

**1890's Ethel Mathews –
English musical comedy
actress with her 2 chows.**

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Circa late 1800's Ethel Mathews, English Actress
with her chows "Wang" and "Lady Lo"

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Ethel Matthews (1869-1957), English actress, was born at Le Harvre, France, on 12 October 1869, was the eldest child of Lieutenant Colonel Henry Garland Matthews (1838-1908) of the 44th and Manchester Regiments and his wife, Emily Thérèse (née Johnson, 1845-1905). Her parents were subsequently divorced (1883-1885). I have seen her name spelled both ways with one or two T's in the last name. I've included the entire magazine page below with the charming text telling about her two chows.

Thank you Riitta Ropponen for sharing this valuable image with the ChowTales archives!



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ETHEL MATHEWS AND HER CHOWS.

They are very sweet and charming people, Miss Mathews' chows, almost as sweet and charming as Miss Mathews—almost, but not quite. The very superior, aristocratic looking chow sitting beside his mistress is called 'Wang.' "But he has another name as well," says his mistress; "he is called 'The Yellow Danger'—'Wang' is his pet name. I call him 'The Yellow Danger' in society. He left the country some months ago for Johannesburg, and the reports I heard of his conduct were not altogether reassuring. He seems to have developed a taste for Boers' legs. Perhaps the terms of peace were not properly explained to him. Let me introduce you to the other chow—'The Lady Lo'—'Mr. Royal Magazine!'"

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