



The Polish Jew: Folk-Opera in Two Acts (Classic Reprint)

By Karel Weis

Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Excerpt from The Polish Jew: Folk-Opera in Two Acts The two-act opera of The Polish Jew (Der Polnische Jude) is based upon a French original by Erekmann-Chatrian, on which the famous play of The Bells, one of Sir Henry Irving s greatest successes, was also founded. Karel Weis, the composer, was born in Prague in 1862, and is still living in his native city. This opera is one of his earlier works, dated 1901. Argument. Act I. The entire action takes place in the inn of Burgomaster Mathis, in an Alsatian village. The opening scene is in the dance hall, with preparations for the betrothal feast of Christian, a young police official, and Annette, the daughter of Mathis. Christian has been delayed by the heavy snow, but arrives after some anxiety on the part of Annette, and her mother. Katharine. The two lovers exchange endearments and are interrupted by Schmitt, a bluff forester, who tells the story of the Polish Jew and his mysterious murder, fifteen years before. It was just such a winter as...



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