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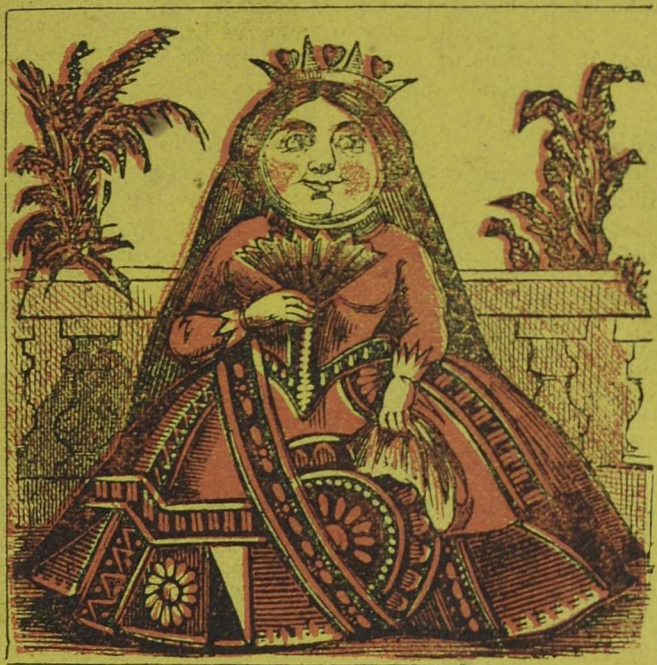
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QUEEN OF HEARTS

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THE QUEEN OF HEARTS, AND THE DAMSON TARTS.

The Queen of Hearts once made some tarts,
All on a summer's day:
The Knave of Hearts he stole those tarts,
And took them quite away.

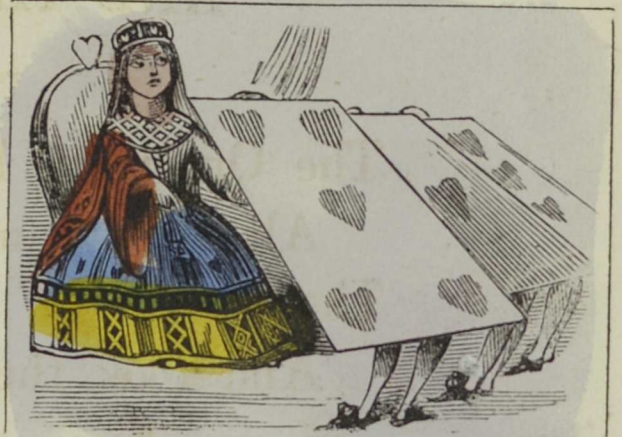


The Queen of Hearts had made
those tarts

To feast a chosen few;
And on the shelf put them, herself,
Saying "They'll surely do."

For she'd sent out her cards about to every King and Queen,
Who in the pack, in red or black, are always to be seen.

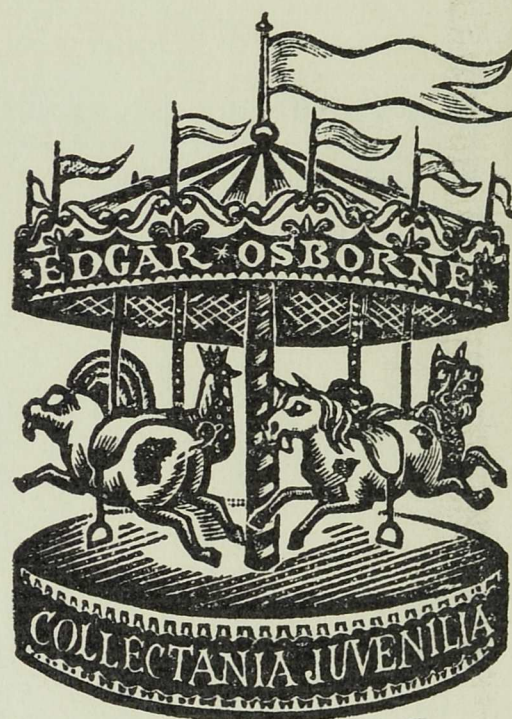
Each noble pair in state came there;
The royal board was spread:
The King down at the bottom sat,
His Queen was at the head.



Now soup and fish, with many a dish,
Had all been sent away,
And now the plum-pudding was
come,
As though 'twere Christmas day.



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The Queen called them her serving men, unconscious of disaster;
"Hemlock," said she, "this dish from me, and put it to your
taste."

All wondered what she she had got
To cook—when straight she bade
The Knaves of Hearts to bring the
Tarts
Which she herself had made.



The Knaves then went as he was sent,
But soon returned to say
Some thief had been the culprit in
And stole the tarts away.



The Queen called then her serving men, unconscious of disaster ;
 "Remove," said she, "this dish from me, and put it to your
 master."



All wondered what else she had got
 To come,—when straight she bade
 The Knave of Hearts to bring the
 tarts
 Which she herself had made.



The Knave then went as he was sent,
 But soon returned to say
 Some thief had been the cupboard in,
 And stole the tarts away.

Of course each child had her her own little room of her own;
 And it was only as the children grew up and got to go to school

Then spoke the Queen in accents
 All wondered what else she had got
 To come when straight she bade
 The Queen of Hearts to bring the
 Which she herself had made.



He looked at me quite gravely
 The King then went as he was sent
 But soon returned to say
 Some thing had been the cupboard in
 That was the end of the quest.



Oh then each guest did try his best a cheerful look to put on,
As if to say, "Don't mind it, pray,—we do not care a button."



Then spoke the Knave, in accents grave,
 "Your Majesty," said he,

"I think I know who is the foe,—
 Your Cat it sure must be:



He looked at me quite guiltily,
 And ran away full speed,
 Which sure did tell he knew full
 well
 'Twas he who did the deed."

Then from his seat in anger great, up rose the King of Hearts:
 "Oh, Knave, for shame!" he did exclaim,—“do cats eat dam-
 son tarts?”

It's my belief thou art the thief,
 But that I soon will see;
 So go and call my servants all,
 And bid them come to me.”



Up bustled then the serving men,
 Up bustled all the maids:
 And there they stand a goodly band,
 According to their grades.



All looked to see who it could be, except the Knave, I wot,
Who did begin to wipe his chin, though it no stain had got.



Oh then up starts the King of Hearts,
“Deceitful Knave!” cried he;
“And now confess your wickedness,
Upon your bended knee.”



Up rose the Queen with ireful mien, “Oh sire!” she cried, “did I
Prepare a treat the Knave to eat? He surely ought to die.”

The King looked grave at Queen and Knave.—Quoth he, “The
tarts are eaten;

But mercy still shall rule my will,—so let the thief be beaten.”

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