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Was a worthy old soul,
As e'er threaded a needle,

Or washed in a bowl:

She held mice and rats

In such antipathy.

That seven fine cats

Kept Dame Wiggins of Lee.



The rats and mice scared
 By this fierce whiskered crew,
 The poor seven cats
 Soon had nothing to do;
 So, as any one idle
 She ne'er loved to see,
 She sent them to school,
 Did Dame Wiggins of Lee.



but soon she grew tired
 Of living alone
 For the rest of her days
 From school to come home
 Each evening a wherry
 Bringing her home
 The boat made merry
 With the singing of the crew





But soon she grew tired
 Of living alone,
 So she sent for her cats
 From school to come home:
 Each rowing a wherry,
 Returning you see:
 The frolic made merry
 Dame Wiggins of Lee.



To give them a treat,
 She ran out for some rice;
 When she came back,
 They were skating on ice;
 “ I shall soon see one down,
 Aye, perhaps two, or three,
 I’ll bet half-a-crown,”
 Said Dame Wiggins of Lee.



While, to make a nice pudding,
 She went for a sparrow,
 They were wheeling a sick lamb
 Home, in a barrow.
 "You shall all have some sprats,
 For your humanity,
 My seven good cats,"
 Said Dame Wiggins of Lee.



While she ran to the field,
 To look for its dam,
 They were warming the bed
 For the poor sick lamb;
 They turned up the clothes
 As neat as could be;
 “I shall ne’er want a nurse,”
 Said Dame Wiggins of Lee.



She wished them good night,

And went up to bed;

When lo! in the morning,

The cats were all fled.

But soon, what a fuss!

“Where can they all be?

Here, pussy, puss, puss!”

Cried Dame Wiggins of Lee.



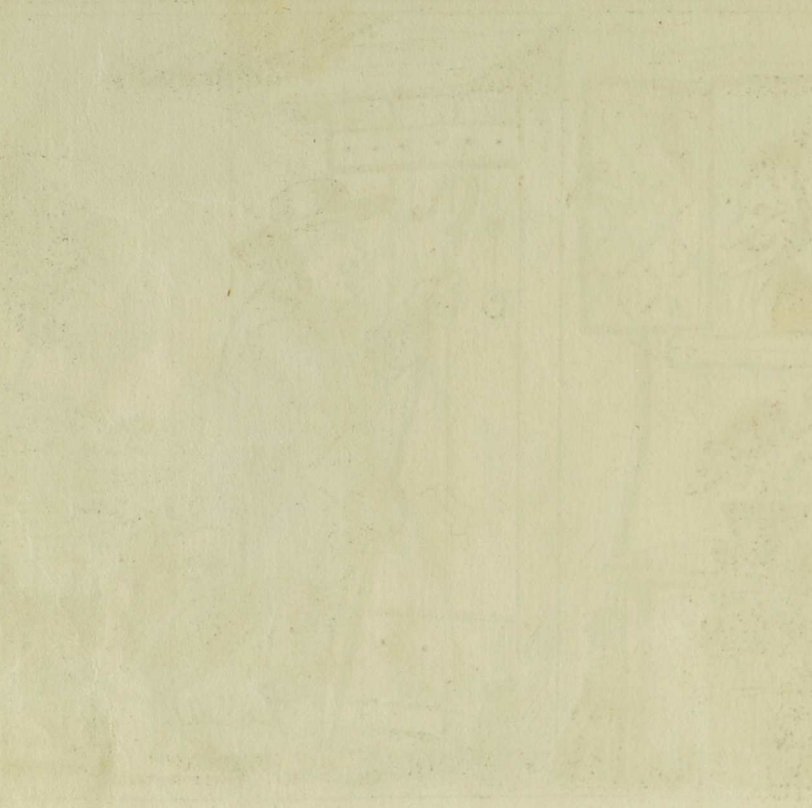
The Dame's heart was nigh broke,
 So she sat down to weep;
 When she saw them come back,
 Each riding a sheep:
 She fondled and patted
 Each purring Tom-my;
 "Ah! welcome, my dears,"
 Said Dame Wiggins of Lee.



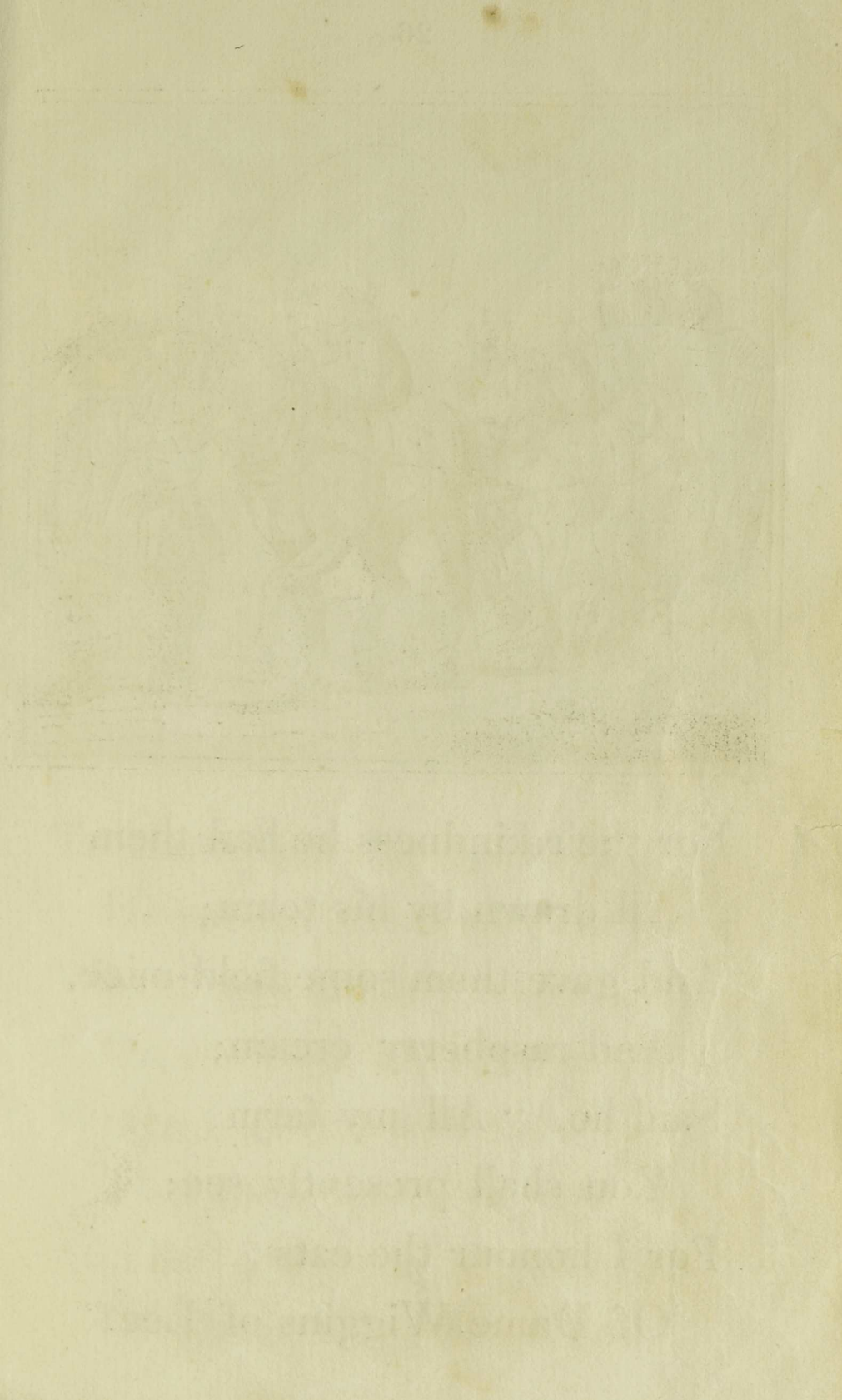
The Dame was unable
 Her pleasure to smother,
 To see the sick Lamb
 Jump up to its mother;
 In spite of the gout,
 And a pain in her knee,
 She went dancing about;
 Did Dame Wiggings of Lee.



The Farmer soon heard
Where his sheep went astray;
And arrived at Dame's door,
With his faithful dog Tray.
He knocked with his crook,
And, the stranger to see,
Out of window did look
Dame Wiggins of Lee.



The father soon heard
 When he saw that
 And arrived at
 This beautiful
 He looked with his
 All the things to
 Out of window, the
 Dance begins of





For their kindness he had them
 All drawn by his team;
 And gave them some field-mice,
 And raspberry cream;
 Said he, "All my farm
 You shall presently see;
 For I honour the cats
 Of Dame Wiggins of Lee."



To shew them his poultry,
 He turned them all loose;
 When each nimbly leaped
 On the back of a goose:
 Which frightened them so,
 That they ran to the sea,
 And half-drowned the poor cats
 Of Dame Wiggins of Lee.



For the care of his Lamb,
 And their comical pranks,
 He gave them a ham,
 And abundance of thanks.
 “ I wish you good day,
 My fine fellows,” said he:
 “ My compliments, pray,
 To Dame Wiggins of Lee.”



You see them arrived

At their Dame's welcome door:

'They show her their presents,

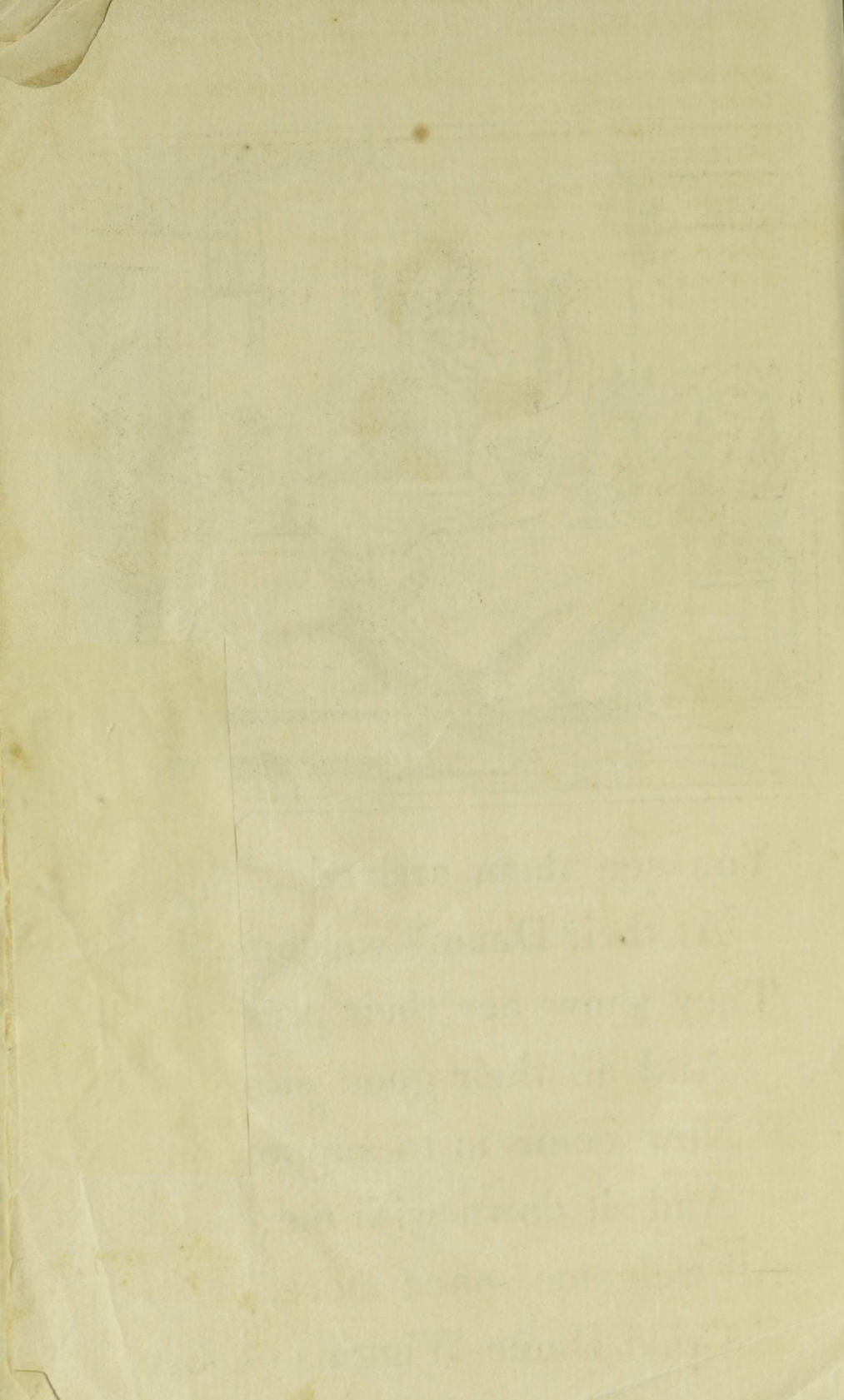
And all their good store.

"Now come in to supper,

And sit down with me:

All welcome, once more,"

Cried Dame Wiggins of Lee.



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