

The cat's tea party

pcb2332

TITLE

The cat's tea party.

VARIANT TITLE

Title from page 1

Miss Pusseycat's tea party.

Cover title

Miss Pusseycat's tea party (variant C).

PUBLISHED

London : George Routledge & Co., [1852].

PRINTED

[London] : Stewart and Murray.

SERIES

[Aunt Mavor's picture books for little readers \[first series\]](#) : 13

PRICE

6d.

AUTHOR

[Dalziel Brothers](#) (engraver)

[George Routledge & Co.](#) (publisher)

[Stewart and Murray](#) (printer)

DESCRIPTION

Size

24,6x17,4 cm

Format and pagination

8° : 8 ll.

Signatures

A⁸

Signatures note

1 gathering, sewn, paginated 1-8

Contents

1-8 text and wood-engraved vignettes

Illustrations

8 illustrations, one per page, unsigned, printed in black by Stewart and Murray and hand-coloured

Source for attribution

Documents (engraver)

Comparison with other titles of the series (printer)

Source for date

Listed in Routledge's wholesale catalogue of December 1852 as no. 13 of Aunt Mavor's picture books for little readers

Listed in Routledge's wholesale catalogue of November 1855 as no. 13 of Aunt Mavor's picture books for little readers, first series

Early publishers' advertisements (e.g. at the end of *The boys' own story-book* (London: Routledge, 1852), n.p.) describe the series as: "Uniform in size with Dean & Darton's large coloured sixpenny books for children. With greatly improved illustrations, new types, and well coloured pictures, an entirely new series of 13 different books."

NOTES

Printed on one side of the sheet only; first and last page pasted to upper and lower wrappers
Title and publication information from upper wrapper, which serves as title page, and from lower wrapper publishers' advertisements

PRINTING TECHNIQUES

Relief

Hand-colouring

VARIANTS

Variant A

[1852]: upper wrapper uniform for the series (see [pcb2275](#)), on white paper; specific for this title: "THE CAT'S TEA PARTY."; 1852 lower wrapper as [pcb2275](#), variant A

Variant B

[1853]: same as variant A, on orange paper but, below title: "EIGHTH THOUSAND."; 1853 lower wrapper as [pcb2275](#), variant C

Variant C

[1855]: indestructible; wrappers printed on orange cloth, inside pages pasted on cloth; upper wrapper, same as variant A, on orange cloth, but title: "MISS PUSSEYCAT'S TEA PARTY."; 1855 lower wrapper as [pcb2275](#), variant D, on orange cloth; at foot, inside the decorated frame: "LONDON: | GEORGE ROUTLEDGE & CO., FARRINGDON STREET. | NEW YORK: 18, BEEKMAN STREET."

BIBLIOGRAPHY

1855 Dilke, 7

2006 Masaki, I.12, 19-21, 326, 361-63, II.A4 (TPL-OsC but described as being NAL: 60.R Box VII (xxi)), C12 (TPL-OsC)

2017 O'Sullivan-Immel, 85

COPIES

BL: [12806.g.53\(9\)](#) (variant B: [1853]; accession stamp dated 31OC54; bound with other titles of the series, ninth title)

NAL: [60.R Box VII \(xxi\)](#) (variant C: [1855]; on upper wrapper, inscribed: "Lucy Se<...>")

PUL-CCL: [7445591](#) (apparently variant C; not analysed)

TPL-OsC: [SA CAT](#) (variant A: [1852]; labelled on upper wrapper: "T.W. STRONG | No. ..."; Digital copy)

DRAWINGS, OBJECTS, DOCUMENTS

Documents

UCL-RKP: [RKP 8](#) (p. 17: "Dalziel a/c for engraving cuts &")

OTHER VERSIONS

Reissued as

[The cat's tea party. - London : George Routledge & Co., \[1855\]](#)

Reissued as

[Miss Pussey Cat's tea party. - London : George Routledge & Co., \[1857\]](#)

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