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A
A for the APPLE
or Alphabet pie,
Which all get a slice
of. Come taste it & try.
EFGHIJKLMNO
B
C
C for the
CAT that
played on
the fiddle,
When cows
jumped
higher than
'Heigh
Diddle,
Diddle!
D
D for the
DAME
with her
pig at the
stile,
'Tis said
they got
over, but
not yet
a while.
B is the
BABY
who gave
Mr Bunting
Full many
a long day's
rabbit skin
hunting.

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.

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.

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N for the Numerous children they who
Were often too much for their mother in Shoe
L for Little man, gun and bullets complete,
Who shot the poor duck, and was proud of the feat.
O the Old person that cobwebs did spy,
And went up to sweep e'm Oh ever so high!
K for calm Kitty, at dinner who sat,
While all the good folks watched the dog & the cat.
M for Miss Muffet, with that horrid spider,
Just dropped into tea and a chat beside her.
P for the Pie made of blackbirds to sing,
A song fit for supper a dish for a king.

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!

T
PIG MARKET
U
V
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!

W X Y
Z for the Zany who looked like a fool, For when he was young he neglected his school.
W for the WOMAN who not over nice, Made very short work of the three blind mice
School Board
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

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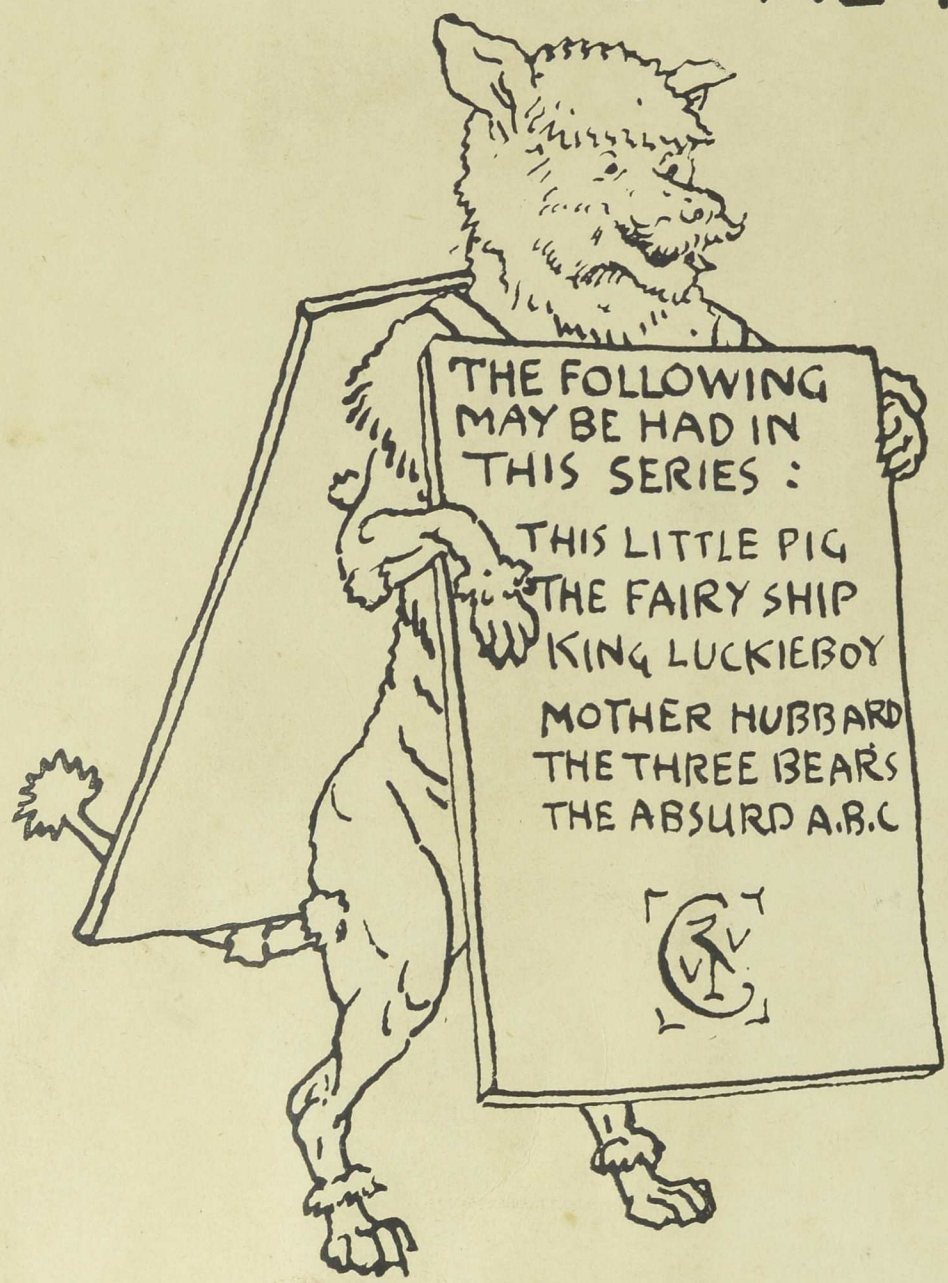

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