

PIRUNPOJAN POLKKA

("Polka of the Devil's Son")

FORMATION: Couples stand in circle all facing center, girl on boy's right. All join hands, holding them at shoulder level with elbows bent.

STEP: Galop, polka.

DANCERS: Any number of couples.

PATTERN

FIGURE I: All dance eight galop steps to left (1-4), and eight galop steps to right (1-4).

FIGURE II: In regular dance position couples dance eight polka steps turning CCW and circle moving CW. This polka ("Savolainen polkka") is danced like normal Finnish polka, but the turning is just opposite to that done in ordinary polka (5-8:,:).

FIGURE III: Couples stand on circle, facing each other joined hands outstretched, elbows slightly bent. All listen quietly right ear to ear while fiddler plucks the strings of his violin (9-12). He should do this as many times as he likes, then suddenly start playing dance from beginning to wake up all couples who quickly form ring (closed circle) and repeat entire dance.