

father about me. I haven't much time, I must be going, so good-bye.

LUDWIG—Goot-tay, mine frient.

} Exit Clarence L. H.
} Exit Ludwig R. H.

Scene rises.

SCENE IV—Court from R. 3 E. to L. 3 E.

Court assembled and each in his place.

JUDGE—What is the first case?

CLERK—That of Ludwig Frankenschneider.

EMERSON—Your Honor, I have the case for non-payment of a bill for \$20,000, for six eggs and a cup of coffee. I shall ask Mr. Lang to step into the witness box and explain the case.

PETER—Ludwig Frankenschneider came into my inn four years ago, asked for six eggs and a cup of coffee, for which he did not pay. The eggs, which were game, were valued at 40c. per dozen. The six eggs, which were 20c., would have brought chickens, which would have multiplied, and through the past four years would have amounted to \$20,000 worth of chickens.

JUDGE—Well this is the most peculiar case I ever heard.

SIMPSON—(to Peter), What is your business?

PETER—None of yours.

SIMPSON—Before I get through with you it will be some of mine. What is your occupation?

PETER—I am an innkeeper on the roadside.

SIMPSON—On which side?

PETER—(angrily), On the outside, and when I am in, it is on the inn-side.

SIMPSON—Which way does the road run?

PETER—(angrily), It certainly runs the long way, not the broad way.

JUDGE—(pounding the desk), Silence! these questions are not answered, to my satisfaction.

EMERSON—Your honor, Mr. Lang answered just as he was questioned.

JUDGE—Not to suit me at all.

SIMPSON—Don't you think you over-charge for six eggs?

PETER—No, they were game eggs.

JUDGE—I think they were gamey at that price.

LUDWIG—Your Honor, if you will please wait, I have an important witness, who hasn't come yet.

JUDGE—We cannot wait for witnesses. The court is now open and must proceed.

SIMPSON—Your Honor, in some cases it is difficult for a witness to appear at the opening of a case.

Enter Clarence in great hurry from L. H.

CLARENCE—Your Honor, I hope I haven't kept you waiting. You must excuse me, if I am late.