mew me meow meeeoow mew meeeooooow. Meeow me meow me me

shoulder, benignly singing. Their eyes meet, and a little dialogue ensues.
meeeeoow, meeoow meeeoow. Meoow meow meow, mew m meoow meeoow meeoow.

Mousie says, with hers,
Meeow meow, meow meow,

"Oh! please, your ladyship, may I go, ma'am? I feel so all-overish; your

"Me! meooow, meow meooooow, mew M me, me'me? M meow me mew-meeooow; meow
claws are _so_ sharp, and your teeth so dreadful; and I'm but a little,
meeow mew meow meow, mew meow meow me meeeeeeow; mew M'm mew m meeeow,
little mouse."
meeoow meow."

To which pussy replies,--
Me meeoow meow meeeooow,--

"Yes; you may go. I shan't eat you to-day; only don't do it again."
"Mew; mew mew me. M meow'm mew mew me-mew; meow mew'm me me meow."

But why, you ask, should I permit such cruel sport? Because, intelligent
Mew mew, mew mew, meooow M meeeow meow meow meeeow? Meooooow, meooooooooow
and gentle reader, any interference of mine would change the play from a
mew meeeow meeeow, mew meeeeeooooooooow me meow meeeow meooow mew meow meow m
comedy in the parlour to a tragedy in the cellar.
meeoow me mew meeeeeeow me m meeeeoow me mew meeeow.

I have neither fishing nor hunting exploits to tell of about Muffie. She
M meow meeeeeeow meeeooow mew meeeeoow meeeooooow me meow me meooow Meooow. Mew
is celebrated only as a great traveller, for her faithful devotion to her
me meooooooooow meow me m meooow meeeooooooooow, mew mew meeeeoow meeeeeeow me mew
master, and for her care over even his property.
meeoow, mew mew mew meow meow meow mew meeeooooow.

Last summer I spent a month in a beautiful sequestered village in
Meow meeoow M meooow m meeoow me m meeeeeeeeow meeeeeeeeeow meeeooow me

Yorkshire. My companions were, as usual, my Newfoundland, Muffie, a pet
Meeeeeeow. Me meeeooooooooow meow, me meooow, me Meeeeeeeeeeeow, Meooow, m mew

starling, and another dog. Muffie is very much attached to this birdie,
meeeeoow, mew meooooow mew. Meooow me meow meow meeeeoow me meow meooow,

allowing it to hop about her, like a crow on a water buffalo. This

meeeeeeow me me mew meow mew, meow m meow me m meow meeoow. Meow

starling, I think, is the most amusing little chap in all creation. He is meeoow, M meow, me mew meow meeeow meeoow meow me mew meeeow. Me me

a good linguist and an accomplished musician, and is never silent--if he m meow meeoow mew me meeeooooow meeeew, mew me meow meeoow--me me

is, he is either asleep or doing mischief. As he says whatever comes into me, me me meow meeoow me meow meeoow. Me me meow meeoow meow meow

his head, and interlards his discourse with fragments of tunes and mew meow, mew meeeeoow mew meooooow meow meeoow me meow mew

Bravos! the effect is at times startling. The way he jumbles his nouns Meeow! mew meow me me meow meeeew. Mew mew me meew mew meow

together, and trots out every adjective he knows, to qualify every noun, meeeew, mew meow mew meow meeoow me meow, me meeoow meow meow,

is something worth listening to. In the summer evenings, we used to go out me meooooow meow meeoow me. Me mew meow meooooow, me meow me me mew

for long rambles in the country lanes. The dog--Theodore Nero--felt mew meow meeoow me mew meeeow meow. Mew mew--Meeeeow Meow--meow

himself in duty bound on these occasions, not only to look after his meeoow me meow meow me meow meooooow, mew meow me meow meow mew

master, but even to take the cat under his protection. The starling meow, mew meow me meow mew mew meow mew meeeew. Mew meeoow

stalked flies from my shoulder. Sometimes he would stay longer meeoow meow meow me meeeew. Meeeoow me meow meow meow

snail-hunting, behind a hedge, than I deemed prudent; a glance from me was meow-meew, meew m meow, meow M meew meew; m meow meow me mew

all Muffie wanted, to be after him. I would wait and listen; and presently mew Meeow meow, me me meow mew. M meow meow mew meow; mew meeoow

I would hear Dick excitedly exclaiming, "Eh? eh? What is it?"--a M meow meow Meow meeoow meooooow, "Me? me? Meow meow me?"--m

favourite expression of his: "What is it? You rascal! you rascal!" and meeeew meooooow me mew: "Meow meow me? Mew meow! mew meow!" mew

back he would fly to his perch, apparently quite thunderstruck at the meow me meow mew me mew meow, meooooow meow meeeew me mew

impudence of the cat.
meeoow me mew mew.

Muffie bids me say she is quite happy and all alive. And I would add, she

Meeoow meow me mew mew me meoow meoow mew mew meeow. Mew M meoow mew, mew
is very much all alive, most interestingly so, in fact. But that did not
me meow meow mew meeow, meow meeeooooooooow me, me meow. Mew meow mew mew
prevent her, last night, from preparing for me, what was doubtless meant
meeeeow mew, meow meeow, meow meooooooooow mew me, meow mew meeeeeeeow meoow
for a very pretty surprise and a high compliment. The cats in the
mew m meow meeeow meeeooow mew m meow meeeooooooooow. Mew meow me mew
neighbourhood, hearing that I was writing a book in their favour, with
meeeooooooooow, meeeoow meow M mew meeeoow m meow me meoow meeeow, meow
Lady Muff as chief musician, resolved to serenade me; and they did. Being
Meow Meow me meoow meeeeeeow, meeeeoow me meooooooooow me; mew meow mew. Meeow
Christmas eve, I took them for the waits at first. I am sorry now that I
Meeeeeooow mew, M meow meow mew mew meeow me meoow. M me meeow mew meow M
so far forgot myself, as to throw cold water over the assembly; but I
me mew meeoow meeoow, me me meoow meow meoow meow mew meooooooooow; mew M
sincerely trust that they did not know, that the gentleman in white, who
meooooooooow meeow meow meow mew mew meow, meow mew meooooooooow me meoow, mew
appeared on the balcony, and so unceremoniously checked their harmony, was
meeeeow me mew meeoow, mew me meeeooooooooooooooooow meeeow meoow meooooow, mew
the illustrious author of "CATS."
mew meeeooooooooow meeoow me "MEOW."

CHAPTER X.
MEEEEEOW M.

BLACK TOM, THE SKIPPER'S IMP.
MEOOW MEW, MEW MEOOOOW'M MEW.

TOM'S INTRODUCTION.
MEW'M MEEEEEEEOOOOOW.

No one in the ship had the slightest idea how Tom came on board, or who
Me mew me mew meow mew mew meeeeeeoow meow mew Mew meow me meoow, me mew

brought him, or where he came from. He made his first appearance in public
meeooow mew, me meoow me meow meow. Me meow mew meeow meeeeeeow me meeow

while, outward bound, we were crossing the Bay of Biscay--that strange
meow, meeeoow meeow, me meow meeeeeeow mew Mew me Meooow--meow meeeow

mysterious sea, beneath whose waves the bones of so many of our bravest
meeeeeeow mew, meeeoow meoow meoow mew meoow me me meow me mew meeeow

countrymen lie bleaching. It was a roughish night, squally rather, without
meeeeeeow mew meeeeeeow. Me mew m meeeoow meoow, meeeow meeow, meeeow

much sea on, but the wind changing its mind every minute, whisking into
meow mew me, mew mew meow meeeeeeow mew meow meeow meooow, meooooow meow

foam the crests of the inky waves, and carrying the spray far into the
meow mew meeow me mew meow meow, mew meeeeeeow mew meow mew meow mew

rigging. It was a night to try the sea-legs of any one, so jerky and
meooow. Me mew m meoow me mew mew mew-meow me mew mew, me meeow mew

uncertain was the vessel's motion; and the oldest sailors staggered like
meooooow mew mew meeeow'm meeeow; mew mew meooow meeeow meeeeoow meow

drunken men, and were fain to cling to rigging or shrouds. I was smoking
meooow mew, mew meow meow me meeow me meeeow me meeeow. M mew meeoow

on the quarter-deck just before turning in,--it had gone six bells[13] in
me mew meooooow-meow meow meeow meeeow me,--me mew meow mew meow[me] me

the first watch, and everything was snug for the night, when something
mew meow meeow, mew meeoowooooow mew meow mew mew meow, meow meeeooooow

black as Erebus whisked past me, visible but for a moment in the
meow me Meeow meeeow meow me, meeeow mew mew m meooow me mew

binnacle's light, and disappeared in the darkness forward. I looked
meooooow'm meow, mew meeeeeeow me mew meeoow meeoow. M meeow

inquiringly at the man at the wheel, a serious old seamen, who, in answer
meeoowooooow me mew mew me mew meow, m meeeow mew meooow, mew, me meeow

to my mute appeal, turned his quid twice in his mouth and, addressing the
me me meow meeeow, meooow mew meow meeow me mew meow mew, meeeeeeow mew

compass, "That's the devil, sir," said he, "begging your pardon, sir. Came
meeeow, "Meow'm mew meeow, mew," meow me, "meooooow meow meooow, mew. Meow

on board to-night when we close-reefed topsails durin' a squall."
me meow me-meeow meow me meow-meooow meooooow meeow' m meooow."

There was nothing disrespectful in the man's tone or bearing; indeed he
Meeow mew meeeow meeoowooooow me mew mew'm meow me meooooow; meooow me

service, and without my knowledge, to say nothing of sanction, I find that
meeeeow, mew meeeoow me meeoowooow, me mew meoowoo me meeeoow, M meow meow

a cat has been brought on board. Will the officer or man who owns the
m mew mew meow meeoow me meeow. Meow mew meoowoo me mew mew meow mew

animal kindly step forward?"
meeeow meeoow meow meeoow?"

Here the officers, verbally, and the men, by their silence, disclaimed all
Meow mew meeeeoow, meeeeoow, mew mew mew, me meow meeeoow, meeoowooow mew

ownership of poor puss.
meeeeeeow me meow meow.

"Then," continued the commanding officer, "as no one seems to own it, I
"Meow," meeeeeeow mew meeoowooow meoowoo, "me me mew meow me mew me, M

have but one course. Bring up the cat."
meow mew mew meoow. Meeow me mew mew."

All eyes were instantly turned towards the stern grating, which naturally
Mew meow meow meeoowooow meeoow meeoow mew meow meeeeoow, meow meeeeoow

caused the captain to wheel round; and there, sure enough, as mim as a
meoow mew meoowoo me meow meeoow; mew meow, meow meoow, me mew me m

mouse, with his tail curled round his legs for warmth, and looking on the
meeow, meow mew meow meoow meeoow mew meow mew meeoow, mew meeeoow me mew

very best of terms with himself and all creation, sat a large black Tom
meow meow me meoow meow meeeeoow mew mew meeoowoo, mew m meow meow Mew

cat. He lowered his brows as he returned the skipper's glance, and his
mew. Me meoowoo mew meeoow me me meoowoo mew meoowoo'm meoow, mew mew

eyes sparkled crimson and green. "Midshipman of the watch," was the order,
meow meeoowoo meeeeoow mew meeow. "Meeeeeeow me mew meeoow," mew mew meeoow,

"see that cat overboard."
"mew meow mew meeeeoow."

"Ay ay, sir," sang out the middy. "Forenoon watch, cat walks the plank,
"Me me, mew," meow mew mew meoow. "Meeeeoow meeoow, mew meeoow mew meeoow,

heave with a will--cheerily does it."
meow meow m meow--meeeeow meow me."

Puss was on his legs in a moment, back erect, hair on end, and tail like a
Meow mew me mew meow me m meooow, meow meow, meow me mew, mew meow meow m

bottle-brush, spitting, sputtering, and behaving altogether in a "highly
meeeow-meow, meeeeow, meeoowooow, mew meeeooow meeeeeeow me m "meooow

mutinous and insubordinate" manner. This conduct very nearly led to a
meeeeow mew meeeooooooooow" meeeow. Meow meeeow meow meeeow mew me m

fatal termination, by a whole shower of belaying-pins, which, however,
meow meeeooooooooow, me m meow meeeow me meooooooooow-meow, meow, meeeeow,

hurtled harmlessly over his head. "An inch of a miss is as good as a
meeeeow meeeeeeow meow mew meow. "Me meow me m meow me me meow me m

mile," thought Tom; "while there's life there's hope, and I'll give you a
meow," meeoow Mew; "meow meow'm meow meow'm meow, mew M'me meow mew m

race for it, my lads." And he cleared the deck at three bounds, and dived
meow mew me, me meow." Mew me meeoow mew meow me meow meeeow, mew meow

below, followed by the whole watch. Three minutes' trampling and howling
meow, meeeeow me mew meow meow. Meow meeeow' meeeeoow mew meeoow

below, then up through the fore hatch came pursuers and pursued, pussy
meow, meow me meeeow mew meow meow meow meeeeoow mew meeeeow, meow

leading and the sailors astern. Up the rigging shinned the cat.
meeeeow mew mew meeeow meeeow. Me mew meeoow meeoow mew mew.

"Follow your leader," roared the men.
"Meeeow meow meeoow," meeeow mew mew.

The chase now became general and most exciting; and with a cheer all hands
Mew meow mew meooow meooooooooow mew meow meeeeoow; mew meow m meow mew meow

joined, evidently more for the fun of the thing, than with any intention
meooow, meeeeoow meow mew mew mew me mew meow, meow meow mew meeeeoow

of harming the cat. Up the rigging and down the stays, aloft and aloft, out
me meeoow mew mew. Me mew meooooooooow mew meow mew meow, meow mew meow, mew

on the flying jib-boom and along the hammock nettings. Sure never before
me mew meeoow mew-meow mew meow mew meeeow meeeeoow. Meow meow meeeow

were such feats of agility seen on board a British Man o' War; the men
meow meow meow me meooooow meow me meow m Meeoooo Mew m' Mew; mew mew

seemed monkeys, the cat the devil incarnate. With a strength seemingly
meeow meooooow, mew mew mew meow meooooow. Meow m meeeeow meooooow

supernatural, Tom at length scrambled up, and took refuge above the main
meoooooooow, Mew me meeeow meooooow me, mew meow meeeow meow mew meow

truck where the Dutch Admiral of old hoisted the broom, swearing, as only
meeow meow mew Meow Meooooow me mew meeeeow mew meow, meeeow, me meow

Dutchmen can, that he would sweep the English from the sea; and the men
Meooooow mew, meow me meow meow mew Meooooow meow mew mew; mew mew mew

returned to the deck, gasping and red from their futile exertions, to
meeeeow me mew meow, meeeow mew mew meow meow meeeow meooooow, me

await further orders.
meeow meeeow meooow.

BLACK TOM SPEAKS A PIECE.
MEEOW MEW MEOOOOW M MEOOW.

"Curses on the brute!" muttered the commander. "Am I to sail the seas with
"Meeow me mew meow!" meeeow mew meeeow. "Me M meow mew meow meow

a black cat on my main-truck? Steward, bring my revolver." The revolver
m meow mew me me meow-meow? Meooooow, meow me meooooow." Mew meeeow

was brought, but the captain's aim seemed unsteady; he fired all the six
mew meeeow, mew mew meooooow'm mew meeeow meooooow; me meow mew mew mew

chambers, without any further result than chipping the main-top-gallant
meeeow, meeeow mew meooooow meeeow meow meeeeow mew meow-mew-meooooow

yard. Poor Tom, seeing the serious turn matters had taken, and that his
meow. Meow Mew, meeeow mew meeeow meow meeeow mew meow, mew meow mew

death was compassed, determined to speak a few words in his own behalf;
meeow mew meooooow, meeeow me meow m mew meow me mew mew meooow;

and with this intention he lifted up his fore-paw, and, now looking below,
mew meow meow meeeeow me meooow me mew meow-mew, mew, mew meeeow meow,

now appealing to heaven, he delivered an harangue, the like of which none
mew meeeow me meooow, me meooooow me meooooow, mew meow me meow meow

of us had ever listened to on shore, much less afloat. His meaning, me me mew meow meeeooow me me meow, meow meow meeeow. Mew meooooow,

however, was perfectly plain. meeeooow, mew meeeooooow meow.

Around him, he said, behold a waste of waters; he was far from land; he Meooow mew, me meow, meeeow m meooow me meeeow; me mew mew meow meow; me

had no boat; and though he knew he could swim, although he never tried, he mew me meow; mew meooow me meow me meooow meow, meeeeoow me meow meow, me

would rather die than wet his feet. Had we no compassion, no bowels of meow meeeow mew meow mew mew meow. Mew me me meeeeoow, me meeeow me

mercies? He wanted to harm nobody. What good could shooting him do? He meeeooow? Me meooow me meow meeeow. Meow meow meooow meeeooow mew me? Me

was willing to remain where he then stood for the rest of the voyage, in mew meeeeoow me meooow meeeow me meow meooow mew mew meow me mew meeeow, me

fact to do anything or everything, if his life were only spared. meow me me meeeooow me meeeooooow, me mew meow meow meow meeeow.

The captain smiled. "I thought," said he, "I was a better shot; however, Mew meeeeoow meooow. "M meeeow," meow me, "M mew m meooow meow; meeeooow,

give the devil his due." And he ordered all hands to treat the cat kindly, meow mew meooow mew mew." Mew me meeeeoow mew meooow me meooow mew mew meooow,

if ever he came below again. Tom retained his elevated seat for fully two me meow me meow meooow meow. Mew meeeeoow mew meeeooooow meow mew meow mew

hours, and finally fell sound asleep. Waking calm and refreshed, and meow, mew meeeeoow meow meooow meeeow. Meeow meow mew meeeeoow, mew

perhaps somewhat dizzy, he stretched himself a leg at a time, for he meeeeoow meeeeoow meow, me meeeooooow meooooow m mew me m meow, mew me

hadn't much room, yawned, did an attitude, and came slowly down on deck. meow'm meow meow, meeeow, mew me meeeooooow, mew meow meeeow meow me meow.

He walked at once to the quarter-deck; and, to show that he harboured no Me meeeow me meow me mew meeeeoow-meow; mew, me meow meow me meeeooooow me

ill-feeling, he actually went and rubbed his big black head against the mew-meeeeoow, me meooooow meow mew meooow mew mew meeeow meow meooooow mew

captain's leg. meooooow'm mew.

TOM BECOMES SHIP'S CAT.
MEW MEOOOOW MEOW'M MEW.

Henceforward Tom was no longer a mere passenger on board; his name was
Meeeeeeeeeoow Mew mew me meeoow m meow meeoow me meow; mew meow mew

borne on the ship's books, and he was tolerated both by officers and men.
meow me mew meow'm meow, mew me mew meeoow meow me meeoow mew mew.

Somehow, Tom became no favourite. The questionable manner in which he had
Meeeoow, Mew meeoow me meeoow. Mew meooooooooow meeoow me meow me mew

made his first appearance, and the latent devil that seemed to lurk in his
meow mew meow meeoow, mew mew meeoow meow meow meeoow me meow me mew

eye, acted like a spell on the natural superstitions of the sailors, more
mew, meow meow m meow me mew meeoow meeoow me mew meeoow, meow

than one of whom was heard to express an opinion that "That
meow mew me meow mew meeoow me meeoow meow "Meow

black----(alliterative term of endearment used by British seamen) will
meow----(meeoow meow me meeoow meow me Meeoow meow) meow

bring the ship no good luck."
meow mew meow me meow meow."

Now, whether out of gratitude for having his life spared, or for some
Mew, meeoow mew me meeoow mew meeoow mew meow meeoow, me mew meow

other feline motive known only to puss, certain it is, that Tom attached
meow meeoow meeoow meow meow me meow, meeoow me me, meow Mew meeoow

himself to our commander, and to no one else on board; for whenever that
meeoow me mew meeoow, mew me me mew meow me meow; mew meeoow meow

officer came on deck, so did the cat, trotting by his side and enlivening
meeoow meow me meow, me mew mew mew, meeoow me mew meow mew meeoow

his walk by a song. When any other gentleman happened to be walking with
mew meow me m meow. Meow mew meeoow meeoow me me meeoow meow

the captain, Tom used to take his station on the hammock nettings and
mew meeoow, Mew meow me meow mew meeoow me mew meeoow meeoow mew

follow every motion of his beloved adopted master with eyes that beamed
meeoow meow meeoow me mew meeoow meeoow meeoow meow meow meow meeoow

with admiration. This show of affection was at first indignantly resented
meow meeoow. Meow meow me meeoow mew me meow meeoow meeoow

by the skipper, and many a good kick Tom used to have for his pains; but
me mew meeeeow, mew meow m meow meow Mew meow me meow mew mew meeow; mew

the more he was kicked the louder he sang, so at long last, yielding to
mew meow me mew meooow mew meeeow me meow, me me meow meow, meeeeow me

the force of circumstances, the skipper ceased to mind him, and the two
mew meow me meeeooooooooow, mew meeeeow meeeow me meow mew, mew mew mew

became inseparable.

meeoow meeeooooooooow.

TOM GOES ON SHORE FOR A WALK.

MEW MEOW ME MEEOW MEW M MEOW.

Nothing very unusual happened during our long voyage to the Cape. Tom went
Meooooow meow meooooow meeeooooow meeoow mew meow meeeow me mew Meow. Mew meow

on shore at St. Helena, like any other officer, and it was fondly hoped he
me meoow me Me. Meeeow, meow mew meeeow meooooow, mew me mew meooooow meoow me

would take up his abode on that beautiful island. But having visited the
meeow meow me mew meoow me meow meeeooooow meooooow. Mew meooooow meooooow mew

principal places of interest, nearly murdered a poor little dog in James
meeeooooow meeoow me meeeeeeow, meeoow meooooow m meow meooooow mew me Meoow

Town, and--this is only conjecture--taken a rat or two at Napoleon's tomb,
Meow, mew--meow me meow meeeeeeooooow--meeow m mew me mew me Meeooooow'm meow,

Tom came off again in the officers' boat.

Mew meow mew meoow me mew meeeeeeow' meow.

ON BOARD AGAIN.

ME MEEOW MEEOW.

The cat might in time have come to be a general favourite in the ship; but
Mew mew meeow me meow meow meow me me m meooooow meeeeeeow me mew meow; mew

he suffered no advances to be made by "any man Jack," as the saying is,
me meeeooow me meeeooow me me meow me "mew mew Meow," me mew meeeow me,

and scowled so unmistakably when any one attempted to stroke him, that he
mew meeeow me meeeeeooooow meow mew mew meeeooooow me meeeow mew, meow me

was unanimously voted to Coventry, and allowed to do what he liked. Tom
mew meeeooooow meow me Meeeeooow, mew meeeooow me me meow me meeeow. Mew

had a regular allowance of ship's provisions, like any one else, but his
mew m meeeow meooooow me meow'm meeeeeooooow, meow mew mew meow, mew mew

greatest treat was milk (preserved) and rum thickened with oatmeal. For
meeeeow meow mew meow (meeeooooow) mew mew meeeooooow meow meooooow. Mew

this he used to come regularly once, and often twice a-day, to the
meow me meow me meow meeeooooow meow, mew meow meow m-mew, me mew

dispensary. His favourite seat was on the weather bulwarks; and there he
meeeeeooooow. Mew meeeeeooow meow mew me mew meooooow meeeooooow; mew meow me

would often remain for hours, gazing thoughtfully down in the blue clear
meow meow meeeow mew meow, meooow meeeeeeeeeooow meow me mew meow meow

depths of the tropical ocean.
meooow me mew meeeooooow meow.

"He do be counting the jelly-fish and looking for sharks," one man
"Me me me meeeooow mew meow-meow mew meooooow mew meeeow," mew mew

remarked.
meeeeow.

"Nay," said another, "he's a-thinking o' home. May-be, he has left a wife
"Mew," meow meooooow, "me'm m-meeeooooow m' meow. Mew-me, me mew meow m meow

and babies in old England."
mew meooow me mew Meeeeow."

"Then," said the first speaker, "what a tarnation fool he was, not to stop
"Meow," meow mew meow meooooow, "meow m meeeeeooow meow me mew, mew me meow

on shore. Sure, no one sent for him."
me meeeow. Meow, me mew meow mew mew."

"Hush," said the first, "he's an evil spirit, Bill, as sure as a gun; and
"Meow," meow mew meow, "me'm me meow meooooow, Meow, me meow me m mew; mew
he belongs to--

me meeoow me--

THE SKIPPER."
MEW MEOWOOW."

You may easily guess from the foregoing conversation, that the captain
Mew mew meeoow meow mew meeeeoow meooooooooow, meow mew meeoow

himself was no great favourite. He was a little red-haired foxy-faced man,
meooooow mew me meow meeoow. Me mew m meoow mew-meooow meow-meow mew,

a Scotchman (save the luck), but a Scotchman who hated the land of his
m Meeeeeow (meow mew meow), mew m Meeeeeow mew meow mew meow me mew

forefathers,--
meooooooooow,--

"Whose heart had ne'er within him burned," etc., etc.,
"Meow meow mew me'me meeoow mew meoow," mew., mew.,

in fact, retaining but one trait of Scottish character, namely his love
me meow, meooooooooow mew mew meow me Meeeoow meeeeeeow, meoow mew meow

for Scotch drink. Once round the Cape, and north on our cruising
mew Meoow meow. Meow meow mew Meow, mew meow me mew meooooooooow

ground--the Mozambique Channel, the skipper shone out in his true colours.
meeoow--mew Meeeeeow Meeoow, mew meeoow meow mew me mew meow meeoow.

His face and nose got daily redder; and the sinister smile that seemed
Mew meow mew meow mew meow meeoow; mew mew meooooooooow meow meow meeoow

printed there never left his lips. Such a smile I have never seen before
meeeeow meow meow meow mew meow. Meow m meow M meow meow meow meeoow

nor since, except on the face of a Somali Indian. The first victims to the
mew meow, meeoow me mew meow me m Meeoow Meeoow. Mew meow meeoow me mew

skipper's wrath were the poor black Kroomen, one of whom was always
meooooow'm meow meow mew meow meeoow Meeoow, mew me meow mew meeoow

stationed at the mast head, to look out for strange sails. Now the
meooooooooow me mew meow meow, me meow mew mew meeeeow meow. Mew mew

commander had an eye like a fish-hawk, and generally managed to sight a

meeeeeeow mew me mew meow m meow-meow, mew meeeeeooow meeoow me meow m

vessel before even the out-look. God help the out-look when this occurred.
meeeeow meeeow meow mew mew-meow. Mew meow mew mew-meow meow meow meeeeeow.

He was ordered down at once, and in one minute more was lashed to the
Me mew meeoow meow me meow, mew me mew meeeow meow mew meoow me mew

rigging by both wrists, and writhing and shrieking for mercy under the
meeeeow me meow meeeow, mew meeeeeow mew meeoowooow mew meoow meow mew

infliction of two dozen with a rope's end, laid on by the sturdy arms of a
meeeeeeeeow me mew meow meow m meow'm mew, meow me me mew meeoow meow me m

fellow Krooman. The men, for the slightest offence, had their grog stopped
meoow Meoow. Mew mew, mew mew meeeeeooow meoowooow, mew meow meow meeeeeow

for a week or weeks; and as the proceeds went to swell the sick-fund--a
mew m meow me meow; mew me mew meeoowooow meow me meow mew meow-meow--m

fund to purchase comforts for the patients--I had usually more money in my
meow me meeoowooow meeeeeow mew mew meeeeeow--M mew meeoow meow meoow me me

hands than I knew how to expend, until I happily thought of a plan to get
meow meow M meow mew me meeeow, meow M meeeeeow meeeow me m meow me mew

rid of the surplus cash.

mew me mew meoowooow meow.

"Brown," I would say to an officer, after the cloth had been removed, "you
"Meeow," M meow mew me me meeeow, meoow mew meow mew meow meoowooow, "mew

look unusually seedy to-day; in fact," looking round the mess, "you all
meow meoowooow meow me-mew; me meow," meeoow meoow mew meow, "mew mew

look rather pale; effects of climate, poor devils. I am afraid I have
meow meoow meow; meoowooow me meeeow, meow meeoow. M me meoow M meow

hardly done my duty towards you. Steward, bring in those bananas from the
meeoow meow me meow meeoow mew. Meeoow, meow me meoow meeoow meow mew

sick-bay, bring also the pineapples, the mangoes, the oranges, the ground
meow-mew, meoow meow mew meeoowooow, mew meeeow, mew meeeow, mew meeoow

nuts, a pomola, and a bottle of madeira. Liquor up, my lads, let us drink
meow, m meeoow, mew m meeoow me meeeow. Meeow me, me meow, mew me meoow

the skipper's health. The sick-bay fund is unusually flourishing, so don't
mew meeeow'm meoow. Mew meow-mew meow me meeeeeooow meeoowooow, me mew'm

forget in every port we come to, to ask me for honey for your rum, milk
meeeow me meow meow me meow me, me mew me mew meoow mew meow mew, meow

for your tea, and orange-blossom to perfume your cabins withal."

mew meow mew, mew meeeow-meeeow me meeoow meow meeoow meeoow."

Anything approaching insubordination among the boys or men or board was Meooooow meeeeeeeow meeeeeeeeeooooow meow mew meow me mew me meow mew

punished with flogging--four dozen lashes, with a different bo'swain's meooooow meow meooooow--meow meow meeoow, meow m meeeeoow me'meeow'm

mate to each dozen, was the usual dose.
meow me meow meow, mew mew meow meow.

TOM AT A FLOGGING.
MEW ME M MEooooow.

Tuesday was flogging day; and to add, if possible, to the terror of the Meooooow mew meeoow mew; mew me mew, me meeoow, me mew meeeow me mew

condemned wretch, after the gratings were rigged and the man stripped and meeoow meeoow, meow mew meeeow meow meeoow mew mew mew meeeow mew

lashed thereto, sawdust was sprinkled on the deck all round, to soak up meeeow meeeow, meeoow mew meeoow me mew meow mew meow, me meow me

the blood. But at every flogging match
mew meow. Mew me meow meeeow meow

"There sat auld Nick in shape o' beast,"
"Meeow mew meow Meow me meow m' meow,"

at least in the shape of Tom the cat, who would not have missed the fun me meow me mew meow me Mew mew mew, mew meow mew meow meeeow mew mew

for all the world. There on the bulwark he would sit, his eyes gleaming mew mew mew meow. Meow me mew meeoow me meow mew, mew meow meeoow

with satisfaction, his mouth squared, and his beard all a-bristle. He meow meeoowooooow, mew meow meeoow, mew mew meow mew m-meeeow. Me

seemed to count every dull thud of his nine-tailed namesake, and emitted

meeeeow me meoow meoow meow meow me mew meow-meooooow meooooow, mew meeeoow

short sharp mews of joy when, towards the middle of the third dozen, the meoow meoow meow me mew meow, meeeoow mew meeoow me mew meoow meoow, mew

blood began to trickle and get sprinkled about on sheet and shroud. Though meoow meoow me meeeoow mew mew meeoowooooow meoow me meoow mew meooooow. Meeoow

I never disliked Tom, still, at times such as these, I really believed he M meoow meeeooooow Mew, meoow, me meoow meow me meoow, M meeoow meooooow me

was the devil himself as reputed, and would have given two months' pay for mew mew meoow meeeoow me meooooow, mew meoow meow meoow mew meooooow' mew mew

a chance to brain him. When the flogging was over, Tom used to jump down m meeoow me meoow mew. Meow mew meeeeeeow mew meow, Mew meow me meow meow

and, purring loudly, rub his head against his master's leg. mew, meeeoow meeoow, mew mew meow meeoow mew meeeow'm mew.

By at least one half of the crew, Tom was assuredly believed to be--if not Me me meoow mew meow me mew meow, Mew mew meeoowooooow meeeeoow me me--me mew

old Nick himself--possessed of an evil spirit. A good deal of mumbo jumbo mew Meow meeoow--meeeeoow me me meow meooooow. M meow meow me meoow meoow

work therefore went on, for the men tried to find favour in Tom's eyes, meow meeeeeeow meow me, mew mew mew meeoow me meow meooooow me Mew'm meow,

and many a dainty morsel did this cat of evil repute thus receive; so that mew meow m meeeow meeeow mew meow mew me meow meooooow meow meooooow; me meow

he grew and flourished like a green bay-tree, while his coat got glossier me meow mew meeeeoow meow m meoow mew-meow, meeoow mew meow mew meooooow

and his figure plumper every day. mew mew meeoow meeoow meoow mew.

HOW TOM USED TO FISH.
MEW MEW MEOW ME MEOW.

Although well fed and cared for, Tom at times used to forage for himself, Meeeeoow meow mew mew meoow mew, Mew me meoow meow me meeoow mew meeeoow,

not that I ever heard he was a thief--to his honour be it written; but he

mew meow M meow meoow me mew m meoow--me mew meeeow me me meeeow; mew me

fished, and very successfully too, without so much as wetting the soles of meeoow, mew meow meeeeeeeeoow mew, meeeow me meow me meooooow mew meoow me

his beautiful pumps. His modus operandi was as follows.
mew meeeeeeow meoow. Mew meeoow meeeeoow mew me meeeow.

On dark nights in the tropical seas, he used to perch himself on the
Me meow meeoow me mew meeeeoow meow, me meow me meoow meeeow me mew

bulwarks aft, and bend his glittering eyes downwards into the sea. He
meooooow mew, mew meow mew meeeeoow meow meooooow meow mew mew. Me

never sat long thus without a flying-fish, sometimes two, jumping past him
meoow mew meow meow meooooow m meeeow-meow, meooooow mew, meeeow meow mew

or over him, and alighting on deck. Then Tom would descend, and have a
me meow mew, mew meeeeoow me meow. Meow Mew meow meooooow, mew meow m

delightful supper, and if not fully satisfied resume his seat and continue
meeeeeeeow meeoow, mew me mew meoow meooooow meeoow mew meow mew meeeeoow

the sport. Tom must have gained his knowledge from experience, although
mew meoow. Mew meow meow meeoow mew meooooow meow meooooow, meeeeoow

the success of his method of fishing is easily explained. It is well known
mew meooooow me mew meooooow me meeeow me meeeow meeeeoow. Me me meow meoow

that these fish always fly towards a light, which is therefore often used
meow meoow meow meeoow mew meooooow m meeeow, meeeow me meeeeoow meoow meow

by the sailors to catch them. The cat required no other light save the
me mew meeeow me meow meow. Mew mew meeeeoow me meow meoow meow mew

glimmering of his two eyes, which in the dark shone like a couple of
meeeeeeeow me mew mew meow, meeeow me mew meow meeeow meow m meooooow me

koh-i-noors.
mew-m-meow.

TOM TAKES CHARGE OF A GUN.
MEW MEEOW MEEOW ME M MEW.

Tom was in the habit of going to sleep, in the large pivot gun we used for

Mew mew me mew meow me meow me meow, me mew meow meow mew me meow mew

shelling running-away slavers. For a forenoon nap nothing could have
meeeeow meeeow-meow meeeow. Mew m meooooow mew meeeow meow meow

suited him better; it combined the pleasures of solitude with retirement,
meeeow mew meeeow; me meeeow mew meooooow me meeeow meow meeeow,

and moreover was both dark and cool. One fine sunny day, we were in chase
mew meeeow mew meow meow mew meow. Mew meow meow mew, me meow me meow

of a particularly fast dhow, which, taking no heed of our signal
me m meeeooooow meow meow, meow, meeeow me meow me mew meeeow

howitzers, evinced a strong disposition to edge in towards the shore, the
meeeow, meeeow m meeeow meeeooooow me meow me meeeow mew meow, mew

order was accordingly given to fire at her with our Big Ben. Before
meow mew meeeooooow meow me meow me mew meow mew Mew Mew. Meeow

loading, the gunner keeled in to see that all was clear, and sure enough
meeeow, mew meeeow meeeow me me mew meow mew mew meow, mew meow meeeow

there was Tom, by no means pleased at being disturbed in his siesta.
meow mew Mew, me me meow meeeow me meow meeeow me mew meeeow.

Neither could any amount of "cheety-pussying" entice him from his
Meeeow meow mew meeeow me "meeeow-meeeow" meeeow mew meow mew

snuggery, while tickling with the end of a ramrod only made him spit and
meeeow, meow meeeow meow mew mew me m meeeow meow meow mew meow mew

sputter, and make use of bad language.
meeeow, mew meow mew me mew meeeow.

"What's the delay?" cried the captain.
"Meow'm mew meow?" meow mew meeeow.

"Cat in possession of gun, sir," was the reply.
"Mew me meeeooooow me mew, mew," mew mew meow.

"Dear me! dear me!" whined the captain. "Rouse him out, and be quick about
"Meow me! meow me!" meeeow mew meeeow. "Meeow mew mew, mew me meow meow

it."
me."

After a pause.

Meoow m meoow.

"He won't rouse out no-how, sir," said the gunner.
"Me mew'm meow mew me-mew, mew," meow mew meeeow.

"I'm hanged" roared the skipper, "if that rascally dhow isn't landing her
"M'm meeoow" meoow mew meeoow, "me meow meeeeeow meow mew'm meeoow mew
slaves inshore. Rouse him out I say. Fire a fuse--_con_found the cat."
meeoow meoooow. Meow mew mew M mew. Meow m meow--meeooooow mew mew."

"Shoal water ahead, sir," from the man at the mast-head.
"Meoow meoow meoow, mew," meow mew mew me mew meow-meow.

"Hard a port, stand by both anchors," and round we went just in time to
"Meow m meow, meoow me meow meeoow," mew meow me meow meow me meow me

save us. In the meantime a fuse had been inserted in the touch-hole of the
meow me. Me mew meooooow m meow mew meow meeoow me mew meow-meow me mew

gun. Bang! and thus attacked in rear, Tom came out of the gun faster than
mew. Meow! mew meow meeeeeow me meow, Mew meow mew me mew mew meeoow meow

ever he had done in his life, and took to the rigging, with hair on-end
meow me mew meow me mew meow, mew meow me mew meeeow, meow meow me-mew

and eyes all a-flame.
mew meow mew m-meeow.

"Lower away the first and second cutters," was now the order. "It shan't
"Meoow meow mew meoow mew meeoow meeeow," mew mew mew meoow. "Me meow'm

be said, that a cursed cat kept us from capturing a lawful prize. D----the
me meow, meow m meoow mew meow me meow meeoow m meoow meow. M----mew

beast."
meoow."

(For the benefit of those who love strong language _alias_ swearing, it

(Mew mew meeeeow me meow mew meow meooooow meooooow meooooow, me must here be stated, that in courtesy to my lady readers I abstain from meow meow me meooooow, meow me meeeeeoow me me meow meeeoow M meeoow meow giving the skipper's language _verbatim_, for in that respect he would meeoow mew meeeeow'm meooooow meooooooooow, mew me meow meeeoow me meow have pleased a Lancashire coal-heaver; he was a don in the use of meow meeoow m Meooooooooow meow-meeeow; me mew m mew me mew me expletives, although, to his credit be it recorded, while freely launching meeeeeeoow, meooooow, me mew meooooow me me meeeeeoow, meow meeeow meeeeeeoow forth anathemas at the limbs of his men, and consigning their eyes to meow meeeeeoow me mew meoow me mew mew, mew meooooooooow meow meow me perpetual punishment, he just as freely let his own eyes have it. Oh, he meooooooooow meeeeeoow, me meow me meooooow mew mew mew meow meow me. Me, me wasn't particular by any means; he gave it to us all alike--officers and meow'm meeeeeeoow me mew meow; me meow me me me mew meow--meeeeoow mew men, cat and Kroo-boys.) mew, mew mew Meow-meow.)

He captured that slaver though--went in the boats personally to do it, and Me meeeeoow meow meeeow meeoow--meow me mew meoow meeeeeoow me me me, mew that night the sea was lighted up for miles with a blaze, that spoiled meow meow mew mew mew meeeeoow me mew meoow meow m meeoow, meow meeeeoow pussy's fishing for once. It was a caution to slavers on shore and sharks meeoow'm meeeeoow mew meow. Me mew m meooooow me meeoow me meoow mew meeoow at sea. At a good mile's distance we could see to read our last letters me mew. Me m meow meow'm meooooow me meeoow mew me meow mew meow meeoow from home, by the light of that burning dhow. We were not surprised to see meow meow, me mew meeoow me meow meeoow meow. Me meow mew meooooooooow me mew the captain come on board, black with smoke and begrimed with gunpowder, mew meeeeoow meow me meoow, meow meow meeoow mew meeeeeeoow meow meooooooooow, for we had heard desultory firing, but we were slightly taken aback to see mew me mew meeoow meeeeeoow meeoow, mew me meow meooooooooow meow meeoow me mew Tom meet him in the gangway, and to observe the captain stoop down and Mew meow mew me mew meeeeoow, mew me meooooow mew meeeeoow meow meow mew tenderly caress him. Perhaps he wanted to make up to him, for his former meeeeeeoow meeoow mew. Meeoow me meeeow me meow me me mew, mew mew meeoow roughness.

meeeeooooow.

"I've given that chap Carrickfergus," he remarked, in a sort of a general
"M'me meow meow meow Meeeeeeeeeeoow," me meeeooooow, me m meow me m meooooow

way to us officers; and to me he added, "I suppose the men may have a
mew me me meeeeeeow; mew me me me meow, "M meeeeoow mew mew mew meow m

glass of grog, doctor."
meow me meow, meeeow."

"Certainly," I said. "Steward, splice the main brace." Then the skipper
"Meeeeeeoow," M meow. "Meooooow, meooooow mew meow meow." Meow mew meooooow

dived below and got drunk, which he had the knack of doing on the very
meow meow mew mew meow, meow me mew mew meow me meow me mew meow

shortest notice.
meooooow meeeow.

THE CAT'S "CANTRIPS."
MEW MEW'M "MEEEEOOOW."

Of Tom's adventures on board the saucy little Tickler, very much could
Me Mew'm meeeeeeeoow me meow mew meow meeeow mEeeeeeeow, meow meow meow

be written. Somehow, he never was safely out of one scrape till into
me meeeoow. Meeeeeow, me meoow mew meeoow mew me mew meooooow meow meow

another. A dear wee mongoose was once brought on board, and would
meooooow. M meow mew meeeeeoow mew meow meooooow me meow, mew meow

doubtless have become a great pet, if Tom had not broken its back on the
meeeeeooooow meow meooooow m meoow mew, me Mew mew mew meeeow mew meow me mew

first night of its arrival. A monkey was received as a visitor, and with
meow meow me mew meeoow. M meeeow mew meeeeeow me m meeeoow, mew meow

him Tom at once declared war, and kept it up to the bitter end. The
mew Mew me meow meooooow mew, mew meow me me me mew meeoow mew. Mew

monkey's favourite mode of attack, was to run aloft with a belaying-pin,

meooow'm meeeeeeeow meow me meooow, mew me mew meow meow m meeeooow-mew,

and biding his time, let it drop as if by accident on poor pussy's head.
mew meeeow mew meow, mew me meow me me me meeeooow me meow meow'm meow.

But Tom let him have it sharp and fierce, whenever he caught him. Once I
Mew Mew mew mew meow me meooow mew meeoow, meeeeoow me meeeow mew. Meow M

remember the monkey was sitting on his hind-quarters on deck, stuffing his
meeeooow mew meooow mew meeeow me mew meow-meooooow me meow, meeeooow mew

cheeks with cockroaches, and looking as serious as a judge. Tom spied him,
meooow meow meeeeeeoow, mew meeeow me meooow me m meow. Mew meow mew,

and ran cautiously along the bulwarks, then springing on his foe, he
mew mew meeeeeeoow meow mew meeeeoow, meow meeeooow me mew mew, me

seized him round the neck with one arm, and with the other administered
meeoow mew meow mew meow meow mew mew, mew meow mew meow meeeeeeoow

such a drubbing, as the poor thing never had before in his life. The
meow m meeeeoow, me mew meow meow meow mew meooow me mew meow. Mew

monkey with bleeding face, at length escaped to the maintop, and there
meeoow meow meeeow meow, me meooow meeeow me mew meeoow, mew meow

cried itself asleep.
meow meooow meeeow.

Whether or not Tom was the Jonas, who caused all the mishaps that fell
Meooow me mew Mew mew mew Meow, mew meeeow mew mew meeeow meow meow

upon our little vessel during that four years' cruise, I shall not pretend
meow mew meeeow meeeow meeeow meow meow meow' meeeow, M meow mew meooow

to say, although all hands forward firmly believed he was. Like the
me mew, meeeow mew meow meooow meeeow meeeeoow me mew. Meow mew

witch-wife in Allan Ramsay's Gentle Shepherd--Tom
meow-meow me Meow Meeoow'm Meeeow Meooooow--Mew

"Got the wyte o' a' fell oot;"

"Mew mew meow m' m' meow mew;"

and certainly Snarley-yow and his master were never more detested than
mew meeeeoow Meeeow-mew mew mew meooow meow meow meow meeeow meow

that black cat, and the skipper eventually came to be.

meow meow mew, mew mew meeoow meeeeeeow meow me me.

"LIFE-BOAT'S CREW, AHOY!"

"MEOW-MEOW'M MEOW, MEOW!"

Once, I remember, we experienced a spell of weather so dark and unsettled, Meow, M meeoow, me meooooooooow m meow me meeeow me meow mew meeeeeeow,

that a general gloom prevailed in the ship fore and aft. We were rounding meow m meeoow meow meeeeeeow me mew meow meow mew mew. Me meow meeeoow

the Cape in mid-winter. First we had a gale of wind, our bulwarks stove in mew Meow me mew-meooow. Meow me mew m meow me meow, mew meeeoow meow me

forward, and a boat washed overboard. Then several days with no wind, but meeeow, mew m meow meooow meeeooooow. Meow meeeow meow meow me meow, mew

a heavy sea on, and the horizon close aboard of us on every side. The m meow mew me, mew mew meeoow meow meeeow me me me meow meow. Mew

nights were pitchy dark, with thunder and lightning so appalling that no meooow meow meooow meow, meow meeeow mew meeoow me meeeeeeow meow me

one thought of turning in, till far on in the middle watch. Scenes like mew meeeow me meeeow me, meow mew me me mew meooow meow. Meeow meow

these can never be described. They are painted with the finger of awe on meow mew meow me meeeeeeow. Meow mew meeoow meow mew meeeow me mew me

the beholder's memory, and time cannot efface them. I can see even now our mew meeeoow'm meeeow, mew meow meeeow meeeow meow. M mew mew meow mew mew

little vessel, hanging bows on to the side of that dark wave, the hill of meeeow meeeow, meeeow meow me me mew meow me meow meow meow, mew meow me

water rising above us, the inky gulph beneath, her wet and slippery decks, meow meeeow meow me, mew meow meow meeoow, mew mew mew meeoow meeeow,

and the faces of the men that cling to the cordage, ghastly in the mew mew meow me mew mew meow meow me mew meeeow, meeeow me mew

lightning's glare. A moment more and we are on the brow of the wave, then meeeeoow'm meow. M meooow meow mew me mew me mew meow me mew meow, meow

down we drive into the very trough of the sea, where, for a few seconds, meow me meow meow mew meow meeeow me mew mew, meow, mew m mew meeoow,

the ship lies trembling, as if every timber in her sides was instinct with

mew meow meow meeeeeeeow, me me meow meooow me mew meow mew meeeeoow meow

life. On such a night as this Tom fell overboard. This may seem like a meow. Me meow m meow me meow Mew meow meooooooooow. Meow mew meow meow m

descent from the sublime to the ridiculous. It is a fact, however, and was meeeeoow meow mew meeeeoow me mew meooooooooow. Me me m meow, meeoow, mew mew

a very disagreeable descent indeed for poor Tom. The life-buoy was almost m meow meooooooooow meeeeoow meeoow mew meow Mew. Mew meow-meow mew meeoow

instantly fired and let go by the commander himself, who alone saw the meeeeeeoow meow mew mew me me mew meeeeeeoow meeeeoow, mew meow mew mew

accident.

meeoow.

"Ease her! stop her!" he roared. "Away life-boat's crew!"

"Meow mew! meow mew!" me meeoow. "Meow meow-meow'm meow!"

Up tumbled the crew, the boat was lowered, and in two minutes more they Me meeeeoow mew meow, mew meow mew meeoow, mew me mew meooow meow meow

had dropped astern, and were pulling with might and main for the now mew meeoow meooow, mew meow meeeeoow meow meow mew meow mew mew mew

distant life-buoy. The storm had by this time passed over, save an meeeeoow meow-meow. Mew meow mew me meow meow meooow meow, meow me

occasional flash of lightning. For fully ten minutes, each time we rose on meeeooooooooow meow me meeeeeeoow. Mew meow mew meeoow, meow meow me meow me

the crest of a great wave, we could distinctly see the life-buoy's light, mew meow me m meow meow, me meow meooooooooow mew mew meow-meow'm meow,

burning bright and beacon-like, away to leeward of us; then it flickered meeoow meeeow mew meooow-meow, meow me meeoow me me; meow me meooooooooow

feebly, and finally went out.

meeoow, mew meeoow meow mew.

"Gracious heavens!" exclaimed the Captain, "that light was never

"Meooooooooow meeeeoow!" meooooooooow mew Meeoow, "meow meow mew meow

extinguished: _it has gone out_." Five minutes, ten, fifteen minutes

meeeeeeeeeeoow: mew mew meow meow." Meow meeoow, mew, meeeeoow meeeeoow

elapsed in dead silence. We leant over the bulwarks, and could feel our

meeeeow me meow meeeow. Me meow meow mew meeeow, mew meow meow mew

hearts throbbing against them, as we peered into the darkness and listened meeeow meeeow meeeow meow, me me meeeow meow mew meeeow mew meeeow

for the slightest sound; only an occasional glimmer played along the mew mew meeeow meow; meow me meeeow meeeow meeeow meow mew

horizon, only now and then the splash of a breaking wave. Hours passed by, meeeow, meow mew mew meow mew meeeow me m meeeow meow. Meow meeeow me,

and still no signal from the deep, to tell us aught of life was there; and mew meow me meeeow meow mew meow, me meow me meow me meow mew meow; mew

all that long dismal night, rockets were let off, bluelights burned, and mew meow meow meeeow meow, meeeow meow mew mew, meeeow meeeow, mew

big guns fired. But the sea gave never a sign. How anxious we all were! No mew meow meeeow. Mew mew mew meow meeeow m meow. Mew meeeow me mew meow! Me

one had a thought of retiring. The captain spent his time in alternately mew mew m meeeow me meeeow. Mew meeeow meow mew meow me meeeow

pacing frantically up and down the deck, and in diving down below,--we all meeeow meeeow me mew meow mew meow, mew me meeeow meow meeeow,--me mew

knew for what. At last he wept like a child, and tore his hair out in meow mew meow. Me meow me meow meow m meow, mew meow mew meow mew me

handfuls. I felt sorry for him at first, until I heard him curse his own meeeow. M meow meow mew mew me meow, meow M meow mew meow mew mew

evil fate, because his fourteen years' service would all be lost. It was meow meow, meeeow mew meeeow meow' meeeow meow mew me meow. Me mew

self not the poor men he was thinking of. meow mew mew meow mew me mew meeeow me.

But the longest time has an end, and morning came at last, and just as the Mew mew meeeow meow mew me mew, mew meeeow meow me meow, mew meow me mew

horizon was becoming dimly visible through the rising mist, and silence meeeow mew meeeow meow meeeow meeeow mew meeeow meow, mew meeeow

was reigning fore and aft--for both men and officers were tired out with mew meeeow meow mew mew--mew meow mew mew meeeow meow meow mew meow

suspense and long watching--we were all startled and rendered as wide meeeow mew meow meeeow--me meow mew meeeow mew meeeow me meow

awake as ever we were in our lives. For, borne along on the morning meow me meow me meow me mew meow. Mew, meow meow me mew meeeow

air--breeze it could hardly be called--came a faint shout. One moment all

mew--meooow me meow meooow me meeoow--meow m meow meow. Mew meooow mew

hands listened: it was repeated.

meow meooooow: me mew meooooow.

"Shout, my lads," cried the captain, all his manhood returning at once;
"Meow, me meow," meow mew meeoow, mew mew meeoow meooooow me meow;

and such a ringing cheer was sent over the waters, as only could proceed
mew meow m meooooow meow mew meow meow mew meeoow, me meow meow meeeow

from the lungs of Britain's sailors.

meow mew meow me Meeoow'm meeeow.

[15]My! how every face brightened; and, my! how every eye glanced and
[me]Me! mew meow meow meooooow; mew, me! mew meow mew meeeow mew

glittered, as that boat loomed out from the fog. She was soon alongside,
meooooow, me meow meow meeeow mew meow mew mew. Mew mew meow meooooow,

all hands were safe, and the first on board was _the skipper's imp_. There
mew meow meow meow, mew mew meow me meow mew meow meooooow'm meow. Meow

was one old sailor who had been very quiet all the night, but who now
mew mew mew meooow mew mew meow meow meow mew mew meow, mew mew mew

burst into such sobbing as I never heard before. The poor man's son had
meow meow meow meeeow me M meow meow meooow. Mew meow mew'm mew mew

been in the boat.

meow me mew meow.

Did we splice the main-brace? Rather. We spliced it on deck, and we went
Mew me meeoow mew meow-meeow? Meeow. Me meeoow me me meow, mew me meow

below to the ward-room and spliced it again; in fact that main brace took
meow me mew meow-meow mew meeoow me meow; me meow meow meow meow meow

a good deal of splicing, then we turned in and slept till noon, and I
m meow meow me meeeow, meow me meeoow me mew meow meow meow, mew M

dreamt I was spliced myself.

meeeow M mew meooooow meooow.

SHIP ON FIRE.

MEOW ME MEOW.

If I remember rightly, we were somewhere in lat. 17° South, and a good
Me M meeeow meeeow, me meow meooooow me mew. me° Meeow, mew m meow

way off land. We had been cracking on all the forenoon under steam, after
mew mew meow. Me mew meow meeeeoow me mew mew meeeeoow meow meow, meow

a Northern slave-ship, which we had finally boarded, captured, and taken
m Meeeeeow meow-meow, meow me mew meeoow meeeeow, meooooow, mew meow

in tow. A fine pair of heels she had shown us too. We had to burn hams to
me mew. M meow meow me meow mew mew meow me mew. Me mew me meow meow me

get within shot of her. But we did at last, and there she was, with a
mew meeeow meow me mew. Mew me mew me meow, mew meow mew mew, meow m

prize crew on board, and the fiery old Arabs glaring like evil spirits at
meow meow me meow, mew mew meow mew Meeow meeeeow meow meow meooooow me

us as they leaned over her taffrail. A breeze had sprung up towards four
me me meow meeoow meow mew meeeeoow. M meeoow mew meeoow me meooooow meow

o'clock, and the orders were given to bank fires and set sail. I was
m'meow, mew mew meeoow meow meow me meow meow mew mew meow. M mew

sitting in the ward-room reading, when--
meeeeoow me mew meow-meow meeoow, meow--

"Look Jim!" I heard some one on deck remark. "Where is that thundering old
"Meow Mew!" M meow meow mew me meow meeeow. "Meow me meow meeeeoow mew

cat going to now?"
mew meow me mew?"

"Bedad then," said Jim, "but he's taking the rigging like a good one
"Meow meow," meow Mew, "mew me'm meeeow mew meeoow meow m meow mew

anyhow. Shouldn't wonder now if he was going to give us another spache."
meeoow. Meeeoow'm meeoow mew me me mew meow me meow me meeoow meeeow."

I ran up just in time to see the cat shin hand over hand up the main-top
M mew me meow me meow me mew mew mew meow meow meow meow me mew meow-mew

gallant mast, and seat himself on the very truck, in the exact spot he had
meeoow meow, mew meow meeoow me mew meow meow, me mew meow meow me mew

occupied in his first adventure on board, when the captain fired at him.
meooooow me mew meow meeeeeeow me meow, meow mew meeoow meow me mew.

It had gone three bells in the first dog watch;[16] we had just finished
Me mew meow meow meow me mew meow mew meow;[me] me mew meow meeeeoow

tea, and gone on deck to smoke our evening pipe. We were making ourselves

mew, mew meow me meow me meow mew meooooow meow. Me meow meooooow meeeeeeeow

very comfortable on the stern gratings, and our Scotch engineer--naval
meow meeeeeooooow me mew meow meeeeeow, mew mew Meeow meeeeeow--meeow

engineers for the most part are Scotch--was singing "For we are homeward
meooooooow mew mew meow meow mew Meoooo--mew meooooow "Mew me mew meooooow

bound;" not that we were homeward bound by a long chalk, but it gave us
meeow;" mew meow me meow meeeeeow meow me m meow meow, mew me meow me

the idea we were, don't you know? and made us feel all the jollier, when
mew meow me meow, mew'm mew meow? mew meow me meow mew mew meooooow, meow

the quartermaster came aft, and addressing the officer of the watch--
mew meeeeeeeeeooooow meow mew, mew meeeeeeeow mew meooooow me mew meow--

"I beg your pardon, sir," he said, leisurely, turning his quid in his
"M mew meow meeoow, mew," me meow, meeeeeeeow, meeeeoow mew meow me mew

mouth, "but I think, sir, there be a strong smell of fire right
meeow, "mew M meow, mew, meow me m meeoow meow me meow meow

amidships."
meeeeeooooow."

We went forward.
Me meow meeoow.

The second cutter lay bottom upwards, between the fore and main masts, and
Mew meooooow meeoow mew meeeow meeeow, meooooow mew meow mew meow meow, mew

from under its gunnel were curling little puffs of light blue smoke, for
meow meow mew meeeow meow meeeow meeoow meow me meow meow meow, mew

all the world as if some one were smoking a cigar beneath the boat. But
mew mew meow me me meow mew meow meeeow m meow meeeow mew meow. Mew

the smoke had _the smell of burning wood_.
mew meow mew meow meow me meooooow meow.

Ding, ding, ding, ding, ding, ding. Ah! had Edgar Allan Poe heard that
mEeow, meow, meow, meow, meow, meow.m Me! mew Meeow Meow Mew meow meow

bell, he might have added one other stanza to that strange wild poem of

meow, me meow meow meow mew meow meeoow me meow meooooow meow meow me

his. _Ding, ding, ding, ding._ You never heard it, did you reader? Well, mew. mEeow, meow, meow, meow.m Mew meow meoow me, mew mew meeoow? Meow,

it is a pleasure you still have before you. The breeze was freshening me me m meooooow mew meoow meow meeeow mew. Mew meoow mew meoooooow

every minute, the sea was getting its back up, and darkness thickening meow meeeow, mew mew mew meooooow mew meow me, mew meooooow meoooooow

around us. But what mattered darkness, we should soon light up old ocean meeeow me. Mew meow meeeooooow meooooow, me meoow meow meoow me mew meow

with our burning ship.
meow mew meeeoow meow.

Ding, ding, ding--up tumble the hands at the dread summons. The hoses mEoow, meow, meow--me meoow mew meoow me mew meow meeeow. Mew meow

are laid, the pumps rigged and manned as if by magic, and before the last mew meow, mew meow meeoow mew meoow me me me meow, mew meeeow mew meow

sound of the bell is borne away on the breeze, every man is at quarters, meow me mew meow me meow meow me mew meeoow, meow mew me me meeeooooow,

steady, grave, and silent--waiting. _Waiting?_ Aye; fancy having to wait meoow, meow, mew meeoow--meooooow. mEeeooooow?m Mew; meow meoow me meow

for a single moment, with the fire crackling under the broiling deck, and mew m meeeow meeeow, meow mew meow meeeooooow meow mew meeeooooow meow, mew

tons of powder under hatches. But service is service--the captain alone meow me meoow meow meooooow. Mew meeeoow me meeeoow--mew meooooow meow

has not responded to the alarm, and the officer of the watch has gone to mew mew meoooooow me mew meoow, mew mew meeeeoow me mew meoow mew meow me

call him. Worthy man, he was--
meow mew. Meoow mew, me mew--

"Not fou, he just was glorious,
"Mew mew, me meow mew meeeeoow,

O'er a' the ill's of life victorious."
M'me m' mew meow me meow meeeeoow."

"Oh!" he said; "ship's on fire, is she. Then go you to blazes."

"Me!" me meow; "meow'm me meow, me mew. Meow me mew me meooow."

He came up soon, however, and every man that night did his duty. Nothing
Me meow me meow, meeeow, mew meoow mew meow meoow mew mew meow. Meeeeow

in the world, save British pluck and coolness, could have conquered that
me mew meoow, meow Meeeeow meoow mew meeeeoow, meoow meow meeeeoow meow

fire. It was the padding at the back of the boiler that had caught, and
meow. Me mew mew meeeow me mew meow me mew meeoow meow mew meeeow, mew

burning through, had kindled the coals behind, and when the decks were
meeoow meeeow, mew meeeow mew meoow meeoow, mew meow mew meoow meow

scuttled, the scene below was like a red raging hell.
meeeeoow, mew meoow meoow mew meow m mew meooow meow.

In less than two hours however, the flames were got under and the fire
Me meow meow mew meoow meooow, mew meeeow meow mew meow mew mew meow

extinguished; and, saving the watch on deck, the crew, tired and bruised,
meooooooooow; mew, meeeow mew meoow me meow, mew meow, meow mew meeeow,

and many of them scalded, had gone below, while the carpenters were busy
mew meow me meow meooow, mew meow meeeow, meow mew meeeeeeow meow meow

repairing decks; for in a man-of-war every trace of recent danger, whether
meeeeoow meow; mew me m mew-me-mew meoow meoow me meeeow meeoow, meooow

from wind or fire or foe, is speedily erased.
meow meow me meow me mew, me meeoow meooow.

A shoal of sharks that had been following the ship expectant,
M meow me meeeow meow mew meow meeeooow mew meow meeeeoow,

disappointed, sought deeper water, and black Tom, the cat, came down from
meeeeeeow, meooow meeeow meeeow, mew meeeow Mew, mew mew, meow meow meow

his perch on the main-truck, singing a song of deliverance.
mew meeeow me mew meow-meow, meeeow m meow me meooooooooow.

MINOR MISHAPS.

MEEOW MEEEEOW.

It would take a long time indeed to narrate all the misadventures we had
Me meow meow m meow meow meeeow me meeeoow mew mew meeeeeeoow me mew

in that cruise. We got quite used to running on shore, being awakened any
me meow meooow. Me mew meoow meow me meeoow me meow, meow meeeow mew

night, with that strange grating noise beneath our keel, and the sudden
meeow, meow meow meeeow meeeoow meow meooow mew meow, mew mew meooow

cessation of all motion, which tells the experienced sailor better than
meooooow me mew meeoow, meow meow mew meeeeeeoow meooow meeeow meow

words can, that the ship has struck. One bright moonlight night, far on in
meow mew, meow mew meow mew meeeow. Mew meooow meooooow meow, mew me me

the middle watch, we ran aground on the Lyra reef. Luckily the tide was
mew meeoow meow, me mew meooow me mew Meow meow. Meeeeow mew meow mew

not full nor the wind blowing. By next morning we had lowered the boats,
mew meow mew mew meow meeeoow. Me meow meeeow me mew meeoow mew meow,

and sent over the guns to lighten ship, and lay waiting for the tide. A
mew meow meow mew meow me meeeoow meow, mew mew meeeow mew mew meow. M

bright sky, and a blue, blue sea all around, with never a sail in sight,
meooow mew, mew m meow, meow mew mew meeoow, meow meow m meow me meow,

nay, not even a bird. The waters so pellucid and clear, that leaning over
mew, mew meow m meow. Mew meeeow me meeeeoow mew meow, meow meooow meow

the bulwarks we could see the yellow sand at the bottom, see forests and
mew meeeow me meow mew mew meooow meow me mew meeeow, mew meeeow mew

gardens of marine plants, and flowers pink-petalled or tender green,
meooooow me meeoow meooow, mew meooooow meow-meeeeoow me meeoow meow,

gently waving to and fro in the current; see the transparent medusæ
meooow meooow me mew mew me meeeoow; mew mew meeeeeeoow meeoow

disporting their rainbow beauties, and see the thousand and one
meeeeeeoow meow meeeoow meooooow, mew mew mew meooooow mew mew

strange-looking tropical fishes, of colours so bright and shapes so
meooooow-meooooow meeeow meooow, me meeeow me meeoow mew meeoow me

grotesque, that they seemed the fishes of our dreams, or caricatures of
meeeeeeoow, meow meow meeeow mew meeeow me mew meeeow, me meooooeoow me

animal life.

meeeow meow.

Fast and sure on that reef we lay for upwards of forty-eight hours, and it

Meow mew meow me meow meow me mew mew meeoow me meow-meeow meeow, mew me
was only by lightening the ship of coals, and buoying her with empty rum
mew meow me meooooooooow mew meow me meow, mew meeeow mew meow meeow mew
casks that we got safely afloat at last. The men were in good spirits all
meeow meow me mew meeoow meeeow me meow. Mew mew meow me meow meoooooooo mew
the time, because forsooth, the cat, was "_singing like all possessed_."
mew meow, meeeow meeeow, mew mew, mew "meoooooooo mew mew meooooooooow."

NOTHING TO EAT.
MEEEOOW ME MEW.

It was the last voyage of the cruise. We were steering from Zanzibar to
Me mew mew meow meoow me mew meoow. Me meow meeeow meow Meeeeow me
the Cape, under orders home. We had on board with us no less a personage
mew Meow, meow meoow meow. Me mew me meow meow me me meow m meeeoow
than the bishop of C---- A---- and his learned curate, Dr. Blank. Now we
meow mew meeoow me M---- M---- mew mew meeeow meeoow, Me. Meow. Mew me
had not been to sea over three days when, lo and behold! one-half, at
mew mew meow me mew meow meow meow meow, me mew meeoow! mew-meow, me
least, of the casks of beef and provisions, supposed to be full, were
meeow, me mew meow me meow mew meeeeoow, meeeow me me meow, meow
found to be mere dummies. It was nobody's fault--it always is nobody's
meow me me meow meeeow. Me mew meoow'm meow--me meoow me meeoow'm
fault in a case of that sort--but the upshot of it was, that all hands
meeow me m meow me meow meow--mew mew meoow me me mew, meow mew meow
were put upon short allowance; and as our mess--having got into debt--was
meow mew meow meeow meeeeoow; mew me mew meow--meeeow mew meow meow--mew
just then living on ship's provisions, we officers had to suffer the same
meow meow meeoow me meow'm meeeeoow, me meeeow mew me meeoow mew meow
privations as the men. Besides, we had neither beer, wine, nor spirits on
meeeeoow me mew mew. Meeeoow, me mew meoow meow, meow, mew meeeow me
board, very little water, and no coals to spare to distil more.
meow, meow meeeow meeow, mew me meow me meow me meeoow meow.
This was a very pretty look out for a three weeks' voyage, to the Cape, in

Meow mew m meow meooow meow mew mew m meow meow' meeeow, me mew Meow, me mid-winter. And poor Tom came in for more cursing now than ever. Everybody mew-meooow. Mew meow Mew meow me mew meow meeeow mew meow meow. Meeooooow cursed him everywhere; they cursed him below and cursed him aloft; cursed meooow mew meeeeeeeow; meow meooow mew meooow mew meeeow mew meow; meooow him on the quarter-deck, and cursed him in the cook's galley. But Tom only mew me mew meooooow-meow, mew meooow mew me mew meow'm meooow. Mew Mew meow sung the louder. meow mew meooow.

"It was all along of that blessed cat," the sailors said; and they added, "Me mew mew meow me meow meeeow mew," mew meeeow meow; mew meow meow, "that it was a good thing we had my lord bishop on board, to counteract "meow me mew m meow meow me mew me meow meooow me meow, me meeeooooow the evil effects of the skipper's imp." The poor bishop suffered too, but mew meow meooow me mew meooooow'm mew." Mew meow meooow meooooow mew, mew mostly from sea-sickness. He kept his bed all the voyage. He was a stout meooow meow mew-meooooow. Me meow mew mew mew mew meooow. Me mew m meow man at Zanzibar, but he got considerably thinner, before we reached the mew me Meooooow, mew me mew meeeeeooooooooow meeeow, meooow me meeeow mew Cape. But his curate was more to be pitied, he was a thin man, didn't get Meow. Mew mew meeeow mew meow me me meeeow, me mew m meow mew, meow'm mew sick, and had a stomach like a brewer's horse; and the more sorrow for meow, mew mew m meooow meow m meeeow'm meow; mew mew meow meooow mew that same, there being so little to put into it. Our biscuit must, I meow meow, meow meow me meooow me mew meow me. Mew meooow meow, M think, have been baked before the flood, each morsel, while black with meow, meow meow meow meooow mew meow, meow meeeow, meow meow meow cockroaches' filth outside, entertaining a whole colony of weevils inside; meeeeeooooow' meow meooow, meeeeeooooow m meow meooow me meooow meooow; we ate the weevils, however, merely tapping each morsel on the table to me mew mew meeeow, meeeow, meooow meeeow meow meooow me mew meow me get rid of the superabundant dust, before conveying it to our mouths. We mew mew me mew meeeeeooooooooow meow, meooow meeeeoow me me mew meooow. Me had neither potatoes nor butter. We had white beans though, and black rice mew meooooow meeeeoow mew meooow. Me mew meow meow meooow, mew meow meow and fried sardines, to which latter we used to add a little turmeric and

mew meow meeeoow, me meow meeeow me meow me mew m meeoow meeeoow mew

cayenne by way of flavouring. We actually got mean in our hunger, and used meeeoow me mew me meeeeoow. Me meooooow mew meow me mew meoow, mew meow

to say little snappish things to each other, about our share of the me mew meoow meeeoow meeeow me meow meoow, meow mew meow me mew

victuals; things which we would have been ashamed to say under any other meeeeoow; meeeow meow me meow meow meow meeeoow me mew meow mew meow

circumstances. No one, I can assure you, was above helping himself, to the meeeeoow. Me mew, M mew meeoow mew, mew meow meeeow meooooow, me mew

last spoonful of rice or beans, out of a delicate feeling of consideration meow meooooow me meow me meow, mew me m meeeeoow meeoow me meeeeoow

for his neighbour. In good sooth, sometimes three or four spoons, would mew mew meeeeoow. Me meow meow, meeeeoow meow me meow meeoow, meow

meet at the dish at once in most undignified haste. meow me mew meow me meow me meow meeeeoow meow.

"Gentlemen, gentlemen," our little good-natured assistant paymaster would "Meeeeoow, meeeeoow," mew meeoow meow-meooooow meeeeoow meeeeoow meow

say; "better is a dinner of rice and fried sardines, where love is, than a mew; "meeoow me m meeeow me meow mew meow meeeeoow, meow meow me, meow m

stall'd ox and hatred therewith." meeeow me mew meeeow meeeeoow."

We should just have liked to have seen the stall'd ox, that's all. But Me meeoow meow meow meow me meow meow mew meeoow me, meow'm mew. Mew

this assistant paymaster was a stout bulky little chap, and didn't suffer meow meeeeoow meeeeoow mew m meow meow meoow meow, mew meow'm meoow

half what we did. I'm certain he lived on his own fat all the way to the meow meow me mew. M'm meeeow me meow me mew mew mew mew mew me mew

Cape, just as the sheep in the Highlands do, when they have the misfortune Meow, meow me mew meow me mew Meooooow me, meow meow meow mew meeeeoow

to be buried in the snow for a week or two. Our conversation all the me me meoow me mew meow mew m meow me mew. Mew meooooooooow mew mew

dinner hour--when we weren't quarrelling--used to be about this glorious meeoow meow--meow me meow'm meeeeoow--meow me me meow meow meeeeoow

feed, and the next glorious feed, which we once had; and it would

meow, mew mew meow meeeeoow meow, meoow me meow mew; mew me meeow

certainly have been amusing for an outsider--who wasn't hungry himself
meeeeeeow meow meow meeeeoow mew me meooooow--mew meow'm meoow meooooow

mind you--to have heard us, enlarging on all the dainties that had been
meow mew--me meow meeow me, meeeeeeow me mew mew meeeeeeow meow mew meow

set before us in happier times.
mew meeeow me me meeoow meoow.

Our conversation would have been somewhat after the following fashion:--
Mew meeeeeeeeeow meoow meow meow meeoow meoow mew meeeeeeow meeoow:--

S. "But, by George, when I was in the P. & O. Co.'s Service--ay, old
ME.m "Mew, me Meeoow, meow M mew me mew M. & M. Me.'m Meooooow--me, mew

fellows, that was the place to live--there is where we used to get _the_
meeeeow, meow mew mew meoow me meow--meoow me meeow me meow me mew meoow

spreads."
meeeeoow."

All. "Yes, yes; tell us, there's a dear boy. What had you for dinner?"
mEow.m "Mew, mew; meow me, meoow'm m meow mew. Meow mew mew mew meoooow?"

S. "Well, you know, the bill of fare used to be two yards long, and a
ME.m "Meow, mew meow, mew meow me meow meow me me mew meoow meow, mew m

yard and a quarter wide. We had two soups, and then----"
meow mew m meeeeoow meow. Me mew mew meeow, mew meow----"

All. "No, no; tell us first what the soups were?"
mEow.m "Me, me; meow me meeow meow mew meeow meow?"

S. "Well, say vermicelli and macaro--Oh! hang it all, Moreton, that's
ME.m "Meow, mew meeoowooooow mew meoooow--Me! meow me mew, Meeoooow, meow'm

the third time to my certain knowledge, that you've helped yourself to

mew meow meow me me meooooow meoooooow, meow mew'me meooooow meoooooow me
rice."
meow."

Moreton. "To-morrow's pea-soup day, never mind."
mEooooow.m "Me-meooooow'm mew-meow mew, meeow meow."

S. "But I do mind."
ME.m "Mew M me meow."

All. "Go on with your yarn."
mEow.m "Me me meow meow meow."

S. "Well, vermicelli and macaroni, and then a bit of delicious white
ME.m "Meow, meeeeeooooow mew meoooooow, mew meow m mew me meoooooow meeow
turbot, with oyster sauce and----"
meeeow, meow meeeow meoow mew----"

All. "Yes, yes; go on."
mEow.m "Mew, mew; me me."

S. "All very well to say go on; but I _shall_ have those three beans,
ME.m "Mew meow meow me mew me me; mew M meooooow meow meeow meow meow,
you greedy beggars. Well, then, after the fish came--" etc., etc., etc.
mew meeeow meooooow. Meow, meow, meoow mew meow meow--" mew., mew., mew.

When S. had finished, R. would begin.
Meow M. mew meeeeeeow, M. meeow meoow.

"That just reminds me of an hotel I was at in France," etc., and so each

"Meow meow meooooow me me me meoow M mew me me Meooooow," mew., mew me meow

one told his experiences, to the infinite delectation of his neighbours, mew meow mew meeeeeooooow, me mew meeeooooow meeeeeeeeow me mew meeeooooow,

and having locust-like devoured everything we came across, we used to get mew meeoow meeoow-meoow meooooow meeeeeooooow me meow meeoow, me meow me mew

up hungry and haggard, and run on deck to smoke away the tail end of our me meooooow mew meeoow, mew mew me meow me meeoow meow mew meow mew me mew

appetite.

meooooow.

In those days, our grace before and after meat was rather a peculiar one. Me meeoow meow, mew meoow meeoow mew meoow meow mew meeoow m meeeeeow mew.

The president said the first; it was, "Curse the cat." Then just before we Mew meooooow meow mew meeoow; me mew, "Meeow mew mew." Meow meow meeeow me

rose from table, "Mr. Vice, will you kindly return thanks."

meow meow meeoow, "Me. Meow, meow mew meeeow meeeow meeoow."

"_Confound_ the cat."

"mEeooooow mew mew."

THE LAST OF THE SKIPPER'S IMP.

MEW MEOW ME MEW MEOOOOW'M MEW.

No one ever saw the last of him, however; although a seaman, called Davis, Me mew meow mew mew meow me mew, meeoow; meeeooooow m meooooow, meeoow Meow,

swore point black, that he had seen the cat fly overboard in a sheet of meow meow meeoow, meow me mew meow mew mew mew meeeeeooooow me m meeoow me

blue flame; but then Davis was the biggest lubber and the greatest liar meow meeoow; mew meow Meow mew mew meeeoow meeoow mew mew meeeooooow meow

in the ship. The only thing known for certain is this: we were about three me mew meow. Mew meow meoow meoow mew meeoow me meow: me meow meeoow meeoow

days' sail from Symon's Town, Cape of Good Hope. The night was dark and

meow' meow meow Meeow'm Meow, Meow me Meow Meow. Mew meow mew meow mew

the weather squally, and poor Tom was last seen sitting, very quiet and
mew meeeow meeeow, mew meow Mew mew meow meow meooooow, meow meow mew

pensive-like, on the hammock nettings aft. He was seen there, I say, in
meooooow-meow, me mew meeeow meeeow mew. Me mew meow meow, M mew, me

the middle watch; and he was never seen again alive or dead. The men swore
mew meeeow meow; mew me mew meow meow meow meow me meow. Mew mew meow

roundly that he was a devil nothing more nor less, and that, being a
meeeow meow me mew m meow meeeow meow mew meow, mew meow, meow m

devil, he couldn't stomach my lord bishop on board, and consequently took
meow, me meeeow'm meeeow me meow meooow me meow, mew meeeeeeeow meow

French leave and went home. The truth, I suppose is, that the ship gave a
Meeow meow mew meow meow. Mew meow, M meeeow me, meow mew meow meow m

nasty lee lurch, and Tom, half asleep, missed his footing, and tumbled
meow mew meow, mew Mew, meow meeeow, meooow mew meeeow, mew meeeow

overboard. I know the skipper was sorry.
meooooow. M meow mew meeeow mew meow.

We kept a good look out for the _Flying Dutchman_ after Tom's demise; but
Me meow m meow meow mew mew mew mEooooow Meeooooow meow Mew'm meeeow; mew

very much to my disappointment, we did not fall in with that ghostly ship.
meow meow me me meeeooooooooow, me mew mew meow me meow meow meeeow meow.

If I were merely writing a sailor's yarn, I should certainly say we had
Me M meow meooow meeeow m meooow'm meow, M meooow meooooooooow mew me mew

seen her, and give a most photographic-like description of her; but such
meow mew, mew meow m meow meeeooooooooow-meow meooooooooow me mew; mew meow

stories I leave landsmen to tell, for I think if a man has been for ten or
meeeow M meow meeeow me meow, mew M meow me m mew mew meow mew mew me

a dozen years at sea, and kept his weather eye lifting all the time, it
m meow meow me mew, mew meow mew meeeow mew meeeow mew mew meow, me

will take him the remainder of his life to tell the whole _truth alone_.
meow meow mew mew meeeeoow me mew meow me meow mew meow meeeow.

When we came down to the Cape, which we managed to do without any further
Meow me meow meow me mew Meow, meow me meooooow me me meeeow mew meeeow

adventures, there lay the new admiral's ship, all spick and span from

meooooooooow, meow mew mew mew meeeeow'm meow, mew meeow mew meow meow

England's shores, so all our fellows were turned over to, and went home in Meeeeow'm meeow, me mew mew meeeow meow meooow meow me, mew meow meow me

the old Admiral's ship, all except our engineer and my unhappy self. We, mew mew Meooooow'm meow, mew meeeow mew meeeooow mew me meeeow meow. Me,

much to our disgust, were reappointed to the saucy _Tickler_, which was to meow me mew meeeeow, meow meeeeeeeow me mew meeow mEeooooow, meeow mew me

remain out for another commission, as tender to the new flagship. Now, meooow mew mew meeeeow meeeooooow, me meooow me mew mew meeeooow. Mew,

however, we had a new captain, the jolliest little man alive; new meeeeow, me mew m mew meooooow, mew meeeeeow meeeow mew meow; mew

officers, and a new crew, and we were all as jolly as sandboys. The new meooooow, mew m mew meow, mew me meow mew me meow me meooooow. Mew mew

officers thought themselves tremendously clever chaps, and every night meeeooow meooow meeeooooow meeeeeeeooow meooow meeow, mew meeow meeow

they used all to pull off their slippers and go pell mell at the meow meow mew me meow mew meow meeeooow mew me meow meow me mew

unfortunate cockroaches; but the engineer and I sat like stoics, and let meeeeeooooow meooooooooow; mew mew meooooow mew M mew meow meeow, mew mew

them crawl over us in scores, and if too many at one time came on the meow meeow meow me me meeow, mew me mew meow me mew meow meow me mew

book we might be reading, we gently removed them. But before a month was meow me meeow me meeooow, me meeeow meeeooow meow. Mew meeow m meeow mew

over, our messmates found out the futility, of trying to diminish the meow, mew meeeeeeow meow mew mew meooooow, me meeeow me meeeooow mew

number of cockroaches, and these interesting creatures had _carte blanche_ meeeow me meeeooooow, mew meeow meeeeeooooow meeeeeow mew meeeow meeeooow

all over the ship.
mew meow mew meow.

[Illustration: TORTOISESHELL.

[Meeeeeooooow: MEEEEEEEEEEOW.

First Prize--Owned by MR. L. SMITH.]

Meow Meow--Meow me ME. M. MEOOW.]

[Illustration: SILVER, or BLUE TABBY.

[Meeeeeeeeooow: MEOOOW, me MEOW MEOW.

First Prize--Owned by MR. REYNOLDS.]
Meeow Meeow--Meow me ME. MEEEEOOOW.]

We sailed for Bombay.
Me meooow mew Meeow.

But though black Tom was no more, ill-luck seemed still to hover in the
Mew meeeow meow Mew mew me meow, mew-meow meooow meow me meow me mew

wake of that little vessel.
meow me meow meooow meeeow.

I would willingly narrate our further adventures in detail, but somehow I
M meow meeeooooow meeeow mew meeeooow meeeooooow me meeoow, mew meooow M

have no heart, now that the cat has left the story. But, how we were
meow me meow, mew meow mew mew meow mew meow. Mew, mew me meow

caught in a gale off the Cape and the ship _taken aback_ (that, reader, is
meeoow me m meow mew mew Meow mew mew meow meooow meeoow (meow, meooow, me

much more dreadful than it appears on paper), how we sprang a leak a week
meow meow meooooow meow me meooooow me meow), mew me meeeow m meow m meow

after--glass falling and weather stormy, on a rock bound coast--and, just
meow--meow meeeow mew meeeow meeoow, me m meow meow meow--mew, meow

as the ship was beginning to stagger like a drunk man, and the boats were
me mew meow mew meeeooooow me meeeooow meow m meow mew, mew mew meow meow

got ready for lowering, the engineer--brave little man--dived below water
mew meow mew meooooow, mew meooooow--meow meeeow mew--meeow meow meow

in the engine-room, and found it was no leak at all, but the great
me mew meooow-meow, mew meow me mew me meow me mew, mew mew meow

sea-cock left open by a drunken stoker; how we ran on shore on that wild
mew-meow meow meow me m meeeooow meeoow; mew me mew me meow me meow meow

reef outside Johanna, and lay there for a whole week with our keel
meow meeoow Meeoow, mew mew meow mew m meow meow meow mew meow

floating in splinters around us; how, finally we got off, and steamed to

meooooow me meeeeeoow meeoow me; mew, meeeeow me mew mew, mew meooooow me

Bombay almost a wreck; the pumps going continually, and barely keeping her
Meoow meeeow m meoow; mew meeoow meeoow meeeeeooooow, mew meeoow meeeoow mew

afloat; how we arrived safely through it all; how a liberal government
meeoow; mew me meeoow meeoow meooooow me mew; mew m meeeeow meeeeeooooow

paid rather more for repairing her, than would have bought a new one, and
meow meeeow meow mew meeeeeeeow mew, meow meeoow meow meoow m mew mew, mew

how she was sold three years after for an old song,--is it not all written
mew mew mew meow meeoow meoow meeoow mew me mew meow,--me me mew mew meeoow

in the log of Her Majesty's saucy gunboat, _Tickler_.
me mew mew me Mew Meeoow'm meoow meeoow, mEeoooooow.

[Illustration: "Zula," the property of Mrs. Captain Barrett-Lennard. This
[Meeeeeeeeeoow: "Meow," mew meeeeow me Mew. Meeoow Meeeoow-Meoow. Meow

cat was brought from Abyssinia at the conclusion of the war, fed on the
mew mew meeoow meow Meeeeeeeow me mew meeeeeooooow me mew mew, mew me mew

way home on raw beef, and was long very wild. She is now very fond of her
mew meow me mew meow, mew mew meow meow meow. Mew me mew meow meow me mew

mistress, but has a great many eccentricities which other cats have not,
meooooow, mew mew m meeoow meow meeeeeooooooooow meow meow meow meow mew,

and is altogether a wonderful specimen of cat-kind.]
mew me meeeeeeeow m meooooow meeeeoow me mew-meow.]

ADDENDA.

MEEEEOW.

I deem it fair both to myself and to the reader, to supplement my own
M meow me meow meow me meeeow mew me mew meooow, me meeeeeeeow me mew

evidence on the "Curiosities of Cat Life," by giving the names and
meooooow me mew "Meooooooooow me Mew Meow," me meeeow mew meow mew

addresses of my authorities for those of my anecdotes, which may seem to
meeeeeeeow me me meeeeeeeeeow mew meow me me meooooow, meow mew meow me

run contrary to the generally received opinions, concerning cats; at the
mew meooooow me mew meeeeeeeow meooooow meeeeoow, meeeeeeeow meow; me mew

same time thanking those ladies and gentlemen, who have taken so much
meow meow meooooow meow meeeow mew meeeeeooow, mew meow meow me meow

interest in the progress of this work, and expressed themselves willing to
meeeeeeeow me mew meeeeoow me meow meow, mew meeeeeeeow meeeeeeeow meooooow me

vouch for the truth of the incidents herein related by me. I have tried
meoow mew mew meow me mew meooooow meeeow meeeeeow me me. M meow meow

to make the anecdotes as readable as possible, and as humorous, as I know
me meow mew meeeooooow me meooooow me meooooow, mew me meeeeoow, me M meow

many people think "cats" a dry subject; _but in no single instance have
meow meooow meow "meow" m mew meeeeeow; meow me me meooow meeeeeow meow

the interests of truth been disregarded_. My anecdotes are what might be
mew meooooow me meow meow meeeeeeeooooow. Me meooooow mew meow meow me

called sample anecdotes, as I have many hundreds more of the same sort, my
meooow meooow meeeeeeeow, me M meow meow meeeeeeoow meow me mew meow meow, me

object being to describe _pussy as she really is_, and thus to gain favour
meeoow meow me meeeeeeeow meeeow me mew meooow mew, mew meow me meow meeeow

for an animal hitherto understood only by the few, and abused by the many.
mew me meooow meeeeeeeow meeeeeeeoow meow me mew mew, mew meeeow me mew meow.

And, nothing would give me greater pain, than the reader to have an idea,
Mew, meooooow meow meow me meeeeeow meow, meow mew meeeow me meow me meow,

that my cats are exceptional cats; for, I distinctly aver, _that no cat
meow me meow mew meeeeeooooow meow; mew, M meooooooooow meow, meow me mew

mentioned in this book, has either done or suffered anything, which any
meeeooooow me meow meow, mew meeeow meow me meeeeeoow meooooow, meow mew

other cat in the kingdom cannot do or suffer_.

meow mew me mew meooooow meeoow me me meooooow.

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Note A.--I have to acknowledge with thanks, the kind letter on the
mEeow M.m--M meow me meooooooooow meow meeeow, mew meow meoow me mew

points and classification of cats, sent me by J. Jenner Weir, F.L.S.
meeoow mew meeeeeooooooooow me meow, meow me me M. Meeoow Meow, M.M.M.

Note B.--Fishermen, returning in their boats on clear summer nights,
mEoow M.m--Meeeeeow, meeeeeow me meeeow meoow me meoow meeeow meoow,

often see a bright light on this mountain's side. I should think the
meeow mew m meeoow meeeow me meow meeeeeow'm meow. M meeoow meeeow mew

phenomenon due to the reflection of star-rays, from a piece of rock
meeeeeeoow mew me mew meeeeeeeow me meow-meow, meow m meeeow me meow

crystal; but the superstitious Skye men have a different opinion, and aver
meeeeoow; mew mew meeeeeeeeoow Meow mew meow m meeoow meeeow, mew meow

that this light marks the entrance to the cave of the buried treasure. I
meow meow meeeow meoow mew meeoow me mew meow me mew meeeow meeeoow. M

hope they may find it. I strongly suspect, however, that the malignant
meow meow mew meow me. M meeeeoow meeeow, meeeow, meow mew meeeeeeoow

fairy is nothing more nor less than a wild cat.
meeow me meeeow meow mew meow meow m meow mew.

Note C.--Anecdote of the wild cat. Mr. Sibbald.
mEoow M.m--Meeeeeow me mew meow mew. Me. Meeeoow.

Note D.--Anecdote related by Mrs. McDonald.

mEeow M.m--Meooooow meeeeow me Mew. MeOooooow.

_Note E.--Anecdote of "Tucker." Mr. Swanson.
mEeow M.m--Meooooow me "Meeeow." Me. Meooooow.

_Note F.--Anecdote of cat hunting on three legs. Mr. John McLean.
mEoow M.m--Meeeeoow me mew meeoow me meow meow. Me. Meow MeEoow.

_Note G.--Anecdote by Miss Oliver.
mEeow M.m--Meeeeeeow me Meow Meeoow.

_Note H.--Related by Mrs. Church.
mEoow M.m--Meeeeow me Mew. Meeoow.

_Note I.--Related by Mrs. McDonald.
mEoow M.m--Meeeoow me Mew. MeOooooow.

_Note K.--The cat belonging to Lieutenant Hawthorne. This cat was first
mEeow M.m--Mew mew meeeeeeeow me Meooooooooow Meeeeeeow. Meow mew mew meoow
prize for weight at the Crystal Palace.
meeow mew meeoow me mew Meeoow Meoow.

_Note L.--Anecdote related by Mrs. D. H. Gordon.
mEoow M.m--Meeeeeeow meeeeow me Mew. M. M. Meeeow.

_Note M.--Anecdote by Miss Oliver.
mEeow M.m--Meeeeeoow me Meow Meoow.

_Note N.--For private reasons the address of voucher for the truth of

mEeow M.m--Mew meeeoow meeeoow mew meooooow me meeeoow mew mew meeow me

this anecdote cannot be published, but can be sent privately, if wished.
meow meeeeoow meeeow me meeeeoow, mew mew me meow meeeeeeow, me meeow.

Note O.--Related by Mr. Murray, Stretford Road, Hulme, Manchester.
mEeow M.m--Meeeeow me Me. Meeoow, Meeeoow Meow, Meeow, Meeeeeoow.

Note P.--This sport (?) is also common in the Highlands of Scotland.
mEeow M.m--Meow meeow (?) me meow meeeow me mew Meeeeoow me Meeeoow.

Note Q.--This happened at the mill of Maidencraig, near Aberdeen. Mr. W.
mEeow M.m--Meow meeeeoow me mew meow me Meeeeeoow, meow Meeeoow. Me. M.

Young, was then miller.
Meeow, mew meow meoow.

Note R.--Related by Mrs. G. Wilson.
mEeow M.m--Meooooow me Mew. M. Meoow.

Note S.--This queer little doggie may be seen any evening at the Crown
mEeow M.m--Meow meeow meeoow meeoow mew me meow mew meeoow me mew Meow

Hotel, Gosport. A small white bull-terrier.
Meeow, Meooooow. M meoow meoow meow-meeooooow.

Note T.--Related by Mr. Rebecca.
mEeow M.m--Meeeoow me Me. Meeoow.

Note U.--Anecdote by Mr. Millar.
mEeow M.m--Meeeoow me Me. Meeoow.

Note V.--Anecdote by Mrs. Church.

mEeow M.m--Meeooooow me Mew. Meooooow.

Note W.--Related by Miss Oliver.
mEeow M.m--Meeeeeow me Meow Meeeeeow.

Note X.--Related by Mr. Swanson.
mEeow M.m--Meeooooow me Me. Meeooooow.

THE END.
MEW MEW.

FOOTNOTES:
MEEEEOOOOW:

[1] The aversion of the poorer classes in Scotland to receive parochial
[m] Mew meeeooooow me mew meooooow meeeeeeow me Meooooooow me meooooow meeeeeeooow

relief, or to go into "the house," is well known. No man having once done
meeoow, me me me meow "mew meeow," me meow meoow. Me mew meooow meow meow

so can--or indeed would be permitted to--hold up his head among his
me mew--me meooooow meeow me meeeeeeow me--meow me mew meow meeow mew

neighbours again.
meeeeoow meoow.

[2] One only child.

[m] Mew meow meow.

[3] Gowk--a cuckoo, an animal of little sense.

[m] Meow--m meooow, me meooow me meooow meow.

[4] Tit--pap.

[m] Mew--mew.

[5] Dripping = kitchen-fee.

[m] Meeeeeow = meeeeow-mew.

[6] _Glossary to above._ 1, _Thrum_, a bit of thread. 2, _hum_, sing low

[m] mEoooooow me meeow.m m, mEeooow, m mew me meeow. m, meow, meow mew

without words. 3, _grat_, wept. 4, _eenies_, little eyes. 5, _preenies_,
meeeow meow. m, meeow, meow. m, meooooow, meooow meow. m, meeeeeeoow,

small pins. 6, _syne_, then. 7, _glum_, melancholy. 8, _heed_, head. 9,
meeow meow. m, meeow, meow. m, meooow, meooooooow. m, meeow, meow. m,

bleed, blood. 10, _beanies_, small bones. 11, _Num!_ Nice! 12, _greet_,
meooooow, meeow. me, meooooooow, meeow meeow. me, mEow!m Meow! me, meeeeow,

weep. 13, _lum_, chimney-pot.

meow. me, meeow, meeeow-mew.

[7] Women selling Scotch confectionery.

[m] Meow meeeow Meeow meeeeeeeeoow.

[8] Note. This chapter "is rote sarkastic."

[m] Meow. Meow meeeow "me meow meooooooow."

[9] See, page 100, vol. I.

[m] Mew, meow mew, mew. M.

[10] _Pelage_ in _cat_ology = feather in _dog_ology.

[me] mEeeeeow me meeeeeooooow = meeeeow me meeeeeooooow.

[11] Honey, suet, marlingspikes, and pens.--_Jack's translation._
[me] Meeow, meow, meooooooooooooow, mew meow.--mEoow'm meooooooooooooow.m

[12] In my next edition I shall insert a bird-stuffer's name here. Space
[me] Me me meow meooooow M meeow meeeow m meow-meooooow'm meow meow. Meeow

to be let to the highest bidder.
me me mew me mew meeeeow meeeow.

[13] 11 o'clock.
[me] me m'meeow.

[14] Throughout the story, commander, captain, and skipper mean one and
[me] Meeeeeeeoow mew meeow, meooooooooow, meeeeoow, mew meeoow meow mew mew

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m meooooow, mew me meeoow meeoow mew meeeeow, mew meooooow meeeow mew

back.
meow.

[15] My! a Scottish interjection only translatable by the Greek *Io!*
[me] Me! m Meeeeeoow meeeeeeeeeeoow meow meeeeeeeeeeoow me mew Meoow Me!

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