

PETER—We shall see. Issue the writ.

SCENE III—Street scene from R. to L.

Enter Ludwig from R. H. looking very downcast.

LUDWIG—Oh! what a disgrace, what a disgrace I've brought on myself and home. How can I get out of it? They have left everything to me and now we will all be disgraced and ruined. Why didn't I pay for dem eggs long ago? What shall I do? Who is dis coming? (looking along the road), It is a strange face.

CLARENCE—(entering with false beard and mustache, from R. H.), Hello! old boy, (slapping Ludwig on the shoulder), What's your trouble? You look quite low spirited. Can I do anything for you? You know a good turn always deserves another.

LUDWIG—Why what do you want me to do for you?

CLARENCE—I don't want you to do anything for me. You have done so much already, that I don't know how to thank you. What can I do in return?

LUDWIG—Who are you? I don't know you. I never did anything for you.

CLARENCE—(looking along the road both ways, then in a loud whisper), Why don't you remember Clarence Harris, the escaped convict, who you sent away in a bag to the farm?

LUDWIG—Oh yes, so I do. Shake hands, how are you?

CLARENCE—Oh, I'm alright, but what about you?

LUDWIG—Well, as I see you're a frient, a brother to Dora, I shall tell you. Four years ago I stopped at an inn and had six eggs and a cup of coffee. Now Peter Lang, de innkeeper, sent such a big bill as will ruin us.

CLARENCE—How much is the bill?

LUDWIG—\$20,000 and because we won't pay, dey issued a writ.

CLARENCE—How do they get that amount, for only six eggs?

LUDWIG—De lawyer said dat de eggs would have brought chickens and chickens, and dat now dey would have \$20,000 worth of chickens, if I never would have come and ate dem six eggs.

CLARENCE—Were the eggs cooked or raw?

LUDWIG—Dey was boiled.

CLARENCE—Have you engaged a lawyer yet?

LUDWIG—Yes, we have Mr. Simpson.

CLARENCE—What time will your case come off?

LUDWIG—At ten o'clock.

CLARENCE—I shall come as a witness and protect you. I shall be late so as to keep the court waiting, but I will come. You tell the judge that you have an important witness and that he should wait. I shall come in, in a great hurry and give my excuse. If you lose the case, I will pay the bill. Don't say anything to my