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A Tailor lived at Bow, named Billy, Who learned his trade in Piccadilly; And having nothing to do beside, To Brentford he resolves to ride.



With shears instead of whip of course,

Up Billy sprang upon his horse;

And there he sat with visage pale,

His head towards the horse's tail.

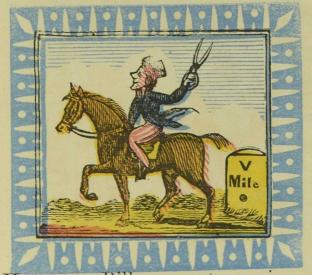


Feeling a funny man across him,

The horse began to kick and toss him;

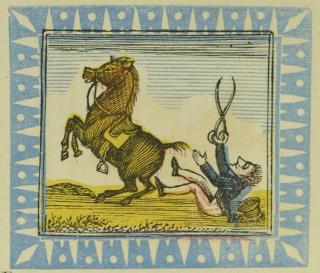
And then, almost before he knew,

Off from his back poor Billy flew.



However, Billy mounts again,
Regardless of his bit of pain;
And brandishing his shears with
pride,
He swears he'll clip his horse's

side.



But see, poor Billy's of once more:

O, bless me, hear him rave and roar:

If this goes on, you may depend,
He'll never reach his journey's
end.

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A third time Billy makes a start, And rides away with all his heart,

But soon some geese appear in sight,

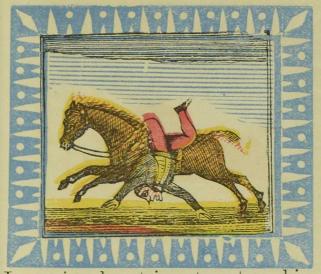
And fill both man and horse with fright.



Away the horse in terror ran, Bearing along the little man:

Away it sped with all its strength,

And entered Brentford road at length. 7



In vain he tries to stop his nag,—

It gallops onward like a stag,
Till Billy tumbles from its back,
And on his head received a
crack.

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Billy resolved to leave the horse,

And ran away with all his force;

But this his nag would not permit,

And so ran after him a bit. 9



To end this trouble of his life,

The Tailor got beside his wife;

And when the horse her scolding heard,

He went away without a word. 10



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