Fashionable Fred - song lyrics

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FASHIONABLE FRED.

Of me you may have read, I'm Fashionable Fred, And no matter where I chance to show my face, I'm looked on as the cheese, and all the girls I please, I'm a model swell of elegance and grace; Wire in and go ahead, then, for Fashionable Fred; Pit-pat's the way, and sharp about, the word; Give me sufficient cash, then see me cut a dash, For whatever's slow in my idea's absurd.

Chorus.

Yes, I'm just about the cut for Broadway,
To keep the proper pace I know the plan;
Wire in and go ahead, then, for Fashionable Fred,
I'm Fashionable Fred, the ladies' man.

My life, from first to last, has been jolly, gay and fast; In fact, to find a faster, you'd be teased; In everything I'm quick-the Yankees call it "stick;" I'm something like a flash of lightning greased; Yet, in any running ground, I'm game, you may be bound, To give a flash of lightning ten yards start; I'd run for twenty pounds, and ere we'd been twice 'round, I'd pass it like a bullet or a dart.-Chorus.

This is the age for dash, and all must come out flash, If in this world they try to make their way; If you wear a seedy dress, you'll find, to your distress, All your friends will quickly turn their heads away; Though I'm not worth a goat, I wear a decent coat, And rattle on and keep on going ahead; And all the world, you see, will fraternize with me, And soon pal in with Fashionable Fred.-Chorus.

Though in the Park I walk, and with the ladies talk, My tailors' bills I always like to run; I canter in the Avenue, and when to balls I go, I galop with the charming girls, like fun; With the times I keep apace and with them run a race-Still of them I am always found ahead; I'm ready for a lark, no matter light or dark, Up to any game is Fashionable Fred.-Chorus.