

He now resolved to study carefully  
 The principles and rules of his own tongue.  
 Of quick perception, and reflective power,  
 Attained by its late exercise, some strength,  
 He quickly mastered Cobbett's Grammar, which  
 He made his text and test book :  
 Instances of error in Kings' speeches, Generals'  
 Despatches, Bishops' charges, and the like,  
 Much more congenial were to him than would  
 Have been a slight dissection of his own  
 Best speech.—Advantages far greater now  
 He did perceive might be derived from this  
 Accession to his stock of knowledge, than  
 At first he contemplated, and, resolved,  
 From a mere spouter he would take his stand  
 Among that honourable and honest crew—  
 The incorruptible conductors of,  
 Or correspondents to, the pop'lar press.

Our hero now, delighted, saw a scene  
 Disclose, wherein he was to play a part  
 Most prominent. In speaking he had touched  
 The heart, and admiration won of all who felt  
 Themselves oppressed and despised—so by  
 The sympathetic warmth and vigour he  
 Displayed in print, throughout the land he soon  
 The idol of his class became, and SNARL  
 To th' letter saw his proph'cy verified.

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