

Der German Cobbler.

The Plumber Wishes Him Well and Gives Him a Pointer.

Hans, says dot plumber ash he comes in my shop one day when I haf only one old shoe to mend. I vhas your frendt und vish you vhell. I vhas come here to gif you a pointer.

Vhell, how vhas he? I says. You must haf a name for your shop. Don't you see how my shop vhas named der Empire Plumbing und Gas Fitting Establishment? If you don't haf a name, nobody knows you. If you haf a big name it vhas a draw. I belief you should call yourself der Shakesperian Cobbler shop. You know about Shakespere, don't you?

Of course. Vhell, you call your shop after him, und when customers come in you shall speak somethings from his writings. People vhill be surprised und pleased, und eaferybody vhill say: Did you hear of dot Shakesperian cobbler shop? Not Den go at once und get some lifts on your heels und be in mid der swim. Hans, I belief it makes you a rich man in one year.

Dot plumber vhas a sharp man who charges for two pounds of solder when he puts a washer on der sink pipe, und so I belief his advice vhas good. I make a sign dot I vhas some Shakesperian cobbler shop, mit repairs at der lowest cash price, und he vhas pasten oop before I go to bed. I don't get my breakfast eaten next morning before a man comes und says:

How vhas dis about Shakespere? He vhas all right, I says.

But has he got somethings to do mit dis shop?

No; of course not. How can he haf somethings to do mit dis shop when he vhas dead?

Dead, is he? How long since?

Years, I guess.

George, but I don't hear dot! Dot makes me feel bad.

For Shakespere! Did he leaf some word mit you for me?

No.

Don't he speak my name—Jim?

No.

Dot vhas queer. Der last time I saw him he says I shall come round next day und haf a drink mit him. I go off to California und don't come back for 10 years, und I vhas here now.

Vhell?

Vhell, you vhas also Shakespere's frendt, und so I go out und drink mit you, I vhas lucky to find you. Let us go sit once.

When I tell dot feller I can't go out mit him, he says I vhas no frendt of Shakespere und calls me seven kinds of liars und bad men.

More he vhill go avhay he pulls my nose und kicks my bench oafar und my vifo says I haf made some more mistakes. He don't be gone.

life minutes when a second man comes in und calls out:

How you vhas, eh? How vhas it mit you, old man? By George, but she vhas good for sore eyes to see you once more!

He shakes my hand und pats me on der back, und when I says I don't remember him he lifts oop his hands und exclaims:

Don't remember me! Don't remember Tommy Skinner! Why, Shakespere, my old pard, we got on a toot toger more ash one hoonered times, und you owe me \$2 borrowed money.

My name vhas not Shakespere, I says.

What! What! You vhas not Shakespere! Come, now, old man, don't belief I vhas a fool. Dot old bald head of yours vhas a familiar to me as der city hall. Don't lie to me because you owe me \$2.

I don't owe you no \$2, und I neffer sees you before in my life. I vhas Hans, der cobbler, und I like you to go out. You vhas mistook.

Ha, ha! he says as he shumps around. It vhas a scurry trick dot my old chum wouldn't play on me but methinks it vhill avail him not. Caitiff, I seize you thus, und I bang you thus, und I leave you thus with the promise to return at an early date und break your neck.

I vhas almost dead when he goes out, und my wifesays dot plumber vhas a fool und I shall take der sign down. I think I vhill, but a woman comes in und says:

Cobler, I like you to explain before I bring my shoes to be fixed. Do you know somethings about Shakespere?

Of course, I says.

Who vhas he?

I don't like to gif him avhay und put der police on his track.

O, I see. Do you remember some things he wrote?

I do. He writes dot all cats look alike on a dark night und dot honesty vhas der best policy.

Dot woman laughs for two minutes, und den she stands oop und says:

Cobler, it vhas like I suspected—you vhas a fraud—und you shall haf no work from my family. How dare you put oop some signs like dot oafar your door? Nopody but a villain would do dot.

She goes outt an I belief she speaks to dat fat policeman on der corner, for in a liddle time he comes in und says:

So you vhas playing some more liddle games, vhas you?

It vhas no games, I says.

What! Don't you call it some games to make outt dot you vhas Shakespere. Dot sign says I vhas a Shakesperian cobbler shop.

Do you know who he vhas? I asks.

Do? Do? Why you old bald-headed Dootchmans, do you mean to insult me to my face? of course I know who he vhas.

But he don't be killed at Bunker Hill.

He don't, eh? Dat vhas more sass. You belief you know more ash a policemen do you? You belief you can learn me my peesness? We shall see about dot. By George but it vhas time I let you onder a few tings!

Und dot policemen slams me around my shop till I falls down und don't know if it tkes time to pay my taxes, und when I vakes oop dot plumber vhas rubbin my nose mit a snowball.

Vhell, you see how it vhas, I says to him.

Yes, I see, he says wit tears in his eyes.

Und why do you tell me about Shakespere?

Forgive me, Hans. I vhas mistook. All der time I vhas telling you about Shakespere I meant dot you should be a Washingtonian cobbler shop, but I was mixed oop. Come back to life again, und you shall be Washingtonian und make a hatful of money in one liddle week!

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Toronto, April 17.—The executive committee of the Canadian Manufacturer's Association today passed a resolution advocating the granting of a subsidy to the steel shipbuilding in Canada. The annual meeting of the Canadian Manufacturer's Association will be held at Halifax August 13 and 14.

An Editor's Opinion

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He was attended by Dr. McClean, who went out from here post haste and this morning removed Boutiller to Halifax hospital in a precarious condition. The loss of boiler and destruction of property are not likely to exceed \$500.

MURPHY'S ORDERS.

A critic of military discipline was engaged in a very earnest debate with a colonel over the alleged arbitrary methods of those commanding the rank and file.

The colonel had warmly contended that there was every effort to be just, and departures from equity were exceptional.

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Can't I? and the army critic's eye twinkled. Did you ever hear of the case of poor Tim Murphy?

Never did, sir.

Tim enlisted in the Rangers, though he had never bestrode a horse in his life. He was taken out for drill with other recruits under command of a sergeant. As luck would have it, Tim had one of the worst buckers in the regiment.

Now, min, said the sergeant, addressing them, no man is allowed to dismount without orders from a superior officer; mind that.

Tim was no sooner in the saddle than he was propelled through a lengthy parabola and came down so hard that he had barely enough breath to subsist upon.

Murphy, shouted the sergeant, as he discovered the offender spread out on the ground, yez dismounted.

I did, sir.

Did yez have orders?

I die, sir.

From headquarters?

No sir, hind quarters.

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