

TOM TUCKER. 3 ******

Though little Tom Tucker Lov'd white bread and butter, He did not love learning his book So when he went to school, They drest him like a fool, (look. With the cap on his head, only



Tom lov'd playing at top, And often would stop, For to have a game in the street; Though he knew 'twas a fault. And if he was caught, He well might expect to be beat.

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A man from the fair, Came by with a bear, And a monkey that rode upon Tom followed to see, (Bruin; More blockhead was he, It caused him to play the truant.



Says Tom, this won't do, I'm a dunce, it is true, All boys that can read are my So he learn'd A,B,C, (betters, And D, E, F, G, And so all the rest of the letters.

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Then Tom learned to spell, And went to school well, With satchell and books at his No more would he stay, (back, To play by the way, With Tim, Bill, Harry, or Jack.



Then Tom learned to read, Quite pretty indeed, And very soon after to write, Now Tom was so good, He might play when he would, Without being put to a fright,

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He learned to play, By night or by day, (well; He could trundle his hoop very But thought he knew better, Than to learn one letter(to spell For fear they should learn him



At home he got blame, When next morning came, To school he went creeping so Where his master did flog,(sad, And chain him to a log, For being so naughty a lad.

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Tom kept learning his book, And cheerful did look, Of the fool's cap no longer in Gothis master's good word (fear Was head scholar preferr'd, And a very fine medal to wear.



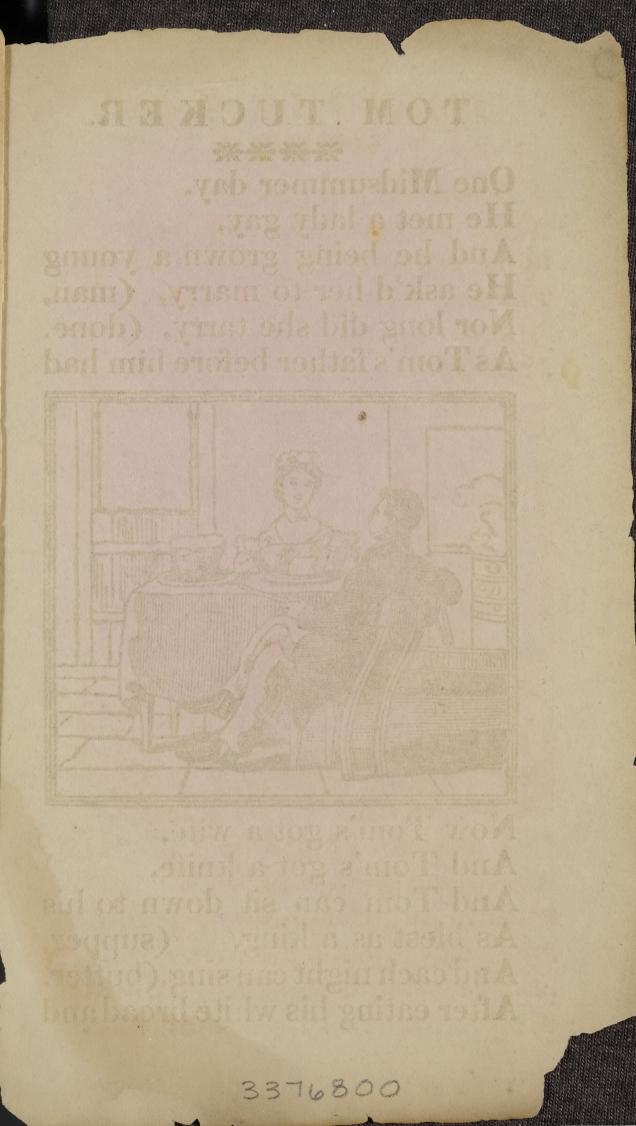
He had a whip and a top, Bought for him at the shop, And a great many playthings And his father with joy, (beside, Bid him keep a good boy, (ride. And he should have a horse to

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A horse he soon got, That would amble and trot, Only see how he gallops along, He is always at ease, And does what he please, But still he never does wrong.



One day he went out. And walking about, Hemet anold woman quite poor He gave her all his pence, She returned him thanks (more. And hop'd he would soon have



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One Midsummer day, He met a lady gay, And he being grown a young He ask'd her to marry, (man, Nor long did she tarry, (done. As Tom's father before him had



Now Tom's got a wite, And Tom's got a knife, And Tom can sit down to his As blest as a king, (supper, And each night can sing, (butter. After eating his white bread and