

An illustration of a young child with blonde hair, wearing a purple dress with dark blue polka dots and a white collar, looking into a large, hollowed-out pumpkin. Inside the pumpkin, a small figure of a person is visible. The scene is set in a garden with large green leaves and orange flowers. The title text is overlaid on the pumpkin.

Peter Peter
Pumpkin Eater
and other
Mother Goose
Melodies

Morning Rush On The Tube



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PETER, Peter, pumpkin-eater;
Had a wife, and couldn't keep her;
He put her in a pumpkin shell,
And there he kept her very well.

Peter, Peter, pumpkin-eater;
Had another and didn't love her;
Peter learned to read and spell,
And then he loved her very well.

[The following lines are sung by children when
starting for a race]

GOOD horses, bad horses,
What is the time of day?
Three o'clock, four o'clock,
Now fare you away.

[Say quick]

IN fir tar is.
In oak none is.
In mud eel is.
In clay none is.
Goat eat ivy.
Mare eat oats.

BUZ, quoth the blue fly,
Hum, quoth the bee,
Buz and hum they cry,
And so do we:
In his ear, in his nose,
Thus, do you see?
He ate the dormouse,
Else it was me.

WHEN little Fred went to bed,
He always said his prayers;
He kissed mamma, and then papa,
And straightway went up-stairs.

WHO comes here?
"A grenadier."
What do you want?
"A pot of beer."
Where is your money?
"I've forgot."
Get you gone,
You can't have a drop.



WASN'T it funny? hear it all people!
 Little Tom Thum has swallowed a steeple!
 How did he do it?
 I'll tell you, my son:
 'Twas made of white sugar—and easily done!

HECTOR Protector was dressed all in green;
 Hector Protector was sent to the Queen.
 The Queen did not like him,
 No more did the King:
 So Hector Protector was sent back again.

DONKEY, donkey, old and gray,
 Ope your mouth, and gently bray;
 Lift your ears and blow your horn,
 To wake the world this sleepy morn.



MULTIPLICATION is vexation,
Division is as bad;
The Rule of Three doth puzzle me,
And Fractions drive me mad.

WAS ever heard such noise and clamor!
The hatchet's jealous of the hammer!

[Mind your Punctuation]

I SAW a peacock with a fiery tail,
I saw a blazing comet drop down hail,
I saw a cloud wrapped with ivy round,
I saw an oak creep on the ground,
I saw a snail swallow up a whale,
I saw the sea brimful of ale,
I saw a Venice glass full fifteen feet deep,
I saw a well full of men's tears that weep,
I saw red eyes all of a flaming fire,
I saw a house bigger than the moon and higher,
I saw the sun at twelve o'clock at night,
I saw the man that saw this wondrous sight.



HERE am I, little jumping
Joan,
When nobody's with me, I'm
always alone.

THERE was a rat, for want of
stairs,
Went down a rope to say his
prayers.

OH dear, what can the matter be
Johnny's so long at the fair,
He promised to buy me a bunch of
blue ribbons
To tie up my bonny brown hair.

THERE was a man in our town,
And he was wondrous wise;
He jumped into a bramble bush,
And scratch'd out both his eyes;

And when he saw his eyes were out,
With all his might and main,
He jump'd into another bush,
And scratch'd them in again.

ELIZABETH, Elspeth, Betsy and Bess,
They all went together to seek a bird's nest.
They found a bird's nest with five eggs in,
They all took one, and left four in.

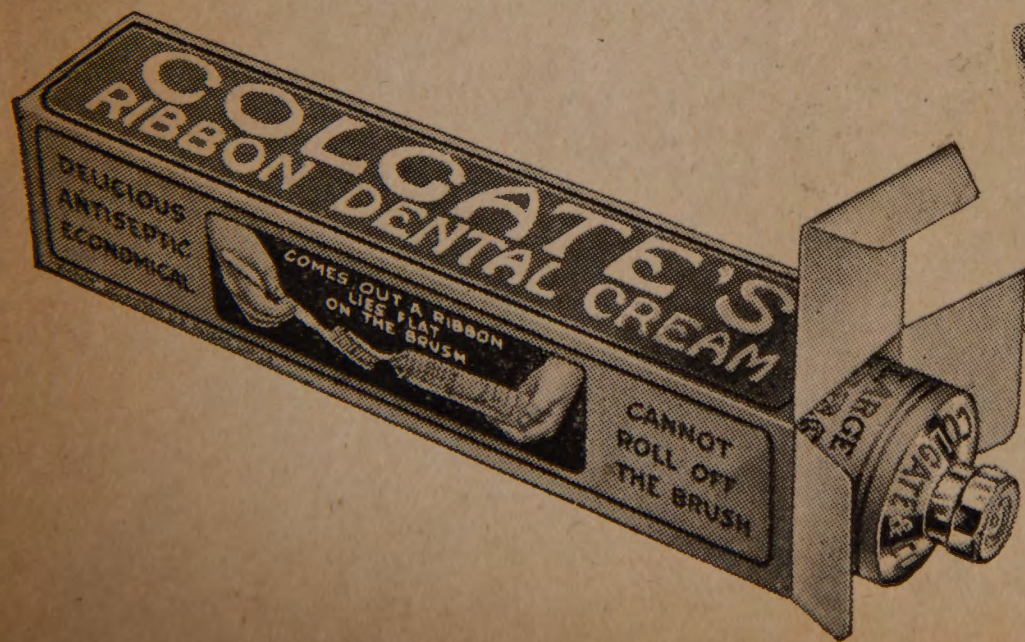


THREE Blind Mice,
See how they run!
They all ran after the
farmer's wife,
Who cut off their tails
with a carving knife;
Did ever you hear such a
thing in your life
As three blind mice?



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