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75 British Nursery Rhymes

(AND A COLLECTION OF OLD JINGLES).

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PREFACE.

The excuse for the issue of a book of Old Nursery Rhymes and Jingles, lies in the fact that their age and popularity have ever made them welcome in all nurseries, and a new generation is constantly demanding those self same rhymes which have been in a like manner as continuously demanded by their ancestors from a remote period. Puerile as they are, the most extraordinary thing about them is that they can never by any chance be superseded by others seemingly more fitted for the child of to-day. Children have always sung and repeated them, and in spite of the many substitutes offered, will continue to sing them; and it is not in the least necessary that the child should altogether understand them. He will reject all spurious goods and have nothing but the genuine article.

As most people are aware, many of the popular Nursery Rhymes and Jingles can be traced back to antiquity (like the children's games), and copies nearly literally the same are found in many ancient languages—Eastern, Scandinavian and others. How this comes about it is difficult to explain satisfactorily, but research is continually unearthing fresh examples. That reasoning, or instinct, which turns a child to the old rhymes and games rather than to the new, is a matter for curious thought. It cannot be claimed that they are best liked from old association (as old people love to linger over their old ditties), for all associations with a child are but new—unless, indeed, we agree with that section who believe in a re-incarnation theory, and that the babe of to-day takes kindly to the rhymes of his other infancies; a speculation far too wide and dangerous to be entered into here.

The few notes which I have ventured here and there to obtrude, may be of some slight interest to the "grown-ups" who may have the handling of the book.

The melodies are those which have always been associated with each particular rhyme, and my coadjutor, Mr. Alfred Moffat, in arranging the pianoforte accompaniments, has borne in mind that they are intended for little fingers.

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BRITISH NURSERY RHYMES.





This is the old English air "I made love to Kate," or, under its Scottish title, "Woo'd and Married and A'"

MY LADY WIND.



- 2. And then one night when it was dark, She blew up such a tiny spark That all the house was pothered, That all the house was pothered; From it she raised up such a flame, As flamed away to Belting Lane, And Whitecross folks were smothered, And Whitecross folks were smothered.
- 3. And thus when once, my little dears,
 A whisper reaches itching ears,
 The same will come, will come you'll find,
 The same will come, you'll find.
 Take my advice, restrain the tongue,
 Remember what old nurse has sung
 Of busy, busy Lady Wind,
 Of busy Lady Wind.

LITTLE BO-PEEP.



- Little Bo-peep fell fast asleep
 And dreamt she heard them bleating,
 But when she awoke, she found it a joke,
 For they were still a-fleeting.
- She took up her crook, intending to look,
 Determined for to find them;

 She found them indeed, but it made her heart bleed
 For they'd left their tails behind them.
- 4. She heaved a sigh, and wiped her eye, And ran over hill and dale, O! And tried what she could, as a shepherdess should, To tack to each sheep its tail, O!

The air appears to be a very early specimen of English melody.

LITTLE GIRL, WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?





MY FATHER HE DIED.



- I sold my six horses and bought me a cow, I'd fain have made a fortune, but didn't know how! With my whim, wham, &c.
- 3. I sold my cow, and I bought me a calf, I'd fain have made a fortune, but lost the best half! With my whim, wham, &c.
- 4. I sold my calf, and I bought me a cat,
 A pretty thing she was, in my chimney corner sat;
 With my whim, wham, &c.
- 5. I sold my cat, and bought me a mouse, He caused fire in his tail, and burnt down my house! With my whim, wham, &c.

This old nursery rhyme is common to many countries. The English version is part of a political song relating to the times of Richard II

ROBINSON CRUSOE.



This song was sung on the stage in the 18th Century in a piece called *The Mayor of Garratt*. The air is a version of "The Rogues March."

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O, poor Robinson Crusoe! &c.

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MRS. BOND.



[&]quot;The air is "Will you come to the bower I have shaded for you."

WHERE ARE YOU GOING TO, MY PRETTY MAID?



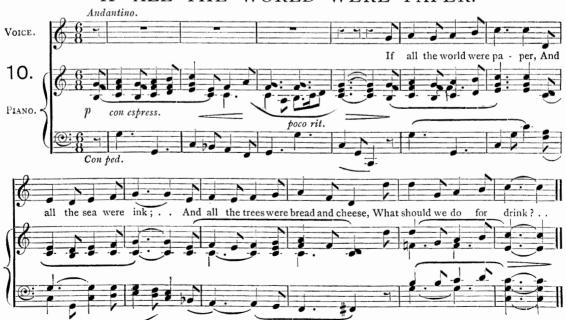
- 2. " May I go with you, my pretty maid? May I go with you, my pretty maid?"
 "You're kindly welcome, Sir!" she said,
 "Sir!" she said, "Sir!" she said,
 "You're kindly welcome, Sir," she said.
- 3. "What is your father, my pretty maid? What is your father, my pretty maid?"
 What is your father, my pretty maid?"
 "My father's a farmer, Sir!" she said,
 "Sir!" she said, "Sir!" she said,
 "My father's a farmer, Sir!" she said.
- 4. "What is your fortune, my pretty maid? "What is your fortune, my pretty maid?"
 What is your fortune, my pretty maid?"
 "My face is my fortune, Sir!" she said,
 "Sir!" she said, "Sir!" she said,
 "My face is my fortune, Sir!" she said.
- 5. "Then I can't marry you, my pretty maid? I can't marry you, my pretty maid?"
 "Nobody asked you, Sir!" she said,
 "Sir!" she said, "Sir!" she said,
 "Nobody asked you, Sir!" she said.

SEE, SAW, MARGERY DAW.



A parody of this is found dating from the time of Charles II.

IF ALL THE WORLD WERE PAPER.



A version of this air, under the above title, appears in John Playford's English Dancing Master (1650).

THE LITTLE WOMAN AND THE PEDLAR.



- And by there came a pedlar whose name was Stout,
 Fol, lol, diddle, diddle, dol!
 And he cut her petticoats round, all round about,
 Fol, lol, diddle, diddle, dol!
 He cut her petticoats up to her knees,
 Which made the little woman to shiver and to freeze,
 Fol, de rol, &c.
- 3. When the little woman began to wake,
 Fol, lol, diddle, diddle, dol!
 She began to shiver, and she began to shake,
 Fol, lol, diddle, diddle, dol!
 She began to shake, and she began to cry,
 "Goodness! Mercy on me. sure this is none of I."
 Fol, de rol, &c.
- 4. "If I be I, as I do hope I be,
 Fol, lol, diddle, diddle, dol!
 I've a little dog at home and he knows me,
 Fol, lol, diddle, diddle, dol!
 If I be I, he'll wag his little tail,
 But if I be not I, then he'll bark and wail."
 Fol, de rol, &c.
- 5. When this little old woman went home in the dark, Fol, lol, diddle, diddle, dol!
 Up starts the little dog, and he began to bark, Fol, lol, diddle, diddle, dol!
 He began to bark, and she began to cry, "Goodness! Mercy on me! sure this is none of I." Fol, de rol, &c.

This is an old country dance tune popular during the middle of the 18th Century, then called "A Trip to the Landry." It was introduced as a song, "All around the May-pole," into Midas, an opera acted in 1763, and at a slightly later date the song "The old woman and the pedlar" was sung on the stage. There is also a Scottish version of the song.

THE LITTLE MAN AND MAID.



3. The little man replied,

If you'll be my little bride,

I will raise my little note a little higher;

Though I've little for to prate, Yet my little heart is great, By the little God of Love I am on fire.

5. The little man replied, And, some say a little cried,

For his little heart was filled with sorrow: With the little that I have, I will be your little slave,

And the rest my little dear we will borrow.

6. Thus did the little gent, Make the little maid relent, For her little heart began to beat, beat; Though his offers were but small, She accepted of them all, Now she thanks her little stars for her fate, fate, fate.

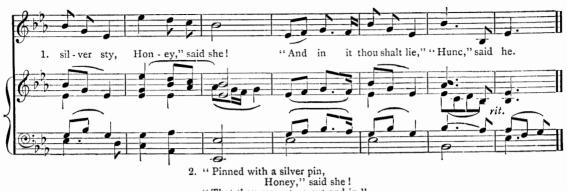
WHAT SHE LIVED ON.



She went to the baker to buy her some bread, And when she came home her old husband was dead; She went to the sexton to toll the big bell, But when she came back her old husband was well.

THERE WAS A LADY LOVED A SWINE.





- "That thou mayest go out and in,"
 "Hunc!" said he.
- "Wilt thou have me now,
- Honey?" said she! "Speak, or my heart will break!"
 "Hunc!" said he.

This is in a manuscript play of Charles the First's period, in the Bodleian Library.

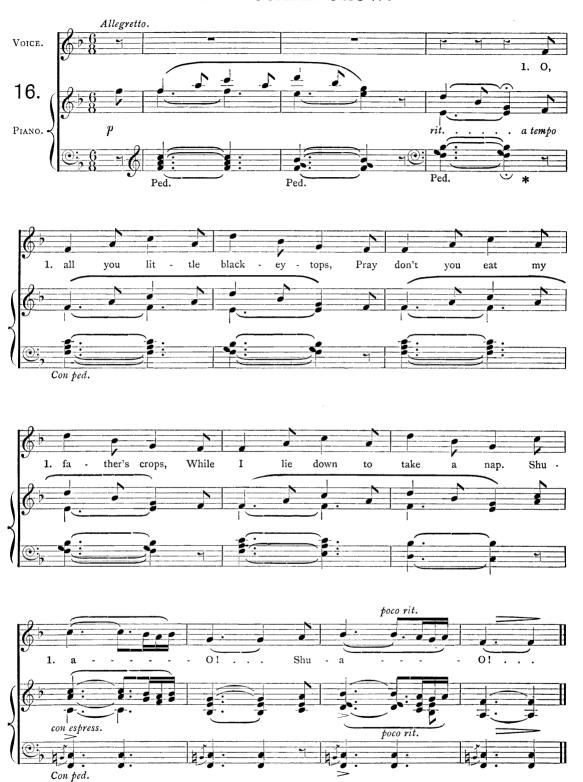
LONDON IS BROKEN BRIDGE



- 2. How shall we build it up again, Dance over my Ladye Lea! How shall we build it up again, With a gay ladye!
- 3. Silver and gold will be stole away, Dance over my Ladye Lea! Silver and gold will be stole away, With a gay ladye!
- 4. Build it up with iron and steel, Dance over my Ladye Lea; Build it up with iron and steel, With a gay ladye!
- 5. Iron and steel will bend and bow, Dance over my Ladye Lea; Iron and steel will bend and bow, With a gay ladye!
- 6. Build it up with wood and clay, Dance over my Ladye Lea; Build it up with wood and clay, With a gay ladye!
- 7. Wood and clay will wash away,
 Dance over my Ladye Lea: Wood and clay will wash away, With a gay ladye!

8. Build it up with stone so strong,
Dance over my Ladye Lea; Huzza! 'twill last for ages long, With a gay ladye!

THE SCARE-CROW.



2. If father he perchance should come,
With his cocked hat, and his long gun,
Then you must fly, and I must run—

Shu-a-O!

Shu-a-O!

A version of this is traditionally remembered in Somerset as the "Bird Starvers' song.

THREE MICE WENT INTO A HOLE TO SPIN.



ORANGES AND LEMONS.



- "Pancakes and fritters," say the bells of St. Peters;
 "Two sticks and an apple," say the bells of Whitechapel;
 "Old father Bald pate," say the slow bells at Aldgate;
 "Poker and tongs," say the bells of St. John's;
 "Kettles and pans," say the bells of St. Ann's;
 "Brick-bats and tiles," say the bells of St. Giles.
 Here comes a candle, &c.

SING A SONG OF SIXPENCE.



 The King was in his counting-house Counting all his money,
 The Queen was in the parlour Eating bread and honey;
 The Maid was in the garden Hanging out the clothes,
 There came a little blackbird And nipped off her nose.

The air is the old Scottish dance tune, "Calder Fair" The words are said to be as early as the 16th Century

A FROG HE WOULD A-WOOING GO.



- Off he set with his opera hat,
 "Heigh-ho!" said Rowley;
 Off he set with his opera hat,
 And on the road he met with a rat,
 With a rowly, powly, &c.
- Soon they arrived at the mouse's hall,
 "Heigh-ho!" said Rowley;
 Soon they arrived at the mouse's hall,
 They gave a loud tap, and they gave a loud call,
 With a rowly, powly, &c.
- 4. "Pray Mrs. Mouse are you within?"
 "Heigh-ho!" said Rowley;
 "Pray Mrs. Mouse are you within?"
 "Yes, kind Sir! I'm sitting to spin,"
 With a rowly, powly, &c.
- 5. "Pray Mrs. Mouse will you give us some beer?"
 "Heigh-ho!" said Rowley;
 "Pray Mrs. Mouse will you give us some beer?
 That froggy and I may have good cheer,"
 With a rowly, powly, &c.
- 6. "Pray Mr. Frog will you give us a song?"
 "Heigh-ho!" said Rowley;
 "Pray Mr. Frog will you give us a song?
 Let the subject be something that's not over long,"
 With a rowly, powly, &c.
- 7. "Indeed, Mrs. Mouse!" replied the frog,
 "Heigh-ho!" said Rowley;
 "Indeed, Mrs. Mouse!" replied the frog,
 "A cold has made me as hoarse as a hog."
 - "A cold has made me as hoarse as a hog,"
 With a rowly, powly, &c.

- 8. "Since you have caught cold, Mr. Frog," mousy said,
 "Heigh-ho!" said Rowley;
 "Since you have caught cold, Mr. Frog," mousy said,
 - "I'll sing you a song that I have just made,"
 With a rowly, powly, &c.
- 10. The cat she seized the rat by the crown,

 "Heigh-ho!" said Rowley;

 The cat she seized the rat by the crown,

 The kittens they pulled the little mouse down,

 With a rowly, powly, &c.
- 11. This put Mr. Frog in a terrible fright,
 "Heigh-ho!" said Rowley;
 This put Mr. Frog in a terrible fright,
 He took up his hat and he wished them good-night,
 With a rowly, powly, &c.
- 12. As froggy was crossing it over a brook,

 "Heigh-ho!" said Rowley;
 As froggy was crossing it over a brook,
 A lily-white duck came and gobbled him up,

 With a rowly, powly, &c.
- 13. So here is an end of one, two and three, "Heigh-ho!" said Rowley; So here is an end of one, two and three, The rat, the mouse, and the little froggy, With a rowly, powly, &c.

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THERE WAS AN OLD WOMAN TOSSED UP IN A BASKET.



The air is the celebrated "Lilliburlero" which wrought such havoc with the forces of James II. in Ireland in 1688. It is said (but probably erroneously) to be the composition of Henry Purcell. That the rhyme has been united to the melody for more than two hundred years is proved by the copy in *The Second part of Musick's Handmaid* 1689, being entitled "Lilliburlero or Old woman whither so high—H. Purcell—a new Irish tune."

TO-MORROW THE FOX WILL COME TO TOWN.



- He'll steal the cock out from his flock,
 Keep watch, all the day;
 He'll steal the cock out from his flock,
 Keep watch, keep watch, I pray.
 I must desire you neighbours all, &c.
- 3. He'll steal the hen out of the pen,
 Keep watch, all the day;
 He'll steal the hen out of the pen,
 Keep watch, keep watch, I pray.
 - watch, keep watch, I pray.
 I must desire you neighbours all, &c.
- He'll steal the duck out of the brook,
 Keep watch, all the day;
 He'll steal the duck out of the brook,
 Keep watch, keep watch, I pray.
 I must desire you neighbours all, &c.
- He'll steal the lamb e'en from the dam, Keep watch, all the day; He'll steal the lamb e'en from the dam, Keep watch, keep watch I pray.
 I must desire you neighbours all, &c.

This very early nursery rhyme is to be tound in *Deuteromelia*, a collection of catches printed in 1609. The melody is the fine old English dance tune, "Trenchmore" and is there united to the verses.

THE QUAKER'S WIFE SAT DOWN TO BAKE.



* Fee for grinding the corn.

A very old Scotch dance tune and rhyme

AIKEN DRUM.



- 2. His hat was made of the guid roast beef, guid roast beef, His hat was made of the guid roast beef, and his name was Willie Wood; And he played upon a razor, a razor, a razor, And he played upon a razor, and his name was Willie Wood.
- 3. His coat was made o' the haggis bag, the haggis bag, the haggis bag, His coat was made o' the haggis bag, and his name was Willie Wood; And he played upon a razor, a razor, a razor. And he played upon a razor, a razor, and his name was Willie Wood.
- 4. His buttons were made o' the baubee baps, the baubee baps, the baubee baps, His buttons were made o' the baubee baps, and his name was Willie Wood; And he played upon a razor, a razor, a razor, And he played upon a razor, and his name was Willie Wood.
- 5. But another man came to our town, to our town, to our town, Another man came to our town, and his name was Aiken Drum; And he played upon a ladle, a ladle, a ladle, He played upon a ladle, and his name was Aiken Drum.
- 6. And he ate up a' the guid roast beef, the guid roast beef, and his name was Aiken Drum.

 And he ate up a' the guid roast beef, and his name was Aiken Drum.

 And he played upon a ladle, a ladle, a ladle, a ladle, Tum.
- 7. And he ate up a' the haggis bags, the haggis bags, And he ate up a' the haggis bags, and his name was Aiken Drum; And he played upon a ladle, a ladle, a ladle, He played upon a ladle, and his name was Aiken Drum.
- 8. And he ate up a' the baubee baps, the baubee baps, and he ate up a' the baubee baps, and his name was Aiken Drum And he played upon a ladle, a ladle, a ladle, He played upon a ladle, and his name was Aiken Drum.

A very old Scottish nursery rhyme.

AS I PASSED BY MY LITTLE PIG-STY.



"Oh! oh!" says the jacket "We shall be drowned,"
"Oh, no!" says the petticoat "We shall be found;"
"Oh, yes!" says the jacket "We shall be drowned,"
"Oh, no!" says the petticoat "We shall be found."
The Miller passed, they gave a shout,
He put in his hand and he pulled them both out;
Pulled them both out, pulled them both out,
He put in his hand and he pulled them both out.

A FOX WENT OUT IN A HUNGRY PLIGHT.



- The fox when he came to yonder stile,
 He lifted his lugs, and he listened a-while,
 "O, ho!" said the fox, "'tis but a short mile
 From this to yonder town!" &c.
- The fox he came to the farmer's gate,
 When whom should he see but the farmer's drake,
 I love you well, for your master's sake,
 I long to be picking your bones, O! &c.
- The grey goose came right round the hay-stack, "O, ho!" says the fox, "You're very fat; You'll do very well to ride on my back, From this to yonder den, O!" &c.
- 5. The farmer's wife she jumped out of bed, And out of the window popped her head; "John! John! John! the grey goose is gone, And the fox is off to his den, O!" &c.
- 6. The farmer he loaded his pistol with lead,
 And he shot the old fox right through the head;
 "Ah, ha!" said the farmer, "You're now quite dead,
 And no more you'll trouble the town, O!" &c.

THE BABES IN THE WOOD.



2. And when it was night,
So sad was their plight,
The sun it went down, and the moon gave no light; They sobb'd and they sigh'd,

And they bitterly cried, And the poor little things they then lay down and died.

Poor Babes in the Wood! &c. 3. And when they were dead, The robins so red,

Brought strawberry leaves to over them spread.

Then all the day long,

The branches among,
They mournfully whistled, and this was their song Poor Babes in the Wood! &c.

DICKORY, DICKORY, DOCK.



2. Dickory, dickory, dare!

The pig flew up in the air;

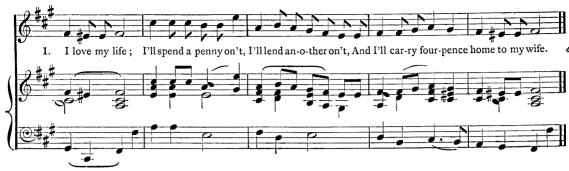
The man in brown

Soon brought him down,

Dickory, dickory, dare.

O, DEAR SIXPENCE!





- O, dear fourpence! I love fourpence!
 I love fourpence as I love my life;
 I'll spend a penny on't, I'll lend another on't,
 I'll carry twopence home to my wife.
- O, dear twopence! I love twopence!
 I love twopence as I love my life;
 I'll spend a penny on't, I'll lend another on't,
 I'll carry nothing home to my wife.
- 4. O, dear nothing! I've got nothing!
 I love nothing better than my wife;
 I'll spend nothing, I'll lend nothing,
 For I've earned nothing all through my life.

*THE LION AND THE UNICORN.



*This rhyme is mentioned in 1709.

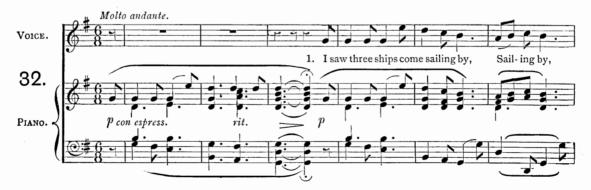
WHEN GOOD KING ARTHUR RULED THIS LAND.



- A bag-pudding the King did make, And stuffed it well with plums; And in it put great lumps of fat, As big as my two thumbs.
- The King and Queen did eat thereof, And Noblemen beside;
 And what they did not eat that day, The Queen next morning fried.

The air is one of our very early ballad tunes.

I SAW THREE SHIPS COME SAILING BY.





- And what do you think was in them then?
 In them then, in them then;
 And what do you think was in them then?
 On New Year's Day in the morning.
- Three pretty girls were in them then,
 In them then, in them then;
 Three pretty girls were in them then,
 On New Year's Day in the morning.
- And one could whistle, and one could sing, The other could play on the violin; Such joy there was at my wedding, On New Year's day in the morning.

*DANCE TO YOUR DADDY.



*An old Scottish nursery rhyme

DAME! GET UP AND BAKE YOUR PIES.



- Dame, what makes your maidens lie? Maidens lie, maidens lie; Dame, what makes your maidens lie On Christmas-day in the morning?
- 3. Dame, what makes your ducks to die? Ducks to die, ducks to die; Dame, what makes your ducks to die On Christmas-day in the morning?
- "Their wings are cut, they cannot fly, Cannot fly, cannot fly; Their wings are cut, they cannot fly, On Christmas-day in the morning."

This is a version of the Elizabethan air "Green sleeves," mentioned by Shakespeare

DICKY SET OUT FOR WISDOM HALL.





- Dicky put on his Sunday clothes, Scarlet waistcoat and white hose; Gallop away, &c.
- 3. Dicky mounted his dapple gray, Smacked his whip and galloped away; Gallop away, &c,
- Mistress Anne came tripping away, To hear what Dicky had got to say; Gallop away, &c.
- In she came with a bow and a smile,
 "You haven't been here Master Dick for a while;"
 Gallop away, &c.
- 6. "Oh! I've been busy with sowing the corn, My pigs are killed, and my sheep are shorn;" Gallop away, &c.
- 7. "But I have no one to cure my hams, To spin my wool, to make my jams;" Gallop away, &c.
- 8. "So come Mistress Anne away with me, My house to keep, and my wife to be!" Gallop away, &c.
- Mistress Anne having household skill, And loving Dicky, said "I will." Gallop away, &c.

This is another version of "Richard of Taunton Dean.

A LITTLE COCK-SPARROW SAT ON A GREEN TREE.



"This little cock-sparrow shall make me a stew,
 And his giblets shall make me a little pie too: "
 "Oh, no!" said the sparrow, "I won't make a stew,"
 So he flapped his wings, and away he flew.

JOHNNY SHALL HAVE A NEW BONNET.



Here's a leg for a stocking,
 And here's a foot for a shoe,
 And he has a kiss for his daddy
 And two for his mammy I trow.
 And why may not I love Johnny, &c.

The air is an old Irish one which about a century ago was popular as a country dance, and named "Drops of Brandy."

WHEN THE SNOW IS ON THE GROUND.



BONNY BOBBY SHAFTOE.



THERE WAS A MAN OF THESSALY.



The air is Scottish
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GIRLS AND BOYS COME OUT TO PLAY.



The tune of "Boys and Girls to play" is in Walsh's Country Dances for 1708 and in the second and third volumes of Playford's Dancing Master 1716 and 1728.



FOUR-AND-TWENTY TAILORS.



HARK! HARK! THE DOGS DO BARK.



POLLY PUT THE KETTLE ON.



To this air is also sung the old Scotch song "Jenny's Bawbee."

A WAS AN ARCHER.



- G was a Gamester who had but ill luck, H was a Hunter who hunted a buck.
- 3. I was an Innkeeper who lov'd to carouse, J was a Joiner who built up a house,
 K is King Edward who governs the land,
 L was a Lady who had a white hand.
- M was a Miser who hoarded up gold,
 N was a Nobleman gallant and bold, O was an Oyster-girl going about Town, P was a Parson who wore a black gown.
- 5. Q was a Queen who wore a silk slip, R was a Robber who wanted a whip, S was a Sailor who spent all he got, T was a Tinker who mended a pot.
- 6. U was an Usurer miserable elf, V was a Vintner who drank all himself, W was a Watchman who guarded the door, X was Expensive, and so became poor.
- *7. Y was a Youth who didn't love school, Z was a Zany, a poor harmless fool.

*To be sung to the second half of the tune.

MARY, MARY, QUITE CONTRARY.



THREE BLIND MICE.





An early "round" or "catch" printed with the music in 1609.

*THE MAN IN THE MOON.



*The melody is an old English air of the 16th or 17th century entitled "Thomas I cannot."

THE SPIDER AND THE FLY.



- 2. "I'm sure you must be weary, dear! with soaring up so high, Will you rest upon my little bed?" said the Spider to the Fly; "There are pretty curtains drawn around, the sheets are fine and thin, And if you like to rest awhile. I'll snugly tuck you in: ""Oh, no, no!" said the little Fly, "For I have heard it said, They never, never wake again who sleep upon your bed."
- 3. The Spider turned him round about and went into his den, For well he knew the silly Fly would soon come back again; So he wove a subtle web in a little corner sly, And he set his table ready to dine upon the Fly: Then he came out to his door again and merrily did sing, "Come hither, hither, pretty Fly with the pearl and silver wing."
- 4. Alas! alas! how very soon this silly little Fly.

 Hearing all these flattering speeches came quickly buzzing by;
 With gauzy wing she hung aloft, then near and nearer drew,
 Thinking only of her crested head and gold and purple hue:
 Thinking only of her brilliant wings poor silly thing, at last
 Up jumped the wicked Spider and fiercely held her fast!
- 5. He dragged her up his winding stair into his dismal den, Within his little parlour, but she ne'er came out again! And now all you young maidens who may this story hear, To idle, flattering speeches I pray you ne'er give ear: Unto an evil counsellor close heart and ear and eye, And learn a lesson from the tale of the Spider and the Fly.

The words of this clever and celebrated little poem are by Mary Howitt.

OLD KING COLE.



The origin of this famous nursery rhyme is obscure, but it is doubtless very old as some of the words are quoted in a book bearing the date 1663. The tune is a fine specimen of 17th century English melody.

PAT-A-CAKE.



The melody is by James Hook and is taken from his "Christmas Box," one of a series of Childrens music books issued about a hundred years ago. The old rhyme is mentioned in a play as early as 1698.

HOT CROSS BUNS.



THE CARRION CROW.



Come, wife! come bring my arrow and my bow,
Fol de rol, de rol, de rol, de ri do!
Come, wife! come bring my arrow and my bow,
For I want to shoot you carrion crow.
Hi, Ho, poor old crow! &c.

3.

The tailor he shot but he missed his mark,
Fol de rol, de rol, de ri do!
The tailor he shot but he missed his mark,
And he shot a poor old sow right through the heart,
Hi, Ho, poor old crow! &c.

Come, wife! come bring me some treacle in a spoon,
Fol de rol, de rol, de rol, de ri do!
Come, wife! come bring me some treacle in a spoon,
For I think the poor old sow's fallen in a swoon,
Hi, Ho, poor old crow! &c.

5.

But the old sow died and the bells did toll,
Fol de rol, de rol, de ri do!
But the old sow died and the bells did toll,
And the little pigs prayed for the old sow's soul,
Hi, ho, poor old crow! &c.

A traditional version of an old and favourite nursery rhyme, the original is probably of 16th century's origin. The present copy of words and air are from the remembrance of a lady.

DOCTOR FAUSTUS WAS A GOOD MAN.



BAA! BAA! BLACK SHEEP.



SIMPLE SIMON.





The tune is the old Welsh air "Ar hyd y nos."

HUMPTY DUMPTY SAT ON A WALL.



A nursery riddle, the answer being, an egg. The air is the old Irish tune "Off she goes'

RIDE A COCK-HORSE.



The air is the old Scottish one, "Kellyburn braes."

GOOSEY, GOOSEY, GANDER.





COCK-ROBIN.



- "Who saw him die?"
 Who saw him die?"
 1" said the Fly,
 With my little eye,
 I saw him die."
- 3. "Who caught his blood?"
 Who caught his blood?"
 "I" said the Fish,
 "With my little dish,
 I caught his blood."
- 4. "Who'll make his shroud? Who'll make his shroud?"
 "I" said the Beetle,
 "With my thread and needle,
 I'll make his shroud."
- 5. "Who'll bear the torch? Who'll bear the torch?" "I" said the Linnet, "I'll come in a minute, I'll bear the torch."
- 6. "Who'll be the clerk? Who'll be the clerk?" "I" said the Lark, "I'll say Amen in the dark, I'll be the clerk."
 - 12. "Who'll toll the bell?"
 Who'll toll the bell?"
 "I" said the Bull,
 "Because I can pull,
 I'll toll the bell."

- "Who'll dig his grave?
 Who'll dig his grave?"
 "I" said the Owl,
 "With my spade and shovel,
 I'll dig his grave."
- 8. "Who'll be the Parson? Who'll be the Parson?"
 "I" said the Rook,
 "With my little book,
 I'll be the Parson."
- 9. "Who'll sing his dirge?"
 Who'll sing his dirge?"
 "I" said the Thrush,
 "As I sit in a bush,
 I'll sing his dirge."
- 10. "Who'll be chief mourner? Who'll be chief mourner?"
 "I'' said the Dove,
 "I mourn for my love,
 I'll be chief mourner."
- 11. "Who'll carry his coffin?"
 Who'll carry his coffin?"
 "I" said the Kite,
 "If it be very light,
 I'll carry his coffin."

TWINKLE, TWINKLE, LITTLE STAR.



2. Then the traveller in the dark
Thanks you for your little spark,
He could not see which way to go
If you did not twinkle so.
In the dark blue sky you keep,
And often through my curtains peep;
For you never shut your eye
Till the sun is in the sky.

WHEN I WAS A LITTLE GIRL.



- I went into the woods and built me a kirk,
 And all the birds of the air they helped me to work;
 The hawk with his long claws pulled down the stone,
 And the dove with her rough bill brought me them home.
- *3. The parrot was the clergyman, the peacock was the clerk, The bullfinch played the organ, and we made merry work.

LITTLE JACK HORNER.



LITTLE TOM TUCKER





PUSSY CAT, PUSSY CAT, WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?



THE NORTH WIND DOES BLOW.



GEORGY-PORGY.





The air is that of an old country dance, "Tom and Mary," and of the song, "Tom loves Mary passing well;" circa 1750.

LITTLE MISS MUFFET.



The tune is a simple version of "Over the water to Charlie.

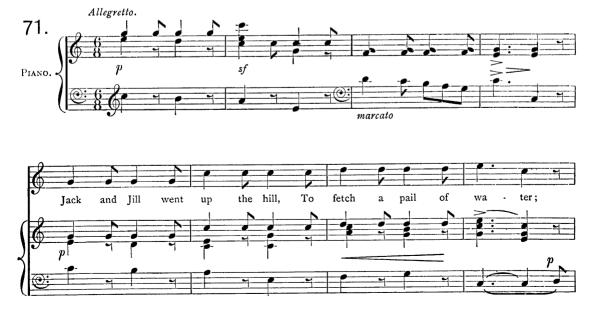
THREE CHILDREN SLIDING ON THE ICE.

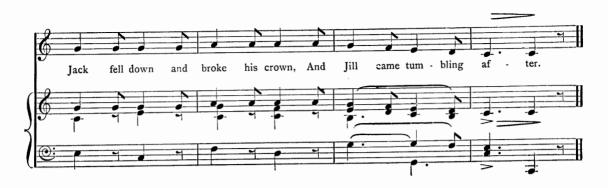


- 2. Now had these children not been there, Or sliding on dry ground;
 Ten thousand pounds to one penny,
 They had not then been drowned.
- You parents who three children have, And you that have got none;
 If you would have them safe abroad, Pray keep them safe at home.

One of our very early English ballad airs, sometimes called "Flying Fame." To this melody "Chevy Chase" was sometimes sung The nursery rhyme is of the 17th century.







DANCE, THUMBKIN, DANCE.

(A FINGER GAME.)



- 2. Dance, Foreman, dance! (First finger moving.)
 Dance, Foreman, dance!
 Foreman cannot dance alone,
 So dance, my merry men, every one,
 And dance, Foreman, dance.
- 3. Dance, Longman, dance! (Middle finger.)
 Dance, Longman, dance!
 Longman, cannot dance alone,
 So dance, my merry men, every one,
 And dance, Longman, dance.
- 4. Dance, Ringman, dance! (Third finger.)
 Dance, Ringman, dance!
 Ringman, cannot dance alone,
 So dance, my merry men, every one,
 And dance, Ringman, dance.
- 5. Dance, Littleman, dance! (Little finger.)
 Dance, Littleman, dance!
 Littleman cannot dance alone,
 So dance, my merry men, every one,
 And dance, Littleman, dance.

HEY DIDDLE, DIDDLE, THE CAT AND THE FIDDLE.



THE KING OF FRANCE.





The air is old French, a version of "Le petit tambour."

DANCE A BABY DIDDY.



NURSERY JINGLES.

A diller, a dollar, A ten-o'clock scholar, What makes you come so soon? You used to come at ten o'clock, But now you come at noon.

Birch and green holly, boys, Birch and green holly; you get beaten, boys,
'Twill be your own folly.

Multiplication is vexation, Division's twice as bad, The Rule of Three it puzzles me, And Fractions drive me mad.

Bell horses, bell horses, What time of day? One o'clock, two o'clock, Three and away.

Bat, bat, come under my hat And I'll give you a slice of bacon, And when I bake, I'll give you a cake, If I am not mistaken.

Its raining, its raining! There's pepper in the box, And all the little ladies Are holding up their frocks.

> Jack be nimble And Jack be quick, And Jack jump over The candle-stick.

Birds of a feather flock together And so will pigs and swine, Rats and mice will have their choice And so will I have mine.

> Up hill and down dale Butter is made in every vale, And if that Nancy Cook Is a good girl, She shall have a spouse And make butter anon, Before her old grandmother Grows a young man.

Baby Baby Bunting Daddy's gone a hunting, To fetch a little rabbit skin To wrap up Baby Bunting in.

Come when you're called, Do what you're bid, Shut the door after you Then you'll never be chid, Cuckoo, cherry tree, Catch a bird and give it me, Let the tree be high or low, Let it hail or rain or snow.

I'll sing you a song, Though not very long, Yet, I think as pretty as any; Put your hand in your purse You'll never be worse And give the poor singer a penny.

"Old woman, old woman, will you go a shearing?"

"Speak a little louder, Sir, I'm rather hard of hearing!" "Old woman, old woman, shall I love you dearly?"
"Thank you very kindly, Sir, I hear you very clearly."

There was an old woman called "Nothing at all" Who lived in a dwelling exceedingly small, A man stretched his mouth to the utmost extent, And down at one gulp, house and old woman went.

Margery Muttonpie and Johnny Bopeep They met together in Gracechurch Street; In and out, in and out, over the way, "Oh," said Johnny, "its chop-nose day."

Two little blackbirds sitting on a wall One named Peter, one named Paul, Fly away Peter, fly away Paul, Come back Peter, come back Paul.

Tip top Tower Tumbled down in half-an-hour.

The Queen of Hearts she made some tarts All on a summer's day, The knave of hearts he stole those tarts And took them right away.

> Rain, rain, go away Come again another day, Little Johnny wants to play.

Three wise men of Gotham Went to sea in a bowl, If the bowl had been stronger My tale had been longer.

Tom, Tom, the piper's son Learned to play when he was young, All the tune that he could play Was "Over the hills and far away."

There was an old woman who lived in a shoe, She had so many children she didn't know what to do. So she gave them some broth without any bread, And whipped them all soundly and sent them to bed.

Molly, my sister, and I fell out, And what do you think it was all about, She loved coffee and I loved tea, And that was the reason we couldn't agree.

Little Polly Flinders
Sat among the cinders
Warming her pretty little toes,
Her mother came and caught her
And scolded her little daughter
For spoiling her nice new clothes.

Robin and Richard were two pretty men They lay in bed till the clock struck ten, Then up starts Robin and looks at the sky, "Oh! brother Richard, the sun is quite high."

The Bull's in the barn threshing the corn, The cock's on the dunghill blowing his horn, The cat's at the fire frying of fish, The dog's in the pantry licking a dish.

> "Robert Barnes, fellow fine, Can you shoe a nag of mine?" "Yes, good sir, that I can, As well as any other man, There's a nail and there's a brod, That nag's well shod."

When I was a little boy I had but little wit, It is some time ago and I've no more yet; Nor ever, ever shall until that I die, For the longer I live the more fool am I.

If "ifs" and "ans"
Were pots and pans
There'd be no work for tinkers.

My maid Mary
Minds her dairy
While I go hoeing and mowing each morn;
Merrily runs the reel
And her little spinning wheel,
While I am singing and mowing my corn.

As I was going up the hill
I met with Jack the piper,
And all the tunes that he could play
Was "Tie up your petticoats tighter."
I tied them once, I tied them twice,
I tied them three times over,
And all the songs that he could sing
Was "Carry me safe to Dover."

Please to remember
The fifth of November
Gunpowder treason and plot,
I know no reason
Why gunpowder treason
Should ever be forgot.

Peter White he never goes right, Shall I tell you the reason why? He follows his nose wherever he goes And that stands all awry.

> Little Jack-a-Dandy Wanted sugar candy And fairly for it cried, But little Billy Cook Who always read his book Shall have a horse to ride.

There was an old man And he had a calf And that's half, He took him out of the stall And put him on the wall And that's all.

Cross Patch
Draw the latch
Sit by the fire and spin,
Take a cup
And drink it up
Then ask your neighbours in.

Great A, little a,
Bouncing B;
The cat's in the cupboard
And she can't see me.

As I walked by myself
And talked to myself
Myself said unto me,
Look to thyself
Take care of thyself
For nobody cares for thee.
I answered myself
And said to myself
In the self same repartee,
Look to thyself
Or not to thyself
'Tis the self same thing to me.

As I was going to St. Ives
I met a man with seven wives,
Each wife had seven sacks,
Each sack had seven cats,
Each cat had seven kittens;
Kittens, cats, sacks and wives,
How many were there going to St. Ives?
[None. They were all coming away.]

There was an old woman had three sons Jeffrey, James and John, Jeffrey was hung, James was drowned, John was lost and never found, And there was an end of the three sons Jeffrey, James and John.

A duck and a drake,
A nice barley cake
With a penny to pay the old baker,
A hop and a scotch
Is another notch
Slitherum, slatherum, take her.

The man in the wilderness asked me "How many strawberries grow in the sea?" I answered him as I thought good "As many as red herrings grow in a wood."

There was a little guinea pig
Who, being little, was not big,
He always walked upon his feet
And never fasted when he eat.
When from a place he ran away
He never at that place did stay,
And while he ran, as I am told,
He ne'er stood still for young or old.
One day, as I am certified,
He took a whim and fairly died,
And as I'm told by men of sense
He never has been living since.

I doubt, I doubt, my fire is out,
My little wife isn't at home;
I'll saddle my dog and I'll bridle my cat
And I'll go fetch my little wife home.

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