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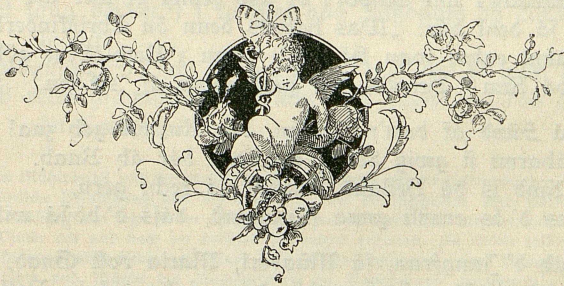
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Söchá Leut schützn selbn áh dö Schützengerl nôt.
 Wann dá Mensch áf dö Welt als á floans, á floans Kind,
 Ohne Geld, ohne Gwand intá d' Leut abákimmt,
 Aft sagt dá liab Gott zu án Engerl: »Los áf!
 Gib fein Acht áf das Kindl und schau má guat dráf,
 Denn dort hánd bese Geistá, dö thoan si bemüahn
 Und gar oft so á Seel zu sein Untágang fúh'n.
 Beschüt's i dá Gfah'r, steh eahn bei i dá Naot'h
 Und behüats fein vor Hungá und gálingá¹⁾ Taod.
 Und wírd's aft zun Sterábn,²⁾ siagst abi zu ihr,
 Laßt in Leib áf dá Welt, d' Seel bringst áffá³⁾ zu mir!«
 Drum, mein Bua! so balds d' siagst, dá's á Steenráuspn⁴⁾ fallt,
 Aft denkst áf, dá's á Engerl á Menschenseel holt,
 Aft bet, dá's's vor Gott, bei sein Ríchtá mag b'stehn!
 Und dá's's frei ohne Straf kann in Himmel eingehn!
 Und i glaub's — denn mein Ahtl, dö hat gwiß nôt glogn —
 Dá's dö Steen, dö má seh'n, lautá Engerl jánd obn.
 Drum, sobald i iah siag so viel Steen bei dá Nacht,
 Aftm denk i má allmal, sö stehnt áf dá Wacht.
 Da zia'g i mein'n Huat a und bet oft án Eícht,
 Dá's mi áh dá mein holt, sobald 's Lóbn vo mir weícht;
 Dá's mein Engl mi schüht vor án gálingá Taod
 Und án'n Fürbittá⁵⁾ macht bei mein Ríchtá — bei Gott!



1) jäh'n. 2) Sterben. 3) herauf. 4) Sternschnuppe. 5) Fürsprecher.