

DER GERMAN COBBLER

Turns to Palmistry as a Means of Increasing His Business.

MAKES A SUCCESS AT IT TOO.

Tells a Woman Customer Many Nice Things About Herself, and She Compliments Him Highly—No Poorhouse For Hans Just Yet.

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Dot lettie German tailor comes into my shop der odder day when I don't haf much to do und looks around und says to me:
"Hans, gif her oop."
"What vhas it?" I says.
"Gif oop der cobbler peensness und go back to Germany. You don't understand der American peoples und can neffer get along here."
"But can I make a man come to my shop if he don't want to?"
"Of course you can. Dot vhas der secret of success. Dot vhas der way I make all my money und vhas now a



"YOU ARE ALREADY IN LOVE"
dig man in my vvas. I vvas peensness by cleaning one pair of pants for a customers. When some other don't come in I make 'em come. I hold out inducements. I learn der tricks of der trade. No, Hans, you vvas too odd. You don't haf der brains in your head. I vvas sorry for you, but you had better go back to der old country und say dot you vhas a failure."
Dot tailor he swells out his chest und puts his hat on his ear und goes away, und I do some thinking. Maybe I vvas a failure, und maybe I haf a trick oop my sleeve. Dot eveninns before I go to bed I make a sign und hang her oop in der window. She reads:
Free to All Customers.
"Palmistry! Palmistry! Palmistry! She vvas Free to All Customers! Come In!"
Vhell, I get oop early und shust haf my breakfast eaten when in comes a mans mit a pair of shoes in his hand. He lifts two blocks avhay. He laughs a liddle und says:
"Cobbler, dose shoes need fixing oop und I brings 'em to you. Vhat foolishness vhas dot about palmistry?"
"It vhas no foolishness at all," I says.
"Do you mean dot you can tell me somethings by my palm?"
"Certainly! Let me haf your hand! Your wife vvas dead und you vvas thinking of marrying again."
"Come, now," he says as he gets red in der face. "Some one around here tells you dot my wife dies two year ago."

"Not at all, I see it in your hand. You shall marry again before six months. She vvas an awful nice woman. She makes you very happy. Do vvas all."
"It vvas foolishness, of course," he says mit a laugh. But when he goes out he says dot he chill patronize my shop right along after dis."
I don't believe he vvas around der corner when a woman mit two pairs of shoes comes in. She runs so fast dot she can hardly speak.
"Oh, cobbler, but you don't mean it," she says.
"For sure! If you vvas a customer, gif me your hand to look at."
"But I neffer haf my fortune told before, und maybe you tell me dot I vvas going to die."
"I don't believe so. Let me see. No, you shall live to be ninety-three years old. You don't haf some family. You vvas vhat dey calls a grass widow. Your husband runs avhay. Vhell, in two months from now you shall hear dot he is dead. Dot leaves you free to marry again."
"How wonderful! How wonderful!" she says.
"You are already in love mit another man. You shall marry him und be one of der happiest women in der land. It looks to me in your hand here dot you shall have a carriage und diamonds."
"Cobbler, if all dot comes true, do you know vhat I shall do for you?" she says as she blushes und laughs.
"No."

Calls Him a Nice Man.
"Vhell, I bring you one hundred pairs of shoes to mend every year und make all my friends trade mit you. I don't know when I haf seen as nice a man as you before."
It vvas all easy enough. She vvas no customer of mine before, but I see her on der street many times und ask about her. She vvas gone five minutes when a man who lives three blocks away und lends money vvasks in und looks around und says:
"Cobbler, here vvas a pair of patent leather shoes dot need fixing oop. I vvas going to take 'em to a dapo, but he cheats me der last time. You may take 'em. Dis vvas fine weather, eh?"
"Very fine."
"Und peensness vvas good?"
"I can't make some complaints."
"Oh, by der vway, vhat about dis palmistry? It's a fake, of course—something to catch silly women."
"Let me look your hand und see. Your wife vvas not a well woman. You go out nights a great deal. You haf children, but you vvas not happy. Sometimes you think dot if you vvas married again—"

"You can stop right here," he says. "Vhell, it vvas in your hand; also dot a tall woman mit blue eyes und light hair—"
He pulls his hand avhay und walks around der shop und whistles und den says to me:
"Cobbler, you shall tell nobody vhat you saw in my hand."
"Of course not. It vvas strictly confidential."

Warned to Be Careful.
"If you tell somebody I break your neck. If you tell nobody I bring all my shoes here to be repaired."
Den it vvas a woman again. I know dot her husband keeps a grocery, und I know dot she flirts mit other men. I see her do it on der street car one time myself. She comes tripping in und says:
"Cobbler, I haf some shoes to be mended, und, hearing dot you vvas a good workman und a Christian man, I bring 'em to you. I never patronize robbers und murderers if I know it."
"Thanks, ma'am."
"I don't come in about dot palmistry, of course, but now dot I am here I may ask vhat about it?"
"She vvas all right, ma'am."
"Where you learn it?"
"In der Black forest, in Germany."
"Oh, I never see dot kind before. Here vvas my hand. Tell me how she vvas."
"Madam, I says after looking at her hand about a minute, "you vvas admired by many men."
"How foolish! Ha, ha, ha!" she laughs.
"Your husband vvas a good man, but he vvas too slow. He don't haf appreciate you."
"Tush! Tush!"
"You should haf been der wife of a gentleman und a rich man. You should haf diamonds und a big house und go to Europe. You should be in der society, where all can see und admire. I believe dot more ash one hundred men in dis city admire you."
"You must not talk such things," she says, mit a laugh und a blush. "Vhell, I shall bring in more shoes. I see it vvas true dot you vvas a good mans und a Christian."
She goes out mit a goodby, but in a minute she comes back und says:
"By der vway, don't speak to somebody about me."
"Of course not."

Calls Palmistry a Fake.
"Palmistry is all a fake, of course, but if you should tell others vhat you haf told me it would get to my husband, und he wouldn't like it a liddle bit. I may tell you dot he is jealous of me, though I never gave him the slightest cause. I shall depend on you dot."
How many folks do you believe come in dot day? Over thirty, und all haf shoes to mend und hear some palmistry. When night had come dot lettie tailor shows oop to see if I vvas in der poorhouse. When he sees all dem shoes und hears my story he looks at me a long time und den says:
"Vhell, it seems dot even a fool can get along in America!" M. QUAD.

MODES OF THE MOMENT.

Brocades with raised figures are worn for dressy occasions.
The rage for buttons is on the increase and appears in the most inconsequent guise even on millinery.
Medallions of velvet, all delicately outlined in gold thread, are a feature of the dressy gowns of the season.
Velvet is going to have an immense vogue this winter, and few women will have a dress of velvet, chiffon or tulle.
Foulard makes an excellent material for the lounging robe. It wears well and does not soil easily, nor does it wrinkle. It can be made up so that it answers the purpose of lounging robe and luncheon gown, and if well planned may be worn into the afternoon.
Cut-out trimmings are again the vogue, and a cut-out pattern in velvet showing a conventional leaf design was applied to a mode colored French bronchid. Gowns made in this way are always a great deal of work, und they are correspondingly expensive.—Brooklyn Eagle.

SHORT STORIES.

The temper of fine edged surgical instruments is gradually destroyed by exposure to bright light.
There is being built in the City of Mexico the largest bull ring in the world. When completed it will seat 22,000 people. The framework is of steel, und the cost will be \$700,000.
The C. C. Gilbert property in Bridgewater, Mass., has changed hands for the first time since Revolutionary days. It has been handed down from generation to generation in the Cary family.
The schooner Hiram, Captain J. D. Cook of Calais, which was built at Hildesford, Me., in 1813, is still in active service. This schooner was commanded by Captain Cook's father und grandfather before him.
In looking over the early records of the selectmen of South Hampton, Mass., it was discovered that in 1770 one citizen was taxed for the ownership of eight slaves, while another resident paid a tax on sixteen of them.

ENGLISH ETCHINGS.

There are 200,000 factory girls in London.
The fountains of Trafalgar square, London, are fed by artesian wells about 400 feet deep.
Members of the church defense committee of England are pledged to make church und school the foremost consideration in voting at elections.
Another historic London tavern, Barnard's Inn, in Holborn, closed its doors the other day. The house was the Red Inn of "Barnaby Rudge," und many men whose names are now historic have foregathered in the old parlor behind the bar.
London policemen are suffering from a new disease which they assert is caused by the fumes of the motor buses. The symptoms are headache und sore throat, which are especially severe after a few hours spent at waters where there is great motor bus traffic.

SELLS JERSEYS.

Polk County Farmer Disposes of High Grade Stock.

W. O. Morrow, who has a farm near Rickreall, Polk county, Oregon, but whose postoffice address is Independence, was a caller at the Homestead office one day this week, having brought an 18-month-old Jersey bull down to Salem for shipment to George Witte, of Marshfield, Coos county. The young herd leader is a fine animal und will be a splendid addition to the Jersey stock in Coos county, which is noted as one of the richest dairy regions in the Pacific Northwest. Another recent sale by Mr. Morrow was a Jersey bull to H. E. Bossert, of near Independence.
Mr. Morrow says he is now sold out of Jersey bulls old enough for service, but has some calves which are showing up in grand style und will be ready to head heads in due course. His stock is all in excellent shape. His herd bull is Ayn's Chief, from the Ladd herd, whose dam is Golden Aynva A, consequently he is of rich Jersey blood.
Mr. Morrow has twenty-five Jerseys, und is making twelve at present, that produce enough cream to enable him to ship two 10-gallon cansfull a week to the Washington Creamery at Port and. For the month of January his cream check amounted to \$110, und he expects that his monthly income will be much larger before long.—Hoardstead.

INDEPENDENCE.

Courtesy West Side.
L. J. Tolls, of Portland, was here Wednesday und closed a deal with the city authorities for horse supply.
Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Fogle, of Forest Grove, came up on Wednesday's passenger train und went out to Airline for a visit with friends.
Squire Lee Williams, a colored gentleman from the southland, is now holding down the bootblack stand at Cleve Robinson's barber shop.
The are light now located in North Independence, has been ordered removed to one half block east of its present location in order to throw light along Main street.
While engaged at work a day or two ago W. A. Messner was so unfortunate as to sprain his knee und probably displace a tendon that will cause him to be laid up for several days.
Wm. Dawes und family were arrivals Tuesday, und have taken up residence in their new home in Independence recently purchased from E. M. Young, who has moved to his farm north of town.
Graven & Mobre recently sold their lot und building, now occupied by them, to Wm. Campbell. The building und lot where the A. Gross store is building also belongs to Mr. Campbell, und both sites are very desirable business properties.
Cleve Robinson has recently made a substantial addition to his barber shop in the way of a Barker Electric Massage "ibrator," which is the latest machine of the kind for electric treatments. The machine is fitted out with various kinds of attachments to be applied to the head, face und other parts of the body, the power for which is supplied by a small motor, which can be attached to an ordinary electric light drop, thus making a most convenient und very desirable appliance for a barber shop.

Now a Good Indian.

Dan Watchena, a noted character among the Grand Ronde Indians, has succeeded to the white man's fire water und gone to the spirit bathing ground where gill houses are unknown. Old Dan was a harmless buck when not filled with whiskey, but like other of his tribesmen, was an unmitigated nuisance when drunk, und his life is a great deal more interesting on the pale face.

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Potatoes, a bushel, 40.
Butter, a pound, 30 cents.
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Bacon, sides, a pound, 12 1/2 cents.
Hams, a pound, 15 cents.
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