

## The Two Kune-Lemels

## By ABRAHAM GOLDFADEN

Reb Fünchesi is a very orthodox man of a lattle townshop somewhere in Roumania who would be only too pleased to see his daughter Chajele (who has given herself the modern name Caroline) married to a Chassid. It matters little to him whether this future husband of his beloved daughter will be a fool—he cares only for a good chassidic family, or "Yichus," and a real orthodox boy. Unfortunately, Caroline is already in love with a student, Max. Her intentions are supported by her mother, a very strong character, Rifkele, Reb Pinchesl's wife, a woman, who, to use the Jewish expression "wears the trousers"...

There is also an oldfashioned Jewish matrimouial agent, a so called "shadchen," a friend of Reb Pinchesl his name being Halme... He has already in sight a right bridegroom for Caroline, it is the half blind, lame and tuttering stepson of Reb Shulemunie with the fine name Kune Lemel. Reb Pinchesl is réady to give the hand of his daughter to this halfidiot, because of his fine family and his undoubtedly orthodox feelings.

There is another girl, the foolish daughter of Reb Kalmen—Libele. She really would be the right bride for Reb Kune Lemi, just as Max is the right boy for Caroline, but nothing can hold back the orthodox father. Max is determined to fight for his love. His intention is to entangle the fool Kune Lemel by giving himself for a day a similar appearence as the latter. He informs his bride about his planes and now the fun begins. He does his job so excellently that even his own bride never recognizes who is the right and who is the failse Kune Leml... The most humorous scenes of the "Two Kune Lemels" are the scenes when Max comes to Libele, reb Kalmen's daughter, when he meets the real Kune Lemel and when the real Kune Lemel comes to Caroline and she thinks that her bridegroom Max is playing his part so well. Max who is aided in his p'and by his fellow students comes into the room of the orthodox and supperstitious Reb Pinchesi at night dressed as a ghost in linen. He speaks to Reb Pinchesl as if he were the incarnation of the spirit of the latter's ancestors and compells the old supperstitious man to alter his decision regarding his daughter and to let her marry whom she really loves.

The happy end is now very near—Max becomes the bridegroom of Caroline and Kune Lemel will marry Libele.

But there is one thing which the poor Kune Lemel will never understand, it is whether HE is the REAL Kune Lemel, or not. It will remain the puzzle of his life.

The "Two Kune Lemels" was written by Abraham Goldfaden, the founder of the Yiddish Theatre more then half a century ago and had its influence towards modernising of the ancient forms of Jewish life. It was played tens of thousands times all over the Jewish world, its success never abated—it appears now be fore the Melbourne Jewish Public in the somewhat grotesque form that it is usually played in the modern Jewish theatre.

## PERSONEL:

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REB PINCHUSE	J. GINTER
RIFKE (his wife)	J. SILMAN
CAROLINA (their daughter)	H. SEGAL
SHALOMUNI	F. JEDWAB
KUNE-LEMEL (his son)	N. GINTER
MAX (Second Kune-Lemel) .	J. SHADUR
KALMEN (a Shadchen)	B. ROSENBERG
LIEBELE (his daughter)	N. ROSENBERG
FIRST CHASSID	A. SEGAL
SECOND CHASSID	J. JADWAB
THIRD CHASSID	G. NATHAN
FOURTH CHASSID	I. FIVEL
MEISIM (Ghost), CHILDREN, DEITSHLICH.	
Prompter, I. PADEMSKY.	

At the Piano, MISS ROCHLIN.

## פערזאנען:

י. גינמער. — —	ר׳ פּינחסל —
י. סילמאן,	רבקה,_(זייון פרוי) –
ח. סעגאל. —	קאראלינא, (זייער טאָכטער )
פ. יעדוואכ. — —	שלומוניו – – –
נ. גינטער. — —	קוני לַעַמל, (זייז זוו)
י, שאדור, -	מצקם, (צווייטער קוני לעמל)
ב. ראָזנבערג. – –	קלמן, (א שרכן)
נ. ראַזנבערג. — —	ליבעלע, (זייז טאָרטער) —
א. סענאל. – – א. סענאל.	ערשמער חסיד – – –
י. יעדוואכ. — —	צווייטער חסיד
ג. נאמאן.	דרימער הסיד
י. פייוול. — —	פערטער חסיד – –
דייטשלעך.	מתים. קינדער.
מים ראכלין. —	- ביי דער פּיאַנאָ
ם. פאדעמסקי. —	סופליאר