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(*b* Chudenice u Klatov, Bohemia, Sept 25, 1868; *d* Prague, Jan 10, 1950). Czech poet, dramatist and librettist. From 1900 he was a director and Dramaturg at the Prague National Theatre, where he introduced plays by Chekhov, Ibsen and Gorky into the repertory. Later he was a director at the Vinohrady Theatre (1921–8). He wrote six plays, but is today chiefly remembered as the librettist of Dvořák’s opera Rusalka (*see* [Rusalka](https://www.oxfordmusiconline.com/grovemusic/documentId/omo-9781561592630-e-5000904369)). Before then he adapted Mosenthal’s *Deborah* for his friend Foerster, and was to have undertaken a similar adaptation for him of Preissová’s *Gazdina roba* (‘The Farm Mistress’), work which in the end Foerster did himself (in *Eva*).

