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INTERVIEW FOR JEWISH CHRONICLE WITH "SHALOM ALEICHEM."

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Shalom Aleichem's Latest Work.

What are you writing now? I asked.
"I always write sketches for Yiddish
papers appropriate to the festivals, and
I am overwhelmed with requests for work I am overwhelmed with requests for work of this sort. For the last twenty years, on every Yomtov that God gives us, I have discharged this honourable task. I always describe pictures from Jewish life apropos of the particular festival. I am now at work on sketches for Succoth which I have to finish this week. For the which I have to finish this week. For the UTION prayer. I stored up so many and such varied experiences in my childhood that if I devote my whole life to the task I shall never be able to describe them all. Besides I shan't live long."

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