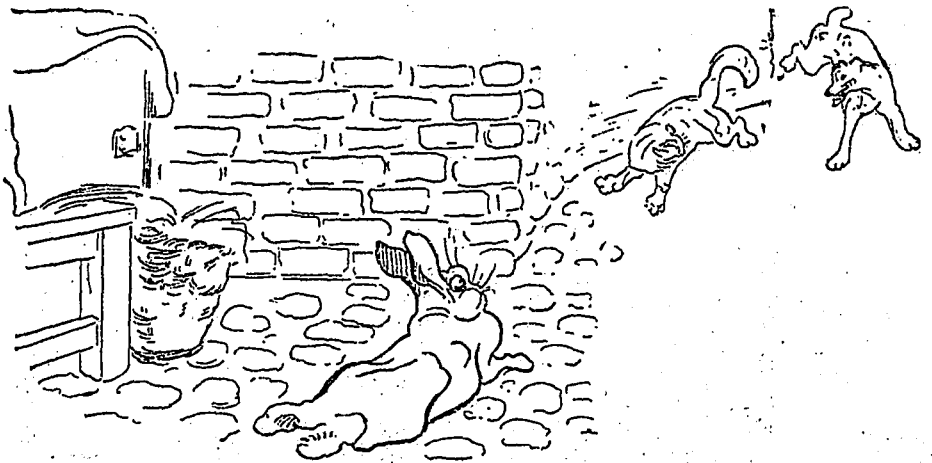


ming of the hind legs practised by a rabbit which is very infuriate indeed. It was the only proceeding terrible attack that extraordinary stamping might presage he couldn't he could think of in the circumstances. The dog was altogether non-plussed—even dismayed. What for the life of him imagine. He got back a step or so, and thought. Then it occurred to him that perhaps, on the whole, the best thing would be to clear out. So he dropped his tail between his legs and left the rabbit victorious. As soon as he perceiv-

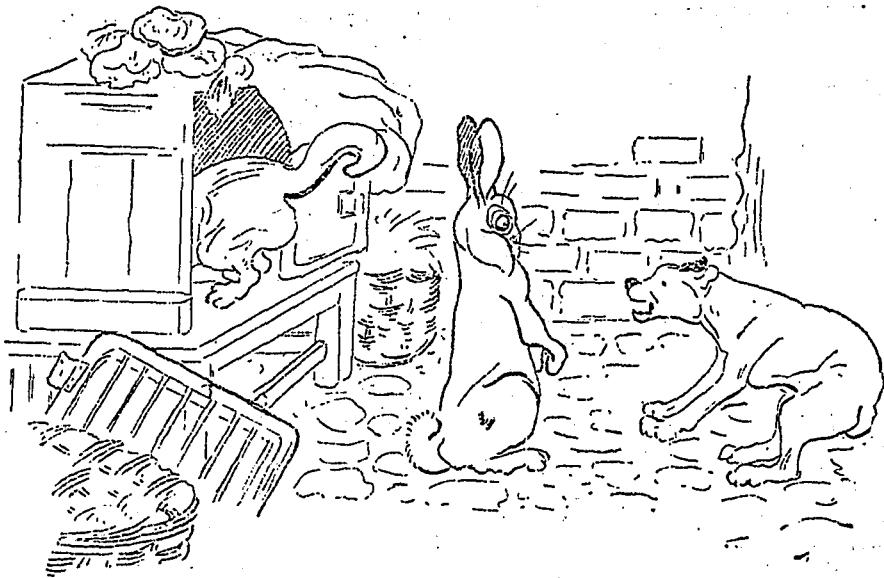
ciently appropriate name of 'Cats.' Now, much of the daily exercise of this dog was obtained in chase of the unfortunate cat who was Bunny's intimate crony, till at last Bunny rose in defence of his chum, with most brilliant success.

The usual morning chat over, Bunny turned to a slight lunch of cabbage-leaf, and the cat, feeling little personal interest in cabbage-leaf, strolled off in search of adventures of her own. Very soon she found one, though one with an annoying lack of novelty; for 'Cats,' the next-door terrier, spied her, and



ed this, Bunny bounced out in chase and at once there was witnessed the novel spectacle of the truculent terrier bolting for his life and the suddenly-emboldened rabbit galloping furiously after him. What he would have done to the dog if he had caught him is a difficult thing to guess, but as a matter of fact the dog got clear away and avoided the rabbit's vicinity in future, while the triumphant rabbit returned to receive the congratulations of his chum, the cat.

For four years Bunny remained with Mr. Hughes, providing amusement to all beholders. So famous, indeed, did he become, that during that time more than one unsuccessful attempt was made to kidnap him—possibly by some enterprising showman. And at last he was kidnapped in good earnest, and Lonsdale Road knew him no more.



in an instant was scampering at her tail. Pussy headed for the rabbit-hutch, and the rabbit saw her coming. Anger and indignation rose in his breast, and though he might bolt from a dog on his own account, in the sacred cause of friendship he would brave anything. The cat flew past and instantly the rabbit sprang to his feet and confronted the savage pursuer. The dog pulled up. Nothing like this had ever occurred before in the whole course of his cat-chasing experience. Bunny rose to his hind legs, with fierce anger in his eye, and began a display of that curious stamping and drum-

