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If used as a skit, the only properties that are required are a fan and two rocking chairs. If desirable, one chair may have a cat in it.

JOHANNA: May gootness, iss dat you, Olga? T'ink uff ol' Satan, an' vun uff hisimps bane sure to coome, as de ol' saying iss. Hee, hee, hee! But you know me vell enough to know ven Ay bane yoking, Olga. Coome oop an' set har py de porch, dere bane more to see ven out har.

OLGA: T'anks, Yohanna. Ay gets may vork done oop early dis morning an' Ay t'ought Ay coome an' set avlile vit' you. Oh, how vell de yeraniums bane doing py you. Dey bane yoost beautiful!

J: Yah, dey bane blooming goot since Ay bane giffing dem plant witamins. Day say witamins bane goot for peoples, too--Vere you bane keeping yourself, Olga? Ay haf not seen you since Yennie Lane's fun'ral. Didn't look a pit natural, did se? An' Ay vonder vhy se bane laid out vit'out her false teet'. Her scheeks bane all sunk in. Set down. Scat dat cat off dat rocking schair. Scat vit' you! If Ay bane vun to gossip, Olga, Ay'd say dat de vay Yim Lane taking on at his vife's fun'ral iss a sure sign dat dere'll pe annuder Mrs. Lane pefore de yar bane vent. It neffer fails to coome out dat vay ven a man takes on de vay he did.

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