

"He is coming for his cider!" said the wicked, cruel spider;
 "He is coming for his wine, and my cords shall round him twine;
 While he sits and sips his lager, I will whet my little dagger,
 And when he has drunk his wine, he will find that he is mine!
 Ha! the little fool is coming, I can hear him buzzing, humming,
 He who comes to visit me, vainly struggles to be free. . . .

"You are welcome to my parlor, I am glad to see you come,
 Do not stay outside the entrance, please to make yourself at home;
 Will you take a little lager, while I sharpen up my dagger?
 Will you take a drop of wine? then you surely shall be mine:
 I will bind you, I will grind you, though you struggle, weep and
 pray,
 I will tie your hands behind you, you shall never get away;
 I will fight you, I will smite you, I will stab you, I will bite you,
 I will make you poor and needy, I will make you old and seedy,
 I will make you bleared and bloated, and with rags and tatters
 coated,
 And your hat will look so shocking, that the boys will all be mock-
 ing,
 I will haunt you till you die, then I'll hang you up to dry."

O my boy, beware of cider, and of lager and of wine,
 Then the wicked, cruel spider ne'er shall get a child of mine.
 Let us storm his ugly castle, let us tear his web away;
 Let us drive away this spider, Heaven in mercy speed the day!
 —The Little Christian.

LITTLE JOHNNY.

Little Johnny T— is just ten years old, a blue-eyed, wide-
 awake, active little fellow, and as earnest a worker in the temper-
 ance army as you can find. Johnny is quite a writer for a boy of
 his years, and was invited to read an essay on temperance at an
 open lodge meeting which was held in the church at S—. There
 was a fine poem first, next an essay, speaking, &c.; but Johnny's
 essay brought down the house. His next attempt was at a school
 exhibition. The large hall was crowded almost to suffocation, but,
 nothing daunted, Johnny read his essay in a clear, distinct voice, as
 if he wasn't at all ashamed of it. "The Three Giants—Intemper-
 ance, Profanity, and Tobacco," was his theme; and he proved con-
 clusively that the first oath, the first glass, and the first cigar were
 the things to be shunned if we wish to keep out of the grasp of the
 giants. Two years ago, Johnny got up a pledge against tobacco and
 liquor-drinking, and he has circulated it faithfully. A noble man,
 whose only fault is that tobacco has ensnared him, said that little
 Johnny's pledge "took him down" the most effectually of anything
 he ever came across. The little fellow offers it to all he meets, very
 respectfully; and who can tell how much good he has already ac-
 complished in his little life, and, if that life is spared, what a noble
 field of usefulness lies before him!—Selected.

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 Ring out the false, ring in the true,
 Ring out a slowly dying cause,
 And ancient forms of party strife.
 Ring in a truer nobler life,
 With sweeter manners, purer laws.
 —Tennyson.