

SCENE II.—Inn, same as first, but in summer time.

Peter, Felix and Claude are playing cards.

Enter Ludwig and Jerry L. U. E.

LUDWIG—Which way do we go now?

JERRY—Be jabbers, I don't know mesilf. (turning round and surveying the place).

LUDWIG—Well, I tink you said you knew de way.

JERRY—(reading the sign), "The Roadside Inn," well, I've been here before, but the place is changed. Let us go in and see how far we are from the forest.

Peter, Felix and Claude are having a dispute over the cards at this moment, Felix raises his chair to strike Peter, while Claude has his dagger.

Ludwig and Jerry enter the inn. Jerry catches a leg of the chair, just as it is aimed at Peter, but Claude conceals his dagger without it being seen.

JERRY—Fie! the gall o' you. For shame! Master Felix. If I were ye's, I'd niver strike a man with a chair in his own house, but sit on it and keep peace. Think ye's now what the consequences might have been if ye's had struck that blow. Ye're no man at all, ye're a coward. If there is any stricking for me, I always use me fist.

LUDWIG—Dat is vat I vould do.

FELIX—Why! Jerry, why are you stopping? You would make a fine preacher. Keep on, what about using the fist?

JERRY—Always think twice before ye's strike at all.

CLAUDE—That will do Jerry, I don't like preaching, it wearies me. You can do lots of talking, with guns for protection.

JERRY—If we had no guns with us, we wouldn't be afraid aether.

PETER—Come on boys, never mind, I'm alright. You two (meaning Ludwig and Jerry), came in time anyway. Where are you two going?

JERRY—We are goin' bear huntin', but I forgot the way, so we came here to ask and to remain until midnight.

LUDWIG—Yes, we want to shoot a bear. I want to show him how goot I can shoot. How far is de bush from here?

PETER—About four miles.

LUDWIG—Four miles yet!

JERRY—We want to git thare, when the bears come out for thare breakfasts.

PETER—You can remain as long as you like and go when you like.

JERRY—Accipt me gratitude. Why that's the best invitation I've recaeved since I left me ould father's home.

PETER—Are you sure of getting a bear?