

DER GERMAN COBBLER

He Hangs Out a Sign and Becomes a Real Poet.

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"HANS," says Mr. Vogelestein ash he comes in to see me der odder day, "und don't find me mit no work on hand. 'You vhas some schackass.' 'What for?' I asks. 'Because you don't make yourself some peesness. Do you relief I would sit here like some bumps on a log if I vhas a cobbler? Not mooch! I haf ten customers before noon tomorrow.' 'Would you drag 'em in mit a rope?' 'Of course not. You come out in der back yard mit me while we drink der growler und I make it plain to you.' 'Dot night I put a sign in my window. She reads: 'Some poetry made oop for all customers while he waits, by der Sherman poet.' 'At 8 o'clock in der morning a woman comes in mit two shoes to be patched, und pooty soon she says to me: 'If I know you vhas a Sherman poet



MIT A WEED ON HIS HAT UND A SOLEMN LOOK.

I come in here long ago. You may go ahead und gif me some poetry." Und I look at her a minute und say: "Her eyes were like dot sky of blue, Und golden vhas her hair; Her form vhas like a willow tree, Und, oh, her face vhas fair!

"Her teeth vhas whiter dan der snow, Her smile as soft as summer, Und eafery man who looks at her Declares she vhas a hummer."

"Vhas dot me?" she asks as she looks around for a looking glass und tries to blush like a girl.

"It vhas, fair lady," I says. "Vhell, I haf six more shoes to fix oop, und you shall haf all my work. It vhas der best poetry I haf heard in twenty years, und I vhas quite proud of myself."

Der next vhas a man who vhas old und stiff in der knees und has gray hair, und he groans when he sits down. He vhas a lift on his heel, und he looks at me und says:

"Vhell, cobbler, if you haf some poetry on hand you can shoot her off. I tell you beforehand, though, I don't pay any extra for her. It vhas 15 cents for dis shoe und no more."

I vhas all ready for him, und I say: "He vhas a man up der prime of life, In der prime of life vhas he, Und der widows smile ash he goes by, Und like for his wife to be."

"He vhas a man who vhill love again, Und married again he'll be, Und der widow vhas rich ash Wanderbilt Und waiting at home for he."

When I speak dot poetry dot man looks at me for a minute und den says: "Cobbler, I relief you vhas a fool instead of a poet, but I haf changed my mind. No flies vhas on you. I said it vhas feefteen cents und no more for der shoe, but you can make it a quarter, und I bring you in some more work tomorrow. Of course some rich widow vhas waiting for me. Of course."

Dot third customer vhas a house-work girl mit a turned up nose und a freckled face, und she brings in a pair of shoes to be fixed und blushes und giggles. Py und py she says:

"Vhell, do I get some poetry too?"

"Of course," I says, und I lays down my hammer und looks at her und says:

"If I vhas young und free again Und looking for a wife To keep my house und make me proud Und go mit me through life,

"I'd seek a daisy shust like you, A pansy blossom rare, A girl mit spoch a form und face Dot other girls must swear."

"Do you mean dot, cobbler?" she asks me ash she shakes out her dress und smooths down her hair.

"Of course."

"Vhell, dot pleases me, und if der grocery boy likes me to go to anodder dance mit him he vhas thrown down. I look for some shentlemans after dis, und tomorrow I shall bring in a whole basket of shoes to be fixed oop."

Der fourth customer vhas a man mit a weed on his hat und a solemn look, und I know dot he loses his wife three months ago. Always before he goes by a dago to haf his shoes fixed.

"Do you invent some Sherman poetry, eh?" he says ash he sits down to get a cement patch.

"It vhas so," I says. "I neffer did care mooch for poetry, but if he vhas free you can go ahead." Und while I vhas heating oop der cement I says to him:

"Der vhas sighs und sorrows und heart-aches, Der vhas sighs und sorrows und woes, Der vhas days when joy vhas forgotten Und hope from her soul almost goes.

"But do not despair in your sorrow; Another vhas waiting for thee, Und almost before you know how it vhas You'll surely be married to she."

"Cobbler, what does dot poetry refer to?" asks dot man after a little while. "It vhas to you." "Do you know dot I haf sighs und sorrows und heartaches?" "I do, but dey vhas all gone arvhay 'n two or three months more, und—und—"

"Und what?" "Vhell, you shall marry again und be happy, of course. Sooch a man like you can't stay single und mourn around." "How mooch vhas dot patch?" he asks. "Feefteen cent."

"I shall pay you thirty und bring you in some shoes to be fixed oop. Yes, perhaps it vhas my duty to get oafier my grief und sorrow und look around a little, but I shall see about it. Meanwhile you needn't say nottings to nobody dot you make me some poetry."

Dot day more ash ten peoples come in to be customers und get some Sherman poetry, und dot night when Mr. Vogelestein comes back und I tells him how she vhas he stands oop und says:

"Dere once vhas a cobbler named Blank, Who cobbled avhay at a plank; No customers came, Mit expenses der same, Und he had no money in bank.

"One day when dis cobbler vhas sad Because of his peesness so bad, He turned into a poet, Und der vhay he did go it Makes all of his friends mighty glad."

M. QUAD.

His Bargain at the Altar.
It was his wedding day. Radiant in the newest of outfits, he started for the church with his best man. But his tight shoes hurt his pet corn, and it looked as though he would have to hobble up the aisle. The best man came to the rescue by escorting him to a nearby shoe store, where a larger pair was bought.

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Encouraging Him.
Borus—The scene of my latest story, you observe, is laid in an old mill. A good place—ha, ha!—for grinding out. Naggus—Yes, but you might have made a more effective use of the flour than you did.

Borus—Of the flour? How? Naggus—In thickening your plot a little.—Chicago Tribune.

His Love.
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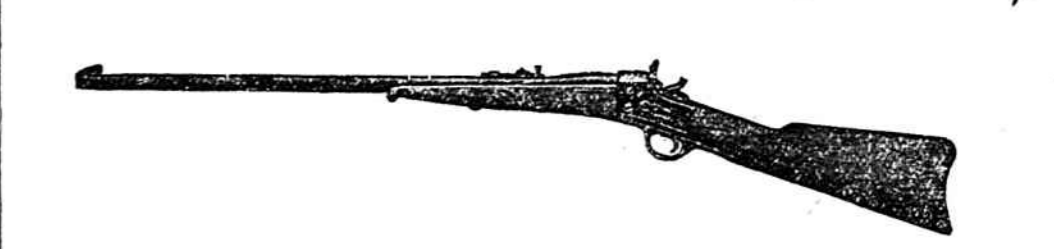
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