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T was on a beautiful afternoon, in summer weather, that a very short, comical-looking man, wearing a long and remarkable waistcoat, entered a pretty country town. Now his waistcoat was not only remarkable for its queer pattern, but for its unusual number of buttons, which, being metal ones, glistened in the sun, to the great delight of all the young beholders.

He had a monkey on his shoulder ; and together they attracted the attention of several boys and girls who were enjoying their half holiday ; when with a pleasant voice, and smiling face, he began speaking in the following manner :—



Now, boys and girls, I'm just arrived,  
My name is Ros-co-odd-mi-dod;  
Jacko and I have just contrived  
A way to teach without a rod:  
'Tis quite a funny way, and sure;  
Jacko, besides a grin and nod,  
Jabbers his native language pure,  
Assisting Ros-co-odd-mi-dod.

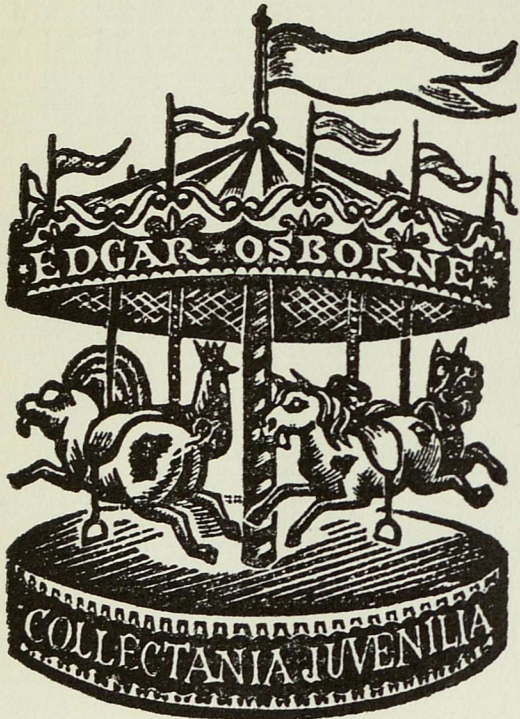
Now is the time, said the man, to learn something worth knowing; for where is wisdom, if I and Jacko do not possess it? We know the Alphabet from the beginning to the end:—A is the first letter, and Z is the last. We can name all the nine figures and count up to a hundred; and should any kind little boy or girl give Jacko an apple, a nut, or a penny, he can find his way to his mouth or his pocket, without the help of a candle. But as some of you may be as wise as ourselves in these matters, we will try your abilities a step beyond them.

So all you who wish to know the Pence Table, stand on my right hand; and you who do not wish to know it, stand on my left. Well! I declare, you have all moved to my right, Jacko and all. Now, range yourselves in a half circle, and do not laugh more than you can help.



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Four farthings make a penny ; and he that has many,  
Twelve pence to a shilling may count ;  
And add more unto it, whene'er he can do it,  
'Till his wealth becomes large in amount.

If no money we have, 'tis no trouble to tell,  
But if sacks full of pence in should flow,  
For Jacko, myself, or for you, it were well  
That we the Pence Table should know.

So on with your laced coat, which matches my waistcoat ;—  
And, Jacko, if any should err,  
Step into his place, as a mark of disgrace :  
'Tis a punishment such must incur.

Has any one of you had to count twenty, lately? "Yes," said Fanny, "I had to count the roses on our new bush, and there were exactly twenty."—That's right; your name ought to be Rose.

If you'd a penny for each rose,  
Now growing on the tree ;  
That twenty pence, as Jacko knows,  
Would one and eight pence be.

Thirty is next in order--Who can say something about thirty? said James. "Thirty the shepherd asked me to count the lambs he was driving the morning. It was very difficult because they were moving but I managed to do it, and there were just thirty."

The shepherd told his wife all day  
And for the wife he said  
That thirty lambs had been  
Which two and six was made

Little boy spoke next and said, "I can speak of forty. I have forty sheep, twenty here, and twenty little ducks; and two little boys equal to forty." "Hail my little boy."

There's twenty chicks around the pool,  
There's twenty ducks on sea;  
And forty peas, as much as school,  
Will three and four be

Now I think you like these can you mention any thing of number



Thirty is next in order—Who can say something about thirty? “I,” said James, “Philip, the shepherd, asked me to count the lambs he was driving this morning. It was very difficult, because they were moving, but I managed to do it, and there were just thirty.”

The shepherd tends his sheep all day,  
And for the care he'll take,  
Just thirty pence shall be his pay,  
Which two and six-pence make.

Little Mary spoke next, and said, “I can speak of forty.” Bravo! go on, said the short man in the long waistcoat. “We have, at home,” said Mary, “twenty little chickens, and twenty little ducks; and two twenties are equal to forty.” Right, my little lady.

There's twenty chicks around the pool,  
Where twenty ducks you see;  
And forty pence, as taught at school,  
Will three and four pence be.

Now, Fanny, you little Rose, can you mention any thing of number





fifty? "Only that the mile-stone near our house has fifty miles marked on it," said Fanny. That will do, said the short man.

Friends now oft greet each other's smiles,  
By railway's speedy aid ;  
And fifty pence clear fifty miles,  
By four and two pence paid.

I see that smiling little fellow in the middle has something to say for our next number, sixty: let us hear it. "I have counted the buttons on your waistcoat," said William, "and there are just sixty." Your counting is correct, said the man proudly; and Jacko looked as though he thought so too.

My buttons placed in triple row,  
The garment's price will tell ;  
A penny each,—and sixty show  
Five shillings, very well.

I see I've a customer for the next number; the young gentleman next



“Only that the mile-stone near our house has fifty miles marked  
on it,” said Thomas. “That will do, said the short man.”

Friends now of great each other’s smiles,  
My railway’s speedy aid;  
And my pace clear the miller,  
My four and two pence paid.

I see that smiling little fellow in the middle has something to say for  
our next number sixty; he has heard it. “I have counted the buttons  
on your waistcoat,” said William, “and there are but sixty.” “Your  
counting is correct,” said the man gravely; and Jacko looked as though  
he thought so too.

My button placed in my pocket,  
The countess’s price will sell;  
A penny each—fifty only now  
Five shillings, very well.

I see five a button for the next number; the young countess has  
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to Fanny. This little fellow said, "In the school I am in, there are seventy boys." That will do, beautifully.

Seventy boys dividing their sense  
 Between their books and play,  
 Will soon find out—that seventy pence  
 Will five and ten pence pay.

Why do you all stop,—is eighty a puzzler? Jacko, you must assist. "No, no," said Frank, "I can do it: A bricklayer placed a ladder against our house, this morning, which had exactly eighty steps." That is quite as good as any thing Jacko could say.

This the Ladder of Learning, name  
 With eighty rounds from earth:  
 If each step to a penny came,  
 'Twere six and eight pence worth.

James was now ready with the number wanted, saying, "The squire's hounds went out this morning, and I know their number is ninety."



to know. This little fellow said, "In the school I am in, there are seventy boys. I will do, decidedly."

Seventy boys dividing their sabbath  
I'll see their books and play,  
Will soon find out—that seventy pence  
Will live and ten pence pay.

"No, no," said Frank, "I can do it: a hundred pence I'll spend a father  
against our horse, this morning, which had a very tight rope." That  
is quite as good as any thing Jacko could say.

This the father of leather means  
With eighty rounds from cards:  
At each step to a penny come,  
I wore six and eight pence worth.

James was now ready with the much-awaited answer, "The number  
of boys went out this morning, and I know their number is seventy."





Ninety hounds in chase, tally-ho !  
I'll venture ninety pence,  
(Which seven and sixpence is, you know,)  
They'll scamper five miles hence.

The next number is an important one,—ten times ten, are a hundred. Several voices called out all at the same time, “One hundred pence are eight and four pence.”

If all the boys together shout,  
Saying,—one hundred pence  
Are eight and four pence—none can doubt,  
Nor any take offence.

Speak up again, little Fanny, tell me something relating to one hundred and ten. Fanny was pleased to be asked, and was ready with the number, saying, “C and X are one hundred and ten, thus, CX.” There's a thoughtful little maid.

Letters the Roman numbers were ;  
Ten was X,—a hundred C ;  
And one hundred and ten pence are  
Nine and two pence to a T.



The last number I shall make Jacko think about: so Jacko took off his cap, and making a low bow to his master, chattered something; and though the little folks did not understand him, yet they laughed heartily at Jacko's droll ways; and the good-natured little man, in the long waistcoat, explained that Jacko meant to say,—

One hundred and twenty pennies  
 Though they ten shillings make,  
 They'll not induce his master  
 Poor Jacko to forsake.

Now, boys, I see you are ready for a huzza! but before you shout, be sure to recollect all that has been said,—so,

Get this by heart, as off we start,  
 For should we stay, you would adore us;  
 And brains and eyes we must surprise,  
 In other towns that lay before us.

12 pence make 1 shilling.  
 24 pence make 2 shillings.  
 36 pence make 3 shillings.  
 48 pence make 4 shillings.  
 60 pence make 5 shillings.

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