

Pussy.

BY MARY KYLE DALLAS. There never was a more proper person than Miss Martha Monckton. She had never done anything to shock people in all her life, and thought she never should. Her room, however, and the fate of the day, and little did Miss Monckton know what she should come to, as on a Friday afternoon—Friday is an unlucky day—she sat at her window, working on a crochet scrap bag, and watching the movements of her opposite neighbor, or rather of her opposite neighbor's youngest daughter, Miss Letitia Quirk.

cat's familiar voice uttering a long-drawn, plaintive wail. Jumping to her feet, Miss Monckton threw up her window and thrust out her night-cap, and saw, by the light of the moon, which was gliding through a sky of clouds and whirly, a gray streak, which she knew to be the form of Pussy, scold across the white road. "Poor thing," said Miss Monckton, "some wicked boy has scared her. I'll go down and get her in."

gone to live with Miss Monckton. She isn't no kin of hers. But, nevertheless, there they were—a very happy little family, too; and little Miss Monckton was never lonely again. Letitia's children sat on her knee, and called her aunty, and played with gray old Pussy, who lay upon the rug for many years. "It's all Pussy's doing," Miss Monckton used to say. "If she had not run away, you would not be here." But naturally the children did not understand.

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