

# The history of our pets

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## TITLE

The history of our pets.

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## VARIANT TITLE

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Domestic pets.

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## PUBLISHED

London ; New York : George Routledge & Co., [1856].

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## PRINTED

[London] : Edmund Evans.

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## SERIES

[Aunt Mavor's picture books for little readers \[third series\]](#) : 4

[Aunt Mavor's picture books for little readers](#) : 30

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## PRICE

6d.

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## AUTHOR

[Evans, Edmund](#) (engraver and printer)

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

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## TPOLOGY

[Toy book](#)

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## DESCRIPTION

Size

24,9x17,2 cm

Format and pagination

8° : 8 ll.

Signatures

A<sup>8</sup>

Signatures note

1 gathering, sewn, paginated 1-8

Illustrations

8 illustrations, unsigned, engraved and printed in black by Evans, hand-coloured

Source for attribution

Statement of responsibility (engraver and printer)

Source for date

List of titles on lower wrapper

Listed in Routledge's wholesale catalogue of June 1856 as no. 30 of Aunt Mavor's picture books for little readers

Documents state first edition in July / August 1856 and reissues until March 1857

Listed in Routledge's wholesale catalogue of September 1857 as no. 30 of Aunt Mavor's toy books

Reissued after 1859 as no. 30 of Aunt Mavor's toy books [new series] (see [pcb2901](#))

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## 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

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## PRINTING TECHNIQUES

[Chromo-relief](#)

[Relief](#)

[Hand-colouring](#)

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## VARIANTS

### Variant A

[1856]: blue paper; described and reproduced (lower wrapper) in 2006 Masaki, I.396-97, II.B6; upper wrapper, not analysed; lower wrapper printed in black on blue paper, with publishers' advertisements, framed: "[fancy] Illustrated Juvenile Books, | PUBLISHED BY GEORGE ROUTLEDGE & CO., FARRINGDON STREET. | ROUTLEDGE'S EVERLASTING BOOKS, | [...] | ROUTLEDGE'S EVERLASTING PRIMER, | [...] | ROUTLEDGE'S EVERLASTING SIXPENNY PRIMERS, | [...] | ROUTLEDGE'S TWOPENNY CLOTH FIRST BOOKS, Illustrated. | [...] | ROUTLEDGE'S PENNY CLOTH FIRST BOOKS, Illustrated. | [...] | ROUTLEDGE'S PENNY CLOTH BATTLEDORES, Illustrated. | [...] | AUNT MAVOR'S TOY BOOKS FOR LITTLE READERS. | [three columns, each with a separate list of the series, 14, 13, 13 titles]"; only partially analysed

### Variant B

[1856]: light pinkish paper; upper wrapper as [pcb2479](#), on light pinkish paper; specific for this title, plain lettering: "[black] THE | [red outlined in black] HISTORY [black] OF [red outlined in black] OUR PETS."; 1856 lower wrapper printed in black on light pinkish paper, with publishers' advertisements, framed: "[fancy] Illustrated Juvenile Books, | PUBLISHED BY GEORGE ROUTLEDGE & CO., FARRINGDON-STREET. | In royal 8vo, price 3s. 6d. cloth extra. | AUNT MAVOR'S PRESENT FOR A GOOD LITTLE BOY. | Comprising – | [three columns, first] Aunt Mavor's Alphabet. | Willie's Holiday. | [second] Charles Grey's Travels. | Mr. Fox and Miss Hare. | [third] Mavor's Picture Gallery. | Reynard the Fox. | [at centre] With 88 Coloured Illustrations. | In royal 8vo, price 3s. 6d. cloth extra. | AUNT MAVOR'S PRESENT FOR A GOOD LITTLE GIRL. | Comprising – | [three columns, first] Victoria Alphabet. | Old Cornish Woman. | [second] The Cat's Tea Party. | Mother Bunch's Evening Party. | [third] Little Polly's Doll's House. | Uncle Hugh's Country House. | [at centre] With 74 Coloured Illustrations. | In super royal 8vo, price 6s. cloth extra, strongly bound. | AUNT MAVOR'S PRESENT FOR ALL GOOD BOYS AND GIRLS. | Comprising – | [three columns, first] Aunt Mavor's Alphabet. | Willie's Holiday. | Mother Bunch's Evening Party. | Uncle Hugh's Country House. | [second] The Cat's Tea Party. | Little Polly's Doll's House. | Victoria Alphabet. | Reynard the Fox. | [third] Charles Grey's Travels. | Mavor's Picture Gallery. | Mr. Fox and Miss Hare. | Old Cornish Woman. | [centre] With 162 Coloured Illustrations. | [...] | In super royal 8vo, price 6s. cloth extra. | AUNT MAVOR'S BOOK OF NURSERY TALES. | Comprising – | [three columns, first] | Nursery Alphabet. | Tom Thumb. | Cinderella. | Three Bears. | Beauty and the Beast. | [second] Aladdin. | Babes in the Wood. | Jack the Giant Killer. | Dog's Dinner Party. | [third] Puss in Boots. | Hop o' my

Thumb. | Butterfly's Ball. | Little Red Riding Hood. | [centre] With 116 large Coloured Illustrations. | [...] | In super royal 8vo, price 3s. 6d. cloth extra. | AUNT MAVOR'S NURSERY TALES FOR BOYS. | Comprising – | [three columns, first] Tom Thumb. | Jack the Giant Killer. | [second] Puss in Boots. | Aladdin, or the Wonderful Lamp. | [third] The Dog's Dinner Party. | Hop o' my Thumb. | [centre] With 48 large Coloured Engravings. | In super royal 8vo, price 3s. 6d. cloth extra. | AUNT MAVOR'S NURSERY TALES FOR GIRLS. | Comprising – | [three columns, first] Nursery Alphabet (The). | The Three Bears. | [second] Babes in the Wood. | Cinderella. | [third] Beauty and the Beast. | The Butterfly's Ball. | [centre] And Little Red Riding Hood. | With 74 large Coloured Illustrations. | LONDON: GEORGE ROUTLEDGE & CO., FARRINGDON-STREET."; at foot, outside the frame: "Edmund Evans, Engraver and Printer, Raquet-court, Fleet-street."

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#### BIBLIOGRAPHY

2006 Masaki, I.393 (see [pcb2478](#)), 396-98, II.B6 (Personal collection)

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#### COPIES

**NLS:** [Mas.437\(4\)](#) (variant B: [1856]; largely inscribed and doodled; bound with other titles, fourth title)

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#### TRADE COPIES

**Private collection (Japan)** (variant A: [1856]; described and reproduced (lower wrapper) in 2006 Masaki, I.396-97, II.B6; not analysed)

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#### DRAWINGS, OBJECTS, DOCUMENTS

##### Documents

**UCL-RKP:** [RKP 9](#) (p. 331: "Mavor's toy books 3rd series, 1856 Aug. 4, 1st edition 4000", 378: "Aunt Mavor's toys 3rd series nos. 27 to 39. 1856 July 22 1st edition 4000. 1857 March 10, 2nd edition 2000.")

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#### OTHER VERSIONS

##### Reissued as

[History of our pets. - London : Routledge, Warne, and Routledge, \[1859\]](#)

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#### PERMALINK

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