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Aug. 17 1953
Bally Pa.

Dear Sir,

19/5/54

Hope at last is that long looked for "Poshda Yockel" story for Grabba Barvick. The Poshda Yockel itself is a very peculiar looking rock setting on top of a pile of other rocks. Some 70 years ago a man was killed near there, after that every Christmas night between 12-1 o'clock the people on the farm by the name of Ed. Peisher saw a small light come from the Poshda Yockel to their barn and untie the cows from there it would go over to the Forge Pale School House and unlock a window then it would turn around and go back by the

way of the barn to the Poshda
yocked again and disappear
and as the light moved on
it made a noise like dragging
a chain. And no matter how
or who tied the cows they
were loose in the stable and
no matter who locked the
window it was open. One
night they wanted to see how
the cows would get untied
but they were too late they
were loose already in the stable
Now in those days the people
used to say to those who went
fishing or hunting "washt
du mitter uf der Poshdt,"
or "washt du mitter uf de
Yockel gorn". Then because
this light started at that rock
and came back again to the
rock, it got the name "Poshdt
Yockel."

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we were up to see the rock yesterday and we judged it to be between 50 & 75 feet high

I got the story from Leo Mutter he was raised and lived in Bally until the last few years he is a regular listener to your program

Now if Jemie Brendle is so fond of flowers as you said the next time you see him you can call him a blumma granny or a blumma Gretz either way is said around here.

And here is another saying I just heard for your slip is showing

"Du bist om shlipa"

I thought I had told you everything I knew but I guess there is no end to it.

The man who gave me that rhyme, "Der Mesht markt es mesht" etc, can give you some stories and maybe some more things of interest to you I talked to him and I guess if he is started once, he is a man in the 70 years they are the one who can date pretty far back.

So-Long
Your Friend

Kelen J. Moser
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Penna.