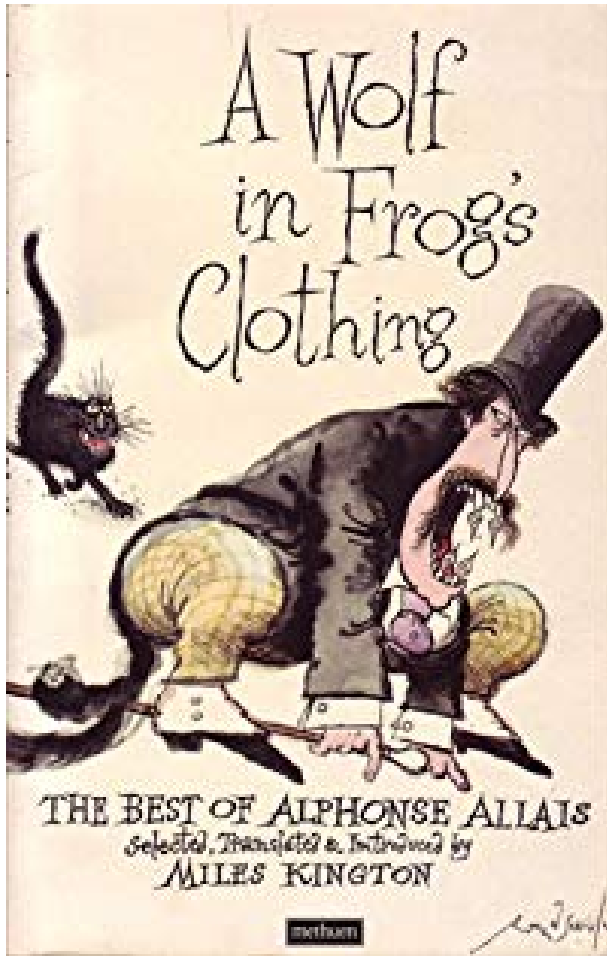


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Alphonse Allais, who was born in 1854 and died in 1905, was probably the first man in history to paint an abstract picture. His totally white canvas, 'Anaemic Young Girls Going to their First Communion through a Blizzard', was only one of a series of such trail-blazing works. He was also one of the finest humorous writers France has ever produced -Jean Cocteau called him the 'prince of storytellers'. This collection of his best and funniest stories is translated and introduced by Miles Kington, columnist for Punch and The Times, whose own books include Moreover and Let's Parler Franais..