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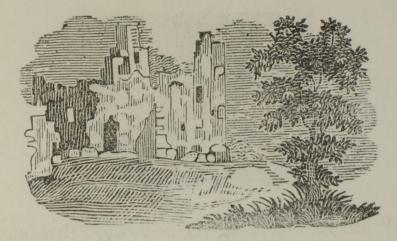


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Now shall my pretty Albert ride, And Henry too shall go astride; The little dog shall run one side,

And puss shall go on t'other: And Adelaide shall have a walk, And baby too, o'er hill of chalk, And guile the road in pleasant talk, To see their kind grandmother.

Now see-saw, my Margery-daw, Jenny shall have a new master; She'll have but a penny a day, Because she can work no faster.



King Pippin built a fine new hall, Pastry and pie-crust were the wall; Windows made of black puddings and white, Slates were pancakes, you ne'er saw the like.

Now make a nice bun, my baker's man, A Banbury Cake, fast as you can; Currants and sugar, mark it with T, Then bring it home, to Tommy and me.



When famed King Arthur ruled this land, He was a goodly king :
He took three pecks of barley-meal, To make a bag-pudding :
A rare pudding the king did make, And stuff'd it well with plums ;
And in it put such lumps of fat, As big as my two thumbs.
The king and queen did eat thereof, And noblemen beside ;
And, what they could not eat that night, The queen next morning fried.



Ten little mice sat down to spin, Pussy past by, and just look'd in : What are you at, my jolly ten ? We're making coats for gentlemen. Shall 1 come in and cut your threads ? No, for Puss, you'd bite off our heads.

Oh dear, dear, What can the matter be? Two women up in an apple tree;

One down, too quick in her flight, d'ye see

But t'other came down more leisurely.



Ding, dong, Bell, puss is in the well !
Who put her in ? little Tommy Quin :
Who pull'd her out ? little Dickey Stout :
Then the town crier, put Tib by the fire.
Oh, what a naughty boy was that,
Who tried to drown poor pussy-cat ;
That never did him any harm ;
But kill'd the mice in father's barn.

Hey, diddle dout, my candle's out, My little maid's not at home; Saddle the hog, bridle the dog, And fetch my little maid home.



A silly boy was my boy John, Went to bed with his stockings on, One shoe off, and t'other shoe on; A simple boy was my boy John.

To bed, to bed, says sleepy head; Pray stop awhile? says slow: Put on the pot? says greedy-sot, We'll sup before we go.

There was a man and he had a calf, And that's my story half. Out of his stall, calf jump'd on the wall And you've my story all.



Taffy was a Welchman, But Taffy was a thief,
Taffy came to my house And stole a piece of beef.
I went to Taffy's house, But Taffy was from home;
Taffy came to my house And stole a marrow bone.

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



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There was a little man To woo a maid began; And said—Little maid, will you wed? I've little more to say, Than will you, yea or nay? Soonest mended is the least said. The little maid replied— Some say, a little sigh'd— Pray what should we then have to eat? Will love you're so rich in Make fire in the kitchen, Or Cupid turn the lovers' spit.



Round about, round about, Pastry and pie;
My father and mother Love me, said I:
I shall always love them, They will love me;
And sister and brother Ever agree.

Robert Rolley rolled a round roll round; a round roll Robert Rolley rolled round: Where rolled the round roll Robert Rolley rolled round.



In a cottage in Fife Liv'd a man and his wife, Who, believe me, were comical folk; For, to people's surprise,

They both saw with their eyes, And their tongues moved whenever they spoke.

When they were fast asleep,

I've been told—that to keep Their eyes open they could not contrive; They both walk'd on their feet, And t'was thought what they eat Help'd, with drinking, to keep them alive.



My little fellow Come, blow up your horn; Sheep in the meadow, A cow's in the corn. Where's the little boy Looks after the sheep? He's under the hay, And quite fast asleep.

Little Bo-peep has lost her sheep, And can't tell where to find 'em; Let 'em alone, and they'll come home, Wagging their tails behind 'em.



I had a little dog, They called him Buff;
I sent him to the shop To buy me snuff:
But he lost the bag, And spilt the stuff:
I sent him no more, But gave him a cuff,
For coming from the mart, Without any snuff.

Daffy-down-dilly went up to town In yellow petticoat and green gown.



One, two, three, four, and five, A rabbit caught alive; Six, seven, eight, nine, ten, I let her go again.

Little Tom Twig bought A fine bow and arrow; And what did he shoot? A poor little sparrow. Oh, fie, little Tom, With your bow and arrow, How cruel to shoot A poor little sparrow!



If I'd as much money As I could tell, I never would cry Old clothes to sell ! Old clothes to sell, Old clothes to sell ! If I'd as much money As I could spend, I never would cry Old chairs to mend ! Old chairs to mend !

