

# A Horse Copybook

24 short poems and quips for horse lovers to copy

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The following pages contain short poems and other horse tidbits to use in the practice of cursive writing.

This copywork book is intended to be used over a period of several weeks.

At the end of the book you will find a page with extra lines. This can be used with any page when the student needs more room to write.

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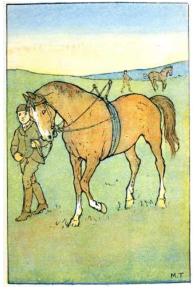
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**Aadel Bussinger** 



### <u> At Play</u>

Three little foals	you see at play	<i>ţ</i> .		
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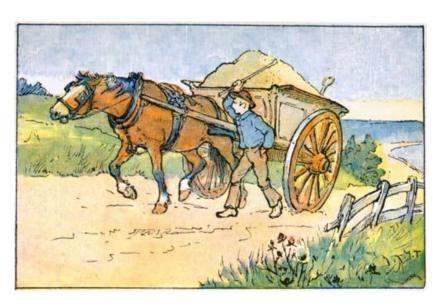
M.T.	The horse, like us, must go to school  To learn by precept and by rule.  Like us, he does not love the work,  Like us, he's not allowed to shirk.	
This little instrument Strapped on his back, Is a "Dumb Jockey", The horse to bear the	, shaped like a V, meant to train	

#### Cleverness

His D for Dunce and K for King.	
With P for Pony he will show I hat he his family name doth know; And he will find the C for clown And at his feet will put it down.	Pronty

#### Willingness

Although this horse is doing all he can to drag his heavy load up the hill, the lazy boy who is walking beside him, with one hand in his pocket, beats him cruelly with the stick which he carries. The boy is too silly or too careless to see how willingly the horse is working.




#### <u>Willfulness</u>

Willfulness  A horse's great red-letter days  Are days of hunting, when his ways  Are often very wilful. Here  See this John Gilpin in great fear.	
He came out just to see the Meet, But the horse thought he would compete With horses, hounds and fox for place, And led the man this madcap race.	

#### <u>Intelligence</u>

On the prairies in the Far West of America a man lost his way. He had no water to drink, although both he and his horse were parched with thirst. Not knowing where to find water, he cast the reins on the neck of his horse. By means of that wonderful intelligence which some people wrongly call instinct, the horse found his way to a spring, although it was many miles distant. Thus both man and horse were able to quench their thirst, and in this way their lives were saved.




#### Kicking

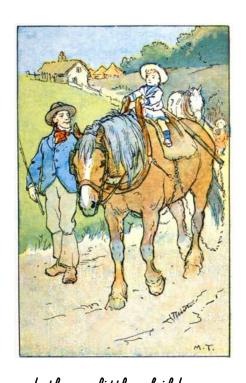


These two are very much dismayed To see the fuss their horse has made Because this dog in playful mood Barked in a manner rather rude.

It is a thing some horses do Until the driver makes them rue Iheir fits of temper. Ihen they say Ihat kicking doesn't seem to pay.

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#### Gentleness



These big carthorses and these little children are great friends.

Although the horses are so big, they are very gentle, and allow the carter's children to lead them home in the evening, or to ride on their backs.

# <u>Biting</u>

and loves to have them in her stall.	
With others she has wilful ways. She will be cross with John for days, Will kick and squeal, will show much spite, And very often try to bite.	

# <u>Joiling</u>

These three horses are ploughing an upland field. They are	
thoroughly enjoying themselves, for they are so strong that their	
work is a pleasure to them. The ploughman is guiding the plough,	
so as to keep the furrous straight. The rooks are soaring round in	ι
search of grubs found in the earth which is turned up by the	
plough.	



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What sweeter sound on winter morn Than music of the hounds and horn? What prettier sight could e'er be seen Than hounds and horses on the green?

See winding down this country way An eager throng one winter day. Keen are the men for sport of course, But just as keen each hound and horse.

#### Duty

The troop-horse, like all soldiers, has to learn his drill till he becomes as efficient as his rider. In war he will take his place in his squadron should his rider have been killed or wounded. In one instance, several guns of the Royal Horse artillery were saved by the teams galloping back to their lines after all the gunners and drivers had been shot down.

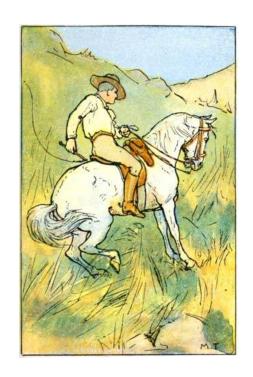


# Rearing

Rearing is an awkward vice,	
No rider ever thinks it nice.	
When the horse prances on two feet	
It's difficult to keep one's seat.	
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This lady riding in the Row	
Is a good rider, you must know.	
When on two legs her horse would soar	
She quickly brings him down to four.	
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# Sagacity

There is danger at this place which the horse can see, but which
the rider fails to detect. They are in the midst of a swamp where
one false step would mean a horrible death in the quagmire on the
verge of which the horse has pulled up. The man uses whip and
spur, but the horse refuses to move. Finally the rider leaves the
horse to himself to find a way round which brings them both to
safety.



### <u>Bolting</u>



See this runaway flecked with foam	
Galloping fast as he can for home,	
Caring nought for the shouting man	
Running also as fast as he can.	
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Hung by the bolter on the roadside Small is his chance of a pleasant ride. Iwo legs matched in a race with four Perhaps they'll meet at the stable door.	

#### <u>Patience</u>

The cab horse is a useful steed, Ever handy, good at need A patient uncomplaining jade, What should we do without his aid?

By day, by night he may be had, Be the weather good or be it bad. Many a knock and many a fall He gets, and yet survives them all.	

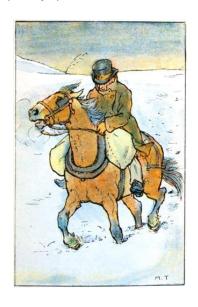
# Bucking



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#### Perseverance

The horse affords the best example amongst animals of perseverance: he will go on until he falls exhausted or dead. On the Yorkshire moors, after a heavy fall of snow, the roads are quite lost, and it often happens that the mailman has to unharness his horse (the cart being blocked by the snow), and trust to the horse's courage and endurance to carry the mails from village to village. It has been known that the driver has been overcome by the intense cold, when the horse has found his way unaided to the nearest accustomed stopping place.



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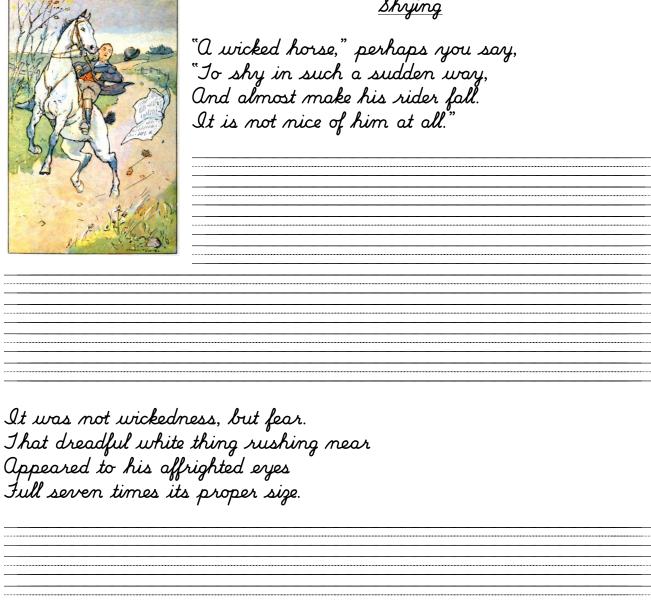
# Jibbing

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MAX TANAL	And nine times out of ten he chooses  An awkward spot when he refuses  Jo move. Jo cure him, take him out  And turn the jibber round about.	

#### <u>Service</u>

The Bus horse does not work all day,	
For if he did he'd waste away. He does his work and then is able	
To take a long rest in the stable.	
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When summer suns beat down upon it His head is sheltered by a bonnet; And though it makes him look a duffer, He hasn't half the heat to suffer.	

#### Shying



### Curiosity

All horses very curious are And things which they espy afar Arouse their curiosity:
They wonder what on earth they see.
With ears pricked up and cautious mien They come to see. When they have seen,
They snort and turn and off they scurry In a contemptuous desperate hurry.



#### Friendship

A beautiful racehorse became very much attached to a cat. So much so that he was never happy unless the cat was near him, either sleeping curled up on his back or somewhere in his stall. They became such close companions that when the horse was taken abroad to run in some races for which he had been entered, he became so dejected at being separated from his companion that it was found necessary that the cat should always accompany him in his horse-box wherever he went.



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### <u>Old Age</u>

This horse's working days are o'er	•
The shafts and saddle nevermore	
Shall hold him. Here he waits his e	nd (FE)
Cared for by those who love to tend	
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An old companion. He may rest In his loose box or take the best Of grazing which the meadows give	
a pensioner while he shall live.	