

## Confidence Talks With Cobbler Hans

People Tell Him of Their Troubles  
and He Helps Them  
Out of It.

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If you vhas a blacksmith you vhas too noisy; if you vhas an undertaker you vhas too solemn; if you vhas der ice man you vhas too cold hearted; if you vhas der coal man you vhas in der combine. It vhas when you vhas a cobbler and all alone in your shop dot peoples come in and gif you der confidence and vhas some sympathy. I keep in my window all der time a sign reading:

"Here vhas some sympathy and confidence for all. Come in and tell der cobbler all about it."

Und peoples come in almost every hour, und everybody brings some shoes to mend. I just get my shop open der odder morning when a woman comes in mit her shoes in her hand und tears



"MIT SHOES IN HER HAND UND TEARS IN HER EYES."

in her eyes. She vhas short und fat und motherly, und she had been weeping.

"Hans, talk to me in confidence," she says as she hands me der shoes.

"Vhat vhas der troubles?" I says.

"Shust der same ash for five years past. My husband says I vhas too short und too fat. He makes fun of me und calls me names. Dis morning he says I better go mit some side show ash der fat wamans. He says I don't have some soul in me. He says I can't tell der difference between a glorious sunset und a hog in a pen. If I shake der house when I walk he calls me an earthquake. Hans, my heart vhas broke, und I don't know vhat to do."

I let her cry for five minutes, und den I says:

"My dear wamans, you don't do nottings. I haf seen your husband, und I know he vhas a runt of a man who don't weight a hundred pounds. He vhas shealous of you."

"But am I not too fat?" she asks.

"You vhasn't fat enough. Venus weighed ten pounds more than you do. When she gets into a street car dot end of it sinks down. She has an arm like a hitching post, und it vhas so far around her dot a child gets tired of walking. Shakespeare says, 'Gif me a fat woman und I will gif you an angel.' Vhas dot husband of yours a bigger man dan Shakespeare?"

"But don't I have some souls and sentiment?"

"More ash a carload, my good wamans. Your soul vhas ash big ash a whole calfskin, und I bet you don't go down to Coney Island und see der waves break on der beach mitout you make oop some poetry."

"Yes, dot vhas so. Last week when I vhas down dere I come home und write:

"I stood upon the sandy shore;  
The tide was full and high,  
And my enraptured gaze beheld  
A dead horse floating by.

"I read dot to my husband, und he says it vhas no poetry—nothing spirituelle about it."

"Dot vhas shealousy some more. He can't write poetry himself, und so he don't vhas you to. A dead horse vhas spirituelle if he vhas of der right color. Go hope, young wamans—go home und know you vhas all right. Vhy, if some one comes here und says to me vhas dere some wamans around here to be an angel in a procession I mention your name first of all. Yes, sir, you bet, und der newspapers fall over each odder to get your picture."

"Hans, you vhas der best man living," says dot wamans. Und when she goes out she vhas smiling und making some dimples in her fat cheeks.

Dot same day an old man comes in to have a cement patch on his shoe for 15 cents. He sits down mit a grunt und don't say nottings for ten minutes. Den he speaks oop:

"Cobbler, I vhas counting a widow wamans. I belief I spend one hooered dollars in one year buying her presents. She says she vhill marry me, but when she finds I don't own some brewery she throws me down. When I talk back to her she calls me an old fossil und says, 'I have one foot in der grave, und dot never in her life vhill she marry her granddather.'"

"Und dot hurts your feelings, eh?" I says.

"Mebbe it does. Cobbler, be honest

mit me. Vhas I a baack number? Vhas I on der brink of der grave?"

I loog at him for two minutes. He vhas more ash seventy years old, und he looks to be ninety. I looks und looks, und den I laughs und says:

"My boy, when you come into dis shop a few minutes ago I belief it vhas a young man who had knocked der heel off his shoe. If you vhas over forty-five I eat oop all my sole leather und let der trust rob me some more."

"Hans, I vhas depending on you."

"Und so you can, but you can never, never depend on some widow wamans. She like to marry you for your property. She likes to be rich und swell around und have it in der papers dot she kill somebody mit her automobile. When she finds you vhas no Vanderbilt she vhas mad und speaks out. Vhy, I have been through dot same mill ash much ash ten times."

"Und I vhas all right?" he says as he begins to smile.

"Nobody could be righter. Vhy, mans, you shall marry twice yet before you die. Let dot selfish, disappointed widow wamans go by Texas und do you hunt oop some young girl to be your wife."

"Hang me if I don't. Say, cobbler, your head vhas screwed on der right vhay. If I talk mit President Roosevelt I don't belief he do me so much good. Take a quarter for dot patch und say nottings to nobody. When I get married I send you a bottle of wine."

Und den comes in a young man. He tries to be very flip ash he says he vhas some lifts put on his heels, but I can see dot he haf some troubles on his mind. I don't say nottings, und he whistles und sings for ten minutes. Den he drops his voice down und says:

"Cobbler, vhas you ever in love?"

"Twenty different times, my son."

"Und did you ever ask a girl to marry you?"

"Der same twenty."

"It vhas all right if you vhas in love mit a girl, but how can you tell if she vhas in love mit you?"

"Dere vhas one hooered ways. If dot girl lets you hold her hand while you vhas ridin en der street car she vhas in love mit you und you can bet on it."

"Yes, I think the same. But suppose she'd laugh at me when I asked her to be my wife?"

"Young man, don't you be afraid. Der good Lord put males und females into dis world to mate. He put men und wamans here to love und marry. Dere vhas some Shacks for all der jills. Dot girl vhas shust as anxious to marry ash you vhas, only she must wait to be asked. How far avhay does she live?"

"Right around der corner."

"Vhell, here vhas a pair of shoes for you to put on. You go right around der corner und ask her to be your wife."

"Lord, cobbler, but dot vhas awful soon!"

"Marriage vhas like a boil. Der sooner it comes to a head der better. Don't be red in der face. Don't get der shakes. Don't stop around ash if you vhas going to have a tooth pulled. Shust walk right oop dare und be back in feefteen minutes."

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he vhas back, und sooch a happy man I never saw. He shakes me by one hand und by both hands, und he gives me half a dollar extra, und when he goes avhay joy sticks out all over him. Maybe I make more money if I vhas president of a trust und rob der peoples all I could, but a little shop und der good will of der peoples vhas enough for me shust now.

M. QUAD.

### Honeymoon.

The Bride—George, v-what was that last station the brakeman called out?

The Bridgroom—I don't know, my dear, but what's the use to find out? Every station is Paradise with us just now.—Chicago News.

### Why Not?

Munn—I discovered a curious thing about one of my hens the other day. She eats ticks.

Chausen—And lays carpets?—Judge.

### Thirsty Weather.



The Gentleman on the Hill—Had any breakfast?

The Gentleman on the Fence—Not a drop.—Sketch.

### Rosa's Parakeets.

Rosa weeth her parakeets  
Tal da fortune een da streets.  
Geeve her nva cent an see  
W'at your fortune gona be.

Leetla birds so smart, so wise,  
Soet een cage an' weenk der eyes.  
Seetin' een a row dey wait  
Teel she ope da leetla gate.

An' she tak' wan on a stoek,  
Keesa hee man' mak' heem peock  
Fortune card out weeth hee beak.  
W'at da card ees say to you  
Mebbe so ees gon' com' true.

Som' day mebbe I weel see  
W'at my fortune gona be.  
Eef I could be parakeet,  
Dat she eesa keesa so sweet  
I am sure I would be wise  
Jus' for lookin' een her eyes.  
Mebbe so I be so smart  
I find fortune een her heart!  
Dat's a kinda fortune, too.  
Dat I weesh ees gon' com' true.

—T. A. Daly in Catholic Standard and Times.

### Wounds, Bruises and Burns.

By applying an antiseptic dressing to wounds, bruises, burns and like injuries before inflammation sets in, they may be healed without maturation and in about one-third the time required by the old treatment. This is the greatest discovery and triumph of modern surgery. Chamberlain's Pain Balm acts on this same principle. It is an anti-septic and when applied to such injuries, causes them to heal very quickly. It also allays the pain and soreness, and prevents any danger of blood poisoning. Keep a bottle of Pain Balm in your home and it will save you time and money, not to mention the inconvenience and suffering such injuries entail. For sale by Frank Frank and leading druggists.

Morning Astorian, 60 cents per month, delivered by carrier.

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# CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING.

## HELP WANTED.

WANTED—POSITION WANTED BY girl to do light house work. Inquire 308 Alameda Avenue. 10-9-06

GIRL WANTED TO WORK IN BOARDING house. Mrs. Joe Brown, 181 7th St. 10-4-34

WANTED—SALESMEN. MANY MAKE \$100 to \$150 per month. Some even more. Stock clean; grown on Reservation, far from old orchards. Cash advanced weekly. Choice of territory. Address Washington Nursery Company, Toppenish, Washington. 9-25-06

WANTED—ENERGETIC, TRUSTWORTHY man or woman to work in Oregon, representing large manufacturing company. Salary, \$50 to \$80 per month, paid weekly. Expenses advanced. J. H. Moore, Astoria, Oregon. 9-29-06

WANTED—LADY OR GENTLEMAN of fair education to travel and collect for firm of \$250,000 capital. Salary, \$1,072 per year and expenses. Salary paid weekly and expenses advanced; references required. Address, with stamp, J. A. Alexander, Astoria, Or.

## FURNISHED ROOMS.

FOR RENT—THREE FURNISHED housekeeping rooms. Apply 121 6th St. (10-7-04)

FOR RENT—REASONABLE—FURNISHED room, private family. Inquire 724 Exchange. 9-26-06

WANTED—TO RENT UNFURNISHED house of 5 or 6 rooms, centrally located. Address J 20, Astoria. 9-27-06

FOR RENT—FURNISHED ROOM IN private family. 677 Exchange. 9-28-06

FOR RENT—FURNISHED ROOM. Front room, bath, phone, price reasonable. Corner 2nd and Astor. Private home. 9-28-06

FOR RENT—FURNISHED LODGING house. Address Ennes DeMett, Astorian office. 10-11-06

## LOST AND FOUND.

LOST—A GOLD BADGE, ST. ANDREW'S Cross with crown V. R. on reverse side; Elinor N. Carmichael. Five dollars reward will be paid for its return to Mrs. Julius Davis, 175 9th St. 10-7-06

## PROPOSALS.

PROPOSALS FOR BEEF AND MUTTON. Vancouver Barracks, Wa., Oct. 2, 1906—Seals proposals for furnishing and delivering fresh beef and mutton for six months, beginning Jan. 1, 1907, will be received here and at offices of commissaries at Fort Stevens, Ore., Boise Barracks, Ida., Forts Casey, Columbia, Flagler, Lawton, Vancouver Barracks, Walla Walla, Ward, Worden, and Wright, Wash., until 10 a. m., Nov. 1, 1906, and then opened. Envelopes containing proposals should be endorsed, "Proposals for fresh beef and mutton to be opened Nov. 1, 1906," and addressed to commissary of post to be supplied, or to Lt. Col. George B. Davis, Chief Com'y.

## NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the committee on streets and public ways, city surveyor and the superintendent of streets, have filed a certificate of the completion of the improvement of 7th street, from the south line of Niagara avenue, to the north line of Bay avenue, by E. A. Gerding, the contractor, and unless objections are filed against the same, the same will be accepted by ordinance at the next regular meeting of the common council.

OLOF ANDERSON,  
Auditor and Police Judge of the City of Astoria.  
Dated September 29, 1906. 9-29-34

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