

THE JUMP-UPS

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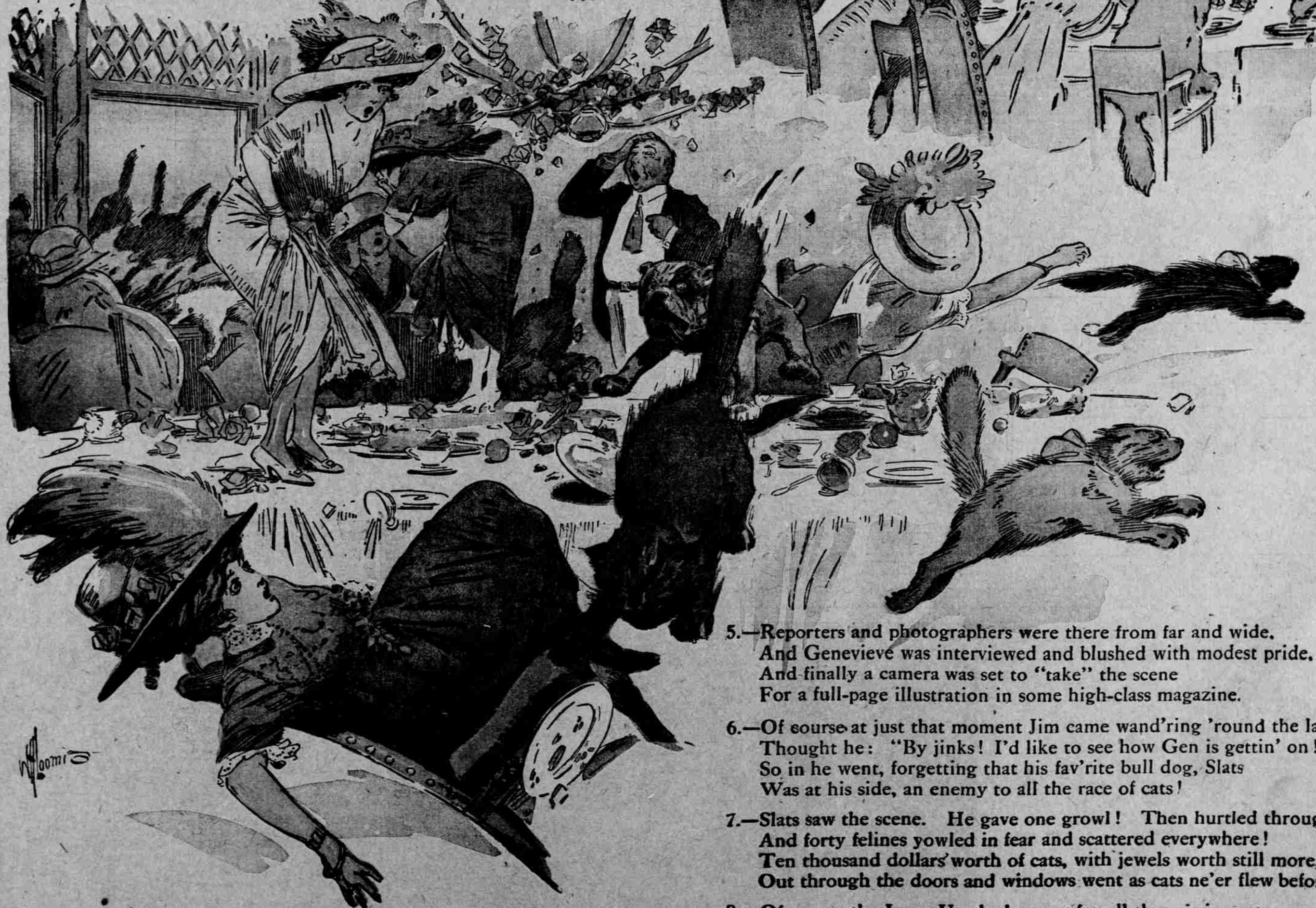
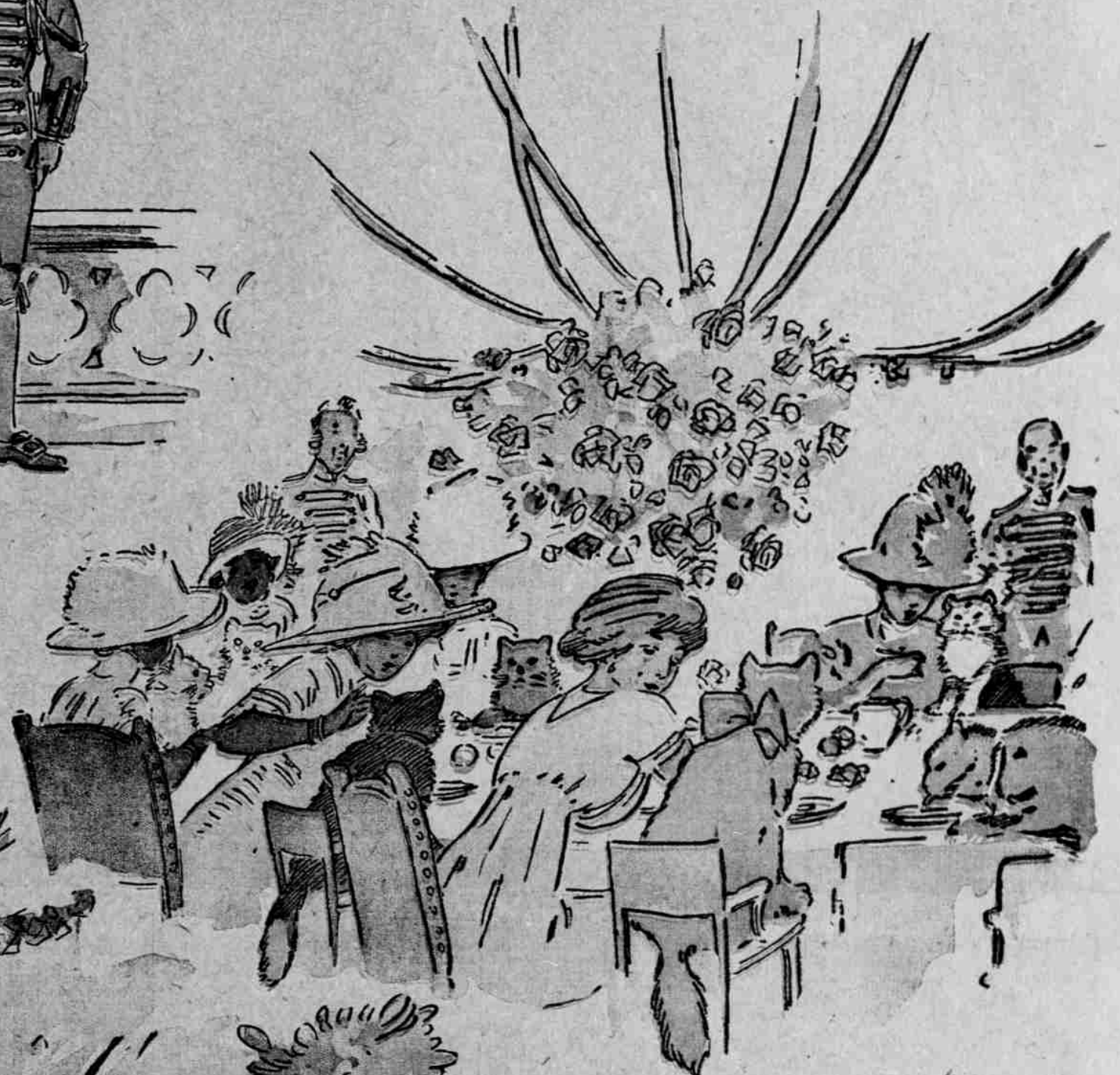
1.—The silly season had arrived—it comes this time each year—
When Newport startles all the world by doing something "queer";
So then behold fair Genevieve her pretty forehead knitting,
Some foolish and extravagant new "stunt" in hope of hitting

2.—At last a plan occurred to her which made her cry: "Oh, that's
The very thing! I'll give a tea to all the smart set cats!
All fashionable felines shall the guests of honor be!
The papers will be full of it and triumph I can see!"

3.—She sent her invitations out. Of course they caused a stir
And Mrs. Jump-Up smiled to hear the nice things said of her.
"And, Jim," she cried, "don't spoil it all! Take care, for mercy's sake!"
"I'll keep away, my dear," said Jim, "then I CAN'T make no break!"



4.—The pampered pets arrived in state. A wondrous scene they made,
Bejewelled cats from Persia, sleek Angoras gem-arrayed.
They sat sedately in their chairs, their mistresses beside them,
While with the choicest dainties servants, uniformed, supplied them!



5.—Reporters and photographers were there from far and wide,
And Genevieve was interviewed and blushed with modest pride,
And finally a camera was set to "take" the scene
For a full-page illustration in some high-class magazine.

6.—Of course at just that moment Jim came wand'ring 'round the lawn.
Thought he: "By jinks! I'd like to see how Gen is gettin' on!"
So in he went, forgetting that his fav'rite bull dog, Slats
Was at his side, an enemy to all the race of cats!

7.—Slats saw the scene. He gave one growl! Then hurtled through the air
And forty felines yowled in fear and scattered everywhere!
Ten thousand dollars' worth of cats, with jewels worth still more,
Out through the doors and windows went as cats ne'er flew before!

8.—Of course the Jump-Ups had to pay for all the missing cats.
"I wonder," muttered Genevieve, "dear Jim, 'twixt you and Slats
Which is the bigger numbskull, eh?" Said Jim, "Well, I've a hunch
That prize belongs to anyone who'd ask fool cats to lunch!"