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Baby Bears

SAID JOHNNIE BEAR to Billy Bear,
"Come, Buddie, and I'll show you where
Our busy neighbor, Mrs. Bee,
Has stored her honey in a tree."



Elephant

SAID MADAME ELEPHANT: "O dear,
I'd love to stay at home this year!
This circus work is very hard,
I should enjoy my own back yard."



Jack Rabbit

JACK RABBIT, while away at college,
Seemed to get very little knowledge;
But champion runners rarely study,
Excepting when the track is muddy.



Rabbit

SAID Mrs. Bunnie to her spouse,
"It costs a lot to run this house;
Now if you'd make a garden, dear,
'T would be a wondrous help this year."



Squirrel

A SQUIRREL Mother said one day,
"Now, children, you may run and play."
They smiled and said to one another,
"Let's go and gather nuts for Mother."



Guinea Pig

SAI'D Madame Guinea Pig, "My dear,
This flat will be too small I fear;
I think we'll move across the way,
Where we can let the children play."



Fox

OLD MR. FOX is very spry,
He takes our chickens on the sly,
A fact which causes me surprise,
Because he's said to be so wise.

~ Four Footed Folk ~



Old Dobbin

SAID DOBBIN: "People always chaff
And joke about a horse's laugh;
But, really, every little while
I see some sight which makes me smile."



Cinnamon Bear

WHY, who is this comes down the street,
Dancing along on clumsy feet?
Our old friend Mr. Cinnamon Bear,
We're glad to see him anywhere,



Little Chief Hare

LITTLE CHIEF HARE is very sweet,
He has short legs and tiny feet,
His home is on the Prairies wild,
He's a sweet, gentle, little child.

- Four Footed Folk -



Rhinoceros

HERE'S General Rhinoceros,
He's sometimes called a water horse;
He wears a coat of armor, too,
Which almost nothing can get through.



Red Deer

LITTLE RED DEER has lovely eyes,
Which look at you in sweet surprise;
Her babies are such darling tots,
Dressed quaintly in their polka-dots.

- Four Footed Folk -



Tiger

TIGER is dressed in black and red,
And seems so cheerful and well-fed;
Looks very like a monstrous cat,
Walking so softly pit-a-pat.



Chipmunk

LITTLE CHIPMUNK scolds and chatters,
But never says a thing that matters;
He's such a funny little clown,
Quite half the time he's upside down,

- Four Footed Folk -



Bear

SLEEPY old Mr. Bruin said,
"I think it's time to go to bed."
Said Mrs. Bruin, "While you lock
The outside door, I'll wind the clock."



Goat

WHERE'S Billy gone," said Nanny Goat,
"He did n't take his hat or coat;
The little darling must have hid
Just for a joke, the precious kid."



Mother Pig

"I KNOW, of course," said Mother Pig,
"My family *is* rather big,
But it is such a pretty sight
To see them meet their Dad each night."



Kangaroo

WHEN Kangaroo goes walking he
Is just as funny as can be;
And when he's tired, he stops right there,
Using his long tail for a chair.

- Four Footed Folk -



Giraffe

HERE'S beautiful Madame Giraffe,
Who never does a thing by half;
She'll entertain you if you'll wait,
Making her neck a "figure eight."

- Four Footed Folk -



Lamb

"**M**A-MA!" said little baby Lamb,
"Just look at me! see where I am!"
Mother Sheep smiled and said, "Yes, dear,
I see you very well from here."



Reindeer

REINDEER we see at Christmas time,
With jingling bells in merry chime;
Santa Claus drives his merry pair
Over the roofs or anywhere.

- Four Footed Folk -



Buffalo

IN OLDEN times the Buffalo
Roamed the wild plains in rain or snow;
But now his numbers are so few
He lives the year round at the Zoo.



Lion

THE LION, with his noble grace,
Has a nice, kindly-looking face;
But still it seems a little rash
To let the cubs pull his moustache.

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Kitten

KITTEN is little baby Cat,
He loves to roll around the mat,
Prattling in cunning little mew,
While Daddy Tom Cat reads the news.



Hippopotamus

PUFFY old Hippopotamus,
When days are warm, makes so much fuss,
They pack him up in chunks of ice,
And so they keep him cool and nice.

- Four Footed Folk -



Leopard

LEOPARD is a graceful child,
Whose home is in the jungle wild;
He's sometimes caught, poor thing, you know,
And has to travel with a show.

- Four Footed Folk -



Otter

GRACEFUL little Mrs. Otter
Likes to live by running water
In a secluded, quiet nook,
Her front door is the stream or brook.



Sheep

BELL WETHER said: "My brothers all
Will follow me, both great and small;
They know that I'm so wise and old,
I'll lead them safely to the fold.

The End.

