

THE NIPPER'S REPLY!

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Now all of you 'ave 'eard from my old man, About is nipper, that is who I am;

'E kids yer, that 'e's very proud o' me,

But strate – 'e's just as jellus as can be. When out with 'im, oh don't I cut a dash, 'E's got no chance with me, when on the mash; Some'ow it's me they allus seems to choose; Then off the old 'un goes, upon the booze.

The old 'un is a champion, as a 'boozer' 'e's a 'knockout' Gits very full, and leans against the wall; Then I goes 'ome to Sally, tells 'er my dear old pally Is quite unable to get 'ome, that's all!

At skittles I can do 'im any day, I always wins, and that's what makes 'im say I flukes, but still I don't mind tellin' you; I can use my 'dukes' a little bit it's true; I'll tell yer 'ow of that 'e came to talk, One day I takes "long Flossy" for a walk, The old 'un laughed at us as we went by, So for his impudence, I blacked 'is eye.

The dad says, "You're a champion, my eye you've nearly knocked out, You're very warm, tho' not so very tall."

I says, 'don't come that garden, you needn't beg my pardon, But – don't interfere with me again, that's all.

> 'E's told yer that 'e used to come 'ome tight, It's quite true, that it was so every night; The reason why 'e don't do as 'e did – 'E's got a 'olesome dread of me. (the kid) What I tells 'im to, 'e allus 'as to do, 'E be'aves 'imself much better now it's true, If 'E didn't, then of course there'd be a row I've told you all the truth about it now.

'E says "Jackey you're a champion, you really are a knockout, You can stand a drink as you say it's your call;"

"What'll yer 'ave? (Says I to mother, 'it's my turn, 'ave another," And now you know the truth, and so – that's all.

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