

# DAIME WIGGINS OF LEE AND HER SEVEN WONDERFUL CATS









Dame Wiggins of Lee,  
AND HER  
Seven Wonderful Cats.

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Dame Wiggins of Lee

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

She held mice and rats

In such antipathy,  
That seven fine cats

Kept Dame Wiggins of Lee.



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

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











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!” said Dame Wig-  
gins 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 patted and fondled 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 Wig-  
gins 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.

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.”



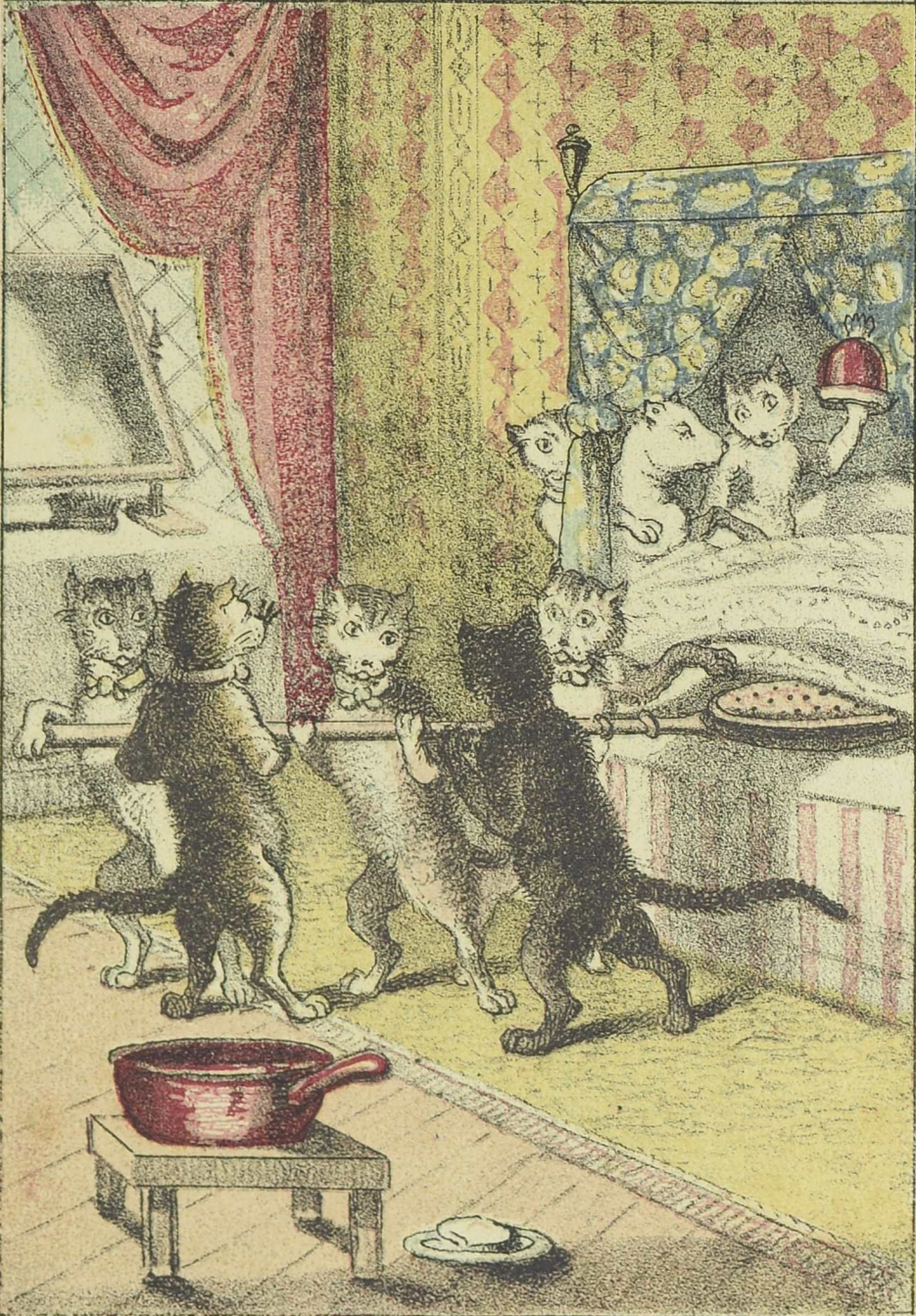
You see them arrived  
At their Dame's welcome door:  
To shew her their presents,  
And all their good store.

"Now come in to supper, and sit down  
with me:

All welcome, once more," said Dame Wig-  
gins of Lee.









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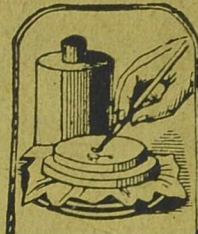


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