

## **Master's Hammer "The Jilemnice Occultist"**

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A classical operetta of three acts.  
The libretto was written by Mr. Scantisek Storm.  
Music by Master's Hammer,  
a promenade although also a chamber orchestra.

The event took place under the slopes of the Krkonose mountains in the summer and autumn of the year 1913, Anno Satanas.

Heroes:

Atrament = a student, amateur occultist and adventurer.

Calamaria = a daughter of Spiritus the landlord, a well known medium.

Clement Bombastus von Satrapold = the new Jilemnice Captain.

Poebeldorf = the Captain's aide-de-camp, and a vile thief

Blether = a groom of castle's stabled and a denouncer.

Spiritus = a landlord of the Jilemnice inn.

A brief overview of the libretto:

We have emerged now in Jilemnice in the year 1913, and, therefore in the period when the popularity of spiritism (brought Bohemia by Etrich as early as 1880) is at its peak. At first it had been performed mostly by Kckonse weavers at Trutnov, but soon it spread all ober the county, and so from the very beginnung of the new century, there had been plentiful spiritistic seances at Semily, Nova Paka, Jelezny Brod and Fielemnice, attended by both young and old

people - a physician  
sits there along with the undertaker, a clerk by the side  
of a  
blacksmith, a thief together with a gendarme. The  
farming, and  
consequently, all of the economy is quite naturally being  
neglected,  
and the population demoralized.  
That is why the new Jilemnice Captain has been  
appointed. He is  
supposed to rid authorities of bothersome spiritists,  
who have even  
refused to pay taxes. On the day Captain is due to take  
over his  
duties, A Prague student named Atrament comes to  
Jilemnice. He is a  
free-thinker of a doubtful character, but he is  
extraordinarily  
witty. Besides that he is thoroughly interested in  
spiritism...

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