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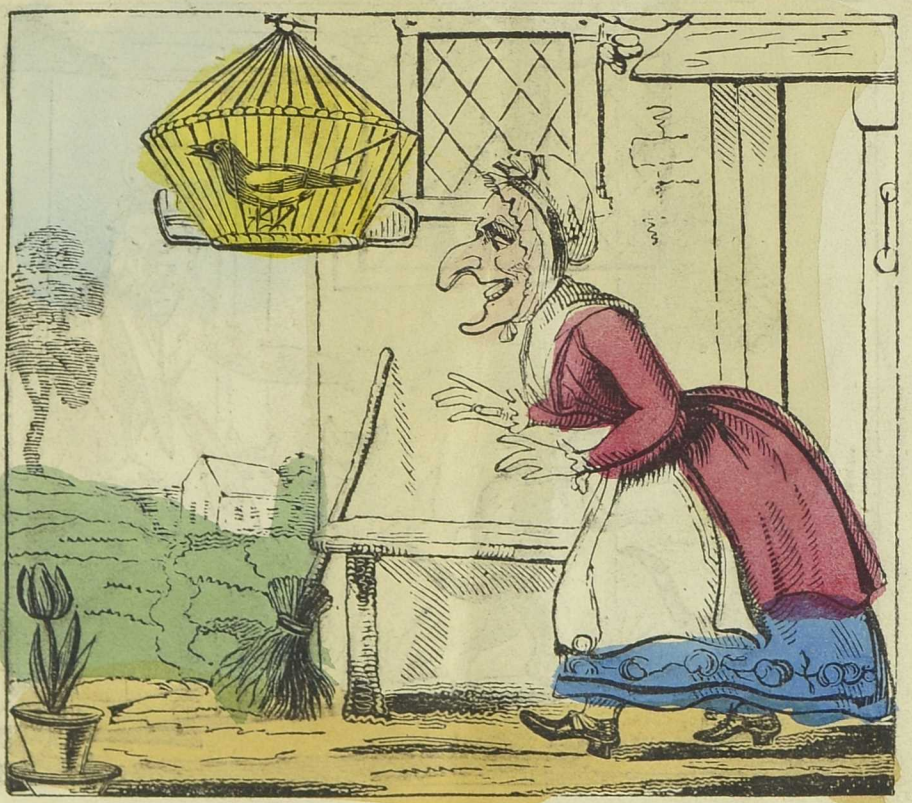

Dame Trot and her cottage, above you view,
And there is her seat, and her magpie, too;
But the comical Dame was nothing less
Than the cats' mag-ni-fi-cent go-verness.

But the cats were deaf whenever
she spoke,
They leapt on the shelves, and her
china broke;
They lapped up her milk, and
laughed at her rule,
So she sent them off to a neigh-
bouring school.

When she called, she addressed them with "How d'ye do;"
The cats politely replied, "Mew, Mew."
A large silk handkerchief lay on their knees,
And they hemmed away as busy as bees.

She was pleased, and invited them
home to dine
Off a dish of fish, with gooseberry
wine;
And the toast she gave, as they
gobbled the sprats,
Was, "Health and long life to my
comical cats."

But a very respectable grey-whiskered cat,
In the midst of the feast smelt a mouse or a rat;
So, without asking leave, to the garden she ran,
And received a fat mouse from the hands of the man.

Said a knowing old mouse, "Now
the cats are away,
As the old saying has it, the mouse
may play;"
But a cat and her kitten crept slily
round,
And carried poor mousey away at
a bound.

Farmer Hodge, a kind neighbour,
was troubled with mice,
Says the dame, "We will clear them
away in a trice:"
So she sent all the cats once a day
to his house,
And at night they returned, each
bearing a mouse.

When Hodge and his waggon
Dame Trot espied,
She determined on giving her cats
a ride;
So the ladies were placed in the
waggon, of course,
While the gentlemen cats mounted
each his own horse.

The farmer was pleased that the mice were all gone;
Said he, "My fine cats, for the service you've done,
Here, take home this ham,—I will send you some game;
And give my respects to your worthy old Dame."

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