



LONDON

DEAN & MUNDAY THREADNEEDLE S.E.

Who is that at the door,
George? Run and see if it is
my little niece. Good morning,
Mary, come and give me a kiss,
why it is so early that you can-
not have had your breakfast.
We are having ours now, so
you shall have some with us.
You are a good girl to come
and see me. What is that you
have in your hand? Some
cherries which Papa has sent
for you.



Papa, will you let me go to see Mary this morning, as it is a fine day, and the sun shines bright? Yes; but you must let Lucy go with you; and take care not to run in the road, for fear you should be run over, as that would be a very bad job. So walk like a good boy by the side of Lucy. Do not stop too long, as I shall expect you will be back in time for dinner.



Oh, Mama, Mary was not at home when I got there, so I had to wait a short time before I could see her, as she had gone to buy some cakes for us to play at feast with; so after staying to play with her an hour, I told Lucy, I was quite ready for her to take me home; and I walked by the side of Lucy all the way. Was not I a very good little boy, Mama?



What a very pretty dog that is, Papa. Yes it is, and it is called a spaniel. What does it want? It wants you to play with it, for dogs are very playful creatures. You need not be afraid of it, see how it wags its tail and licks my hand; it wants to be friends with me. I hope you will never tease dogs, if you do they will bite you. No, Papa, I am sure I will never do so.



Mamma, where is Puss?
She has hid herself under my
chair. Then I will try to catch
her. Take care what you are
about, for if you catch her by
the tail, she will scratch you;
you had better wait till she
comes to you. You can call
her, Puss, Puss, Puss. Here
she comes, I thought she would
not be long. I will only
smooth her black coat very
gently.



George, how many hands and arms have you? Two hands, and two arms. And how many fingers? Ten, five on each hand. What do you call the largest of the five fingers? My thumb. How many toes have you? I do not know. Then count them: One, two, three, four, five; why, there are five on each foot, which make ten; so I have as many toes as fingers.



How many legs has a horse?
four; and so has a cow, and a
cat, and my little dog, they
have all four legs. And how
many legs has a hen? Oh! I
know, it has two, and so have
all birds, and hens lay nice eggs
for us to eat. You have been
a very good little boy, and
now you may run and play
with your pretty dog, till it
is time to come in and go to
bed.



