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## TIFFANY,

## I.

Sing a song of Sixpence, Or any other price, Mr. Palmer's Packets Collectors should entice.
When the Packet's open The boys they always shout:
In number and variety
They are the best things out.

## II.

## Yay, yah, Black Sheep,

Do you take me for a fool?
Yes, sir ; yes, sir,
A greenhorn fresh from school.
Some dealers still sell forgeriesA stock have I in hand,
But none for Mr. Palmer
Who lives in the Strand.

III
Gooser, Goosey Gander,
Your money you may squander,
Here, there,
And everywhere,
Wherever you may meander.
But, you silly Goosey Goose,
It will be of little use
If you're taken in by every swindler's devices.
May I take liberty
To suggest that Mr. P.
Will serve you honestly, and at the very lowest prices?

So I warn you, Goosey Gander, Should you this sage advice refuse,
If you're stuffed, it is no wonder, For you are indeed a goose.

## lV.

Humpti Dumptr's pride had a fall, For Humpty Dumpty discovered that all
His rare stamps were reprints or forgeries plain.
How get his collection together again?

Humpty, fling it over the wall! Your collection is worthless, album and all.
Purchase of Palmer, right as the rain,
And don't go to dishonest dealers again.
V.

See-Saw,
This is the law,
And I am its vindicator.
Imprison the scamp
Who sells a forged stamp,
And bless the Exterminator.
VI.
*Pussy Cat, Pussy Cat, where have
"- you been?"
"I've been to the Strand, and Palmer l've seen."
"Pussy Cat, Pussy Cat, what did you there?"
*" I saw that his dealings were honest and fair."
"Pussy Cat, Pussy Cat, is Palmar the man
Who fought single-handed the forgery
clan?"
"Palmer it was who strengthened the law."
"Pussy Cat, Pussy Cat, give me your paw."

## VII.

Litile Miss Muffet
Had many a buffet
With the rascally herds who prey
On those who confide, or
Are young or untried, or
Anyhow fall in their way.
But Miss Muffet is wise,
And of Palmer she buys,
And her album increases in value each day.
And whenever she spied a
Forged stamp inside a
Friend's album, she always cried, "Throw it away!"
" Come," Miss Muffet proceeds ;
And straightway she leads
The collector to Palmer's, and turns with a grin
To the person beside her,
Saye she, "There's no spider
'To victimise poor little flies here within."

## VIII.

Mary, Mary,
Not quite wary,
Your collection seems to grow ;
But I wouldn't, ma belle,
Give a cockle-shell
For all the stamps in this row.
Mary, Mary,
Be more chary,
And buy only genuine stamps, my honey;
If with Palmer you deal,
Secure you mry feel,
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## IX.

Little Bo-Peep,
Your stamps would be cheap
At the prices which you've assigned 'en1;
But the best of the lot
Are not worth a jot,
For forgeries all you'li find them.
So, little Bo-Peep,
It's no use to weep ;
But as soon as your spirit is calmer,
Be off to the Strand,
With your book in your hand, And buy of J. W. Palmer.

## X.

Jace and Jill,
Your albume fill,
But mind your eyes don't water
To buy for a crown
What's worth a pound down,
Or you will be humbled after.
For when you've got
The very cheap lot,
You'll find you've paid for them dearly. To Palmer's go,
And fill your books so, With genuine specimens nearly.

## XI.

RTIE-A-COCK-HORSE,
But won't you look cross
When you discover your stamps are a loss !

Wherever my fingers
May point, well I know
There are forged stamps and reprints in every row.

So ride-a-cock-horse,
But won't you look cross
When you find that your bargains turn out a loss !

## XII.

Litile Jack Horner
Up in a corner,
A forged stamp I think I espy.
Why, whenever I come
To put in my thumb,
Reprint or forged stamp meets my eye. Your album, alack!
Good Master Jack,
Shows clearly that you have beeu "done."
To the Strand with you, dunce !
Go to Palmer at once,
At Two hundred and eighty-one.

## XIII.

## Dickorf, Dickory Dock,

 The forgery-monger's stock. The police strike one: Down they come,And it's ho for the prisoner's dock!
(1TAMPS, STAMPS.-In consequence of my selling gennine foreign Stamps-no forgeries or reprints-I am really in want of good collections, and can pay the best prices, bat before I can offer for any colleations I must see the Stamps. Any one therefore deairing to sell their collection, should bring or send it to 281, Strand, W.C., either by poat or rail, at the same time quoting the lowest price they are prepared to take. I undertake on receipt of a collection to say, by return of post, whether I will give the price saked, or if not, how much, and to remit the amonnt directly it is agreed on.

