

## LITTLE NUT PEOPLE.



**O**LD Mistress Chestnut once lived  
in a burr,  
Padded and lined with the  
softest of fur.  
Jack Frost split it wide with  
his keen silver knife,  
And tumbled her out at the  
risk of her life.

Here is Don Almond, a grandee from Spain ;  
Some raisins from Malaga came in his train.  
He has a twin brother a shade or too leaner,  
When both come together, we shout " Phil-  
opena ! "

Little Miss Peanut, from North Carolina,  
She's not 'ristocratic, but no nut is finer :  
Sometimes she is roasted and burnt to a  
cinder,  
In Georgia they call her Miss Goober or Pin-  
dar.

Little Miss Hazelnut, in her best bonnet,  
Is lovely enough to be put in sonnet,  
And young Mr. Filbert has journeyed from  
Kent,  
To ask her to marry him soon after Lent.  
This is old Hickory, look at him well,  
A General was named for him, so I've heard  
tell.

Take care how you hit him. He sometimes  
hits back !  
This stolid old nut is a hard nut to crack.

Old Mr. Butternut, just from Brazil,  
Is rugged and rough as the side of a hill ;  
But like many a countenance quite as ill-  
favored,  
He covers a kernel deliciously flavored.  
Here is a Southerner, graceful and slim,  
In flavor no nut is quite equal to him  
Ha, Monsieur Pecan, you know what it  
means  
To be served with black coffee in French New  
Orleans.

Dear little Chinguapin, modest and neat,  
Isn't she cunning and isn't she sweet?  
Her skin is as smooth as a little boy's chin,  
And the squirrels all chatter of Miss Chin-  
quapin.

This is Sir Walnut ; he's English you know,  
A friend of My Lady and Lord So-and-So.  
And now my dear children, I'm sure I have  
told  
All the queer rhymes that a nutshell can hold.

--Pearl Rivers, in Christian Observer.

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