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By Berton Braley.

My Uncle John is staid and straight

And thrifty as a Scot  
He works from early morn till late

And he has saved a lot.  
My Uncle John's without a doubt  
A man to pattern on  
But—I'm not very keen about  
My Uncle John.

My Uncle Jim's no model man  
He drinks to some extent,  
He lives upon a joyous plan  
And he's improvident;  
His word's no better than his bond

His usefulness is slim,  
And yet somehow I'm very fond

Of Uncle Jim.

Now Uncle John is good and true  
And worthy of my praise  
While Uncle Jim has made a stew  
Of life in many ways;  
But that wont change the temper of

My heart's peculiar whim,  
My Uncle John I praise; I love  
My Uncle Jim.

St. Paul man had two ducks,  
Met a friend, and in a spurt of  
generosity, said: "Here, have one  
of my ducks." They walked on  
together. Presently the friend  
said: "Let's drop in here and  
shake dice, my duck against  
yours."

J. P. Morgan, please note.