

# Mr. Mistoffelees

You ought to know Mr. Mistoffelees!  
The Original Conjuring Cat -  
(There can be no doubt about that).  
Please listen to me and don't scoff. All his  
Inventions are off his own bat.  
There's no such Cat in the metropolis;  
He holds all the patent monopolies  
For performing surprising illusions  
And creating eccentric confusions.  
At prestidigitation  
And at legerdemain  
He'll defy examination  
And deceive you again.  
The greatest magicians have something to learn  
From Mr. Mistoffelees' Conjuring Turn.  
Presto!  
Away we go!  
And we all say: OH!  
Well I never!  
Was there ever  
A Cat so clever  
As Magical Mr. Mistoffelees!

He is quiet and small, he is black  
From his ears to the tip of his tail;  
He can creep through the tiniest crack  
He can walk on the narrowest rail.  
He can pick any card from a pack,  
He is equally cunning with dice;  
He is always deceiving you into believing  
That he's only hunting for mice.  
He can play any trick with a cork  
Or a spoon and a bit of fish-paste;  
If you look for a knife or a fork  
And you think it is merely misplaced -  
You have seen it one moment, and then it is *gawn!*  
But you'll find it next week lying out on the lawn.  
And we all say: OH!  
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His manner is vague and aloof,  
You would think there was nobody shyer -  
But his voice has been heard on the roof  
When he was curled up by the fire.  
and he's sometimes been heard by the fire  
When he was about on the roof -  
(At least we all *heard* somebody who purred)  
Which is incontestable proof  
Of his singular magical powers:  
And I have known the family to call  
Him in from the garden for hours,  
While he was asleep in the hall.  
And not long ago this phenomenal Cat  
Produced *seven kittens* right out of a hat!  
And we all said: OH!  
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