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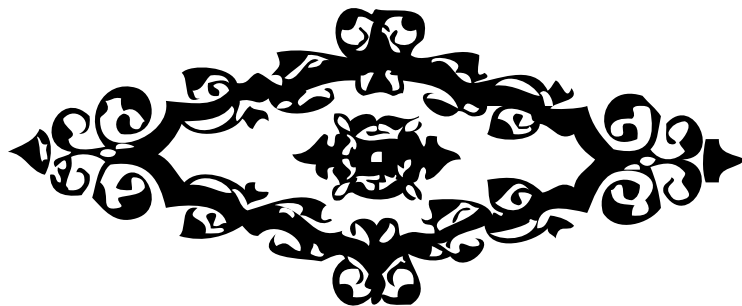
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PREFACE



AUNT LOUISA has the pleasure of offering to the charming Little Public who are learning to read, Four Alphabets, taught by the loveliest and most amusing things in Town and Country. Here are beautiful Fruits and rosy Children; Cows, Horses, Trees, and other delights of the Country; London Wonders, and all sorts of Games and Sports. When the Four Alphabets have been learned by heart, her little people will find that other Books equally pretty, are waiting for them at the place from which Aunt Louisa sends them her Alphabet Book.



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A is for APPLES, so rosy and round,
Which the children delight to pick up
from the ground.

B is for BLACKBERRY, open to all,
To the rich and the poor, to cottage
and hall.

C is for CURRANTS, which Dora,
you see,
Is picking for Tarts, from the red-
currant tree.

D is for the DAMSONS we make
into Jam,
Which is often, in Germany, eaten
with ham.

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E is for the ELDER, with berries so
brown;
You may sell them for twopence a
quart in the town.

F is for the FIG, which in Italy grows,
All temptingly laid in a basket in rows.

G is for GRAPES which, beside the
swift Rhine,
The peasant-girls gather to make into
Wine.

H is for the HAZELNUT, found in
the copse,
Where the Squirrel from branch to
branch playfully hops.

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I IVY-BERRIES, both purple and blue;
You may not think them fruit, but
I'm sure the birds do.

J is for the sweet russet JARGONELLE
PEAR,
Which on shelves in the store-room is
laid up with care.

K is for the KERNEL that pays us so
well
For the trouble we've taken to open
the shell.

L is the fragrant and pale-coloured
LIME
Growing ripe in the sun of a tropical
clime.

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M for the MELON the Frenchwoman
sells,
By the arch within sound of the old
Minster bells.

N is the NECTARINE kind Jenny
took
To the sick girl who lived by the side
of the brook.

O is for ORANGE, so juicy and sweet,
Which Ellen has brought for the Baby
to eat.

P is the PEACHES, which little Ann's
ball,
To old William's dismay, has struck
down from the wall.

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Q for the QUINCE, growing down in
the glade,
Of which Sarah the cook will make
nice Marmalade.

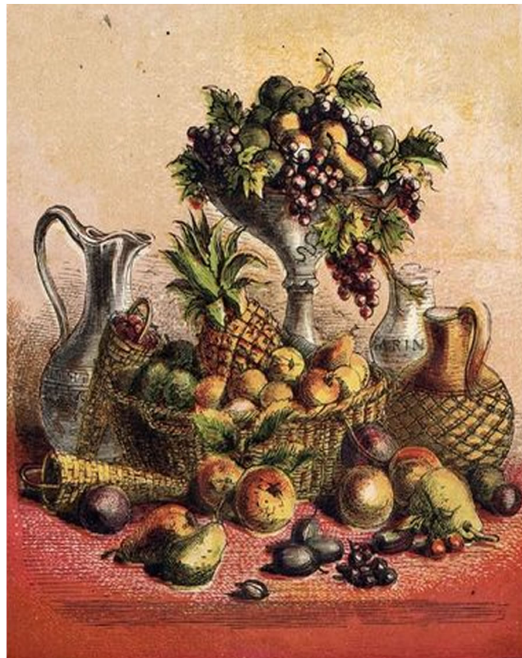
R for the RASPBERRIES, gathered at
dawn,
For the school-children's tea by-and-by
on the lawn.

S is for STRAWBERRY, brilliant and
red,
Which we look for amongst the green
leaves of its bed.

T for the TAMARINDS, brought from
the West,
With Ginger and Guava, in Mariner's
chest.

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U and **V** have no fruit; but the
Grape-bearing **VINE**
Grows in Italy, Spain, and beside the
swift Rhine.

W for the **WALNUTS** at Christmas
we eat,
And make of the shells such a capital
fleet.

X, Y, Z I must leave; but you
may, if you please,
Call them **FRUIT** in the guise of
“unknown quantities”.



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