# THE:BUCKLE:MYYSHOE PICTUREBBOOK 



## IONDON: JOHN LANE, THE BODIEYHEAD.




 CTIN ELL, I must buckle to, and put a good face 4 Eios 2 -pre-face) on the matter as I have to introduce the latest addition to the already considerable family of Crane-reprints. Here we have those delidhenful "igmaroles" ONE, TWO, BUCKLE MY SHOE and "A GAPING-WIDE-Mouth -WADDLING FROG": but what, it may be asked, isMY MOTHER" doind in suck company? I shrewoly sus: pect, if we knew the fruth, that she is really the author of both. It is probable, however, that both legeends have been transmitted through a lono line of mothers, assisted, per= -kaps, by nurses, but 1 had them direct from my Mother.
A pleasing romance of domestic incident runs throush "One, Twoo, Buckle my shoe", while "the "Wadding Frog" shows a rich and sumptuous imafination, if a little in: consequent, except numerically, but if he, sets us ajgape with astonishment, his own "Wide-Mouth" seems capacious enough to swallow all the marvels by land or sea which he enimerates.
These two are quite early Cranes - almost pre-historic "please notice, however, the up-to-date additions):
"My Mother" is mid.Victorian, just after crinolines had gone out - but mothers are always in fashion,

Bless them, - and you also, dear children, whether of the old or the new world, who, having chosen your parents wisely, have become possessors of this book, may your shoes never want buckling, and if by $\mathrm{a}^{2}=$ ny mischance you should lose one, may Good Luck always find a spare one for you, and so set you on your feet again.


Kensington, June 1910.



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## 1,2. $\begin{aligned} & \text { One Two, } \\ & \text { Buckle my shoe. }\end{aligned}$

### 3.4 Three, Four, Open the door





## 9. 10 Nine, Ten, A good fat Hen.





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## P even lobsters in a dishn, <br> As fresh as any heart could wish.

Six joiners in Joiners' Hall,
Working with their tools and all.
Five beetles against the wall,
Close to an old woman's apple-stall.
Four puppies with our dog Ball,
Who daily for their breakfast call,
Three monkeys tied to a log.
Two puddings' ends, would choke a dog, Or a gaping, wide-mouthed, waddling frog.




Some bound for France, and some for Spain ; I wish them all safe back again.
Eight peacocks in the air,
I wonder how they all got there?
You don't know, and I don't care.
Seven lobsters in a dish,
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## And can I ever cease to be

Affectionate and kind to thee, Who was so very kind to me,

My Mother?
I cannot bear;
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d thy care,



When thou art feeble, old, and gray, My healthy arm shall be thy stay, And I will soothe thy pains away.

My Mother.


And when I see thee hang thy head, 'Twill be my turn to watch thy bed, And tears of sweet affection shed,

> My Mother.

For God, who lives above the skies, Would look with vengeance in His eyes, If I should ever dare despise

My Mother.








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