Rierripowben aus Dentidiant. (Ben Methias Ben[49].)

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Die freuge Ralte ift vorbei, und gegenwärtig ift es bier bei uns fo warm, wie im Monat März; auch Die erften frühlugsboten, wie g. B. bie Felblerche und andere Bugbogel find ichon ba. Des hat aber alles wenig au fagen in Bezug auf noch tommente Raite und Scinee, denn hier in Deutschand wird es erft richtig warm, wenn ber Rulut ruft, und bas ift im Monat Rei. Auch habe ich über einen Ungludofall zu berichten, indem am 14. Februar, frug 18 Uhr, der Stredenläufer Johann Rrang aus Rohne von einem Buge überfahren und poort getotet wurde. Rrans war Blocwärter und feit 1910 auf Blocketion Dullwit; das ift, wie ich ichon einmal berichtet habe, zwien Bude 109-108. Kranh follte etliche Bochen Stordendienst tun für einen gewiffen Bubet, ber fich im Dieuft ein Bein verlest hatte. Rranh wer 39 Jabre alt und fand feit ungefähr 16 Jahren in Dienften der Rgl. Eifenbahn-Direttim. · Æt hinterläht die Bitwe mit vier unerjøgenen Rinbern. Um 17. Sebruar warbe Rraus unter allgemeines Anteilnahme feiner Rollegen letten Rube beftattet.

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Rus Corga (Laufis) wird den "Spremberger Angeiger" unterm 25 16. Jehrnac folgendes mitgeteitt: Um Dochgeinlinge gestarben: Der 776brige Aggearbriter Ba, Echeny 18 informischnologingt, feierts geberty 18 dochgeis mit clast Stadtigen Bitbes funge Baar freitigen Frietich bein Lefter Cappe, als ploss fich beim Lefter Cappe, als ploss aufalt batte jemen Beben ein Unbe Correspondence from Germany (From Mathias Hanschko)

Post 107 near Spremberg, Feb. 20, 1912

## Worthy *Volksblatt*!

The worst of the cold weather is over and it is now quite warm here, almost as if it were the month of March; the spring messengers, such as the skylark and other migratory birds, are already present. But that has very little meaning with regards to cold and snow yet possible in Germany where it does not get to be truly warm until the cuckoo calls, in the month of May.

I must also inform you of an accident where, on February 14, early at 5:30, the track walker Johann Krautz from Rohne was overrun by a train and immediately killed. Krautz was a block post keeper of the railway since 1910 at the Mulkwitz station; which is situated, as I have previously indicated, between posts 109-108. Krautz was scheduled to do section duty for several weeks on behalf of a certain post attendant who had injured his leg on the job. Krautz was 39 years of age and had been in the service of the Royal Railroad Authority for about 16 years. He leaves behind a widow with 4 ill-mannered children. Krautz was laid to rest on February 17th with his coworkers in general attendance.

"Oh, you of the human race, remember that you must die regardless of what you may accomplish in life."

Among other things the following was reported on February 16th from Socou (Lausitz) in the *Spremberg Gazette*: "Deceased on his wedding day: The 77 year old day worker [Ja] celebrated his wedding yesterday with a 53 year old widow. After happy festivities, the "young pair," in the evening, sat at a table with a bowl of soup when Ja suddenly fell from his chair. A heart attack ended his life.

ð die i : Q ( Ħ finnet, benn fie lanter G frauenfreundlich, und ic , mit ciniger Deller h er, hoffend, das fiest era & Teinen fatiftich n nen Schaben aurichten Serr Deimibech rit Im Januari fini' fein De Denn be gibt & suberen Belli Bin Rebeneral's and nict auf, W.man ihr Dornung mennen b m Martio las des Frein, Ż Bong frist ber Mars put frem b b Ipeilis beingt bet Ratten Deet. lind heitet ft fin, fo gibt's poch iar Mai in die Balpurgione Ņ Da alaan Diq Me I et Free 1 Im Juni if dann Beter und α d wird gar bald die Bargel faul, in Juli fowist men fagenn e nich ein Ch'flendspille oriant steb ð er im Auguste freien mil Ħ iet feine Rinder in April. Beblember britet Didtetie bei, Drum foiel in siel Vie Oliober fonfit und s Da haft Die mehr ju tun, als fre Martine bringt bie Gans herbei Ber hetrel, batt besn beren guet Coler im Degember Deine Can silein He - obne Bran th freundlich leuk da alle 1 tine Lefer, Deu 1 . Schranlenmatten

In the Sunday-Views segment, the "Hessen Post" published Paul Heidelbach's monthly rimed poems for the merrily wed. They really appear to be meant for unhappily married couples because they do not sound women friendly and I am reproducing them with some reservation in the hope that they will not cause statistically identifiable damage in far-away Texas.

Mr. Hallenbach advises thus;

Free in January - no wife, Because there are other pastimes.

It's also not good for February Because this is known as the horny month.

Give up your freedom in March. Otherwise Mars will get to the woman!

April will bring forth the fool's army, And if you marry there will be more!

Walpurgis Night arrives in May, So beware of the women!

June is the month of Peter and Paul, And with it the tuber will soon rot.

One sweats enough in July, So avoid pulling the plough of matrimony!

Whoever wants to be free in August, Should send his children away in April.

September brings in Michaelmas, So to seek extra amusement would not be proper.

October introduces added things of importance, You will have more to be concerned with than being free.

The goose comes in with November, Whoever marries will then have two of them.

Butcher your pig in December And you'll be alone - without a woman!

With friendly greetings to all your readers, your

M Hantschko, Barrier guard

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