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TALES OF AN ECCENTRIC CHARACTER of OLD DOVER TOWNSHIP, YORK COUNTY, PA.

This "Character" lived near the old Post Office known as Eastmont in Dover Township, Some of his witty sayings have been used many times and a long time since his death, The one used most frequently is; "Mier vella in's bett, Die leidt vella heem gee." Which he used when his neighbors who paid him a friendly visit during an evening, and stayed longer than Mr. Bull thought they should.

You can be quiet certain that those neighbors did not need a second hint, But that it was time for them to say "Good Night". And that even if the Joke was on them, This was too good to be kept to themselves,

This technique is used locally, even today when hosts become bored.

This is an account of a Ruse used by Mr. Bull to gain admission to the York Fair Grounds, At the time most people walked or rode on wagons, And when the cattle and other live stock to be exhibited at the fair were driven from their homes along the dusty or muddy country roads on foot, And entered the Fair Grounds by a special gate.

By taking advantage of his suggestive name, Mr. Bull walked to one of these gates where the following dialogue took place with one of the guards; "Iss dess der blotz wuu sie ess fie nei lussa?-Yah," said the guard. "Iss dess wuu die sei und shoofe nei g'numma warra? Yah dess iss der blotz. Und geena de geil und onner fie aw doo nei? - Sell iss recht. Don muss dess der blotz sei wuu die kie und bulla nei geena, - Ei Bie shoor. Well don! Iss dess der blotz wuu ich aw nei muss, weil ich evva aw en Bull (bin.)".

Suiting his actions to his words he strode into the Fair Grounds, Leaving a perplexed guard staring after him.

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P.S.I have spent the last ten years tracing some of my ancestry, Especially the descendants of the immigrants Michael Quickel and his brother George, who landed at Phila. Oct.19,1736, Also Philip Crone and David Meisenhelter, Other allied early families were Jacob and Michael Kreider, Jacob Barr(Bear) Conrad Ensminger, Conrad Frey, and Conrad Frey, John Hoeneisen (Henise) , Frederick Eicholtz, Andrew and Emanuel Seib (Sipe), David Bentzel, John Heltzel, Daniel Messerly and many other related family names.