

RING AROUND A ROSY."

Did you ever hear the little verse,

"Ring around a rosy,
A hand full of posies,
Who pops down first?"

And do you know how children play the game?

Well, they all join hands and then start skipping around in a circle, singing the little verse, and when they come to the last line each one tries to be the first to pop down.

In the picture we see seven little girls and boys playing on the lawn. It is Vera's birthday, and her mamma has given her a party. They have been having such a good time all afternoon and are looking forward to the tea which is to be served in the summer-house. Vera is a very happy little girl to-day, and her chief joy is that she has been able to make others happy.

A tiny daughter of a minister was asked to accompany her mother on a walk. "No," was her positively spoken answer, "I can't go." "Why not?" "I have to help papa." "In what way?" "He told me to sit here and keep quiet while he wrote his sermon, and I don't believe he is half through yet."

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