

THE JUMP-UPS

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- 1.—One day said Genevieve to Jim: "My love, I have a plan.
You're just the style and figure for a country gentleman!
Go in for fancy farming, Jim, and have your specialties.
I've asked our English gardener and he rather fancies bees!"
- 2.—"Bees! I'd get stung!" exclaimed poor Jim. But Genevieve said, "No!
For Cropper is an expert and the way it's done he'll show!"
So Cropper next took Jim in hand and helped him spend his money
For bees and hives and Jim went in for making fancy honey.
- 3.—Meanwhile ambitious Genevieve went on her social way,
And finally her triumph came—a glad and glorious day!
The Van Der Billions were to dine with them, which marked, you know,
The Jump-Ups as belonging right in Newport's foremost row!
- 4.—She cautioned Jim: "Behave yourself and talk, if me you'd please,
Only on things you know about." Said Jim, "Well, I know bees!
I'll tell 'em all about 'em—how they work and spend their lives,
And if they like I'll take 'em 'round and let 'em see the hives!"
- 5.—So hardly had the guests arrived before Jim started in
Upon his hobby to enlarge and chanced somehow to win.
And Mrs. Van Der Billion said the bees she'd like to see,
So Jim escorted all of them as proud as he could be.
- 6.—"Now, Jim, take care!" cried Genevieve, as 'midst the hives they went,
For, knowing him, her heart was filled with some presentiment.
"Pooh, pooh!" laughed Jim, when, oh! just then against a hive he jibed,
And what occurred thereafter really cannot be described!
- 7.—There was a rush of wing-ed things! One chorussed shriek outrung
And stylish dames and moneyed snobs danced 'round as they were stung,
Then rushed away in wild dismay, their domiciles to seek,
To dwell and swell in arnica, secluded for a week!
- 8.—That night, discouraged, Genevieve, through puffed-up lids observed
Disfigured Jim and gazed at him all sadly and unnerved.
"Another party spoiled!" she cried. "A dinner wrecked pell-mell!"
"Gosh!" snickered Jim, "the way we look I'd say 'twas pretty swell!"