

"Oh, he does, does he? Well, how do you know that I am so crazy to have my daughter getting married?"

"I never said she was crazy or you was crazy either; but a feller what turns down such a fine feller as what Izzy Rosenstein is—well I got my own opinion of what's the matter with his head."

They then plunged into a discussion which lasted until midnight, and Levinsohn left with every scrap of information that Strasser possessed, and his mind fully made up that should Rosenstein prove to be even half as desirable as he appeared, and asked for Rosie's hand, he should have it.

At the conclusion of the evening meal the next day, he decided to broach the subject to his daughter without waiting the results of the inquiries he had made concerning the financial standing of his already much-desired son-in-law.

"Rosie, lieben," he said, pushing back his chair, "you and mommer come in by the parlor with me; I got something fine to say to you."

"It is time you were getting married, Rosie," he said without any preliminary; "mommer and me has decided that you are getting old enough now."

Mrs. Levinsohn had thought of or decided no such thing, but did not say so. She had no opinions, and was grateful for those thrust upon her by her masterful better-half. "Sure, Rosie, you must get married," she said, dutifully, echoing her lord.

"Abe Strasser don't often put himself out for nobody so much as a inch," continued Levinsohn, lighting his pipe; "but now he gets it a move on himself for a wonder, and does me a real kindness."

"He has got it a second cousin who owns it a good book store, all clear and no clouds to it; with no partners nor nothing to bother him. He has also a couple of lots out by the suburbs in San Francisco where he comes from, what Strasser assures me will be in time



An apple orchard near Morden, Man.

worth lots of money. Abe says it to me on his oath that he knows it for a certainty he has got money in more than one bank, and has at least two thousand dollars. He says such a smart feller he is that he don't let even his relations know all his business and all the money he has in the banks. "It was in my mind to tell him that it is a good thing for the boy if he don't tell him how much he's got, or else that Strasser gets it away from him. But I don't do it. What's the use? Politeness goes a long way with a feller what is trying to do you a gerfalleer, and a favor like what he is doing, I appreciate."

"I think this here feller is all right; and so soon as I find out for sure that

he is, I will tell Strasser that we are agreeable and he should bring the feller around, and then soon we will be having a fine wedding. It will be a big expense, but you are the only girl what I got, and I want to do the best thing for you what I can afford. You are a lucky girl to have such a fine wedding, and a father what takes it such trouble to provide for your future."

Still Rosie was silent, and she looked so far from pleased that her father was irritated.

"Well! Aint you got a tongue? Can't you thank me for my trouble what I take for you?"

Her eyes flashed and she lifted her proud little head with an angry toss. "No, popper, I can't; I don't want to get

married. What is this man's name?" "Izadore Z. Rosenstein; he is a smart young feller, an—"

"Such a name! What is he? A kike? Popper you can save your breath and tell Strasser to mind his own business. I am not going to even think of marrying him," cried Rosaline furiously.

"Since when is he a schatchen, and goes into the marriage broker business? That's what I want to know. Tell him for me he'd better stick to his pipes and tobacco and let me and my affairs alone. If I want to get married I will pick out the man I want myself. He seems to forget that he is not in Russia. In America, girls don't get married until they feel like it, and then not to please their popper's friends."

"Dot 'ill do! Dot 'ill do!" thundered her father. "You are a smart one to be hitting me over Strasser's back, but it 'ill do no good. You will marry who I tell you, and be glad to do it."

"Popper," she cried appealingly; "why must I? Do I cost you a cent? What makes you want to suddenly marry me away? Don't I pay all my way with my cashier's job? I won't marry a kike with such a name, what I don't know and never seen and hate! I tell you right now that I won't marry him!" And Rosie stamped her foot by way of emphasis, and fled upstairs to her room.

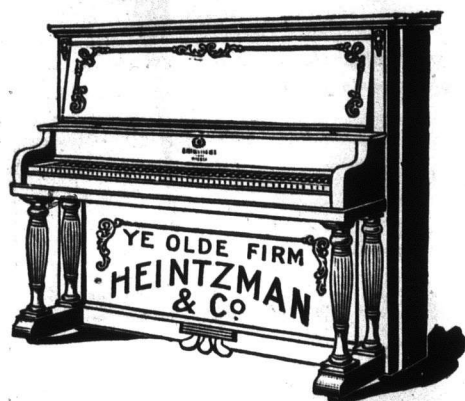
In vain, her mother coaxed her to relent, even give her reasons, but she would only say that she hated the name of Rosenstein and hated Strasser.

The next day at breakfast, her father treated her to a few of his opinions about ungrateful, saucy daughters. "Why, every girl that lives on the block, even that ugly Sally Cohen, has it a feller, but you aint got one. Now you got a chanet to make it a good marriage, you fly from it like it was poison."

Moe, for all his mischief, dearly loved his sister, and this was too much for him.

"Rosie has so got a beau!" he ex-

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