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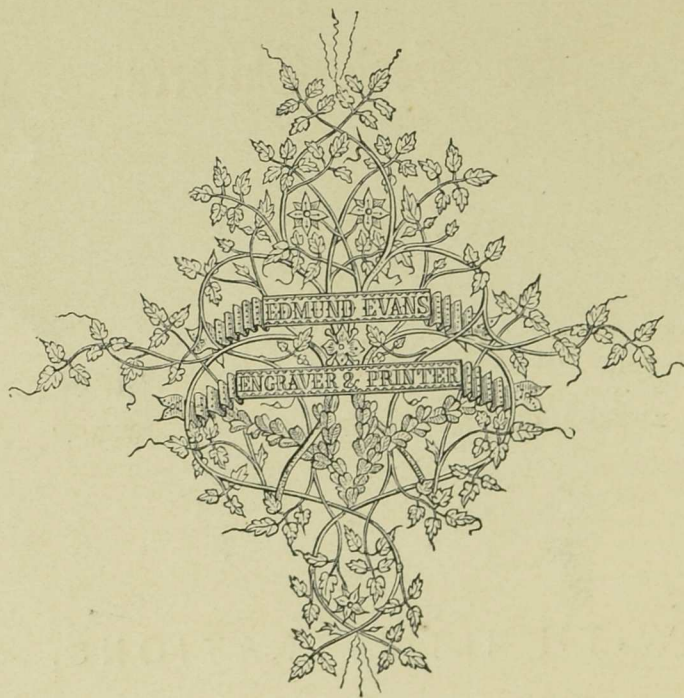
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A for the APPLES, so rosy and round,
Which the children delight to pick
up from the ground.



B for the BLACKBERRY, open to all,
To Lord and to Peasant, to cottage
and hall.



C is for CURRANTS, which Dora, you see,
Is picking for Tarts, from the red-
currant tree.



D for the DAMSONS we make into Jam,
Which is often, in Germany, eaten
with ham.



E for the ELDER, with berries so brown ;
You may sell them for twopence a
quart in the town.



F is the FIG, which in Italy grows,
All temptingly laid in a basket in
rows.



G are the GRAPES which, along the
swift Rhine,
The peasant-girls gather to make into wine.



His the HAZEL-NUT, found in the
copse,
Where the Squirrel from branch to branch
playfully hops.



I IVY-BERRIES, both purple and blue;
You may not think them *fruit*, but
I'm sure the birds do.



J is the sweet russet JARGONELLE PEAR,
Which on shelves in the store-room is
laid up with care.



K is the **KERNEL** that pays us so well,
For the trouble we've taken to open
the shell.



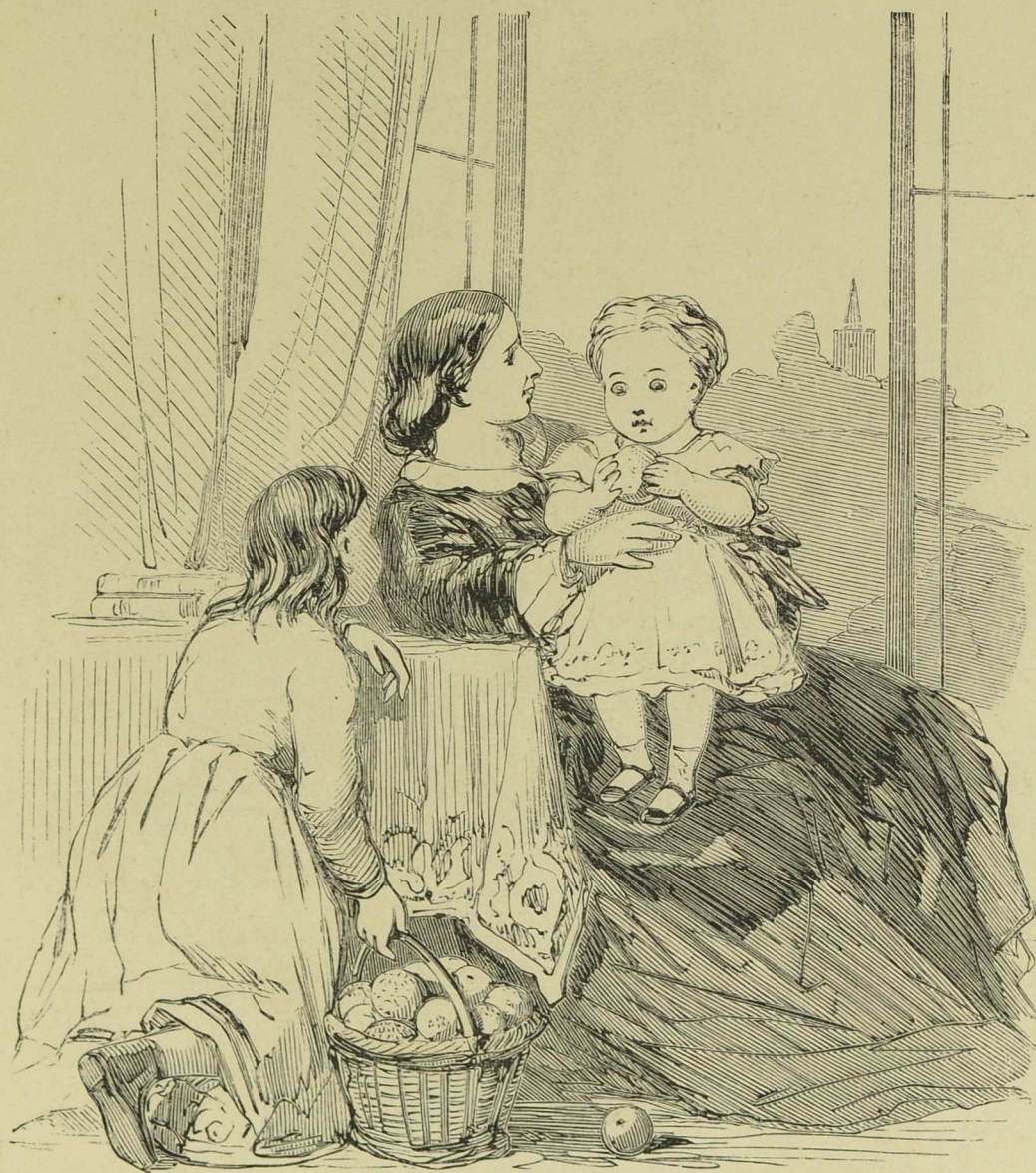
L is the fragrant and pale-coloured LIME,
Growing ripe in the sun of a tropical
clime.



M is the MELON the Frenchwoman
sells,
By the arch within sound of the old
Minster bells.



N is the NECTARINE kind Jenny took
To the sick girl who lived by the
side of the brook.



O is the ORANGE, so juicy and sweet,
Which Ellen has brought for the
Baby to eat.



P for the PEACHES, which little Ann's
ball,
To old William's dismay, has struck down
from the wall.



Q is the QUINCE, growing down in the
glade,
Of which Sarah the Cook will make nice
Marmalade.



R for the RASPBERRIES, gathered at
dawn,
For the school-children's tea by-and-by on
the lawn.



S is the STRAWBERRY, brilliant and red,
Which we look for amongst the green
leaves of its bed.



T for the TAMARINDS brought from the
West,
With Ginger and Guava, in Mariner's chest.



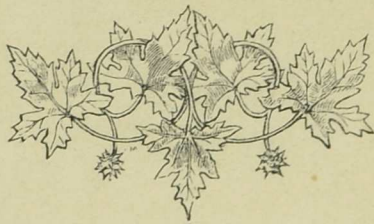
U and **V** have no fruit; but the Grape-bearing **VINE**
Grows in Italy, Spain, and along the broad
Rhine.



W for the WALNUTS at Christmas we
eat,
And make of the shells such a capital fleet.



X, Y, Z I must leave; but you
may, if you please,
Call them Fruit in the guise of “unknown
quantities.”



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