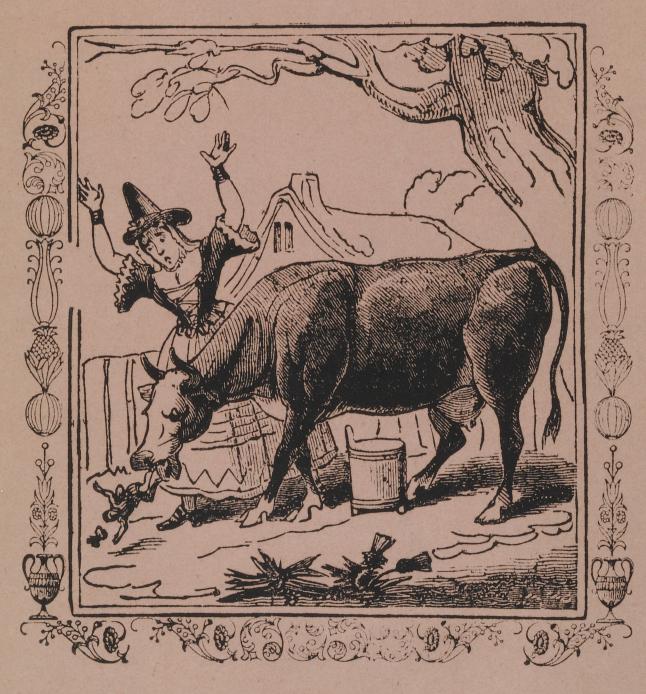
PARK'S TOM THUMB.



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In good King Arthur's reign Tom's history first begun, A farmer's wife had sigh'd in vain to have a darling son, A fairy listen'd to her call, and granted her the same, But being very small, Tom Thumb she did him name.

To please him every means she'd take,
And a pudding large for him did make;
But in trying to obtain a sip,
Into the batter he did slip!
The batter into the pot went plump,
Tom made the pudding skip and jump!
His mother with afright, did this espy,
And gave it to a tinker passing by;
Tom scream'd so loud, that in dismay,
He threw it down, and ran away.



Tom to the fields with his mother went,
To milk the cow was her intent;
The wind blew high as they did walk,
So she tied him to a thistle stalk;
The cow the thistle view'd and cropt,
In her mouth, with Tom it soon was pop'd!
Her teeth put Tom in such a fright,
He "mother" bawled with all his might!
The cow, on hearing such a rout,
Opened her jaws and Tom fell out.
Our hero great exploits went through;
His bed was made in his father's shoe:
At length a Fairy by her art,
In a gale, sent Tom to Arthur's court.

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good furmenty—
The cook made a
bowl for his majesty,
In conveying it to the
palace hot,

Our hero into the bowl did drop.

The cook was fill'd with great surprise,
For the liquor burnt his nose and eyes.

The bowl being broke the angry cook,

Before the king our hero took;

When the king beheld Tom's auful plight, He pardon gave and dubb'd him knight.

Tom in the palace, lived content; To hunt with the king on a mouse he went: One day, a cat the mouse espied, And soon to catch him pussy tried; Tom drew his sword, and spoilt her treat By slaying pussy at his feet. Thus Tom lived happy-without strife, Till the queen in anger, sought his life. In the palace no longer could he stay; So on a butterfly he he rode away.









At last, oh direful tale to tell, In a spider's web our hero fell, The spider ran to sieze his prey; Tom with his sword fought valiantly; Till alas! the spider's poisonous breath Was the cause of our gallant hero's death In a bower of roses his tomb they rear'd, And on it this epitaph appear'd: "Of life deprived, by a spider's bite, Here lies Tom Thumb

a valiant Knight,
His feats in Arthur's
Court, and sight,
Fill'd all with wonder
and delight.
He was bold at tilt
and tournament,
To hunt with the king
on a mouse he went.
His deeds were great,
tho' his size was small
His death was mournby one and all.

Then Reader, pause;

And cry 'Alas Tom

Thumb is dead."

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