

A Frog He Would a-Wooing Go.



A frog he would a-wooling go,
Heigho, says Roly!
Whether his mother would let him or no,
With a roly-poly, gammon and spinach,
Heigho, says Anthony Roly!

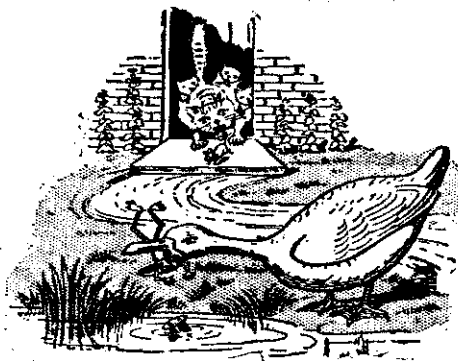
So off he set in his coat and hat,
Heigho, says Roly!
And on the way he met a rat,
With a roly-poly, etc.

"Please, Mr. Rat, will you go with me?"
Heigho, says Roly!
"Good Mrs. Mousie for to see,"
With a roly-poly, etc.

When they came to door of the Mousie's
hole,
Heigho, says Roly!
They gave a loud knock, and they gave a
loud call,
With a roly-poly, etc.



"Please, Mrs. Mouse, are you within?"
Heigho, says Roly!
"Oh, yes, dear sirs, I am sitting to spin,"
With a roly-poly, etc.



"Please, Mrs. Mouse, will you give us
some beer?"

Heigho, says Roly!
"For Froggy and I are fond of good
cheer,"
With a roly-poly, etc.

"Please, Mr. Frog, will you give us a
song?"

Heigho, says Roly!
"But let it be something that's not very
-long,"
With a roly-poly, etc.

But while they were making a terrible
din,

Heigho, says Roly!
The cat and her kittens came tumbling
in,
With a roly-poly, etc.

The cat seized Mr. Rat by the crown,
Heigho, says Roly!
The kittens they pulled Mrs. Mousie
down,
With a roly-poly, etc.

This put Mr. Frog in a terrible fright,
Heigho, says Roly!
He took up his hat and he wished them
good-night,
With a roly-poly, etc.

But as Froggy was crossing over a brook,
Heigho, says Roly!

A lily-white duck came and swallowed
him up,
With a roly-poly, etc.

Oddities About Animals.

The lion's tongue is so rough that it can be used to rasp the flesh from the bones. The horny, claw-like papillae, or prickles, are nearly a quarter of an inch long. It has been said that the cat uses her prickly tongue in the same way, but she uses it chiefly as a comb.

Many birds possess a useful comb in the claw of the middle toe of the foot. This has been noticed in owls, nightjars, herons, bitterns, cormorants, gannets, etc. It has been explained as a means of holding the prey securely. The comb sometimes is replaced by a curved blade with teeth, which runs along the inner side of the claw. Such a blade is found in razor bills, wild duck, gulls, starlings, larks, and many other birds. In partridges and pheasants the claw is flattened, so that its inner edge forms a scraper. Where a comb is required the inner edge of this blade becomes divided into teeth. Young nightjars or goat-suckers, have only the blade, but old ones have a well developed comb.

The honey bee has a comb in the fore-leg, lying in the angle between the tibia and tarsus, which is used to cleanse the antennae from dust or pollen. Many beetles have a similar comb, which forms a deep notch protected by a spine at the lower end of the fore-tibia.

The mouth, whether armed with a comb or not, often is used to keep the body trim and clean. Cockroaches draw their long antennae from time to time through the mouth.

The rabbit washes his face like a cat, but there are no prickles on his tongue. The fur seals have long, coarse, and deep-rooted bristles, which lie in the fur and keep it from getting matted or ruffled. Some animals can use their claws as combs. In others the pile of the fur is too short to need combing at all.

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