

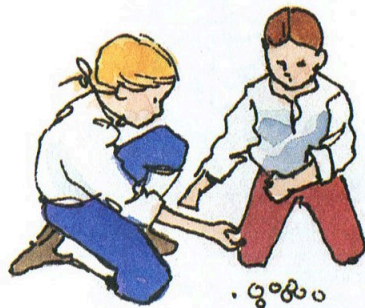
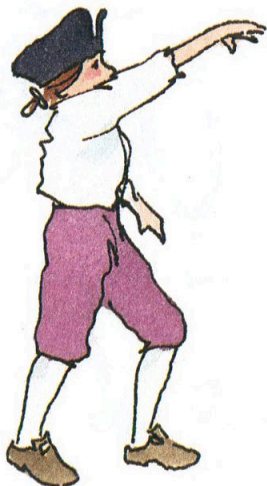
*What did children do to have fun?*

They played ball.

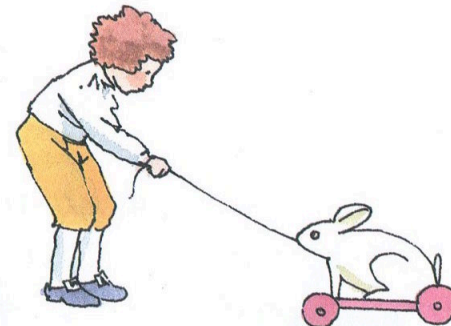
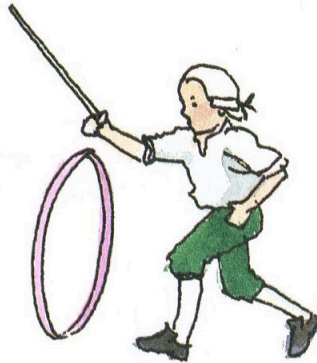
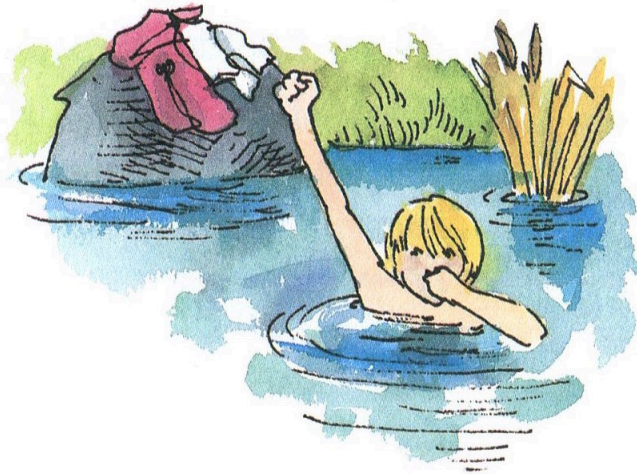
They flew kites.

They played marbles.

They spun tops....



They jumped rope.  
They blew soap bubbles.  
They went swimming.  
They went fishing.  
They rolled hoops....



They played with dolls.  
They played with toy soldiers.  
They played house.  
They played with their pets.  
They played leapfrog and hide-and-seek  
and blindman's buff....

They played and sang “London Bridge Is Falling  
Down” and “Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush.”  
They went horseback riding.  
They went to horse races.  
And they sometimes played cards.



Children also had fun going to fish feasts and barbecues and fairs with their families.

Fish feasts and barbecues were big outdoor parties that lasted all day. At a barbecue, there was always roast pig to eat. At fish feasts the men and boys went fishing. Then everybody ate fried fish.

Fairs usually lasted for two or three days. People came to buy and sell farm animals and to have a good time.

At a fair, there were prizes for wrestling and dancing and playing the fiddle. A man could win a prize for catching a greased pig, riding the slowest horse in a slow horse race, or whistling a tune without laughing.

