

Sorry for this messy letter, but want to catch the mail before the long week - end. Corinne

Books in York Co.

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Camilla,

The information from the Abraham Huth fraktur is:

Henry Ley is from Christian and legally married of the Romanish (Catholic) religion parents born in the year of our Lord 1827 the 10th of August. This child's parents were Henry Lay and his wife Sarah, born Arnold. (He was) born in Lebanon Township in Lebanon County and was baptised by Pastor Carren the ...the of ...

The sponsors were Peter Arnold and his wife Margareth. (Catharina was the name there, but it was crossed out and Margaret substituted.)

Lay is spelled Ley first and Lay.

Abraham Huth worked near Lebanon at Kimmerling's school northeast of Lebanon.

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Rev Lieberman may be able to locate the attached books for you. His address is: The Family Album, R.R. 1 Box 42, Glen Rock, PA 17327-9707. He's a character and real nice. Hope you can meet him someday. Ask to be put on his mailing list, too. He comes across some real interesting things!

Rev's phone # is 717-235-2134.

all manuscripts, etc. Also, he's in a prime area for your family - near the M

Lewis Miller

SKETCHES AND CHRONICLES

THE REFLECTIONS OF A NINETEENTH CENTURY

PENNSYLVANIA GERMAN

FOLK ARTIST

INTRODUCTION BY

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THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF YORK COUNTY

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1/9/88

Camilla,

Some quick notes -- I am sending you a photocopy of a fraktur that may have been made by the same artist as the one you have on approval. They both have vibrant red and yellow, and they are both full and busy, with some of the same motifs.

We can take \$1,500 for it -- more than our usual 10% discount. That would help you if you want to take it to a paper conservator.


Tried to call you this AM to let you know I went to the Post Office, but the people I need to talk to about a tracer on the Baab were not in today. I talked to the woman who helped me when I sent it. Of course, she did not remember it, but she did say that normally the Post Office would ask us to wait a couple more days, until Tues. or Wedsn. of next week before putting a tracer on it. I'll call you in the next few days to see if it arrived.

In case you need the insurance receipt number on that end, it is V-136-343-848 mailed from Cooper Press substation on Juan Tabo NE in Albuquerque. It was sent 12/31/87. If it does not come to you and I have to make a claim, I will do it from this end, but just thought it might help things there at your Post Office.

I have studied the Xeroxes you sent of the Kunkle family. Except for the angel-type taufschein signed by August D. Ruhe, I am at a loss to identify the other scribes. I am going to keep trying. I have been working hard on the scribes in the last few weeks and I am getting so that I can recognize the hand writing of many of them. Daniel Dieffenbach worked in Union County as did August Ruhe, but I am quite sure he was not the scribe on the unsigned examples you sent. I'll keep trying and let you know if I learn anything. I'm not even sure who printed the large, single heart one that you bought, or who filled in the birth record. Again, I'll keep trying and let you know if I turn up anything.

I'll keep trying to get in touch with you about the Baab.

Sincerely,



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Small red & yellow tulips

Yellow & red wide stripes, banded at waist

Striped red tulips

Camille, this is from Weiser's book Fraktur Science Press 1973. It has similarities to religious text you have on approval.

Anonymous Artist. BIRTH RECORD BOOK PLATE
 Lehigh Co., Pa., circa 1800. Hand-drawn and colored on paper;
 7 1/4" x 4 5/8". Now cut from the book in which it was found.
 (Collection of Larry M. Neff.)

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12/28/87

Ms. Camilla Berger
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Dear Camilla:

I am sending the Baab printed certificate and the religious text under separate cover. I think you will like the Baab. Not only is a difficult print to find, but it is unusual in that one of the angels is blond. I don't believe I have ever seen that on fraktur before. Also, it is from Hattie Brunner's collection. I don't know if you are familiar with her but she is the "Grandma Moses" of Pennsylvania -- or rather was, she is dead now.

I took the Baab out of the frame to ship. The frame is rather heavy and if you decide to keep the Baab, I will forward the frame to you. Thought I would save on shipping costs this way, and UPS and the P.O. prefer the glass not be shipped with the watercolor. I disagree with that. If packed carefully, the glass won't break and it protects the watercolor. But I figured they might guess from the weight that the watercolor was still framed if I sent it.

The Baab I bought for \$350 and can sell it to you for that. However, I can't give the usual 10% discount on it. We are asking \$1750 for the other but can give our 10% discount for it.

Let us know what you decide.

And thanks for the picture of the Pseudo-Otto artist. I thought we were going to be able to get another Pseudo-Otto artist recently, but it turned out to be Daniel Otto instead (formerly the Flat Tulip Artist). It is a printed form, so the people who had it -- who know fraktur pretty well -- didn't recognize it. Oh well.

Hope you had happy holidays,

Corinne

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*Shipped in two separate
packages 12-31-87.*

*U.S. Post office - Parcel
Post*

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11-28-87

Dear Camilla,

Thanks for the pictures and the letter.
We can send the Fraktur "on approval" and
you need not pay unless you decide
to keep it. However, we too are caught
up in a flurry of events here and
I won't be able to ship it to you until
about mid-December. We are supposed
to be on our way to Portland, Oregon
to help my Dad. He had a prin-rupte
heart by-pass and we are going up there
to help him when he gets out of the
hospital. However, we have had a
little medical emergency of our own
here and ~~that~~ have to take care of
it first. Then we will be on the
road. Hope to get away this morning,
still, so won't have time to ship
the Fraktur until we get back about
the 10th or 11th of December.
(over)

Again, thanks for the photos.
We'll get back to you mid-December.

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November 9, 1987

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Dear Camilla:

Thanks for the Xerox copies! I have yet to carefully study them, but anything I can get sure helps me put together little pieces of a large and complex puzzle.

The Vorschrift did come back to us after all, so it is for sale again. The woman we sent it to decided she didn't want to spend the money. We kind of got the idea she may have been hit hard in the stock market.

We can send it to you on approval if you are still interested. If not, let us know. We have had two other calls on it and I promised to ^{let} the people know if it didn't sell.

I worked very hard on my book last week and made lots of progress. It goes so slow, it can be discouraging, but I am excited about the prospect of finishing it up in a couple of months.

We will be gone the week of Thanksgiving. My Dad wants us to help him move out of his condo in Portland, Oregon into another one near Salem. Our kids, though, will still be here, so if you want to call and leave a message, they'll be happy to help.

Have a happy Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,

Corinne

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THIS CAME TOO LATE TO INCLUDE IN OUR CATALOG, BUT IT IS SMASHING! Busy, colorful, full -- red dominates over green and yellow. Dated 1786. Probably Bucks, Lehigh, or Northampton County. Staining on left and top are darker than Xerox shows, but you won't find a more artistic piece at this price. Framed. \$1750

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October 13, 1987

Ms. Camilla Berger
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Dear Camilla:

So nice to hear from you. Enclosed are the pictures you asked for. Please return them if you are not interested.

Jacob Baab was a printer in Harrisburg. The one we have, #153, is the best example I have ever seen as far as condition and color. I don't know if you are familiar with folk artist Hattie Brunner (the Grandma Moses of Pennsylvania), but it came from her collection. We are asking \$375 for it, which is expensive for an angel type, but a good Baab is hard to find. The family names are Johannes and Anna (Schaefer) Wenrich of Cocalico Twp., Lancaster Co.

A picture of #189 is also enclosed. We have had this in our collection for years and have never offered it for sale. Its colors are a deep blue and majenta, primarily. This variation of the three-heart certificate (a circle and two-hearts) is more rare than the standard three-heart. They were made for only a brief time around 1810-15. This one is for a son of Joseph and Elizabeth Groff in 1816. (I think the name is Groff or Gross or Grost. The writing is very hard to read.) It is probably Bucks County or eastern Berks County. We are asking \$550 for it.

The Wayne County, Ohio certificate is the best of its kind we have ever seen. Colors are a soft blue in the angel dresses, red roses below, and beautiful yellow tulips tipped with red within the oval holding the main text. It has information about Lidia Eberhard's birth, baptism, confirmation, and marriage in 1838. We are asking \$550 for it, also. *(Xerox)*

All three are framed nicely, and all three are in excellent condition -- representing the best of their kind. Hope you and your family are doing well.

Sincerely,

Corinne

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Ich bin getauft, ob ich gleich sterbe,
 Wo ich hab' mir das Pflüch' erbet;
 Ich weis' mein Vaterland und Erbe,
 Das ist bey Gott im Himmel ob;
 Nach meinem Tod ist mir bereit
 Des Himmels Freud' und Gerechtigkeit.

Geburt und Lauffchein.

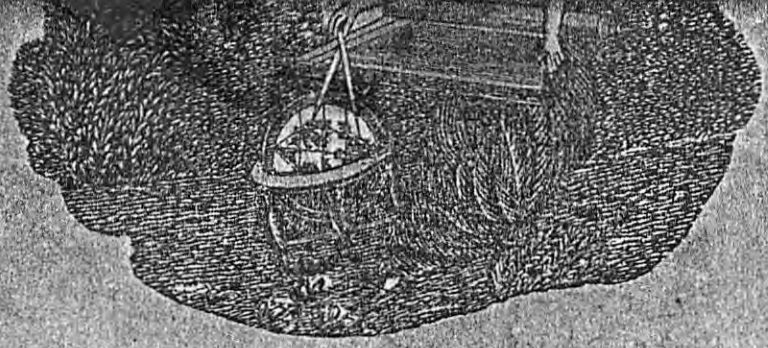
Diesen beyden Ehegatten, als: **Jacob Eber-**
hard und seiner ehelichen Hausfrau **Maria**
 gebobrne Gärderin ist eine Tochter zur Welt ge-
 bobhren, im Jahr unsers Herrn Jesu, 1820 den 25^{ten}
 Tag November. Diese Tochter ist gebobhren in Emanu-
 el's Gemeine in **Wahj** **San** County, in dem Freysaat
Ohio in Nord-Amerika; und ist getauft worden, und
 erhielt den Namen **Lidia** den 11^{ten} Tag
 January im Jahr unsers Herrn JESU 1821 vom Ehrw.

Herrn **H. Sommer** die Eltern - *gen waren;*
der beyden Eltern die Confirmation den 20. Juny 1834
den 11. Juny 1834 im Kirchhof zu Wahj Ohio
 Carl G. *Kennert*



Ich bin getauft, ich hab' im Tunde,
 Ward' eine Tauf mit meinem Gott;
 Es frey' ich' es mit freyen Munde,
 In Kreutz, in Leid, Angst und Noth.
 Ich bin getauft, des freu' ich' mich,
 Die Freude bleib' mir ewiglich.

In Verbindung mit dem heiligen Geist mit Nathan Garkman am 20. October 1838 die Ehe Trauung zu Wahj Ohio
 G. G. G. W. W. W.



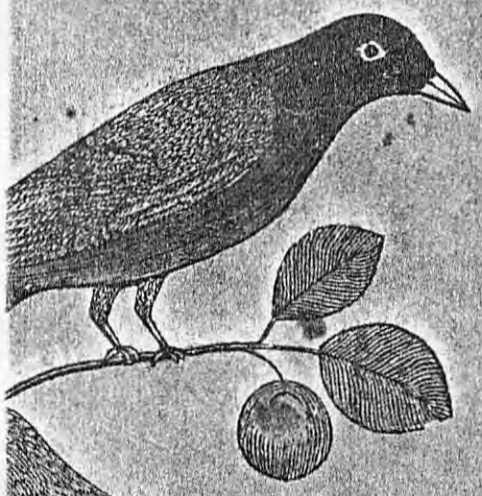
Geburts- und Tauf-Schein.

Diesen beyden Ehegatten, als: Johann
 Meyer und seiner ehelichen Hausfrau
 Hanna eine geborne Kieber
 ist eine Tochter zur Welt geboren, den 10 Tag
 April im Jahr unsers Herrn 1825 um
 4 Uhr Morgens im Zeichen des Schützen
 Dieses Kind wurde geboren in Union Township,
 Union County, im Staat Pennsylvania
 in Nord-Amerika; und erhielt bey der heiligen Taufe den
 Namen Maria Anna den 12 Tag
 Junius im Jahr 1825 durch den Ehrw.
 Hrn. Vries
 Tauf-Zeugen: die Eltern selbst.

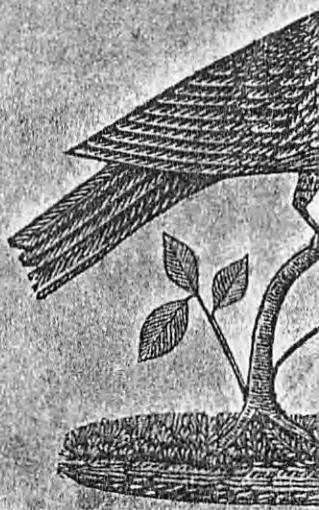


Ich bin getauft, ich steh' im Bunde,
 Durch meine Tauf, mit meinem Gott!
 So sprech' ich stets mit frohem Munde,
 In Kreuz, in Trübsal, Angst und Noth;
 Ich bin getauft, des freu' ich mich,
 Die Freude bleibt mir ewiglich.

O Freund der Menschen Seelen! S Wie kann ich dir's verdanken?
 Der in der heil'gen Tauf, S Ich bitt' von Herzens-Grund,
 Mit mir dich zu vermählen, S Laß mich doch niemals wanken
 Mich treulich nahmest auf, S Von deinem Gnaden-Bund.



Neu-Berlin:
 Printed and sold by G. MILLER,
 August 2. 1825



Gehet uns're Kraft zurbe,
 id wir sind mit jedem Jahre,
 Alle reis zur Todten-Bahre.

Da die Sicher
 Ewiges Ste



Geburts- und Tauf-Schein.

Diesen beyden Ehegatten, als: **Georg**
Kunkel und seiner ehelichen
 Hausfrau **Maria** eine geborene
Maierin ist ein Sohn
 zur Welt geboren, den **11. 4n Tag März**
 im Jahr unsers Herrn, **1852**. Dieser Sohn
 ist geboren in **St Buffalo Saunsehip** in
Union Caunty, im Staat **Pennsylv**
vania, in Nord-Amerika, und ist getauft worden
 und erhielt den Namen **Joseph**.
 den **Tag** im Jahr unsers
 Herrn, **1854** von **Hrn. H. B. Casper**

Die Tauf-Zeugen waren:
 die Eltern selbst.



Ich bin getauft, ich steh' im Bunde,
 Durch meine Tauf' mit meinem Gott!
 So sprech' ich stets mit frohem Munde,
 In Kreuz, in Trübsal, Angst und Noth.
 Ich bin getauft, daß freu' ich mich,
 Die Freude bleibt mir ewiglich.
 Ich bin getauft in deinem Namen,
 Gott Vater, Sohn und heiliger Geist!
 Ich bin gezählt zu Deinem Saamen,
 Zum Volk, das dir geheiligt heist.
 O! welch' ein Glück ward dadurch mein,
 Herr, laß mich dessen würdig seyn!
 Ich bin getauft, ob ich gleich sterbe,
 Was schadet mir das kühle Grab?
 Ich weiß mein Vaterland und Erbe,
 Das ich bey Gott in Himmel hab':
 Nach meinem Tod ist mir bereit,
 Des Himmels Freud' und Feyer-Kleid.



6-5-86

Enclosed are the
copies you requested
of the other Tarp-
schems I had at the
Shupp's Drive flea
market in April.

Sorry it has taken
me so long to get
them off to you. They
have been buried
on my desk.

Sheri Ficken



CERTIFICATE
OF
Birth and Baptism.

To these two Parents:

AS *Jacob Gurdy* and his
Wife *Rachel* a born *Zentmeyer*
was born a *Daughter* on the *17* Day of
September in the year of our Lord *1891*

This Child was born in *East Buffalo*
Township *Union* County, in the
State of *Pennsylvania* in North America;

was baptised by the Rev. *Mr. Angspeak*
and received the name of *Leah Elizabeth Gurdy*

Witness present at the act of baptism: was

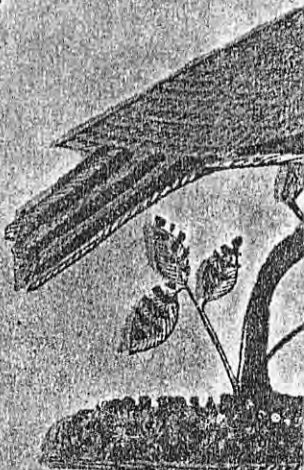
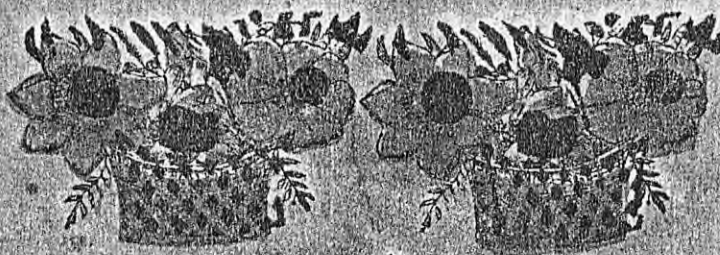
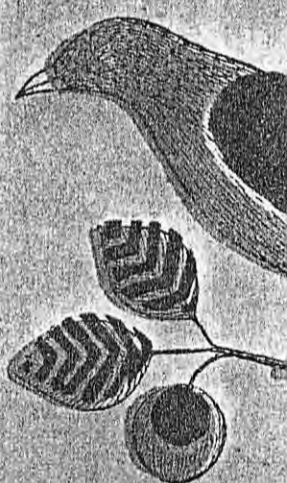
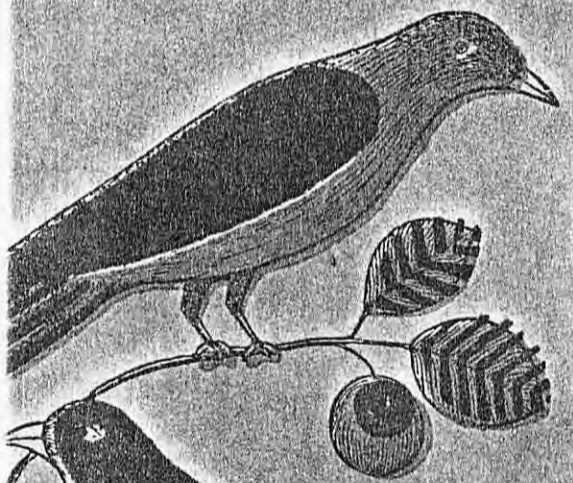
Rachel Gurdy



'Twas the commission of our Lord,
To teach the Nations and Baptise;
The Nations have received the word
Since HE ascended to the skies.

Repent and be baptised, he said,
For the remission of your sins:
And thus our sense assists our faith,
And shows us what his gospel means.

An inward baptism of pure fire,
'Tis all my longing soul's desire;
Kindle in me the living flame,
Baptise me in Jesus' name!
Wherewith to be baptis'd I have,
This, only this, my soul can save.



Bis zum letzten Orab der Zeit,
 Nur ein kurz gemess'ner Schritt,
 Ach! mit jedem Augenblick
 Gehet uns're Kraft zurück;
 Und wir sind mit jedem Jahre,
 Alle reif zur Todten-Wahre.

Keine
 Wer sei
 Geht
 Da die
 Ewig



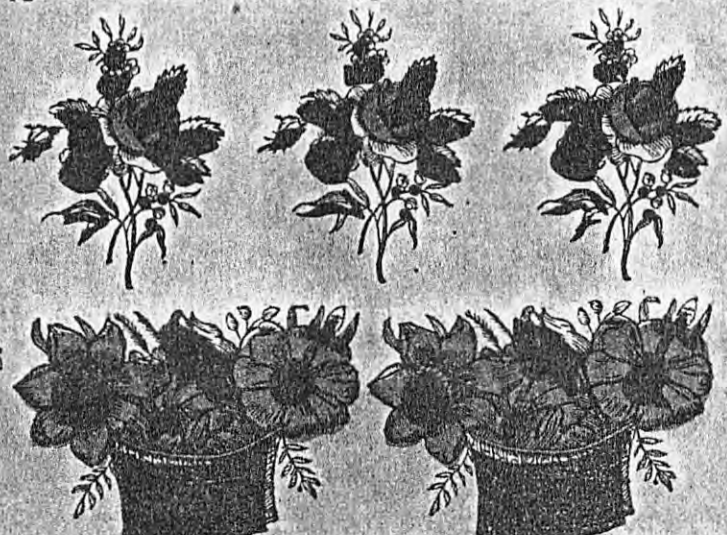
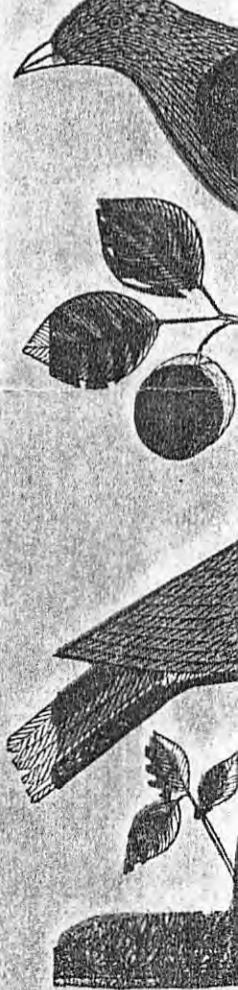
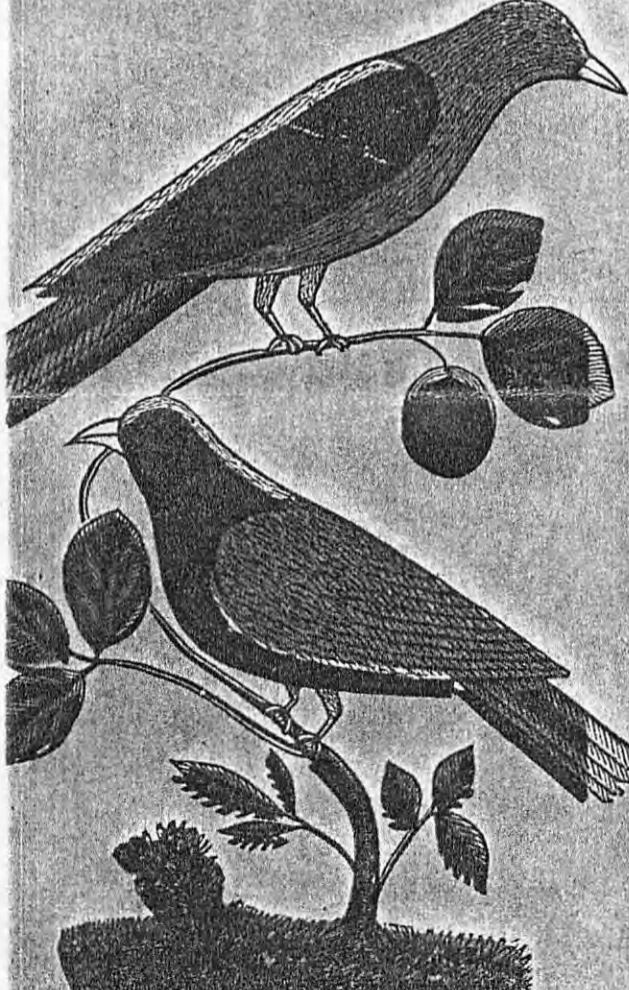
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 die Eltern selbst,



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 Durch meine Tauf' mit meinem Gott!
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