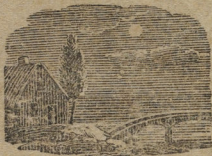


**JUVENILE  
PASTIMES,  
IN VERSE.**



Come Boys and Girls, come out to play,  
The moon doth shine, as bright as day;  
Come with a whoop, come with a call,  
Come with a good will, or not at all.

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# PREFACE.

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## SPRING.

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When ebilly Winter's reign is o'er,  
And joyful Spring returns once more,  
Our leisure time we'll pass away,  
In innocent and healthful play.

## SUMMER.

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The lengthen'd day, and moonlight night,  
Now all good girls and boys invite,  
While *Summer* lasts, with spirits free,  
To fine'ly spend each holiday.

## AUTUMN.

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*Spring* is gone, and *Summer* is past,  
And *Autumn's* going away quite fast,  
But still some plays there are behind,  
For girls and boys who're so inclin'd.

## WINTER.

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In *Winter*, sports of exercise,  
For out-door pastimes, are most wise.  
Such plays as these are much the best,  
And give to play a higher zest.



## SHUTTLECOCK.

Of games, 'tis said, this is, with truth,  
 Best suited to the age of youth ;  
 The exercise it gives the frame,  
 Makes it a very useful game.

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Either boys or girls can play  
 at this, which is a pleasing  
 and healthful recreation, and  
 will afford good exercise from  
 the still pursuits of the needle  
 or book.



## TRAP AND BALL.

This is a pleasing, healthy sport,  
 To which most boys with glee resort.  
 When young *Francis* knocks the ball,  
 Catch it, *Billy*, or it will fall.

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How delightful it is, on a  
 fine spring day, to see boys  
 actively engaged at this play!  
 It strengthens their arms, ex-  
 ercises their legs, and adds  
 pleasure to the mind.



## HOP-SCOTCH.

The Spartan women, we are told,  
 As well as Greeks, who lived of old,  
 This play did practice with delight,  
 And viewed it useful—well they  
 might.

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This play like the one preceding, gives strength to the limbs, and affords good exercise. But boys should not play this on the pavements of crowded cities.



## ROCKING HORSE.

O see this boy, with conscious pride,  
 The Rocking Horse so stately ride,  
 "Gee up—Gee ho"—how fast he goes,  
 Hold tight! don't fall and break thy  
 nose.

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Small children can amuse  
 themselves very pleasantly in  
 this way, if they are careful  
 not to rock too hard, so as to  
 get a fall and hurt themselves.



## MARBLES.

At Marbles, two or three can play,  
 At morning, noon, or close of day,  
 Plump goes the marble, with aim true,  
 Out from the ring it knocks a few.

Boys are very fond of marbles, and we often witness them engaged in this play, as we pass along the streets of New-York. They should never play for each other's marbles, for that is gambling.



## TRUNDLING THE HOOP.

This healthy exercise and play,  
 Will make boy's warm in winter's day.  
 See sprightly o'er the verdant ground,  
 The youth with hoop so nimbly  
 bound.

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This play is quite innocent  
 and useful, provided it is done  
 off the pavements, or not in  
 the time which should be de-  
 voted to study or business.





## RIDE IN A CHAIR.

Carry young *Mary* safe and sound,  
 Or she will fall upon the ground :  
 How fine she rides ! how pleas'd they  
 are !

'Tis hard to tell which best do fare.

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How many ways there are  
 to be innocently engaged in  
 play ! We can hardly think of  
 one that would likely give so  
 much pleasure to both parties  
 as the above.



## SWINGING.

Their time to pass in healthful play,  
 The boys and girls they swing away;  
 But do take care the rope be fast,  
 Ere a sad fall you catch at last.

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Although it is delightful to glide in a Swing, yet it is attended with some danger. Therefore children should not engage in it, but with the consent of their parents.



## FOOT BALL.

Up goes the ball, now hit it well,  
 Who'll kick it next, is hard to tell—  
 Take care you don't each other  
 wound,  
 Nor make a tumble on the ground.

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This play is not so desirable  
 as some others of the kind ;  
 for, in the hurry to kick the  
 ball, boys sometimes hurt  
 each other sadly.



## FLYING THE KITE.

What can to youth give more delight,  
 Than flying of the paper Kite :  
 See, *Henry* runs—she mounts, she  
 flies!

Huzza! Huzza! young *Martin* cries!

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In the spring, the boys of New-York fly their kites, and one may see several at a time high in the air. But still it is against the law, for horses are often frightened by them.



## BOW AND ARROW.

Bend well your bow, your skills to try  
 Then shoot the target in the eye :  
 'Tis better thus to be employ'd,  
 Than have the birds for nought de-  
 stroy'd.

Children are fond of varie-  
 ty; and this play will do, if  
 care be taken not to shoot at  
 each other, or kill birds wan-  
 tonly. It will not answer at  
 all in the crowded streets of  
 New-York.



## I SPI HI!

In this play, the boys do choose  
 Those who for running are most us'd;  
 Now out they go, they spy, they hide,  
 If they can catch one, home they ride.

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This play has a tendency  
 to exercise the limbs, and to  
 learn to run swiftly. Take  
 care when you are caught, to  
 give up cheerfully, and always  
 resolve to play in good humour.



## BLINDMAN'S BUFF.

Who ever play'd at Blindman's Buff,  
 And was the first to say "Enough?"  
 See there she goes! they skip, they  
 run!

All seem to join in the fine fun.

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This is a very common play,  
 and affords little children fine  
 amusement. But don't tie the  
 bandage so tight as to hurt the  
 eyes, nor suffer the one who is  
 blinded to run against any  
 thing.



## SKIPPING THE ROPE.

So sprightly o'er the verdant ground  
 See the skippers nimbly bound,  
 Round goes the rope, up jumps the boy  
 Th' occasion to them of much joy.

Little girls and boys can  
 amuse themselves in this play  
 with much propriety. In cities,  
 especially, where play ground  
 is scarce, this exercise is very  
 commendable.

THE END.