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A Frog among some rushes dwelt,
A bachelor was he;
No frog was ever so polite,
Or such a beau could be.

In passing near a cottage, once,
He chanced to look above,
And there beheld a pretty Mouse,
With whom he fell in love.

Her eyes and whiskers he admired,
Her coat of softest fur,
And wished to make her feel for
him
The love—he felt for her.



So he put on his scarf of red,
His opera-hat he wore ;
And, hopping to the house, he gave
A rat-tat at the door.

Mousey, as bashful as a miss,
Retired from Froggy's view,
But peeped at him from out her
hole,
As Froggy nearer drew.

Froggy approached, and doffed his
hat,

Then, bending on one knee,
Said—"Fairest Mouse, pray listen to
My tale of love for thee.

"In me, the wretchedest of frogs,
You see a love-sick swain;
Oh say,—you'll Mistress Froggy be,
And make me well again.

"I'm not like Rowley Powley, who
Once lived, folks say, at Green-
wich;

For I'm sincere; but he, you know,
Was gammon,—all,—and spinach.



“A tiny house I have, hard by,
'Tis built among the rushes:
You shall have dainties every day,
With hips, from wild-rose
bushes.”



Miss Mousey simpered and looked
prim,
Then, modestly, she said,
“ I do admire your yellow dress,
And handsome scarf of red.

“Oh, how can I resist that tongue?
Those eyes of golden red?
Your offer I accept at once,—
No other will I wed.”

No more was said, but arm in arm,
To church they hopped away,
Got married, and prepared a feast,
To grace their wedding day.

And to that wedding feast there
came

Some frogs of high degree,
And mice of birth illustrious,
And first-rate pedigree.

But what it was they feasted on,
We will not here record;
But, be assured, they had the best
The season could afford.



The feast concluded, toasts went
round,
In water from the rills ;
And then eight merry frogs and
mice,
Got up to dance quadrilles.

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