

ELOCUTIONARY FADS

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THE elocutionary fad strikes humanity at an early stage of existence and is usually evident for the first time, when Gladys, Madeline, or Dorothy steps forward at a school exhibition to justify her fond parents' faith in her future "brilliant career." With frequent loss of breath, many swallowings of lumps in her throat, occasional lapses of memory and absolutely literal gestures, she adds her own unconsciously burlesque effects to the mock tragic rhyme.

"The Little Peach."

(1)

"A little peach in an orchard grew,
A little peach of emerald hue (2)
Warmed by (3) the sun and wet by (4) the dew
It (5) grew.

(6)

Through the orchard walked John and Sue,
They (7) saw the peach of emerald hue,
As (8) on the peach tree there it grew,
They (9) two!

(10) Up at the peach a stick they threw
Down (11) fell the peach of emerald hue
Down at the feet of John and Sue (12)
(13) That's true!