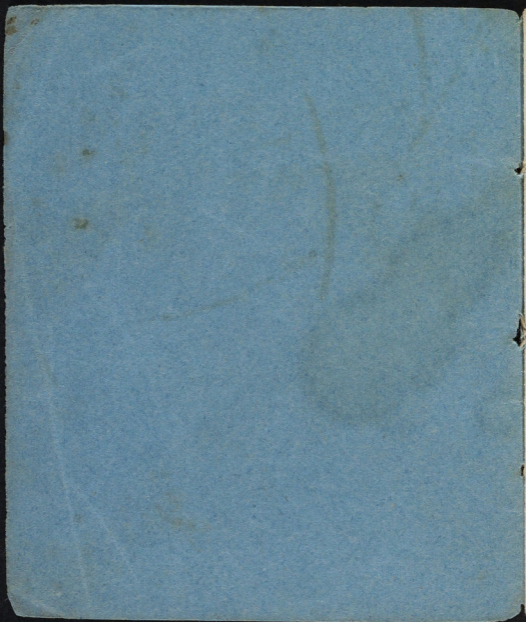


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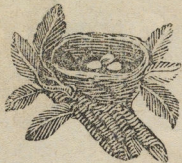


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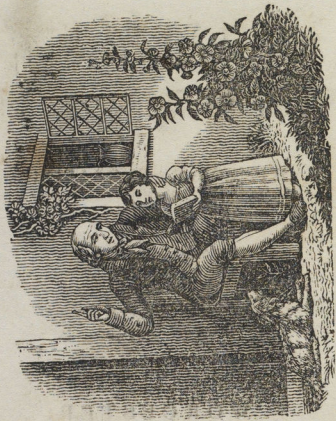


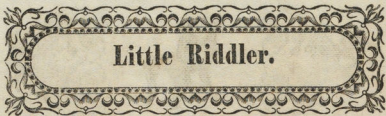
THE
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WITH MANY ENGRAVINGS.



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Little Riddler.



1.

We are little airy creatures,
All of different voice and features ;
One of us in glass is set ;
One of us you'll find in jet ;
One of us is set in tin ;
And the fourth a box within ;
If the last you should pursue,
It can never fly from you.



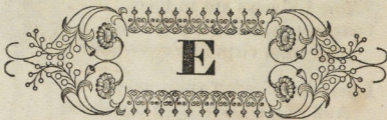
2.

I have no head, and a tail I lack,
 But oft have arms, and legs, and back ;
 I inhabit the palace, the tavern, the cot—
 'Tis a beggarly residence where I am not.
 If a monarch were present, (I tell you no
 fable,)
 I still should be plac'd at the head of the
 table.

3.

Though but small my size and figure,
 Yet I am in general use ;

To every blessing I contribute,
To all happiness conduce.



No delight exists without me ;
I attend each beau and belle,
Also grace the shepherd's cottage,
And the lonely cell.

From a gracious king I'm banish'd,
In his court I'm never seen ;
But I with redoubled duty
Daily wait upon a queen.

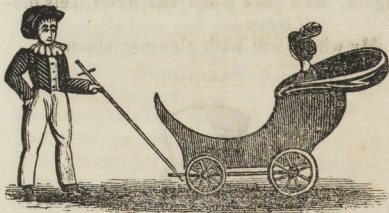
I belong to men of learning,
Dwell with genius, taste, and sense ;
Yet to every simple blockhead
I my friendly aid dispense.

I was never in a passion,
But I always am in love.
I promote the noblest feelings,
And from virtue ne'er remove.

I partake of each amusement,
And of pleasure have my share;
Yet am oft observed in trouble,
And can never fly from care.

Stranger to malicious bosoms,
Gentle breasts my influence find;
Yet though in your hearts you place me,
I am never in your mind.

I am ever in amazement,
Deal in wonder and surprise;
Never in your sight appearing,
Yet I'm here before your eyes.



4.

When innocence first had its dwelling on
earth,
In my first lovely form it alighted ;
And still to this time, from the hour of its
birth,
In my first it has greatly delighted.
My second's a part of a smart lady's dress,
Yet on age it may also be found ;

Again, 'tis a garb when the heart feels dis-
tress:—

My whole will with pleasure abound.



5.

From the dark and dismal cell
Where subterranean beings dwell,
To towns and cities was I brought,
And rules of civil life was taught,
In palaces I oft reside,
And dwell among the sons of pride ;
Address the great, the rich I fear not,
And cringe to those for whom I care not.
Balls and assemblies I frequent,

And to the ladies I present
The courtly bow and compliment.
Thus I attained to lofty station,
High above all men in the nation;
And of all subjects I alone
Dare to take place above the crown.
But, good, as well as great, I shed
Comfort and joy on each man's head.
The poor as well as rich I warm,
And guard and keep them safe from harm.
But such the fickleness of fate,
Such the false faith of man ingrate,
I am despised when I am old,
And perish in the rain and cold.
Doom'd by those ills my life to end,
From which I others did defend.



6.

Destined by fate to guard the crown,
Aloft in air I reign,
Above the monarch's haughty frown,
Or Statesman's plotting brain.
In hostile fields, when danger's near,
I'm found amidst alarms;
In crowds where peaceful beaux appear,
I instant fly to arms.

7.

My head and tail both equal are,
My middle slender as a bee;
Whether I stand on head or heel,
'Tis all the same to you or me.



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But if my head should be cut off,
 The matter's true, although 'tis strange,
 My head and body sever'd thus,
 Immediately to nothing change.



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8.

THE beginning of eternity,
 The end of time and space,
 The beginning of every end,
 And the end of every place.



9.

Though my *first's* a simple thing,
Yet many hundred from it spring,
To men and animals a treat,
For each will freely of it eat.
Now I declare it is a flower
That sweetly scents the verdant bower.

And when Aurora's tints are spread,
Behold my *second* leave its bed ;
Undaunted by a sense of fear,
Its courage now will soon appear ;
For, when contesting for a prize,
It never yields, though sometimes dies.—
My *whole*, I now beg leave to say,
Is always deck'd in gay array.



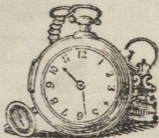
10.

Children, I pray, my name declare,
For surely without me
You neither would be tall nor fair,
Nor could you clearly see.

Graceful you never would be deem'd
Nor amiable, nor smart ;

And tho' you might be much esteem'd,
You'd never gain a heart.

To cards and dancing I'm a friend,
At balls I'm often one ;
And though on vice I ne'er attend,
Virtue I always shun.



11.

At theatres I'm always seen,
Also in silent walks of green ;
At Operas, Astley's, Sadler's Wells,
Frequent in rooms of beaus and belles ;

Though sometimes told I am not right,
Yet many view me with delight ;
In music I range o'er the land,
For in myself I am a band ;
I the dulcet flute combine,
And to the pipe my powers I join.
In courts of law I'm a credential,
King's Bench and Pleas a grand essential ;
The polar powers I retain,
Sound in the ear I long retain ;
In battle's rage I strike the foe ;
Not laboring, yet a drudge I go ;
Oft do I raise the grateful voice,
And make the heart with glee rejoice :
Thus I am proved *hic et ubique*,
Perhaps my portrait soon will strike ye ;
But if not so, I give resource,
Look to your *watch*, 'twill wind my course.

12. What is the difference between fish alive, and live fish ?

13. Why is a feeble old man like a nail driven up to the head in a post ?

14. Why is a dog biting his tail like a good economist ?

15. Which letter in the alphabet is most useful to a deaf old woman ?

16. In which month do ladies talk least ?

SOLUTIONS.

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| 1 Vowels. | 5 Hat. | 9 Peacock. |
| 2 Chair. | 6 Hat. | 10 A. |
| 3 E. | 7 8. | 11 Watch. |
| 4 Childhood. | 8 E. | |

12 There is A difference.

13 He is in-firm

14 He makes both ends meet.

15 H—It makes ear hear.

16 February—It is the shortest month.

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