

First thing Old Tom Hardscrabble, he grabs his fiddle bow, An' scrapes them there old fiddle strings—the young folks in a

Stands waitin' till he strikes a tune, a shottish or cowtillion,
An' then away they goes. By gosh! ef I was wuth a million,
I'd ruther dance that old hoe-down one night in fifty years,
Than 'tend a hundred "twilight balls" in comp'ny with my
peers.

I'd a durn sight ruther
Hear that red-faced, big
Jim Johnson holler:
"Git in an' dig!"

Fact is, them high-toned city folks so cultured is an' vain, So used to easy livin', an' so filled with proud disdain Fer country folks' old-fashioned ways, their hard work an' their small

Pretensions in the way of wealth, an' wit, an' all
Them qualities that makes one man surpass an' spurn his
brother—

Them city folks, they would, I say, a durn sight ruther
Not hear the caller,
Relentless, whirligig
Destiny, holler,
"Git in an' dig!"

ALLISON FRENCH.

