Hans Hears a Tale of Woe From a Friend

The German Cobbler Listens to How Schmidt Was Bunkoed by a Book Agent.

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OT other day vhen I put a cement patch on a shoe und don't haf no more work my old friend Schmidt comes in

"Hans, if you look at me do you pe-Hef I vhas some greenhorns?" "Not on her life," I says. "Does

somepody calls you greenhorns?" "Yes-my vife. She says I vhas so green der cows eat me up. I don't pe-

llef it, und I like to ask you." "Does somet'ings happen to you pooty

"Vbell, maype. Do you ever hear of some pook called 'Dose Americans Who Make America?

"I don't pellef so. Vhas she like some family almanac mit der full moon in?" "No. She vhas two t'ousand pages big, und she haf two t'ousand pictures



OLDT SCHMIDT, YOU THAN TEN JACKASSES

of der biggest men in dis country. She vhas bound in calves, mit gold edges, und she last five hoonered years."

"By golly, but dot vhas better ash me ice cream! I like to haf a pook for five hoonered years. Don't she haf more ash two t'ousand big men in

"Shust two t'onsand and no spore. It tells who he vhas und all aboudt him, und vhen he vhas deadt his shildren read dot pook. I told dot agent to come down und see you. Maype you vhas hig enough to get in dot pook if you like to. Vhas he here?"

"If he vhas I don't see him. Did he speak mit you?"

"He did. Last week he comes in my place und says vhas I old Schmidt. I vhas. All right. He reads of me in der papers und comes up from Philadelphia to see me. He don't like to get dot pook oudt unless I vhas in him, und he shows me der names of one t'ousand big men. I see Shorge Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Grofer Cleveland und all sooch men."

"By George, but dot vhas great! Does he want some money to put you in dot pook?"

"Yes; one hoonered dollars. For one hoonered dollars I vhas on page 14, between Lincoln and Grant. Dot makes me ash big ash anypody, und maype I don't haf to pay fare on der street ears no more. I like you to be in dere, too, Hans, if you can pay one hoonered

"But I can't. I can't pay one hoonered cents. If I vhas a big mans, nopody vhill find him oudt. Does it please your vife dot you go in dot pook?"

"No. I speak to her aboudt it, but she says I vhas some fools und vhill get swindled. It vhas all jealousy. It vhas two t'ousand big men und no women, und dot makes her mad."

"But you go in der pook all der same?" I says.

high, but if you whas a big mans you Journal. don't mind it. Yes, I goes in dot pook und der agent writes me oop. I come in to show you. Listen to dis:

"'Dot oldt mans Schmidt vhas born vhen he vhas a young mans he comes his coat.

"'He vhas poor und proud und respectables, und he work in a grocery for \$8 a month In two years he vhas like Shorge Washington.

"'Vhen he grows cop to own dot grocery der peoples like to run him for alderman, but he don't care for office,

and he whas some honest mans. "'He has one wife, who vhas a treasare, und his only son, Joe, vhill climb eop to der top if he keeps on like he

Thas. "'Mr. Schmidt can't ride a bicycle nor cut some pigeon wings on roller skates, but he vhas good natured.

cheerful und ready to help others. "If some war breaks oudt in America be vhill be found alongside der pa triots, a gun on his shoulder, a flag in his hand und a wish to perish in his enthusiastic heart. Don't you make no

mistake on oldt Schmidt. "'We like to say aboudt dis great mans dot he vhas some greenhorns vhen py he vhas so smart dot nopody can seconles try to swindle him efery day. for 25 cents per hour.

Cot of vhas all in vans

"'Finally we like to say of dis mans dot he vhas ash big ash Washington. ash good ash Lincoln und ash brave ash

Zenophon as a Dog Fancier. Xenophon opens his disquisition on hounds by an enumeration of all the defects, physical and moral, which a hound should not possess, wherein it is easy to recognize all the failings which are still among us. Leggy bounds, weedy hounds, flat sided hounds, flat footed hounds, undersized hounds, headstrong bounds, flashy bounds, sulky hounds, dwellers, babblers, skirters-all are faithfully portrayed and uncompromisingly condemned. "Hounds with such faults as these, whether due to nature or to bad training, are of little worth. They are enough to disgust even a truly keen sportsman."

A good hound should have a light, small, sinewy head, a long, round, flexible neck, broad chest, free shoulders, straight, round, wiry fore legs, straight knees, round sides, muscular loins, full flanks, but not too full. His thighs should be firm, compact and well let down, his feet round and his stern long, straight and tapering. Such is Xenophon's description of a good bound. It seems to us not amiss for the fourth century before our era.

Chicory.

"The reason that the root of chicory, the blue flower which covers waste places all over the northwestern states is not a good substitute for coffee is that we have no alkaloid in chicory." said a Chicago chemist. "Moreover, we have no oil. Chicory contains a quantity of resinous matter and a quantity of matter closely resembling the narcotic principles obtained from the common lettuce. The milky juice contains a narcotic element. Although not eligible as a substitute for coffee chicory can be used for adulterating coffee, and many people who get accustomed to the taste of the mixture prefer it to pure coffee. In former times the prejudice against chicory was so great that English laws were passed against adding it to coffee, but I be lieve there is no restriction in England or elsewhere now. The use of chicory never got enough footbold in America to make it significant in the volume of trade."-Milwaukee Free Press.

Bench, Bar and Beard.

The regulations for shaving observed in the bench and bar probably come down from Roman times, and the history of the custom among that people is a curious one. Pliny says that beards were universally cultivated as a matter of course till about 300 B. C., when Sicilian barbers, who probably acquired their art from Greece, first came to Rome and Sciplo Africanus set the fashion or snaving every day. Thenceforward it became so much the vogue in good society that the term parbaus, outlandish, was long supposed to mean bearded, in allusion to the un kempt hair of uncivilized nations. Increased accuracy in etymology has shown the real meaning to be akin to balbus, stammering, in allusion to their uncouth speech. For three centuries barbers had it all their own way in Roman circles. Then came the Emperor Hatrian, who, as Plutarch affirms grew his beard to hide some ugly scars, and forth with it became the mode. Lawyers and priests, even more conservative in their observances than other folks, continued to shave; hence, it is supposed, came the traditional practice of the English bar, through the law courts of Italy and France .-London Globe.

King James' Books.

Some very fine binding was executed for King James I., who during his entire life was an enthusiastic patron of letters and art. In some of his books the thistle is introduced with heavy corner pieces and the arms in the center. One fine piece of work now in the British museum is in bright brown calf powdered with fleur-de-lis. Another folio in crimson velvet has the arms of England embroidered on both sides with gold thread on a groundwork of yellow silk. The king's initials are worked above. The lettering is in leather, and the boards are tied together by red ribbon, constituting a regal book in every particular. John Gibson, in Scotland, and the Barkers, in England, were appointed to be the king's binders, but there is little trace "Shust der same. Der price vhas of their work now extant.-Chambers'

London's Chimney Sweeps.

On May I all the chimney sweeps in London were for years treated to a in Shermany a long while ago, und great feast by the Montagu family of Portman square. The custom originatcafer to America mit brass buttons on ed with Lady Mary Wortley Montagu about the year 1722. This famous English authoress had a son - Edward Wortley Montagu-who is known in history for eccentric life. Having been sent to Westminster school, he ran away three times. On one of these flights be changed clothes with a little chimney sweep and spent a long time with the sweeps as one of their profession. His parents hunted for him all over the country. At last his hiding place was discovered, and he was restored to them. This happened on May 1, and in commemoration of the happy day Lady Montagu every year afterward until her death gave a feast to the sweeps of London. The Montagus continued this custom through all the following generations, and now May 1 has become a general boliday for sweeps.

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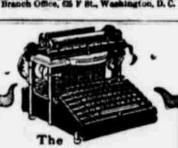
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