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THE
Sugar-Plumb;
OR,
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Shoes,*
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HERE'S A, B, and C,
And tumble-down D:



The Cat's a Blind-Buff,
And she cannot see.

A stands for Apples, and
Ale,
Which to gladden the
Heart cannot fail.

B stands for Ball, and for
Batt,
And for Band-Box to cover
a Hat.

C stands for Cow, and for
Cell,
And for Custard we all love
so well.

D stands for Dog, and for
Dick
The Dunce who deserves a
good Stick.

GREAT E, F, and G,
Come, Boys, follow me,



And we'll jump over
The Rosemary Tree.

E stands for Egg, and for
Ear,
And for Englishmen, void
of fear.

F stands for Fortune and
Fame,
And for Folly, which leads
to Shame.

G stands for Glory and
Gold,
And Guineas (all shining)
behold.

HERE's great H and I,
With a Christmas Pie:—



Don't eat out the Plumbs,
Good Boys, H and I.

H stands for Horses, and
Hounds,
For hunting over the
Grounds.

I stands for Inn, and for
Isle,
And for Innocence without
guile.

J stands for Joseph and
James,
And several more pretty
Names.

MESSRS. great K and L,
I pray can you tell



Who put the little Pig
Into the Well?

K stands for Knight, and
for Knave,
And for Kings, so noble
and brave.

L stands for London so
gay,
And Lucy—the Queen of
the May.



PRAY, great M and N,
Why are ye come agen?



To bring this good Boy
A fine golden Pen.

M stands for Mercy, and
Might,
And for Money—the
World's Delight.

N stands for Nancy, and
Name,
And for Nobody—always to
blame.



WELL, great O and P,
Pray what do you see?



A naughty Boy whipped,
But that is not me.

O stands for Owl, and for
Oat,
And for Oysters of every
sort.

P stands for Plumb, and for
Pit,
And for Punch with so little
Wit.



HERE's great Q and R,
Both come from afar,



To bring us good News
About the French War.

Q stands for Question, and
Queen,
The fairest that ever was
seen.

R stands for Riches, and
Rhyme,
Like this, when taken in
Time.



So, S, T, and U,
Pray how do you do?



We thank you, much better
For meeting with you.

S stands for Stone, and for
Sling,
And for Solomon,—that
wise King.

T stands for Tale, and for
Tart,
And Thank-ye, with all my
Heart.

U stands for Us, and for
Urn,
And for Use of all Things in
Turn.

V stands for Virtue, and
Vice,
And Voter, without a Price.

FRIENDS W and X,
When you go to Church
next,



Attend to the Sermon,
And bring Home the Text.

W stands for Watch, and
for Wine,
And Welcome to this of
mine.

X stands for Xantippe the
Scold,
Wise Socrates' plague, we
are told.



SEE, here's Y and Z,
On a Nag at full Speed:



Their Fall will be sad,
If they don't take
goodheed.

Y stands for York, and for
Year

When this Book was
printed, and where.

Z stands for Zealot, and
Zany,
Of whom in this World
there are so many.



THE
BOY *and the* BUTTERFLY;

A FABLE, IN VERSE.

A Sprightly Boy, one Summer's Day,
Perceived a Butterfly so gay,
That all his Wishes it engrossed,
To each surrounding Object lost:
He left his Fellows, and pursued,
With sparkling Eyes, the favourite
Good.

Now on the Rose it seem'd to rest,
And now to court the Violet's breast,
From Flow'r to Flow'r incessant
flying,
Inviting still, and still denying.
Beneath his Hand, beneath his Hat,
He often thought he had it pat;
The Violet-bed, the Myrtle-sprig,
Had made his little Heart grow big.
At last, with Joy he saw it venture
Within a Tulip's Bell to enter,
And *snatch'd* it with ecstatic rapture.
But what, alas! was all his Capture?
A lifeless Insect, like a Worm,
Without one Grace in all its Form!

With Rage and Disappointment stung,
The Reptile to the Earth he flung;
Yet fond Remembrance fill'd his Eye
With Tears,—and Passion heav'd a
Sigh.

Reason inform'd the Creature's
Breast,
And thus the Mourner it address'd:

"I am deceitful P L E A S U R E ' S
Shade;
A Butterfly with Joy surveyed
By every inexperienced Child,
Till he, like you, has been
beguiled.
Learn, therefore, that this
Insect bright,
The Worm alluring to the Sight;
This airy Trifler, ever smiling,
Still promising, and still
beguiling;
All glorious, when at Distance
view'd,
And always pleasing while
pursued,
Will never yield what you
desire;

And, grasp'd with Ardour, will
expire."

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