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crowd saw him. "Hallo!" they shouted, "there's Fritz. Bring him in.

He was laid hold upon and hauled up to the bar, all the while protesting:

"Poys, I vos in a quick hurry. Ole vooman sick like der tuyval. I vos come mit der toctor, sooner as lightnin."

"Well, you can take some buck while you're here, and kill two birds with one stone," was the reply.

"Yans, I kill von shicken mit a coople of stones, und der ole vooman die mitout der toctor, I ton't forget myself uv it, ch ?"

"Oh, she won't die. Buck beer don't come but once a year, and you've got the old woman all the time. Fill 'em up, "Yaas, I got her all der time, but ex-

posen' she go dade, I don't got her any

more somedimes. It's better to go mit der toctor seldom right avay." But he didn't go. As one glass after another was forced upon him by the reckless crew, the object of his errand was floated further and further from his vision, until it was carried out of his mind altogether, and his voice, untinged with anxiety, joined in the

drinking songs, and arose above all others. Thus he was found by his son, late that night. The boy grasped him by the

sleeve, and said: " Fader, coom home," Fritz turned, and at the sight of his boy a great fear arose in his mind, swept away the fumes of the beer, and brought him to a sense of the situation. In an

awestruck tone, he said: "Yawcub, how you was come here?

Vas somedings der matter?" "Yaw," replied the boy. "Vell, spoke ub aboud id. Vos der ole vooman-is your mudder-is she-dade? I can shtand der best. Don't keep your fader in expenses, poy. Shpit it oud.-Vos ve a couple of orphanses, Yaw-

cub ?" "Nein," answered the boy, " you vos anuder. A leedle baby coom mit der

house." Fritz was overcome for a moment, but

finally stammered out: "Vos dot so! I expose it was not so soon already. Vell-vell, in der middle uv life, ve don't know vat's goin' to turn next up. Man exposes und Gott supposes. Fill up der glasses."

The boy ventured to ask the old man why he had not sent the doctor.

" Vy! Did she want a toctor? Petter she tole me so. I got him pooty quick. Navare mind. I save more as ten tollar toctor pill on dot baby. Dot vos a goot child. Fill up der glasses. Whooraw for der little bock baby. Ve von't go home till yeshterday."

Fritz got home at last, and was in town again after a couple of days after some medicine. The boys couldn't get him back again, though he said to them: "You bate I ten' to my peesness now. I go back und vatch der ole vooman dot

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tween his teeth. Man glories in his strength; woman glories in her hair and butter glories

same time letting slip the meat. " Bego-

rah, I have it!" shouted Pat, as he made

off with the trophy, still dangling be-