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“ And very pleasant 'twas to see  
Each happy shining face,  
And hear their voices when they stood  
And sang their pretty grace.

Their smiling faces seemed to say,  
As loud as words, I'm sure,  
Oh, what a pleasant thing it is  
To feed the hungry poor !”

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FOR  
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Affectionately Inscribed to the Children of England

BY JOSEPHINE ◊  
AUTHOR OF "OUR CHILDREN'S PETS."

"Wherever in the world I am,  
In whatsoever estate,  
I have a fellowship with hearts  
To keep and cultivate,  
And a work of lowly love to do  
For the Lord on whom I wait."

MRS. WARING.

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## PREFACE.

DEAR YOUNG READERS,

To write you a little Volume in simple Verse has been to me a very pleasant task. Many of the Stories it contains are true, and perhaps some of them may not be quite new to you, still, I trust they are interesting enough to bear a second reading.

My desire is to impress upon your young minds the *blessedness of doing good*, not only to the helpless and needy among your fellow-creatures, but also to dumb animals, who have no eloquent voices with which to plead for your pity.

How lovely is the sight of the kind and tender-hearted child, never so happy as when able to aid the poor by little acts of self-denial, and whose delight is to care for the wants of the speechless creatures round him, that repay his unselfish love with grateful affection!

The blessing of Heaven will surely rest upon the head of that kindly child, and he shall grow as the youthful Saviour of old—"in favour with God and man."

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Trusting that you will get by heart the lessons of love these pages are intended to teach you, and that you may ever remember—

“ He prayeth best who loveth best  
All things, both great and small;  
For the dear God, who loveth us,  
He made and loveth all,”—

I am, your affectionate friend,

JOSEPHINE.

The Publishers have much pleasure in stating that a large edition of this Volume, hitherto issued under the title of “Josephine’s Jottings,” has been exhausted, and a new edition called for. Advantage has been taken of this to alter the title, so as to express more clearly the nature and aim of the Work.

Great pains have been bestowed on the getting up and embellishment of the book, in order to render it still more attractive, and worthy of the acceptance of the “Young Readers,” for whose benefit it has been written.

LONDON, *September, 1866.*



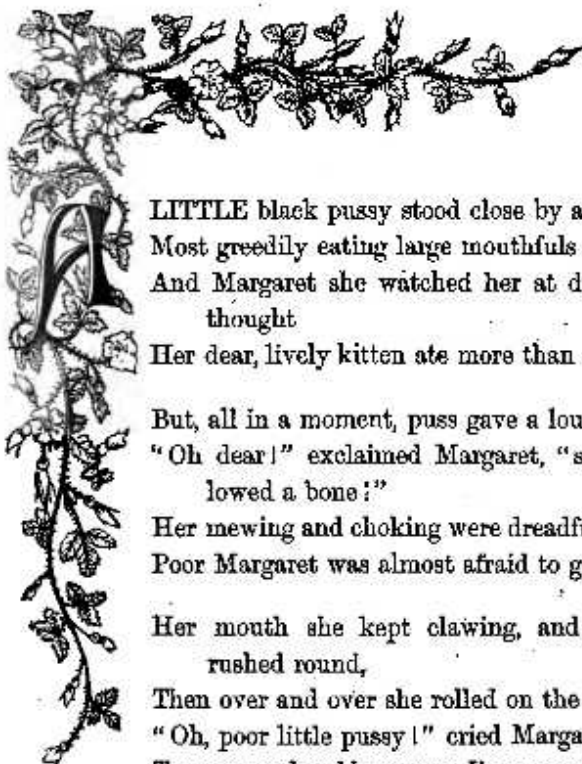
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### THE BLACK KITTEN. x



LITTLE black pussy stood close by a dish,  
Most greedily eating large mouthfuls of fish.  
And Margaret she watched her at dinner, and  
thought

Her dear, lively kitten ate more than she ought.

But, all in a moment, puss gave a loud moan;  
"Oh dear!" exclaimed Margaret, "she's swal-  
lowed a bone!"

Her mewling and choking were dreadful to hear;  
Poor Margaret was almost afraid to go near.

Her mouth she kept clawing, and then she  
rushed round,

Then over and over she rolled on the ground.  
"Oh, poor little pussy!" cried Margaret, "if I  
Turn coward and leave you, I'm sure you will die!