

# That's The Idea, Exactly - song lyrics

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THAT'S THE IDEA, EXACTLY.

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Now take a young girl who is entering her teens.  
That's the idea, that's the idea;  
She's anxious to marry a man of some means,  
That's the idea, exactly.  
She'll smile and she'll smirk, and quite modest she'll act,  
In doing so thinks she is showing good tact,  
But she always gets left in the end, that's a fact-  
Spoken-Grasp the idea?  
Grasp the idea? that's the idea, exactly.

The dudes of to-day are quite English, you know,  
That's the idea, that's the idea;  
They think that America's deucidly slow.  
That's the idea, exactly.  
They think our American actors are bad,  
They think that our ladies are boorish, by gad,  
But to stay in the land of the free they are glad-  
Grasp the idea? that's the idea, exactly.

We trust in the stronghold of banks every day.  
That's the idea, that's the idea;  
To our good, pious cashier our money we pay,  
That's the idea, exactly.  
But when we awake on some beautiful morn,  
With a way that is sad and a feeling forlorn,  
We find that to Canada our cashier has gone-  
Grasp the idea? that's the idea, exactly.

Jay Gould, with his millions at his command,  
That's the idea, that's the idea;  
With Vanderbilt's help would rule the whole land,  
That's the idea, exactly.  
Let workingmen rally and take a bold stand.  
And capital and labor go forth hand in hand;  
You'll then find prosperity throughout the whole land-  
Grasp the idea? that's the idea, exactly.

Of the Salvation Army we've had enough now,  
That's the idea, that's the idea;  
They'd own the whole world if the law would allow,  
That's the idea, exactly.  
Their ways are ridiculous, it must be confessed,  
Now I leave it to you if it wouldn't be best,  
To exterminate--- and all of the rest?  
Grasp the idea? that's the idea, exactly.

Young man, a few items I'd like to impart,  
That's the idea, that's the idea:  
'Twould be well to observe them and take them to heart,  
That's the idea, exactly.  
When your sweetheart and you on a sofa do sit,  
And when you hitch closer she don't hitch a bit,  
That's a very bad sign, and you may as well git-  
Grasp the idea? that's the idea, exactly.

You take your best girl to a party or ball,  
That's the idea, that's the idea;  
When supper time comes she's not hungry at all,  
That's the idea, exactly.  
The bread, ham or biscuit, she hardly will touch,  
But when ice cream is brought on her spoon she will take;  
Eighty-cent plates full don't worry her much-  
Grasp the idea? that's the idea, exactly.

When married, how quickly the honeymoon goes,  
That's the idea, that's the idea;  
And you come home some night with no power in your toes,  
That's the idea, exactly.  
You say: My sweet tootsy, I'm very near dead,  
Two glasses of buttermilk's gone to my head.  
With a broomstick how quickly she puts you to tied-  
Grasp the idea? that's the idea, exactly.

And as on life's journey we hasten along,  
That's the idea, that's the idea;  
And we meet some poor fellow who's down in the world,  
That's the idea, exactly.  
In the sea of misfortune he hardly can stand,  
Don't turn your back on him, but give him your hand,  
And firmly "stand by 'till he's safely on land-  
Grab the idea? that's the idea, exactly.