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OLD HODGE had two children
by MARY his wife,
One the joy, and the other
the plague of his life.

For SAM was assiduous,
and strove to do right,
But TOM was unruly
from morning till night.

Contented he smok'd, and drank
ale with his dame,
And each neighbour was welcome,
whenever he came.

The good Boy Writing.



When SAM went to practise
 to read or to write,
 To tease and disturb him
 was all TOM'S delight.

For TOM tho' oft scolded
by father and mother,
Neglected his learning, and
laugh'd at his brother.

SAM pitied his brother, and
thought him a fool,
And soon was the principal
boy in the school.

Was always the first at the
church on a Sunday,
While TOM was as sure to play
truant on Monday.

The naughty Boy at play.

Here's 'Tom, naughty fellow,
at play you may see,
With others as careless
and idle as he.

Who, regardless of all their
good parents' advice,
Become foes to industry and
adepts in vice.

Now they play, now they cheat,
then wrangle and fight,
And nothing can end the
contention but night.

Of his conduct ashamed, of
his parents in dread,
Like a thief he sneaks home,
and goes hungry to bed.

The good Boy sent for from School.



Hodge delighted to hear how
 his son was improv'd,
 How much was esteem'd, and
 how greatly belov'd,