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P3 Altmiller Letter in German

A count had a servant whom he wanted to have killed. K.G.H. Father. The executioner, who could not cut this [head] off for the count, carried out the command, but wonder of wonders, the sword didn't kill the servant. It didn't even wound him. When the astonished [count] saw this, he asked the servant what the cause was, and the servant showed him the letter with the following initials: L.J.Ch.K.ff.R.N.K, which he claimed to have from heaven. When the count saw this letter, he commanded that everyone should carry it on his person. Whoever has a bleeding wound on his body should take this letter and place it on the wound, and the blood will stop flowing and the wound will be healed. Whoever goes to war and does not have this letter on his should write these initials on his dagger or on the scabbard of his weapon and

he will not be able to be wounded. The following initials are the holy five wounds of Christ: K.H.F.G.K. If you are in possession of these initials, then you can be sure, that false judgment will not be visited upon you: H.H.K.K. \*Whoever carries this letter on his person will be safe from thunder and lightning, nor may fire nor water harm him, and when a woman bears a child, and the child will not part from her, then one should hand her this letter and she will bear the child and the child will be a happy one. Truly this letter is better than money, [a] house-and-protection letter - In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (Ghost). Just as Christ stood still in the Garden of Gethsemane, so should cannons stand still, wherever this letter is found, and the weapons of one's enemy not be able to strike that person. [Nor] may murderers and thieves be able to harm him, by the command of the Holy Spirit. May all things visible and invisible be at peace, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. I also say, and whoever will not believe my Word, he should hang this letter around the neck of a dog and shoot him ,that I have spoken truthfully. As true as it is, that Jesus Christ died and went to heaven, as true as it is that he wandered on earth, that whoever is in possession of this letter can be neither stabbed nor wounded. I swear by the living God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, he shall remain unharmed. I ask in the name of the blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, that no bullet may strike me, whether it be of silver, gold, or lead, God in heaven frees me from all things. This letter was found in Holstein in the year 1724; it was written in golden letters and hovered over the baptismal font in Rudrogen; when they sought to tear it down, it receded, until the year 1791. thought of copying it and imparting it to the world, and for this purpose the letter let itself come down. Among other teachings it contained the following: Whoever works on Sunday, he is damned, for on Sunday you should go to church and pray with reverence. I also command that six days you should work and on the seventh day you should hear God's Word. If you do not do this, then I will punish you with hard times, pestilence, and war. I also command, that you shall not work late on Saturday, for everyone, whether he be young or old, should pray that his sins be forgiven. You should not lie, as unreasoning animals; from your riches, you should give to the poor, and not swear in God's name, nor covet the gold or silver of other people. Honor your father and your mother and do not speak false witness against your neighbor. Whoever keeps my commandment will live in health and peace, whoever does not believe and does not act in accordance [with these commandments] will be abandoned and have neither happiness nor blessing. I say that Jesus Christ has written this letter himself and whoever speaks against it cannot expect help from me. Whoever is in possession of this letter and does not reveal it to others is cursed by the Christian church, for you should ponder this deeply and copy it soon; if your sins are as numerous as grains of sand on the sea and leaves on the trees, even then they shall be forgiven, as long as you believe in this. Whoever does not believe is doomed and his children will die a horrible death. Be converted or you will be punished; I will damn you on the Day of Judgement if you cannot give an accounting of your lives. Hold these commandments of mine which I have sent you through my angel. Jesus Christus. Amen.

Maria Elisabetha Petri.

Written by Justus Altmueller. In the war, January 13, 1865.

<sup>\*&</sup>quot;Rudrogen" does not appear as a place name on any German maps.