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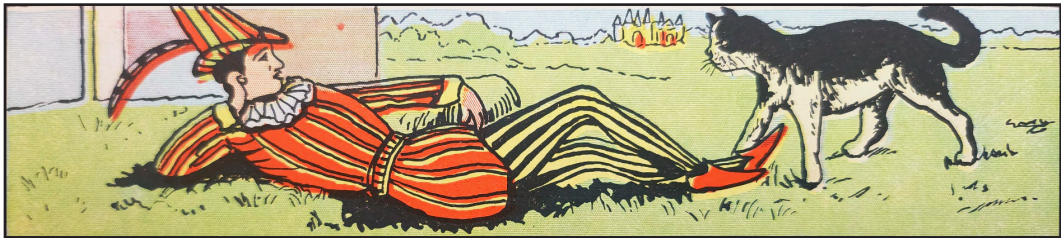


***A miller left his cat which kept the mill free of mice to his youngest son Cariba. Now Cariba once saved the cat's life when a nasty dog was trying to kill it, so he was very fond of his master and determined to help him forward in life.***





***Now Cariba was very much in love with a beautiful Princess and Puss-in-Boots said that he would help Cariba to make her his wife, only he must have his own way and his master must follow him in all he wanted him to do. Cariba was astonished to hear his cat speak, but he promised to obey him.***



***Cariba gave Puss-in-Boots a hat, a pair of boots, a bag, and a stick, and then bid his cat good-bye, who promised to find his Princess and help him to make her his wife. Then Puss-in-Boots set out upon his mission as happy as a king.***

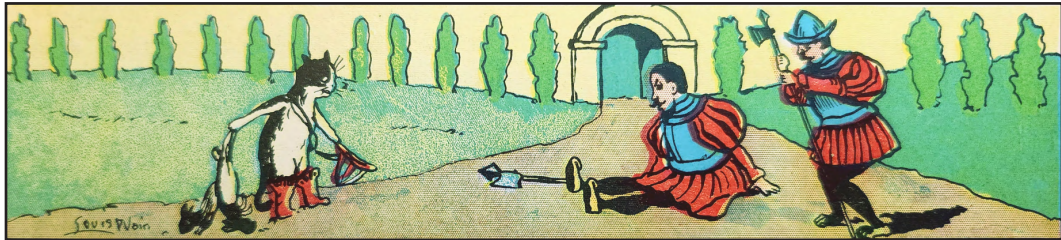


***On the way to the King's castle Puss-in-Boots had to go through an enchanted wood where thousands of rabbits were playing about. Puss-in-Boots laid a trap and soon caught two of them. Now the King was very fond of them, and Puss-in-Boots knew this and wanted to make them a present to the King.***

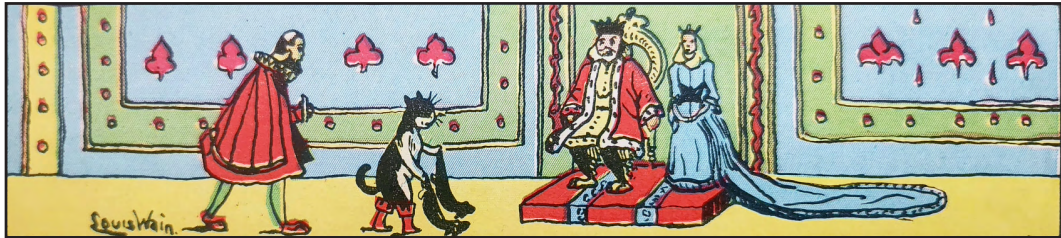


***Puss-in-Boots set off to the castle, knowing that the King could not get any rabbits because they were in the enchanted wood and no one could go there. The palace guards were astonished to see a cat with two rabbits. Puss-in-Boots demanded to see the King at once.***





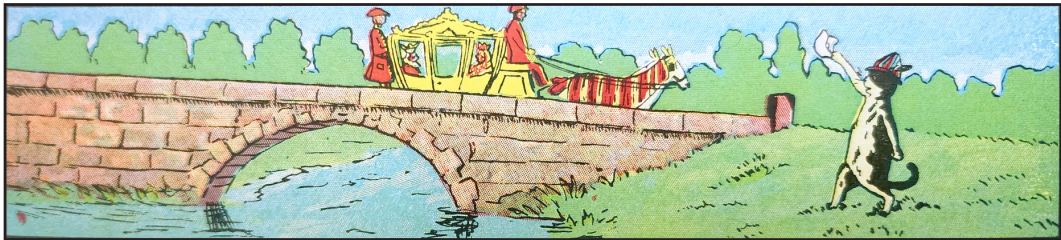
***The King was delighted to welcome Puss-in-Boots and very glad to get a good dinner of his favourite rabbits, and begged Puss-in-Boots to convey his best thanks to his master, and promised to come and see him in his master's castle and bring the lovely Princess with him soon.***



***On the following morning Puss-in-Boots took his master for a bathe in the river, and while his master was in the water he rolled up his clothes in a bundle and threw them to the bottom of the river, but promised to get him a better suit of clothes if he would only wait.***

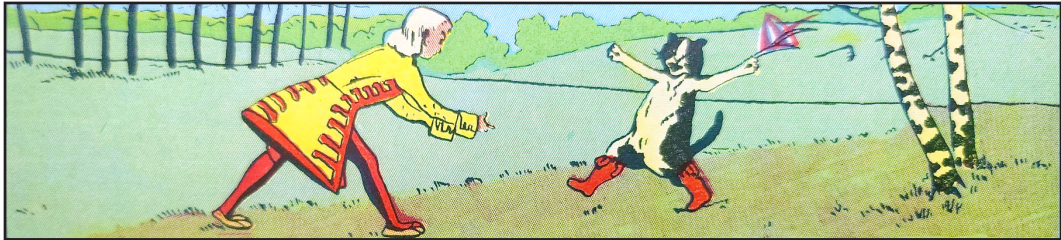


***Just then the King came by in his carriage. Puss-in-Boots told him that his master's clothes had fallen in the river while bathing and had been lost. So the King said that he had an odd suit in his carriage he intended making a present of to Cariba, and he gave him the suit at once. And Cariba came out of the water afterwards and put them on.***

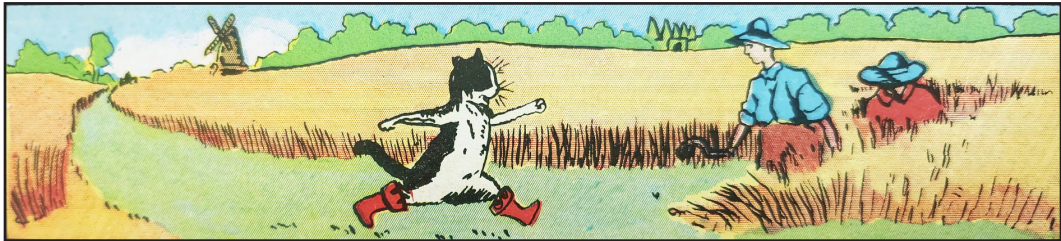


***Cariba looked quite a Prince in his new clothes, and when the King and the Princess returned Puss-in-Boots introduced him to the King as the Marquis of Cariba. The King asked Cariba to ride in his carriage, and the lovely Princess was very pleased to meet the Marquis of Cariba, and chatted with him about everything.***

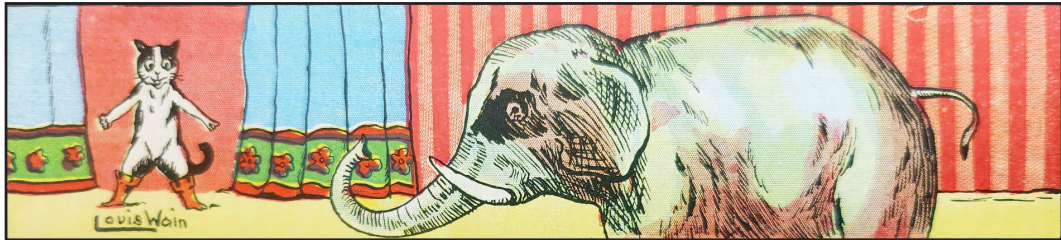




***Puss-in-Boots ran on in advance of the King's carriage telling all the reapers in the cornfields to say that their master was the Marquis of Cariba and that the wicked ogre's castle was their master's castle. Having done this he hastened on to the ogre's castle himself.***



***“I’ll change into an Elephant,” said the ogre, and instantly he became an elephant coming out of a cloud of smoke. Puss-in-Boots was surprised and alarmed, and begged the ogre to turn himself into a smaller animal, and then the ogre said “Yes, I will change into a Lion.”***

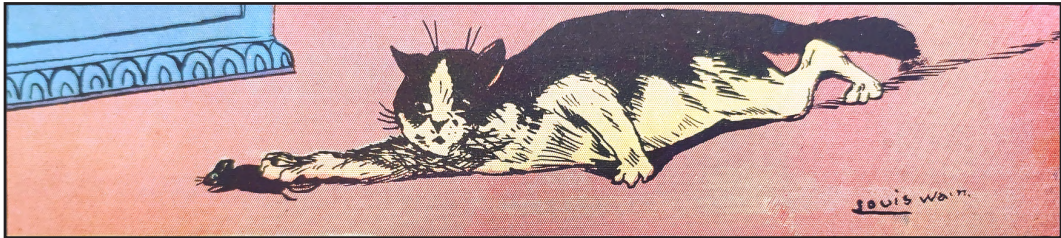


***Instantly there was a big cloud of smoke and a disagreeable noise was heard. The elephant disappeared and out of the smoke jumped a roaring lion. "Oh!" said Puss-in-Boots, "I am terribly frightened, turn quickly into the form of a smaller animal, turn into a mouse, please."***

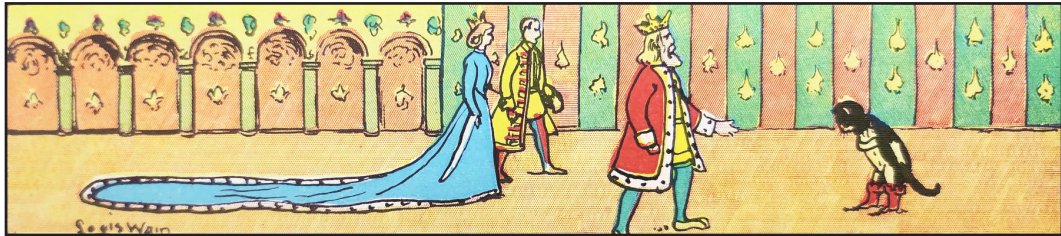


***Again there was smoke and the lion said, "I will change into a Mouse," and a mouse was seen to run into a corner, but quick as lightning Puss-in-Boots jumped upon him and the wicked ogre-mouse was killed. As soon as the ogre was dead everything in the castle changed and became new.***

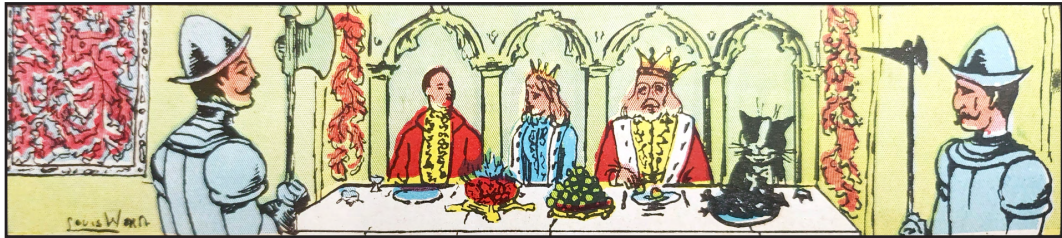




***When the King and Princess and the Marquis of Cariba arrived they were received by Puss-in-Boots who made a profound bow, and showed them all the wonders of the castle. Its thousands of precious gems glowing and sparkling like fire, its wonderful gold and silver, halls, and soldiers.***



***Then the Marquis of Cariba married the lovely Princess and there was a big banquet and Puss-in-Boots had a whole dish of cooked mice to himself, and he made a speech and told them that he himself was once a man who was changed into a cat by the wicked ogre. talking Puss-in-Boots changed back into a man and the King rewarded him.***



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