

DACHSHUND VILLAGE:

Hang on to your seats - this is a long dog story.

It comes from Gergweis, in Lower Bavaria - a village that goes in for dachshunds in a big way. In fact, the sausage-dogs dominate the village, and they're allowed to get away with murder, for Gergweis owes its prosperity to these elongated thoroughbreds. Lower Bavaria gave birth to the breed; in Gergweis it has reached its greatest height - or rather length.

Pardon me, but have you a visa for these parts?

Something will have to be done about this upstart foreigner. An outflanking movement, perhaps.

Sitting on the fence like a Liberal Chief Whip, minding her own business - why can't they leave a girl alone? But among dogs as among men, sitting on the fence is a dangerous business. Somebody with a nose for argument is sure to come along and shove you off.

Proper dog in the manger, he is. That post was clearly designed for something with a shorter wheelbase.