

# CATS, Mungojerrie and Rumpelteazer

Mungojerrie and Rumpelteazer  
We're a notorious couple of cats  
As knockabout clowns, quick change comedians  
Tight rope walkers and acrobats  
They had an extensive reputation  
They make our home in Victoria Grove  
That was merely their center of operation  
For they were incurably given to rove  
If the area window is found ajar  
And the basement looked like a field of war  
If a tile or two came loose on the roof  
Which presently seems to be waterproof  
If the drawers were pulled out from the bedroom chests  
And you couldn't find one of your winter vests  
Or after supper one of the girls  
Suddenly missed her Woolworth pearls  
Then the family would say, "It's that horrible cat  
It was Mungojerrie or Rumpelteazer"  
And most of the time they left it at that  
Mungojerrie and Rumpelteazer  
Had an unusual gift of the gab  
They were highly efficient cat burglars as well  
And remarkably smart at a smash and grab  
They make our home in Victoria Grove  
They had no regular occupation  
They were plausible fellows who like to engage  
A friendly policeman in conversation  
When the family assembles for Sunday dinner  
Their minds made up that they wouldn't get thinner  
On Argentine joint, potatoes and greens  
Then the cook would appear from behind the scenes  
And say in a voice that was broken with sorrow  
"I'm afraid you must wait and have dinner tomorrow  
The joint has gone from the oven like that"  
The family will say, "It's that horrible cat  
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And most of the time they left it at that  
Mungojerrie and Rumpelteazer  
Have a wonderful way of working together  
And some of the time you would say it was luck  
And some of the time you would say it was weather  
They go through the house like a hurricane  
And no sober person could take his oath  
Was it Mungojerrie or Rumpelteazer?  
Or could you have sworn that it mightn't be both?  
And when you heard a dining room smash  
Or up from the pantry there came a loud crash  
Or down from the library came a loud ping  
From a vase which was commonly said to be Ming  
Then the family would say, "Now which was which cat?  
It was Mungojerrie and Rumpelteazer"  
And there's nothing at all could be done about that  
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