

AT THE TOP OF THE TOWN

The tale begins	
With Isaac Sturgess hurting his shins	farmer
Solomon Rawson has burnt his skins	mole catcher
Mrs Sturgess runs the boys	shopkeeper
Harry Gadsby sells the toys	general store
Ali Freeman sets the bread	baker
Mrs Gray keeps us well-fed	shopkeeper
Old Joe Eet is the town crier	roadman
Biddy Eet is the drinks supplier	roadman's wife
Fred Allen the bundle tier	sells wood
Fred Johnson grinds the axes	wheelwright
George Leigh Mace collects the taxes	carpenter and parish clerk
Liza Howe is tall and slender	shopkeeper
Levi Bailey is the britches mender	tailor

There are other well-known people mentioned in the poem but I do not know it all. I think it was written or made up about 1900.

J.E. Bailey

NOW 1980 AT THE TOP OF THE TOWN

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Chudley brothers keep dogs
Maurice Creamer sells logs
Don Green puts gates on tracks
Mr Piggot once used tacks
Mr Reeve skins no more
Mr Cooper carpets the floor
Mrs Druce has the paper shop
Tony Bell the sheep he chops
Kettering Co-op is a store
Brigstock Freezer shop sells some more
Bernard Pickering once had waggons
Mrs Dixon keeps the Dragon
Mrs Adams once sold stamps
Janette Fashions looks after scalps
Mrs Clayton sells drugs
Mark Will feeds hogs
Jack Allen is a farrier
That's where the road gets narrier.

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