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POOR ROOKY.

 $^{\rm th}$  And, while Pois was asleep, come croop, croop, croop, To where the basket stord, "+P, 7.

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#### THE CATCHER CAUGHT.

stood,

And he hadn't yet learnt to swim;

And that little boy's mother did all that she could,

But he would stand close to the brim.

And bobbing up and down the float was seen,

Till at last there came a bite;

And O what a size that fish must have been,

For the float dipp'd down out of sight.

The fish down below, and the boy at the top,
Pull'd both with might and main;
And right into the pond the boy went plop,
And he never was seen again.

Now, had he just minded what was said,
Or had he but learnt to swim,
He might have caught that fish, instead
Of that fish's catching him.