



**“Pretty Is As
Pretty Does”**

**M. Z. Tinker
(1834-1914)**

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S
The spi - der wears a plain — brown — dress, And she's a

A
The spi - der wears a plain — brown — dress, And she's a

T
The spi - der wears a plain brown dress, And she's a

B
The spi - der wears a plain brown dress, And she's a

5
S
stead - y spin - ner; To see her qui - et as a mouse,

A
stead - y spin - ner; To see her qui - et as a mouse,

T
stead - y spin - ner; To see her qui - et as a mouse,

B
stead - y spin - ner; To see her qui - et as a mouse,

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S
Go - ing a - bout her sil - ver house, You would nev - er, nev - er,

A
Go - ing a - bout her sil - ver house, You would nev - er, nev - er,

T
Go - ing a - bout her sil - ver house, You would nev - er, nev - er,

B
Go - ing a - bout her sil - ver house, You would nev - er, nev - er,

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S
nev - er guess The way she gets her din - ner.

A
nev - er guess The way she gets her din - ner.

T
nev - er guess The way she gets her din - ner.

B
nev - er guess The way she gets her din - ner.

S
She looks as if no thought of ill In all her

A
She looks as if no thought of ill In all her

T
She looks as if no thought of ill In all her

B
She looks as if no thought of ill In all her

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S
life had stirred her, But while she moves with care - less tread, And

A
life had stirred her, But while she moves with care - less tread, And

T
life had stirred her, But while she moves with care - less tread, And

B
life had stirred her, But while she moves with care - less tread, And

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S while she spins her silk - en thread, She is plan - ning, plan - ning,

A while she spins her silk - en thread, She is plan - ning, plan - ning,

T while she spins her silk - en thread, She is plan - ning, plan - ning,

B while she spins her silk - en thread, She is plan - ning, plan - ning,

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S plan - ning, still, The way to do ___ some ___ mur - der.

A plan - ning, still, The way to do some mur - der.

T plan - ning, still, The way to do ___ some ___ mur - der.

B plan - ning, still, The way to do some mur - der.

S My child, who sings this sim - ple ___ lay, With eyes down -

A My child, who sings this sim - ple ___ lay, With eyes down -

T My child, who sings this sim - ple lay, With eyes down -

B My child, who sings this sim - ple lay, With eyes down -

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S dropped and ten - der, Re - mem - ber the old pro - verb says, "That

A dropped and ten - der, Re - mem - ber the old pro - verb says, "That

T dropped and ten - der, Re - mem - ber the old pro - verb says, "That

B dropped and ten - der, Re - mem - ber the old pro - verb says, "That

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S pret - ty is which pret - ty does," And that worth does not

A pret - ty is which pret - ty does," And that worth does not

T pret - ty is which pret - ty does," And that worth does not

B pret - ty is which pret - ty does," And that worth does not

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S go nor stay, For pov - er - ty — nor — splen - dor.

A go nor stay, For pov - er - ty nor splen - dor.

T go nor stay, For pov - er - ty — nor — splen - dor.

B go nor stay, For pov - er - ty nor splen - dor.

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S 'Tis not the house, and not the dress That makes the

A 'Tis not the house, and not the dress That makes the

T 'Tis not the house, and not the dress That makes the

B 'Tis not the house, and not the dress That makes the

47 S saint or sin - ner, To see the spi - der sit and spin, Shut

A saint or sin - ner, To see the spi - der sit and spin, Shut

T saint or sin - ner, To see the spi - der sit and spin, Shut

B saint or sin - ner, To see the spi - der sit and spin, Shut

51 S with her web of sil - ver in, You would nev - er, nev - er,

A with her web of sil - ver in, You would nev - er, nev - er,

T with her web of sil - ver in, You would nev - er, nev - er,

B with her web of sil - ver in, You would nev - er, nev - er,

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S
nev - er guess The way she gets her din - ner.

A
nev - er guess The way she gets her din - ner.

T
nev - er guess The way she gets her din - ner.

B
nev - er guess The way she gets her din - ner.

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(1871)

Milton Z. Tinker (1834-1914) was born in Kingsville, Ohio, and grew up farming in the summer and attending the common schools in winter. He attended singing schools and musical conventions, then taught school and gave singing lessons. He attended the Normal Musical Institute in Chicago and studied with William Bradbury, C. M. Cady and others. He then began teaching musical conventions and institutions for a number of years. He introduced and superintended vocal music in the public schools of Terre Haute, Indiana, and held a similar position in Evansville, Indiana, for over thirty years. He was choir director at Walnut Street Presbyterian Church, leader of the Philharmonic Society, Lyric Society, and Ideal Opera Club. He is credited of instilling a sense of community in Evansville and fostering an arts culture. The Tinker Memorial Organ was installed in the town's coliseum in 1917 and the University of Evansville still holds a Tinker Memorial Concert. He wrote a number of songs and hymns. He died in Evansville.

The spider wears a plain brown dress,
And she's a steady spinner;
To see her quiet as a mouse,
Going about her silver house,
You would never, never, never guess
The way she gets her dinner.

She looks as if no thought of ill
In all her life had stirred her,
But while she moves with careless tread,
And while she spins her silken thread,
She is planning, planning, planning, still,
The way to do some murder.

My child, who sings this simple lay,
With eyes down-dropped and tender,
Remember the old proverb says,
"That pretty is which pretty does,"
And that worth does not go nor stay,
For poverty nor splendor.

'Tis not the house, and not the dress
That makes the saint or sinner,
To see the spider sit and spin,
Shut with her web of silver in,
You would never, never, never guess
The way she gets her dinner.

Alice Cary (1820-1871)

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