

CYNTHIANNA BLYTHE

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1.—"Spinach" Dubbs, the grocer's lad,
Was Cynthia's ideal
Of all that stood for manliness,
Personified and real,
She secretly admired him and
Could scarce conceal her joy
When she, enraptured, watched him
Whip "that sassy Perkins boy."



2.—But a list of small invited guests
His name did not adorn,
To observe the anniversary of
The day that she was born.
Just why he wasn't bidden, too,
She didn't understand,
And to rectify this error grave
She took his case in hand.



5.—Said Cynthia, "Mamma, dear,
I thought you wouldn't mind,
He never gets ice cream or cake,
And he's so brave and kind."
And mamma, secretly dismayed,
Her Cynthia to please,
Most cordially then welcomed him
And placed him at his ease.

3.—"When mamma finds she's missed his name
I'm sure that she'll repent;
So I guess I'd better ask him,"
And here's the note she sent:—
"Deer Mister Dubbs, my dear sir,
O please, sir, will not you
Come thursday to my partie?
Miss Blythe, R.S.V.Q."

4.—Twenty dainty lads and misses, all
Most fashionably late,
Accompanied by their nurses,
Had arrived to celebrate
Her birthday; when, all smiling,
Dressed in Sunday's pants and coat,
Appeared one Dubbs, the grocer's lad,
Displaying Cynthia's note.



6.—Thus "Spinach," bashfully inclined,
Much confidence acquired,
And the funny capers that he cut
Were new and much admired.
The little ones all shied at first,
But presently saw fit
To envy his accomplishments,
And "Spinach" soon was "it."

7.—When Master Seymour Dividends
Grew peeved and bit his nurse
Our "Spinach" whispered, "Cheese it! or
It's me will hurt yez worse."
When Sanford kicked his sister's legs,
He sat him on the floor
And said, "Kid, was yez never
In society before!"



8.—Hence several most obstreperous lads
Were brought to book that day.
The nurses all indorsed his work
And let him have his way.
"He's the only boy in all that crowd,"
Cynthia later said,
"That can imitate a 'rang-o-tang
Or stand upon his head."

