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THE CLERICAL CONTROVERSY

Law massy sose, wy make zitch fuss

About a hi Church passon?

Let en alone, and, 'tis well known,

He will es downfal hasten.

The passons zay they can't obey

Jijments ecclesiastic,

But in the end, praps, thay will vend

Their conscience more elastic.

Zom ov em might, jist out ov spite,

Be plucky vor a sayson,

But them hot pay will have their zay

And bring em to their rayson.

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When livins vall, and thare's a kal,
They listen to distinguish
How many pound is in the sound,
Vaur they their own relinquish.

But when in pay they turn and zay,
"We are by Heaven apointed;
The Holy Ghost shall be our boast,
By Him we are anointed."

Then next thay zay, "You've got to pay,
And I shall be your master."
If this is zo, they'll surely go
To ruin al the vaster.

When sheep be shorn, and saved the corn,
The passon gets his quota;
But farmer vend that in the end
They've hardly one iota.

Zom be zitch flats, to tich their hats
To they that take their money;
And, while they work vrom day to dark,
The passon gets the honey.

If I employ a man or boy
To work in field or stable,
and give him pay, by week or day,
And feed him at my table;

I do expect he won't neglect
To do the thing I tell him;

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If he refuse, then I can't choose

Other than to expel him.

The passons praych, or rather taych,

Thay be in the succession,

Then tell this trash, that bread is flesh,

Through priestly intercession.

If you'll confess, they'll do their best,

That you may be forgiven,

And then they turn, and candles burn

To show the light of Heaven.

D'ye think Jan Bool is zitch a fool

To stand this thing much longer,

There'll be a spree, and ess shall zee

Which party is the stronger.

And they will stand, with hat in hand,

And cry, "O pray be lenient,

We've changed our mind, because we find

It will be more convenient."

HODGE.