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*"He that loseth Gold, though Dross,
Tells to all he meets, his Cross:
He that Sins, hath he no Loss?"*

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TO MOTHER GOOSE

*It was you who suggested these Rhymes, Mother
Goose,
And to you I must offer some kind of excuse
For turning and twisting your words to my use.*

*The fact is, our life is so full of the things
Which out of the past, to the present one brings,
— Between what we had and we have, how one
swings! —*

*That your rhymes live in mind. If I use them to-day
To point out a moral, and you smile at the way,
Ask others to smile — and to ponder, I pray.*

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I

"Boys and girls, come out to play."

(BELGIAN VERSION)

BOYS and girls, oh, hurry away,
The flare of fire is bright as day;
Come with a shriek and come with a cry,
Come though in terror, come lest you die;
Lose your supper, and lose your sleep,
Join the fleeing ones in the street.

Refrain

Feet of children, you ne'er shall go
By path of anguish or deeper woe,
Wait no instant, away, away!
Less cruel to go, than now to stay—
The Germans are coming,
Away! Away!

II

*“Ding, dong, bell,
Pussy’s in the well.”*

(IN BELGIUM)

DING, dong, bell—
The body’s in the well!
Who put it there?
Germans—have a care,
Whisper low, for they may hear,
Watch thy child, for they are near;
Who?—’s-sh—I dare not tell.
Ding, dong, bell.

III

*“Diddle diddle, dumpling, my son John
Went to bed with his stockings on.
One shoe off, the other shoe on,
Diddle diddle, dumpling, my son John.”*

HOCH! Hoch! Hoch! the Kaiser's son
Went to bed with his stockings on,
Drunk with white wine, and with red—
Not his the wine, nor yet the bed.

Hoch! Hoch! Hoch! now had you thought
So much harm were quickly wrought,
Where those soldiers on their way,
In a château, spent the day?

Hoch! Hoch! Hoch! the Kaiser's son;
You may not tell what he has done!