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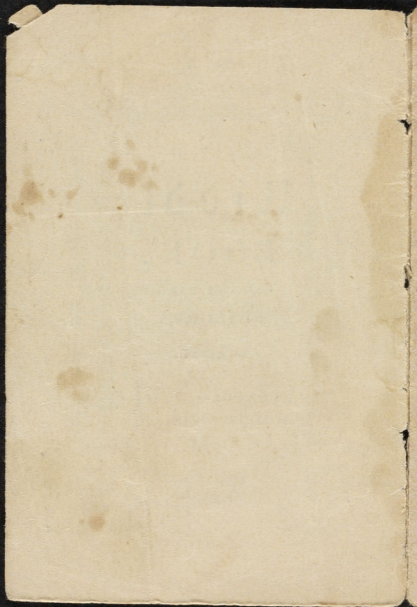
FOR THE USE OF  
CHILDREN.



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# RIDDLE BOOK.



Come you that love riddles,  
And guess them so well ;  
Now answer me all these,  
For I know you can tell.



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A naughty boy once sent the following  
letter to his schoolmaster:

**2 M u r, 2 M u b,  
I c u r 2 M for me.**

The schoolmaster made this reply:

**2 v y u r, 2 y y u b,  
I c u r 2 y y for me.**

And very properly gave him a whipping  
into the bargain.

# Riddle Book.



## A Dog.



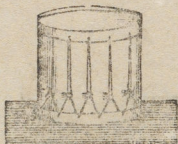
Places of trust I oft obtain,  
Protect the house from vermin  
I act as shepherd on the plain,  
At fairs I'm shown for learning.  
In northern climes a horse I'm seen;  
A roasting jack I too have been;  
Strange it is, but no less true,  
I eat on four legs, beg on two

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## A Drum.



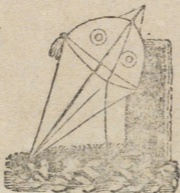
May I, ye ladies, now prevail  
 Upon you to declare my name?  
 My head is round, and so's my  
 tail,—

As for my body, 'tis the same

I oft am bound and beaten too,  
 Yet none there are that pity take;  
 Those who my heavy drubbings  
 view,

Are pleased at the noise I make.

A Mite.

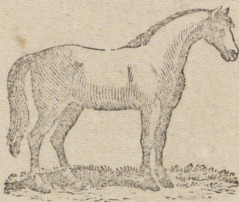


No head, nor eyes, nor wings have I,  
And yet I mount up far on high;  
A tail I have, my flight to guide,  
Which is my beauty, boast and pride  
A prisoner keep me, for if free,  
I'm rarely seen again by thee;  
And if I were, my tattered state  
For me your value would abate

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## A Horse.



To king and subject I assistance lend,  
In war a firm ally, in peace a friend,  
Bold and intrepid meet the daring foe,  
Willing and able to repel their blow.  
To rich and poor I render health and  
ease,  
The lady, merchant, and the peasant  
please;  
Such the great demand for my employ-  
ment,  
Without me, none can take life's  
enjoyment.



# A Sheep.



Ladies, attend—a humble slave  
 Your kind attention dares to crave;  
 If plurally you read my name,  
 Or singular, 'tis all the same:  
 My offspring's pure, without offence  
 The sacred type of innocence:  
 Kings, emperors, nay, all mankind  
 My skin in solemn covenants bind  
 That leads our Yankee sons to war—  
 Then who I am, I pray, declares

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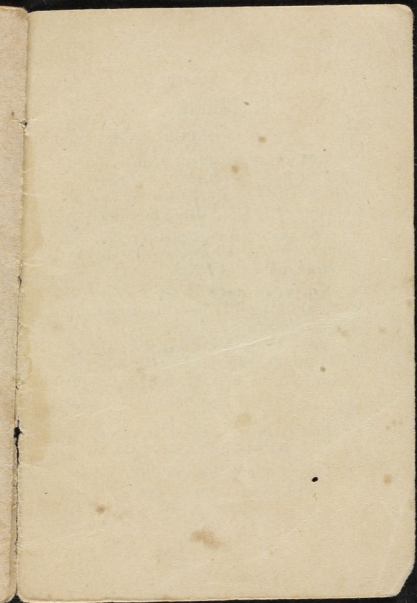


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## A Ship.



I fly to many foreign parts,  
 Assisted by my spreading wings;  
 My body holds a hundred hearts--  
 Nav, I will tell you stranger things.  
 When I am not in haste, I ride,  
 And then I mend my pace anon;  
 Fire oft issues from my side--  
 Ye Yankee youths, the riddle con



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