

Children's Department

The Ducks.

One little black duck, One little gray, Six little white ducks Running out to play. One white lady duck, motherly and trim. Eight little baby ducks bound for a swim.

One little white duck Running from the water, One very fat duck— Pretty little daughter; One very grave duck, swimming off alone. One little white duck standing on a stone.

One little white duck Holding up its wings, One little bobbing duck Making water rings; One little black duck turning round its head, One big black duck, see, he's gone to bed.

One little lady duck, Motherly and trim, Eight little baby ducks, Bound for a swim, One lazy black duck taking quite a nap. One precious little duck here on mother's lap.

A Polite Boy.

I was in a compartment with a little French boy of twelve, the precise age at which American children, as a rule, are rude. He was dressed faultlessly, but his clothes were not the chief charm. I sat between him and the open window, and he was eating pears. Now, an American boy of that age would either have dropped the cores upon the floor or tossed them out of the window without a word to anybody. But this small gentleman, every time, with a "Permit me Monsieur," said in the most pleasant way, rose and came to the window, and dropped them out, and then "Merci, Monsieur" as he quickly took his seat. It was a delight. I am sorry to say that such small boys do not travel on American railroads to any alarming extent. Would they were more frequent.—Nasby.

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