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Der German Cobbler And Cock Eyed Sam

He is Only a Tramp, but He Fats Hans Wise as to How to Increase His Business.

(Copyright, 1906, by Homer Sprague.) ONE day I don't have one single job of work in my shop, and I was smoking my pipe and wondering how long before I go by dot pourhouse when a tramp comes in. He has a man with a cock eye, and he has a hole in one shoe. I look at him from him and don't say nothing. He looks at me and don't say nothing. It was two minutes before he chuckles and says: "Everybody works but fadder, and he looks lonesome. How about dat hole in my shoe?" "It vhas more like a shoe in a hole," I says.



A FAT MAN COMES IN WITH TWO PAIRS OF SHOES TO MEND.

Now dot it vhas so big dot it takes in paying stones I like to have it fixed. "It vhas cash on der nail if I fix it." "It does better ash dot, old man. You tinker oop dot shoe for me and I shall put you next." "Next to what?" I asks.

"Next to a week's work. Say, cobbler, I vhas only an old tramp mit one eye cocked up and no hope of going to heaven when I die, but I know a thing or two. Listen to me." "Und we talk in confidence for half an hour. I mend his shoe and he makes me a sign to hang oop in my window dot night. Dot sign reads: For governor—Hans der cobbler, his platform—no trusts, no rebates, no graft. Bring in your shoes to mend and talk it over mit der people's candidate.

I don't think much of dot sign when it vhas done, and I tell der tramp so, but he smiles and says: "If it don't put you next I vhas a goat. You go to bed tonight to dream of angels. In der morning you shall have plenty of customers. My name vhas Cock Eyed Sam. It vhas my business to know public opinion. So long, Cully. See you later." I don't dream of any angels dot night, but I don't hardly swallow my breakfast in der morning before a fat man comes in mit two pairs of shoes to mend and says to me: "By George, but I have been waiting for dis for twenty years! So you vhas going to run for governor?"

"Und you vhas down on trusts and graft and rebates?" "I fall on 'em like a house if I vhas elected." "Good! Shake hands! Dere vhas a million people in dis state shunt like me, and you shall be elected shunt like grease. Fix oop dose shoes, und I bring you in some more. By golly, but we shall bust der grafters sky high."

When he goes out a young man comes in. He likes patches on two shoes. When I tells him how much it vhas he says: "Hans, let me say a kind word to you. Don't be too previous." "How vhas dot?" "Don't speak too much about grafting. It vhas all right. Everybody vhas in it, from der man who shingles der roof of a church down to der cook in der basement of your house. It has become an American custom. You can say you vhas to be down on murder, but go light on grafting. I vhas a public official. I don't steal I cent if you offer me a million dollars, but if I can graft a dollar now und den I do so to keep up to date."

When he goes out a woman comes in mit some children's shoes und says: "Hans, vhas dot sign right? Do you run for governor?" "Yes." "Und you vhas back on trusts, rebates und grafters?" "I vhas." "Den you vhas my candidate. Do you know I go by der butcher shop yesterday to get a chicken gizzard for my dyspepsia. I find all chicken gizzards in der hands of a trust, and nobody but millionaires can buy 'em. Must I suffer mit dyspepsia because I don't have carriages and diamonds und ten servants to wait on me? Not if my name vhas Mary Jane! I go in to make you governor und knock all trusts sky high. Hang out your banners und hurrah for our side!"

Der next person to come in vhas der coal man. He brings two old shoes der of his wife's und holds 'em out to me and says: "Hans, you see how it vhas mit der coal business. Everybody says we vhas a trust and grinding down der poor, but does dot look like it? My wife can't go to church because she has no shoes, und I have to walk because I can't afford to ride. I tell you it vhas all a mistake. Der peoples have got a wrong idea. It vhas der peoples who vhas grinding der trusts down."

"But you shump oop der price of coal when nottings vhas doing," I says. "But it vhasn't to make money. It vhas to teach people to place more value on der coal und keep it covered up avhay from der rats. Dere vhas so little money in der coal business dot I sell out und go to chopping wood. If you vhas governor don't make a

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fool of yourself. Come to me before you do anything und let me show you by my books dot I live on turnips on all last winter shunt to accommodate der peoples. "Poity quick when he vhas gone a man mit a real face comes in und slams a pair of shoes down on der counter und shouts at me: "Hans, don't you make some fools of yourself?" "How?" "By stirring oop der peoples. Nobody vhas complaining now. All vhas willing to be robbed by trusts, rebates und grafters. Here vhas some shoes to mend, und my boy shall bring some more. I vwant you to let me alone." "Und what business vhas you in?" I asks. "Der ice business. You know we have a very open winter und no ice around here. Dot makes prices high dis summer." "But dot vhas only some excuse. Ice vhas plenty all over New England." "But you keep still und your ice vhas half price. Dot vhas rebates. Der old man who kicks about rebates vhas der man who don't get any."

When der ice man goes avhay der milkman comes in. He has a wife und six childer, und he was never in my place before. He now has four pairs of shoes to be mended, und he smiles und says: "So you like to run for governor, eh?" "I do." "Vhell, dot vhas all right. Der peoples believe you to be an honest man, und you can depend on my vote. I see by your platform dot you vhas down on trusts."

"I shall make it hot for 'em." "Dot's right, Hans; make it hot for 'em, but at der same time don't make some mistakes." "How?" "Peoples vhas mistaken when dey speak about a milk trust. It vhas simply an organization to buy Bibles for der heathen in Africa. When der price of milk goes oop we buy more Bibles. Vhen der price of butter goes oop dot vhas to furnish hymn books. Every time you buy a pound of butter or a quart of milk you are helping the heathen. Please understand dot und don't fool mit der milk und butter business."

Der milkman goes out und der fat policeman comes in. He looks at me in a mournful vhay und says: "Hans, I don't believe you vhas any sooch man." "How?" I asks. "You like to take der bread out of my mouth." "In what vhay?" "You vhas going to be elected governor und stop grafting. How can der police force get along if you do dot? Do you like to see us all go by der pourhouse?" "I don't like it," I says. "But it vhas a custom. Everybody vhas used to it. Nobody complains. If a man finds me asleep in a saloon he grafts me. If I find somebody drunk I graft him. It vhas one hand wash der other, und nobody vhas hurt. Oop to dis time I make you fix my shoes for nottings. After dis I shall pay you. Go for der plumber und coal man, Hans, but give us honest nien a chance."

Dot day more ash twenty peoples come into my shop mit shoes to mend, und everybody vhas my friend. Just before I shut oop in der evenings der cocked eyed tramp comes around. He sees all der shoes to be mended, und he sees der smile on my face, und he says: "Cully, vhen you vhas in trouble consult a cock eyed man. Vhat he doesn't know about human nature you can't find out from der undertaker. A cock eyed man don't take a good photograph, but vhen it comes down to solid advice he vhas all dere und some'tings to spare." M. QUAD. A Bold Move. "I hate Jack," said the sweet young brother. "Ho's a gay deceiver." "Vhat has he done?" asked her friend. "He blew out the lamp the other evening und—" "And vhat?" "Left der roon."—Young's Magazine.

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Notice of Final Settlement. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, administrator of the estate of Henrietta Holtz, deceased, has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Washington County, his final account in the matter of said estate, and said Court has appointed Monday, September 24, 1906, at 10 a. m., at the Court Room in Hillsboro, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections to said final account and the final settlement of said estate. Dated this August 16, 1906. EDWARD SCHUMMERICH, Administrator of the Estate of Henrietta Holtz, deceased. Geo. R. Bagley, Atty. for Adm'r.

Dissolution of Partnership. Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between A. Mizner and W. E. Beard, doing business as the Banks Commercial Club, has been dissolved, A. Mizner retiring from the firm. All bills due and owing to the old firm must be paid to Beard & Galway, and all bills owed by the old firm will be paid by Beard & Galway. Dated at Banks, Ore., Aug. 22, 1906. W. E. BEARD.

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Executrix' Notice. Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned has been by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Washington County, duly appointed Executrix of the estate of David Purser, deceased, and has duly qualified as such. Therefore, all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present them to me together with proper vouchers at the law office of H. T. Bagley in Hillsboro, Oregon, within six months from date hereof. Dated at Hillsboro, Oregon, this July 17, 1906. HANNAH PURSER, Executrix of the Estate of David Purser, deceased. H. T. Bagley, Attorney for Estate.

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