We Have With Us Today Wild Animals I Have Known

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I may be no authority
upon the grizzly bear;
I've never pulled a leopard's tail or
combed a pumas hair;
But after all one doesn't need to take the trail
and roam
You'll find enough wild animals in easy sight
of home.

For playing bridge the other night, I trumped an ace, and gee
You orter seen the tiger look an old dame handed me!)

And when the missus found her notes which I forgot to mail
A panther never yielded up a more blood curdling wail.

A spotted adder bites itself in anger so they say
We'll just indorse somebody's note and then be forced to pay.

Though I've never seen a python squirm suspended from a tree
I've seen wild women "shimmy" which is much too wild for me.

The alligator is a beast of whom I'm very chary;
A little do I know about the peevish cassowary;
I gather it, from these remarks, you figure far
from strife
I lead a dull existence and a simple,
hum-drum life.

And yet I think the jungle wild must be a tame retreat
Compared to, say, Fifth Avenue at forty-second street.