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TITLE.:- JOHN GILPIN.

Picture.:- As everyone knows Mistress Gilpin and family had to leave the good John to follow on after tending some customers in his drapers shop.

At last he was free to leave to join his wife on holiday at Edmonton.

"Now see him mounted once again
"Upon his nimble steed,
"Full slowly --

"--pacing o'er the stones,
"With caution and good heed."

"At Edmonton his loving wife
"From the balcony spied
"Her tender husband --

"--wondering much
"To see how he did ride."
"Stop, stop, John Gilpin, here's the house !
"They all aloud did cry."

But the good John's horse had bolted,
"So six gentlemen upon the road --

"Thus seeing Gilpin fly,
"With postboy scampering in the rear,
"They raised a hue and cry:-
"Stop thief, stop thief ! A highwayman !

"Not one of them was mute:
"And all and each that passed that way--

"Did join in the pursuit.

Of course, John eventually joined his good lady, who had feared that he had deserted her.

William Cowper would surely have delighted in this re-enactment of his famous poem,--

--by the people of his birthplace.

"And when John next doth ride abroad,
"May I be there to see"