

THE KING AND THE SPIDER

Robert Bruce was a brave king of Scotland. He fought many battles against the English to win freedom for his country. Nevertheless, he could not succeed in his efforts. Once he was defeated so badly that he had to run away from the battlefield to save his life. He hid in a cave and began to ponder over the faults that had brought about his defeat. Finally, he decided to give up his struggle. While lying disappointed in the cave, he caught sight of a spider that was trying to climb up the wall to reach its cobweb. The spider fell down but began the climb again. It caught the attention of the king. The spider tried many times to reach its destination but could not. Every time it fell down, he tried with new zeal. It failed nine times but did not get helpless. The king thought that the spider would give up its attempts. However, to his surprise, he saw the spider climbing up the wall again. This time, it succeeded in reaching its cobweb. This event gave