

## SYNOPSIS

The action takes place at the famous White Horse Inn on Lake Wolfgang, in the Salzkammergut province in Austria. The Inn is run by a very attractive widow, Frau Maria Gabriella Jospha Vogelhuber, who is always complaining of the trouble she has with her head waiters, no less than the current one Leopold. She remonstrates with him but he is not so easily daunted.

However, Valentine Sutton, an English solicitor, arrives at the inn as a guest and it is obvious that Josepha is rather keen on him. When Leopold realises this, he is determined to make things awkward for Herr Sutton. Another guest, John Ebenezer Grinkle, an underwear manufacturer, blusters his way into the story and Leopold immediately starts to use him and his attractive daughter Ottoline, to upset Sutton. Sutton is already perturbed by the vision of Ottoline, which makes Leopold's task much easier.

The plot gets a little more complicated when Grinkle's rival, Sigismund Smith, comes to stay at the inn and he, in turn, is drawn to Gretel who is the daughter of an impoverished Professor Hinzl. The entanglement gets tighter through song and story, including yodels and national dances. When the Emperor, Franz Joseph of Austria, comes to spend a night at the inn to open the shooting season Leopold makes a fool of himself during his reception address, and is turned on by the crowd. Despite his continued threats to leave the inn, his goodbyes never get further than the word.

The kindly Emperor offers some good advice to disentangle the situations and we end the story with three loving couples and a lot of happy people at the White Horse Inn

### Act 1

- Scene 1 Outside the White Horse Inn
- Scene 2 The Cow Shed
- Scene 3 Outside the Inn

### Act 2

- Scene 1 Outside the Inn
- Scene 2 The Pine Wood
- Scene 3 The Town Hall
- Scene 4 The Cow-shed
- Scene 5 Outside the inn

### Act 3

- Scene 1 Outside the Inn
- Scene 2 The 'Travellers Rest'
- Scene 3 Outside the Inn

