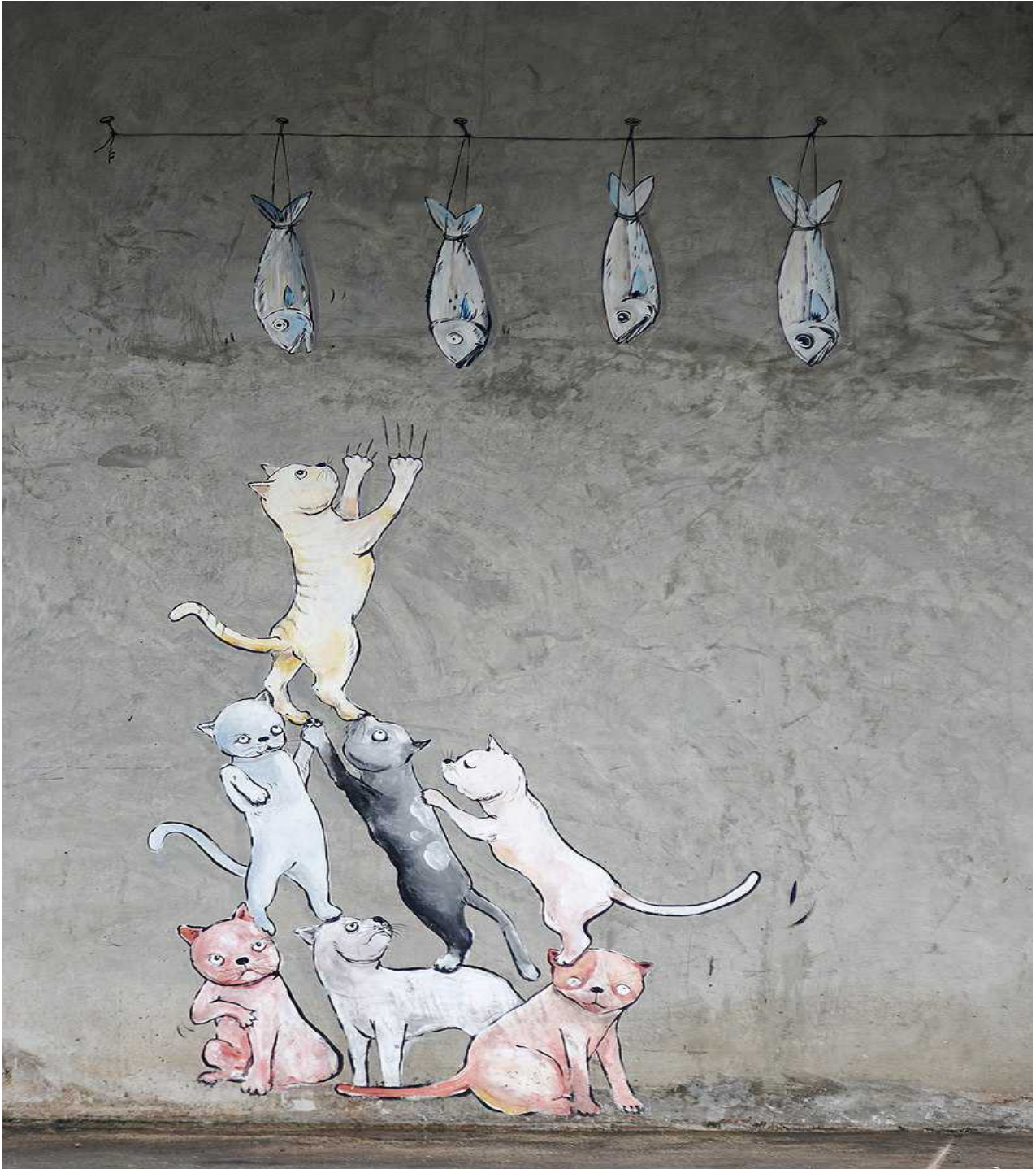


MORE Conversations Among Cats



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'Hey, look! I've just caught a mouse! A big white mouse!'

'Oh no, you haven't!'

'Oh yes, I have!'

'Oh no, you haven't!'

'Oh yes, I . . . I haven't?'

'No! I'm not a mouse!'

'You're not a mouse?'

'No! I'm a kitten.'

'A kitten? I don't believe it. Say MEEOW!'

'MEEOW!'

'Again, please?'

'MEEOW!'

'Oh . . . you *are* a kitten. Sorry about that!'



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Théophile Steinlen.

I feel ashamed! Imagine not knowing the difference between a kitten and a mouse. What's wrong with me? I don't know. I really don't know. Maybe I don't think hard enough.

Or maybe I just think too much. Is that it? Yes, that's it . . . maybe. Well, I can't just sit here thinking about it all night, can I?

I mean, a kitten and a mouse – they don't even smell the same!



Adolf von Becker

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My name is Susy and . . . oh, I think I'm falling asleep. Could we have this conversation some other time, please?

Yes, I'm definitely falling asleep. I hope I don't start dreaming about that rat again.

Rats! I can't stand them . . .



Arthur Heyer

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Hello, good meowning to you! May I introduce you to Lola, my pet ladybird. She's something else, isn't she? All the other cats are so jealous.

I have to be very gentle with Lola. She's rather delicate.

By the way, do you know what you are supposed to say when you catch a ladybird?

*Fly away east
Fly away west
And show me the cat
That I love best!*

My grandfather told me that one.



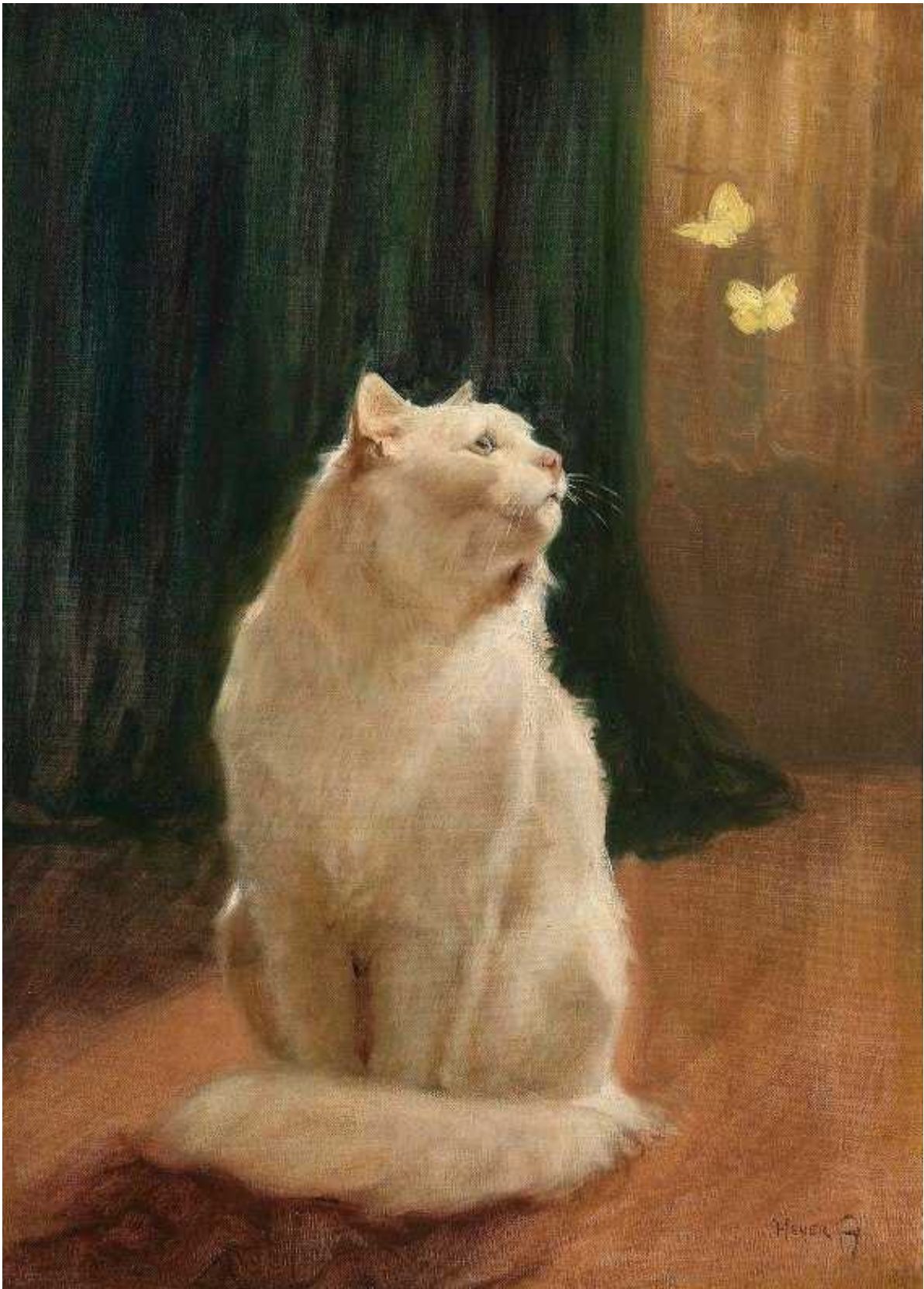
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Tell me. Honestly! What do you think of dogs? Do you think they are . . . what shall I say, necessary? Really, *really* necessary? I don't know. I doubt it.

I'm going to make a list of things that are really, *really* necessary. Dogs won't be on that list, I'm afraid.

Dogs! They think they're awfully clever. Don't they? They can't even say 'Meow!'

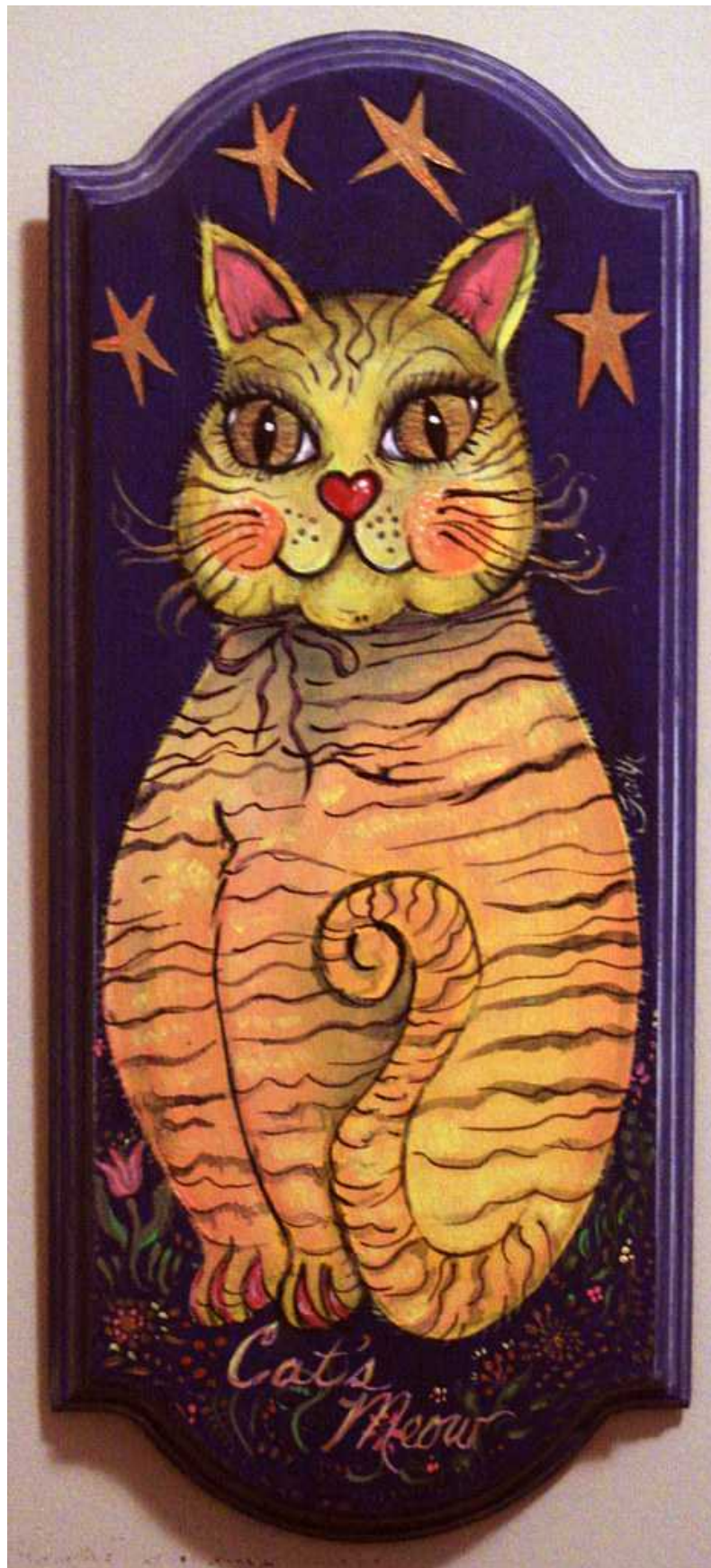


Arthur Heyer
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OK, you want to know what's really necessary? Meow! Butterflies!

Can you imagine what the world would be like without butterflies? Seriously! What kind of a world would that be?

When I was small, I thought butterflies were made out of butter. On hot days, I wondered why they didn't melt! Meow!



Faith Goble

[Cat's Meow \(painting\) Cat \(poem after Carl Sandburg's 'Fog'\) | Openverse](#)

My name is . . . actually, I'm not allowed to say. Seriously! It's all very hush-hush. You know, classified!

Some people know me as Question Mark, or QM for short. My tail is supposed to look like a question mark. Meow!

I'm from a place called Oweynagat. If you were from the West of Ireland, you would know that Oweynagat is code language. The place was originally known in Irish as *Uaimh na gCat*, or the Cave of the Cats.

Now, what can I say about Oweynagat? I could say a lot but, as it happens, I can't say very much, I'm afraid. You see, it's all hush-hush, top secret. I'd love to tell you more, but . . .

Oweynagat is in Co. Roscommon, Ireland, near a place called Tulsk. Oweynagat is like an Irish, hidden-away Langley (home of the George Bush Center of Intelligence, USA) – except Oweynagat is older. Much, much older. Prehistoric, in fact.

OK, I've said enough, maybe too much! You won't hear from me again. A cat may have nine lives, but I'm not taking any chances. This is QM, signing out.



Arthur Heyer

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There's something about butterflies. I don't know what it is. If you see a yellow butterfly, the days ahead are going to be bright and sunny, believe it or not!

I heard that from my granny! She never told a lie in her life!

Never . . . Meow!



Jules Le Roy
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'OK, kitties, its quiz time!'

'Hurray! Meow!'

'What do you call a big building to honour cats?'

'Dunno!'

'A *cathedral!*'

'Oh! Meow!'

'If a dog bites your tail, what word is used to describe such an incident?'

'Dunno!'

'A *catastrophe!*'

'Oh! Meow!'

'Where is the best place to go on a holiday, if you are a cat?'

'Dunno!'

'*Catalonia!*'

'Oh! Meow!'

'What is the German word for the river Danube?'

'Dunno!'

'Very close. I'll give you that one. It's Donau!'

'Oh! Meow! Meow! Meow!'

'That's all for today. More tomorrow. What day is tomorrow?'

'Dunno!'



Henriëtte Ronner-Knip
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'Hello? What have we got here?
Now, kitties . . . Listen! Pay close attention!

Shh . . . '

'Meow!'

'Shhh!'

'Do this right and we'll have a tale to tell!

'Meow!'



Charles Van Den Eycken

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'What time is it?'

'What? What time is it?'

'Yes, what time is it, please? Meow!'

'It is precisely . . . I don't know. Why do you want to know?'

'I might be late. Or early. Meow!'

'Cats are never late. Or early. Cats are always on time.'

'Really?'

'Always. Meow!'

'I was wondering. What exactly is 'time' anyway?'

'Time? . . . What is time?'

'Yes.'

'Well, it's a bit like parsley, you know?'

'Parsley? Meow!'

'Or sage.'

'Sage? What are you talking about?'

'Time! I'm talking about time.'

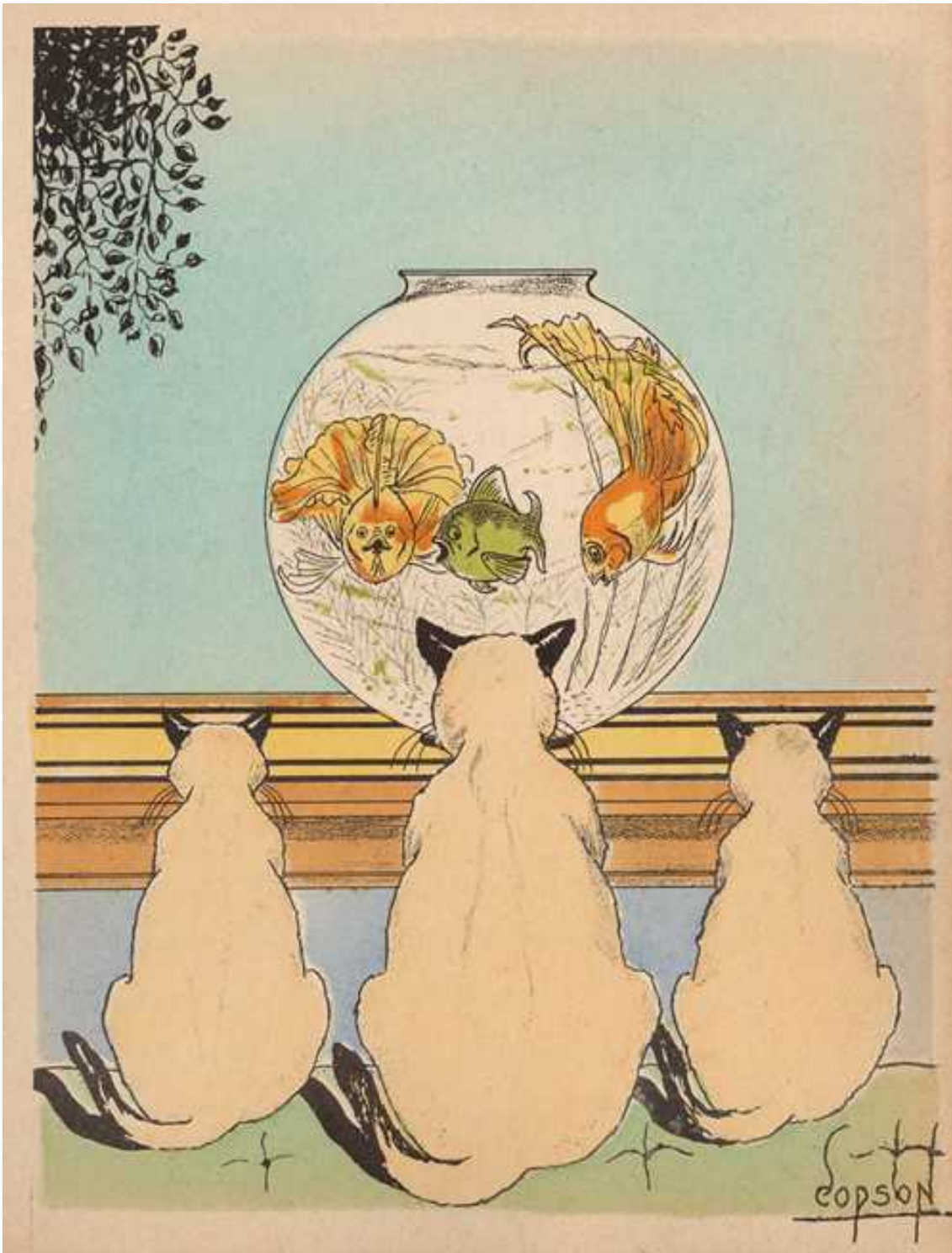
'What *is* time?'

'You could say it's a bit like rosemary.'

'First it was like parsley, then sage – and now it's like . . . Meow! Rosemary?'

'Have you never heard the song:

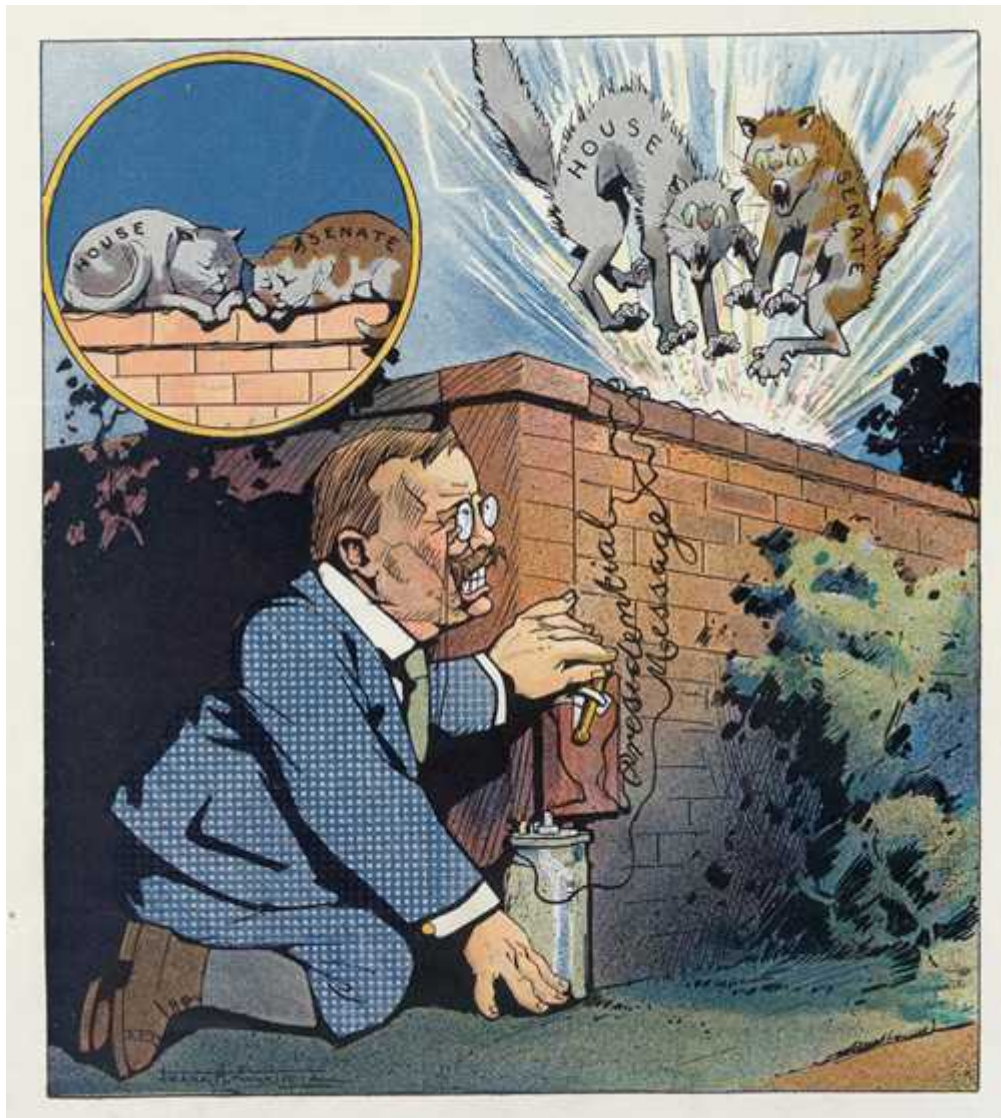
*'Are you goin' to Scarborough Fair?
Parsley, sage, rosemary, and time,
Remember me to one who lives there
She once was a true love of mine!'*



Clyde A. Copson

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I know. You think it's boring. I thought the same, at first. But believe me, do this for 20 minutes every day and you won't know yourself!



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Frank Arthur Nankivell

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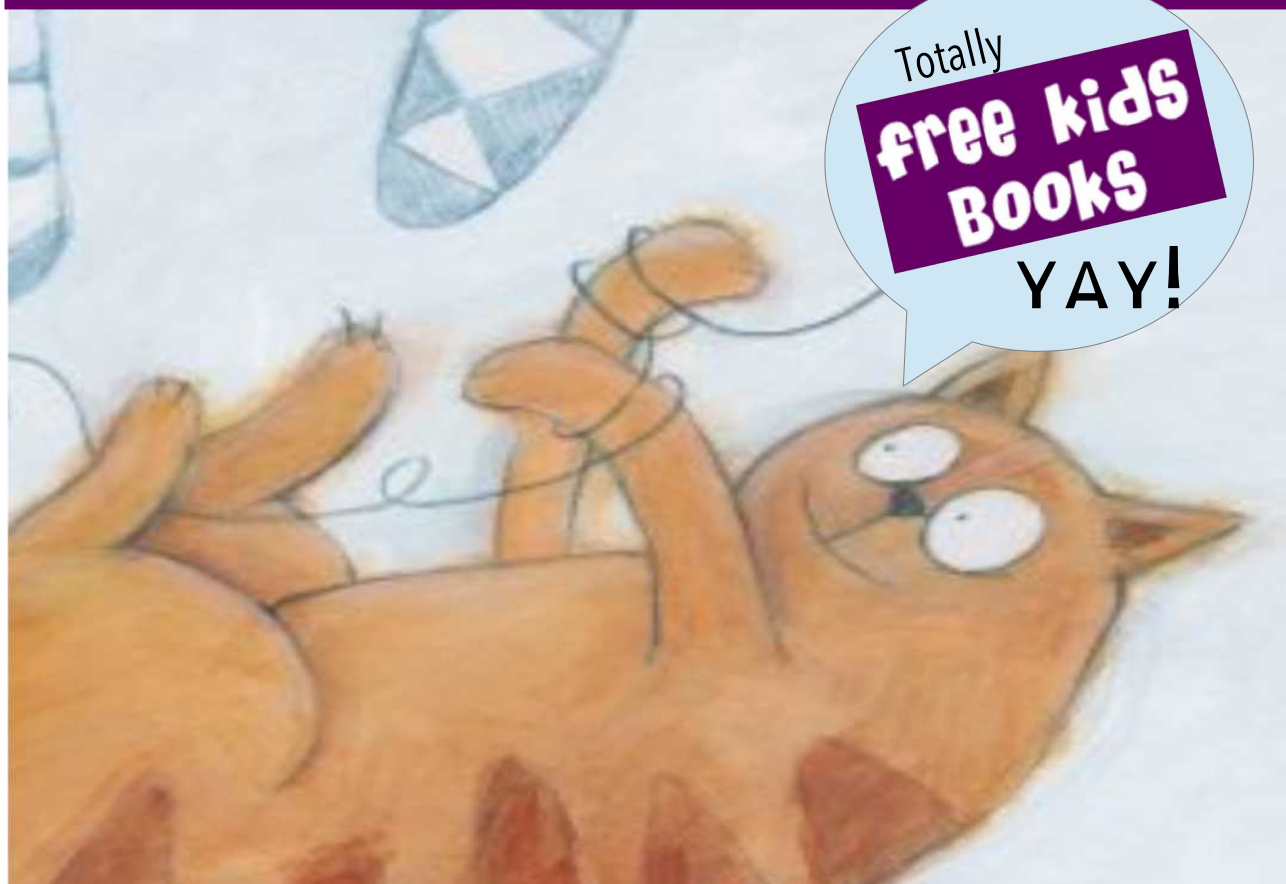
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'Hi there, I'm Peaky!'
'And I'm Squeaky, the one with the ribbon.
We've just learned a lovely new song!'
'Actually, it's not new. It's quite old,
Squeaky!'
'Is it? Meow! Anyway, it's called . . .'
'Farborough Scare!'
'No, Peaky! Meow! It's Scarborough Fair.'
'Oh yes, thanks, Squeaky. Scarborough Fair!
Of course . . .'
'What a song, Peaky! What a song!'
'Indeed, Squeaky! Meow! What a song,
indeed!'
'Scarborough! It sounds like a really nice
place, doesn't it, Peaky?
'Nice, Squeaky? You bet! Terrific! Meow!'
'They have parsley there, and sage, and
rosemary and . . . Meow! They might even have
some catnip there as well, Peaky!
'Catnip? Do you think so, Squeaky?
'Yeah, catnip, Peaky! Meow! So, friends,
we're off to Scarborough! Wanna come along?
Meow!'

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