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A.B.C

*.John.Lane. .The.Bodley.Head. .London.&.New. .York.*

The absurd ABC originally published 1874.

[Illustration: ABCD]

A for the *Apple*  
or Alphabet pie,  
Which all get a slice of.  
Come taste it & try.

B is the *baby*  
who gave Mr Bunting  
Full many a long day's  
rabbit skin hunting.

C for the *cat*  
that played on the fiddle,  
When cows jumped higher than  
'Heigh Diddle Diddle!'

D for the *Dame*  
with her pig at the stile,  
'Tis said they got over,  
but not yet a while.

[Illustration: EFG]

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.

[Illustration: HIJ]

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.

[Illustration: KLMNOP]

K for calm Kitty, at dinner  
who sat,  
While all the good folks  
watched the dog & the cat.

L for Little man, gun and  
bullets complete,  
Who shot the poor duck, and  
was proud of the feat.

M for Miss Muffet, with  
that horrid spider,  
Just dropped into tea and  
a chat beside her.

N for the Numerous children  
they who  
Were often too much for  
their mother in Shoe.



O the Old person that  
cobwebs did spy,  
And went up to sweep 'em  
Oh ever so high!

P for the Pie made of  
blackbirds to sing,  
A song fit for supper  
a dish for a king.

[Illustration: QRS]

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!

[Illustration: TUV]

T stands for Tom, the son of  
the piper,  
May his principles change  
as his years grow riper.



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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!

[Illustration: WXYZ]

W for the *woman*  
who not over nice,  
Made very short work  
of the three blind mice.

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 for the Zany  
who looked like a fool,  
For when he was young  
he neglected his school.

[Illustration: A-M]

[Illustration: N-Z]