

THE JUMP-UPS

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- 1—Through all their troublous social climb, with triumphs more and more:
Jim Jump-Up ne'er had once forgot his old friends at "the store."
"By jinks!" he'd sigh, "them was good pals, friends of the good old day,
When I was just a shippin' clerk, and twelve a week my pay!
- 2—"I'd like to see 'em 'round this place. I'd love to show 'em through it!
If I could only ask 'em down—By jinks! I'm going to do it!"
So, saying naught to Genevieve (he knew what she would say),
He sent a letter to "the bunch," which asked them down, "some day."
- 3—In all the season's dazzling whirl there'd been no one affair
That with the Jump-Ups' fete champetre could very well compare;
For, helped by Mrs. G. Howe Riche, the Van Der Billions, too,
Dear Genevieve had planned it just to show what she could do.
- 4—The grounds were like a Fairyland, and through the groves dim-lighted,
Strolled Newport's fairest, finest folk, astounded and delighted;
When, as affairs were at their height, a sound broke on the night,
And up the road came something in a blaze of noise and light.
- 5—A brass band blared, sky rockets blazed, cheers echoed shrill and loud;
The swagger guests stood all aghast to see the coming crowd,
Led by a great transparency, which, as they nearer came,
Displayed: "THE JUMP-UP PICNIC CLUB," in letters all aflame.



- 6—Fat Oswald Schmaltz was in the lead, and as he spotted Jim,
He gave the crowd a signal and they made a dash for him:
"Hurrah for Genevieve!" they yelled. "And Jim, the same old cuss!
See how he's fixed the place all up to welcome folks like us!"
- 7—The guests, astounded, fled in haste, disgusted with the sight,
And Oswald Schmaltz and all his mob made horrible the night;
And when at last they went away from Genevieve and Jim
'Twould scarce look well to put in print the talk she gave to him!
- 8—"You wretch! You ruin all my plans!" 'Mongst other things she said,
"Now all those stylish, swagger folk will simply cut us dead;
No one will come to see us now!" Said Jim, "Well I ain't vain,
But I bet 'THE JUMP-UP PICNIC CLUB' would like to come again!"