

The Story of

THE WHITE HORSE INN

The celebrated "White Horse Inn," overlooking one of the many lovely lakes in the Austrian Tyrol, is bathed in the sunshine of a radiant summer's morning. Visitors from England are expected to arrive by the lake steamer, and pretty Josepha Vogelhuber, proprietress of the Inn, is giving last-minute instructions to Leopold, her head waiter, who professes a deep but apparently hopeless passion for his mistress.

Shortly after, the lake steamer arrives at the landing-stage and discharges its cargo of sightseers and guests, prominent among whom are John Ebenezer Grinkle, a self-made manufacturer, and his daughter, Ottoline.

Mr. Grinkle has come to the Tyrol for a holiday against his personal inclinations, which lie in the humbler direction of Morecambe, but he proceeds to make the best of things by taking possession of the best bedroom, from which he is swiftly ejected by order of Josepha, who has reserved the room for a young English solicitor, Valentine Sutton.

The latter, it appears, is acting for Mr. Grinkle in a lawsuit with a rival firm of manufacturers, and when he meets Ottoline, it is a case of love at first sight. In spite of this, Leopold's jealousy remains at fever-heat, and after a passage of arms with Josepha, he is dismissed from her service. His loyalty to the "White Horse Inn," though suffering a temporary check, revives when he learns that the Emperor is coming to stay for the opening of the shooting season.

Elaborate preparations are made for the Imperial reception, the villagers turn out *en fete* and Leopold is deputed to make a speech of welcome. But his carefully rehearsed phrases are forgotten in a sudden access of rage at seeing Josepha and Sutton together, and the official reception nearly ends in disaster.

In the last act, however, the aged Emperor, in a charming little scene, gives Josepha some valuable advice regarding marrying in her proper station. Leopold is retored to favour and his beloved mistress's arms, with a prospect of a half share in the "White Horse Inn," while Mr. Grinkle, his business affairs brought to a satisfactory conclusion, gives his consent to Ottoline's marriage to Sutton.



THE DANCERS

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CHORUS AT REHEARSAL

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JIMMY WORSLEY
as "Grinkle"



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WYN. TOOTELL
("Ottoline")

FRANK WHITEHEAD
("Sutton")



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GEOFFREY RAE
(" Sigismund ")

BARBARA DALTON
(" Gretel ")

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WYN. TOOTELL
(" Ottoline ")

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