

D'HAMMERSCHMIEDSG'S ELLN
Bavaria, Germany

D'Hammerschmiedsg's elln (D'HAHM-mer-shmeetz-gah-zell-ehn).
 was introduced at University of the Pacific Folk Dance Camp in
 1964 by Mr. Huig Hofman. It is Dutch-German. (Th' Journeyman
 Blacksmith)

Music: Record: Folkraft 1485x45 B. 3/4 meter

Formation: 4 M in small square; M1 face his ptr, M3; M2 face
 his ptr, M4.

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| | M3 | or: | M | | M |
| M4 | M2 | (see note | M | W | or: W |
| | M1 | at end) | W | | M |

Steps and Styling: Clappattern: (takes 2 meas, or 6 cts, and is so described for clarity). Clap hands on own thighs (ct 1), on own chest (ct 2), in front of chest (ct 3), clap ptrs R hand (ct 4), clap ptrs L hand (ct 5), clap both hands of ptr (ct 6). Styling calls for a good knee bend on ct 1 (keep back straight), lean back on cts 2, 3, and reach fwd, bending at waist, to clap hands with ptr on cts 4, 5, 6.
Step-hop: (takes 1 meas) A strong step fwd L (ct 1), hold (ct 2), hop L (ct 3), kicking R fwd a little with knee bent and sole of ft parallel to floor. Next step-hop would begin R.

Measures
 2 Notes &
 4 meas

Pattern
 Introduction - no action.

- FIG I (CLAPPATTERN)
 A 1-16 M1 and M3 do clappattern, beginning on 1st ct of meas 1 (8 clappatterns).
 M2 and M4 do clappattern, beginning on 1st ct of meas 2 (7-1/2 clappatterns).
- FIG II (STEP-HOPS IN SMALL CIRCLE)
 B 1-8 All 4 M join hands shoulder high and, beginning L, circle L (CW) with 8 step-hops, at same time swinging joined hands vigorously in and out (in twd ctr on 1st meas, out from ctr on 2nd meas, etc).
 9-16 M circle R (CCW) with 8 step-hops (begin L). Continue swinging hands as before.

- FIG III (CLAPPATTERN)
 A 1-16 Repeat action of Fig I.

- FIG IV (STEP-HOPS WITH RIGHT HAND MILL)
 B 1-8 M form R hand mill (each M grasps R wrist of M on his L with his R hand) and circle L (CW) with 8 step-hops. Begin L. Fist of free hand is on hip. Maintain a good lean away from ctr.
 9-16 M form L hand mill and circle R (CCW) with 8 step-hops. Begin L.

- FIG V (CLAPPATTERN)
 A 1-16 Repeat action of Fig I.

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FIG VI (STEP-HOPS IN BIG CIRCLE)

B 1-8

Dancers in all sets quickly form one big circle around room and circle L with 8 step-hops.

Begin L and swing arms in and out as before.

9-16

All circle R (CCW) with 8 step-hops. Begin L.

NOTE: Originally this dance was performed by M only, and at the end they would run to find a girl to waltz with. In modern times, it is often done by cpls, sometimes with each M clapping with his ptr, sometimes the 2 W clapping together in opposition to the 2 M. When mixed cpls do the dance, instead of the big circle at the end, M waltz last 16 meas with their lady -- or they may even steal the other lady if they wish.

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