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THREE BABIES IN A ROW,

## THREE BA-BIES.

Three ba-bies sit-ting in a row, Sweet-er than hon-ey is, I know. Said Ba-by Em, to Ba-by Jay: "I think we'd bet-ter run a-way.
"Out in the gar-den we will go, To see the ro-sy po-sies blow, To see the plums hang ripe and sweet,
And get us one a-piece to eat!"
"O yes, Ó yes," said Ba-by Jay; "It is a love-ly, sun-ny day; And plums are nice! let us go!
I'm tir-ed of sit-ting in a row."
Said Ba-by Em to Ba-by Zee: " If you'll be one, we will be three.
The plums are good; you'd bet-ter come."
But Ba-by Zee just sucked his thumb.

So Ba-by Em and Ba-by Jay, Two naugh-ty ba-bies, ran a-way.
And two mam-mas ran aft-er them,
And caught the ba-bies, Jay and Em ;

And bore them home in sad dis-grace,
While tears rolled down each ba-by face ;
And gave them sups of milk and bread;
And put them in their lit-tle bed;

And one mam-ma gave Ba-by Zee,
Who didn't run a-way, you see, But stayed at home and sucked his thumb,
A great big, nice big, sweet big PLUM!

## READ-ING THE PA-PER.

It is pa-pa's pa-per,
Come and see!
I can read it quite
As well as he.
Here is an A,
And here a D,
A fun-ny Q ,
And a crook-ed $Z$.
And here, oh, here
Is a toss-it and bake-it
Pat-ty-cake T,


THE NEWS.

## A LIT-TLE MOTH-ER.



I must make my dol-ly a dress that fits; 'Tis a shame to have her look this way; Her oth-er was torn in-to lit-tle bits, When Ton-y shook her so yes-terday.
Here's nee-dle, and thread, and thim-ble too,
Oh, I've so much to do - so much to do!


## OUR LIT-TLE HORSE-MAN.

There is a lit-tle boy in our house, who drives horses from morn-ing till night.

When he gets out of bed in the morn-ing, he says, "I put on my shoe-tock-ies, mam-ma."

Mamma gives him his shoes and stock-ings, but when she is all dress-ed her-self, she looks a-round and sees a lit-tle bare-foot boy, with a shoestring in each hand, driv-ing his shoes for a team.

As soon as this lit-tle boy gets his break-fast, he takes pa-pa's cane and a whip, and can-ters up and down the long din-ing-room.

When he is tired of rid-ing horse-back, he fas-tens his lines to the win-dow-blinds and calls them his "match-es." Then he says, "I'm do-in'a dwive. Will 'oo do a-long, mam-ma?"

Then he thinks he will have a big stage-coach. He har-
ness-es four chairs for a team, and draws up the big rock-er for a coach. He rocks as fast as he can, and cracks his whip, and shouts to his horses. He thinks he is a big man.

When af-ter-noon comes, he goes out in the yard. He puts old Dol-ly's bri-dle o-ver his head, and a-round his bod-y, and drives him-self. Then, if we talk to him, he does not an-swer. If we tease him too long, he says:
" Don't'oo see I'm a horse? Horses can't talk."


A STEAD-Y TEAM.
As soon as his broth-er comes home from school, he cries: " Bruv-ver Tom, let me
drive'oo! let me drive 'oo!" He puts his red lines


I'M A HORSE NOW.
a-round Tom, and a-way they both go. He has a live horse now, and that is best of all. By and by night comes, and a tired and sleep-y lit-tle boy climbs on mam-ma's lap.
"Why, how is this?" she says. "Moth-er doesn't have horses on her lap."
" I ain't a horse an-y more. I'm 'oo lit-tle boy now. Sing to me, mam-ma."


A SPLEN-DID-LY MAN-AGED ROAD.

## THE GREAT BLOCK TRAIN.

Hur-rah! With a rat-tle, a bang, and a roar, A train rush-es o-ver the nur-ser-y floor. The Great Block train of the Nur-ser-y line A train of blocks with a track of twine.
And the en-gi-neer, No-ah, stands prim and straight, Per-haps mus-ing dark-ly, the while, on Fate, That, from sail-ing for ages a-cross the main, Has brought him to man-age the Great Block train.

Six pas-sen-ger cars, with a "freight," and a " mail," Fol-low the en-gine that trav-els the rail;

There's a cow-catch-er, smoke-stack, and bell in view, For the build-er, though small, knows a thing or two ; And an ea-ger "di-rect-or," on ei-ther side, Watch-es over the safe-ty of folks that ride.
Ah, a splen-did-ly man-aged road, it's plain, Is that run o-ver by the Great Block train!

The trav-el-lers, in-deed, are a mot-ley crew, For there's Shem and Ham and Ja-phet too, With their sev-er-al wives; then a duck and a horse, And a mon-key climb-ing a stick, of course, And a jump-ing-jack and a tall gi-raffe,
And a Jap-an-ese tur-tle - I'm sure you'd laugh At the com-i-cal crowd a list would con-tain Of the pas-sen-gers on the Great Block train.
" Let her go, Char-lie!" "Send her off, Ted!" " $\mathrm{Hi}, \mathrm{Mr}$. No-ah, hold on to your head!" "Toot, toot!" goes the whis-tle; the bell, " Ding, ding, dong!"
Whizz! Bang! The fast train rat-tles a-long. Down the line, round the curve, now with a roar It flies, fast and fu-ri-ous, o-ver the floor!
" Ding, dong!" " Toot, toot!" Here it comes up a-gain,
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