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	M. F.	Not a Man in the House, 2 acts,	0	=
All That Glitters is Not Gold,		45 min Not Such a Fool as He Looks, 3	0	9
2 acts. 2 hrs	63	acts, 2 hrs	5	3
Arabian Nights, 3 acts, 2½ hrs.	4 5	Odds with the Enemy, 4 acts, 1		
30 min Aupt Dinah's Piedge, temper-		hr. 45 m	7	4
ance. 2 acts. 1 hr	63	Only Daughter (An), 3 acts, 1	5	2
Reggar Venus, 3 acts, 2 hrs. 30		hr. 15 min. On the Brink, temperance, 2	~	-
min	6 4 9-3	acts, 2 hrs 1	12	3
Black Heifer, 3 acts, 2 hrs. (25c) Bonnybell, operetta, 1 hr. (25c)	25	Our Boys, 3 acts, 2 hrs	6	4
Caste, 3 acts, 2 hrs. 30 min	5 3	Our Country, 3 acts, 1 hr 1 Ours, 3 acts, 2 hrs. 30 min	10	3
Chas. O'Malley's Aunt, 50 min.		Out in the Streets, temperance,	0	0
(25c)	53	1 hr. 15 min	6	4
Chimney Corner, 2 acts, 1 hr.	52	Pet of Parson's Ranch, 5 acts,		-
30 min Consort of Heroines, 3 scenes,	° -	2 hrs	9	3
35 min	016	Pocahontas, musical burlesque, 2 acts, 1 hr.	10	2
Cricket on the Hearth, 3 acts,	-	School Ma'am (The), 4 acts, 1		2
1 hr. 45 min	7874	hr. 45 min	6	5
Danger Signal, 2 acts, 2 hrs Down in Dixie, 4 acts, 2 hrs.	· ·	Scrap of Paper, 3 acts, 2 hrs	6	6
30 min	84	Sea Drift, 4 acts, 2 brs	6	2
30 min	42	Seth Greenback, 4 acts, 1 hr. 15 min	7	3
East Lynne, 5 acts, 2 hrs	87	Snowball, 3 acts, 2 hrs	4	3
Elma, The Fairy Child, 1 hr. 45 min., operetta(25c)	58	Snowball, 3 acts, 2 hrs Soldier of Fortune, 5 acts, 2	-	_
Engaged Girl. 3 acts. 30 min.	27	nrs. 20 min,	8	3
Eulalia. 1 hr. $30 \min \dots (250)$	36	Solon Shingle, 1 hr. 30 min Sparkling Cup, temperance, 5	7	2
From Sumter to Appomattox, 4 acts, 2 hrs. 30 min (25c)	6 2	acts, 2 hrs	12	4
4 acts, 2 hrs. 30 min. (250) Fruits of the Wine Cup, tem-	62	Sweethearts, 2 acts, 35 min	2	2
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Home, 3 acts, 2 hrs Indiana Man, 4 acts, 2 hrs. (25c)	4 3 6 4	Ticket of Leave Man, 4 acts, 2		
Iron Hand, 4 acts, 2 hrs(25c)	54	hrs. 45 min	8	3
It's All in the Pay Streak, 3 acts,		Tony, the Convict, 5 acts, 2 hrs.	7	A
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Let Love But Hold the Key,	0.0	Under the Laurels, 5 acts, 1 hr. 45 min	5	4
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Little Buckshot, 3 acts, 2¼ hrs. 15 min(25c)	74	$30 \min \dots (25c)$	7	3
London Assurance, 5 acts, 2 hrs.		Wedding Trip (The), 2 acts, 1	3	0
20 min	93	hr Won at Last, 3 acts, 1 hr. 45	0	4
Lost in London, 3 acts, 1 nr. 45	6 3	min	7	3
Louva, the Pauper, 5 acts, 1 hr.	63	Yankee Detective, 3 acts, 2 hrs.	8	3
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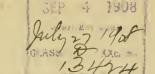
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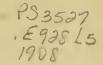
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THE LITTLÉ RED SCHOOL HOUSE.

CAST OF CUT-UPS.

Heinie Picklebrodt	.The	German Teacher
Johnnie Redd		The Bad Boy
Willie Green		The Nice Boy
IKEY GOLDSILVER	· · · · ·	The Hebrew Boy

TIME—Nine A. M.

TIME OF PLAYING—About Twenty Minutes.

NOTE: This little playlet is especially designed for a singing quartette and is "framed" for the introduction of solos and quartette numbers.

COSTUMES.

PICKLEBRODT—Typical German; blonde wig and chin piece; age, about 40. Eccentric in manner and clothes; speaks with strong German dialect.

JOHNNIE—Knee pants and sweater. One eye blackened and hair mussed; wears striped cap. Speaks in tough dialect. Make-up to represent a boy of 16.

WILLIE—Knee pants and white waist, with large collar and flowing tie; large straw hat with ribbon. Speaks in soft tone of voice and "very nice" in manner. Make-up to represent a boy of 17.

IKEY—Typical Hebrew boy of about 17. Nose made up large; trousers tight and showing about six inches of white above the shoes. Wears low crown derby hat pulled over tops of ears. Strong Hebrew accent in speech.

STAGE DIRECTIONS.

R. means right of the stage; *C.*, center; *R. C.*, right center; *L.*, left; *R. D.*, right door; *L. D.*, left door, etc.; 1 *E.*, first entrance; *U. E.*, upper entrance, etc.; *D. F.*, door in flat or scene running across the back of the stage; 1 *G.*, first groove, etc. The actor is supposed to be facing the audience.

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THE LITTLE RED SCHOOL HOUSE.

SCENE: A school room. Door R. or L. Three small desks (or tables) are set facing the teacher's desk, which is placed at left. Care must be taken in the setting so the audience's view is not obstructed. A large map hangs on wings back of teacher's desk; books and slates are on all desks, giving all as much of the appearance of a school as possible. On PICKLEBRODT'S desk is a bladder attached to a string and short stick.

Just before the rise of curtain nine strokes of a bell are given. PICKLEBRODT is discovered back of his desk, then other three come on pell-mell, falling, stumbling, etc. Take their seats. IKEY has hat on head, other two have hats in the hands.

PICKLE (*raps on desk loudly*). Order! Order! JOHNNIE. I'll take an ice cream soda.

WILLIE. Some fancy bon-bons for me, please.

IKEY. I'll take de same as both of de others put together. PICKLE. Shut up! Dis is no ice cream joint. Dis is a school. Ain't it? Yes. Vell, de first ting I shall begin to commence vit is de roll call. (*Calls.*) Willie Green.

WILLIE (standing). Present, teacher. (Sits.)

JOHNNIE (reaches over and pulls WILLIE'S tie from about his neck). There's your tie, kid. (Hands it back to WILLIE, who puts it on again.)

PICKLE. Oh, Willie Green present.

IKEY. I'll take a present, too, teacher.

PICKLE. You'll take your hat off and shut up before I soak you. (Calls.) Johnnie Redd.

JOHNNIE. Oh, I couldn't come to school today.

PICKLE. Oh, you couldn't. (Picks up bladder.) Vell, if

you get here before this gets to you, stop it, vill you? (*Hits* JOHNNIE on head with bladder.)

JOHNNIE (feeling of head and half crying). Say, I'm much obliged.

PICKLE. Oh, you are velcome to de change; keep it. (To IKEY.) Stand up, please.

IKEY (standing). Sure, I vill.

PICKLE. You are a new scholar. Vat is it your name is, please.

IKEY. Ikey Goldsilver, thank you.

PICKLE. Don't thank me for a name like that. Your father's business?

IKEY. Rotten.

PICKLE. Rotten? Oh, dot's it, a joke, eh? (*Hits him on hat with bladder*.) Vell, der is another joke. (*To* JOHNNIE.) I have here a question. Vat is de difference between a pill and a mountain?

JOHNNIE. One is hard to get down and the other is hard to get up.

PICKLE. Oh, dot's a smart boy. De singing class will now begin to commence something.

(Introduce solo by WILLIE with quartette chorus.)

PICKLE. (after song, to WILLIE). You sing nice—shoost like a fish. Now I want to ask you: Who made de trees, de fields, beautiful flowers and the big mountains?

WILLIE. Please, sir, I don't know.

PICKLE. "Please sir I don't know." Why don't you know?

WILLIE. Because we just moved here last week, sir.

JOHNNIE. Aw, go on. (Pulls WILLIE'S necktie off.) Here's your tie, kid. (Hands it to WILLIE, who re-ties it again.)

PICKLE. Nix mit dot monkey doodle business, Johnnie. If dere is any fooling to be did, I shall did it myself—mit dis. (*Holds up bladder*.)

IKEY (raising hand and snapping fingers). Teacher, can I go out?

PICKLE. No, you cannot go on de outside. You got to

stay by de inside. I ask you as a gentleman a question: What is steam?

IKEY (in sing-song manner). You ask me vot is-

PICKLE (*interrupting*). Don't sing it. Shoost speak it from your mouth out, please. What is steam?

IKEY. Steam is water dot is crazy vit de heat.

PICKLE. Dot'll do for you! (*To* JOHNNIE.) Johnnie, you will please recite some poetry. Something vich vill touch de heart and make de eyes leak vit tears.

JOHNNIE. Say, I got a bunch of real leak of de face, see! (PICKLE puts handkerchief to eyes.)

> There was a young man in Fargo Who tried to make a buzz saw go; The doctor came, said: "Ain't it a shame! I wonder where did his jaw go?"

PICKLE. Say, dot's de saddest ting I ever saw. I shall cry for de rest of my life. (*Cries with handkerchief to eyes.*)

WILLIE (to JOHNNIE). Oh, you cruel boy. You made our dear teacher cry. (IKEY laughs in Hebrew chuckling manner.)

JOHNNIE (*pulls* WILLIE's *tie off*). Here's your tie, kid. Don't get so fresh or I'll kick you in the slats. (*Hands tie back to* WILLIE, who re-ties it.)

PICKLE. Slats? Slats? Vot is dot slats?

JOHNNIE. Aw, that's short for ribs, see!

PICKLE. Vell, vy couldn't you say short-ribs in de first place. (*To* IKEY.) Ikey, you shall sing for us a song.

(Introduce song by IKEY, quartette on chorus.)

PICKLE (after song). Willie, where is de North Pole?

WILLIE. I'm sure I don't know, sir. Some of the other boys must have it. I haven't touched it today. (IKEY and JOHNNIE both laugh heartily. WILLIE stands looking innocently from one to the other.)

PICKLE. (soaking first one and then another with bladder). Silence! Shut up! If he says he ain't touched it, he ain't. Dot's plenty!

JOHNNIE. Yes, that's plenty; that's too much.

PICKLE. Vell, too much is plenty, ain't it? (*To* WILLIE.) You can recite something, yes?

WILLIE. I have several very pretty things which I shall be glad to recite for your edification, sir. (IKEY *laughs*. JOHNNIE grabs WILLIE'S necktie; WILLIE takes it and puts it on again.)

PICKLE (*smiling at* WILLIE). You're a fine boy. You use language dot never vos used before in all de vorld. Go ahead and make a recite.

WILLIE (recites):

I've wondered what made Wiscon-sin, And how much does Cleveland, O, today; Why did Denver Color-Ada, And who took Des Moines eye away.

Once in Providence I Rhode Island, But Nantucket at a bound; I listened for a little noise But couldn't hear a Long Island Sound.

I was wheeling West Virginia As an autumn day wore on; I thought I'd get a Memphis, Tenn, But I got a Hartford, Conn.

"What made Chicago Ill?" Asked a Jackson Miss of a doctor man. "I can't tell," said a Baltimore, M. D., But perhaps Topeka, Kan."

PICKLE. (to JOHNNIE). Dot Willie Green is a smart boy. Now if I ask it you someting, vot shall be de answer?

JOHNNIE. Say, untwist, untwist or subside.

PICKLE. I vill do it. I vant to show de other boys your smartness. You vill please frame a sentance vit de vorddelight in it.

JOHNNIE. Delight? PICKLE. Sure—delight. JOHNNIE. The wind came in the window and blew out de light.

PICKLE. By golly, but you are a smart boy. I have another question, vich is: Please describe a spinal column.

JOHNNIE. A spinal column is a long bone in de body. Your head sits on one end and you sit on de other.

PICKLE. Sure, dot's fine. Now why is de ankle between the foot and knee?

JOHNNIE. To keep the calf from de corn.

(Introduce song by JOHNNIE.)

PICKLE. (to IKEY). Now, Ikey, you shall answer me dis: If your father had \$18 and I was to ask him for \$7, how much would he have left?

IKEY. \$18.

PICKLE. No, no; you don't know de example.

IKEY. And you don't know my father.

PICKLE. Ach, you are a no good at figures, ain't you, yes?

IKEY. Sure, I am good at figures. My mother was bitten by a snake.

PICKLE. Oh, oh! dot's a smart boy. Vy does it make you good at figures if you mother vos bitten by a snake?

IKEY. Because it was an adder.

PICKLE. (slowly picks up bladder, keeping his eyes fixed on IKEY and begins to sneak toward him. IKEY rises from seat and starts to sneak away from PICKLE, keeping the desks between). Hold on, Ikey. Please do me a favor. I ask you like a gentlemans to linger a while in one spot so I can soak you.

IKEY. I vouldn't do it. (JOHNNIE laughs, reaches for WILLIE'S tie, but WILLIE pulls off tie himself and gives JOHNNIE the laugh.)

PICKLE. (swings bladder and hits JOHNNIE on head). Vell, I had to soak somebody and it might as vell be you.

JOHNNIE (*half crying and feeling of head*). Gee, I didn't went to do nothin' to nobody.

WILLIE (*laughs*). His grammar is atrocious. I am deeply grieved and surprised also that in this enlightened age and

free scholarships that our ears should be assailed by such outlandish phrasings of speech. He should be made to-

JOHNNIE. Teacher, he's calling me names. (Jumps up and grabs WILLIE, they scuffle an instant, then PICKLE. and IKEY mix in and a general scrimmage ensues, ending by WILLIE knocking them down one after the other.)

WILLIE (pulling off PICKLE.'s tie). Here's your necktie, dear teacher. (Goes to IKEY, pulls off his hat and slams it down on floor.) And there, my Hebrew friend, is your hat. (Goes to JOHNNIE, pulls off one of his shoes.) And there, my uncouth comrade, is your shoe. (Throws it down, then strikes heroic pose, with arms folded across breast. The others slowly get to their feet and stand looking at him for an instant.)

IKEY. Oi, oi! he's a regular moving picture fighter.

JOHNNIE. Aw, he hit me when I wasn't looking.

PICKLE. Boys, dot shoost shows de true value of edumenkashun. Shake hands vit him and be glad he didn't kill us ven he had us at his mercy. (*They shake hands.*) De school will now close for repairs to de inmates. Ve vill all join in and sing someting in de vay of thankfulness that ve are still alive.

(Finish by quartette singing two numbers.)

CURTAIN.

NOTE.—The following songs are suggested as being just about what is required to make this playlet a great success: Ikey's song—"Yonkle the Cowboy Jew," or "Under the Motzos Tree." Willie's song—"When the Moon Plays Peek-a-Boo," "Clover Blossoms," "See-Saw," "Stingy," or "Captain Willie Brown." Johnnie's song—"Somebody's Lied," "When I Go Marching with Georgie," "My Cowboy Lady," or "Napanee." For quartette finish song "Wish Me Good Luck on My Journey" is recommended. It is understood that the above mentioned songs are merely suggestions and not necessary for the success of the act; any similar songs may be substituted.

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Assessor, sketch, 10 min	3 2	Narrow Escape, sketch, 15 m 0	2
April Fools, 30 min	3 0	Not at Home, 15 min 2	0
Bad Job, 80 min	3 2	Obstinate Family, 40 min 3	3
Bardell vs. Pickwick, 25 min	$\tilde{6}$ $\tilde{2}$	On Guard, 25 min. 4 Only Cold Tea, 20 min. 3	$\tilde{2}$
Reautiful Forever, 30 min	22	Only Cold Tea, 20 min 3	3
Beisy Baker, 45 min	22	Outwitting the Colonel, 25 m. 3	2
Blind Margaret, musical, 30 m.		Patsy O'Wang, 35 min 4	3
Borrowed Luncheon, 20 min		Pat the Apothecary, 35 min 6	2
Borrowing Trouble, 25 min	3 5	Persecuted Dutchman, 35 min. 6	3
Por and Cor 25 min	21	Pote of Society 20 min	7
Box and Cox, 35 min		Pets of Society, 30 min 0	6
Breezy Call, 25 min.		Played and Lost, sketch, 15 m. 3	26
Bumble's Courtship, 18 min		Pull-Back, 20 min 0	6
Cabman No. 93, 40 min	22	Quiet Family, 45 min 4	4
Christmas Ship, musical, 20 m.	4 3	Realm of Time, musical, 30 min. 81	
Cobbler, 10 min Convention of Papas, 25 min	10		4
Convention of Papas, 25 min	70	Rejected, 40 min 5	3
Country Justice, 15 min	80	Rough Diamond, 40 min 4	3
Cow That Kicked Chicago, 20		Row in Kitchen and Politician's	
mln	3 2	Breakfast, 2 monologues 1	1
mln. Cut Off with a Shilling, 25 min.	$\tilde{2}$ $\tilde{1}$	Silent Woman, 25 min 2	1
Deception, 30 min	32	Slasher and Crasher, 1 hr. 15 m. 5	$\overline{2}$
Desperate Situation, 25 min	23		õ
Documentary Evidence, 25 min.	$23 \\ 11$	That Rascal Pat, 35 min 3	$\check{2}$
Dude in a Cyclone, 20 min	53	To Oblige Benson, 45 min 3	2
		Too Much for One Head, 25 m. 2	4
Fair Encounter, sketch, 20 min.	02	Too Much of a Good Thing 50	*
Family Strike, 20 min First-Class Hotel, 20 min	3 3	Too Much of a Good Thing, 50	0
	4 0	min	6
Freezing a Mother-in-Law, 45			1
, min	3 2	Trick Dollar, 30 min 4	3
Great Medical Dispensary, 30		Turn Ilim Out, 50 min 3	3
min	60	Twenty Minutes Under Um-	
Hans Von Smash, 30 min	4 3		1
Hard Cider, temperance, 15 m	4 2	Two Bounycastles, 45 min 3	3
Happy Pair, 25 min	11	Two Gay Deceivers, 25 min 3	0
Homeopathy, Irish, 30 min	5 3	Two Gents in a Fix, 20 min 2	0
I'll Stay Awhile, 20 min. I'm Not Mesilf at All, 25 min	40	Two Ghosts in White, 25 min. 0	8
I'm Not Mesilf at All 25 min	3 2	Two of a Kind, 40 min 2	3
Initiating a Granger, 25 min	8 õ	Two Puddifoots. 40 min 3	3
In the Wrong House 90 min	4 2	Uncle Dick's Mistake, 20 min 3	$\tilde{2}$
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John Smith, 30 min	5 3		8
Just My Luck, 20 min	4 3		8
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Kiss in the Dark, 30 min	23	Who Told the Lie? 30 min, 5	$\frac{\tilde{2}}{3}$
Larkin's Love Letters, 50 min	3 2	Wide Enough for Two. 50 min. 5	2
Lend Me Five Shillings, 40 min.	5 2	Woman Hatar (Wha) 20 min 0	21
Limerick Boy, 30 min	52	Woman Hater (The), 30 min 2 Wonderful Letter, 25 min 4 Wooing Under Difficulties, 35	1
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Love and Rain, sketch, 20 min.	1 1	wooing Under Dimculties, 35	
Lucky Sixpence, 30 min	4 2	min 4.	3
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