

seized a kitten in her mouth, and tried to rush through the opening in the door; but she was driven back by clouds of smoke through which leaped angry red flames, and with the kitten still in her mouth she jumped upon the sill of the loft window. The room was full of smoke.

"Me-aw," she cried piteously. Tom's father was in the crowd below; he heard the cry, and holding up his arms toward her he called:

"Come, Duffy! there's a good Duffy! Jump!"

Old Duffy looked down hesitatingly. She could hear the roar of the flames beneath her, and she seemed to know that the only way of escape was through the window. She crouched down and made ready to jump. Just then one of the kittens gave a soft little me-aw.

The cat turned from the window and went back to the basket which contained her family.

"Purr-me-ow!" she said gently to the kittens.

Brave Old Duffy! She could not save her kittens, and so she would not save herself.

Then came the hissing of a fire engine! And more commotion outside! And then a fireman's ladder was raised against the window, and the cat heard Tom's cheery voice. It made her purr for very joy.

In a moment Tom lifted Old Duffy and her kittens and the basket and carried them down the ladder amid the cheers of the crowd.

"I couldn't let a plucky cat burn to death," said Tom as he carried Old Duffy and her family into the house.

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