

# Rainy Day Games



## Boykin's Tavern Museum

### TONGUE TWISTERS

Tongue twisters are not only for linguistic fun and games; they serve a practical purpose in practicing pronunciation. Try not to trip through these Colonial era twisters.

#### **Swan swam over the sea,**

Swim, swan, swim!  
Swan swam back again  
Well swum, swan!

**Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers.** A peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper picked. If Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers, where's the peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper picked?

#### **A tree toad loved a she-toad**

Who lived up in a tree.  
He was a two-toed tree toad  
But a three-toed toad was she.  
The two-toed tree toad tried to win  
The three-toed she-toad's heart,  
For the two-toed tree toad loved the ground  
That the three-toed tree toad trod.  
But the two-toed tree toad tried in vain.  
He couldn't please her whim.  
From her tree toad bower  
With her three-toed power  
The she-toad vetoed him.

#### **Mr. See owned a saw.**

And Mr. Soar owned a seesaw.  
Now See's saw sawed Soar's seesaw  
Before Soar saw See,  
Which made Soar sore.  
Had Soar seen See's saw  
Before See sawed Soar's seesaw,  
See's saw would not have sawed  
Soar's seesaw.  
So See's saw sawed Soar's seesaw.  
But it was sad to see Soar so sore  
Just because See's saw sawed  
Soar's seesaw!

**Susan shineth shoes and socks;**

socks and shoes shines Susan.  
She ceased shining shoes and socks,  
for shoes and socks shock Susan.

**If one doctor doctors another doctor, does the doctor**

who doctors the doctor doctor the doctor the way the  
doctor he is doctoring doctors? Or does he doctor  
the doctor the way the doctor who doctors doctors?

**If a Hottentot taught a Hottentot tot**

To talk ere the tot could totter,  
Ought the Hottenton tot  
Be taught to say aught, or naught,  
Or what ought to be taught her?  
If to hoot and to toot a Hottentot tot  
Be taught by her Hottentot tutor,  
Ought the tutor get hot  
If the Hottentot tot  
Hoot and toot at her Hottentot tutor?

**Silly Sally swiftly shooed seven silly sheep.**

The seven silly sheep Silly Sally shooed  
shilly-shallied south.  
These sheep shouldn't sleep in a shack;  
sheep should sleep in a shed.

**You've no need to light a night-light**

On a light night like tonight,  
For a night-light's light's a slight light,  
And tonight's a night that's light.  
When a night's light, like tonight's light,  
It is really not quite right  
To light night-lights with their slight lights  
On a light night like tonight.

**Betty Botter bought some butter, but she said,** "This butter's bitter! But a bit of better butter will but make my batter better." So she bought some better butter, better than the bitter butter, and it made her batter better so 'twas better Betty Botter bought a bit of better butter!

**She sells sea shells by the seashore.** The shells she sells are surely seashells. So if she sells shells on the seashore, I'm sure she sells seashore shells.