

## Fitzwalter's Garden

*Contains history in picture book form with a counting section for teaching children ages 2 to 6 years. The story is based on events in Trustees' Garden, Savannah, GA in 1735.*

Fitzwalter had a garden  
On top of the Trustees' Bluff  
He planted trees  
And planted grapes  
And other kinds of stuff.

But one day something happened  
That puzzled Mr. Fitz,  
He noticed that some of his plants  
were chomped  
And chewed to bits.

Fitzwalter called the policeman,  
Fitzwalter called the mayor  
Fitzwalter called the local chief,  
With helpful things to share.

"It's a lion" said the policeman,  
"It's a tiger" said the mayor  
We know they were the culprits,  
"We can see their prints right there."

The old chief said,

"Not a lion, not tiger"  
I see none anywhere  
"It's a little goose and a very small goat  
Who were the nibbling pair."

And here's a print  
I know quite well.  
It looks like a very small shoe.  
They nibbled on this mulberry bush.  
"Oh no!" said Fitz "But who?"

So Fitz went back  
To his tiny, small house  
To ponder what to do.  
Where his wife said, "Fitz  
"Here's some mulberry pie  
I made just for you."

### Counting section

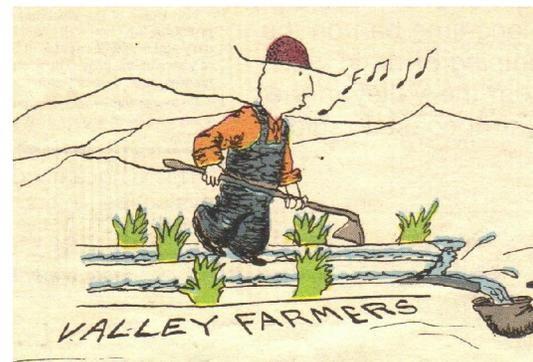
#### Here are plants that were nibbled in Mr. Fitzwalter's garden:

1. Grapes for making things to drink.
  2. Oranges for marmalade.
  3. Peaches for making fresh peach pie.
  4. Apples grown for munching.
  5. Plums for making tasty plumb jam.
  6. Indigo for dying clothes.
  7. Olives to making sweet olive oil.
  8. Hemp for rope for jumping
  9. Quinine for making medicine.
  10. Cotton for making clothes.
  11. Lindseed for making oil for paint.
- And especially  
12. Mulberries  
for Fitz's pies and dumplings.

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### Notes For Grownups

*The back of the book will include information on how the poem mirrors the history of Trustees' Garden and the persons depicted. Below the information there will be endnotes for adults to source the story. These books are possibly the only storybooks for children from 2 to 6 that will contain the latter forms of historical and scholastic notation.*



*Possible illustration style for Fitzwalter picture book.*