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INTRODUCTION

Fun and Nonsense are a pair
Of merry little twins,
And when they come to visit us
They bring their friends, the Grins.

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They're coming now to visit you.
This page we'll call the door.
To open wide, just turn the leaf.
Why, we have met before!

[Illustration: Introduction]

THE BARBER

Said Chocolate Drop the Barber,
"Why, bless my ugly soul!
I'll ask that stick of peppermint
To be my Barber pole."

[Illustration: The Barber]

THE REFUSAL

"Dear, sweet Lady Cracker,
My passions you know."
"And I scorn them, Judge Wafer,
As you're lacking in dough."

[Illustration: The Refusal]

A HOPELESS CASE

"What is the use?" quoth the Whitewash Brush,
"I'll comb my hair no more;
For try as I will to make it lie,
It still stays pompadour."

[Illustration: A Hopeless Case]

THE GREENHORN

A lettuce walking out one day,
Lost his head, so lost his way;
A Pumpkin happened on the scene,
And said it came from being green.

[Illustration: The Greenhorn]

OLD MR. MATCH

Old Mr. Match gave his head a good scratch,
And his face lighted up with a smile;
"It is getting quite dark, but with my cheery spark
I will lengthen the day for awhile."

[Illustration: Old Mr. Match]

THOUGHTS UNSTRUNG

"Alas! I fear my mind doth wander.
As o'er this narrative I ponder,
I usually know what I have read,
But this time I have lost the Thread."

[Illustration: Thoughts Unstrung]

THE MISER

The Pocketbook has money,
On that subject he is daft;
But when one strikes him for a loan
He answers, "I am strapped."

[Illustration: The Miser]

DR. KEY'S ANSWER

"Shine?" inquired the Monkey Wrench
Of Stately Doctor Key;
"No!" replied that haughty soul.
"No Monkey-shines for me."

[Illustration: Dr. Key's Answer]

THE CHASE

Mr. Brush on his steed, dashing with speed,
Was asked if he had time to spare;
Said he, with a smile, "I'll be back in a while,
But at present I'm hunting the hair."

[Illustration: The Chase]

A RISING DOCTOR

"Dr. Yeast-Cake, it's hard for me to speak,
As I haven't risen for more than a week."
"Take this, Mr. Roll, and never you fear;
You'll rise before morning, so be of good cheer."

[Illustration: A Rising Doctor]

THE SAILOR BOLD

Pilot Von Pretzel's a crusty old salt
Who wears a rich shade of tan;
Which he did not acquire at sea, by the way,
But in a warm baking-pan.

[Illustration: The Sailor Bold]

OVERHEARD IN THE CORN-FIELD

Said young Mr. Pumpkin,
To old Mr. Squash,
"Do you think Mr. Corn overhears
What we say when we talk
Of his self-conscious stalk,
And his moving Miss Melon to tears?"

"I cannot decide,"
Mr. Squash then replied,
"But I've had my suspicions for years;
Because he's so tall
He can lean over all;
Then look at the size of his ears."

[Illustration: Overheard in the Corn-field]

TWINS

"There go the Scissor twins.
Cutting as ever.
Some think them sharp.
But few think them clever."

[Illustration: Twins]

A SHARP LOVER

"I dread you much, my little miss,
You're such a dainty thing,
I fear although quite sharp myself,

You've got me on the string."

[Illustration: A Sharp Lover]

THE GREEDY LITTLE PITCHERS

"Now, my pretty little dears,
Little Pitchers have big ears;
But never let me hear it said
That your mouths are big instead."

[Illustration: The Greedy Little Pitchers]

OBLIGING MR. HAMMER

Old Mr. Hammer
Was so very, very good,
That he gave Mr. Shingle Nail
A drive through the wood.

[Illustration: Obliging Mr. Hammer]

THE MALICIOUS BRUSH

When poor little Hand-Glass
Was loudly berated
For casting reflections,
The Brush was elated.

[Illustration: The Malicious Brush]

THE WISE PEN

There was a Pen in our town
And he was wondrous wise;
He knew just when to cross his T's
And when to dot his I's;
But one small thing he did not know,
A simple thing at that;
He did not know 'twas nice to wipe
His feet off, on the mat.

[Illustration: The Wise Pen]

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