

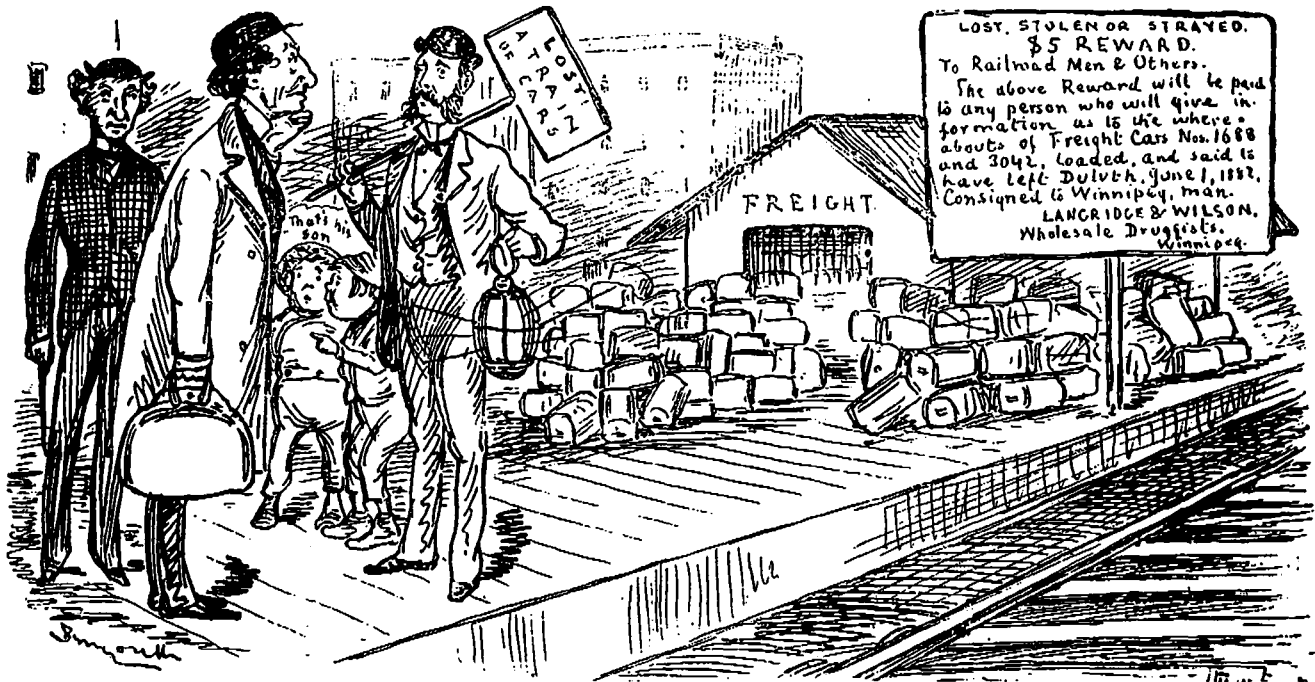
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that hour of the night, the want-to-be sleepers cast out dozens of boots, hair-brushes, chairs and hoop-skirts at the feet—no, head of the warbler. I might here say a few words about the modulations in the voice of a cat. There is that deeply solemn mew that is manufactured to be used at funerals only, and sounds as if it came from the grave. Then there is one short, sharp, piercing shriek, that seems to come from the tipmost hair on the cat's tail, and makes one feel as if a whole squad of artillery had shot tunnels through one's body. When heard unexpectedly, that modulation of a feline voice is apt to scare a fellow. Then comes that most surprising of all. I refer to that conglomeration of shrieks, yells, howls, sob, screeches, groans and despairing wails. That modulation that combines in one the cry of a hungry babe, the blowing of a fog-horn, the shriek of a five-minute-late locomotive and the sorrowful exclamation of real pain emitted by a boy who has risen from a seat on a carpet tack. Can it be better described? I think not. Reader, you must have heard it. If so, imagine it. If not, there is yet some hope for you.

At the present day, there are some people who believe that a cat has nine lives. I believe that that is an exploded theory. In days gone by when cats were few, it might have been necessary for a cat to have nine lives in order to preserve the species, but in this age when they are as plentiful as dead beats round a free-lunch counter, it is against common sense and the laws of nature for a cat to have more than one life. In this case my argument is founded on the fact that necessity is the mother of invention. The necessity of having cats led to the invention of the nine lives. That necessity was done away with when cats became as numerous as they are. Therefore a nineteenth century cat has but one life. That's logic.

Cats have always occupied a prominent place in history. There is the cat of Dick Whittington, the cat that associated with the fiddle, Puss in Boots, and other notable cats that I suppose have existed but whose names and achievements I cannot recall.

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