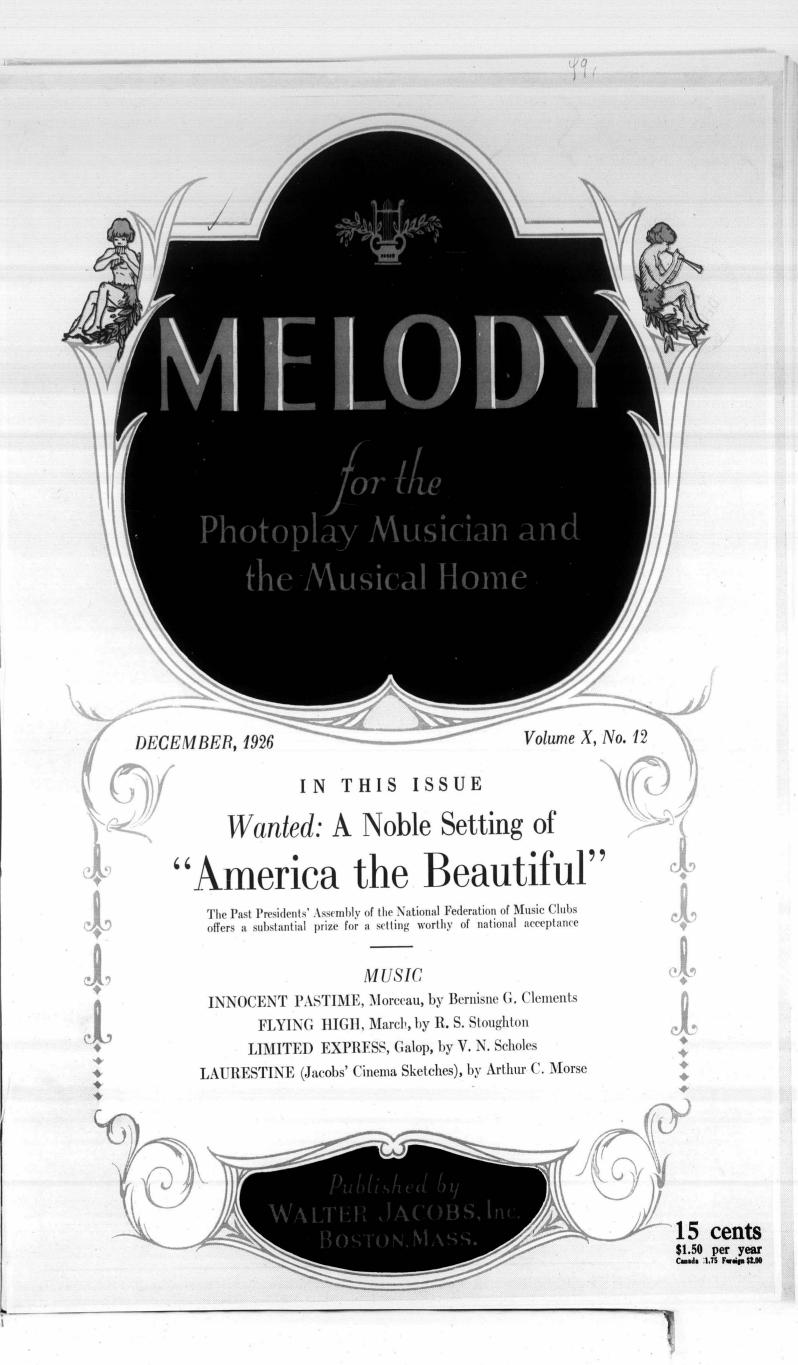


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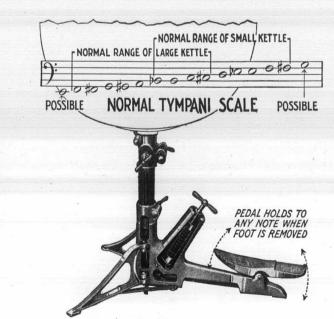
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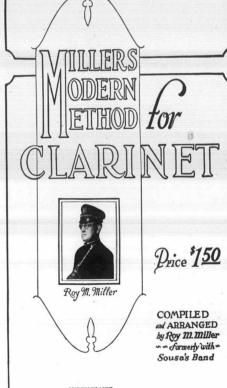
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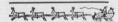
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Wanted: A Noble Setting of "America the Beautiful"

BY CHANCE the inspired lines of Katharine Lee Bates great patriotic hymn, America the Beautiful, were printed a few years ago in a song book with the hymn-tune known as Materna. This tune was written by Samuel A. Ward forty years ago to match the plaintive seventeenth-century hymn, "O

Mother dear, Jerusalem, when Shall I Come to Thee?" which it expresses admirably. But to forcibly combine music written to express the longing of a world-weary soul for a far-off heaven with Miss Bates' maj-estic lines glowing with a lofty patriotism is an obvious anomaly that cries out for rectifica-Sporadic but unsuccessful

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A cash prize of \$500.00 is to be awarded to the Americanborn composer whose setting best expresses the love, loyalty

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the prize award and for the necessary expenses of carrying out this national contest. As America the Beautiful was written by a woman of Massachusetts, and first appeared in print in Boston, July, 4, 1895; and as the contest was produced by the National Chairman of the Past Presidents Assembly, also a resident of Massachusetts; as the opening lines first floated into the author's mind on the summit of Pike's Peak, and the first four stanzas were penciled in her note book in Colorado; as the President of the National Federation of Music Clubs is a resident of Ohio; as the official action has just been taken at a meeting in Memphis, Tennessee; and as the National Federation of Music Clubs had its inception at the World's Fair in Chicago in 1893, and as the symbolic beauty of that White City quickened the poet's mind at the same time; the wives of the Governors of Massachusetts, Colorado, Ohio, Tennessee and

Illinois head the honor subscription list. The privilege of securing the funds in question is delegated to the State Chairman of the Past Presidents' Assembly and State Presidents of the National Federation of Music Clubs.

The conditions of the contest are outlined on this page at the foot of the last column. A circular containing complete information may be obtained by writing the chairman of the contest.

*The Past Presidents' Assembly is an auxiliary group composed of those who have served as the president of a regularly organized music club, State Federation, or other music organization, or as District or National President of the National Federation of Music Clubs. It was founded at the Asheville Biennial on June 14, 1923, to weld into one compact, nation-wide fellowship all the past leaders in music clubdom in the United States.

A Prize Contest Announcement THE composer of "America 'the Beautiful," the most widely sung and most beloved hymn of patriotism written in this generation was for many years Profes-By MRS. WILLIAM ARMS FISHER

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KATHARINE LEE BATES

The Composer and the Hymn

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain.
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

D beautiful for pilgrim fee Whose stern impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness.
America! America!
God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for heroes proved or beautiful or fledoes proved
In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved,
And mercy more than life,
America! America!
May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness
And ev'ry gain divine!

That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears.
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for patriot dream

sor of English Literature at Wellesley College. In 1893 Miss Bates stopped in Chicago on her way to Colo-rado, where she was on the faculty of a notable summer school. Visiting the World's Fair, the symbolic beauty of the White City greatly impressed her. Going thence to Colorado Springs, she saw the Rockies for the first time and spent three weeks at the foot of their "purple mountain majesties." At the close of the summer school Miss Bates with a party ascended Pike's Peak. Speaking of her brief, ecstatic gaze from the summit, she says: "It was then and there, as I was looking out over the sea-like expanse of fertile country spreading away so far under those ample skies, that the opening lines of the hymn floated into my mind. When we left Colorado Springs the four stanzas were penciled in my notebook, together with other memorranda, in verse and prose, of the trip. The Wellesley work soon absorbed time and attention again, the notebook was

laid aside, and I do not remember paying heed to these verses until the second summer following, when I copied them out and sent them to The Congregationalist, where they first appeared in print July 4, 1895. The hymn attracted an unexpected amount of attention. It was almost at once set to music by Silas G. Pratt. Other tunes were written for the words and so many requests came to me with still increasing frequency that, in 1904, I rewrote it, trying to make the phraseology more simple and direct." The new version first appeared in the Boston Evening Transcript, November 19, 1904.

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2. The setting of AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL is to be for mixed voices in hymn form and in vocal range and character fitted for mass singing.

3. The judges are to be men of national reputation and will be instructed to award the prize of \$500 only to a truly noble setting of the text worthy as a hymn for the Nation.

4. The contest closes on Tuesday, March 1, 1927.

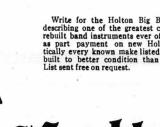
5. Manuscripts are to be sent to the Chairman of the Contest, Mrs. William Arms Fisher, 362 Commonwealth Ave., Boston.

6. All manuscripts must carry a nom de plume and be accompanied by a sealed envelope containing the full name and address of the composer with postage for its return. The contest is open to any native-born

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the direction of the Department of Agriculture, it is now become truly representative of all things good — social, civic and economic in Ohio.

The Ohio State Fair possesses all the long-established features common to such enterprises throughout the nation, but these

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efforts that made the 1926 Chio State rair wis amount over last it was. The High School Band was a great improvement over last year, and was one of the big features of the Fair. Favorable permanent fixture at the State Fair, and in the future, mouncements should be made six months in advance.

Your direction of the one hundred and fifty piece symphony cand that played for the "Wonderer" was a great factor in making this production the success that it was.

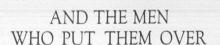
It has been my privilege and pleasure to have heard a great many of the leading bands an symphony orchestras of the United States. I also have some knowledge of musical interpretations and renditions, and I feel safe in saying that the 150 piece symphony band could not be surpassed by any musical organisation in the United States. Their interpretations of the Wonderer were sublime, and magnificent, and contributed in a vast measure to the success of the show.

I am more than pleased with the production. Wednesday night's performence was a realization of what I had visualized in my mind weeks ahead, and I feel that I can state without fear of successful contradiction that the "Monderer" was the greatest out door production ever presented to an American mudience.

Again thanking you for your fine cooperation, and with every good wish and warmest personal regards, I am

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By Clarence Byrn

we must forego as a matter of course in this article. Twenty years ago, it was the privilege of this writer to play for this Fair with one of the visiting bands for an afternoon and evening, and he has since endeavored to spend



STATE OF OHIO EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

September 28, 1926

I want to congratulate you and your All Ohio High School Band on the splendid music which you furnished at the 1926 Ohio State Fair. Your noble assistance was largely responsible for the success of the fair this year. Your praises have been sung in every corner of the state.

One of the most pleasant recollections of those who were in attendance at Ohio's Greatest Agricultural Exposition is that of the entertainment which was furnished by The Three Hundred Boy Unsicians and the One Rundred and Fifty Piecos Pageant Band. If I could be only half as successful as you have been in oringing out the musical talents of others, I would be willing to go down through the years doing nothing else. I realise that the great High School Band could not have gained its envisible place in the hearts of Ohionan without the peerless leadership of one peculiarly fitted for the task.

Wishing you and your Band continued success, I am



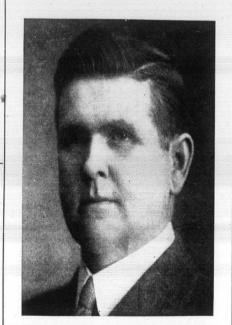
CHARLES V. TRUAX

annually at least a day and an evening at the Fair. This year he was present three days and one evening, busy and thoroughly enjoying himself every minute of the time.

The Ohio State Fair Management appreciates the value of sentiment in business, and always employs a large number of both professional and amateur

bands to keep their patrons interested and happy. Governor Vic Donahey and Chas. V. Truax, his Director of Agriculture, both aprecrate the value of music in the life we live. The official letter of thanks from Director Truax to State Fair Bandmaster Wainwright, gives welcome proof of his high regard for band music at the Fair, and the accompanying letter of "Vic," as the Governor is affectionately termed, shows not only a sincere appreciation of music's service to humanity, but reveals also his deep and abiding love for all his people. Is it any wonder that the citizens of Ohio have chosen him for three consecutive times, to be their Governor the only man ever so honored in the history of the State?

In 1924 a High School Band Contest was conducted over the entire State, by the Ohio State Fair Management. The six organizations judged to be the best in Ohio were



brought to Columbus at the expense of the State Fair, and encamped on the Grounds during the entire week. They played each day and were judged on their six-day performances. Besides their memorable outing, they were placed by the judges and received liberal cash prizes. The popularity of this step was so evident and these youthful musicians were so well received by Fair patrons, that three hundred of the best players from two hundred different high schools throughout the State, were selected by State Fair Bandmaster J. W. Wainwright, brought to Columbus and

assembled into one mammoth, three-hundred piece All-Ohio High School Band for the 76th annual State Fair. Again they were encamped in tents on the Fair grounds, registered with the band secretary, and placed under the group supervision of Mr. Wainwright and his six assistant directors - Mr. Guy V. Sutphen, Toledo, Ohio; Mr. James Naylor, Georgetown, Ohio; Michael Lombardi, Fostoria, Ohio, Mr. Herman Cooper, Marietta, Ohio, Mr. C. J. Jones, Coshocton, Ohio; and Mr. C. E. Broderick, Montpelier, Ohio.

A HUGE UNDERTAKING

The task of selecting, assembling, chaperoning, organizing and drilling such an enormous and far-scattered group of schoolboy musicians was a hard one, but it fell into capable hands. Mr. Wainwright himself furnished approximately \$10,000 worth of camp equipment, and the arrangement of the music alone cost \$600. The boys were assembled for their first joint rehearsal just three days before the Fair began, and by the first day of the Fair they were thoroughly organized and playing, in both mass and group formations, like veterans. From 9.30 in the morning until 9.30 in the evening they were on the go. Every day, except Saturday, the big massed band played an hour's concert from 11.30 to 12.30 in the State House yard. And from 3.30 to 4.30 a similar concert on the pageant platform, across the race track in front of the grand stand, where they would alternate with Carbone's Attraction Band of well-known musicians. During the rest of the time on duty they were playing in



smaller divisions throughout the Fair Grounds. Practically every county in the State was represented in this 300-piece All-Ohio High School Band, which contributed so materially to the Ohio State Fair of 1926. Mr. Wainwright extends his deepest gratitude and appreciation to the following Ohio bandmasters,

whose invaluable services turned a difficult

and challenging project into a glorious success:
Mr. Warren C. Miller, Bedford; Mr. Harry F. Clarke, Cleveland; Mr. T. G. Simon, Fremont, Mr. B. F. Aldrich, Sandusky; Mr. C. M. Layton, Massillon; Mr. L. V. Kelley, Akron; Mr. P. F.

McCormick, Cleveland; Mr. J. D. Naylor, Georgetown; Mr. G. V. Sutphen. Toledo; Mr. C. H. Jones, Coshocton; Mr. Herman Cooper, Marietta; Mr. C. E. Broderick, Montpelier, Mr. Michael Lombardi, Fostoria, Mr. Lacox, Bellevue and Norwalk; Mr. Dan Grisinger, Wellington; Mr. Samual Krauss, Salem; Mr. Reed, Alliance; Mr. Edwin Bath, Wilmington; Mr. Rush Rosenberry, Painesville; Mr. L. E. Willes, Kenton; Mr. Glen Grace, Kent; Mr. J. C. Hazen, Bucyrus; Mr. H. J. Copp, Middletown; Mr. Ira Halt, Cardington; Mr. Roy E. Dougan, Cleveland; Mr. Ira Morington, New Carlisle; Mr. D. E. Greco, Dover; Mr. Baird, Elyria; Mr. Gerald Myers,

H. R. Hutchinson, Elmore; Mr. Wm. Strassner, Canton, and Mr. A. R. Wheeler, Cumberland.

The management of the Ohio Fair believes in the school band movement: first, because of it's wholesome and lasting influence upon the boy, and second, because it considers the proper raising and training of boys and girls to be fully as important and interesting to Fair patrons, as farming, mining, and breeding live stock.

ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT CHAPTERS IN

AMERICA'S MUSICAL HISTORY
is the story of the all-Ohio State Fair Bands told by Mr Byrn on these pages in what the editors consider one of the most significant articles ever printed in a music magazine. Not a great deal of imagination is required to visualize something of the ultimate benefits of the musical linking of the forces of State and School, when all of our States have followed the brilliant example of the great Commonwealth of Ohio, the producer of presidents. You will want to read and re-tead the article which will have added potency when you know that Mr. Byrn deemed it so important that our readers receive the full benefit of the facts and inspiration of this great event that he, with a force of eleven of his assistants, spent several days at the Ohio Fair and at Fostoria in order to get completely into the spirit and mood of Mr. Wainwright's all-Ohio developments.

It is regrettable that Mr Byrn's camera was greatly handicapped by the bad light, but enough satisfactory pictures were secured for the above comprehensive visualization of the

ALL-OHIO H. S. BAND ACTIVITIES IN MINIATURE which Mr. Byrn captioned as follows: (1) Stars and Stripes Forever, AMERICA'S MUSICAL HISTORY

ALL-OHIO H. S. BAND ACTIVITIES IN MINIATURE which Mr. Byrn captioned as follows: (1) Stars and Stripes Foreter, James Naylor, conducting; (2) General Headquarters, Fostoria High School, Fostoria, Ohio, Wainwright and staf; (3) Field Tent of State Fair Bandmaster Wainwright, Frank Carbone, Conductor of Carbone's Band. left, Herman Cooper, Conductor Marietta High School Band, right; (4) All State Buckeye Band Boys Serenade Governor Donahey on State House Lawn, Mr. Wainwright conducting; (5) With Carbone at the Races; (6) Naylor's Division in Concert; (7) Semper Fideliv; (8) When Do We Eat? (9) Under Arms; (10) Mess; (11) Lombardi's Division in Concert; (12) Minute Men; (13) Spirit of '26.

Besides the High School musicians, there were hourly concerts throughout the week in the various stands and exhibits by the following five professional bands. The American Legion Band, A. Cincione, conductor; Carbone's Concert Band Frank Carbone, conductor; The Dover Concert Band, D. E. Greco, conductor; The Fort Hays Columbus Band, and the Columbus Colored Band. The Lancaster

Reformatory Band and the Mansfield Reformatory Band, each spent one day at the Fair. In connection with the grand stand program, which featured daily Carbone's Attraction Band and the High School musicians, there was a concert each afternoon by the 150-piece Ohio State Fair Symphony Band under the direction of Mr. Carbone. Each night there was a dramatic presentation of an allegorical pageant, "The Wonderer," which brought together an immense cast of trained actors and dancers, a selected chorus of 350 voices under the direction of Mr. Carl Hoenig, well-known choral coach and conductor, and an imposing array of staging, lighting and pyrotechnical displays, bound together from beginning to end, by the unforgetable music of the 150-piece State Fair Pageant Band under the direction of Bandmaster J. W. Wainwright, of Fostoria, Ohio. The playing of this Continued on page 16



GOVERNOR_VIC DONAHEY WELCOMES VISITING SCHOOL BANDS TO STATE CAPITAL, COLUMBUS, OHIO. INSET, BANDMASTER J. W. WAINWRIGHT

Music for American Indian Movies

► HAD planned, in response to several requests, to review several books of instructive interest to movie organists this month, but as I have not yet been able to secure all the material I want, I will have to hold that over. One such book is not yet off the press, and another has

not reached me in time.

And as a matter of fact

there is an actual scarcity

of material along these

lines. The only one that

I have seen to date that is

worth recommending is a

smallish volume published

by the Boston Music Com-



pany entitled Musical Accompaniment of Moving Pictures by Edith Lang and George West.

BOOKS ON MOVIE ORGAN PLAYING

This first appeared about five years ago, and still remains about the only systematic book of its kind on the subject. There is another which is arranged in encyclopedic form, and still several others of general application not directed to the organist. While the first named book is even so soon just a little obsolete, it is nevertheless filled with a wealth of sound constructive suggestions which should be of a good deal of help to those who require it.

The booklet (of 64 pages) is divided into three parts, as follows: (1) Equipment; Mental Alertness, Musical Resourcefulness, and Repertoire. (2) Musical Interpretation, taking up in turn the requirements of different Technique, Orchestral Registration, Identification of Tone Colors, and Special Effects.

For a small book the pages are extraordinarily full of meat. Some statements are open to question as being merely an expression of individual opinion; some are frankly outgrown with the advancement in photoplay musical technique since the book was written. In relation to the theater organ, for example, appears the following: "Of course, on the new unit orchestral organs, these traps are actually a part of the instrument, the organist merely pushing a button or tapping a pedal for a certain effect. The fact that these contraptions are usually out of working order takes us back to the assumption that the organist had better let the traps alone."

A significant omission in the book is in the lack of reference to solo playing, then in its infancy. The stunt or slide solo had not at that time worked East. The section devoted to "Thematic Development" constitutes in my opinion a misdirected effort to initiate the organist into the intricacies of operatic development of leitmotifs. In practice I believe that only the simplest variations of a theme, and those chiefly in registration, are at all valuable in application. The same thing is largely true of modulation, as the modern practice lies more in breaking a number definitely at a subtitle or change of scene. In the skeleton repertoire listed, possibly the casual reader may need to be warned that the numbers are selected from the catalog of the publisher of the book. I do not imply that they are inferior on that score; simply that they are scarcely representative.

The sections on Musical Interpretation and on Identification of Tone Colors are exceedingly valuable. A great deal of ground is covered in a limited space, and, in regard to the general scope of the book, the following quotation from the Introduction is illuminative: "There is one quality which the player requires above all, and which this book primarily intends to published in part as a ballet suite by Hawkes.

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The Photoplay Organist and Pianist

By L. G. DEL CASTILLO

A regular department conducted primarily for movie musicians but replete with interest and informative material for all musicians, students and music lovers. Mr. del Castillo's distinction as a leading writer and authority is based on sound and successful experience as Organist in leading photoplay theaters, among them the Rialto (New York), Shea's magnificent new Buffalo Theater, which he opened, and the Metropolitan (Boston), the largest and finest movie house in New England, where he is at present the featured organist. Questions and comments addressed to Mr. del Castillo, care of this magazine, will receive his personal attention.

awaken and develop. That quality is resourcefulness. This resourcefulness extends in two directions: one of them is the musical training which must aim to perfect facility in improvisation; the other is a cultivation of taste and a sense of fitness in adapting musical material to the pictured scene. We shall try to give practical hints in both directions."

AMERICAN INDIAN MUSIC

Now in taking up the musical settings for American Indian pictures, I wish first to clear away a fundamental misconception in terminology (if you can hurdle that one I will lay off the dictionary for the rest of the page) that persists in cropping up now and again. That is the idea that "Indian Summer" connotates American Indian atmosphere. So far as I am aware, the crisis develops in only two instances - a types of pictures, and (3) The Theater Organ; number by Victor Herbert and a suite by Lake. And in the former case the quality of the music almost proves the case, as there is something of a hint of Indian atmosphere in the music. In the suite, on the other hand, the music is obviously neutral. Both numbers, incidentally, are included in the list of American Indian music in Rapee's Encyclopedia of Music for Pictures. Nevertheless the dictionary will inform you that Indian summer is simply "a period of mild weather appearing in autumn."

Incidentally, Herbert has supplied us with about as much American Indian music as anv one composer. I am even willing to concede that he titled the number above to deliberately indicate this class of music. In addition there is of first importance the music of his opera Natoma, from which is published not only the selection, but also the Dagger Dance and the Invocation as a double number. There is also a very charming Indian Idylle published by Harms, and an Indian lullaby titled Dream On from the same catalog. The first section of Panamericana is perfect as a vigorous type of Indian music, and the Oriental Dance from Wonderland, published by Fischer as a double number with the Entracte (Kiss Me Again) from Naughty Marietta, is considerably more American than Eastern Indian in type. The several incitypes to find that probably the superficial condentals in the Belwin catalog, by the way, are ventional idiom strikes home more forcibly than from the pen of a lesser member of the tribe one Charles K. Herbert.

No doubt the best known Indian music is the Four American Indian Songs by Cadman. The authentic tribal melody, which in some cases first of these, By The Land of the Sky Blue Water, ranks as a love theme with that other favorite. By the Waters of Minnetonka. And I ogan's Pale Moon is another popular ballad of the same genre. Of the other numbers of the Cadman suite the second and third are also on a sentimental note, while the last, The Moon Drops Low, is of a useful heavy dramatic idiom.

Next to this suite in importance I would mention Coleridge-Taylor's music to *Hiawatha* tone, which in the lower register will give the

This is in that familiar broken-up suspensive style characteristic of Coleridge-Taylor and makes him, incidentally, such a good movie composer generally. (I trust you use the Imaginary Ballet and the Petite Suite de Concert among others.) All the numbers are splendid virile stuff for light and heavy emotional scenes.

In single numbers there are of course the various incidentals to be culled from the Belwin, Schirmer and Fischer series, Dvorak's Indian Lament (called Indian Wail in the Schirmer Galaxy), Homer Grunn's Indian Suite (published in two parts by the Boston Music Co.) and Desert Suite (five numbers in the Fischer catalog), Skilton's Two Indian Dances and Sioux Serenade (all Fischer, the latter in the new Concert edition), the very characteristic music of Wheelock's Suite Aboriginal, an Indian Reverie by Kappey, an Indian Serenade by Vibbard for organ, the Indian theme from Swinnen's book of Themes published by J. Fischer, also for organ, and still another number by Grunn called Toualiuwa. Also the second of Two Miniatures by Klemm (Harms), titled simply Plaintive, seems to me to be Indiomatic, if I may coin the word.

In a lighter type of music, available chiefly for comedies, should be mentioned Frey's Indianola, Metz' Indian Smoke Dance, several numbers in the small volumes of the Jacobs collections, Seminola (published by Shapiro, Bernstein), Na-Jo in the Fox catalog, and a McKee number called The Redskin published by the Boston Music Co. I list them, but I suppose most of them are now out of print, with the exception of the Jacobs numbers. But it is a point worth bringing out that practically every racial division of serious music should include, or be duplicated in, light and popular music for use in farce comedy of either feature or two reel length. It is just as possible and effective to cue the two reel comedy to action as it is the feature picture.

THE AMERICAN INDIAN IDIOM

But no matter how complete your library, it is apparent that you will not be at ease in any one type of picture unless you can improvise easily, accurately and effectively in the vein required. This lesson has been brought home to me in the past by hearing organists confuse all sorts of idioms in hazy attempts to approximate the correct idiom for the picture they were playing. The truth is that even in such apparently overlapping divisions as Chinese and Japanese, African and Simaese, or Spanish and Italian, there are definite differences of quality, some authentic, some merely the conventional idea of how they might sound if they did.

Perhaps none of the primitive musical types have been studied in this country as painstakingly as the American Indian. That is only natural, and while the wealth of material offers opportunity to decipher some general characteristics, at the same time we have here as in other the actual. To put it more concretely, an empty fifth bass with a tom-tom effect sounds more Indian-like than a carefully notated may not sound characteristic of its type at all.

So it is safe to recommend the tom-tom effect, in a good deal the same fashion that we recommended the habanera rhythm with the tambourine and castanet for Spanish pictures, as a characteristic and dominating feature of American Indian music. To the empty fifth should be added the grace note below the fifth, and the registration will naturally be of open flute Continued on page 14

An Intimate Sketch of Julius Eichberg

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TULIUS EICHBERG was born in Dusseldorf, Prussia, on June 13, 1824. He came to America in 1857 and located at Boston, where he soon became a prominent figure in the highest musical circles and, with Mrs. Eichberg, moved in the best Bostonian society. His violin playing and his composing at once won a high rank for him before the public and among musicians, and when he founded the Boston Conservatory of Music, with himself as head of the institution, his remarkable success in teaching the violin grew with the years. His pieces for students in the early grades, as well as his "Method" for violin, were published and

became very popular with the teachers - in

fact, are still being used today. His creative work was not wholly confined to the instrumental, however, for he composed four operettas and a patriotic hymn of fine flowing melody and broad, swinging rhythm. Two of his operettas, The Doctor of Alcantara and The Two Cadiz, were published, as was the hymn, To Thee, O Country! The operettas were exceptionally bright, tuneful and singable, and became very popular, particularly for amateur performances. The hymn today is nationally known and sung by choral societies and large schools. Besides his published works, Mr. Eichberg also composed a number of Andantes for violin, and a Concertante for four violins - exquisite compositions which should have been published long ago. These were written especially for his pupils, however, and played by them at Mr. Eichberg's many violin recitals - affaires musicale that were marked events in Boston's music circles of those days.

My first experience with the Boston Conservatory of Music began one day when I ran up the broad white marble steps leading into the building, which was located then (as now) on Tremont Street just above West Street and is occupied today by the Slattery store. When I was inside the lower door and heard the sound of violins coming from far above me, I knew that my only way to reach Mr. Eichberg was to climb up those long flights of stairs to him. So. hugging my little red violin close to me, l climbed and climbed and climbed, until at last I was met by Mr. Eichberg's brother, Isidore, and ushered into a room filled with violin pupils where there was much subdued chatting and laughing mingled with the tuning of violins.

Suddenly there came a hush; Mr. Eichberg, the master, had entered. He signaled to four of the young ladies who quickly rose with their violins, and then ensued a tonal experience I shall never forget. It was the playing from memory and in unison of the great Bach Ciaccona or Chacconne. One of the players was a mere child. Upon entering the room I had noticed this little girl first, as she had a wealth of beautiful brown curls which hung down below her waist, and envied her because my own yellow ones were not nearly so long. owever, the moment the playing began forgot the curls and all else, for a great tone poem that filled brain and heart was being instrumentally unfolded and read.

I listened awe-struck, hardly believing my ears. Could it be these four young ladies who were playing this great composition in such a manner? It was quite impossible, I thought, that the little girl with the curls could be playing the very same notes that the others played, yet so it was. I was only a crude, young-girl beginner, while those four pupils who were playing so wonderfully were artists even at that time. Later, they became well known as musicians and players of the first rank, and are living and playing today. Their names are Miss Lillian Shattuck, Miss Letty By MARION G. OSGOOD



JULIUS EICHBERG

Launder, Miss Abby Shepardson (now Mrs. W. C. Nauck) and Miss Lillian Chandler.

Of course the playing seemed more remarkable along in 1880 than it would today, when (so to speak) the woods are full of fine women violinists and 'cellists; yet, as I look back and mentally visualize those slender, feminine fingers stretching across the great chords of three and four notes, and hear in memory the majestic effect produced by that young woman ensemble - the perfect intonation, the shading, attack

and nuances — even today the performance seems to me as wonderful as it did then. In speaking of the periods of practice at that time, one of the four pupils remarked:

"We worked tremendously on the Chacconne, spending hours upon it individually, and hours and hours together; we frequently chose one to listen while the rest played, and so each had turns at listening and criticising. The arduous work was a labor of love, young ambition filled

QUARTET This charmin scribed by Miss Osgood, all of whom are artists well known in with a noble resolve, and the great point of inspiration was our teacher — Mr. Eichberg!"

From among his many gifted pupils Mr. Eichberg later chose these four players to form a string quartet. This meant extra work of course, as each must learn to play viola and 'cello besides keeping up in her violin study. But Mr. Eichberg was diplomatic; he saw that each member of the quartet was given equal opportunity, and thus the music education for all was thorough, interesting and invaluable to each. His patience and perseverance with all his pupils, the dull as well as the bright ones, were remarkable. He understood human nature, and possessed the art of finding out each pupil's individual needs and filling them. A pupil felt greatly elated if he but nodded approval; and if he remarked: "Ver goot! you bractice vell!" that same pupil's heart was filled with ecstasy.

When Mr. Eichberg was thoroughly pleased the pale intellectual face would lighten and seem to glow, the cheeks would grow pink, and with both hands the master would push back his leonine mane. At such times he looked the picture of inspiration. But his displeasure! That was a different matter. His "Ah, Bah!" with the wry grimace accompanying the explosive words, was humiliation indeed. The classroom windows looked upon the Boston Common (the rooms are still there today and practically the same), and many pupils under he disgrace of his terrible "Ah, Bah!" have earnestly wished themselves down on the green Common instead of being up there in the class-

I RECALL a day when my lesson was the third poor one I had played for Mr. Eichberg in two weeks, for be it known that in those days my prevailing trouble was — inertia. Keenly conscious of my teacher's cold gray eyes and his ominous silence, and longing to escape the well-deserved reprimand, I grabbed my coat and hat and retreated to an adjoining room that was vacant. I was drying my eyes and getting into my coat preparatory to leaving the room, and turning, there in the doorway loomed the dread presence of my teacher. To my startled vision he seemed like a Colossus, and I heartily wished that I was on Boston Common. Slowly the figure advanced into the room, and silently. Words were not needed, the icy expression was enough.

When about the distance of a foot from my quaking self the figure paused; the icy expression melted, and with his hand on my shoulder and one of his sudden smiles he asked: "Vy you cry?" Then, with a humorous twinkle, came: "You know vat you are? Vell, I tole you; you was von lasy, leetle teffel." He had

The Eichberg Ladies' String Quartet played the Beethoven quartets and all that was best in music. The Chacconne of Bach was used occasionally as an ensemble number, or as an individual solo. Today the number is given only by music giants such as Ysaye, Zimballist and others. Women players seldom attempt it. Eichberg's beautiful Concertante for four violins, with his several other four-violin compositions, were often given during the various concert tours of the Quartet, which played from Boston to Colorado and continued in public service from about 1876 to 1882. In 1924 the Quartet held a reunion and reception in in honor of Mr. Eichberg's daughter, now Mrs. Lane. This was held in the charming studio of Miss Shattuck in the Pierce Building on Huntington Avenue, Boston.

The accompanying picture of Mr. Eichberg

was taken about 1880.

VEN THE DEAF CAN HEAR! Such was the eye-striking line printed below the picture of a new band shell, dedicated at Elkhorn, Wisconsin, during the recent "band" season, that was displayed in a Sunday edition of The Milwaukee Journal to illustrate its story of the dedication; a second picture showed a group of deaf music-lovers actually listening to the music of the dedicatory concert given by the Holton-Elkhorn Band, hearing by contact of their fingers with the walls of the shell and by air vibrations against their faces. That they really did hear, appreciate and enjoy the music was plainly apparent from their facial expres-

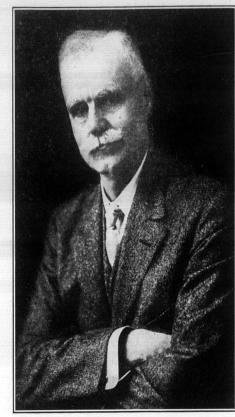
Elkhorn now has two crowning achievements which it may look back upon with justifiable pride, and both of them should spur its citizens on to achieving perhaps greater things in the future. The first and greatest of the two achievements was the bringing of Frank Holton & Company to Elkhorn. The second is the building of this magnificent band shell, which was made possible only through the first, for with the coming of the Holton band factory came also the wonderful band, and it was to provide better facilities for further exploiting the popularity of the free weekly concerts by this remarkable band that the shell was built. The Holton-Elkhorn already has gained the reputation (according to the press) of being "the best band in the State," while Elkhorn itself has attained the name (also according to the press) of "the greatest little musical town in the world.'

THE BAND SHELL

This new band shell is a complete success both acoustically and architecturally, a victory for its designer and builder, Mr. J. Baurman. The citizens of Elkhorn never before had really heard their wonderful band as a great tonal unit. They had heard parts of it, so to speak; say the drum section, bass section, cornets and trombones, but until this first concert in the shell they never had listened to the band in the aggregate — the full tonal mixture or general effect produced by all the instruments when gathered and sent forth by perfect acoustics, all of which is due to this newest and latest type of band shell.

Through the efforts of the local Kiwanis Club, the citizens and business men of Elkhorn by popular subscription built the new band shell at an approximate cost of \$5,000 to house the famous Holton-Elkhorn Band. The shell is built upon plans drawn by G. Pheby, an architect of Phoenix, Arizona, who gained a national reputation through the remarkable acoustics of a band shell built in his home city from plans of his own. In an article on this shell, Popular

Mechanics said: "It possesses, besides architectural beauty, exceptional acoustic properties. By actual



FRANK HOLTON

test it was shown that a match dropped from a height of five feet could be heard at a distance of 250 feet, and the instrumental music is often enjoyed by citizens on their porches several blocks away. This wonderful transmission of sound is obtained by using a sound board of unusual construction, built in the form of a compound curve with the same ratio as the curve of a proscenium arch."

The Elkhorn shell is the largest that has been built upon these plans, and incorporates the still more unusual feature of a mixing dome, or resonator chamber, of elliptical type, which eliminates all megaphonic effects and greatly adds to the acoustic properties. It is considered by authorities to be the finest band shell in Wisconsin, if not in that section of the country. The band played in the shell during the month of August, the efficiency of these concerts being wonderfully increased from an acoustical standpoint, and greater audiences than ever before have visited Elkhorn and heard this sterling concert organization at its very best.

THE DEDICATORY CONCERT

A great gathering assembled at the formal dedication of the new shell by the Holton-Elkhorn Band. After Mr. W. T. Wheddle



HOLTON-ELKHORN BAND Left to right, seated: Mrs. Howe, Soprano; H.J. Charlton, Bandmaster; Frank Holton

(assistant director of the band) had arranged the music on the director's stand and resumed his place at the left, there was complete silence for a moment. Then came a veritable storm of applause as Director H. J. Charlton entered from the left wing and stepped upon the conductor's platform; the huge crowd rose and remained standing while America was played, and the concert proceeded. The program of classical and popular numbers opened with the Il Guarany Overture by Gomez, followed by Friedmann's Slavonic Rhapsody. Then came Mr. Frank Holton, founder of the company bearing his name, for a trombone solo. As he stepped to the center of the stage, the vast audience cheered and applauded for more than a minute and a half.

Mr. Holton, a time-tested player who, off and on for a half century or more, has appeared upon concert platforms with his trombone, had all his customary poise. Under the glare of spotlights focused upon him from the sides of the arch, he stood smiling and bowing his acknowledgment of the ovation tendered him. He played Marriage Bells by Reardon, responded to two encores, and finished by singing the chorus of Carry Me Back to Ole Virginny.

THE DEDICATING BAND

The Holton-Elkhorn Band, which now is regarded by Frank Holton & Company almost as much a part of the concern as its plant, equipment and products, is one of the finest industrial bands in America. It is composed mostly of employees in the company, and is generally known under what might be called the collective name of "The Men Who Build the Horns they Blow." The band has appeared throughout its State with remarkable success and has been acclaimed by band authorities as one of Wisconsin's greatest musical organizations, many critics comparing it with the best of our American bands. The tremendous success made by this band is due to Bandmaster H. J. Charlton (one of the executives of the company), under whose direction the Holton-Elkhorn ensemble has been functioning for the past seven years. The roster of the organization reads like al"Musicians' Blue Book,'



Band Shell Provided by Citizens of Elkhorn for the Holton-Elkhorn Band

because of the past affiliations of its members, many of them having played under Sousa, Pryor, Innes, Brooks, Kryl and other famous bandmasters.

Frank Holton, the man from whom the band takes its name and through whose efforts this remarkable organization has been made possible, has been playing the dual role of artist and business man for the past twenty-five years, and for about that same number of years was one of the "Big Three" - Holton, Clarke and Pryor. He has been one of America's foremost solo trombonists for more than fifty years, is still "going strong," and is often featured with the band as its primo soloist.

Public School Music in Pueblo City Schools

W E are happy to introduce Mr. Rei Chris-topher, of Pueblo, Colorado, to the read-ers of our Public School Music column; and are especially well pleased that the conclusion of his interesting and instructive contribution is a courteous and direct answer to Mr. Bert Dakin's letter, concerning class in-

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struction in instrumental music, which occurred in our November column.

Mr. Christopher speaks from many years of ex-perience, both as teacher and player. He was for six years Head of Theory Department Warren Military Band School, Warren, Ohio; two years Head of Theory at the Kansas State Normal, Hays, Kansas, and for three years

CLARENCE BYRN

Head of Theory at Dana's Institute, Warren, Ohio. He has played euphonium and horn for six years in the Colorado Midland Band; was euphonium soloist for one year with Belsteadt's Band, and traveled for one year

as second horn with Mr. Sousa and his band. In addition to his inspiring ability as teacher and player, he is also an unusually capable organizer and director.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC IN PUEBLO CITY SCHOOLS

By Rei Christopher, Director

THE department of instrumental music was introduced in the city schools of Pueblo the fall of 1922. Free rein was given by the Superintendent and School Board to organize the work in the way that would bring the best results, with the further assurance that they would help to the limit in furnishing whatever equipment was needed. Previous to that time nothing had been done in the instrumental line except in a small way, and that by private teachers who collected a fee from each student who desired to study. This had been mostly violin class-work, and from all that I could gather very little interest had been aroused.

Due to a popular demand, our first efforts were directed at the high school, as they were especially anxious that a band be organized as soon as possible to play for the football games that season, and to arouse the pep and enthusiasm that is so needed during these times. All of the students were met in assembly and were told what was desired in the way of a band and orchestra, and their co-operation and enlistment in these organizations asked for. A bulletin containing a list of the instruments desired, together with pictures of same and something as to their possibilities, was posted on the school bulletin board with a statement as to the number of players desired for each instrument. Also, at this time a requisition was placed with the school board for several instruments (such as basses, alto horns, baritones, etc.) to fill out the instrumentation, as not many students cared to purchase these particular instruments when just beginning.

Within a comparatively short time a band of forty members was organized, and rehearsals were held twice a week during school hours. Credit for both band and orchestra work was arranged for and every inducement given the student for taking up instrumental work.

In the grade schools the students were also met in assembly, the idea of instrumental work explained and cards given them to fill out, stating whether they already played some inPublic School Vocational Music Department Conducted by

CLARENCE BYRN

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strument and, if not, what instrument they desired to study. Conferences were held with the parents when desired, and the adaptability of a student considered whenever possible, in the purchasing of an instrument. About three hundred children from the fifth to the eighth grade inclusive took advantage of this work the first year, and orchestras were organized wherever there was sufficient material.

The orchestras of the grade schools are under the general supervision of the director of the department, but whenever possible the music teacher of the building is given charge, thereby assuring each school of a director and the use of their orchestra for their activities whenever desired. This plan has worked out wonderfully well and gives the director more time for classes that he otherwise would have to dis-

CLASS INSTRUCTION IN INSTRUMENTAL Music

In the grade schools all instruments are taught in classes, each class one-half hour in length and held during regular school periods. All taking this work receive credit, it being one



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of the minor subjects that all students are required to take and which has a bearing on their general passing grades.

All classes meet during regular school hours and for the most part the rotating system of schedule is used, thereby eliminating the missing in succession of the same school studies each week by the music student. Considerable trouble is always experienced at the beginning of the school year, however, by some students taking up instrumental work who are looking for something different in the way of school routine, and then, finding that it requires just a little effort on their part to learn an instrument, gradually drop out. That feature can be eliminated by insisting that after the second week of enrolment they cannot drop the subject until the end of the semester, unless a very good excuse is forthcoming from the parents and principal. Giving credits has helped to eliminate that type of student, too.

The class-lesson idea may have its undesirable features, but in many ways it also has its good features. It makes for competition among the members of the class, and I have found that having members of the class play alone and other members criticise (the teacher having beforehand coached the class how to constructively criticize), tends to create in-

Ensemble groups of various kinds can also be organized as preliminary training for orchestra work. This naturally creates interest, for every boy and girl is anxious to get into the school orchestra and band. Continuous lessons without that privilege have a strong tendency to discourage them. As an illustration of this point, a boy given a baseball and told he must first learn the technic of the baseball game before he can hope to get on the team would in a short time eliminate all prospects for any good baseball players. It is by associating with other boys playing on the team that he really learns to play ball. The comparison is obvious, and to begin ensemble playing at the earliest possible moment is without doubt the greatest factor in building up the instrumental department.

TEACH CHILDREN TO PLAY AT THE EARLIEST Possible Moment should be the slogan of all instrumental teachers. Perhaps it will be necessary to forego certain fundamental principles in order to accomplish this end — mind you, I say perhaps — yet 1 am not so sure but that these fundamental principles can be taught right along without the child being conscious that it is routine. The general observance with this is, that as soon as the student becomes interested in his instrument he will seek the help of the private teacher, who should see to it that nothing is lacking in learning any principles that might have been crowded to the background for the time being.

Give the students as much praise as possible, and when criticizing their work do so in a way that will be constructive instead of embarrassing to them. This is hard to do at times, especially with the indolent student, and it is for the teacher to decide as to the type of criticism that is most needed by the student; but it seems that for the most part the teacher is prone to criticize too often rather than to en-

METHODS FOR CLARINET AND OBOE

Jacobs' Band and Orchestra Monthly, Public School Vocational Department

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schools of a small town has many problems not common to the larger cities. In the small town school it is very un-usual to have enough students to make a separate class for each instrument of the orchestra, as you are able to do in Detroit. It is necessary much of the time to have four or five different kinds of instruments grouped in one class and the teacher in charge must know definitely the fundamental principles underlying the mastery of each instrument and must constantly supervise and direct the activities of each student in the class. This is a lot to ask of any teacher, but the problem is ours and we have got to meet

CHESTRA AND BAND MONTHLIES, that I feel sure you will

be able to understand our situation in Oil City.

The supervisor of instrumental music in the public

Can you recommend a good method (or methods) for the clarinet, and one for the oboe, embracing grades one, two, three and four? The methods must contain explana-tory matter in concise language which will give the student a clear idea of the principle he is trying to master in each particular exercise. This will enable him to appreciate the value of the exercises and will also insure a correct method of study. If such books are available, the work of the teacher will be cut in half and he will be able to supervise twice the number of students in any one class. And the student will have every advantage to learn correctly and rapidly from the very beginning.

I enjoy your column very much indeed and have al-

ready gained many valuable hints from your articles.

H. C. MITCHELL, Oil City, Penn.

There are a number of good methods available for clarinet. We have found Miller's Modern Method for the Clarinet, E. B. Marks Music Company, 223 West 46th Street, New York, to be the most easily adaptable for class work in grades 1 and 2. It contains a wealth of fundamental, technical detail with plenty of carefully graded exercise material and is extremely well illustrated. For grades 3, 4 and upward we use the Langenus Method, published by Carl Fischer. This method advances rapidly, but it is well edited, interesting, and absolutely authoritative.

I suggest that you have all your clarinet pupils subscribe to the Jacobs' Band-Orches-TRA MONTHLY or MELODY and keep constantly in touch with Rudolph Toll's page. His question and answer column is always to the point and definitely helpful to the clarinetist.

The problem of securing oboe methods suitable for class work is a hard one, at present. Personally, I like the Brod Method (revised by G. Gillette), but it advances too rapidly for class work and is hard to secure in this country. We are using the Otto Langey Method for Oboe (Fischer publication), supplemented by Pares Scales for Oboe (also a Fischer publication) for oboe 1 and 2. In addition to using these two methods we write considerable exercises from time to time. For oboe 3 we continue on with Langey and Pares and add G. Hinke's Elementary School for Oboe (Peters edition), and for oboe 4 and more advanced players we add Labate's Sixteen Daily Exercises for the Oboe.

I was very much interested in your letter. As you say, the problem of the instrumental supervisor in the smaller cities is often perplexing, to say the least, and yet it has its compensations. For it is in the smaller towns of America that our public school music supervisors find their greatest opportunity to make their music tie up with the daily life of the community.

Princeton, California. - The Princeton High School Band gave a short concert at a mass meeting in Codora, October 21—their third concert this year. The band played at the Orland Fair, receiving first prize, and at the Salem Street Carnival in Chico. In spite of the loss of eight very important members who graduated last year, the band is doing very well with about fifty members, and several new ones coming in later on. Eleven members have entered already, eight of whom are from Codora Grammar School, two from Afton (union) Grammar School and one from Princeton Grammar. Butte City will contribute two new members later on. Everyone is working very hard and the director, Mr. Alwyn, expects to have a larger and better band for the Spring Festival

Melody for December, 1926

Dinny Timmins

HAT'S become of Joyce Hawley? She must of lost her Grip; she ain't been able to get any Publicity to amount to nothing for a couple Months now. The last article I see was in Sept. where it says that she is fighting to get her Good Name back, or to get her good name back on the front page, I ain't sure which. Some people don't know what they want. Now she made her Repitation she ain't satisfied with it. A Book Agent has now sold her sets of Shakespeare, DeMaupassant, Ibsen and Irvin Cobb, and she plans to read herself back to Respecktability. Not on DeMaupassant, boy. I spose she bought Cobb just out of sentiment, seeing they was together in the Bathtub Scandal.

Will Rogers in a talk over the Radio a while back says that they was one good thing about Queen Marie, she shoved Aimee McPherson offen the Front Page back with the Want Ads. The

trouble with making THE FRONT PAGE STUFF a Big Splash like Joyce done when she

got into Earl Carroll's Bathtub is it don't take long for the Ripples to fade away, and then where are you? If you don't keep on doing something else for a Sensation, why you find

out that what you do is Nobody's Business.

Now here is a Wild Westerner in Omaha, Neb. that got in the papers for making a new Non-stop Record of Pianny Playing of 105 Hours, which I figgered out is from Midnight on Sunday to 11 o'clock on Friday, and that is some stretch. According to the Papers that beats the old record which was made in Frisco five years ago by 2 Hours. Which would you rather do, swim the Channel or Play the Pianny for 5 days. Well, it looks like they's more money in Swimming the Channel. People will pay to Lissen to you tell how you done it, but who wants to Lissen to a Feller tell about Playing the Pianny.

But at that it was a Tough Job. They fed him Milk and Soup to keep him going, and he fainted onct, and didn't come to for 8 Minutes, so I dunno as the Record ought to stand. Anyhow I know Fellers that's been Playing the Pianny for Twenty Years. And it looks to me like one is Jest as Foolish as the Other. Give me the Elevator every time.

And now a Feller in Frisco who's a Mgr. of a paper says they was going to be a Mirror for a

of it when it come back. What I want to know anyway. is who's going to pay all the Musicians for the Union sometime and learn different.

Paid for it instead of having to Pay a judge or somebody herself. To say nothing of open hearted Cigar Makers that she could get a Judge to pay her for putting her Name and Pitcher on their Cigar boxes. And the judge made em stop using it, too.

They is one thing about Jazz, I dunno whether you'll call it Good or Bad. So long as they is Jazz they will be Saxaphones. I see where Richard Dix is in a Ad in the papers saying, If You Can Wissle a Tune You Can Play a Lyin and Mealy Sax. You're Missin Half Your Life if You Don't Play One. Well, I can pretty near agree to that. I bet I'd probily be Missin the Rest of my Life if I did try to play

That must of been what happened out in a Town in Kansas. It got in the paper that Fowl Play was suspected. They was signs of a Desperit Struggle and a Battered Saxaphone ying (and Mealy) around. Some Bird busted is Neighbor's Ear Drums jest oncet too often,

They had a wedding in Blackpool, England, awhile back where the Groom was a Saxaphone Player. The Bride's Bouquet was shaped like one, and so was the Arch they walked underneath, and the Wow was that a Chorus of Saxaphones played the Wedding Hymns. You wait. In six months they will be in the Divorce Court, and they won't be no Quire of Saxaphones around playing When Shall We Meet Again neither.

But the English is a great bunch of Comics, even if People do say they ain't got no Sense of Humor. They is even a story that the London County Council is

going to pass a Law ENGLISH HUMOR cutting out jokes in Shows on Saturday Nite because the people start to Laff so hard in Church Sunday morning. This George B. Shaw is a great Cut-up. They

give him the Noble Prize last year for Literature and he says it was probily because he didn't write Nothing that Year. At that they don't seem to like him much in England. They was a big Birthday Party give for him at a Bankit lately, and the Govt. wouldn't let his Speech be Broadcasted, because they says he was a Dangerous Character. So nobody knew what he said except the People that reads the Noospapers! They was a Book of Cartoons jest published in England about Famous People, under Shaw's cartoon it jest says Among the Writers of that Period was one named George B. Shaw, (a page out of the Book of Time). That is supposed to be a Hot One. I bet Geo. felt all cut up when he read that.

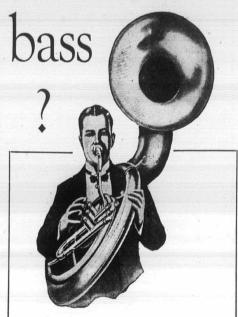
I see I was all wrong about that noo Nite Club of Roger Wolf Kahn, the Banker's son, called the Parrot of

NIGHT CLUB REFLECTIONS Paris or something like that. The

Piano factory comes out and says let's have a Dance Floor, and the Idee that struck me was Strike of Musick for a whole week jest to show that that was certainly one place where you People how much they need it. His Idee is that could truthfully say the Girls didn't have no if they wasn't any Musick anywheres for a week more Privacy than a Goldfish. But I see that why all the People would the Mirror only has a Reflexion while the Stage A STRIKE FOR MUSIC suddenly find out Dancers is on it, and when the People dance they couldn't get along they light it up somehow so it don't reflect no without it, and they would get more Kick out Secrets. And stage dancers don't have none When I first read about it I thought I would

week. He must be one of these Birds who try to get down there, but I see as how the thinks Musick is an Art instead of a Business. Covered Charge is 25 Bucks, so 1 changed my He ought to go to a Meeting of a Musician's mind in a hurry, seeing as 1 can get a Front Row seat at the Columbia for a dollar and a He better go live in Vienna if he feels that half. That is probily the origin of the Phrase way about it. They jest passed a law there I Got You Covered that the Hold Up guys use to fine or Jail people who Talk or Wissle or when they stick a Gun in your ribs. Still Sing too loud in the streets. That's probily according to the papers the Favors they give why the opery singer Jeritzy left there to come away at this place cost nearly as much as the here where it's a Free country and she can get Covered Charge, but even at that why buy 224 Tremont Street

How about your



Have you noticed that the most common criticism of band and orchestra has to do with the bass?

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To get back to Musick the most Publicity right now is about Canned Musick. First they is a report that Edison has made a record · that would play most

THE HOPELESSNESS OF an Hour, which is bad noos. If they PROGRESS

was one thing you could depend on it was that when the Feller in the Next Flat started the Phonograft on the Pianola it would stop itself every Three Minutes anyhow. Even on the Radio they stop and make an Announcement.

Then they is this Vitaphone which they say will wipe out all the Theayter Orchestrys and put Canned Musick in there. With the Musick and the Pictures both coming in Cans the next step will be you can send out to the Grocery Store and get a whole Movie Show for your own home. It won't be long now.

Our official song for the month is for the Feller in Reddin, Cal. who was out for a Political Office. He went all the way up a 9000 Foot Mountain to get out the Vote and found nobody but a Hermit who wouldn't leave anyways. And of course the Song is I'd Climb the Highest Mountin if 1 Knew that When I Climbed That Mountin I'd Find You.

Music for American Indian Movies

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thick, hollow sound required. The normal rhythm will be a quarter and two eighths in 2/4 time, to be varied just as the tum-te-tumtum of the Spanish idiom should be varied.

But this effect, with of course the tom-tom and bass drum used ad lib, is scarcely sufficient equipment for our idiom. Let us build up from the bass a little further, and encounter the next significant feature, so often true of primitive music — the minor key. And further let us emphasize the fact that we discard the conventional melodic minor, in which the sixth and seventh degrees are raised a semi-tone, for the original minor, in which they remain as is. Thus, in order to keep the idiom characteristic, if we are descending the A minor scale, we play G and F natural instead of sharping them.

Naturally there are exceptions. Not only does the 2/4 rhythm often give place to 3/4 and 6/8, but the major mood is frequently encountered. The point is, however, that to create at once the idiomatic impression that you wish, the 2/4 tom-tom beat and the melodic minor are the two most striking colors in your palette. Now there is a third equally important, and perhaps the one characteristic of Indian music you can be sure of. That is the accented passing note. The best example, though you can find it in any characteristic piece of the type, is perhaps By the Waters of the Minnetonka. In this case the accented passing note skips over a wide interval, in the first measure a sixth, in the second a third. The interval of the second, or one whole tone, is perhaps more characteristic. And often the effect will not be so much that of an accented grace note, as of one or more notes equally stressed in the melody. The point to bear in mind is that the phrase comes to rest after the first beat.

Before attempting practice in this device, analyze some of the Indian music and observe what a constant factor it is, and how it is utilized in various rhythms and intervals. What would normally be the accented note of a phrase is displaced and delayed by this passing tone a second or a third under or over it. And if you then add to the points given above this quality of emphasis and general marcato spread over the style generally — melody, accompaniment and bass — you will have approximated what are all the essential details of this American Indian idiom.

What's Good in New Music

THIS introductory paragraph has no purpose except to set up the column, and give you a little more verbiage for your money. And of course it must not be forgotten, too, that I'm writing by the inch. The grim fact is that there is nothing exciting

enough to really deserve special comment, so we may as well proceed directly to the task of reviewing.

A ROUND OF COUNTRY DANCE TUNES, arr. by Berliner (Schirmer Gal. 300). Medium; light rustic 4 4 Moderato in Eb Major. The tempo description is inadequate and misleading, as the number is really a medley of three rustic airs. The first, Gossip Joan, is the only one of deliberate pace, and serves as a prelude, interlude and coda separating the other two — The Devil Among the Tailors, a light 2 4 hornpipe sort of air, and a second, which is a 6/8 jig. The number is available in picture work both for rustic and nautical scenes, although the interruption of rhythm makes it less useful in this respect.

ORCHESTRA MUSIC

INTRODUCTION AND RONDO CAPRICCIOSO, by Saint-Saens (Schirmer Gal. 306). Difficult: light classical 6 8 Allegro non troppo in A minor. I will not pretend to know origin of this number, and I have not the time to look it up. From the Opus number, it would appear to be from an early violin concerto. In strictly classical vein and typical Saint-Saëns style, the number is of considerable length and brilliantly and effectively scored. For long neutral scenes in costume pictures it would have a precise value.

GAVOTTE IN G, by Von Gluck (Ditson Philharmonic Series 24). Easy; light classical 4 4 Allegretto grazioso in G major. This well-known gavotte from the opera Paris and Helen, swells the ranks of what appears to be a run on classical music in this month's publications. This Philharmonic Series of Ditson's is well worth commend ing, being built on the ideal of popularizing worth-while music through simple but well-edited editions.

THE FLIGHT OF THE BUMBLE BEE, by Rimski-Korsakov (Fischer T2090). Difficult; light active Vivace in A minor. This characteristic scherzo from *The Legend* of Tsar Saltan is familiar to all habitues of the Boston Symphony concerts, where it has been popular as an encore in the Pops season, and furthermore, if I remember correctly, enjoyed an almost unprecedented reputation by being encored at a regular concert. The melody is naturally built on little chromatic runs, and is an exceedingly effective bit of work.

REVERIE SENTIMENTALE, by Millegram (Harms). Me dium; quiet 4/4 Allegretto in A major. For a firm that specializes largely in popular music, even though it be the best of popular music, that is production or show numbers the serious numbers of Harms average a surprisingly high standard. Millegram, apparently a regular contributor to their catalogue, has turned out some very suave num bers, of which this Reverie is typical. Always tuneful and never cheap, this is well knit and interestingly con-

CLOISTER MEDITATIONS, by Spialek (Harms). Easy, emotional religious 4/4 Andante in D minor. There is a grandioso and illuminating subtitle reading: "Describing the emotional struggle within a man who is on his mg the emotional struggie within a man who is on his way to a monastery after suffering disappointment in the only love of his life." After that outburst one is prepared for anything from a Hearts and Flowers to a Finale from the Tchaikowski Pathetic Symphony. The truth lies somewhere in between the two. The music itself is much less trite than the inscriptions, in which the various sections are carefully labelled Monastery Theme, Love Theme, and so on. The themes and their development have rhythmic, melodic and harmonic vitality, and it must be said that the emotional vicissitudes indicated in the synopsis can be easily and sympathetically followed

COUNTESS MARITZA SELECTION, by Kalman (Harms).

Medium; musical comedy selection. This potpourri,
from the pen of one of our best modern operetta composers, needs no introduction in these pages. The excellent arrangement is by Walter Paul, and includes the Gypsy themes and the inevitable Czardas.

LAND! LAND! by Leuschner (Schaper). Medium; light active emotional cut-time Allegro jubiloso in G major.
This is the third of the lengthy "atmospheric symphonies" imported by Belwin. The title is not the ejaculation of a New England spinster, but refers to rescue from ship-wreck, and is subtitled Joy, Rescue, Hope. Musically, it is not quite up to the first two, and the arpeggio trip-lets of the accompaniments become monotonous; the lets of the accompaniments become monotonous; the melodic material is a little commonplace, and the effort to string the length out results in forced extension of phrases. Nevertheless, the number is to be recom-mended, for with all these faults it is still above potboiler level, and its length is its strength, from the stand-point of photoplay utility. By L. G. del Castillo

Editor's Note.—It is the purpose of this department to provide an authoritative and practical descriptive index of current publications for orchestra and organ. Mr. del Castillo makes his own selection of "What is Good" from the mass of new publications, giving free and unbiased comments for the benefit of the busy leader, keeping in mind the requirements of the theater orchestra.

RECITATIF DRAMATIQUE No. 1, by Baron (Belwin Baron Cin. 18). Medium; gruesome 9 8 Lento in F# minor. The title is not sufficiently descriptive. There is an inherent sinister quality in the lugubrious empty fifths that characterize the number. The construction is sicianly and effective, and the general atmosphere adaptable for all sorts of dismal effects.

LAMENTATION DESESPEREE, by Baron (Belwin Baron Cin. 17). Medium; heavy plaintive emotional 6/8 Allegro agitato in D minor. Baron's French complex continues to haunt him, but what's in a name? The turbulent unrest of this number would seem to make it anything but a "hopeless lamentation," and it is in its quality of agitated suspense that its value will lie.

MODERN MOVIE MOODS, Volume I (Sonneman). This edition has been out some little time but has just come in for review, and may consistently be accorded space for the variety of material it contains. Several of the numbers have been detached from old and comparatively obscure operas, while others are movie incidentals written to order. In particular may be noted the significant sin ister theme from Saint-Saëns' Rouet d-Omphale, which, if used in the original must be located in the middle of the number. The collection is as follows: (1) Prelude to La Juive (Halevy). Easy; sinister mysterioso 4 4 Andantino in Eb Major. Mostly subdued, but with some heavy dramatic climaxes, the musical caliber is a degree above the average movie mysterioso. (2) Dance of the Furies, from Orpheus (Von Gluck). Medium; heavy agitato 3 4 Vivace in D minor. An operatic ballet number well suited to the movies with its broken figurations and runs. (3) An Argument (Breil). Medium; emotional agitato 4 4 Moderately fast in D minor. A useful incidental, but the headings are misleading. It seems to me unsuited to "a dispute or argument between two or more persons, an assembly, or a board of directors." Its idiom is, on the contrary, more of the atmospheric type for mob disputes in costume pictures, with its altered chords, chromatic progressions, and suggestion of fanfares. (4) Excitement (Breil). Medium; heavy agitato 4/4 Molto agitato in A minor. Just a stock agitato, with a rather monotonous series of chord progressions. (5) Dramatic Agitato No. 1 (Egener). Easy; heavy agitato 424 Allegro non troppo in C minor. A sort of simplified edition of the Allegro from Maritana, not so close as to be a deliberate plagiarism, but nevertheless with more than a casual resemblance. (6) Introduction and Passing of the Caravan, from the Desert Suite (David). Medium: Oriental march in A minor. A patrol effect beginning pp and ending ff. The patrol works up effectively, and is not so Oriental but that it can be used for other characterisitic types also. The metronome indication is obviously wrong, and the beat of 104 should refer to halves instead of quarters. (7) Sunrise, Caravan Breaking Camp, from The Desert Suite (David). Medium; quiet atmospheric 4 4 Maestoso in A major, light atmospheric 4 4 Vivace in C major. The composer appears slightly at a loss as to the Oriental idiom. The atmosphere is effectively indicated, but the racial type might be almost anything from American Indian to Russian. Again the tempo indication is so haphazard as to be useless. A cut-time Vivace is marked at a speed of 67 for the quarters, obviously all wrong. (8) Looms of Fate, Le Rouet d'Omphale (Saint-Saens). heavy sinister 6 8 Andantino in C# minor. This very effective fate motive has been usefully reprinted from the middle of Saint-Saens' Symphonic poem, and lifted o note for note that instead of rounding out the end. is allowed to finish on a long G natural, which in the original serves as modulation to another key. In this version the number would more profitably close on an empty C# and G#. (9) Chorus from La Juive (Halevy). Medium; heavy martial 4 4 Allegro non troppo in Eb major. This chorus is, in effect, a heavy concert march. and, in its regular rhythm and set divisions, would seem almost to have been written as such. In type it can be compared to the Queen of Sheba or Aida marches. (10) The Jolly Hunters (Egener). Medium; 6/8 street march. There is nothing in the number to suggest the title, which is subtitled "The Chase, suitable also for Western scenes, pursuits or lively gatherings of any kind, except a horn fanfare in the introduction. Outside of that the piece is a purely conventional street march of A and B strains, Trio and break-up strain.

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SOUTH SEA BREEZES, Hawaiian Intermezzo, by Lang (Sonnemann). Easy; light quiet 2 4 Andante languido in D major. Though not of high musical value, this Hawaiian Intermezzo has its value in the photoplayer's library simply because it is Hawaiian,—a type not too

common in publishers' catalogs.

QUEEN HIGH SELECTION, by Gensler (Harms). Medium;
musical comedy selection. Gensler has developed an idiom quite similar to his contemporaries, Kern, You-mans and Stothart characterized by rhythmic redun-dance on a well-planned harmonic scheme. If that isn't quite clear, look at Cross Your Heart or Everything Will Happen for the Best from this selection, and you will observe a device common to practically all of the bestknown writers of the lighter type of musical comedy today — a type, incidentally, that is apparently being displaced by operetta of the Countess Maritza sort. Of course this selection has a frank, jingly appeal—and I don't mean this disparagingly—that the operetta lacks.

POPULAR MUSIC

The popular music business is at present in its seasonal doldrums. The Valencia, as a dance, failed to catch on, Black Bottom is just about holding its own, and nothing is a sensational or even moderate hit at present. The Feist waltz that heads this list is doing as well as anything, and is helped by the featuring it is getting from Paul Whiteman. We include a Valencia fox-trot from the house of Joe Morris simply on the basis of musical merit, but with no real hope for it.

IN A LITTLE SPANISH TOWN, by Young and Wayne (Feist). Played slowly in ballad style, this is a very sweet, haunting little waltz. Folks seem to like it.

PRECIOUS, by Pasternacki and Whiting (Feist). Only fair to average, but with a little catch to the rhythm that may boost it over. The firm is working on it, anyway.

How I Love You, by Brown and Friend (Berlin). Here is a real number with an infectious swing to it, that may duplicate Red Robin, which it somewhat resembles. The best tune that Berlin has published for several

JUST A LITTLE LONGER, by Berlin (Berlin). This tune has done just fairly well, which is about what it deserves. None on the wane.

Ting-a-Ling, by *Britt* and *Little* (Waterson). This is rather late to list this waltz, which was published some time ago, but was slow in gathering headway. It has gone over pretty well, however, and still has some power left.

SHE'S STILL MY BABY, by Coslow and Little (Waterson). One of the "hot" tunes, that has possibilities in direct proportion to your imaginative ability. No good played

ALL ALONE MONDAY, by Ruby (Harms). A production tune from The Ramblers, with a pleasing lilt to it, and that device, apparently so popular in show tunes, of ascending stepwise to the octave. I could name you a half dozen that do exactly the same thing. The Girl Friend and The Blue Room are two examples.

Lips, by DeCosta (Harms). From The Blonde Sinner, a suavely quiet melodic of the soothing, gliding type that sounds so well in the hands of a good band. For you can play a staccato chorus to a ballad, but you can't play a ballad to a hot tune.

LEANDER, by Gilbert (Harms). Here's a new one, right off the ice, from Katja the Dancer. Again we have the ascending stepwise progression, though not up to the full octave this time. A syncopated melody of simple rhythm that may and may not. I make no guarantees. GIVE ME A UKULELE, by Brown and Williams (Shapiro, Bernstein). A peppy little ukulele number with the inevitable strain from Aloha that is included in every Hawaiian number.

QUERIDA, by Costello (no relation) and Marr (Morris). A good 6/8 fox-trot of the Valencia type, though as I said above, the type doesn't seem to have caught on as expected.

I Don't MIND BEING ALL ALONE, by Gaskell, McHugh and Mills (Mills). Here's a really good tune, the kind that you realize has a distinctive swing before you've played eight measures. I safely recommend it.

OH WHAT A MARVELOUS GAL, by Keidel Olson and Ash (Clark). In Tin Pan Alley where ministers are parsons and girls are Mamas, Gals and what not, life is one dull round of love and kisses. The tune itself is another jingly one on the order of *Hi Diddle Diddle*, but better. NIGHTY NIGHT, DEAR, by Saunders and Ash (Clark). There was a mighty good waltz published by Feist a few years ago, based on Taps, called *Good Night*. It never went very big, and I hope this one may do better, for it is

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They can linger awhile over the latest models at the auto show, visit the manufacturer's and art exhibits, and wander if they wish over to the grand stand, where flying hoofs circle the course and dash down the home stretch under the wire in the afternoon, and where the magical display of fireworks and pageantry holds forth in the evening. Wherever they go, from early morning to ten at night they can hear from one Buckeye band or another the music they understand and love. Now it, is a stirring march, reminding them of John or Jim in his fine young manhood as he marched away to duty; next, some well-known Overture rides on the air from another direction, followed perhaps by some popular rhythm of the day; now, - a medley of tender old songs - long misty years roll away, the honking, whirling motors are stilled and memory calls back old moonlit nights in a buggy just built for two, when Dobbin knew the road. Perhaps they are going to the husking-bee to find the red ear and dance the quadrille; or mayhap it is big-meeting time and they are off to the wayside church to hear the parson pray and preach, while they read each other's fortunes in tell-tale eyes. Now, it is an old river song, and the dim, deep rumble of the steamboat whistles bring back the shifting shore lines along the beautiful Ohio, with the shouting crowds at the wharves and the darkies dancing on the landing for pennies and dimes.

Thus, throughout the entire gala week, Ohio is host to her enterprising citizens from every nook and corner of the State. And who is there that cannot see in these friendly gatherings

The Notebook of a Strolling Musician

NLY two years had been spent in the old country when I felt a longing to return home, even if only for a short time, and accordingly arranged to sail for America on the Cunard R. M. S. Saxonia leaving Liverpool in May, 1904. On May 16 the second cabin gave a concert in aid of the Seamen's Charities of Liverpool and Boston. We took part in the affair, although I remember that at first we declined, giving as reason that all our instruments were in our trunks in the ship's hold. However, this was straightened out by the ship's captain, W. B. Cresser, a fine old fellow who sent for me and said that if we would play at the concert he would detail a crew to get our trunks up. Well, it took a crew of eight men to dig out the trunks, but we did our act in costume and made a hit.

On the morning after the concert Captain Cresser sent word that he would like to see me and I was taken to the bridge cabin, the capcigars and we had quite a chat. He finally said: "I liked your act so well that I am going to ask you to repeat it tonight in the first cabin," adding that in all the years during which he had been crossing the sea this was the first time he had ever called upon anyone first cabin concert committee was the Very Rev., the Dean of Peterboro, England, a fine old gentleman. I requested him to apologize to the audience for the big noise we were to

Our last morning on board was so foggy that had reached it. My first view of the city cians was beneath them. reminded me greatly of parts of London, especially old Boston. Tremont Street and Boston Common are two features which alone

Home and Then Holland

By ARTHUR H. RACKETT

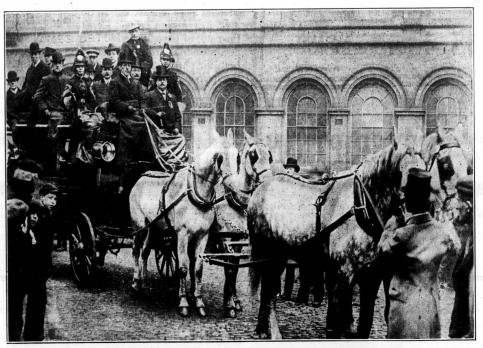
Editor's Note: This is the eighth of a series of reminiscences in which the author draws upon the rich experiences of a "globe-trot-ter" musician who has had intimate contact with music and acquaintance with leading musicians of the world for nearly half a century. The next article will appear in an early issue.

After playing six weeks in the East we went west to Chicago, my home, where I spent several weeks with my folks, also two weeks at the St. Louis World Fair. The week of December 12, 1904, we played in Hamilton, tain's own private apartment. He passed the Canada, and on the return trip to New York City (whence we were to sail again for the old country) we ran into a snow-blizzard that extended all along the Atlantic Coast. When we reached New York on December 20 we found it snowbound, but as we were booked for the next day to sail on the steamship Rotterdam to perform at both concerts. I accepted, and we repeated our act. The chairman of the crossed to Hoboken the night before. This proved to be good judgment on our part, for the severe storm kept up all night.

It was a beautiful sight that greeted our eyes on the following day — sailing out of New York make in the cabin. He did so, but when our and down past the Statue of Liberty with act was over said: "I am sure the audience everything glistening in its mantle of snow. A will agree with me that the act needs no little Dutch band in heavy overcoats played apology, as it was a most enjoyable treat for on deck for half an hour each day, and during the meal hours these players waited on table, which got my goat. This band-orchestra the ship was slowed down and made to just consisted of six musicians: father, son and creep along. It was well that this was done four others; the father (who led the orchestra) for we ran on to a sand-bar, but so gently that was a good musician, playing violin and cornet, the ship was easily backed off. The fog, and I talked to him straight. I told him that however, spoiled our view of Boston's famous to mix music with the menial was degrading, waterfront. This was my first time in Boston, and that to "play at table-waiting" while at for although booked twice to play there I never the same time playing as professional musi-

"What can we do?" he asked. "It has been the custom for ages in Holland and Germanv.' "Yes," I replied, "but it belongs to the dark

place Boston in Class A of the world's metropages. You are good musicians, so why don't you stay in New York when you get there?"



RACKETT AND HAZARD WITH THE MANHATTAN COMEDY FOUR IN ENGLAND, 1903

"I hope to bring my family over some day, he answered.

Our trip lasted ten days, and every evening after the orchestra had finished its concert I invited the members to the bar for a draught of real beer, always talking to them of better things than the menial work they were doing. The ten-day passage was a rough one because of the heavy seas. On Christmas Day the sea broke a porthole window, flooded the dining room and made it necessary to nail a canvas cover over the porthole. For two days we had to stand to eat our meals, picking each dish of food from the swinging shelves that are hung above the dining tables during a storm; no dish would stay for one minute on a

When we reached the North Sea the storm was so bad that the decks had to be roped off to prevent passengers from going out on them, but I obtained special permission from the mate of the forward deck to take my dog out for exercise. On one such airing I had the dog on a leash well up on the forward deck when a big comber boarded the ship, swept master and dog from their feet and carried us both aft at tremendous speed. If it had not been for the deck cabin, myself and the dog would have been swept into the ocean, but did not let go of the dog. I was only too glad to get below once more, take a rub-down and get into dry clothing. Off the Hook of Holland our ship answered the distress signal of a fishing smack that was floating bottom side up as a result of the storm.

When we landed at the Hook (where we were to take a train for Rotterdam) our first view of wooden shoes trying to plow through deep snow was a sight to make one's eyes almost pop from their sockets; there was nothing about it, however, even to suggest Molloy's singable old song, Oh, the Clang of the Wooden Shoon, "oh, the dance and the merry tune. The customhouse officers did not bother to open and look into our five trunks when they saw them labelled for the Rotterdam "Circus Theater"; neither did we have any trouble with our baggage when entering England, but when returning to our own America we had to turn our trunks inside out every time we entered.

I found no trouble in getting around in Rotterdam, for many of the Hollanders can speak three other languages besides their own (English, French and German). The conductor of the Circus Theater Orchestra of thirty-eight men was a German, and as I had a special lowpitch arrangement of the music in my act for use on the Continent (it was still high pitch for everything at the time in the U.S.A. and England) with all the cues written in German, my act went very smoothly. After the first rehearsal I invited the entire orchestra into the café for a drink (in Europe the café is a part of all theaters). They all accepted except the German conductor. I asked the reason for this and was told that the conductor never associated with the men, but would accept a private tip or a box of cigars. "Well," said I, 'we of the States don't consider the conductor as being any better than the men when outside the pit, and he will hold his --- baton a long time before he gets a private tip from me." A curious thing about this treat was that

when the men of the orchestra (which, by the way, consisted of Hollanders, Belgians, French and Germans) entered the café, they all sat down at the tables and ordered a variety of things on my treat: coffee, cigarettes, wine, beer, sandwiches and other things. This struck me as very funny at the time, but it cost me more to treat thirty-eight men in

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WHEN I rearranged my act to play in Europe I made a special feature of the Battle of San Juan Hill in the Spanish-American War, using special scenery and showing the American army camp in Cuba with all the military trappings of that time. In a few words I depicted to the audience a day in a war camp; as a veteran of both the British and United States military services, I left out no details from reveille to taps, and closed with an announcement of my imitation of the charge of Roosevelt's Rough-Riders up San Juan Hill. This number always was a big feature hit in America, but in Great Britain it was a riot each night. They certainly love their soldiers and sailors over there!

It was in London in 1902 that I first came to a realization of what an international hero Theodore Roosevelt ("Our Teddy") was. He was an outstanding world figure until his death in 1919. For more than a decade I was in close touch with the pulse of the people in America and Europe through the medium of the theater stage. In the United States, Great Britain and Canada the people idolized Roosevelt because of his red-blooded manliness, while on the Continent they stood in awe at mention of his name. Everything he said had a tang and hit the mark. For example:

"I have a horror of people who bark but don't bite." Again: "If I am ever to accomplish anything worth doing in politics, or ever have accomplished it, it is because I act up to what I preach, and it does not seem to me that I would have the right in a big crisis not to act up to what I preached.'

Relative to the Spanish-American War in 1898 he said:

"The sailing of the troop transports to Cuba is a great historical expedition; I thrill to feel that I am part of it. If we fail, of course we share the fate of all who do fail, but if we are allowed to succeed, and we certainly shall succeed if allowed, we have scored the first great triumph of what will be a world move-

Of the great World War he stated in 1917: "Now that we are at war, let us make it a real war; never hit if possible to avoid it, but

never hit soft. In every crisis the courage of our women has flamed high. The words of Lincoln will live forever, because they were made good by the deeds of fighting men. Show the world that we are eager to prove that those who are fit to live are not afraid to die."

It was Mrs. Corinne Roosevelt-Robinson the sister of Theodore, who after his death, and in a memoriam address, created an exact and beautiful phrase which seems likely to live when she spoke of him as "The Brother of his Coun-

I received one of the biggest thrills of my life in connection with Theodore Roosevelt in April of 1917. At 9.45 A. M. on Saturday morning, April 28 (1917), Roosevelt arrived at the Union Depot in Chicago on his last great speaking trip, calling the Nations to arms. As the parade was scheduled to move through Jackson Boulevard and pass the Elks Club of which I am a member, I made up my mind to give the Colonel a flourish on the army bugle. When the parade came down the Boulevard I noticed that there was no band or music of any kind. As the automobile containing Roosevelt arrived in front of the club house, I stepped out to the sidewalk curb and blew the army call, "To Arms." The parade came to a sudden stop, and the Colonel stood up in his car waving his hat, first in one hand and then the other, to the enormous crowds which lined the street on either side. After a moment the

parade started again, and in a flash I had made up my mind to be in that parade line. I pushed my way through the crowd and out into the street; broke through the line of police, stepped into the ranks behind Roosevelt's car, and

began blowing on my bugle the "Call to Arms."

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The startling bugle call, that is seldom heard and which is screamed out on G above the music staff, caused a greater sensation than any band could have done. No one questioned my right to be in the line, and two miles of parade to the Congress Hotel was electrifying. Following are a few things that some of the Chicago papers had to say about Rackett:

"Marching in a hollow square about the Colonel's machine was a squad of foot police, and directly behind them came officers and men of the First Cavalry. As close to Colonel Roosevelt's machine as he could get, Arthur H. Rackett, a veteran of the Regular Army, followed the parade and blew on a bugle the 'Reveille' and the 'Call to Arms' at short intervals. — Chicago Daily Journal (April 28).

"During the parade yesterday, a lone bugler walked behind the car containing the Colonel. He sounded the "Call to Arms," and the Colonel was one of the first to recognize it."

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At Sagamore the Chief lies low! Above the hill in circled row The whirring airplanes dip and fly, A guard of honor from the sky, Eagles to guard the Eagle. Woe is On the world. The people go with listless footstep, Blind and slow, For one is dead, who shall not die -

O Land he loved! At last you know The son who served you well below; The prophet voice, the visioned eye, Hold him in ardent memory, For one is gone, who shall not go -From Sagamore.

At Sagamore.

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it cannot be expected that everyone will take up music seriously,
and many (yes, too many) are
content merely to produce sounds
on their particular instrument.
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might be able to prescribe a few
pills or herbs for some simple ailment, but he could not be considered a physician; neither
would another man be considered
a carpenter because he could
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It is impossible to tell how long

RUDOLPH TOLL it will take anyone to become a good player, and it is equally impossible to advise which instrument is suited to each; the individual must have a desire to learn some certain instrument and then with serious, hard work go ahead and master it. Do not use the alibitable that there is not used teacher at hand or that you haven't

hard work go ahead and master it. Do not use the alibithat there is n't a good teacher at hand, or that you haven't sufficient money to study. "Where there's a will there's a way!" Note what the great master Johann Sebastian Bach did in order to become a "good player." "When a boy he devoured all the music he could lay his hands on, and hummed it over to himself until every note

"When a boy he devoured all the music he could lay his hands on, and hummed it over to himself until every note and accent was fixed in his memory. At night, when all the household were safely in bed, he would steal downstairs on his bare feet, get a sheet of paper and copy off the music by moonlight, sitting in the deep ledge of the window. Thus did he work for six months whenever the moon shone bright enough for him to read the lines and signs and marks. Then we hear of his trudging off to Hamburg, a hundred miles away and with only a few coppers in his pocket, to hear the great organist, Reinke. He slept in cattle sheds by the way, played his violin at taverns for something to eat, or plainly stated his case to sympathetic cooks at back doors.

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"The wonders of Reinke's playing and the marvel of the mighty music filled his soul with awe, and fired his ambition to do a like performance. Did the great Reinke know as he played that bright Sabbath morning, filling the cathedral with thunders of echoing bass or sounds of sweet, subtle melody — did he know that away back in the throng stood a dusty, tawny-haired boy who had tramped a hundred miles just for this event? And did the organist guess as he played that he was inspiring a human soul to do a grand and wondrous work, and live a life whose influence should be deathless? Probably not — few men indeed know when virtue has gone out of them.

"Perhaps Reinke was playing just to suit himself and had

"Perhaps Reinke was playing just to suit himself and had purposely put the unappreciative, lazy, sleepy occupants of the pews out of his thought, all unconscious that there was one among a thousand back behind a pillar, dusty and worn, but now unconsciously refreshed and oblivious to all save the playing of the great organ. There stood the boy, bathed in sweet sounds, with streaming eyes and responsive heart. His inward emotions supplemented the outward melody, for music demands a listener, and at the last is a matter of soul, not sound: its appeal being a harmony that dwells within. So played Reinke, and back by the door, peering from behind a pillar, stood the boy.

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"A few years later we find young Bach packing off to Denmark to listen to the playing of Buxtehude, the greatest organist of his age. Bach had been quite content to tiptoe into the church when Reinke played, grateful for the privilege of listening, yet half expecting to be thrust out as an interloper. He had gained confidence since then, however, and now introduced himself to Buxtehude and was greeted by the octogenarian as a brother and an equal, although sixty years divided them.

"Bach's visit to Buxtehude formed another white milestone in his career. He came back filled with enthusiasm and overflowing with ideas and plans that a single life-time could not materialize. Those who have analyzed the work of Buxtehude and Bach tell us that there is a richness of counterpoint, a vigor of style, a fullness of harmony, and a strong, glowing, daring quality that in some pieces is identical with both composers. In other words, Bach admired Buxtehude so much that for a time he wrote and played just like him. Genius has its prototype, and in all art there is to be found this apostolic succession. Bach first built on Reinke; next, he transferred his allegiance to Buxtehude; from this he gradually developed courage and self-reliance until he fearlessly trusted himself in deep water, heedless of danger. And it is this fearless, self-reliant and self-sufficient quality that marks the work of every exceptional man in every line of art."

"Here's to the man who dares!" said Disraeli. At this point the writer feels inclined to digress for a moment and show that we have boys today who dare even as did Bach. The writer was greatly impressed by an account in a recent

Boston paper of a thirteen-year old boy who dared an 800mile ride of nineteen hours cramped beneath a Pullman car seat for the sake of seeing a football game. The account

"The happiest boy in the world and the most rabid football fan is on his way back to Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, today. When he arrives at that small Pennsylvania city he will tell his gang at grammar school about an 800-mile trip he made to Boston cooped beneath Pullman car seats and berths, so that he might see little Geneva defeat the Harvard football team. He also will tell of Boston, the biggest city he ever saw, but most of all he will tell of 'Bo' McMillen, on whose head this youngster thinks the sun rises and sets. He is only thirteen years old, 'goin' on fohteen,' and hopes to be the star player at Geneva College some day, provided that 'Bo' McMillen is coach at that institution; he is going to college wherever 'Bo' McMillen is coaching.

"It was not until the train was well on its way that one of the players discovered a small pair of feet beneath a Pullman chair. This player, however, was a good sport and kept his discovery to himself. When the squad went into the dining car portions of food were brought from the table so that the stowaway might not starve during the nineteen hours he was cramped in his confined quarters. When the train pulled into the Back Bay Station at Boston a small, dirty-faced figure made his way hurriedly past the much surprised porter on duty at the car entrance.

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"It was when the team was on its way to the hotel that the surprised 'Bo' McMillen, the coach, discovered he had an extra hand to take care of, but, as he says: 'Who could squelch such determination as that?'"

The foregoing account speaks for itself and again proves that: "Where there is a will there is a way." With a determination such as was displayed by this boy one may accomplish any task undertaken. Do not wait for opportunities to present themselves, but rather create them for yourselves. If this youth had asked his parents for the opportunity he grasped, undoubtedly it would have been refused, so he created it for himself just as did Bach.

What Shakespeare is to literature, Michelangelo to sculpture, and Rembrandt to painting, Johann Sebastian Bach is to organ music. He was the greatest organist of his time whose equal has not yet been produced, although nearly three hundred years have elapsed since his death. "The organ reached perfection at the hands of Bach," says Haweis. As a composer for the organ, Bach stands secure—his position is at the head and is absolutely unassailable.

Bach was so great that he harbored no artistic jealousy, no whims; and when harshly and unjustly criticised, he did not concern himself enough with the quibblers to reply. He made neither apologies nor explanations. The man who thus allows his life to justify itself and lets his work speak for him, and who when reviled reviles not again, must indeed be a supremely great and lofty soul.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

TONE TROUBLE

M. M., Fresno, California.
Q. 1. I am a constant reader of the J. O. M., and especially the clarinetist department, from which I have derived much benefit. I am in search for some explanation concerning a particular trouble I have always had in playing the clarinet. For instance, in a passage from the middle register down to C, D and A below the staff, the tones do not sound just right in tonguing; they produce a peculiar squeak or coarse sound. I have worked hard for a good tone, but cannot overcome this trouble. Any advice from you, Mr. Toll, will be greatly appreciated.

A. There are various causes for your trouble. A reed that is too thin at the tip may cause a whistling effect; an uneven lay on the mouthpiece causes a coarse sound; then, again, while the lay may be all right the reed may be warped, and this will give the same coarse sound; also, playing with the lips too greatly relaxed will affect the quality of your tone in any register of the clarinet. A leakage in the pads can easily be detected by closing the keys and the lower end of each joint and then blowing into them. The writer will be pleased to test your mouthpiece if you wish to send it on. Let me hear from you again.

LIP PRESSURE AND OTHER MATTERS

K. S., Coffeyville, Kansas.
Q. 1. Can you inform me of any books or music magazines devoted to the clarinet, such as The Flutist or The Violinist magazines?

A. I am not aware of any magazine devoted exclusively to the clarinet.

Q. 2. Do you think that a course on a "non-pressure cure" would be beneficial to me, as I am troubled with weak lips?

A. The clarinet is not like the trumpet, and as a teacher of wide experience I cannot advise a "non-pressure cure."

A. The clarinet is not like the trumpet, and as a teacher of wide experience I cannot advise a "non-pressure cure." Do not allow yourself to believe that you have weak lips, for a child can play the clarinet if taught correct tone production. If you use excessive lip-pressure you have either the wrong idea (system), or the wrong kind of reed or mouthpiece.

There is but little lip pressure needed to play the clarinet.

The quality of tone will help you to decide that particular point. If too much pressure is applied, the reed will close

or choke up; if not enough pressure is used, the tone will be of poor quality. At any rate, the lips should not become sore even when playing eight hours a day.

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One great trouble with many players is incorrect blowing.

When approaching a high note they pinch the reed, instead of properly blowing it out as easily as on a lower tone—using the same amount of pressure throughout the entire range of the clarinet. This is merely using common sense, good judgment, a little careful thought in working out the difficulties; or, call it the "non-pressure cure," if you like.

Q. 3. One of my two front upper teeth which rests on the mouthpiece is slightly longer than the other. Would it be best to have them made even with a gold inlay, or do you

A. I would advise that you consult a good dentist. If your teeth are perfectly sound I should not think you would want an inlay. Perhaps the dentist might work one tooth down a bit without harm, but judging from your description I don't think there is enough difference to matter. However, there is no harm in consulting a dentist and satisfying your mind on this point.

think the gold would in time jar loose by the continued

Q. 4. Can you suggest the best clarinet school where I might also continue the study of my piano? I am of college age

college age.

A. Boston is considered the greatest educational center in the country. There is Chicago, however, which is so much nearer to your home, and which has up-to-date colleges, music-schools, etc. You will find information in almost any good music magazine concerning Chicago clarinet and piano schools.

About Mouthpieces

Q. 5. Like many other clarinet players, I have had much mouthpiece trouble and have tried almost every standard make or design of mouthpiece on the market. Will you advise me as to the best make or design? Do most symphony players have their mouthpieces made by artist mouthpiece makers?

A. There seems to be no end of complaints regarding mouthpieces, but I must state frankly that the trouble is entirely caused by the individual player, in that so few players really properly learn how to produce tone and how to select and fit reeds. The sooner our young players learn that one cannot procure a self-playing mouthpiece and reed, the sooner they will get down to "brass tacks" and realize that it is "the man behind the gun" who must produce the results. It is a mistaken idea that symphony players have specially made instruments, mouthpieces or reeds. They have to select from the same stock from which you receive yours.

There are excellent mouthpieces to be had, with various lays to suit any and all embouchures; also, there are plenty of good reeds (soft, medium and stiff) from which the individual must choose a grade best suited to his particular needs. If the reed is too soft, cut it off at the tip; if too stiff, trim it down on the surface. That is easier said than done, however, but there is where the "art in reed-fitting" comes in. It is just as important to study this art as it is to practice exercises to develop technic — in fact, it is more important, because with a good reed you are better able to execute. The fact that one may have hundreds of reeds on hand and yet not be able to find a good one, is no indication whatsoever that they are poor reeds. I will be glad to prove this, and will guarantee to find many good, usable reeds in your discarded lot.

It would surprise my troubled readers to know how easy it is to put a reed in good playing condition with merely a few scrapings of the knife, which is the only tool that I personally use for fitting my reeds. To begin with, I select one of a golden yellow color and a bit stiff. Then I scrape it with the knife, a little at a time, but knowing exactly where to scrape. I find the stiff parts to be at the sides or in the center about three-eighths of an inch back of the tip; these two parts affect the middle and higher registers. If it is the lower register that is hard playing, scrape farther back, a little at a time. You must experiment on this for yourself, and expect to spoil reeds, but that is the only way in which to learn. The writer wishes you all progress and hopes to hear from you again.

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A Musical Star in the West

THE Fifth Avenue Theater, Seattle, claims George Lipschultz as its musical director. George opened the Broadway in Portland, and hurried to Seattle to be master of ceremonies at the inception of Seattle's new picture palace. To merely say that local

him at the Broadway in Portland. Five years ago he came to the Pacific Coast where he was conductor at Loew's Warfield Theater in San Francisco, California, for four years, working for West Coast Theaters. A year ago they moved him to Loew's State in Los Angeles and then

to the T. & D. in Oakland to bolster up business.

This past summer he acted as guest conductor with the Cologne Symphony Orchestra in Paris, by special invitation. During his stay there, he found Europeans liked jazz, but loved the classics. George says that foreigners' attitude toward good music cannot and will not be changed.

Before going to Europe, Harry C. Arthur offered George the post of general musical director of the North American Theater Company's circuit, which brings us to the reason why George is in Seattle.

George has the reputation of making a twenty-five-piece orchestra sound like fifty. He has twenty pieces — the pick of the musicians of Seattle — and he certainly has a fine organization, out of which he gets real results. Daily concerts are offered on the flying pit, which, by the way, is a new thrill for Seattleites. Lipschultz is always there with a violin solo or two, also.

It must be noted here, that never in the musical history of Seattle has a conductor been seen who maintains such perfect conduct and ease while leading his men. This influence can be seen in the other men who sit erect, with their feet placed exactly alike. Such uniformity does mean something. Many directors would learn much by watching the Fifth Avenue orchestra for a few minutes.

Lipschultz and his Syncopating Soloists are featured in a jazz concert with the Fanchon and Marco Revues. A combination jazz and legitimate orchestra is new in Seattle. and the fans are still in a daze over it.

Besides the work of arranging two complete concerts, rehearsing the orchestra for these and also for the revue, George arranges his own picturesque scores and writes jazz

arrangements for his stage work.

I've told you about Lipschultz, the musician; now, I'll try and tell you about George the man.

I don't know whether I was early or George was late; guess it was both, because when George appeared at the theater he explained that a photographer had been working over him. We entered George's dressing room, which had the appearance of an apartment — with its blue chenille rug, overstuffed furniture, mirrors, pictures, etc. The Fifth Avenue has certainly provided a comfortable room, and I'm sure it pays them real dollars.

George and "the Mrs." were celebrating their first anniversary and the latter presented the former with a

beautiful alligator-skin violin case — the real stuff. Georgie was quite pleased to say the least and was busy receiving the congratulations of his men.

George is medium in height, with dark hair, and he looks to be a slave of fashion—but of course isn't. His is a remarkable personality - you can't help but like him very much, as he just seems to make you. He isn't the temperamental hair-tearing type. In fact, he is very calm and cool. While we were talking he was informed that the pit elewhile we were taking he was informed that the pit ele-vator wouldn't work. Instead of becoming excited, as a good many leaders that I know would do, he calmly stated the pit concert would be done on the stage, and gave orders accordingly. However, the pit was fixed in time, so the concert went on according to the regular routine.

We talked of many things and many people. George spent a few days with Paul Ash, an old friend of San Francisco days, in Chicago, and he told me how much he enjoyed it — of his wonderful trip through Europe, his plans, etc. Then, we parted with yours truly hoping for another pleasant hour talking and musing with George Lipschultz, the man.

—J. D. Barnard.

Shenandoah, Pennsylvania. - Mr. John L. Hutchings is manipulating a two-manual at the Lyric Theater here.

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DELL LAMPE Conductor of Trianon Ballroom Orchestra

THERE are bands, and orchestras, and jazz organizations and what not, but when we contemplate or-ganizations which represent the highest development (to the moment) of the dance-music field we are sadly limited in the number. So many factors enter into the fabric of a polished, dance-music organization, that with any one factor deficient in the least way the "chain becomes no stronger than its weakest link!" In my role of reviewer and critic, I hear so many bands that my musical sensibilities lose the vacillating, emotional characteristics and become scientific, calculating, severe in judgment, a complex from which any reviewer suffers. Then plagiarized effects become more noticeable, monotony of styles apparent on every hand and the rhythm is unvarying, almost lugubrious, despite strenuous activities of the rhythmical group. I have just heard another band! When I walked into the Trianon the other night, tired, blasé and, since I do not dance, confident that I would have as miserable an evening as I possibly could, I was due for a shock that, unexpected as it was, fairly swept me off my feet into another world of beautiful har-monies, scintillating orchestral colors and siren-like rhythm which almost coaxed me to a terpsichorean attempt! At last I heard a *musical* organization in all that the much ill-used word implies. And Dell Lampe is the

Lampe hails from New York, where he not only was the orchestrator of the Schubert Productions, Al Jolson's Revues, Passing Shows, but also had a famous band of his own. Of course you know the organization records in only the best companies and the arrangements used by his orchestra are his own, and in that lies the secret of his musical success. Being more than casually interested I immediately sought him out and found him to be an exceedingly pleasant host; although I had unintentionally interrupted him during his scoring of a number to talk to him, none of the usual impatience, temperament, or downright ill-breeding (as it should be termed) of a busy man

Mr. Lampe freely discussed Paul Whiteman's great influence towards better and finer music in the dance field; commented also upon Gershwin, whom he knows intimately, remarking that Gershwin had earned a place with the immortals, a statement with which I heartily concurred; further, he agreed with me that jazz was a fundamental American musical idiom, and informed me that every little while he was in the habit of presenting on his dance programs such worth-while things as the *Rhapsody in Blue* and standard paraphrases of classics, having himself orchestrated and presented paraphrases of *Pinafore* and the Mikado. (These are extremely popular in Chicago just now when an opera company is presenting them at the

He seems to think that, if the usual jazz dish is occasionally garnished with such musical sweetmeats, the elevating influence is not to be discounted, and so, more and more, his trend is towards such standards. It was not hard to discover that the secret of this man's success was

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musicianship, musicianship, and then more musicianship.

Hard work and application does the rest. If a number does not suit him, he will re-orchestrate it three or four times until it does, and that is the simple secret.

I almost forgot to mention that Dell Lampe is the son of

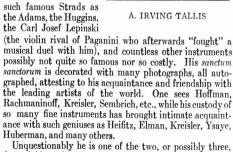
J. Bodewalte Lampe, internationally famous as composer and arranger, but, not believing much in heredity, I don't think Dell is great because of his father. He is great because he is Dell. That his father has helped him greatly cannot be gainsaid, but, like other geniuses with similar relationship, it is but a coincidence. J. Bodewalte Lampe is a genius, his son Dell Lampe is a genius, and theorizing does not alter the fact. It was surely a pleasure to meet him. Expect to have more from him in later issues.

A Connoisseur of Fine Fiddles

F INTEREST to string players who live in or visit Chicago is the fourth floor of the Rudolph Wurlitzer Company, for there the Wurlitzer Chicago collection of valuable string instruments is in charge of that very well-known violin connoisseur, Mr. A. Irving

Mr. Tallis, who hails from New York where he played in all of the principal theaters, has been a judge of rare old instruments for more than twenty years, although his connection with the Wurlitzer Company is of slightly less than two years' duration. He was educated abroad in Paris and Frankfort, and is a direct descendant of Thomas Tallis, "the father of English cathedral music" (Grove's Dictionary).

During his experience with rare stringed instruments Tallis has handled such famous Strads as the Adams, the Huggins



dependable authorities in this city of four million people on rare violins, violas, 'cellos and bows. Commenting on the business situation which he seemed to think was very good and constantly improving, he said: "Prices are continually going up. Safely, it may be said that in a few years a fine violin will be out of reach of the average man of moderate means. Now is the time to buy them." He also informed me that "musicians today require a finer instrument than ever before, and that more of the better-grade instruments

are owned by orchestral players now than formerly."

Mr. Tallis is a very affable, pleasing gentleman and musician, and makes one feel quite at ease. This is particularly true of visitors whether they come to "shop" not. In fact, Mr. Tallis' department is a rendezvous for the string players (violin, viola and 'cello) of the city.

Fashionette Feminine Band

NOW that women vote, actively engage themselves in business, "wear the pants" in a great many instances, and are more and more making themselves heard from in the various spheres of art, it is no great wonder to us that they play in jazz bands and make mighty good jazzicians,

Happening to drop in at the Tom Browne Music Company, I heard some sounds like that of the genus jazzus playfully disporting itself in leaping, musical gambols (you know what I mean, the same old platitudes), so I decided to investigate. My efforts were rewarded with a sight that surely was a panacea for trachoma, or other afflictions of the eyes - feminine jazz aggregation! And, Lordy, how they aggregated!

It wasn't hard to find out that Thelda Harter, saxophone and clarinet; Jerry Harter, saxophone; Winifred Jones, piano; Jean Nicolaus, trombone and sousaphone; Alice Yates, trumpet; Dorothy Shinn, violin, and Peggy Steese, drums, were the reasons why the band had already played all the leading vaudeville and picture theaters and was booked for the entire coming season in the best movie palaces of the country.

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Without compromising these ladies on a tender subject, I may say that it was one of the very first girl-bands in vaude ville, and as none of them now look over twenty-one at the acid-test range, I claim they must have been rather precocious. It's a nice band and well presented, and an all-

Among the Chicago Publishers

BOB MELLIN, if it were left to popular vote, would undoubtedly take first honors as the best-liked service man in this district. After an organist or an orchestral director has tramped the "loop" over to secure novelties and receives in some places scant courtesy or no courtesy, in others a sort of supercilious "take it or leave it" treatment others a sort of supercinous take it or leaver treatment (I speak from personal experience), he welcomes the little trip to the sixth floor of the State-Lake Building and the Jerome H. Remick offices for a friendly little chat with "Bob"— who always has a kind word, shows a willingness to lend or give you within reason anything the firm has, and exhibits a genuine spirit of co-operation. Young Mellin is building a future upon the most valuable inherent qualities — polite courtesy and a genial disposition, which, like the aesthetic sense, must be born in one; qualities which distinguish the gentleman from the gutter rabble.

THE HAROLD ROSSITER MUSIC COMPANY is ust releasing two new numbers, namely, Donora and Startight, both of which show promise of becoming very popular. Donora is of the new 6/8 Spanish type of song, very singable and with a wonderful swinging melody. Starlight is a melodious ballad of distinctiveness and much is anticipated and expected for it. Mr. Rossiter also reports that Tenderly and Thinking are both past the doubtful stage and going bigger and bigger every day.

THE KRAEMER MUSIC PUBLISHING COMPANY, 1708 Burlington Street, announce a new waltz ballad number Little Pal. The orchestral arrangement was made by Henry Francis Parks. Both this number and Broken-hearted are featured nightly at the Riverview Ballroom, the Merry Garden and other leading terpsichorean palaces with great success. Mr. Kraemer will gladly send orchestrations or organ solo copies upon request. Speaking of the incoming tidal wave of "Broken-hearted" songs, Mr. Kraemer ventured the remark that "like the 'Moon' and 'Mammy songs such plagiarisms will always take place. But imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, and since the appearance of other similar titled songs Broken-hearted is going over bigger than ever. We expect to have the recording arrangements completed shortly."

BERNIE ADLER, representing the Chicago interests of Edw. B. Marks, has just accepted an arrangement of If My Baby Cooks As Good As She Looks from Henry Francis Parks. The number is quite catchy, and is companioning some five other numbers of equal interest which Marks is issuing this month.

ONE CHICAGO PUBLISHER informed the writer that they were not interested in co-operating with him in supplying news of their new publications and could not spend any time with him. This is truly unfortunate for them, as well as ourselves, as they do publish some mighty nice things we would like to tell you about. They probably believe in the add mourtain theory about the probably believe in the add mourtain theory about the probably believe in the add mourtain theory about the probably believe in the add mourtain theory about the probably believe in the add mourtain theory about the probably believe in the add mourtain theory about the probably believe in the add mourtain theory about the probably believe in the add mourtain theory about the probably believe in the add mourtain the probably believe the probably believe to the pro ably believe in the old mousetrap theory about the public beating paths through the wilderness. Modern salesmethods do not uphold this old saw, however, for publicity is the tonic triad of success. One may build a better rodent exterminator than the other fellow, but if he does not publish the fact again and again the mousetraps which are known will enjoy the advantage. Bastante!

THE WEIL PUBLISHING COMPANY, INC., of St. Louis and Chicago, producers of piano rolls as well as music publishers, inform us that their latest numbers, Wondering and Farewell, have met with a nice response from the trade. They are now behind a newer one entitled Blue Hawaiian Moonlight. It is of course characteristically from the shores of Waikiki.

MEADOW LARK and KENTUCKY LULLABY are the reigning hits of the Forster Music Publishing Company's catalog. They have also a very charming ballad Prison of My Dreams by Mrs. Jesse Crawford. It is on the order of The World is Waiting for the Sunrise, being similar in melodic formation, rhythmical distribu tion and arpeggio type of piano accompaniment. The sentiment of the lyrics is quite beautiful and original. Of its type it is one of the best written since the number re-

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THROUGH AMBROSE LARSEN I learn that the Milton Weil Music Company is publishing The Last Kiss, an opus by himself with lyrics by the brilliant Lewis R. Towne. It is a very interesting waltz-ballad, though the writer rather thinks that Ambrose's forte is in duple and not triple rhythm.

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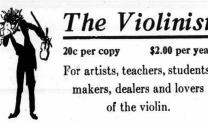
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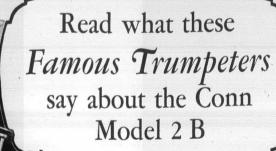
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Leo Reisman on Dance Music

JAZZING THE CLASSICS

TEWMAN, the eminent British critic, seems to have started something with his recent caustic comment on jazz and Paul Whiteman. I do not remember seeing any similar fulmination for some time that has been so widely quoted. Many of my friends have hailed me gleefully from time to time with the question as to whether I had seen the report of what Newman thought about jazz and Whiteman, and what had I to say in reply if anything. Letters have also come from Or-CHESTRA MONTHLY readers calling attention to this most recent eruption in the classic-jazz controversy, and asking what I thought about it. It seems best to me to answer these queries as exactly as possible through the Orchestra MONTHLY.

Now, my opinion may not be of much importance, and it certainly will not finally settle this question. It is not because of either of these reasons that I am presenting it, it is because I have been asked to give it that I do so. For I do have a very decided opinion as to the merit of Newman's criticism, and I give it herewith for whatever it may be worth to ORCHESTRA MONTHLY readers. It is, moreover, a thoroughly sincere opinion and one that may surprise many of you.

Newman is right — in my judgment. He may not understand just why Whiteman uses classics in dance rhythm, or if he does understand, he does not make the necessary allowance for what, from Whiteman's standpoint, is a commercial necessity. Critics are seldom business men, at least they seldom make allowances for what is necessary to business success. And to criticize from its standpoint as an art, that which is necessary as a businessbuilding factor, seems hardly consistent.

Mr. Newman is Right

But if we consider the presentation of dance music in dance rhythm, purely as an art, entirely aside from the factor of commercial progress, we must agree with Mr. Newman.

A classical number is written by its creator this idea each time the number is played, according to the intent of the composer, many things are necessary, and all of them are equally important. Not only must the melody and harmony be faithful to the writer's idea, the rhythm should be equally so. Contrast in the speed of the tempi, accelerandos and rallentandos, rubatos and accentuating climax building strettos are just as necessary to a faithful presentation of the composer's musical idea as

variations are not possible in dance music. Dance music depends for its usefulness as dance music on a steady rhythmic pulsation that floats the dancers along on its crest as remorselessly and easily as a river carries a "chip

of the old block" out to sea. It is true that other variations can take the place of tempo changes; cross rhythms, a merely suggested syncopation that holds back the melodic progress over the rhythmic and harmonic movement of the composition. But the melody must later on make up this time that is stolen from its future, and the steady pulsation of the basic rhythm should move along through

it all as inevitably as fate itself. Of course, when classics are presented in dance form this is done, but just the same the intent of the composer is distorted in the doing, and the idea his music was written to express is not expressed at all in such a presentation. The harmony may be absolutely correct, and it usually is, but that is not enough to comprise artistic fidelity. I believe that the proper presentation of dance music is an art, and should be done as artistically as possible. Artistic standards applied to dance music playing do not weaken its effectiveness, they strengthen it, just as they do anything to which they are applied.

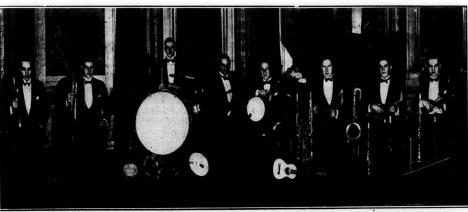
JAZZING THE LITERARY CLASSICS

Suppose a company of artists were to give Hamlet, only with all of them costumed in bathing suits. They might read their lines perfectly, their setting might be superb, the stage setting a triumph of fidelity and completeness, yet such a production would be but a travesty of the real play itself.

Or suppose Camille were to be given by a group of world-famous artists, with the action, elocution, scenery, and costumes as superbly effective as it is possible to imagine. But in the effort to intensify modern (?) public interest in the production, suppose all the lines were read in a rich, broad, negro dialect. What would be the result? It could be nothing more than a rather impious burlesque, funny perhaps, with some certain idea in mind. To recreate but with no chance to lay claim to greatness or dramatic effectiveness.

When the classics are presented in dance form, no matter how faithful the harmonic and melodic structure nor how lovely the tonecolor, the restriction imposed on the composer's intention by the dance rhythm is just as great as the lack of proper costumes or correct speech would be in either of the above examples.

It is true that many classical numbers have beautiful melodic and harmonic material. It any other attribute of music. And these tempo is also true that a dance presentation of any of



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these numbers might make a great hit with those of the dancing public who were not familiar with them in their true form. Many dancers, most of them in fact, are interested in dance music more for its excellence as an inspiration to dance rather than from its true musical worth. Then, this type of dancer receives a certain mental "kick" from hearing numbers that they know are grand opera or high-class concert selections presented in dance rhythm, and in dancing to such numbers. But to those who have developed a sane appreciation for classical music to hear one of these well-loved and beautiful creations in the guise of a rigidly rhythmic dance number is just as painful as for the lover of the classics drama to hear the travestied Hamlet or burlesqued Camille described previously.

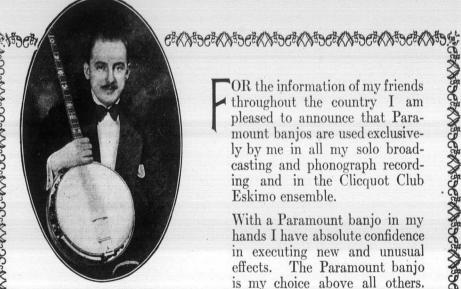
I am not intimating that classics treated in this manner are not effective as dance numbers, but I do insist that as artistic presentations, musically considered, they are not worth while.

Dance music should be written as dance music, the melody, harmony and all the factors that go to make up a musical creation should be conceived in harmony with the rhythmic characteristics necessary for dance music. When this is well done, writing or playing dance music is just as much of an art as writing or playing a symphony or grand opera. It is a different kind of an art, or rather another side of the same art - that is all. My own convictions as to the artistic possibilities of dance music cause me to feel very strongly on this question. And a moment's reflection should convince anyone that the creation and presentation of such dance music is not a theory. It is being done every day, and will be done more and more as time goes on. In his own time, Johann Strauss was certainly successful in creating good music within the dance form and idiom peculiar to his day. So much so that his dance music still is a delight to listen to.

ON THE OTHER HAND

But this age is rather a material one; even art cannot develop freely nor far without adequate financial support. A rather large part of the public that supports dance orchestras likes this treatment of classical music that has incurred Mr. Newman's hostility. It may be that this group of supporters have not developed an appreciation for these numbers as presented in the form by which they best express the composer's idea, in fact it is certain that this appreciation has not been developed — if it had, the dance form vesture for these numbers wouldn't appeal to them so much. Then Whiteman may feel that productions of this sort have a certain educationally missionary value. That is, that people can be more surely led to a proper appreciation of the standard classics if they are inclined toward them first through hearing them in a form with which they are familiar and that they have already learned to appreciate. It does not necessarily follow that Whiteman feels that the presentatations of classics in dance rhythm does the greatest possible justice to the classics, or is the most effective form of dance music.

Although I personally use dance versions of the classics for the ballroom, for broadcasting and for recording, I do so not because I personally think it the artistic thing to do, but because commercially it is the expedient thing to be done. It is "good business" to do so, it sells the orchestra program to a large number of people who are willing to pay well for it, and who might otherwise not be inclined to buy at all. And even in order to comfortably and surely accomplish an artistic ideal, a measure of commercial and economic success is neces-



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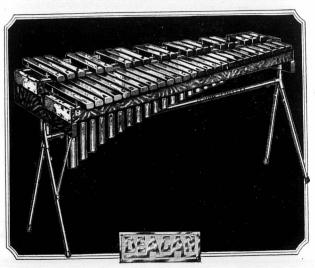
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Music Chat from Washington

IT BECOMES increasingly difficult to write items for my paper, and if certain things keep up I will have to put on a set of blinders, stuff cotton in my ears, and go on my way rejoicing. A couple of years ago Jacobs, Inc., gave me the opportunity to become their Washington Representative, and this in no way obligated me to act as personal tative, and this in no way obligated me to act as personal Under the total case of the way of the total case of the way of the Washington musicians, and organists especially, deserved a lot of credit, so as I knew everyone from hither to you I found it easy to "do them up" when anything was going on. Pollyanna is my middle name and with my hands in my pockets and whistling a tune I gathered items and soon subscriptions began coming to me unsolicited. It is my duty as representative to notify each subscriber as his subscription expires, but I don't compel him to renew. This they do because of their interest. So I was quite bowled over upon being told that a Certain Party had had only a little publicity last year, and "Oh My Dear, I don't believe I'll subscribe again." It wasn't one of the big timers either. Of what interest is it to the world and his wife that Sarah Smith got up and went to work, came home and slept and on Thursday and Sunday had a heavy necking party. Of course I could rack my brain, what there is left, and write a poem such as

> Sarah Smith with hair so curly, Arose and left her home quite "eurly" She went to work, as good girls do, And ate alone (?) at half-past two. And then at three and four and five She telephoned she was still alive. She dined at six; at half past seven Her beau arrived and stayed till 'leven. Now I've told of the doin's of Sarah, But who in heck a darn does *care-a?

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At \$1.50 a year for a subscription, published once a month, publicity in each issue would amount to about twelve cents' worth each time. That's as reasonable as Woolworth's and I didn't think we had any ten cent musicians in Washington. I appreciate notes on any activities and find some time to call on people, though Gertrude Kreiselman who lives at the Embassy right around the corner always tells me there is a trick in it if I come over without being lassoed. This week I have to write one perfectly thrilling article about Maribel Lindsey; do the news items for Jacobs Band and Orchestra Monthly and Melody; interview and write an article regarding Dr. William C. White, Superintendent of St. Elizabeth's Hospital, one of the greatest alienists in the States; set up and play seven scores for Chevy Chase Theater; play two matinee shifts for Alex Arrons at the Earle on Tuesday; see Gladys Mills who was recently appointed director of the Children's Shows and get the work lined up with her for a few weeks; hear Dick Leibert's Organologue and Al Herman's Minstrels at the Palace; eatch Dan Breeskin's special score for Don Juan's Three Nights and his special reel Songs of Italy. Then I must also do the first of a series of six articles for Better Theaters; the first one has to be in Chicago and to press on October 20; and last but not least attend a house warming in Chevy Chase Saturday after the show. Seems to me the only reason I pay rent at the Argonne is so I'll have a place for my cedar chest to keep the summer moths out of my fur coat. That last line lets you in on a secret.

JOHN UPPERMAN was reading some of the Melody News while I was playing at the Avenue Grand and he said "Don't you put me in that paper; one can never tell what you're going to say about folks." No one could say anything but good about Upperman; he gives everyone a lift and makes it a point to frequently tell his organist how nice the music sounded. Anyone who has ever worked for Upperman always wants to go back. He has been with the organization since it was a "one picture" house with a piano, has been transferred from one house to another, and has friends wherever he goes. I played for Upperman, and we have had quite a laugh over the time I tried to make a French horn and open diapason, minus tremolo, sound like a full orchestra. Needless to say our organ had "gone bad." Things that seem tragic at the time are comedy a few years later. Mr. Upperman was recently elected secretary of the Stanley-Crandall Managers' Association. Everyone votes "Uppie" a good fellow and he has so much to do taking care of other people's troubles that he has no time to have troubles of his own.

MRS. MARGARET WATKINS, associate organist Colony Theater has been a Melody reader for months, and although I knew of her and her work I never met her until a few days ago. She has a house, a husband, a daughter, an organ position, and an artistic career to take care of, and believe me, she is a busy little somebody. She studied to prepare herself for a concert piano career and had reached her goal when she suffered a nervous breakhad reached her goal when she suffered a nervous break-down. She tells me she gradually recovered, and found in movies and movie music playing the things that brought her back. "Playing for movies," she explained, "occupies my mind in such a way that I find I can now play through a show without getting nervous." I could hardly listen to what she was saying, I was so interested in looking at the J. E. TABERNAL, Music CLARKSDALE MISSISSIPPI

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beautiful paintings on the wall, and when she told me she had done them I nearly fell off the chair. She is a painter of scenes, portraits and animal studies, and does it so well that she is a decided exception to the usual run of artists who make a specialty of only one line. I was thrilled to death when she said she was going to paint a scene for me. She also told me that while she was ill and unable to get out of bed she used to keep all the Melony numbers handy and she got a great kick out of reading them, over and over again. Melody and the radio were her only amusements, as her nervous condition did not permit many stories or newspapers. When I get the painting I shall put it in the nicest frame I can buy, and I promise that you will hear of this talented young lady very often. Oh, I forgot to mention she has a china closet stacked with hand-painted china. I'd hate to estimate what it is worth, but I'll bet she could make a good payment on a

Melody for December, 1926

NORMAN HANLEY breezed in again. He's musical director with "Bringing Up Father," so I went down and got Norm and we drove all over the city. I took him to ington, up to Mt. St. Albans where Wilson is buried and to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. "Fine," said Norman, "We saw all the dead ones this time; next time we will see the live ones." Fair enough; if Hanley craves life and excitement I'll take him down to the Spanish Village Club from ten to three A. M. If he gets out of there with anything left but his bow tie he is good. One of the South American diplomats recently gave me a complimentary card, but that only takes you past the sacred portal Then the fun begins and up to date I haven't felt flush enough to look in. If I could give Pete Borras (host) a real pert write-up he might give me some ginger ale and a cheese sandwich, but I'd have to be pretty good at it.

By the skin of my teeth and the leap in my legs I escaped death at 14th and Park Road the other day. After I had made a flying jump and landed safely on the curb the car stopped and the driver was none other than Roy (Alibi) Hopkins in person trying out a Nash Sedan. I again took my life in my hands and got in to see how it ran. That was all right for Roy isn't a strange man and it was still daylight. He bought his car two weeks after I got mine so I had to see if there was anything on it that mine lacked. Roy is Projectionist at the Tivoli Theater, and when I went to the Tivoli to play last summer I was trying everything on the organ. On the right I pushed a button and found a telephone bell, so I tried out a similar button on the left. I pushed and nothing happened so I pushed it again and again thinking something might happen. It did That bell connected with the booth, and after the boys had looked in vain for ghosts, misframes and bad light they sent Hopkins down to see what was going on. Need I tell you that I didn't push buttons after that unless we had been properly introduced? Anyway Hopkins ought not to try to kill off any members in good standing of the A. F. M. for a little thing like that. Maybe he is still remembering the season we worked together down town and he had to

ADOLF TOROVSKY tells me I am way behind on my news. Well since I got my Victrola paid for at Homer Kitts I don't have to stop at 14th and G. Adolf is right across the street and I used to run in often. He has had an operation on his left wrist for removal of a ganglion. I think that's an upstage name for those little bumps that decorate musicians hands. Just think! One of our most prominent organists sick, and I never knew it. However he is all right now and has been to Annapolis, rowing a boat, catching fish and swimming around. He did that in the summer although it's winter as you read this. He also went to Buffalo to the A. G. O. Convention, and the next convention will be held in Washington. He was re-elected dean of the District Chapter. While all this has been going on I do hope young Adolf the 3rd is in good trim. I am very fond of him, and think he is just about as clever in his line as Adolf the 2nd.

VIOLA ABRAMS surprised me the other night when she showed me the different colored strings on the harp. I guess I thought Viola just moved her arms back and forth and entrancing sounds filled the air. However, it is quite too complicated, for there are yellow strings, blue strings and red strings and she has to keep working her feet all the time on some wee little pedals. I can plainly see that I'll have to take many lessons from Viola if I ever expect to become an angel and play the harp.

ARNOLD SCANNELL is the young man who called on the phone, but I nearly died of curiosity before I found it out. He saw the item in MELODY and hastened to write and put my mind at rest. Well, you are forgiven this time. I agree with you Washington is some city, and I am glad you like the Washington Organist items. Call again when in the city.

GRETCHEN MILLER and Mrs. Lindsey are associate organists at the Liberty Theater, Cumberland, Md. Mrs. Lindsey is sailing up and down Baltimore St. in a new Oakland roadster, and they both wear the big-time smile.

FORREST GREGORY, featured organist of the Fay Theater at Rochester, N. Y., is a MELODY fan who wrote me a very nice letter. After weeks of neglect I answered it and his promptness in attending to his correspondence made me so ashamed that I am now going to write with great

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Every individual's circumstances differ. But there seem some reasons which at least in part account for the

wave of changing to the long-neglected Bb tenor saxophone, and perhaps to state them in a general way here may be helpful to some player who is "on the

First and foremost in the opinion of this writer, the general, allround prospect of employment is brighter for the player who owns and can competently play a Bb tenor. In virtually all of the orchestras, where erstwhile one or more C-melody saxophones were to be heard, one finds two altos and one tenor nowadays. But if there are only two saxophones, it is dol-

proves to be a Bb tenor. Aside from the orchestras, however, if you are going to do any playing in a band, you will find, quite likely, that if only one saxophone is wanted or needed, that one is a Bb tenor. Or, if several are used, more than one Bb tenor is

Then, if your taste or opportunity turns to quartet playing, you will quickly find that C-melody saxophones are all out o' luck, and altos are too plentiful—but a Bb tenor and someone to play it competently is the "missing link" making the quartet balance harmonically possible.

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But suppose that you are a soloist. You find that the very popularity of the alto saxophone for solo playing has resulted in overloading the market, so to speak. Good performers, able to do solos with a Bb tenor saxophone, are scarce. If you are of soloist caliber you can easily gain a worth-while point of novelty by doing your solo work with a Bb tenor.

Considered from the artistic viewpoint, it hardly admits of doubt that the "voice" of a Bb tenor competently played is the most beautiful voice of the saxophone family. It is most nearly like the 'cello in pitch or timbre, and it affords certain degree of profundity impossible for the altothough less "bass-like" than the baritone — which gives it an individual richness of color all its own.

The size of a Bb tenor sometimes looms as an obstacle to players whose experience has been wholly with a smaller saxophone. But this is entirely a matter of imagination, except in very special cases. There are players, of course, so young or so small physically that a Bb tenor would be bunglesome and heavy in their hands. But for ordinary adults its size is no real handicap. Assuredly the position of the fingers is so nearly the same as for a C-melody that with the eyes closed I doubt if a player would be likely to sense the difference at all while playing.

The cost of a Bb tenor is only slightly greater than a C-melody. Of course it does cost a little more money. But considering its greater opportunities as a source of earning, that too is no real handicap in the long run.

The weight and bulk of the instrument, in its case, arises as a barrier to some players—especially to ladies. That may be one reason for the situation quite difficult to account for satisfactorily that there are relatively few players of the Bb tenor among the ladies. Should you attempt to assemble a quartet or sextet of girls or women you would quickly find that of C-melody players and alto players there is an abundance—but of tenors and baritones an amazing scarcity. Since for tolerably good work only a su-perficial knowledge of saxophone technique will "get the player by" with a baritone, if there is a sound musical foundation upon which to base its playing at all — getting a player for that instrument usually resolves itself into a mere question of providing or promoting the instrument to be played. But to find competent players for the Bb tenor among women is usually quite a job.

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To the writer this condition seems to suggest that there is an unusual opportunity, from the standpoint of employment, for ladies who can play saxophone to change to a Bb tenor, if not using that one of the saxophones. And for the students just learning, it seems that if more of them would take up the Bb tenor, more of them would the quicker find really desirable opportunities for employment

Of the difficulties of transposition, with a Bb tenor, I've nothing to say excepting that it is certainly no more diffi-cult or troublesome than with some other one of the saxophones. Once learned—and who is too lazy to master it?— it is done with quite as much facility and ease as with DIGNIFIED BY REVERENT USE

THE conductor of this department was greatly pleased in recently receiving the copy of a little church paper issued by a church in the far West. As the sender of the paper is not known, however, the grateful appreciation of its sending can be extended only through these columns, in lieu of personal thanks. The paper is the regular weekly bulletin of the First Methodist Episcopal Church in Oakland, California, Rev. Edgar Allen Lowther, D.D., Pastor. According to the bulletin, at its regular evening service on Sunday, August 8, this church dared the unique innovation of a saxophone band. The story cannot be told better than by quoting verbatim from "News and Notes" in the little paper, as follows:

"The MUSICAL FEATURE at tonight's service is inique, and as far as the pastor knows without precedent. A saxophone band, conducted by Franz Dierich of the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra, together with Frank Willard Kimball as manager, will play sacred music. People usually associate the saxophone with "jazz," the reope usually associate the sampline with John vaudeville stage or the dance hall, but as an instrument it can be used with wonderful effect in strictly religious melodies. Mr. Kimball was the first organizer of a saxophone band in America. He is a neighbor of the First Church, having a studio at 2336 Valdez Street, and kindly consented to bring his band to this evening service. The lars to doughnuts one of them consented to bring his band to this evening service. The following numbers will be rendered:

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This really was something higher than an "innovation!"

It was a fine, clean, worthy and uplifting episode that evidences the broad-mindedness of men of vision in church work - men who are willing and glad to bring into the sphere of according praise and glory to the Supreme Giver of every good and perfect gift, including that of musical talent, a new and constructive work. Such an episode affords one effectual way of removing the stigma of lewd, indecent and other objectionable features of "jazz" as usually attached to the saxophone, and aids in placing this beautiful instrument in its rightful position along with

the human voice and the pipe organ.

The Saxophonist sincerely hopes that more church organizations — or, rather, the men of clean character who direct them — will follow suit. Praise is deserved by this pioneer in a worthy work, and the conductor of the saxophone department hopes that the man who brought about this episode in the higher musical career of the saxophone may hear in imagination the mighty chorus of concord ascending from the readers of this magazine, uniting in a universal, reverent and fervent "AMEN!"

OUR FOOT SLIPS AGAIN

TO, brethren, the conductor of this department is not No, preturen, the conductor of this department dead, but sleepeth! Somehow or other, when I should have been preparing my stuff for this department to appear in the November issue, I thought I was awfully busy doing something else. And the deadline (which we writin' fellers fear worse than we do the bread line) crept up and was passed and this department was tacit for November. Thanks for the buggy rides you interested readers have been kind enough to give me in letters asking what's matter! One likes to be remembered, even if his

ABOUT THE GLISSANDO

JES, I think we have to concede that in saxophone I playing the glissando has become fashionable if not epidemic. I wish it were possible to tell here, in words that young players could understand, just how to acquire ease and surety in doing that graceful slide from one note down to another note, across the chasm of one or two intervening notes. But I frankly do not believe it possible to describe the method clearly. It requires "showing." A combination of hp-manipulation of the reed (and sometimes careful adapting of the reed itself for the individual), finger movement and breath control — all at the same time and for each separate "gliss." Moreover, different players who employ it do it slightly different ways. A method successful for you might not be practicable for the next player. Better go to a good teacher, who can himself do the thing he attempts to teach you to do, and follow his individual instruction carefully.

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capers of reckless jazz bands. If he merely said the saxophone is capable of quite as fine artistic effects as the remainder of his instrumentation, it would have weight but when he backs up the statement with a demonstration at the hands of eight crackerjack players it has still more weight. There still persists an element, or a sprinkling of "holier than thou" folks in the musical world who think or pretend to think, that the saxophone is musical anathema. They frown upon it, sneer at it, ridicule it, and hold their immaculate skirts clear of it as though it were something unclean. How affected—and how silly! How much truer to worthy musical ideals for a man of Sousa's standing and reputation and indisputable musical supremacy in his field to give the saxophone unqualified endorsement as an instrument quite worthy of expressing the highest musical ideals! I did not get to shake his hand this time, when I heard his concert, but by George, I'd like to!

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When Middle West Meets East Our Middle-West Representative Calls on Irene Juno, Washington Representative of this Magazine

IT CONTINUES TO RAIN in these parts, I greatly fear this column will float away and be lost forever. Returning from a much-needed vacation I found that old Jupiter Pluvius had been doing his stuff every day, and it was verily a miracle that I did not find my trusty threemanual entirely submerged.

One of my most enjoyable days was spent in Washing-

ton, D. C., with none other than Miss Irene Juno and her sister, Mark, Knowing that no doubt she will see this, I'm a bit "skeered" to say all the nice things I would like to, for fear she'd think I had kissed the Blarney stone for sure But anyway, I called up the girls and dashed out to their lovely apartment, which is in the same neighborhood as the foreign embassies and other beautiful homes. While there, we talked of many things and I was impressed with the fact that Irene Juno's capacity for work is nothing short of phenomenal. She was nose-deep in all sorts of things to do, and she said that she loved it! Can you

Knowing that I, a stranger in town, would probably be interested in seeing the sights, we three hopped into Irene's smart little Nash coupe and drove around the city. I see where the guides in the Capital have some stiff competition; Irene and Mark can't be beat for telling you what this is and what that is and all that goes with it.

The afternoon ended with all of us going to review the show at the Rialto Theater. The way all the musicians and orchestra leaders greeted Miss Juno attested that she is a very popular Miss in Washington musical circles They drove me to my hotel and we said good-bye, but I hope it's not for long, because I had such a dandy time and only wished that I could have stayed longer. Sometime I am going to do an article on my impressions of Irene Juno (I can tell you now that they were all one hundred percent charming), so that MELODY readers can know better their popular correspondent.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

While in New York, I attended the famous Rivoli and heard Henry Murtaugh lure niney-nine and one-half per-cent of the audience to join in with him and sing. How they sang and how he played! I haven't gotten over it

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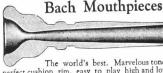
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The Trumpet Player Vincent Bach

METHODS OF INSTRUCTION

THE most popular method for cornet and trumpet which can be used advantageously for most other valve instruments is that by Joseph J. B. L. Arban. This is a very comprehensive method and is in use by a majority of teachers. Another well-known method is the one written by Alexandre Petit (published in French only) which is yet more exhaustive. The method of Gatti (in which is yet more exhaustive. The method of datt in Italian) is also quite popular. The writer personally prefers Arban which has in it enough exercises and etudes so that if they are thoroughly mastered they will develop the talented musician into an artist. Each performer has individual talents. Some have magnificent tonguing, others an excellent high register, while some are especially profi-cient in tone qualities, phrasing or technic. Almost every-one has some kind of weakness and has to struggle and practice to overcome it. He may have a stiff clumsy tongue which only keeps moving if he practices systematically. Such a player will want special studies (etudes) which will enable him to develop his modicum of ability to the highest degree.

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TEACHERS

The first few lessons are the foundation of a musician's The first few lessons are the foundation of a musician's career. If the embouchure is misplaced in the first lesson the lip may be practically ruined and with little hope of ever correcting the deformation caused by the use of muscles in a wrong and injurious manner. In a short period of time beautifully correct English can be taught to a child when he are never earlier never the larguage. It is practically the larguage of the larguage of the practical state of the larguage of the larguage. who has never spoken any other language. It is practically impossible for the individual who has grown up speaking a foreign language to fully master the English accent, for different tongue and throat muscles are used in the speaking. The tongue is used for playing the trumpet and if an incorrect start is made certain muscles will be developed which will be detrimental to future progress. It is, therefore, of the most vital importance that the greatest care be taken in selecting a teacher, and that re-

Thousands of "professors" advertise themselves as instructors on brass instruments. Many of them have never had instruction themselves, they just happened to pick up a cornet, tried and managed to squeeze out a few notes, joined a country band or circus where they acquired a crude routine, came to the city and established themselves as experts in musical pedagogics, offer lessons for from fifty cents to one dollar and from the very beginning proceed to ruin the embouchure, tongue and breath control of their victims. To teach trumpet efficiently for four or five hours a day is a strenuous, nerve-racking job and a good teacher who listens for such length of time to the noises made by beginners deserves to be well remunerated for it. An efficient instructor can inculcate more valuable information in one lesson than can be acquired from the average player in years. By securing the services of a competent teacher the hazard of putting in many hours of wasted effort is eliminated. The tuition price is unimportant when the benefits to be derived from studying with a good man are taken into consideration.

Is it wrong for a player of a brass instrument to moisten the upper and lower lips on the outside when playing? If the procedure is wrong, just what is the objection? In this connection I would like to ask if a pupil on a brass instrument, should be tought to have him. should be taught to keep his lips dry?

- C. W. A., Bedford, Ohio,

There is no definite rule for playing with wet or dry lips. Some of the finest artists play with moistened lips, others with dry lips. The writer plays with dry lips but considers it merely a habit formed when starting to play. I really believe it is better to play with wet lips, as the lip becomes slippery and if cramped in any unnatural position into the mouthpiece, the lip will slide off by itself. I have usually taught pupils to play with wet or dry lips, either way they found most comfortable.

It should be insisted that the correct embouchure be

used; for trumpet or cornet the mouthpiece should be placed one-third on the upper lip and two-thirds on the lower lip in the exact center of the mouth if possible. If a player is unable to hold his lip in a natural position, I advise the use of cold cream on the lips, which has the same effect as moistening and causes the lip to slip from the mouthpiece if the mouthpiece is pressed too hard

SHOULD VALVES BE OILED?

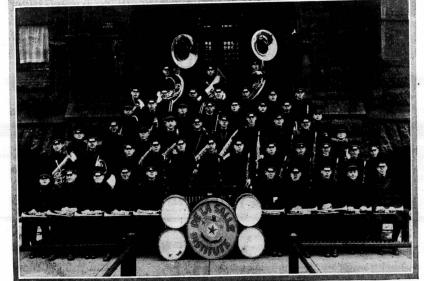
Should oil be used on the valves of a horn? Do manufac turers of valve instruments intend that oil should be used on the valves or are they supposed to be so free working that lubrication with oil is not necessary? I remember one expert said to oil the valves daily. I have received various answers to this question and I would like to have your help in this matter.

— C. W. A., Bedford, Ohio.

No machine runs without oil. It is essential to use valve oil on an instrument as oil not only lubricates the pistons but lessens the friction, also dissolving verdigris and other uncleanliness which may accumulate inside the instru-ment. The principal advantage gained by using valve oil is the protection of the inside of the instrument from the ill effects of acid in the saliva. Some musicians may have very little acid in their saliva and may even spit on the pistons without causing them to corrode. However, the majority do have excessive acid in their saliva, which will eat into the pistons within a short time, causing them to become leaky. Too much valve oil cannot be used, even if you pour half a bottle into the trumpet bell, shaking it through the valve tubing and entire inside of the instrument to remove old oil.

You will find an article on this subject on page 44 of "The Art of Trumpet Playing" under heading "The Proper Care of a Brass Instrument." Any reader is welcome to write to me, in care of this magazine, for a leaflet outlining the proper care of a brass instrument, which will

EDITORS' NOTE: The Trumpet Player is a regular and exclusive feature of this magazine. Mr. Vincent Bach, the conductor, is a cornet and trumpet virtuoso of world-wide reputation, having toured as a soloist throughout Austria, Germany, Russia, Sweden, Denmark and England. He was a pupil of one of Germany's greatest cornet virtuosi, Mr. Fritz Werner. He played in the Boston Symphony Orchestra under Dr. Karl Muck and was solo trumpeter with the Russian Ballet of the Metropolitan Opera Company. Mr. Bach will be pleased to answer any questions regarding the construction, playing or tuition of the trumpet or cornet if addressed in care of this magazine.



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Mr. Cook, its director, is well known in Chicago. He is conductor of the Chicago Police Band, the Elks' Prize Band, and for seven seasons was director and cornet soloist of the world-famous Kilties' Band, conducting that organization when it made its tour around the world.

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equipped organization, which assures to the boys high-quality instruments—always an essential to consistent progress. It is an old fallacy that any sort of an instrument is "good enough" for a beginner, but if an experienced professional musician cannot do good work on a bad instrument, as every intelligent player well knows, how on earth can a beginner? For boys there is nothing more wholesome or more cul-

tural than band playing; its influences are reflected upon their very characters. Indeed, "Teach a boy to blow a horn and you need not fear that he will blow a safe." — H. F. P.

A year's subscription to this magazine makes an ideal Christmas gift for a musical friend.



Chaffey Union High School Band

WE ARE not sure, but think it was Kipling who wrote: "For the East is East and the West is West, and never the twain shall meet" (or something like that). Whoever it was, however, may have believed what he wrote when he wrote it, but it can be refuted in these days of close musicmagazine linking when next best to personally greeting is photographically meeting. Through the accompanying photograph from the far West, in a way the equally (for them) far East meets the West; that is, readers in the East pictorially meet the Chaffey Union High School Band in the West — Ontario, California — and therein lies the refutation. For the last eight years the Chaffey school library has been a subscriber to this magazine, playing many of the Jacobs' music publications, and thus the West also meets the East through the publishing link. Surely, Morse, Marconi, mails and magazines are connecting links between East and West whereby the "twain" may meet will never be discontinued, as they aid one very much in at least by proxy. — M.V.F.

From Our Readers

It may interest you to know that a large percentage of orders received from far-off countries are accompanied by the statement that my advertisement was noted in JACOBS' ORCHESTRA MONTHLY. The latest with such endorsement came in today's mail from Wanganui, New Zealand, and Hobart, Tasmania. J. O. M. has brought orders also from several Australian cities, Philippines. Federated Malay States and South Africa. Verily it pays to advertise if one selects the right medium.—M. B. Howard, 105 Julian

I wish I could tell you in adequate English how helpful your MELODY is to me, how much I use its musical selections as picture themes and how conscientiously I read the articles. But my enthusiasm is not transferable to paper through my own weak pen. Especially am I filled with admiration for del Castillo's articles — they are wonderful. — Miss Elizabeth Scott, Benton Harbor, Mich.

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EDWARD MONTRAY

A NOTHER top notcher in the drumming business is Edward Montray, familiarly known in the musical fraternity from coast to coast as either "Eddie" or "Monty." When first starting in the drum business some steen years ago I received some dozen or so circulars (one at a time) from the Montray Drummers Supply Co. of New York, and my answer to some of these circulars was the beginning of what has been

a very pleasant acquaintanceship.

That Eddie is still in the drumming profession is evidenced by the fact that he was called to Boston a couple of weeks ago to "break in" a local drummer for the Beau Geste feature film attraction which is now at the Tremont Theater for an indefinite run, and one of the first visits Eddie made while in this city was to the Stone factory, where he and I spent several hours in talking

over old times. Montray's musical experience

has been varied, and like most of the successful drummers he has experienced his share of hard knocks. His first job was with a circus at "\$8.00 per, and —," which translated into English means that he received \$8.00 per week, some weeks, and his expenses were paid by the circus management. In Eddie's own language, "All that we had to do for that \$8.00 was a parade on one of these high warpen with an enviring on it and two head." of those high wagons with no springs on it, and two hard shows six days every week. Can anyone see that salary and that amount of work under a tent situated in a nice open lot with the rays of the sun pouring down?" When Montray joined the circus all the musicians with the exception of the drummer had band books to read from, so, being desirous of fully earning his magnificent salary, Eddie dug around in the old uniform trunk and managed to secure most of the pages of the discarded drum book. This took him the best part of four days, but in his own words, "What is four days to an ambitious drummer?" One bright afteris four days to an ambitious drummer?" One bright afternoon he put the patched-up drum book on his music stand and proceeded to show the leader that he "was there with the heavy reading," said reading consisting of waltzes, marches and galops. It so happened that one of the waltzes contained sixteen measures rest, and while Montray was busily engaged in counting these measures (on his fingers) the leader locked over and inquired if anything hed backers. the leader looked over and inquired if anything had broken down. After the number was over Montray explained that he was counting sixteen measures rest and submitted the book to prove it. "Rest h---!" returned the leader; "There ain't no rest, with nine men in a circus — gimme notes and a whole lot of them, starting right now." The book was once again relegated to the scrap heap and Eddie had received his first lesson in the practical end of the music

From this first rung of the ladder Eddie climbed steadily upward, doing minstrel jobs (one of them being with Geo. Wilson's Minstrels, a well-known aggregation in the slapstick days), burlesque, vaudeville, musical comedy, Sousa's Band, Grand Opera and Symphony Orchestras, and for the last few years he has been identified with such "Big Time" movie houses as the "Strand" in New York, the "Cosmopolitan" (under the direction of the late Victor Herbert), the "Piccadilly" (with Frederic Fradkin, the famous violinist, as conductor), and similar engagements where a thoroughly schooled, musician-drummer is not only desirable but indispensable.

I expected to receive a photo of Montray to accompany this article, but up to the time of going to press the photo has not been forthcoming and so we will have to put it in

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

DRUM CONTESTS

L. W., St. Louis, Missouri

Q. I am writing to inquire where individual drum contests are held, and how I may find out when such contests take place. Also, are such contests open to colored as well as to white drummers? Are there any money prizes given the winner, or are the prizes all medals, etc.? Is there any special kind of a snare drum specified, such as a street drum or metal drum, or may one use whatsoever he wishes? How long does one have to play before he is eligible to enter a drum contest? How many judges are there, and do all the drummers play at once or do they play one at a time? Any information you may be able to give regarding these questions will be appreciated, also as to where the next contest will probably be held.

A. The majority of drum contests are held in the summer and early fall months at different places throughout the country. The New York State Fife and Drum Corps organization conducts several contests, and there are similar contests conducted in New Jersey, Massachusetts, Illinois and other States. The contests which I have attended invariably have been conducted out-of-doors, and the prizes consist of cups and medals rather than

money, such contests being considered as amateur and not

professional engagements.

There are individual contests for drummers, fifers buglers and drum majors. There also are prizes awarded to organizations as a unit, who compete in playing, marching and appearance. In addition to these there are novelty contests, wherein cups and badges are awarded to the organization having the largest number of members, the organization coming from the greatest distance, the ju-venile corps, etc. I do not know whether the color line is drawn in contests of this sort, but do not think so.

The standard of playing in the individual contests is very high, and you will need to be in good practice to hope to win a prize. There are several judges who pass upon the merits of each contestant. Individual drummers are required to play several rudiments in the open and close styles; that is, starting very slowly and gradually accelerating until the fastest possible speed is reached, then slowing down again to the speed at which the rudiment was started. Then they must play one or two designated street beats, and in the event of the judges' disagreement they may be required to play parts of the Old United States Army Duty. There seems to be no standard size drum in use by these organizations, but a twelve by sixteen inch size is about as small as you could use with satisfactory results.

DRUMS PADS FOR PRACTICE

C. B., W. Roxbury, Mass. Q.1. What sort of snare drumsticks do you recommend for practice, especially for the young student?

A. I recommend a good, heavy stick for practice, at

least 16 inches long and with a diameter of not less than 11-16ths of an inch. The young student should have as heavy a stick as the older one, so that his arm and wrist muscles will be sufficiently developed to rapidly acquire stick control. Later, when he gets his drum, he will find it a simple matter to change from heavy sticks to lighter ones, whereas it would be difficult to change from light sticks to heavy models.

Q. 2. Do you recommend a practice pad?

A. I recommend the use of a practice pad as being highly desirable. Minor mistakes — especially irregularities in rhythm, and weight of the roll-strokes that are hardly noticeable on a board or drum-head because of the greater ease of rebound and noise made in playing—are instantly detected and easily corrected on the silent pad. There also is the advantage of silent practice on the pad, which eliminates the chance of annoying those who are in the immediate vicinity.

J. J., New York City

Q. Do you advise snare drum practice on the drum, board, or practice pad?

A. See my answer to C.B.W. I advise the use of the practice pad by the drum pupil. The resistance of the pad to the sticks is slightly different from that of the drumhead, and you will find that an hour's practice on the pad will do you more good than the same amount of practising on either the drum or board.

DRUM TOPICS

PAUL WHITEMAN and his band were in Boston the week of November 8th, playing at the Metropolitan. The Whiteman band played a wonderful concert here, including a good part of Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue," and a num ber Whiteman picked up while he was in Europe, "When The Day is Done."

George Marsh, the drummer with this organization, was introduced to the readers of *The Drummer* column in a recent issue of Jacobs' Orchestra Monthly. His outfit is an extensive one: at the Metropolitan his set-up in-cluded double drums, a xylophone, two sets of bells, a vibraphone, a set of cathedral chimes, a pair of tympani, a set of Chinese temple blocks, a Chinese gong, three or four different cymbals (including a pair of 17" Zildjians),

several tom toms and a trunkful of the smaller accessories.

The band came to Boston direct from "Frisco," at which place Marsh has secured a wonderful Chinese tam tam, 33 inches in diameter, and a set of four giant Chinese ton toms. To transport this outfit seven trunks are necessary,

and it is no mean task to assemble it, ready for a concert From Boston the band went to Shea's Theater in Buffalo, and from there they expect to return to New York, where they will play in the new Whiteman Night Club and also do a turn in one of the New York shows.

JACK LYNEHAN, the veteran drummer with "The Follies" show was in town last week, and as usual was a frequent visitor. Jack presented me with a couple of new drum beats, written in the old rudimental style. These beats are good enough to print, so we will reproduce them next month.

A Christmas Suggestion: - Send your musical friend a year's subscription to one of the Jacobs' publications. A present that lasts all the year.

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A Big, Beneficent Business

THIS editorial has no direct connection with music as an instrumental art or profession, but rather is concerned with a business that should appeal to all musicians. In a way, however, it may be said to be indirectly connected with music when there is considered the resultant increased pulsations of better rhythmic life for certain unfortunate persons — among whom there can be but small promise of joy in living, unless accorded help by those who vibrate to nealth; also, through the consequent soul-singing of both helpers and the helped.

Despite its esthetic, artistic and intellectual enjoyments, music after all is really a business; even life itself is the ousiness of living. Therefore, whether music is a means of building up firmer moral character in youth through the fine instrumentality of school bands and orchestra; a profession for adults that tends to greater moral conse vation; part of an education which, through the splendid institutions supported by the generous public of a great Republic; or sanitoria which brings a nearer approach to the health morale of afflicted ones—whatever it may be (whether musical or otherwise), business must always be business, and in order to be successfully beneficial it must be conducted as such. In the instance of the business here under consideration, it also should be looked upon as a

great public service in which all may have a part.

Unquestionably, a successful venture in public service as a business is the Christmas sale of seals designed to help tubercular sufferers, which is held annually throughout this country and which is again before us as we approach the great Festival of Peace and Good Will. Like all big business enterprises, the growth of this venture is due to the same general rules, i. e., vision, thrift, zeal, hard work and appeal — in the present instance appeal to public morale.

A NATIONAL APPEAL

From the National Tubercular Association of New York City there comes to this magazine the following appeal: Within the past twenty years this great beneficial undertaking, which is the principal support of the national, state and local tuberculosis associations of the United States. has developed from a \$3,000 business to one whose gross receipts in 1925 amounted approximately to \$4,900,000; from one tiny hospital for tuberculosis patients in Delaware (financed by the first \$3,000 in 1907), it has become the means for creating a network of sanitoria, hospitals, open-air schools, clinics and other public health acti-vities, all of which protect the American people from what formerly was known under the dreaded name of the "Great

White Plague."
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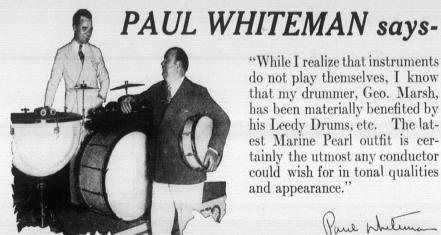
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As musicans and participants in music's pleasures, how should we treat this appeal? If it be true, as someone has said, that "Music is the living bond of sympathy that welds all human souls, and the variations in its expressing are illimitable," surely one of its "variations" could be no broader and better exerted than by helping this great under-taking with our individual mite. This year, therefore, let us all without exception put the penny Christmas seals on every gift, and continue to do so through all following years until this dread scourge shall have been wiped out of the world. -M.V.F.

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STATUS OF THE VIOLA

IN last month's issue I wrote about the viola, yet very little regarding the playing of this instrument more than to mention the fact that it is usually taken up by those who already are violin



speaking, any violin player can play the viola (if he thinks it agrees with him) without in any way involving his reputation as a violinist. We also indicated that the idea of a viola player's status being inferior to that of a violinist is on the wane. And why not? The viola section in a well-organized orchestra should be as organized orders as any other. By mod-ern composers the viola is given a part of polyphonic importance equal to those of the other strings

players. To that we may add

that, generally and rather loosely

n both orchestra and quartet. So the violas must sing and play their passages, imitative figures, etc., as well as the other stringed instruments.

All, this is done in the splendid orchestras we have nowadays, and, as a consequence the young musician of the present time may hear ideal performances of the greatest orchestral works during his most impressionable years. Orchestra sections that in the old days a conductor might have had to treat with indulgence, are now brought out freely, and what their voices have to say is appreciated. The viola section is one of those which has required special encouragement. Its tardy arrival had been largely due to the great popularity of the first violin part, but the viola has arrived and is now an accredited member on a basis of equality with the other strings in both orchestras and smaller combinations.

I remember playing quartets at the home of a genuine appreciator of music. This gentleman not only valued music highly, but also had a strong inclination towards everything in or relating to art. His understanding of a painting was the result of both his natural inclination and circumstances which allowed him to gratify his taste for good paintings. Among his intimate friends were many artists, some of national and others of even international reputation. He knew them and their works, and through their advice (their teaching, we may say) he was led to study the master works of art and gain a true conception of real merit in a picture—its atmosphere, its message if it had one, and its technic. In short, he was

abreast of the times as a connoisseur in the art of painting. He was equally fond of music, which he regarded as the sister art. The weekly quartets at his home were, he said, a revelation to him. We played in his splendid large parlor, which opened into a back parlor then used as a billiard room. A hundred persons could have been comfortably seated for hearing the music, but although there usually were less than that number we always were sure of a good audience, who listened and undoubtedly enjoyed what now would be considered very poor quartet playing. To many persons at those weekly gatherings stringed quartet music was a novelty and the viola a curiosity. After the music was over nearly everyone went home, but our friend invariably kept the quartet for refreshments. This usually meant losing the last car and a consequently long

walk, but the occasion always was well worth it.
Our host was a most interesting talker, and entertained us with amusing descriptions of musical conditions in Boston when he was a young amateur flute player in the city. He

musical way was either to sing or to play the flute, or to do both, which recalls Chaucer's "young squire,"

'Singing or fluting he was all the day, He was as fresh as is the month of May."

To most people of those days the violin was a "fiddle," and the "fiddler" a man of very doubtful reputation. Like the narrator in Mark Twain's account of "My Grand-father's Old Ram," the fiddler had to be just drunk enough

- then, he would make the "fiddle talk."

Our artistic friend had sufficiently outgrown the earlier brimitive conditions of music in Boston to refer humorously to the fact that he had been a member of the old Boston Light Infantry "Flute Club." Among their most brilliant selections (our modern flute ensembles will stand musically aghast) were "Wood Up," "The Wrecker's Daughter," "Money Musk," Durang's "Hornpipe," etc., together with the popular songs of the day — the latter good for several years instead of for several weeks the good for several years instead of for several weeks, the usual duration of many songs in the market at the present The people of that time knew but very little about orchestral instruments: Julien's tour with his orchestra in 1854, the old Germania Orchestra and, most enlightening of all, the Theodore Thomas Orchestra, brought the beauty of instrumental music to the people. There was much that they did not understand, nevertheless they were

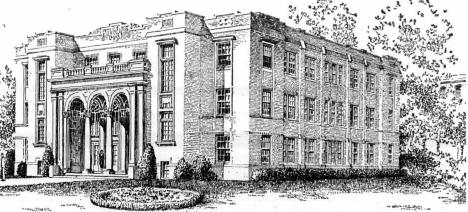
thrilled by effects they never before had heard.

My own first teacher, who was an excellent "natural"
musician with a musician's sensibilities, spoke about the wonderful playing of Schumann's *Traumerei*. He said: "At the beginning of the 'Traumerei' I was reminded of a breeze springing up in a grove of pine trees." Some of those rich, low tones in the string numbers of course came from the violas, but many a music lover had still to find that The viola was used in theater orchestras, and quartets were played — usually in private. The average musician regarded the viola as a companion to the second violin, given up almost wholly to social "plunking"; in fact, most of the music then required merely that service. My own experience in beginning to play the viola was not much different from that of many another violin player. Before I ever had taken a viola in my hands I was what was known as an "advanced violinist" — that is, I had played through the standard studies, made my living by music, and in a way was established.

I remember my first experience very well. I was studying with Julius Eichberg, and it once occurred to him to get his pupils together for ensemble practice. The appointments were made and we all came; a variety in age, size, degree of advancement and talent was assembled. An ominous-looking viola reposed quietly on the piano! After the music parts had been passed out, Mr. Eichberg took this viola and handed it to me as if it were my very own, saying:
"You are the biggest of us all; you must play the viola."
"But," I said,"I have never had one in my hands before."

He put a viola part on my stand, pointed to the first note and said: "Play that with the third finger on what should be the third string of the violin. All ready, we will now

We were off. That first note was my cue. It flashed on my mind at once that, the note being on the third line of the staff and played with the third finger, the reading must be like that of the third position on the violin. So, with that idea as a guide, my initial performance on the viola was a success. The correspondence in reading of the third position on the violin with the first position on the viola is not perfect, however, but it helped me on that occasion and even later in my early viola playing. Space will not permt of more about the viola here, but in the said that in those days the thing for a young man to do in a next issue I no doubt will continue the subject.



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In the first year the course was organized the enrollment was not large. Educators in the music field as well as prospective students, were interested, and many inquiries came from all parts of the country regarding the work. This fall, however, boys from various parts of the country have a relied (the country regarding the countr have enrolled (three boys coming from Michigan), and the enrollment has exceeded all expectations. The boys are not idlers; one young man in this department will have charge of the sale of instruments in a piano store, another will work in a bank to pay his school expenses, and still another plays trumpet in a theater orchestra. A professional clarinetist, who has had ten years' orchestra experience, has decided that there will be much more of a future for him in school work and has enrolled this fall.

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THE ROUND TABLE

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INSTRUMENTATION OF SMALL ORCHESTRA O. W. T., Moreland, Ga.

Q. In getting up a small school orchestra, what is the least number of members we should begin with and what would be the best combination of instruments? I have in my class (for I am a music teacher) piano, violin, mandolin guitar, cornets and saxophones. The pupils playing these are of various ages, abilities and stages of advancement and it is difficult to put them together in ensemble work. Would you kindly outline a reasonably good well-arranged school orchestra? How many firsts, seconds, etc., and is a bass violin necessary? In other words, I shall appreciate it if you will suggest as to number of members, balancing of instruments, etc., in order to do reasonably good and standard work. To what extent would you mix the string and the wind instruments for best results?

A. In planning a small school orchestra it is necessary to be governed entirely by the instruments available. We would suggest the following outline as a combination for a small orchestra of twenty-five members that must include several saxophones. The best way to plan would be to approach it as nearly as possible:

> ody, Eb alto, or Bb ten ssoon, if possible 1 or 2 - Bb trumpets or cor-

2 - French horns or Ebralto

piano

3 — 2nd violins
3 — violas or 3rd violins
2 — 'cellos
1 — double bass

oboe or soprano saxophone Bb clarinets or 1 - Bb clarinet and 1 - Bb soprano saxophone

A string bass is desirable, but if it is impossible to secure one, a sousaphone or Eb tuba could be substituted or even saxophone bass in Bb, although the saxo would necessitate bass parts written in the treble clef for a Bb instrument. Eb saxophones can be used quite effectively in place of the French horns or the Eb alto horns. They can play either the Eb alto horn part or regular Eb alto saxophone part. Eb baritone saxophone can also substitute for bassoon, or the Eb alto saxophone can be used on the bassoon part if the baritone saxophone is not available. The mandolin pupils could be distributed among the first, second, or third violin sections according to their ability and effectiveness, playing from the string orchestration arrangements. In general, you should plan so that the string section dominates the orchestra when desirable for it to do so. Ten wind instrument players can hold their own against a string section of forty or fifty players. If it is desirable to use that many wind instrument players and impossible to secure enough string players to give a good balance of effects, it would be best for you to use the wind instrument players anyhow and hold them down as much

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great extent upon the director's trying out different effects with the orchestra and selecting and retaining the combina-tions and balances that give the best results. There are really no hard and fast rules to follow because so much depends upon the players of the instruments and the in-struments themselves. The piano, of course, is desirable in a small orchestra because it can be used to bolster up all of the parts and fill in whatever vacancies the available instrumentation may leave. It also helps to keep to-

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Nos. 2, 3 and 4.

Note that the only change of each model occurs on the last three notes (enclosed by dotted line brackets), which must progress correctly to the whole note following. The figure "3" over a whole note indicates that the first melody note in the chorus is the third of the chord. The letter "R" indicates the root, and the figure "5" the fifth. The player can invent different models, but it will be best to end with the changes shown by the three notes in brackets, executing to which chord interval occurs as the first note according to which chord interval occurs as the first note in the chorus. Notice that the tied note (in the measures indicating the dominant chord) is the root of the chord in all examples excepting Nos. 2, 2a and 2b in which the tied note is the fifth of the chord.

note is the fith of the chord.

The examples shown are practical when the chorus begins with a down beat (complete measure). Occasionally the chorus begins with an *up beat*, as shown in Examples (A), (B) and (C), (No. 5), which show that from one to three notes often occur before the first (complete) measure of the downs. In this case and the "break" at the tied of the chorus. In this case, end the "break" at the tied note, omit the three notes (in brackets) and substitute the melody notes. N. B. The whole note is supposed to indicate the first melody note of the chorus (complete measure). If you have the necessary speed you would improve the "break" by adding or "filling in" the chord harmony where the tied notes occur. N. B. These "breaks" are practical for either tenor or plectrum banjo.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

R. W., Detroit, Michigan

Q. 1. Some time ago you gave a number of examples of tenor breaks in this department which were very effective, but I was often at a loss to know where they could be used to the best advantage. Could you outline some simple rules?

A. Breaks usually occur at the first ending of a song chorus, but also may occur in the last two measures of a period when a tied whole occurs, and occasionally in the last two measures of the first phrase of a period. A period consists of eight measures, and a phrase is of four measures. Q. 2. I found some difficulty in making use of these

chord breaks in other keys. Can you give me a short cut to enable me to avoid the usual transposition in notation? A. The best plan is to memorize two or three examples, in order to become familiar with the consecutive chord formations, then it is only necessary to start at any first

position according to the key wanted. For example: 5-3-3 indicates the Bb chord. By moving this formation one fret (a half-tone) lower you get 4-2-2 the A chord; or, by moving two frets higher, 7-5-5 indicates the C chord (second inversion). Note: The figures indicate the frets

on the A, D and G strings.

Q. 3. I have often heard breaks in melodic form similar in style to those used by saxophonists and cornetists, and have found them very effective on the banjo. Is a knowledge of harmony necessary to enable one to make proper use of this style of break?

A. A knowledge of harmony is necessary to the modern

musician — particularly to the banjoist who, in order to gain speed not only in playing but in reading, must understand chord progression. I am including a few examples of melody breaks that, in order to be understood, will require at least an elementary knowledge of intervals

H. L., Wakefield, Massachusetts

 $Q.\ 1.$ I am starting a mandolin team (mostly mandolin banjos with one tenor banjo) and would like to know how to arrange a second mandolin part from the piano score for my

second mandolin.

A. A knowledge of harmony, and particularly progression through relative dominant chords, is necessary. The matter of arranging a second mandolin part is covered in detail in Weidt's Chord System. If you can use standard selections, however, you can select first and second mandolin parts from the big catalog of Walter Jacobs, Inc., of

Q. 2. Can you tell me if The World is Waiting for the Sunrise is published as a tenor banjo solo, or whether the professional banjoists play it from the piano score?

A. To the best of my knowledge this song is not published as a solo (with full harmony) for the tenor banjo. have no doubt, however, about professional men being able to play that or any other popular song from a piano score, filling in the proper harmony with the melody at the same

Q. 3. Is it advisable to learn the different fingerings of the scales so they can be played from memory?

A. As applying to the tenor banjo, it certainly is a good idea to learn and memorize both the violin and 'cello styles of fingering, for it is impossible to play rapid passages by using either one exclusively. A study of some of my solos that have appeared recently will convince you of this.

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The Rocky Mountain Canaries about which we are talking are men and not bird-bipeds, and this is the name they have taken for a five-piece dance orchestra that perches in

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Rocky Mountain region, and there is the explanation of

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THE BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA recently was the recipient of an unusually rare and in-teresting gift, to wit, the Casadésus Collection of Ancient Instruments. This collection includes instruments of the seventeenth, eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, and embraces a range covering such divergencies as a "consort of viols" and an accordion of the First Empire. The collection was given

in memory of Henry Lee Higginson, the orchestra's founder; the donors were represented at ing the gift by W. N. Penrose Hallowell, and Judge Frederick P. Cabot accepted in the name of the Trustees of the Orchestra. It was on the recommendation of Serge Koussevitzky, conductor of the Symphony, that the collection was acquired.
Mr. Henri Casadésus, who has

devoted the greater portion of a lifetime to bringing together these curious, and many of them NORMAN LEIGH

extremely rare instruments, will be remembered in this country by the visit of his "Societé des Instruments Anciens" in 1918, when he played upon the viola d'amore in a quartet of viols at Symphony Hall, Boston. Of the quartet of viols which constitutes the corner stone of his collec-tion, Mr. Casadésus has to say (in the third person) the following: "The Quinton was bought of a collector of Bourgen-Bresse (Ain) Charles Guillon, who obtained it from Gavarin. The viola d'amore was bought in Munich of a young German to whom Joachim had given it. . . . It was upon this viola d'amore that he (Casadésus) was later in 1918 to play in St. Louis with the orchestra La Mort de Tintagiles by the composer Charles Loeffler. The viola da gamba came from the collection of Mr. Reed in . . . It served during several years for Marcel Casadésus (killed during the war) and later for Louis Hasselmans, now conductor in the Metropolitan Opera House in New York, who played upon it in the course of a tour in the United States in 1918.

"The bass viol is an extremely rare instrument because the number of them has been greatly reduced by the musical instrument makers in making them into violoncellos. Henri Casadésus has only known three of them, the one at Symphony Hall, the one which he uses in his Society and another which belongs to a collection in Rome. This 'consort of viols' is that on which by the Society of Ancient Instruments on January 23, 1918, was played in Symphony Hall in Boston, a magnificent concerto for viols by Ph. Em. Bach."

The collection includes amongst other curious instruments a Trompette-Marine (a long single-stringed instrument) a Tabour (small drum) of Provence of the eighteenth century, a Venetian Serpent, a Vielle (or hurdy-gurdy, played with crank and wheel instead of a bow) of the eighteenth century, an English Horn and an ivory Clarinet, the latter an instrument of the greatest rarity. The instruments are housed in a cabinet built for the purpose, and are on view to those attending Symphony Hall per-

THE METROPOLITAN THEATER recently presented the genial Paul Whiteman and his inimitable band to an enorous and enthusiastic attendance. As a matter of course the Rhapsody in Blue was included on the program. This much-petted opus, in spite of its undeniable cleverness, owes as much or more to orchestrating and its effective oresentation by Mr. Whiteman and his players, as it does to intrinsic value in musical ideas. There are portions of the piano writing that always suggest, to the writer, Franz Liszt under the influence of Prohibition Scotch. The pianist of the aggregation handled his instrument in a manner to evoke unstinted admiration and there was injected, by the orchestra, into the grotesqueries of the score more than a tinge of poetic feeling.

The writer frankly admits that there are times, due no

doubt to a faulty ear, when he finds it d guish the difference between a jazz-band of highly trained guish the difference between a jazz-band of highly trained technicians consciously playing out of tune and a crowd of circus hostlers doubling as a street band, unconsciously doing the same thing. Possibly that is why he yearned for a trifle more of the "straight" playing which he was allowed to sample in the early part of When the Day is Done. This bit no doubt rated low in calcuies compared to the This bit no doubt rated low in calories compared to the rest of the program; but then, too many "hot" numbers, in our case, are apt to result in a blistered ear.

It might be said in this connection, that to those who

attended the Whiteman Ball at Symphony Hall, November 11th, was vouchsafed the privilege of hearing this unique orchestra at its best. At the Metropolitan there was an orchestra at the best. The the the telephone evident attempt to include in the short thirty-five minutes allotted to the team, as much spectacular stuff as could be crowded in. At Symphony Hall, with more time at his disposal, Mr. Whiteman hit an easier gait, and there was less evidence of super-heated music and more of the sort of thing the writer has mentioned preference for. The fact that the plentifully yielded request encores were without exception of the latter type proves to the writer's

satisfaction that the majority of listeners are with him in this matter.

To Paul Whiteman is due the creation of an orchestral style which, within its field and judged by its own standards, shows as much artistry as the performance of any symphony orchestra before the public today; but that this artistry finds its fullest expression in the production of intervals of a sixteenth which sound as if they were blown from the wrong end of the horn, is something that the writer does not believe. Still, the musician who is not interested, even if he finds difficulty in being charmed, by

these tonal experiments, is brain-hardened indeed.

The act carried considerable comedy. Whiteman himself is a joy-maker of no small attainments and he was ably seconded by the next fattest man in the band, to wit the first trumpeter, and Wilbur Hall who did some very neat trick fiddling although he blows a mean trombonain the trick fiddling, although he blows a mean trombone in the ensemble.

The feature picture, Raymond Griffith in You'd Be Surprised, is an evident attempt on the part of its producers to see just how much inanity the public will stand. From the way in which it was received by the audience we would say that the end was not in sight. In stating that this picture was considerably below the Metropolitan standard we are charitable.

The picturization of Amy Woodford-Finden's songcycle, Four Indian Love Lyrics, the individual songs sung by Edward Atchison, tenor, and Carmela Tenterra, mezzosoprano, was much better stuff. It appears to us that a rich vein has been uncovered in this sort of thing. This picture is one of the Famous Melody Series. The symphonic orchestra under Joseph Klein, always a welcome feature, played a prelude immediately previous to its showing which ably set the atmosphere for what was to come.

Del Castillo, known to all readers of this magazine, played clever organ in a blue spotlight of ghastly and unbecoming hue. Blue is for blondes, Del! With the exception noted, an excellent bill, as is gener-

ally the case at the Metropolitan.

THE BOSTON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Ethel Leginska, conductor, gave its third concert on Sunday afternoon, November 21st, with Justin Sandridge, pianist, as soloist. The program was as follows: Akademische Fest-Overlure, Opus 80 (Brahms); Capriccio Brillianische Fest-Overlure, Opus 80 (Brahms); Capriccio Brilliani lante, Opus 22, for piano and orchestra (Mendelssohn); Suite from the Incidental Music to Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing": I. Overture; II. Bridal Song; III. March of the Watchman; IV. Intermezzo; V. Hornpipe (Korngold); Symphonic Suite Scheherazade (Rimsky-Korsakoff). The Korngold suite had its first performance in orchestral form on this occasion.

This venture should be supported. The writer is of the firm conviction that, given time in which to thoroughly find herself and develop her orchestra, Leginska will make of it something that we in Boston should feel glad to have helped to success. The little lady has the makings of a noteworthy even if sensational conductor; the sensationalism, however, in her case seems to spring from a natural form of expression rather than from any attempt to catch the public fancy by side-show antics, and therefore loses, at least as far as the writer is concerned, any of the offensiveness it might otherwise hold. Although Leginska directs with an exaggerated gesture and somewhat excessive dramatizing of the music, never for a moment is her beat otherwise than decisive; never is she in doubt as to what she wants nor obscure in indicating her meaning; if she does not always get what she asks for it is no fault of hers but due to causes which will be remedied by time and that greater ease which continued playing together will give to the members of the orchestra. Her musical message is always clear and human; even the austere Johannes took on a less forbidding aspect under her galvanizing baton.

The Korngold opus appears to be authentic stuff although it no doubt would seem tame to the admirers of Prokofield et Cie., amongst whom is not to be numbered your humble scribe. Leginska made the most of this delightful music scribe. Leginska made the most of this delightful music whether it was in the lovely Intermezzo or the more fanciful moments contained in the March of the Watchmen. Rimsky-Korsakoff's Scheherazade is so well known in toto by concert goers and de partibus by devotees of the dance that little need be said of it other than that it suffered nothing from Leginska's hands although, unfortunately, the same credit cannot be given to the solo horn who gargled and spluttered through his bit in a manner painful in the extreme. The cymbal player also missed fire on a number extreme. The cymbal player also missed fire on a number

Justin Sandridge, soloist of the concert, is a pianist whose technical equipment seems wholly adequate and who has, in addition, the faculty of producing a tone which in quieter moments is of an admirably clear and pleasing quality and in more strenuous passages never transcends the bounds of euphony. There are many greater pianists of whom the same may not be said.

We have a feeling that the orchestra has struck a ticklish moment in its carear, in truth the fact that for the concert

moment in its career; in truth, the fact that for the concert of November 28th the men have volunteered their services, or November 25th the men have volunteered their services, makes of this feeling a certainty. Leginska, herself, made a short plea for help at the close of the concert above reported. There is a movement on foot to try and put the orchestra on a permanent basis with, it is to be preMelody for December, 1926

sumed, enough funds on hand or pledged, to carry it over the rough places which every attempt of this nature experiences. For reasons given earlier in this note we hope that the movement will be successful. Ethel Leginska is not only a picturesque and courageous little figure, she is also a musician of considerable depth of feeling and intelligence. We feel that to lose her locally as a conductor would be something that later we might have reason to regret.

EDWIN FRANKO GOLDMAN and his band, or tour for the first time since the organization of the latter nine years ago, gave two concerts in Symphony Hall on the afternoon and evening of November 14th. Phillips Carlin, the popular and to say the least, genial announcer over WEAF, entertained the audience during intermission. The programs ran the gamut of musical taste from Goldman to Bach. It all appeared equally pleasing to the

enthusiastic audiences. This band is not only a New York institution but. owing to the prominence given it over the air, might be termed a national one. Warren Story Smith says of it in the Boston Post: "There are bands and bands, and Mr. Goldman's is distinctly of the newer, mellower-toned school of wind ensembles. His brasses are more bland than blatant. Numerically and musically the reeds play an important part. Bass-drum and cymbals may be heard

without discomfort and always, yesterday, the quality of performance was of a high order."

All of which would lead one to suppose that the Goldman band was much better adapted for the concert hall than the average organization of its kind, it being the firm conviction of the writer that the majority of bands need the unrestricted areas of wide-open spaces in which to function most pleasingly.

HY FINE, leader of the orchestra at the Capitol Theater. Allston, is quoted in the public press as follows:

"There are two ways in which to interpret pictures, the right way and the wrong way. The wrong way being to play such music as distracts from the screen; the right way, the playing of such music as will not only be in absolute harmony with the picture but act as a potent factor in creating the audience mood that will properly appreciate

All very well, Hyman, but just suppose for a moment that an orchestra leader has built up such an effective organization that people came to the house just to listen to the music. What then, eh? In all our solemn majesty, Hy, we find you guilty in the first degree. Jules, our black cap!

A ONE THOUSAND DOLLAR PRIZE for the best religious cantata for adult mixed voices, with piano accompaniment, has been announced by Professor N. Augustine Smith of the Boston University School of Religious Education and Social Service. The money is to be donated by C. C. Birchard of Boston. The choral work will be sung by the Chautauqua Choir during the summer of 1927. Full particulars are issued by the Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua, New York, to whom apply.

THE VITAPHONE and Don Juan, the picture. Let us dispose of Don Juan first, he will not detain us long. This picture shows John Barrymore in an excellent imitation of Douglas Fairbanks, acrobatic acting, trick moustache and all. It is a fair example of how far the technical staffs of the moving picture organizations have outstripped every other branch with the possible exception of the publicity departments. Not that the photography or scenic sets of this picture are particularly noteworthy, but they at least show competence and taste. The same cannot be said of the major portion of the acting (excepting Barrymore's, of course) and the unfolding of the puerile tale. We make particular note of the aristocratic Cesare Borgia and his cousin Donati, who were played respectively by their interpreters with all the poise and elegance of two Mexican border-ruffians in a six reel feature of the plains.

This picture outrages Nature, Art and History. We will, in another issue of this column, pay our respects to certain esthetic back-slidings on the part of the motion picture industry; at this time we may say that we have no objection to either cheap pictures or cheap music per se although we personally prefer the other sort. We do however object strenuously to the presentation, either in fact or by implication, of these same pictures and music as something much better than they really are, and our objection is based on the false stan created in the minds of the general public, who, poor dears, need all the education in this respect that can be extended to them. We now lay aside our hammer and bring forth

The Vitaphone itself is a remarkable achievement. Certain features of it were discussed last month "Across the Flat-Top Desk," and in the main we concur with the senti-ments expressed by the editor in his article. We would like, however, to emphasize certain points brought out by him, and elaborate a trifle on others.

To begin with, in the writer's opinion the Vitaphone forms a musical background par excellence for motion pictures, due largely to its extreme unobtrusiveness. There is never a moment when the attention of the viewer is distracted from the screen by the music; it forms a subdued yet perfectly adequate musical commentary for what is going on. The value of this device in the hinterlands is incalculable. The writer well remembers seeing *Treasure* Island under the very unsatisfactory conditions that hold in some of the smaller towns. The pianist, a local prodigy, had, stacked before her on the piano, all the popular hits

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'Have a segar," replied Hon. Jacobs coffing slytely. Some times I aint sure whether you aint very smart or toodam smart. I mean to say I am in a predikament. want to write some kind of Chrissmas massage to frends and cussomers of Hon. Walter Jacobs Inc. and I havent got no ideers. Hon. editors never had none neather. Now do you innerstand the predikament?"

"Parding me," I vocalized with a perlite smirk. "I get you Steaf. Both Hon. Jacobs and Hon. editers are members of sed predikament. But do Generl Publik unnerstand Hon. Walter Jacobs Incorplated are a predikament because Hon. Jacobs are in it or because editers are in it or because neather one are got no ideers? Because," I intimate with intellergent look, "Nobody ever tolled me ideers are necesserary to make money in music bisniss."

"Drop in agen some time," replied Hon. Jacobs with a loud coff. "We are alwers glad to see you."
"Don't mension it, Hon. Jacobs," I consumate with

delikit inflekshun. "But what are going to be done about Hon. chrismas greetings? If person with ideers are asked to join your Hon. predikament it are most likely probblem woold be salved," I add as a slyte hint.

Hon. Jacobs handled me a dirty look, wich I ignor, coffing perlitely as I carefilly put ashes from Hon Jacobs' segar in large silver cuspidder which I notice later are proberly not a cuspidder. But I perlitely ignor my mis-

"Person who have ideers might inaxpensively be put on pay roll," I continered. "Fack is I have sivral ideers," I remarked to make it more cleer.

"One ideer of your kind are sufficint" snubbled Hon.
Jacobs in hard voise, "and proberly, like radiam, are todam expensive to be no good because so hard to find!". 'Thank you for compilment," I answled with a notisabble "Price are moderate compared to lumber bill for

new bird house." 'All rite, I bite - Shoot!" reparteed Hon. Jacobs showing gold teeth percepibly, wich do not disturb noboddy which consist of me who know Hon. Jacobs to well to expeck him to bite noboddy or get shot for it.

"Here are my ideer," I announse with plesent coff: "It are nice to write personally letter to Hon. Cussomers and sibscribers, also crediters and frends if any of Hon. Walter Jacobs Incorpilated mentioning fack chrismas are coming this year on dec. 25. and thank them perlitely for chrismas presents and all bisnis did with you wether payd for or not. "But by time them leters are wrote to all cussomers they

are shoting off fire krakkers on glorus forth of jully. "It are also considder perlite to ektend to frends cordile printed invitashon to have Mery chrismas if he are able to

"Chrismas cards can be obtained at store with slyte ekspense," include Hon. Jacobs. 'That are a heloffa Xmas present," I distinkly remark

with slyte sware word. "If. Hon person consider it are good bisnis to send printed announsment to effek frend or cussomer are got permission to enjoy hisself on Xchrismas wich are only one (1) day in hole year, it are misery to me how such Hon. damtitewadd are abel to spent two (2) sents for postige

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"That are what I am tolding you" I snubbled, consealing my patiense notisably. "Insted of copy book greeching

that dont mean nothing eksep you know it are Chrismas Holliday and you are willing to rekonnise fack and help keep postoffic from having any, my ideer are to send cussomers atc. something Hon. persons will look at long enuff to notis who sent same. If cussomers reelize Hon. Jacobs Company took time to think of them instid of telling stenorgaffer to put on rubbers and buy fifty (50) dolers werth of Mary chrismas and New yrs. greachings, you don't need to write no speech about chrismas and Jan. 1.

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Hon. Jacobs stood on hind legs coffing good naterdly. "I corrugate your sintimints," Hon. Jacobs warble with effektive yawn. "Sich a sintimet proberbly would please frends and cussomers but it wood took two collums and I woold be unable to eluciderate the sintimints so sisinkly as you have."

"I am joyerful than I can mension to know so much sintimints are posserble in music bisnis talk," I gibble, unable to coff because of emsion. "Three (3) sintimints in one (1) sintense indikate you are fill of chrismas sintimint If Hon Walter Jacobs Incorpilated desire," I hint with modest coff, praps some person with more fluid cummand of langwige woold be glad to eluciderate said sintimints for benefit of Hon. Cussomers and sibscribers?

But hint are too delikit for man in music bisniss and so I put segar stub in cusspidder and shake hands with Hon.

It are about lunce time, so I dipart alone coffing to con-

seal my annoyance.

Respekfully wishing you a Нічка К. Ко.

P. S. — Hon. Jacobs telerhoned me and tolled me to go ahead and pripare Chrismas massage like I siggested. This are it. It are my ideer to make cleer in breef manner that Hon. Publisher and Iditoral staff contain hottest chrismas sintiments not posserbull to indikate by ornerary greeting card or tokken, and same are welcome to all sibscribers. (Sibscription price are \$2.00.) -Z.P.W.

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WELLESLEY TRANSCRIPTION OF A STRAVINSKY TONE POEM

T WAS night — dark and mysterious. From the hueless shadows crept dank, perfumed breezes and unheard sounds. The temperature dropped, perceptibly, and a frightened angleworm bumped his head against a stooping blade of grass. . . . A leaf rustled. No one stopped it, so it rustled again. . . . In the distance a burly policeman with his night club struck an attitude under an policeman with his night case struck an attitude under an arc light, and coughed sternly. . . I heard a clock tick . . . or was it a wood tick clomping up the wall?

Never mind, I didn't hear it. . . . I dozed again . . . and the moon, after some hesitation, rose. Higher and higher. Everything seems to be getting higher. Cautiously I peered over the porch rail . there in the naked moonlight I saw the sidewalks, strewn

about the streets, just as I left them before supper.

— Z. Porter Wright $A \quad \forall \quad A \quad \forall \quad A$

Jim Boyer of the Conn Company, Ltd., tells us that he recently heard of a case where the saxophone actually de-moralized the entire police force of a town in Indiana. The Chief of Police, who was also the complete police force, at Posey Corners, recently caught a bad cold sitting out listening to a Posey County sheik practicing on his saxophone.

WHATDOYOUCALLIT CLUB

FROM THE RADIO MAIL

FROM THE RADIO MAIL

Cher Monsieur:—

I write you again som few mots pour tell you I have some more inflamation to ask. I most tell you dat I have not what you call ze edcation, but I always suffer to lern. I hear so many funny tings on my radiator when I lissen in to the Whachumcallit program dat sometimes I try make laugh. Sometimes, not all the time. I would like ver mooch some inflamation about dose funny instruments I read so mooch bout and what play so ver sweet. The 1st and 2nd Whangdoodle— also the Eb Swatter Bottle. In fact, ma boy Jean Baptiste he tell me dey have de 2 string flute in upper flat and de 3 string cornet in lower flat. Of course, I don't know, I ask you. But I tink myself dat de pauvre diable living in between must have wat you call heluvatime, nest-ce pas? Please let me have a response to ma lettre I have wrot you few days ago.

Ma boy Jean Baptiste he lissen in on ze radiator every night; he is wat you call tuziastick whatever dat is. Ze ozzer night after de Whatucallem Club menu was finished, I notis a ver funny compression on his visage and I tink you better take his membership right away quick before he change his mind or lose it. I tink, I don't know, but I tink my boy Jean Baptiste he will make wat you call a ver valuable edition to your collection of extrordinarry muzitions, nest-ce pas?

Votre Toute Devoue,

Votre Toute Devoue,
PIERRE ANTOINE LABRECQUE

ACROSS THE CRACKED TOP DESK

WOODEN LEGS NO LONGER A LUXURY BUT A NECESSITY

RECALL a middle-aged dancer who used to take in Mellie's dances," says W. A. Kimball of Norway, Me., in December Farm and Fireside. "He had one wooden leg and it ways amused me to see the way he handled himself on the dance floor. He could dance as well as anyone. The ladies used to like to dance the waltz with him; he had the knack. He would pivot on the wooden leg and make a very smooth turn. On the reverse turn he would drag the wooden leg around nicely and without any apparent lack of smoothness. A rubber tip on the end of the leg made it quite noiseless.

Page the adv. mgr. Wooden leg catalogs should be in strong demand 'mongst some of us enthusiastic but clumsy dancers who never could master the turns and pivots of the modern fox-trots. In our ignorance we have attempted to fling an armful of girl about in the approved care-free manner with only our every-day rubber heels, when a rubber tipped peg leg is what we need.

AIN'T SCIENCE WONDERFUL!

WILL the wonders of radio never cease? Just about the time we get our receiving set nicely up-to-date with a lot of little extra doo-dads, special tuners, eliminators, etc., something happens to remind us that the science is still in process of active development and that we are a little behind the time. A London paper recently announced that on Armistice Day at eleven o'clock in the morning two minutes of total silence was to be broadcast by the British Broadcasting Company. There is evidently some-thing the matter with our set. We have picked up everything imaginable from the pulsating ether except silence, and that is one thing we have never been able to get from it. I suppose there is nothing to do except to wait until next Armistice Day when there is a possibility that the British Broadcasting Company will repeat its unique performance. By that time, maybe, we will be enough up-todate so that we can pick up their broadcast. - G. A. Fisher

TRY IT ON YOUR SAXOPHONE

T that, our British neighbors are not any ahead of us A in this country. We notice from a clipping taken from a newspaper upstate in New York, that eleven o'clock on Armistice Day was announced by three short, silent blasts on the fire whistle!

NOW YOU TELL ONE

HIGH LIFE ON THE BOUNDING MAIN

news item reports exciting didoes on the good ship A Elma of rum-row. To relieve the tedium of their uneventful lives, the honest tars who marined this harbinger of hope to a thirsty nation, held a little party on board ship which, while lacking in certain of the refinements characteristic of the more sophisticated high-jinks affected on land, displayed kinship, in spirit at least, to the relaxations of our Broadway Bloods. When the crew of the coastguard cutter Manning appeared on the scene they were greeted with sounds which closely approximated a night club or-chestra engaged in the delirium of a "hot" number. These unds proceeded from the ship's cooking utensils skilfully and energetically manipulated in combination with that time-honored and pleasing instrument composed of pocket-comb and a bit of tissue paper. Around the cap-tain's bathtub were grouped the festive mariners, tin dip-pers in hand, toasting one of their number, a tough old salt arrayed in a blond wig and engaging smile who was seated in the aforementioned tub filled with a liquid claimed to be pure and unadulterated champagne.

The horrified guardians of marine morality, upon quesning the revellers, were informed by the latter that they had received the inspiration for this shocking event from the radio reports of a celebrated case recently heard in our

Thus do we, by the example of our metropolitan gaieties, corrupt the simple citizenry of the sea. —Norman Leigh.

Jerry: "Oh, I could go on dancing forever this way."
Carrie: "Don't you think you might improve a little with that much practice?"

Bob: "Do you like music, Ted?"

Ted (just returned from his first piano lesson): "There's nothing to it! I wish I had never learned to play." -American Musician

The new maid, who came into the room while Jimmie was practicing his music lesson, gazed in unconcealed won-derment at the busy metronome wig-wagging on the piano. "I say," she asked, "what's the idea of the windshield wiper?"—P. F. G., Youngstown, Ohio.

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like a duck to water, and it served me well for the next two or three years, during which time I had the distinction of playing (accompanied by my sister's guitar) at most of the ice cream socials and other church affairs. Needless to say, our remuneration was the privi-lege of having all the ice cream I had two very talented chums, Bert Anthony, who was the best

snare drummer I had ever heard, and Ross Bates, a "peppy kid" who could whirl a stick to beat VERNE Q. POWELL the band. He was a wonder

without the wheels, and his drum-major stick consisted of a croquet ball fastened securely to the end of a broomstick. We three were a great combination, so we formed a drum corps at the tender age of nine. After a few rehearsals in our respective barns we decided that the ocarina was taboo for martial music, so we marched uptown one evening, unknown to our parents, and circled around in front of a clothing store. Two of us did our "stuff" while Ross whirled the stick and incidentally passed the hat. We played until our repertoire was exhausted and upon taking inventory of the contents of the hat found that we had gathered in forty cents. It was agreed that it should be invested in a new fife for me, so we beat it downtown the next day to a music store, only to find that the price of the fife was fifty cents. We explained matters to the proprietor, who not only knew each of us but our parents as well, so he was kind enough to extend us credit for the balance

This crowning achievement proved to be the nucleus of a "rattling good" drum corps of some twelve or fourteen boys, and during the next year we not only "got in" on all the ice cream socials, but, and better still, all the ball games, picnics, barbecues, etc., and on important holidays we even got fifty cents each for our efforts. After all, folks, 'them was the days," and life is all the sweeter for having

THE FIRST PHONOGRAPH

When I was eleven a man came to our town with the "wonder of the age," the first phonograph. He had it on exhibition in a vacant store and had it rigged up with twelve little ear tubes, charging five cents for each record. The day that I went in I happened to have ten cents, so I invested it. The first tune was by the United States Marine Band. That was great! I had never heard anything like it, but the second was a knockout for me. It was a piccolo solo by George Schweinfest. I can remember it to this day and it was a settled fact in my own mind then and there that I had to have a piccolo.

I first went to dad, but he immediately said "No," with

a capital N, and with such emphasis that pleading was of no avail. His reason was that if I got a piccolo I would, sooner or later, be playing in the town band and going to the dogs. Father was a deacon in the church, and I must admit that the personnel of the town band at that time was not made up of church-going people, but that did not alter my craving for a piccolo in the least so, un-known to dad, I formed a secret pact with my brother whereby he was to get the piccolo for me and as a recompense I was to shine his shoes (I think for the rest of his days). He sent to Chicago for the piccolo and after about a week of terrible suspense it came. I am not going to tell certainly my brother's shoes sure did shine for months afterwards - and total cost of the piccolo, with discount,

Dad came home unexpectedly one day and heard the piccolo going in the barn (sister wouldn't let me play it in the house except in the lower octave). He came out to see what was going on, and caught me with the goods which he had denied me. After pleadings, explanations and promises he permitted matters to stand as they were and was allowed to go on and blow my head off in the barn.

My brother found an old man in town who could play the flute a little, and this kind old gentleman was good enough to show me how to use the six keys. With this mystery solved, and with the aid of Sep. Winner's instructor, nothing could stop me; I went ahead by leaps and bounds, and the following winter thought the world was mine when dad allowed me to play in the Opera House for fifty cents per night, and of course I was allowed to see the show, besides. We had an average of one show a week, and with such prosperity coming all of a sudden I simply had to have a place to spend my earnings, so I went

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to the clothing store where we three boys had 'played and bought my first overcoat. The price was \$3.50 and at the

end of seven weeks the coat was paid for.

My first appearance as a piccolo soloist was on Columbus Day, 1892, when the entire country was celebrating the four hundredth anniversary. On this memorable oc-casion I played the piece which the United States Marine Band had played on the phonograph record. I never did know the name of it, but can play it to this day.

MY FIRST VENTURE IN FLUTE MAKING

One day while cleaning up things at my dad's jewelry store, I found a piece of three-eighth inch brass pipe about the length of my piccolo. I proceeded to put six finger-holes in it and could play a fife tune on it. This did not suffice, so I proceeded further and made six keys and applied to it. It was horribly out of tune in the octaves, and blew very hard, owing to the fact that the bore was too large and the same size all through. But I didn't mind that—I had two good ears and plenty of wind, so could with great effort, play the thing in fairly good tune. I was so proud of it that I had it silver plated, but as time went on I allowed it to go to discard. I would give a good deal to have it now.

I had a mania for making things — all my toys, sleds

wagons, etc. Being the youngest of a family of eight children, if I hadn't had the mania, knack, or whatever one might call it, I could not have had them, as some of you will no doubt recall that back in the early 1890's times were pretty hard, expecially in the Middle West.

At the age of thirteen I had been playing the piccolo

about two years, and getting a world of pleasure out of it.
Strange as it may have seemed to dad I hadn't gone to the 'bowwows' so he traded a watch for a flute for me — an eleven-keyed Meyer System,—which could be played only after pouring water through it and stuffing soap in the cracks. It was difficult for me to reach the holes at first, but I soon grew to it and it served me well until I was able to buy my first Boehm flute.

(To be continued)

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The Vitaphone

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of the day and the remoter yesterdays. During the course of the film she played her way through this mass of ungrateful material with a dogged and maddening impartiality. The result on the picture can easily be imagined. This is an extreme case no doubt, but in a lesser degree it holds good in many of the rural and semi-rural districts. It is in such instances that the Vitaphone with its expert scoring would become invaluable. The writer ventures to offer that through its aid, there would be countless people who would receive their first adequate idea of the possibilities contained in an ambitious motion picture production.

In regard to its use as a re-creator of opera bits and the performances of soloists, we take it that the desired goal to be achieved is the creation of an illusion of reality through the synchronization of sound and action. The synchronization has been marvelously effected and yet, curiously enough, the illusion is absolutely lacking. The reasons for this are at least three, two of which have to do, in the first instance, with the injudicious use, in this case, of a certain bit of cinema technic, and in the second with the short-comings of motion-picture photography itself. These ings and artificial conventions of the pictureworld have become so familiar to us through continued use that under ordinary circumstances we do not notice them, but let us be called upon to accept them as part of an illusion of reality and their absurdity in this connection

Indision of reality and their australity in this connection becomes immediately apparent.

In the first place, the close-up, that useful device invented by David Wark Griffith, is persona non grata in audible pictures, and here is the reason: There is shown on the screen a setting for Rigolleto in which is discovered Marion Talley in normal proportions to her surroundings. The Vitaphone commences an orchestral prelude to Caro Nome. Suddenly a monstrous figure blots out the set and a Marion Talley, fifteen feet tall and cut off below the knees commences to vocalize with the mouthings and grimaces used by wicked nursemaids to frighten their innocent charges. There you have the close-up and with it, good-bye illusion!

In the second place more attention will have to be given to the idiosyncracies of the extremely short focus photographic lenses which are used in the production of motion pictures, and which are responsible for the following unnatural phenomenon. The opera is Pagliacci; Giovanni Martinelli, in traditional costume, is seen seated on the steps which lead to the stage of the traveling theater. The Vitaphone sounds the opening bars of his song Vesti la Giubba; he rises to his feet, and as he voices the first notes

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of this famous aria steps toward his audience. Mirabile gives the impression as of a thing apart from the latter, step he takes the miracle continues until a swollen Martinelli appears before one's unbelieving eyes, gasping out his sorrow with elephantine heavings of the breast. There are

the immutable laws of optics at work — farewell reality!

These two errors breed a third common to both. The photography, at the very time when it should be otherwise, is necessarily all in one plane, and from this it follows that there is no perspective and therefore no feeling of depth and roundness. We are not accustomed to hearing voices issue from figures which, even in motion, somehow appear as flat as if cut out of paper and pasted on the screen. In truth, where is so little of the effect aimed at, that one instantly spots the fact that these voices do not proceed from the mouths of the figures but from the hidden mysteries of the Vitaphone.

The third factor which tends to disillusionment is to be noted in the speech of Will Hayes. Hayes is flashed on the screen, and before he speaks there are certain preliminary motions indulged in which take place in a ghostly and absolute silence. When his voice is heard the effect of a shadowy unreality is so firmly established that even with the perfect synchronization of gesture and voice, the former

experiences go, does not exist. In this sort of thing there must be developed what, for want of a better term, we take the liberty of calling, contributory sounds.

The writer hopes that there will be no attempt made to turn the motion picture play into canned spoken drama. As it stands to-day, it has within itself, germinating slowly it is true but surely nevertheless, the seeds of a true art-form; such pictures as Griffith's Broken Blossoms and that remarkable film of last season, The Big Parade, point its possibilities. The motion picture is a form of expression that has developed a great individuality, having its own conventions and modes of presentation, some of them false to be sure, but no more so than the conventions and methods of ballet or grand opera. Let us not turn it into a makeshift for the spoken drama; there would appear to be nothing to gain by this and much to lose.

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No. 24-MORE ABOUT HARMONIZING PASSING MELODY NOTES

A SA general rule, the passing melody notes should move to the nearest chord interval, 4 to 3, 6 to 5, or 7 (leading tone) to the root above, as shown in No. 1. The sixth of the scale can be harmonized as either tonic or dominant because of its natural tendency to move to the mutual tone (see No. 2). But it is apparent that 7 is also drawn toward the mutual tone and can consequently be

harmonized as tonic or dominant (see No. 3). A possible reason for this may be because there are two passing notes between 5 and the root above it, as shown in Example No. 1. This is further explained in instalment No. 12 in the December, 1925, issue. No tice that the up-beat (UB) in No. 4 begins with the mutual tone with the dominant harmony following, while the up-beat in No. 5 begins with the third, which may have some bearing on the reason why the same Melody notes after the up-beat are here

A. J. WEIDT harmonized as tonic. The melody in the first full measures of Nos. 6 and 7 are the

same as in Nos. 4 and 5. To continue theorizing, it may also be possible that the first full measure of Nos. 6 and 7 must be harmonized according to the harmony in each following measure, as indicated by the dotted lines at "aa." All this theorizing, which is a waste of time and also confusing to the student, can be eliminated and the problem correctly solved by an analysis of the Basic Phrase forms.

VALUE OF BASIC FORM ANALYSIS

In No. 6, the basic form in the first phrase is C2, i. e., two active and two passive. This basic form is always repeated in the second phrase and also in the first phrase of the second period. Therefore, the harmony indicated at "a" and "b" is wrong. B, in the fourth measure is passing, being the sixth of the dominant chord, indicated as "6c" at "c." When the first period ends with the root (see "d") the second period must begin with an active chord. The change to the next relative key (dominant) occurs in the second phrase of the second period, shown by the dotted

or "2-1-1." N. B. "1-2-1" cannot be used. Notice that two different harmonies are used, i. e., major or minor of the next relative key. Either one can be used, but the basic harmony form remains "1-1-2." D7 at "e" is a substitute or modulatory chord.

The basic period form in the first period of No. 7 is "4-2-2," with a repetition of the melody and harmony in the first phrase of the second period and a temporary change to the dominant key "d," in the second phrase (see "c"). Here the basic phrase form is again "1-1-2" as shown at by in No. 7. E7 at "f" is a substitute chord, as A7 could be used throughout the entire measure. N. B. In No. 7 the use of the dominant harmony in the first measure would change the phrase form to "1-3," i. e., one active and three passive. As this form does not occur in Basic Harmony. the indication is that the first measure is positively tonic. BASIC HARMONY UNAFFECTED BY RHYTHMIC PATTERN

Notice that a repetition of the rhythm (3rd and 4th measures of No. 7) occurs in the two following sections and is very effective. This same style of rhythmic repetition occurs in No. 8 in which the basic harmony form is C2R, which shows that rhythm does not affect the basic harmony. One peculiarity of the basic form C2, is that once begun

there is no turning back.

In No. 9, I purposely changed the basic form in the second phrase to "1-1-2" by using the tonic chord, "G," at "g" and of course changing the melody to fit the harmony as indicated by the small notes. The first thing that is noticed, is that there is absolutely no connection between the first and second phrases, i. e., the melody in the second phrase has the same effect as though a new sentence were begun before the preceding one was finished. A comparison by playing the large notes, will show a connection between the phrases in the latter arrangement. As Frank Patterson so aptly says in his book How To Write a Good Tune: "A tune must progress as it proceeds." In trying to correct errors in composition lessons, I have often been forced to change the basic harmony in order to connect properly consecutive periods or phrases. In other words, you must learn how to analyze the basic harmony in other compositions, and also learn how to plan a correct foundation for your own tune. You may have an idea or even a motive, possibly a period or a phrase, but the tune must progress and come to a conclusion without a break; and there is a break if you use an active chord where a passive chord should be, or vice-versa.



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An interesting example of co-ordination of passing notes occurring on the accented beat is also shown in No. 9. Study the passing notes (appoggiaturas) in the first section at "h." which also occur in a different degree and with different harmony in the second section at "i." At "h" the passing note is the sixth of the dominant chord (or the 13th if you wish to call it that), and at "1," it is the sixth of the scale. Although the small notes in the second section are chord intervals, the effect of substituting them for the large notes is certainly not pleasing. At "j," the sixth of the scale again occurs as a passing note.

I have an idea that the reader can see that I have a weakness for writing marches, as each example indicates the beginning of a 4-4 time march. Examples number 8 and 9 show a second strain which usually begins with a C2 basic form. No. 7 looks as though it might be the beginning of

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A LITTLE MORE ABOUT THE "MOVABLE DO"

WAS quite interested in J. L. Verweire's letter on this subject in the October issue, and while I did not happen to read the letter from Mr. Kramer, which evidently had provoked it, I should like to inflict a few of my own ideas on your readers.

During a teaching experience which has extended over about a third of a century, I have had occasion to come in contact with a good many musicians and pupils who had received their fundamental musical training in some European country (other than England), and they had invariably learned their musical notation from the "fixed do" system, which is of course merely utilizing the syllables la, si, do in place of the letter names, A, B, C, which this country and one or two foreign countries make use of.

I am quite free to admit that one who has once learned

think of a certain definite pitch as do, dislikes to call that particular tone by any other name, be it C or Ut, or one, nor does he like to concede that this name do might

logically be applied to some other tone than C.

My own musical education was begun by way of solfeggio and my first recollections are of being taught to sing the scale, using the syllables do, re, mi to represent the first three tones of the major scale, regardless of the particular pitch at which the scale was started. This fact no doubt accounts in some measure for my partiality to the system, but at the same time it seems to me to be a most logical system, particularly for singing and for ear training, since it always uses the same name for the same tone or number of the scale, regardless of the key.

The many demonstrations which are frequently given

in the public schools would seem to prove that it is effica-cious and easily comprehended by the child mind.

I can hardly agree with Mr. Verweire when he says that the "fixed do" brings better results in singing at sight, for it seems to me that this is much more of a purely mechanical process — equivalent in fact to saying or thinking Gb, Ab, Bb when singing the scale of Gb, instead of merely thinking and singing one, two, three (do-re-mi), with Gb as a starting point.

It also seems to me that Mr. Verweire has missed an im-

portant point in assuming that school children stumble over the syllable names, "due to the changing of names (or syllables) with each change of key," for, as a matter of fact, this is exactly what the movable do system avoids doing. The names of the scale tones never change (which is the wonderful part of the system), but the pitch or starting point of the scale and consequently of all its related

tones, changes with each key.

From the purely instrumental standpoint, it seems to me that nothing has yet been put forward which improves upon the letter names used in this country (which of course corresponds to the fixed or immovable do of European countries), from which it will be correctly assumed that I am not in full accord with the English tonic sol-fa, as applied to instrumental music.

On the other hand, I do not know of any better method of developing an accurate sense of tonal relations, training the ear and learning to sing at sight than the time-honored movable do system.

Should any of the readers be sufficiently interested. I am in possession of some interesting data in regard to its use and development in this country. ZARH MYRON BICKFORD,

Los Angeles, California.

OUR ERROR

IN reading September Orchestra Monthly I notice an article on page 50 regarding Irvin A. Plumm's Mounted Band going to Jasper Park Lodge, Jasper, Manitoba, Canada. Jasper is not in the province of Manitoba, but in Alberta — two provinces westward of Manitoba. It is a summer resort in the Rockies, northwest part of Alberta Province. The Eastern part of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba are all prairies. Your correspondent does not seem to be very familiar with the Canadian provinces. -H. A. Kool, Vancouver, B. C.

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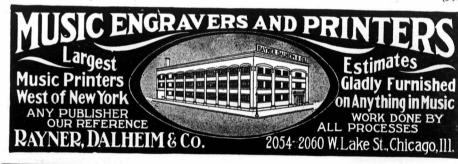
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Hugh T. Hart, veteran band organizer and conductor of Spartanburg, North Carolina, and well known to the readers of the magazine because of frequent mention of his activities in our columns, has published a new song which is being features by Bob Conn with Al. G. Field's Minstrels. The composition is Till I Met You I Was Blue, a fox-trot song with considerably more than average merit. Folks who are in the know tell us the song should be a success.

Clark's Method of Study for the Drummer (published by Eugene V. Clark of 153 Wadsworth Street, Syracuse, New York) apparently includes in its 162 pages everything necessary to the development of a first-class drummer. It begins with the simplest rudiments of music and takes the student by progressive and well-graduated steps through student by progressive and well-graduated steps through the various gradations between the beginner and the ad-vanced professional. There is a simplified study of rhythm vanced professional. There is a simplified study of rhythm based on the logical theory that there are really only two different rhythms, even and triple rhythm, and the methods of manipulating the drum sticks are adjusted to this theory. Tables show how to drum in all the different times in three different ways; namely, with the single, full flam and flam accent. Each one of these tables is followed by a practical study which is arranged with a special Victor record in the most used rhythm, a provision that should make the book especially valuable as a self-instructor. Detailed instruction is given as to what is known as the six stroke roll, the tion is given as to what is known as the six stroke roll, the accented short roll used in syncopation and also used as the attack for the long roll. In fact, every possible stroke that the drummer can use to advantage is apparently explained thoroughly. Drum parts of popular and standard arrangements are reproduced throughout the method as examples. There are 50 photographs used as illustrations and all of the accessories so necessary to the success of the modern drummer such as traps, bass drumming, cymbal playing, the triangle, tambourine, castanets, tympani, xylophone, bells, marimba, etc. are explained with great care in detail. Particularly noticeable is the careful way in which the book is written and the capable manner in which the studies attack for the long roll. In fact, ev

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