

Nor kin at Allamuchy;
But I till the soil at Papakating
And my name is Jones, John T.
The stranger man apologized.
"I'm sorry that I did
Mistake you, sir, for Mr. Smith.
Excuse me," and he slid.

It is the rural Jerseyman
Is stopped by a second of three.
"By thy waxed mustache and oriole chain
Now, wherefore stoppest thou me?"
"Hail to thee Jones of Papakating,
For it is the Jones I see.
Not know me? Not remember Brown?
Strange! strange! But I do thee,
Nor shalt thou leave me till thou'st quaffed
A loving cup with me;
Some news I would of Papakating
And our friends thereat that be.
The gin-mill's doors are open wide
And we must go therein;
A health I claim; come, give it a name,
Or Whiskey, beer or gin?"
And the farmer hear his fingers four
Hemmerly hoisted in.

And in that saloon the Jerseyman
Beheld a carl fu' drunk,
Who at the table in the rear
Had negligently sunk.
His beard was grizzled, his hair unshorn,
His eyes were red and bleary;
His whole appearance spoke him one
That drives the Texan steer,
And full well can grip the blacksnake whip,
A merry bullwhacker,
And still he chuckled and babbled eke
"There's a Jack, a Seven, a Three,
And spotting the Three, the Seven, the Jack,
Those gambollers plundered me;
Yes, this is the way those thieves did play
The sinful three-card Monte."
And over, and under, and over again
The three cards shuffled he.

And the bar-room loungers that gathered
round
Did wagers with him lay,
And which was the Three, the Seven the
Jack

Infalibly did say,
And he lost his pile with a drunken smile,
And muttered "Thazzerway!"
Then up and spake the pseudo-Brown,
Unto the Jones spake he;
"Drunk as a loon is yon Texan clown,
And possessed of much monie;
Others already are in the field—
Why here stand idle we?"
And who was it but the pseudo-Brown
To wager did begin,
And betted a O with the Texan clown
And eke the same did win;
And he nudged the Jones of Papakating
And bade him to go in.

But the gentle heart of the guileless Jones
Rebelled against this game,
Quotha, with a smile, "I will win his pile,
But will not keep the same,
But will it return with a lecture stern,
And put him thus to shame."
And lo! that Texan bullwhacker
The cards did careless spill,
And his nerveless fingers could not grasp
The Seven and Jack until
The cunning Brown had marked the Three
Plain, with his lead-pencil!

Then up and spake the guileless Jones,
"These bills I wager thee
That I can pick the Tray from out
The shuffled pasteboards three;"
And the Texan clown put his money down,
Saying, "Thou art meat for me!"
Over and under he threw the cards,
Under and over and back.
Jones placed his finger on the one
Scored with a cross so black.
"Tis the Three!" he cried, with honest
pride,
—And lo! it was the Jack!

It is the rural Jerseyman
Is stopped by a third of three.
"By that ivory leg upon thy cane,
Now wherefore stoppest thou me?"
"Hail to thee, Jones of Papakating;
How are all thy familie?
O, I have won a goodly prize
In the Cuban Lottery.
Come with me till I realize—
The ticket here may'at see—
Then safely I will guide the home,
For cappers had there be.

another postmaster. Luck ran against the
last incumbent at poker, and he grabbed a
\$125 "pot" so as to pay his expenses
home, threatened to blow off the head of any
one that prevented him and fled.

Philadelphia has a 16½ ounce baby—Estol-
la Pincus—on exhibition. She is fifteen days
old and is quite a curiosity. She is just
twelve inches long, her foot is an inch and a
half long, and her longest finger is but seven-
eighths of an inch. She can cry very lustily
and bids fair to give her parents the usual
amount of trouble.

Seth Green's experiment of stocking Lake
Ontario with shad has resulted in the hatch-
ing of millions of them; although they were
first put there seven years ago, they do not
grow to be above eight inches long, and are
not fit for food. They furnish excellent feed-
ing for pickerel and bass, and fishermen
complain that these fish will not take bait as
formerly, so stuffed are they with young
shad.

Dan Newman, of Sierra Valley, Cal., kill-
ed 205 blackbirds by emptying only two bar-
rels from a shot-gun into a flock of them the
other day. This may appear a very improb-
able story, but is vouched for by half a dozen
or so reliable witnesses. The birds were
huddled together in a grain field where a
threshing machine had shortly before been in
operation, when Newman fired at them, and
each shot seemed to have brought down a
separate victim.

A minister of the gospel was introduced to
Mr. Splan, at Kansas City, and in the course
of conversation remarked, "Mr. Splan, I
have heard a great deal about drivers being
bad men, but since meeting and talking with
you I must acknowledge there are excep-
tions." "Thank you," dryly remarked the
turfman. "Now, I live in Brooklyn, where
we hear a great deal about bad ministers,
and," with a smile, "since seeing you, I
too, acknowledge there must be exceptions."

The trump is turned over every door at a
new tavern in Belleville, Nev. When the
house was opened it was necessary to number
the rooms, but there was not a painter in
the town and not so much as a piece of
chalk could be found around the house. At
last a happy idea possessed the landlord.
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he began with the ace and continued up to
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bers for extra rooms the suit may be
changed.

Lake Champlain's sea serpent is vouched
for by Prof. Marks, of the University of
Pennsylvania, and Prof. Owen, of the Sher-
man Academy at Port Henry, N.Y. They
say that they saw the monster while sailing
a few days ago. It was moving through the
water at a rapid rate, having just back of the
head two large folds projecting above the
water, and at some distance, say fifty feet or
more behind, two more folds at what was
apparently the tail. As it passed along in
its course the head would go under the water
and lift itself above at a distance easily discern-
ible. The motion was similar to that of a
snake, sinuous and undulating. They could
easily distinguish the head as it appeared
above water and the motion of the folds. It
was within plain sight for some five or more
minutes. The smoothness of the lake proves
satisfactorily to the professors, that they were
not deceived in believing that the object was
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