

## *We and the Joneses*

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Firmament will hit our heads—the  
Ecos have the final word.  
Pending laws will give the First World  
Living standards of the Third.  
Wall that gorgeous fireplace off, for  
Soot and smoke go up a flue.  
Low-flow plumbing's in our houses,  
Flush three times for Number Two.  
Gas consumption's on a quota,  
No more weekends out of town.  
Once we kept up with the Joneses;  
We and they are now kept down.