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### Letter From H. Wayne Gruber to Alfred L. Shoemaker, February 4, 1949

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Here is a preacher story.

There was a certain preacher who did not quite satisfy his congregation as to the texts he choose. So his members asked him whether he would deliver a sermon if they would choose a text. He replied that it would be satisfactory to him, and he would preach from what ever text they would choose. The next Sunday he found the Bible on the pulpit opened where the text was written with a slip of paper noting the name of the book with the chapter and verse or verses. He delivered the sermon with satisfaction to his congregation. Then every Sunday thereafter for a long time he had the text chosen and all went well. One time the members agreed not to choose a text and laid the Bible on the pulpit closed.

When the preacher went on the pulpit that Sunday he seen the Book was closed. He opened the lid, paged partly through it, he found no note, and said; "Hiir ischd nix"; turned the Bible around to see if nothing was under it and found nothing, and said; "Un daw ischd nix, un aus nix hut Gott die Weld arschaffe." He gave them the best sermon that he ever preached from that pulpit.

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Here is a story of a farmer's boy named "Feldi" who was accustomed to tell lies.

One evening this boy came running in the house and said to his father; "Dawdi, es sin en hunnert Hund uf em Mischdhauffe." His father says; "Ich denk Feldi, duu likschd, gee un stehl sie noch amohl." He runs out and soon comes back and says; "Dawdi, es sin avver gewiss fuftsich." "Ich denk Feldi, duu likschd vidder, gee un tsehl sie noch amohl." says the father. He goes out and comes back and says; "Vel, Dawdi, 'sis ~~was~~ yuschd unsere un noch eener." Then says the father; "Gee naus un yawg seller fad." He goes out again and comes back and says; "Es waar yuschd unserer."

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A few more "Alte Weiver Clawwe."

Die Mehd wuu peiffe un die Hinkl wuu grehe set mir ihre Hels rum drehe.

When you are fishing and the fish will not bite, spit on the bait and you will soon have a bite.

If two persons in the same family die within a year (Jan. 1 to Dec. 31) a third one of the family will die in the same year.

To prevent a viscidious dog, one of those sneaky ones coming from behind, <sup>from biting you</sup> take out your pocket knife, open a blade, ~~hold~~ hold the knife in your hand leaving the blade stick out a little. The dog will come but will not bite You.

Note- I experienced this. The dog came from behind with his nose against me. I suddenly turned around and jammed the blade in his nose. The dog never gave a yell, and never came toward me thereafter.