

## *Tongue Twisters*

Betty Botter bought some butter,  
"But," she said, "this butter's bitter.  
If I bake this bitter butter,  
It will make my batter bitter.  
But a bit of better butter -  
That would make my batter better."  
So she bought a bit of butter,  
Better than her bitter butter,  
And she baked it in her batter,  
And the batter was not bitter.  
So 'twas better Betty Botter  
Bought a bit of better butter.

A bitter biting bittern  
Bit a better brother bittern,  
And the bitter better bittern  
Bit the bitter biter back.  
And the bitter bittern, bitten,  
By the better bitten bittern,  
Said: "I'm a bitter biter bit, alack!  
I'm not the pheasant plucker,  
I'm the pheasant plucker's mate.  
I'm only plucking pheasants  
'Cause the pheasant plucker's late.

I thought a thought  
But the thought I thought  
Was not the thought  
I thought I thought.

Lesser leather never weathered wetter weather better.

Swan swam over the sea.  
Swim, swan, swim!  
Swan swam back again.  
Well swum, swan!

The bootblack bought the black boot back.

A proper cup of coffee from a proper copper coffee pot.

Mr. See owned a saw.  
And Mr. Soar owned a seesaw.  
Now See's saw sawed Soar's seesaw  
Before Soar saw See,  
Which made Soar sore.  
Had Soar seen See's saw  
Before See sawed Soar's seesaw,  
See's saw would not have sawed  
Soar's seesaw.  
So See's saw sawed Soar's seesaw.  
But it was sad to see Soar so sore  
Just because See's saw sawed  
Soar's seesaw!

Of all the felt I ever felt,  
I never felt a piece of felt  
Which felt as fine as that felt felt,  
When first I felt that felt hat's felt.

Once upon a barren moor  
There dwelt a bear, also a boar.  
The bear could not bear the boar.  
The boar thought the bear a bore.  
At last the bear could bear no more  
Of that boar that bored him on the moor,  
And so one morn he bored the boar -  
That boar will bore the bear no more.

One-One was a racehorse;  
Two-Two was one, too.  
When One-One won one race,  
Two-Two won one, too. On mules we find two legs behind  
And two we find before.  
We stand behind before we find  
What those behind be for.

Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers.  
Did Peter Piper pick a peck of pickled peppers?  
If Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers,  
Where's the peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper picked?

Pretty Kitty Creighton had a cotton batten cat.  
The cotton batten cat was bitten by a rat.  
The kitten that was bitten had a button for an eye,  
And biting off the button made the cotton batten fly.

She sells seashells on the seashore.  
The shells she sells are seashells, I'm sure.

Susan shineth shoes and socks;  
Socks and shoes shines Susan.  
She ceases shining shoes and sock  
For shoes and socks shock Susan.

That bloke's back bike brake-block broke.

Three gray geese in the green grass grazing.  
Gray were the geese and green was the grass.

A tree toad loved a she-toad  
Who lived up in a tree.  
He was a two-toed tree toad  
But a three-toed toad was she.  
The two-toed tree toad tried to win  
The three-toed she-toad's heart,  
For the two-toed tree toad loved the ground  
That the three-toed tree toad trod.  
But the two-toed tree toad tried in vain.  
He couldn't please her whim.  
From her tree toad bower  
With her three-toed power  
The she-toad vetoed him.

When a twister a-twisting will twist him a twist,  
For the twisting a twist, he three twines will entwist;  
But if one of the twines of the twist do untwist,  
The twine that untwisteth untwisteth the twist.

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Can you imagine an imaginary menagerie manager imagining managing an imaginary menagerie?

A cheap ship trip.

Chop shops stock chops.

A big black bug bit a big black bear, made the big black bear bleed blood.

Cows graze in groves on grass which grows in grooves in groves.

Crisp crusts crackle crunchily.

The crow flew over the river with a lump of raw liver.

Don't pamper damp scamp tramps that camp under ramp lamps.

Freshly fried flying fish, freshly fried flesh.

Friendly Frank flips fine flapjacks.

How much wood would a woodchuck chuck  
If a woodchuck could chuck wood?  
He would chuck, he would, as much as he could,  
And chuck as much wood as a woodchuck would  
If a woodchuck could chuck wood.

I cannot bear to see a bear  
Bear down upon a hare.  
When bare of hair he strips the hare,  
Right there I cry, "Forbear!"

I can think of six thin things and of six thick things too.

If one doctor doctors another doctor, does the doctor who doctors the doctor doctor the doctor the way the doctor he is doctoring doctors? Or does he doctor the doctor the way the doctor who doctors doctors?

Pick a partner and practice passing, for if you pass proficiently, perhaps you'll play professionally.

Which switch, Miss, is the right switch for Ipswich, Miss?

Which witch wished which wicked wish?

Which wristwatches are Swiss wristwatches?

While we were walking, we were watching window washers wash Washington's windows with warm washing water.

Whistle for the thistle sifter.

White eraser? Right away, sir!