

# THE JUMP-UPS

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- 1.—Jim Jump-Up sadly watched his wife grow cultured day by day.  
Her voice was good; she learned to sing, and even learned to play.  
And every new accomplishment brought envy deep to Jim,  
Who felt that she was growing far superior to him.
- 2.—He tried to learn a dozen things—he even tackled singing,  
Until the neighbors all complained and started boot-jacks flinging!  
But still to find his "sphere" he strove with perseverance tragic,  
And finally he found it, as he thought, in Parlor Magic!
- 3.—Week in, week out he practised tricks and apparatus bought;  
Then showed his skill to Genevieve. 'Twas wonderful, she thought.  
'Let's have some folks to dinner, dear,' she said, 'and then, you know  
I'll sing and you'll surprise them with your clever magic show!'



- 4.—The dinner was a fine affair, and Jim behaved all right,  
And Genevieve sang afterward, to everyone's delight.  
Then Jimson placed Jim's box of tricks upon the parlor tabl  
And Jim began to give his show as well as he was able.
- 5.—Though Genevieve was nervous, Jim performed with easy skill'  
And made a great success until he said: "And now I will  
Present my most astounding trick. 'Twill startle you indeed!  
A lady's watch, a dozen eggs and one silk hat I'll need!"
- 6.—He borrowed Mrs. Bullion's watch and G. Howe Rich's hat,  
In which he placed the watch and eggs and mashed the whole mass flat  
And while they gasped in wild alarm he stirred it 'round and 'round,  
And said: "Now don't be frightened, please. The things are safe and sound!"
- 7.—"Now Mr. Rich, put on your hat. You'll find it dry inside!"  
And G. Howe Rich with smiles obeyed. Then, "Here! what's this?" he cried,  
For from it flowed a sticky mess and then a broken watch,  
And everyone was staggered, for 'twas plain there'd been a botch.
- 8.—Jim tried to calm his victims' wrath. No use! They left in rage.  
The other guests avoided him like something in a cage.  
He left the room, he sneaked upstairs, his bedroom door he shut.  
'I guess,' thought he, "my sphere in life is just to be a Mut!"