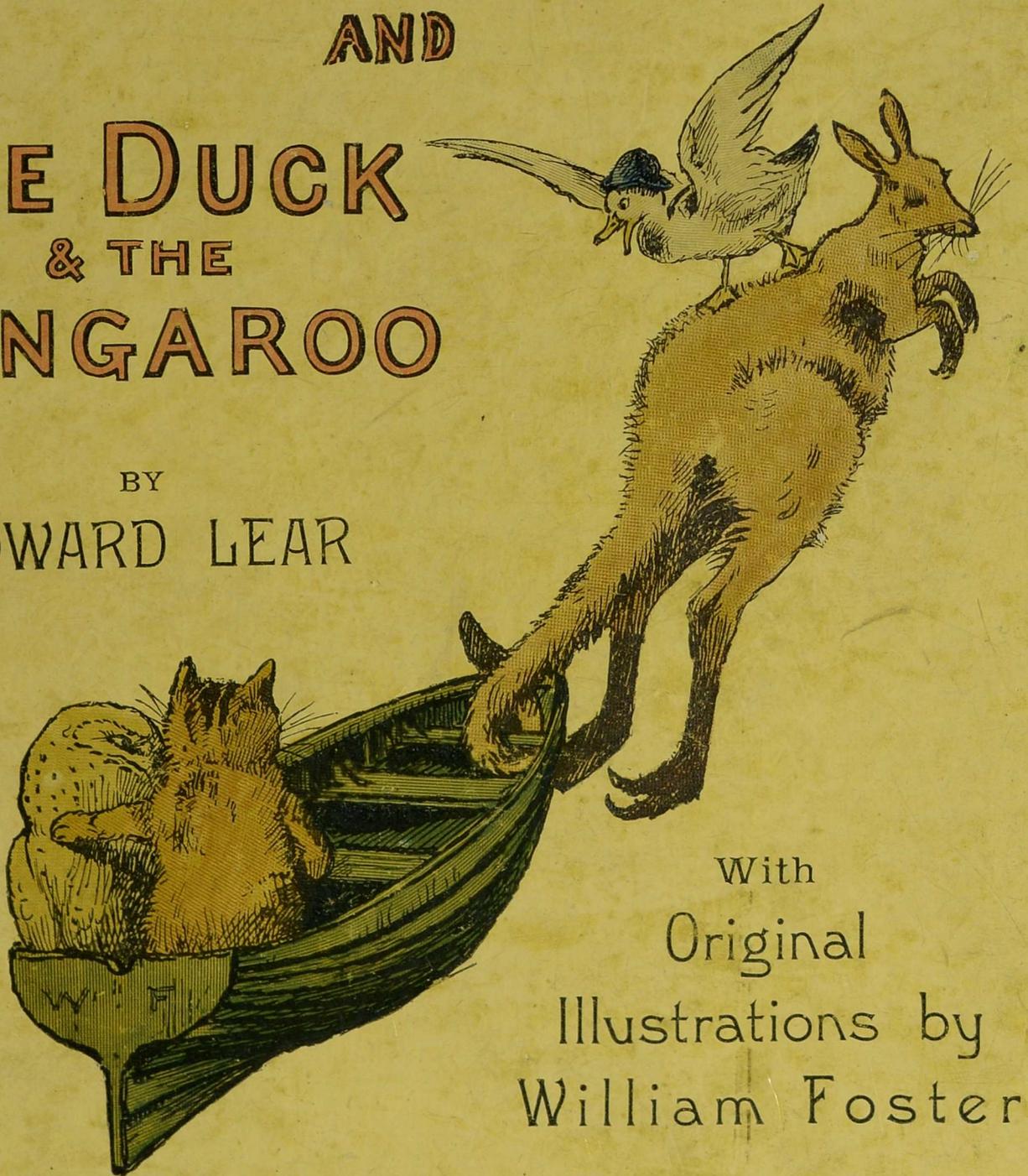


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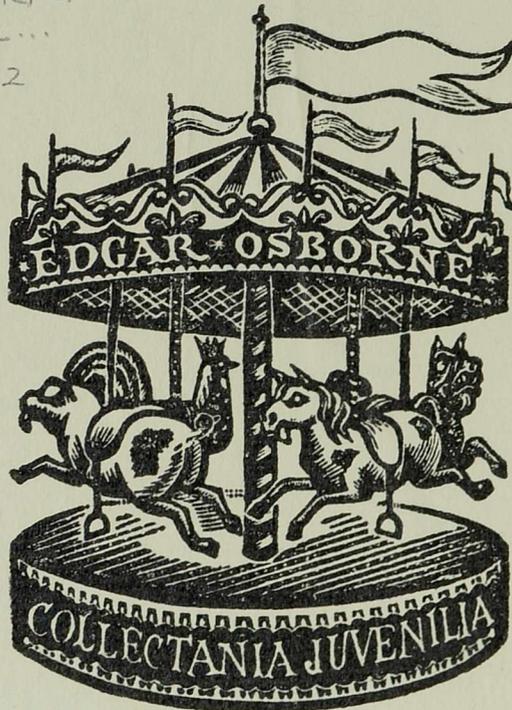


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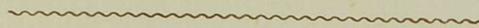
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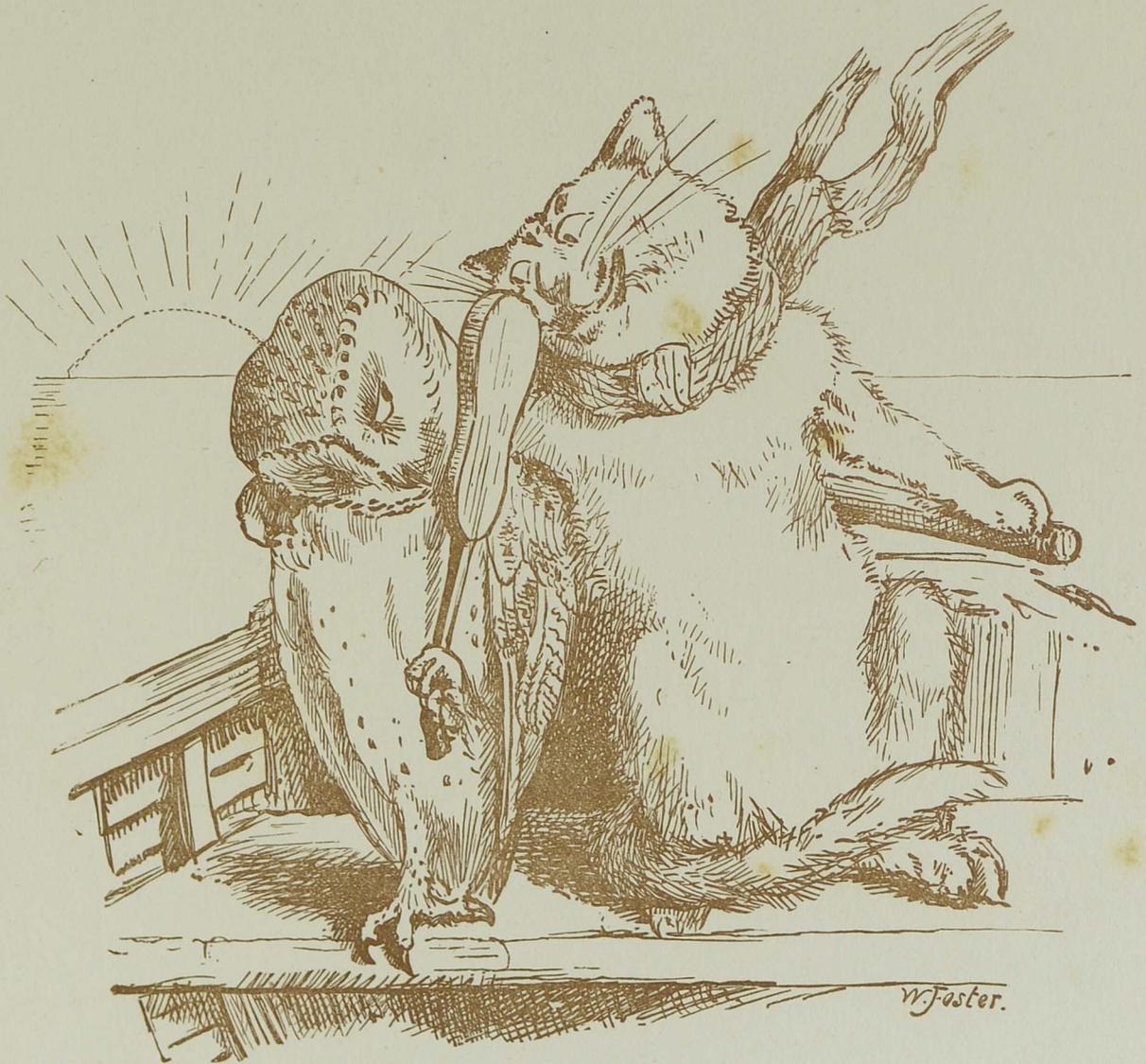
The Owl and the Pussy-Cat went
to sea
In a beautiful pea-green boat,

They took some honey, and
plenty of money
Wrapped up in a five-pound
note.



The Owl looked up to the
stars above,
And sang to a small guitar,

“O lovely Pussy! O Pussy, my love,
What a beautiful Pussy you are,
You are,
You are!
What a beautiful Pussy you are!”



Pussy said to the Owl, "You
elegant fowl!
How charmingly sweet you sing!"

O let us be married! too long we
have tarried:

But what shall we do for a ring?"



They sailed away for a year and
a day,
To the land where the Bong-
tree grows,

And there in a wood a Piggy-wig
stood,

With a ring at the end of his
nose,

His nose,

His nose,

With a ring at the end of his
nose.



“Dear Pig, are you willing to sell
for one shilling
Your ring?” Said the Piggy, “I
will.”



So they took it away, and were
married next day
By the Turkey who lives on
the hill.

They dinèd on mince, and slices
of quince

Which they ate with a runcible
spoon;

And hand in hand, on the edge
of the sand,

They danced by the light of
the moon,

The moon,

The moon,



They danced by the light of
the moon.

The Duck

and



the

Kangaroo.

Said the Duck to the Kangaroo,
“Good gracious! how you hop
Over the fields and the water too,
As if you never would stop!



My life is a bore in this nasty pond,
And I long to go out in the world
beyond!



I wish I could hop like you!"
Said the Duck to the Kangaroo.



“Please give me a ride on your
back!”
Said the Duck to the Kangaroo.

“I would sit quite still, and say
nothing but ‘Quack,’

The whole of the long day
through!

And we’d go to the Dee, and
the Jelly Bo Lee,

Over the land, and over the
sea;—



Please take me a ride! O do!"
Said the Duck to the Kangaroo.

Said the Kangaroo to the Duck,

“This requires some little reflection;

Perhaps on the whole it might
bring me luck,

And there seems but one objection,

Which is, if you'll let me speak so
bold,

Your feet are unpleasantly wet and
cold,



And would probably give me the
roo-
Matiz!" said the Kangaroo.



Said the Duck, "As I sate on the rocks,
I have thought over that completely,
And I bought four pairs of worsted socks
Which fit my web-feet neatly.



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And to keep out the cold I've bought
a cloak,
And every day a cigar I'll smoke,
All to follow my own dear true
Love of a Kangaroo!"

Said the Kangaroo, "I'm ready!

All in the moonlight pale;

But to balance me well, dear Duck,
sit steady!

And quite at the end of my tail!"

So away they went with a hop
and a bound,

And they hopped the whole world
three times round;

And who so happy,—O who,
As the Duck and the Kangaroo?



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