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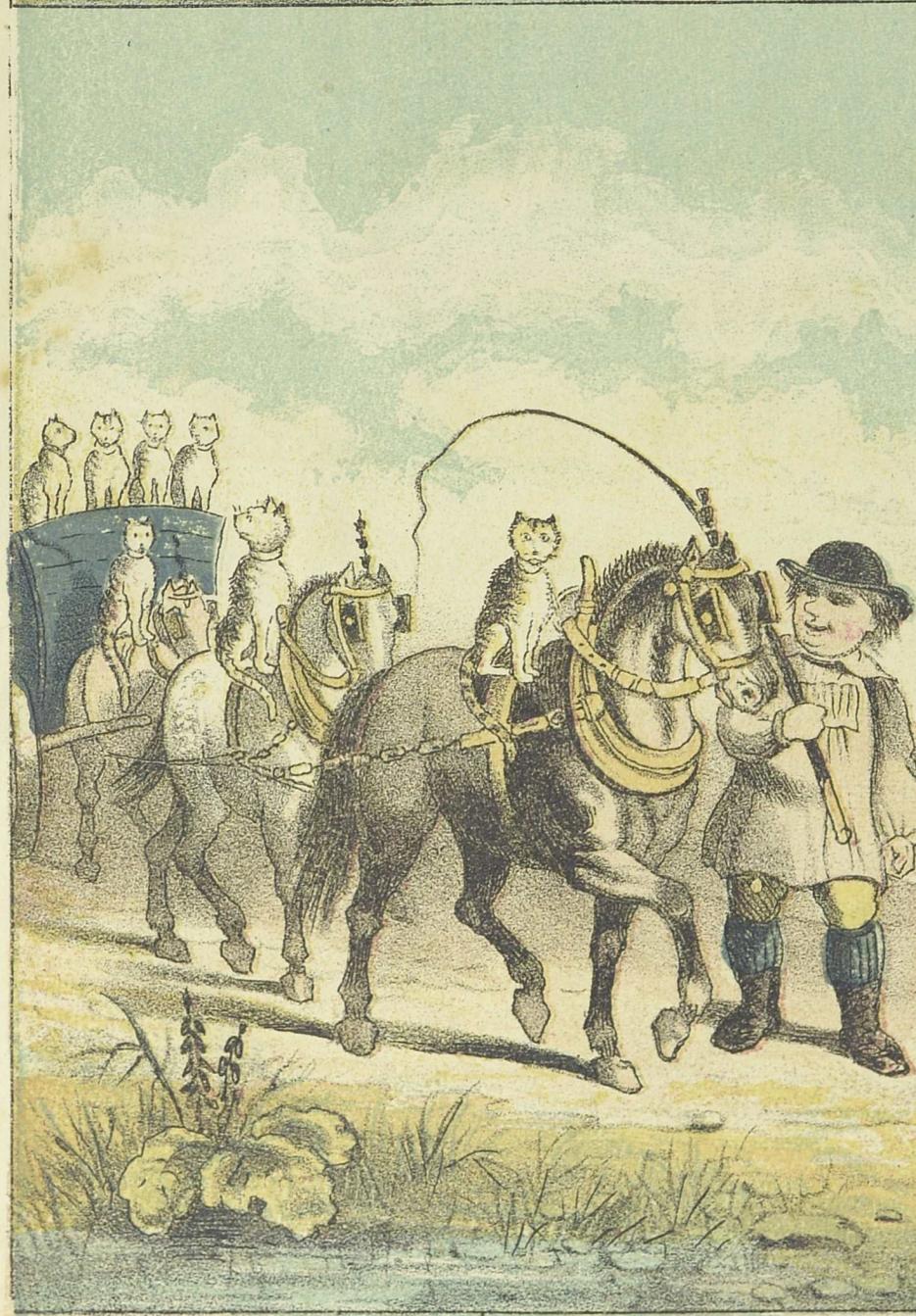
Dame Wiggins of Lee,
AND HER
Seven Wonderful Cats.

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 Wiggins of Lee.

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



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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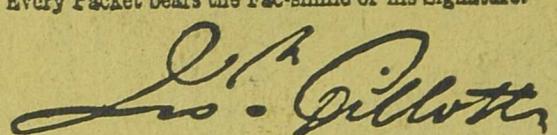
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