Paying Visits

1

"Good-mornin', Mrs. Murphy mem; and how are you to-day?
Now won't you step inside, my dear, and have a cup o' tay?"
"Well, thankye, Mrs. Callaghan, I don't mind if I do;
It's nice to leave the fam'ly for a cosy chat with you.

2

"Your boys and girls are well, I hope? You'd better have a care!
I'm told there's yellow jaunders at the corner of the square.
Your Lizer's looking queerly"—"Oh, she's only feelin' faint
I dropped her in the sink last night, and off came all her paint."

3

"But how d'ye think my baby looks? I tell you its the truth
The clever little darlin's cut his nineteenth double-tooth!
Pray, don't you think its wonderful, and him not six months old!
And then he never wakes at all; he's just as good as gold.

4

"Well, say goodbye; I have to go and call at Number Nine
To look at Mrs. Jenkins' twins; I'm told they're werry fine;
The boy one is a nigger, and the girl a pinky-wax—
Oh no, my dear, I don't inwent! I'm only telling facks."

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