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[Illustration: ABCD]

A for the *Apple*
or Alphabet pie,
Which all get a slice of.
Come taste it & try.

B is the *baby*
who gave Mr Bunting
Full many a long day's
rabbit skin hunting.

C for the *cat*
that played on the fiddle,
When cows jumped higher than
'Heigh Diddle Diddle!'

D for the *Dame*
with her pig at the stile,
'Tis said they got over,
but not yet a while.

[Illustration: EFG]

E for the Englishman,
ready to make fast
The giant who wanted to
have him for breakfast.

F for the Frog in the story
you know,
Begun with a wooing but
ending in woe.

G for Goosey Gander
who wandered upstairs,
And met the old man
who objected to prayers.

[Illustration: HIJ]

H for poor Humpty who
after his fall,
Felt obliged to resign his
seat on the wall.

I for the Inn where they
wouldn't give beer,
To one with too much
and no money, I fear.

J does for poor Jack and
also for Jill,
Who had so disastrous
a tumble down hill.

[Illustration: KLMNOP]

K for calm Kitty, at dinner
who sat,
While all the good folks
watched the dog & the cat.

L for Little man, gun and
bullets complete,
Who shot the poor duck, and
was proud of the feat.

M for Miss Muffet, with
that horrid spider,
Just dropped into tea and
a chat beside her.

N for the Numerous children
they who
Were often too much for
their mother in Shoe.

O the Old person that
cobwebs did spy,
And went up to sweep 'em
Oh ever so high!

P for the Pie made of
blackbirds to sing,
A song fit for supper
a dish for a king.

[Illustration: QRS]

Q for Queen Anne
who sat in the sun
Till she, more than the lily
resembled the bun

R stands for Richard &
Robert, those men
Who didn't get up one
fine morning till ten!

S for the Snail that showed
wonderful fight,
Putting no less than twenty-four
tailors to flight!

[Illustration: TUV]

T stands for Tom, the son of
the piper,
May his principles change
as his years grow riper.

U for the Unicorn, keeping
his eye on
The coveted crown, and
'ts counsel the Lion.

V for the Victuals, including
the drink,
The old woman lived on
surprising to think!

[Illustration: WXYZ]

W for the *woman*
who not over nice,

Made very short work
of the three blind mice.

X is the X
that is found upon buns,
Which, daughters not liking,
may come in for sons.

Y for Yankee Doodle
of ancient renown,
Both he & his pony
that took him to town.

Z for the Zany
who looked like a fool,
For when he was young
he neglected his school.

[Illustration: A-M]

[Illustration: N-Z]