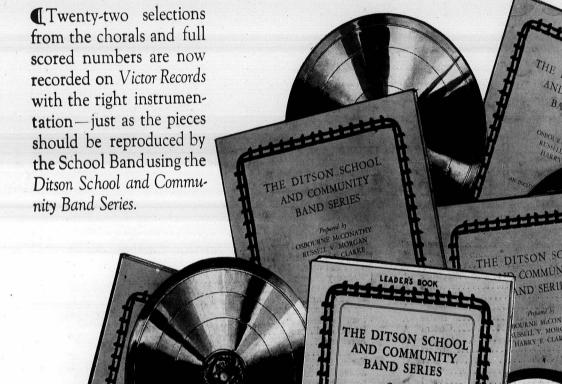
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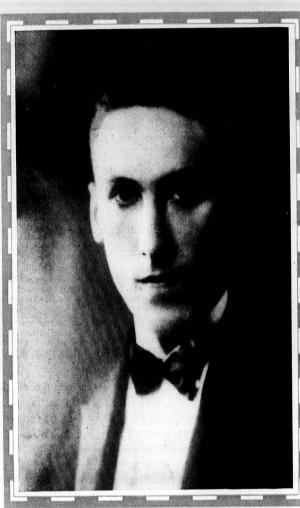
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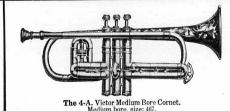
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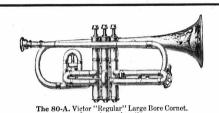
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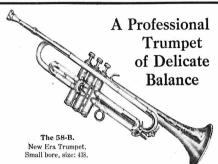
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VERY once in a while some scheme discloses itself to the watchful gaze of officials of the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers, the genesis of which lies in a desire to use members' property without payment of the fees recognized by law as the Society's just due. A recent decision handed down in the

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United States Courts bears on this matter.

A certain restaurant proprietor in Neasho, Missouri, found it convenient, and likewise inexpensive, to furnish his patrons with musical entertainment through the playing of phonograph records. Among the records was one of Ramona, a popular song published by a member of the Society. The restaurant proprietor had neither applied for nor received a license from the Society for the use of member's compositions under such circumstances, and, therefore, under law established, was guilty of infringement, having given a public performance for profit of this composition without authorization from the copyright owner. Lest some of our readers be unaware of the meaning of the latter half of this sentence, we add that a restaurant furnishing its patrons with music has been adjudged by the courts as furnishing this music for profit, as the customer pays for it as he does for his food, although the item does not appear on the check. On these grounds, the Society and Leo Feist, the publisher of Ramona, en-

If this were the whole story, it would not be necessary to make much mention of it here. The point had been decided by the highest court of the land and the plaintiffs were on safe ground. However, the defendant claimed immunity from any consequences of his act, on the grounds that he was not playing these records solely, or even primarily, for the delectation of his patrons, but, being a dealer in records as well as a Boniface, he had hopes that thereby he might be able to sell a goodly number of the magic disks. He contended that it was a poor world where a man might not, unmolested, display and demonstrate articles of commerce legally acquired for the purposes of sale. Here was a nice matter for the judge to ponder.

In handing down his decision, this gentleman, while admitting the right of any dealer in records to demonstrate the same, and not necessarily in private, at that, also pointed out that if admission were charged for these demonstrations, they would immediately fall into the class of "public performance for profit." To continue in the

exact words of the decision: "The defendant here is in this latter category in that he derived an additional profit other than from the sale of records from the increased prices he obtained by reason of entertainment furnished by him, for food sold and services rendered by him as a restaurant owner."

Damages and attorney's fees, therefore, were awarded to the plaintiff, and a permanent injunction granted. The American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers had once again successfully fought a battle for its members against the natural predatory instincts of mankind.

In commenting upon this decision the Society wishes it to be known that it has always recognized the right of a bona fide dealer in phonograph records to demonstrate his merchandise, and that such would not be interfered with. Referring to the increasing custom of drugstores install-

entertaining patrons, the Society goes on to say: "Where the drugstore is also a dealer in phonograph records the Society has been, and is, entirely willing that

ing phonographs on their premises for the purpose of

the works copyrighted by its members may be used in such group demonstrations to patrons of lunch counters in drugstores, on the theory that sales of the records may be made to the listeners. However, where the drugstores use the phonograph solely for the purpose of entertaining patrons, and not for the bona fide purpose of selling records, the use then becomes merely a 'public performance for purposes of profit,' and in justice can be considered by copyright owners no different from other public performances, in restaurants, etc."

In other words, the Society while recognizing legitimate claims, does not retreat from its wholly reasonable stand that profit for users of music should mean profit for those who created, and those who have invested their capital in

The Society has had a long, hard, uphill fight. It has been misrepresented, its aims have been questioned, and it has been a target, generally, for all those interrelated interests which, although owing their very existence to music, have attempted by fair means and others not so goodly, to escape payment to the people who have created the cornerstone of their success. Having consistently waged successful combat for its members, the Society today finds itself vindicated in the courts in every claim it has put forth. It must be remembered, however, that "Eternal Vigilance is the Price of Safety," and that the attempted invasion of property rights, insofar as music copyright is concerned, appears ever to be imminent. One must bear in mind, also, that the Society has not only had to defend its members' rights under existing laws, but in addition, has had to oppose interests whose avowed purpose was that of changng these laws to their own advantage.

The Society, from its inception to the present day, has always been eminently fair in all its dealings, asking only what was just and equitable. In its defense of members' rights, it has fought for a principle founded on the premise that it is only decent, not to say honest, that a man be allowed to gather and keep for himself the fruits of his industry. Strange as it may appear, this principle, while zealously cherished by almost everyone as applied to himself, has not been looked upon with sympathetic interest by those who have attempted, still are attempting, and, no doubt, will continue to attempt, frustration of the Society's efforts at every turn. In some minds there seems to be the utmost flexibility in the interpretation of tuum et

Statistical

RECENTLY, on going over our subscription renewals, In each of which is incorporated a little questionnaire, we noticed a rather interesting thing concerning the number of readers which are reached by this magazine. Of the number of these renewal blanks examined, ten percent showed that there were three readers, including himself, of the subscriber's copy; ten percent, seven readers; ten percent, thirteen; ten percent, sixteen, and thirty-three percent, four. In other words the copies of seventy-three and one-third percent of these subscribers were read by others than themselves to the number of from two to fifteen.

This meant an average of five readers, in this group, for every copy of the magazine. We consider this encouraging as showing the interest our publication awakens. Of course, we would like to have all these people on our subscription list, but what use in asking for the moon?

THE importance of the school band and orchestra contest idea in the musical, educational and civic life of our people is well exemplified in Wisconsin, where this year the Tenth Annual event of its sort takes the form of a great tournament and festival lasting two days (May 17 and 18). Stevens Point is the host city, and regardless of any claims to prominence that Stevens Point had in the past, from now henceforth, the town will have nation-wide fame through the publicity which precedes, and follows, in the wake of such a huge enterprise.

There are seventy bands enrolled in the Wisconsin School Band Association, and at the time this is written, some sixty of these organizations have registered for the 1929 tournament. While contests are the chief feature of the tournament, the affair is in reality a gala festival for which thousands of people will gather at Stevens Point from all sections within and outside of the State. Besides the contest program, the massed band playing, and, of course, the customary spectacular parade, there will be entertainment of all kinds for both the participating musicians and for the public. Theatre matinées, baseball games, and what-have-you, are named in the advance announcement. Instrument manufacturers and uniform makers will have displays. Railroads are offering special rates, and there will be at least one special train from Milwaukee carrying some fifteen hundred band members and their friends. How would you like to be in the crowd at the Stevens Point station when this train unloads and its passengers are marched up the street by the escorting bands?

The Stevens Point people who have in charge arrangements for the affair are leaving nothing undone that will add to the benefits and pleasures to be derived by the young visitors. In the list of judges and officials for the contests appear the names of some of the most prominent bandsmen and music authorities in the United States, and it is noted also that the program includes provision for educational talks and lectures to band pupils, a clinic of experts on the chief instruments used in bands, and the sentation, direct, to each band, of constructive criticism,

pased on the judges' reports. From all of this the reader may deduce that the Wisconsin people have taken advantage of every possible factor which can be utilized for the benefit of both participants and members of the general public who will come within the forthcoming tournament's range of influence. Education, inspiration, and pleasure will be on tap for all corcerned. One thing is certain, the people of Stevens Point in their efforts to provide entertainment that will not be forgotten by their guests, are at the same time providing their forget.

We wonder if Mr. William Arvold, when he first instigated the movement for organizing an association of Wisconsin School Bands at Ridgeburg, in 1920, could foresee in any degree the present many-sided festival which has been the outgrowth of his early efforts. Probably not. For that matter, folks everywhere who are aiding the school band and orchestra contest movement, or who should be aiding it, cannot know to what their present efforts, however satisfactory they may be at the time, are pointing in the development of music and thus, concurrently, in the creation of a counteractive agent form any of the less desirable features of our latter-day civilization. -C. V B.

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The Conquistadores Band, Henry C. Alarid, Drum Major, heading the re-enactment of the entrance of DeVargas into Sante Fe. This pageant is held yearly

HEN General Don Diego de Vargas (the rest of his name was Zapata Lujan Ponce de Leon, but we will not urge that now) brought Spanish sovereignty back to Santa Fe in 1693, his coming was heralded by a trumpeter. For a dozen long years, the Plaza and Province had been held, without let or serious hindrance, by the Indians, who had risen in 1680, slaughtered priest and peasant without mercy, and driven what remained alive out of the realm. The strumming guitar and the plaintive love-ditty of the troubadour had given place to the ancient tombé and the sonorous chant of the choragi, accompanied by the tireless rhythm of the warriors' dance. But now again, the blare of trumpet, the clank of iron mail and the martial tramp of the Conquistadores prevailed and a new era dawned.

It's a far cry from the trumpets of DeVargas through the silent dreaming years of splendid Spanish isolation to the stirring times of Fremont, Carson and Kearney, when the Young Giant of the Western Hemisphere extended his sway over the sunny Southwest; and farther yet to the time when fife and drum gave place to the full panoplied "brass band." No sooner had Kearney taken over this region in 1846 than the construction of Fort Marcy was begun, the ruins of which are still standing on the rising ground north of the city. Just when a band appeared as an adjunct to the garrison



Fiesta Time in Sante Fe.—The Conquistadores Band always takes part in such celebrations. In the background, extreme left, can be seen a corner of the Palace of the Governors, built in 1600. It was here that General Lew Wallace wrote "Ben

Dan C. McKenzie, Conductor (Spanish) J. R. Martinez (Spanish) Elias Gonzalez (Spanish) Albert Rosen (Anglo) Miguel Delgado (Spanish)

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Clarinet Paul Grace (Spanish) Jacobo Lucero (Spanish) Natividad Chavez (Indian) Felix Sandoval (Spanish)

Saxophone Miguel Xavier (Indian) Ramon Alarid (Spanish) Ben Sherman (Anglo)

DrumsAgustin Grace, snare (Span-

at this fortification, which was an important military unit until its abandonment in 1894, might be hard to find out, unless one had the time, patience, and opportunity to dig deep into the records of the War Department at Washington. But in Twitchell's Leading Facts of New Mexican History, we are told that on the occasion of the tertio-millenial celebration in July, 1883, the Thirteenth U.S. Infantry Band and the Twenty-third U.S. Infantry Band led the long and gorgeous procession.

To Don Pancho Belongs the Honor

But the organization of a non-military band in Santa Fe antedates that year by the better part of a decade, although the exact date now seems irrecoverably lost. To Don Francisco Perez, a native of Old Mexico, belongs the honor of having organized the aggregation which was the forerunner of the subject of this sketch. Don Pancho, as he was familiarly called, and a number of other Mexicans. following the fortunes of war it would seem, had taken a liking to Santa Fe and had settled here sometime after the "War between the States." Don Pancho was not only a musician himself of no little ability, but his enthusiasm and means were such that for a long time he defrayed the expenses of the new band out of his own private purse. At first it had no name

Prof. Perez Brass Band, 1895.—The forerunner of the present band. Francisco Perez, familiarly known as "Don Pancho," the leader, is third from left, back row. Second from right, middle row, is Julian Grace, oldest living member of the "Conquistadores" (50 years), whose father also played with Don Pancho.

except La Banda de Don Pancho; but as time went on and Don Pancho faded out of the picture, it acquired the rather colorless name of La Banda de Santa Fé.

For some time after its organization, the band was made up in large part of real Mexicans, chief among whom, besides the director Don Pancho himself (clarinet), were Agustin Salcedo (cornet), Manuel Baca (Eb bass), Antonio Terrazas (baritone), Jesus Canavá, Cesario Sandoval, Esquipulas Montoya, Sabino Mirabal, Manuel Mirabal, Santos ----, and Santiago -, (drum). Some names are now forgotten and there are no records. Later on, nativeborn Spanish-Americans of Santa Fe were taken in and trained to take the place of the old-timers. To our certain knowledge, one of those who played with the organization when it was known as La Banda de Don Pancho is still living. His name is Don Julian Grace, he plays the bass drum in the present band, his father also played with Don Pancho, and he is the oldest living person to have played with the original line-up. In 1919, on the occasion of the revival of the

Santa Fe Fiesta, Mr. Ralph Emerson Twitchell, lawyer, historian, and director of the Fiesta, rechristened the organization La Banda de los Conquistadores (The Conquerors Band) in memory of those intrepid spirits who, more than three centuries before, had made this region known to the outside world.

Whether or not any of the present members of this band are descendants of the "conquista-



dores" would be hard to say, for as a rule our Spanish-American friends, like most of the rest of us, have not kept accurate tabs on the doubt that several of the members could trace their lineage back to those who first cleared the way for the white man's domination of the Southwest.

The Conquistadores Band is at present composed of twenty-eight members, of whom eighteen are Spanish-American, six are Anglo-American, and the other four are Indian

Of these twenty-eight members, twentyseven are people who indulge in their music largely for the love of the music and look to activity in other lines for their living. Two are painters by trade; four, tailors; three, shoe repairers; five, retail sales clerks; one a hotel keeper; two, high school students; one, a railway mail clerk; two, bus drivers; one, a master builder; two, laborers; one, a Chimayó blanket weaver; one, a carpenter; one, a meterreader, and one, manager of an automobile sales agency. The other is retired.

gold braid, red coats, and blue trousers with a distinctive things about the aggregation is their white stripe down the seam; but now the uni- perfect knowledge of the old Spanish folk songs family tree. However, there is scarcely a form is navy blue with black braid. On the which they play entirely by ear. There isn't a occasion of the Fiesta, however, the uniform sheet of music in their possession with anything is of a special Spanish design, with broad- on it about La Cucaracha, La Golondrina, La brimmed flat-crowned hats, and the colors of Paloma, No Te Vayas, Cielito Lindo, Lupita,

> for duty on the Mexican Border just after the Villa raid on Columbus and served for a year pleasing harmony. as a unit in the New Mexico National Guard. Several of the members were in the World War. bands in the country, but it is a very old band

> part in the city life of Old Santa Fe. Every United States. And the city sets great store Sunday evening in summer, there is an open- by it. To a noticeable extent membership in air concert in the ancient Plaza, while the people it has become as it were, hereditary, as witness follow the age-old custom of promenading up the Alarids, the Alires, and the Escuderos, and down. No religious procession, such as whose fathers were members before them (Henry Corpus Christi or DeVargas, of mid-summer. Alarid's father was the conductor for twentywould be complete without this band, and it five years); and the Gutierrezes and Graces. figures in the vanguard of many a pretentious of whom three generations have figured on its funeral. Every year but one since the revival rolls the former being a case of father - son of the Fiesta in 1919, this band has furnished nephew. but the latter truly lineal.

Time was when this band wore red caps with the music for that occasion. One of the most Adelita, La Realera, or a dozen others in their In 1916, the entire organization volunteered repertoire, and still they play these melodious old favorites with the utmost precision and

No claim is made that this is one of the oldest The Conquistadores Band plays an important in a very old city — the oldest but one in the

More This and That

AT THE present writing something is said to have happened within the film industry that may mean much or little; perhaps the former, maybe the latter, quite possibly neither, and that is about all that can be said concerning any of the developments which are hurtling, one after another, across the vision of the bewildered observer. The particular event to which reference is made is the alleged discontinuance of music synchronizing (with the exception of musical comedies) by all but one (Warner Bros.) of the big film companies, and the adoption of a policy to make 100% talkies exclusively. These, so we are told, are to consist of straight dramatic material without musical background. We present this for what it is worth with the warning that it may not be true and that even if it is, before the printer gets it set up, to say nothing of its appearing in the magazine, the gentlemen representing these companies may have once more changed their minds, and be back at the business of hacking up music and sending it to the smoke house.

The above is not presented as news — it will be very cold mutton as such before it is read in these pages — but finds its place here because it is a fairly good indication that whereas musicians and music publishers find themselves chasing their own tails in these somewhat hectic times, the producers of films are no whit less involved in the general indecision and lack of settled policy. Two months ago, we were told that 100% talkies were considered in the light of unsuccessful experiments, and that the big studios were to cut dialogue to 75%, or in some instances 50%. Today, apparently, the pendulum has swung to the other end of the arc, tomorrow — well, tomorrow it may loop the loop. As to what is going to happen in the future, ask anyone in the industry and you will probably get an answer, but your informant, in his heart of hearts, will be well aware that he is putting up an egregious bluff, and that although the choice of possibilities is boundless, the wisdom of Solomon and the nerve of a radio announcer would be unequal to the task of true prognostication.

At least one can speculate — we are willing to do that much — as to the motives underlying this latest reported move. Can it be that synchronized scores have been a flop? Maybe yes, and maybe no. On the face of it, one would say "yes," otherwise why are they to be dropped? If pure reason governed the arbiters of screen destinies, one could be fairly certain from the evidence presented that such was the case. Pure reason, however, is not always on the bridge of the good ship Hollywood—this (at the present writing) latest development may be a by-product of some fortune teller's artistry, or the aftermath of a vision seen in a dream, or just a plain, ordinary, go-as-you-please whim.

Of course, some color of authenticity is lent to the theory that the maestri of the celluloid drama have become discouraged over canned music by the fact that as far back as March an amusement trade paper came out with the statement that although the talkies had been fairly suc-

marked distaste shown by the public for synchronized music. It would appear in the light of what has been told us, that the canning industry's bally-hoo is to be concentrated on the talkies. That the latter still need considerable work done on them to force a belief of their palatability on to the public is evidenced by the fact that D. W. Griffith, over the air, took occasion to tell his audience that whereas it did not like the talkies now, it was going to like them, and drew attention to his own pet invention, the close-up, as an example of an innovation at first coldly received only to become, eventually, an extremely popular, not to say necessary, device in the presentation of film stories. This somewhat defensive attitude of one of the great directors strikes us as significant.

The fact, however, that such things as Broadway Melody are still to be with us proves that producers continue to put great faith in the public's lack of aural sensitivity. It is only as a background to films that sugar-cured music is to be dropped, if at all, yes, no, or otherwise. Possibly next week the pickling of musical plays will be a discredited matter with the overlords of this newly-sprung-into-existence packing house industry. Who knows?

N. B. — The inevitable has happened! Just as we go to press, we learn that one of the large companies is once more synchronizing. Not that it makes any difference as regards the above editorial; it will probably be just as true, from time to time, as it was on the day it was written. However, in the future, we are going to protect ourselves whenever we feel the urge to touch on the subject, by writing four editorials based on the premises 'It is," "It isn't," "It surely will be," "It never can be," including all in the magazine, and allowing the reader to choose which best suits himself. There lies the path to

A FTER nearly fifteen years' eclipse, the concert band is gulfed, and is in a good way to shed its light once more at has not written a magnificent score, or even a good one. C. G. Conn, Ltd., in their fairs and lyceum enga publication, Conn Music Center News, is responsible for this very much at the mercy of his literary theme, the merit of information, and they appear to be quite positive as to the his music varying almost invariably in exact accordance with authenticity of their source. It is said that fairs, especially, the merits of the ideas he is clothing. In the case of The will feature bands this coming season.

fairs, parks, and similar amusement enterprises, but inflated and essentially empty. Only in the music allotted gradually it was felt by the fair managers and such that to Aithra is there to be found traces of the lyric beauty that these organizations were losing their pull with the public, distinguished Strauss' songs. Otherwise one encounters and the money was spent on other attractions in which the little beyond platitude and bombast, dried scrapings from note of novelty was strongly forced. In the meanwhile, Strauss' earlier palettes. Even the orchestration, which is numberless bands were unable to weather the dearth of always expert and at times masterly, serves only to enhance engagements, and dropped out of sight. Sousa, Kryl, the worthlessness of what the singers and orchestra have Creatore, Conway, Pryor, Sweet, Thavieu, Strout, Smith to say." (Roy D.), Rosebrook, Santo, and Basile, were amongst those

cessful from a box-office point of view, there had been a who were able to hold their organizations together, and today are in a position to cash in on the flood tide of returned popularity.

It is significant to note, as showing the present strong pull of the concert band, that at St. Louis, Sousa and his band drew a larger attendance, for his week at a large motion picture house, than either of the St. Louis ball teams drew in any one week of the entire season. The same held true at the Chicago and Kansas engagements. When a concert band can make a better showing than a ball team, then indeed is one forced to the conclusion that better times for these organizations are not only around the corner, but are just turning it.

It is believed that the popularization of the school band has played its part in turning the public's interest towards professional organizations

N McCall's Magazine for April appears a critique by Deems Taylor on Strauss's The Egyptian Helen. As Mr. Taylor is not only a gifted musical cook, but in addition, an excellent judge of the dishes offered by rival chefs, we append the following as authoritative and interesting. After outlining the story and admitting that probably the names of Strauss and Von Hofmannsthal have saved the opera from immediate oblivion, Mr. Taylor goes on to say:

"Despite the admiring outcries of the German commentators, this story persists in seeming dull and trivial stuff. Cerebral action is at best unexciting operatic material, and when, as in this instance, it concerns the aberrations of delirium, it becomes excruciatingly tiresome. What one saw on the stage of the Metropolitan was a couple downing many rounds of magic drinks, the male protagonist pausing between drinks to threaten his fair companion with a carving knife. This spectator found himself longing for a little actual bloodshed, if only to shorten the evening's proceedings.

"If Strauss had written a magnificent score he might have emerging from the shadow in which it has been en- saved something from the general wreckage. But Strauss Both in his tone poems and his operas he has always been Egyptian Helen his music is no better and no worse than At one time the concert band was a sine qua non of the Von Hofmannsthal's libretto—in other words, it is pompous.

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The Purple Lady with the Invested Capital

HAVE been asked who titles the epics which regurgitate through these pages each month. My questioner is unable to decide whether the titles just grow there unassisted by human frailties, or whether the editor and I get together and pick some words out of a hat. Both shots are wide of the mark, although the second is perhaps the more acute guess of the two. What actually happens is that the entire Jacobs' Magazines staff assembles and holds a conference after

the article has been written. As soon as sufficient hands have been played so that low man has lost \$2.59 (this sum was decided upon by averaging the winnings through a month's daily play with deuces wild), he then becomes the booby whose duty it is to cut out all the titles in the current SatEvePost, split up into phrases. These are then drawn by lot, and the words or phrases held by the three high men are assembled, and become the official title for the month's article.

Playing Comedies

We now come to Dave Vining, of Clarksburg, W. Va., referred to last month. Mr. Vining, after paying tribute to Miss Kerr, Miss Juno and myself, goes on to say: "Wish Mr. Castillo would suggest how to make a slow-speaking organ interesting on comedies when one is not much of a comedian at best (the organist, I mean). That and news reels appear to be what most of us will play for a while until the 'canned' orchestras pall on the public."

I don't believe the situation is very much different on poor organs than on good ones. Granted that fast jazz on a snappy unit fully equipped with percussion, sounds more effective than on a low pressure instrument of ecclesiastical progenitors (don't look it up; it's not worth it), the lack of monotony in each case must be achieved by using or counterfeiting the so-called symphonic arrangements of jazz. One must play jazz, and practically nothing else but, on comedies. That is one of the by-laws. The boys who used to advocate the use of Mendelssohn Scherzos and Beethoven Allegros for slap-stick comedy have long since been fired and gone back to the churches where they belonged.

Once we admit we are limited to jazz, the next step is obviously to make it as varied as possible. This, to most players, means playing the professional copies as written, one verse and two choruses, with occasional seasoning of bells, xylophone, and drums. Now let's throw aside these vocal copies for the moment, and see how the same number is an elaborate introduction, we find changes of interludes, we find interpolations of associated melodies from the classics in fox-trot rhythm, and we find special effects of varied rhythm any other source. and treatment, ending in a trick coda.

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This is, of course, a large order. It is impossible to cover it in a few paragraphs. As to the ability to transpose, this varies with one's skill in playing by ear and in sight-reading. Two things might be pointed out, however. The first is that it is always possible to play in at least one different key a half-step away by reading the same notes with a different key signature and with different accidentals. A piece in B major, for example, may be played in Bb major by reading it in flats instead of in sharps. The change will come as a sharp contrast even though it is only a semi-tone away. The second point is that a melody may always be transposed up a major or a minor third by reading it in the bass clef instead of the treble.

On modulation there is also a simple rule, but it involves a slight knowledge of harmony. It is that the trick in a modulation is always not to head for the tonic of the new key, but for the dominant seventh of that key. The dominant seventh is the chord constructed on the fifth scale degree. If you are playing in C major, it is G-B-D-F. The one thing that is fatal in modulating is to try to make your progressions along the smooth orthodox lines of textbook harmony. Either chromatic sequential progressions slithering along from note to note, or enharmonic jumps into unrelated keys (in which, for example, the G# of your first chord becomes the Ab of the next), are more effective.

Breaks and Codas Much-Explained

On breaks and codas there are too many volumes already published to make it necessary to go into the subject in detail here. Shefte's book on breaks furnishes plenty of ideas, and Milton Charles' Organ Interpretation of Popular Songs contains a half-dozen typical breaks. arranged in the dance orchestrations. We find Any jazz piano instruction book goes thoroughly often enough had students bring in anecdotes into the subject. Introductions and inter- that curdled the blood, musically speaking. key with the modulations appearing as elaborate ludes are a trifle more complicated, and it is I suppose it is natural enough. Most manmy belief that more help may be gleaned from agers know very little about music, and quite dissecting the dance orchestrations than from a few know very little about anything. Yet a

The cultivation of left-hand technic is mostly My advice, then, is to assimilate all these a matter of training the hand to play, first, this omniscience in every department under banjo rhythms, and second, to keep counter- him. The results are amusing, but often painmelodies going without sacrificing accompani- ful. dance orchestrations, and second by listening ment rhythms. This facility may then be to, and absorbing, the same treatment as extended to play melodies in the left, which you hear it in recordings and broadcastings. frees the right for special effects. Various organ never needs servicing. I would rather One thing that will be apparent is that it re- elaborations for these same principles will then say no more about this. Some wounds are too quires no trick organ to imitate this style. It underly all special treatments, often based on

changing the original phrasing and melodic rhythm into more broken patterns. So much

Mr. John L. Hutchings of the Lyric Theatre, Shenandoah, Pa., last month wrote an impassioned diatribe on the managerial complex which arrived too late for inclusion in the April issue. It's worth thinking over, and for those of you who might like to set it to music, here are the lyrics:

Blame it on the Manager

Last summer I got my first issue of with interest the discussion hy several prominent theater organists, including yourself, as to the proper use of traps and effects. The February issue has an article by Wade Hamilton on the judicious use of volume, as well as the dramatic value, of music to accompany the film. He goes further and says that some organists must think that their audiences are near deaf, and some of them were deaf when they left the theatre. How often do we read about how this organist or that organist thundered the organ so much, how he sounded a trap for an effect that had no bearing on the story, and made the audience make nasty remarks about him? Of course, the poor fellow gets the brickbats plenty, but what if the manager makes him do these unforgivable things? I have met many good organists (and some bad ones, too), and most of them have some fine yarns about some of the managers for whom they worked. One organist said that a manager insisted on full organ most of the time, so that the audience would know that there was an organ there. Another manager made his organist use the crash when a fall was shown, regardless of whether it was in a comedy or a drama. Some of the effects he wanted were ridiculous, and caused a lot of unfavorable remarks from the audience, but they had to be there, just the same. Another manager would not have dramatic music in any sort of feature. "People don't want that dead stuff, give them something with some life in it."

One of the things that will focus the attention of the audience on the picture is a heavy misterioso, properly fitted. Just play a bright number during a sombre or mysterious scene, and watch the unrestful mood of the audience. Yet some managers want just that. How in the name of cats is an organist going to make use of his or her ability or dramatic sense if he or she cannot use his or her own judgment? A lot of them read the articles written on proper theater organ picture playing, but it is in many cases a waste of ink. A lot of brickbats are thrown in these articles, but many of them should be at the manager, and not at the organist. One studies under a teacher on the subject, and learns what to do and what not to do. Then he is forced to do something contrary to his teaching in order to satisfy a traditional whim of his manager. Some managers must think that the organist is a moron with no nind of his own. There ought to be a law against that.

There will be plenty of readers of this column (assuming, of course, that this column has plenty of readers) who will read Mr. Hutchings' remarks with a good deal of enthusiastic sympathy. I did, myself. Personally I have always been lucky about managers. Out of the dozen and a half, say, who have stepped on my neck at one time or another, few have ever done so unreasonably or in such a way as to injure my feelings or my collar. But I have manager must not only pretend to know everything about everything, but must demonstrate

Probably the hallucination most common to managers and irritating to organists is that an

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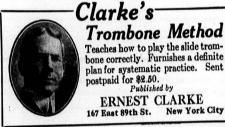
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Cornet Playing Pilgrim's Progress

T the time when I left Toronto (Canada) for Indianapolis with our family, my oldestbrother, Will, remained, as he was holding a fine business position. One day, not long after my

came from Will in which he stated there was on ten dollars a month in the commercial as a vacancy in his department which perhaps "Bert" (myself) might like to fill, going into the business and learning it from top to bottom as he himself had done. His proposition was first year for nothing just to learn a business. discussed by my parents, then I was approached That might have been so, yet I wondered how I to find out what were my feelings in the matter. should manage to live away from home on such With all my hard struggles to improve myself on a beggarly pittance! the cornet and become a good player running through my mind, and with all my dreaming ambitions and aspirations looming before me, it a new life and a new career, filled with keen perhaps may be imagined just how the sug- ambition and high hopes for the future. gestion did not appeal to me. From the very start Dad had opposed my desire to become a musician, explaining many times over that a business career was far better than a berth in the music profession. He now backed that up with the proposal from my brother, saying that it was the finest opportunity in the world for me to work up into something fixed and definite; something that in the long run would pay me better than working with musicians, who very seldom rose above their own environment or ever made much money outside of their regular

I Succumb to My Father's Logic

I was then a boy not quite eighteen years of age and his arguments, which really were quite reasonable and logical, began to impress me favorably, particularly when he cited instances of the many successful business men who had started from the bottom and risen to high positions as wealthy and influential citizens. What I did not particularly relish, however, was the idea of living away from home, especially at so great a distance as Toronto. Then came the memories of my school days in that city, and the old pleasant associations with many boy friends began to present renewed attractions. This, with the thought that I experience and much improved playing ability, began to have a favorable effect on my mind. It was because of such thoughts, coupled with my good father's sensible suggestions, that at length I was persuaded to accept the proposition, although it nearly broke my heart to abandon the music ambitions so long cherished and laboriously built up. Possibly this was

In every boy's life there comes a crisis which posed. upsets and changes all his plans. The change training my notions along different lines, fired with a determination to do my best. Perhaps the hardest thing of all was that I must resign my position in the theatre, for I not only loved to play in the orchestra but liked to watch the different shows that came each week. I fought these things all out with myself, however, and prepared to enter into the change in a manner that should show my determination to make good in the enterprise, as well as prove the great respect for my father's judgment.

Number Fourteen

HERBERT L. CLARKE

The stiffest blow, that was almost a knockengagement in the theatre orchestra, a letter out, was the matter of salary. I was to start against fifteen dollars a week in the musical. Perhaps as a crumb of comfort, I was told that, in many cases, boys of my age worked all of the

I left Indianapolis for Toronto in April of 1885 to commence what I considered was to be

I Take Stock

The trip from Indianapolis to Toronto was a long and lonesome ride, but it gave me ample opportunity for thought, to "size myself up" and begin to think as a man, and plan for something very different from what as a boy I always had looked forward to as my future. First came the question of living. How was I to live on ten dollars a month, when through the goodness of my parents I had been used to having every home comfort and indulgence? Of course I had saved a few dollars from my earnings during the past winter, and depended somewhat upon chances of playing nights, this not only to keep up my practice of the cornet, but to earn money.

My intentions were to re-enlist in the Queen's Own Band, which usually had steady engagements, especially during the summer months at Hanlan's Point on the Island. For the latter only a small band of twenty-five to thirty men was used, but I felt confident that my wider experience and increased ability would place me among the selected few, as there were only three cornets used in the band. These jobs paid one dollar an engagement, a small amount, but it would help out considerably when added to my "ten" a month. I could begin to see now how could return to them as a cornetist of greater it might be possible after all to exist on a meager salary without having my parents contribute to my maintenance, something which pride forbade me to accept, much less ask for. Then again, I argued that while it would not interfere with the business I was again to learn, playing the cornet would be a relief and recreation, that it would be a source of pleasure and contentment for me to utilize my evenings in tempered a bit by a secret idea of again joining this way. Thus my thoughts kept me from the Queen's Own Band, this time as a better being homesick and downhearted because of leaving my parents for good, or so I then sup-

My brother Will met me on the arrival of the second cornet players. had come to me, and, as I thought it meant the train in Toronto, and taking me at once to the real beginning of my life among men, I began store where I was to begin my new business life introduced me to Mr. John Kay, the "Governor," who started me in to work even before I had found a place to board. Will had a boathouse ring in a big selection. After I had finished he at the bay, however, and said that I could live paid me quite a compliment before the sixty there upstairs and so save room rent. This was a blessing as far as economics were concerned, but otherwise when comfort was considered. There was neither cooking stove nor and at intermission they all crowded round me, heating apparatus; the room was not even asking what I had been doing to make such an plastered or sheathed, the ice had not yet improvement in so short a time; that is, all broken up in the bay, and the cracks in the except the player whom I had displaced by

boards made it just about as chilly in- as out-ofdoors. I stayed there just the same, however, and cooked meals on an oil stove like a genuine camper-out, while waiting for the summer time.

The work in the store was quite interesting for the first week; as it was such an absolute change from the bit of professional life I had experienced; in fancy I could see myself before long at the head of this large business establishment, earning all kinds of money and carrying out my father's advice when he induced me to accept this position by outlining the possibility a successful business man had to attain prosperity. The next week my enthusiasm cooled down a little, as the old desire to play cornet returned and I realized there was no chance for practice except at night, when I would be all tired out and not feeling very ambitious. I also realized that if my practice was neglected my playing would suffer, and I wanted to show the men in the band how I had improved in my playing since leaving Toronto the previous year.

On the following Sunday I called upon Mr. Bayley, the bandmaster, and explaining my presence in the city expressed my desire to again join the band. His reply being favorable mustered enough courage to tell him how I had improved during the last year, and that I now wished to play first instead of second cornet. He was quite amazed at my presumption, and told me to bring my cornet and prove my ability. I was quite scared, but my pride and ambition pushed me on. After the "tryout" he seemed satisfied that I might make good, and directed me to appear at the regular band rehearsal on the following night and to sit beside the solo cornetist. This elated me greatly, and I felt so happy that all the next day my mind was on the rehearsal in the coming evening. In consequence of this my business work suffered so sadly that I was called down several times for carelessness and stupidity. But what boy wouldn't be excited when every fibre in his body was vibrating with the very thought of playing once more in a big band!

An Unexpected Honor

I went to band practice early that evening to meet the men I had known before, also to become acquainted with the new members. When eight o'clock arrived Mr. Bayley ordered me to occupy the second chair beside the solo cornetist, although already occupying the chair was a player who was told to sit back. This caused some little surprise, and all eyes were turned first on me and then on the bandmaster, the men wondering why this change was ordered, for they all knew that when I left the band a year before I simply was one of the

The rehearsal started and I forgot everything but the music, and knew I was playing it well. This attracted Mr. Bayley's attention, and later on he had me play one of the solos occurplayers by stating the possibilities obtainable even in a short time by diligent practice in a proper way. I made a hit with the men, too,

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occupying his chair. I could see that he was hurt and felt sore, so after the rehearsal was over I went to Mr. Bayley and talked with him about it. I told the bandmaster I was perfectly willing to sit in the third chair, in fact preferred to do so rather than discourage the fellow and hurt his feelings; further, that the way in which all had warmly demonstrated their notice of the improvement in my playing, was sufficient glory for me, and that I did not care to advance at another's expense. Well, my playing that evening created some talk which went all over town, even reaching the ears of my employer's son (an officer in the regiment) who spoke to me about it the next

I now began working hard in the store, feeling happy in the thought that after all it was possible to "serve two masters," music and business. The more I played with the band, the more my local reputation as a cornet player began to spread. I received an offer of a job for the Queen's Birthday on May twenty-four (a holiday in Canada) to play solo cornet with a country band that was to compete in a contest on that day. I was to receive \$5.00 and expenses. Think! A half-month's salary all in one day! I of course accepted the engagement, and left town after business hours that night. I rehearsed with the band until late at night, then arose early in the morning and drove to where the contest was to take place.

It was an exciting day for me, as there were many bands competing and the contest lasted all day. In the evening a concert was given by the three leading bands, with a prize offered for the best cornet soloist. Our band won second prize, although fully believing it would receive first and counting on me to pull them through. However, they were a dandy lot of good-natured fellows from a small village (some farmers and some business men), with all out for a good time, so they never questioned the decision of the judges. I remember, too, that they posted my name for the cornet solo prize without notifying me. At the concert each winning band played a number, and then was presented with the prize it had won by the judge. He spoke encouragingly to each organization, stating that the three bands were so good it was difficult to decide which was the best, and each should have received the first prize.

Then came the cornet contest. For the first time I was told that my name had been posted, and it quite frightened me! My heart seemed to stop beating for a second, although the night before I had rehearsed a solo with the band in case of an emergency. Strange to say, there was no other entrant to compete for the beautiful cup which had been placed on exhibition, and naturally there could be no contest without another entry. Quick as thought a brother of the leader of the band in which I was playing entered his name as a contestant, so that some one might win the cup. He said afterwards he wanted the honor to go to his brother's band and knew that I would win it.

Harry King was the player's name, and he was only a boy in knickerbockers. He played valve trombone in the band very well at that time, and since then has developed into one of the best baritones I ever heard. I was chosen to play first, during which time King went off to borrow a cornet and play a few notes in order to get his lip in proper shape for the change from a trombone to cornet. It was a nervy thing to do, but the boy wanted me to win that cup and that was the only way to do it.

I had often played in church and Sunday school, also at small entertainments, but this was the first time I had ever played an ambitious solo before a large audience. It was a big thing for me, not so much the thought of winning a prize as standing up before so many people; I began to get thirsty and dry in the mouth, my heart seemed to beat twice as fast, and when standing to play, my legs trembled so that I nearly fell down. I simply was terribly nervous, that's all! I probably suffered more than my looks portrayed, yet notwithstanding all this torture I really wanted to play that solo! What an awful handicap is nervousness! I wonder if any of the readers of this article have ever failed to experience this horribly sickening sensation?

However, I bowed and smiled, but what a smile! It stayed, and I'm sure made me look silly. The muscles of my face seemed to have grown set and rigid and I could not get them back. Upon striking the first note I had to push it with all the power possible; my lips became swollen, my mouth dry and tongue thick. The solo was Levy's Whirlwind Polka. much too difficult for me anyway, but I worried through it while wishing every minute that someone would shoot me and end my misery. I would have fallen over had it not been for the thought that if I gave up and failed, the humiliation would be so great that I might go out and kill myself. I thought everyone in that great audience was a critic who would mark down each mistake I made to taunt me with it afterwards, whereas in reality I now believe that not half a dozen had ever heard the solo before.

It is astonishing how many thoughts go through the mind of a person while playing a solo before an audience. One thinks of everything but the most important, and that is the music that is being played and how to play it. I am confident that there are many who have felt exactly as I did when playing their first solo, and it is generous not to find too much fault when the player is doing his best under such trying conditions. He needs all the encouragement possible to make a success of it, and hearty applause at the end of each solo strain will put new life into the player, often causing him to play better than he ever thought possible. I was told afterwards that the solo was played wonderfully well. When it was finished Harry King stepped on the stage like a little major, and played the Last Rose of Summer. He played in a bold, dashing manner, although having had only about five minutes to form his lips to the cornet, and that took grit! I never have forgotten this incident, for we won the cup for the Streetsville Band!

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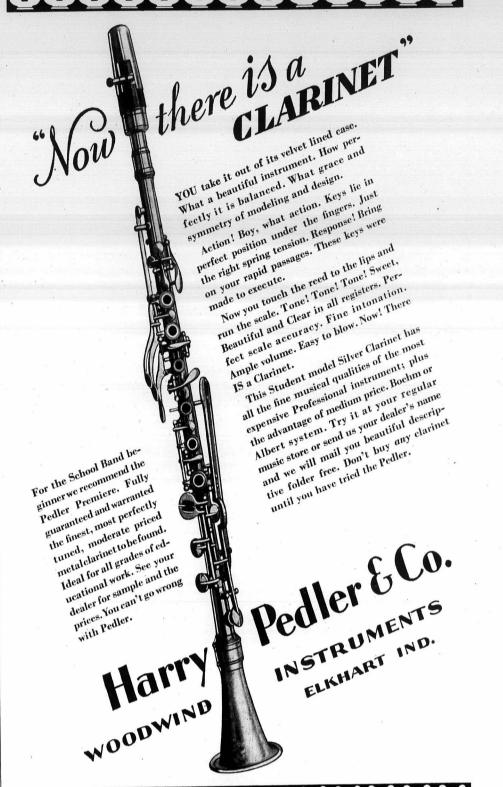
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It appears to us that in time both these problems will call for considerable ingenuity on the part of the gentlemen at Broadcasting's helm. Already there are ominous signs, at least to us, indicated by a forcing of the novelty note on programs, that the listener's slowing pulse calls for increasingly larger doses of stimulant. Things, indeed, have reached a point in some cases where novelty has merged into plain idiocy. And yet - it is to be admitted, as much as we dislike to do so, that one cannot expect to hold the average person, night in and night out, by music alone. That would be too much of a good thing - even for us. Of course, television hovers in the offing, but unless someone is keeping the truth up their sleeve, television will not be ready to enter the lists for some time

This leads us to the question, "What about the meanwhile?" We have been told that there was a time when a slight slacking off of radio interest was in evidence, although no headlines appeared concerning the matter. We were not told what brought things back to the norm, nor will we hazard a guess, but the slight disturbance righted itself and apparently, radio now is stronger than ever before. "How long will this condition last?" We are asking questions today, not answering them. We will venture, however, the statement that it will not be forever, to say nothing of the proverbial additional day.

As for the gentlemen who are paying the bills from their advertising appropriation, the thing is more and more going to be the concrete expression of a strongly intrenched belief in the benefits of radio advertising rather than anything springing from directly traceable results. Applause cards are now, and have been for some time, a thing of the past. Matters have to be taken on trust.

Now if there should be a noticeable falling off of advertiser support, which of course has not yet evidenced itself, what then? Wired entertainment with a service charge? We should hate to be an independent radio manufacturer under those circumstances. And this brings us to the interesting fact that only a negligible number of stations now on the air are controlled by the manufacturers of receiving sets. A scarcely healthy circumstance for the gentlemen we should say. It is quite possible that they may find themselves some day holding a very empty, if

ornate appearing, bag. We do not prognosticate as a certainty any such even-

tuality as outlined above - we present it as a possibility. The American public tire easily, and they are being fed radio entertainment in doses for which the word "huge" is entirely inadequate.

It is not inconceivable that their interest sicken and, in sympathy, that radio broadcasting languish. What then?

And now undertakers (we reject the more ornate "Funeral Director" or quasi-scientific "Mortician") are to leap onto the good-will band wagon. The Funeral Service Bureau of America, a countrywide association of "entrepreneurs," is to broadcast concerts of "suitable" (tschkl) music with, no doubt, highly unctuous comment by the station announcer. Of course, there is no reason to shut one's eyes to the fact that undertakers are business men, as are pork butchers and plumbers, and by reason of this fact, radio offers just as excellent an advertising medium for them as for any other of the commercial gentry. To the cynical it will be amusing, and to the sensitive, saddening, however, to witness the attempts which will, no doubt, be made in the matter of covering up this delicate truth.

THE Stetson Parade, going over the N. B. C. chain every Sunday night at six o'clock, Eastern Standard Time, features the Weymouth Post American Legion Band, George William Ventre, Conductor. This broadcast has been on the air for a matter of a year and a half, and has several features connected with it of more than usual interest. To begin with, it is the only chain broadcast originating in a Boston studio. It is true that the program is telephoned to New York and then re-telephoned back to WEEI before it is allowed to spread its wings locally, nevertheless, the original agitation of the ether takes place in the Edison Illuminating Company's station. Another point of interest is that it is the only American Legion Band broadcasting over the N. B. C. network.

Those of our readers who have listened-in on the program are aware that in the majority of cases the mise-en-scène of the broadcast generally represents some American historical event in which bands have played a prominent part. If one stops to think it over, it is quite evident that here is presented a necessity for much research work, both on the part of the person who writes the spoken part of the enter tainment, as well as he who is responsible for the music; in the first instance, Willard De Lue, of the Boston Globe, and in the second, George William Ventre, himself. Mr. De Lue furnishes the historical data concerning the music used in the period of which he is writing; it is Mr. Ventre's painful and arduous duty to produce the same. Up to date he has not been stuck; he fervently hopes never to be, although he has had some close shaves.

Many of these things which he has been called upon to play are very difficult to locate. In some instances, they have been found only in old newspaper files at the Boston Public Library, photostat copies being made, and the parts for band arranged from these. Of course, it is impossible to know just how long, under these circumstances, it will take to whip up a program. From this it follows that the StetMelody for May, 1929

son Parade broadcasts are made up many weeks in advance to allow a safe margin for nerve-wracking crises.

The band is a prize organization amongst Legion outfits, having won in competitions not only here, but in France at the time the Legion Convention was held in Paris. As a broadcasting band it is extremely popular.

CHICAGOANA By HENRY FRANCIS PARKS 64 East Van Buren Street

THE People's Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of P. Marinus Paulsen, has been giving a highly successful series of symphony concerts. The press has not only been kind and genial but highly flattering in its comments to the organization and its director. The orchestra is solidly entrenched in the heart of Chicago, requiring but time and meticulous attention to bring it to the extremly high standard of its contemporary. Mr. Harry Zelzer, a well-known local financier, is business manager; consequently its future is quite assured.

The United Artists Theatre in Chicago, as well as those in Detroit, New York, Los Angeles, Seattle and other cities has been taken over by Publix. The policy will remain the same for the present, i. e., no orchestra, but two organists, employed to chord between offerings.

Marks Brothers, who control the Marbro and Granada, as well as several other smaller houses in Chicago, will build two theatres during the coming year under an agreement with Fox. Roxy of New York, is aligned with these interests, and will break ground shortly for the largest theatre west of New York—a formidable competitor of the Chicago. There is to be a merry little war in the Windy City which will undoubtedly react to the musicians' good.

Adolphe Dumont has just returned and will open a studio and engage in other activities which, for the present, are to be kept secret. His European trip was highly pleasurable, and he revived many old friendships and visited

many musical capitals during his peregrinations. Edward Eigenschenck gave one of the most remarkable organ concerts of his career at the last meeting of the Chicago Society of Theatre Organists. Eigenschenck has always had tremendous technic but his emotionalism was never brought out quite as realistically and adequately as on this particular occasion. His year of study in Paris with the great French organ masters and his artistic enviroment and contacts, have combined to make a finished artist out of one who was well on the way before he left. Possessed of extraordinary talents Eddie is one of the most unassuming and most likable personalities in the musical colony of Chicago. A true artist, he gave his best and played in a manner which showed a thorough intellectual grasp of the compositions on his program, and his auditors were thoroughly thrilled with the depth of feeling he expressed in their rendition.

The Oriental Theatre, it is rumored, will go into a picture policy in place of the present stage band type of entertainment. It seems that no one but Paul Ash has ever been able to make this particular policy stick, and the house has long been losing money. It is to be hoped that screen presentations will not necessarily imply "robotized"

H. Leopold Spitalny's productions at the Chicago Theatre have been particularly pleasing of late and show much care and thought in their fabrication. He is getting more and more away from the banal, and approaching the distinctive, in large orchestral entertainment. The Chicago Theatre is, today, about the only place in town which caters to the cultural groups, and still manages to elicit flattering comment from our music critics. The shows are very well balanced, and nothing but the very best is permitted in the routine. Mr. Spitalny's ideas are appreciated by all who like something novel and distinctive, yet of a very high quality, and he has the flair for showmanship which makes him put the thing over in great shape. Marcelli is his

Music should not be looked upon as a form of pleasure, but as an emotional shampoo. - Percy C. Buck.

"A tenor is not a man; he is an illness." - Von Buelow There is at least one good thing to the credit of this war. It has banished the German bands from London, and many of them will never come back. - Anthony Trollope during

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Here and There in New York

By ALANSON WELLER

THE musical season of 1928-9 in the Metropolis is rapidly drawing to a close. The last novelty of the season at the Metropolitan Opera was Pizzetti's Fra Gherardo. As we write this, "last performances of the season" for The King's Henchman, Der Freischütz, and other works are on the boards. This has been a somewhat notable year for opera, New York having seen first performances of Strauss's Egyptian Helen, Respighi's Sunken Bell, Krenek's Johnny Spielt Auf, and excellent revivals of Ernani, and Freischütz. Among the season's best individual performances must be mentioned the Metropolitan's really fine showing of Debussy's Pelleas et Melisande, and Rosa Ponselle's triumph in Norma.

One of the most interesting concerts of the month was that given for the benefit of the Russian Greek Church in New York. Alexandre Gretchaninoff, noted Russian composer, whose songs are well known to music lovers, was the guest in a program consisting entirely of his own works. These included a truly glorious Mass in C Major for chorus and orchestra with organ, beautifully sung by the Russian Symphonic Choir, as were a number of the shorter works. Nina Koschetz sang a group of the Russian's songs, and, with Joseph Yasser at the console, the ancient Carnegie contraption was made to sound, as it certainly is not, a really fine organ. The Greek Orthodox Church, which forbids the use of instruments in its services, has been responsible for the development of perhaps the most beautiful a cappella singing in the world. Organs are unknown in the churches of Russia but one will go far to find finer unaccompanied singing than is found there, of which the Russian choir has given us a taste in recent

Easter music in New York included a splendid presentation with chorus and organ at the Roxy. Lew White, who is back at the console in this house, broadcast a program of Easter music from his studio. The New York and Brooklyn Paramounts also offered good Easter fare. Easter was a busy day for Edwin Grasse, noted blind organist and violinist. In this joint rôle he appeared in the morning at the Ethnical Culture Society and in the afternoon over the air from Calvary Baptist Church where he played the Meistersinger Overture on the large five-manual United States organ installed in this edifice. On his closing programs, at the Brooklyn Institute, Mr. Grasse played his arrangement of the Marche Slave, and the Mendelssohn Ruy Blas Overture.

A visitor of Good Will was the band of the Royal Belgian Air Force which gave two concerts in New York as well as making appearances in Washington and neighboring cities. Its New York appearance was timely, occurring just when the American Bandmasters' Association was coming into existence. This organization is being founded by Edwin Franko Goldman, who is its first president, John Philip Sousa is honorary president for life, Victor J. Grabel is vice-president, and Capt. William J. Stannard, of the U.S. Army Band, is secretary and treasurer. Other members are Capt. Taylor Branson, Lieut. Benter, Herbert L. Clarke, and Patrick Conway. The first official meeting of the Association will be held in June, shortly before the summer season starts for many of these band leaders. Its objects are to foster an interest in band music, and to work toward the adoption of a universal band instrumentation for concert bands as is the case with symphony orchestras. It is hoped that this will encourage contemporary composers to write for the band as they now do for the orchestra. The Association also hopes to improve the status of army bandmasters.

Sousa was guest of honor at one of the Belgian organization's New York concerts. The band, under the direction of Capt. Arthur Prevost, offered an unusual program of band transcriptions from works written in other forms including a Bach $Prelude\ and\ Fugue,$ a Franck $Offertoire\ and$ excellently made and

played. Some lovely foreign films reached us this month. ADaughter of Two Fathers, filmed in Japan with a native cast, was shown at the Fifth Avenue Playhouse. The scenery and acting were remarkably beautiful and the accompaniment of the best. It was supplied mostly by a very good "non-sink," but during a portion of the film the management followed the custom in vogue in Japan of having a reader, concealed in the wings, recite a part of the dialogue and tell part of the story accompanied on a native stringed instrument. The reader in this case was a talented Japanese actor and this novel treatment added immeasurforeign film with American sound accompaniment entitled Looping the Loop. An effective "theme song" Poor Punchinello was used. In atmosphere and settings the he was premier organist for the Stanley Company (eight

picture was reminiscent of the "Variety" of a few seasons

The Brooklyn Museum announces that it will shortly install an organ in its galleries. The idea was suggested by one of its patronesses who recalled the pleasant experience which she enjoyed in a western city where an organ played while she viewed some of the pictures and art works in the place. Unusual and beautiful aesthetic effects can be imagined with such an arrangement. A soft voiced organ of the residence type, and music of Debussy, MacDowell, and other impressionistic composers, could well produce a very delightful atmosphere for such surroundings as are offered by an art gallery.

Theatre Organ Items

Arlo Hults at the Kenmore put on a very clever "talking solo" called Pleadings which ran something as follows: Arlo asked the audience what plea was usually made in the morning, answering his own question by playing Please Go 'Way and Let Me Sleep. A night plea was Show Me the Way to go Home. The national anthem to judge from President Hoover's inaugural speech is to be Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes, and It (Prohibition) All Depends on You.

The final plea to the feminine portion of the audience was Let Me Call You Sweetheart, and I'll Never Ask for More. This very novel treatment of a solo scored an immediate

The Schwartz circuit has changed and let out so many organists of late that one hardly knows just who is where, and why. Before her departure from Rialto Theatre we were fortunate enough to hear Violet Reiser play a short color film with very good effect, using a composition of her own as part of the score. The organ is a three-manual

Harry H. Corey's selections on the Wurlitzer at the Mount Prospect in the neighboring city of Newark, N. J., included some Wagnerian excerpts and miscellaneous numbers. Mr. Corey is well known as accompanist in New York and Jersey as well as being a successful organist. He will shortly do some broadcasting.

Probably the youngest as well as one of the most talented organists on Broadway, is Billy Barnes of Loew's State. He is heard in solos on the four-manual Moller and is immensely enjoyed. He hails from Richmond, Virginia, and has not yet celebrated his twenty-first birthday. He formerly did relief work at another Broadway house, the

Concerning Lew White

EW WHITE, who recently returned to his post as premier organist at Roxy's Cathedral of the Motion Picture after seven months' absence devoted to organizing the White Institute of Organ, is a rather busy chap these days. In addition to his duties at the console of the fivemanual Kimball at the Roxy, he is anticipating giving organ recitals in various cities, shortly will record a Fox Movietone Presentation, and will broadcast a regular Sunday evening program for the Raytheon Tube Company in which will be introduced the "Lew White Ensemble." Besides the broadcast mentioned, are those in which he appears as a member of Roxy's Gang, and the two for the N. B. C., one of these latter every Saturday evening at 8 P.M. over WEAF and the other every Monday evening at 10.30 P.M. over WJZ. When asked how he does all this, Lew says that he "always reaches for a" — but you know the rest, so what's the use. Be that as it may, the young man (he is only twenty-nine and still in possession of his freedom, girls) manages to get through a tremendous amount of work. Possibly the true reason is to be found in his intense enthusiasm and love for his profession — these qualities will level mountains of obstacles in any walk of

Mr. White's early musical training began at five years of age on the fiddle, and was received from the hands of his father, Herman White, of Philadelphia. At the age of ten he was sent abroad to study piano and theory under Heinrich Pfitzner. Returning to this country, he entered the Philadelphia Musical Academy from which he was graduated. Several summers at Bar Harbor, under well-known artists, furnished the final touches to his musical background, and gave him those qualities which have aided in

making his work so popular with music lovers. Mr. White was not slow to realize the important place ably to the film's beauty. The Paramount offered a the organ was to take in motion picture theatres, and prepared himself for the instrument under Dr. Alexander H. Mathews of the University of Pennsylvania. For a period years to be exact) and was also associated with the Meyer Davis orchestras. Later, for three years, he was experimental organist for the Victor Talking Machine Co. Of course, all these activities were stepping-stones to the

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Mr. White's opinion concerning the recent Vitaphone-Movietone upheaval is that while sound will always be with us, silent pictures will be back within the year, along with organ solos and large orchestras. The talkies, according to him, will be an added attraction.

The Piano Accordion's Family Tree By Arthur B. Miller

OW many players of the piano accordion know that it can trace its lineage so far back that the exact

period in which its original ancestor first had being is lost in the mists of antiquity? Nevertheless, this is but the sober truth. The first application of the principle of the free reed, which is that used in the instrument under discussion as well as the reed organ and harmonium, is to be found in the ancient Chinese cheng, tcheng, or tschiang, whichever orthography best pleases your critical eye. The primitive forerunner of the highly developed and eyeappealing modern accordion, resembles, we are told, nothing so much as a teapot filled with bamboo pipes. These pipes, while cylindrical above the water line, have their lower end, which is inverted in the wind reservoir, cut to a beak-like shape, somewhat resembling the mouthpiece of a clarinet, in order to receive the reed. To play on the cheng, tscheng, or tschiang, one sucked vigorously on the spout of the teapot, and by closing a hole in any individual pipe, the latter was made to speak in a manner charming to Oriental ears, at least, but as to its effect on those of western origin, the less said the better. Because the instrument had to be played by inhalation, and thus caused the throats of its devotées to become highly inflamed, this fact somewhat worked against its remaining a popular vehicle for musical expression, even in China, where people are scarcely aware that they possess tonsils, or at least were not, until the missionaries caught 'em.

However, before the Chinese became thoroughly discouraged in the matter, someone imported a cheng into Europe, and in the second half of the 18th century, Professor Christian Gottlieb Kratzenstein, of Copenhagen, applied the principle to a small pneumatic organ and presented the same to the Academy of St. Petersburg. From then on the free reed firmly established itself in organ building until, in 1840, one Alexandre Debain patented his harmonium, the first of the reed organs as we know them today. A number of years before that, however, 1829 to be exact, Damian, in Vienna, invented the accordion, not as it is known today, you may be assured, but nevertheless containing the foundation on which was to be reared that highly elaborate, eye- and ear-tickling edifice known as the piano

This glorified descendant of the humbler cheng produces tonal effects and contrasts never dreamed of by the tonsilswollen victims of continuous inhalation who sucked out of the latter instrument the ancient love lays of Cathay. It is at home in many varieties of music and is capable, in the more elaborate models, of quite intricate harmonic combinations. Without question, the next few years are going to witness a great enthusiasm over its wide musical

Bearing in mind a few of the qualifications of the presentday accordion one is reminded that its right-hand keyboard is identical to that of the piano, and the touch like that of a reed or pipe organ. The left hand — at first glance so intricate in its operation - is most simple. The pressing of one button brings forth a complete chord and, arranged as these buttons are, systematically and in groups, it is no task whatever to become familiar with the placing of the chords in their proper relation to the right hand keyboard.

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Earle L. Sparks, Sparks School of Music, Norwich, Conn. - Keep up the good work. I read all articles each month and find something of value in each. Have a large musical scrapbook filled with the photos from the picture page for students to look over while waiting their turn. Also mark certain texts and file away for future reference.



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deep to be probed. But almost every organist has had personal experience with this phobia. The next most common hallucination is that the manager's personal opinions on music and everything else represent a perfect cross-section of audience opinion. This is complicated at the same time by a queer sort of inferiority complex in managers which leads them to think that a criticism by any chance patron, no matter how ill-founded, coincides with their own profound convictions and simply acts to bring it to the surface. Ah, well! For any further observations, I refer you to Dr. Freud.

Solos

A recent reader suggested that reviews and reports of unique solos would be of general interest and help to readers. This struck me as sound stuff, and I am in receipt of an interesting letter from Kenneth T. Wright of Lloyd's Theatre, Menominee, Michigan, describing his application of the "Phantom Organ" stunt, and a few wrinkles in utilizing sound instead of fighting it. Mr. Wright asked me not to publish the letter, apparently thinking it held little of general interest, but I so far disagree with him as to append it herewith, and apologize to him for not following his wishes. I want to express my appreciation of his spirit of cooperation, to say nothing of his modesty in assuming no one would be interested.



Kenneth T. Wright seated at a stage console, the building of which, as he so earnestly remarks, was the product of "lots of wire, patience and

Here I go pestering you again, for which I ask forgiveness, but knowing how you have been trying to get organists to work up new novelties and better themselves instead of growling about sound pictures, I thought you might be interested in some of our new stuff up here. I'm asking you not to bother publishing or printing any of this, Mr. Castillo, as, probably, it's nothing that anyone else, other than yourself, would be interested in.

I enclose a picture of one of my stunts, which was worked some time ago - that of building a stage console from an old reed organ and an extra keyboard, one octave of homemade pedals, and lots of wire, patience, and hard feelings. The old stops on the organ were wired to the pistons of our Barton console, making the changes of combinations from the home-made outfit, simple. Even a swell pedal was connected. The keys were wired directly to the contact blocks under the manuals, and the whole thing was on the end of the long cable which enabled it to be moved around on the stage, or played from the wings, as was the first of the stunts worked. I could use only one foot on the one octave of pedals (Miss Kerr scores another) - the right, helping me keep my balance besides working the swells. The manager announced my disappearance, and started to play my solo for me. In the middle of a chorus, he left the bench, and the audience was truly mystified to hear the organ play a group of song slides—see the stops change, and the slides keep right with the playing as if someone were there. The slides would ask questions as to my whereabouts, and the organ would answer by bits of appropriate songs. Later on, it was all explained from the stage — as you see in the photo.

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We have used, advantageously, organ and sound to quite an extent. The best short subject used a few months ago, was a Tiffany Color Classic - In a Persian Market, using Ketelbey's suite of the same name, for the theme. The organ and the orchestra on the disc worked well together and was quite pleasing. Lately we've tried another on a larger scale. That was of using organ with a complete feature - Melody of Love. As you know, there are many silent places in it - many with merely effects, and the lack of music is quite uncomfortable. I cued the silent parts and played with the synchronizing orchestra in many places -also with the singing. The opening and chaser furnished good chances to use the combination also. The theme song was used for these, and many other places in the picture. The comments by the patrons made us feel that it was time well spent in memorizing and playing this score. I played with the console dark to give no cause for distracting the attention from the picture.

I have also had real good luck with a mike mounted at the console, using it with community singing numbers. I announce from Radio Station H-O-W-L and kid the audience into singing - sometimes singing with them, when the ushers guard the doors so no one can escape.

I surely believe with you, Mr. Castillo, that if we can use something new often, and keep the public interested in us until the novelty of the talkies wears down a bit, we can still eat, and our future won't be in danger.

With that letter as a starter, who else with original ideas is broad gauged enough to share them with the readers of this column? If you confine yourself to stunts you have already pulled successfully, you add rather than detract from your achievement by having imitators. Mr. Harold L. Burney of Sheldon, Me., has additional features he would like to see presented. "Would like to see something on the idea of 'How I Played The Picture' on some current production, giving description of the scene and juice used. Would like to see details of organ novelties introduced here, also stage presentations from leading houses reviewed in detail each month."

I remember quite a while ago endeavoring to find out whether readers were interested in other players' cue sheets, and apparently finding that they weren't. Once in a while there comes up some unusually interesting detail, as the argument about playing the Star Spangled Banner in The Patent Leather Kid, but usually cue sheets resolve themselves into a selection of one of a number of equally appropriate pieces, according to the limitations or previous use of the numbers in the individual's library. But as to presentations, I hope we may be able to gratify Mr. Burney's wish to some degree.

I also have a request from Mr. W. Hopkins of New Zealand for a little attention to the pianists, giving chords and effects for whistles, thunder, bells, etc., with a few remarks on the side as to improvising. Without having actually tried it, I don't see why the same general formulas for effects shouldn't be used on the piano just about the same as on the organ. The booklet entitled Theatre Organists' Secrets by C. Roy Carter, P. O. Box 97, Station C, Los Angeles, Cal., lists these more completely than anything else I am familiar with, but the address is an old one, and I cannot, therefore, vouch for it. Worth a two cent stamp to find out, I should say. On improvising, I offer you the same hint I always have — "Don't." If you have no natural skill at it, stick to the published numbers.

Charles E. Allen, Organist, Odeon Theatre, Beaver Dam, Wis. - Can't afford to miss a single copy of MELODY. To me. Del Castillo's articles alone are worth far more than the price of the magazine.

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HAT the conditions under which one dines affect the digestibility of the meal is admitted by doctors. The person too thick-skinned to be conscious of his setting may thrive on any kind of food, served any old way, so long as it is not poisonous; but those who are old enough, aesthetically, to "take notice" will derive greater benefit from a dinner agreeably served in attractive surroundings.

If this is true of a comparatively material thing like food, how much more must it be true of music which is essentially immaterial? In other words, in listening to music, are we not affected, consciously or unconsciously, by the conditions under which we hear it? Is the background beautiful or ugly, is the light pleasant or annoying, is the hall hot or cold, are the seats comfortable or uncomfortable?

We have often reflected on these matters at Symphony concerts when, no doubt, we should have been giving our entire attention to the music. A piece of music may be so absorbing that for the time being one does not notice surroundings and even a certain amount of discomfort may be ignored for the few minutes of its performance. But this is seldom true of an entire evening's concert. Very few, if any, pieces are so enthralling to everybody, and many others, it would seem, cannot be that enthralling to anybody.

It is during the performance of some of these pieces which compel less than maximum concentration, that we reflect on certain vexed questions in Boston's symphonic mise en scène. For instance, there is the lighting. As it is now, it was not in the beginning. Before the war, the hall used to be brightly lighted. Then came the various war-time economies, one of which was the saving of fuel, and so to save electricity, Symphony Hall was reduced to about half its usual illumination during the course of the music. After the war, the practice may have become a habit, or enough people may have said they liked the half-light, so the management has continued

Well, there is much to be said on both sides. Nobody, of course, enjoys a glare in his eyes, and some persons feel more emotional in a dim light, and then there is the argument, put forth by a noted musical authority, that reading program notes during the music is inimical to its appreciation, and, therefore, the hall should be so dark that reading is impossible. On the other hand, there are those who

recognize the emotional value of a darkened theatre where the imagination is to be invoked by the scene on the stage, but who, in a concert hall where there is no stage setting on which to focus the eye, prefer light enough to enable them to look about the hall, if they are so disposed, and also to read the program, even at the risk of their musical appreciation. We like sunny days, and dark nights, too, have their charms as background for nocturnal activities, but what we tire of soonest are dull gray days, with their half-light, which is neither bright enough to be cheerful, nor dark enough to make it necessary to turn on the light. So an evening of this semi-darkness becomes irritating or, at best, soporific. Unless you stare fixedly at the orchestra, or close your eyes, you are bound to look around the house, and yet you can't see anything clearly. That person across the balcony, for instance, in the black dress; is she a flapper or a grandmother, an acquaintance or a perfect stranger, is she looking at you or is she asleep? And who is that in blue farther along? Is she pretty? — if so, she would be agreeable to look at during the Debussy, but there is no way to find out till the end of the concert. Such harmless

interests are thwarted and there is nothing to do but look off into dusk while the orchestra ploughs steadily through the development section of that symphony you didn't want to hear, but had to sit through in order to get the preceding and following pieces.

Then the matter of the program notes. The Boston Symphony program book is some class" among program books. Mr. Hale's infinite musical erudition and taste have gone into the writing of the notes, and presumably most patrons of the concerts desire to read them. But just when is that to be done? Obviously, if the notes are to aid the listener in understanding the music, they should be read either before or during the concert. We admit freely that to read them before the concert would be the better plan, but unfortunately that would require one of two things: either the audience would have to come to Symphony Hall half an hour before the concert, or the management would have to mail copies of the program book to subscribers a day or two before. If you can imagine a concert audience going to the hall at 7.30 or 7.45 in the evening in order to have time to read the notes before the music begins and the lights go down, you have more imagination than we have. Sending the programs in advance seems the ideal solution, but at present the management (with an annual deficit) could hardly be expected to look favorably on the additional expense of mailing several thousand booklets, and even this would not take care of the people who are not season ticket holders.

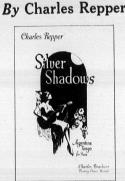
Since, therefore, the program notes will not be read before the concert, and cannot be read during the concert without risking the eyesight, the information contained in them more often reaches the concertgoer too late to be of much value in listening to the music in question. It may not be the most musical thing in the world to read about a symphony while you are hearing it, but there are worse crimes. If you don't care to do it, you are not compelled to just because your neighbor does, so if he gets any good out of it, why deprive him of the benefit by turning off his light? There is something illogical about providing abundant and expensive notes and then making the hall so dark that they can't be read. To carry the idea further, when the lighting was cut in half the advertising rates in the program should have been reduced by at east the same amount; if the number of programs printed was cut in half, you would expect a reduction in rates, so if the hall is made so dim that the ads can be only half seen, why is the effect not the same?

The spectacle of big business awaking to the fact that music has hitherto unsuspected possibilities for profits and that it is capable of being organized, combined and consolidated along the lines of Standard Oil and the chain stores, is not heartening to those whose lives and interests are bound up with the art. The capitalist's dream of a world in which all music is performed in phonograph, radio, and sound-movie studios by a small group of musicians under his domination, and then sold to the public at so much per vibration, is really a nightmare, not only to theatrical players now out of jobs, but to anyone who feels that music is something more than a mere commodity to be bought, sold and manipulated for personal profit.

If you have been contemplating, awake or asleep, the advancing commercializing of music, you would have been cheered by a concert given on a recent Sunday at the Boston City Club by the Boston Civic Symphony Orchestra, Joseph F. Wagner, conducting. Here you had an orchestra of some seventy-five players, some of them young students in the public schools, some Continued on page 41

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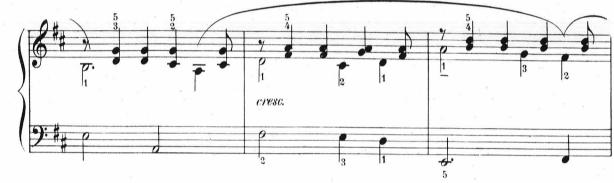


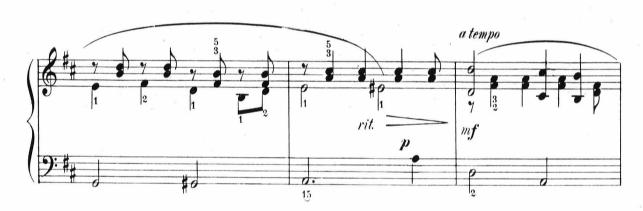
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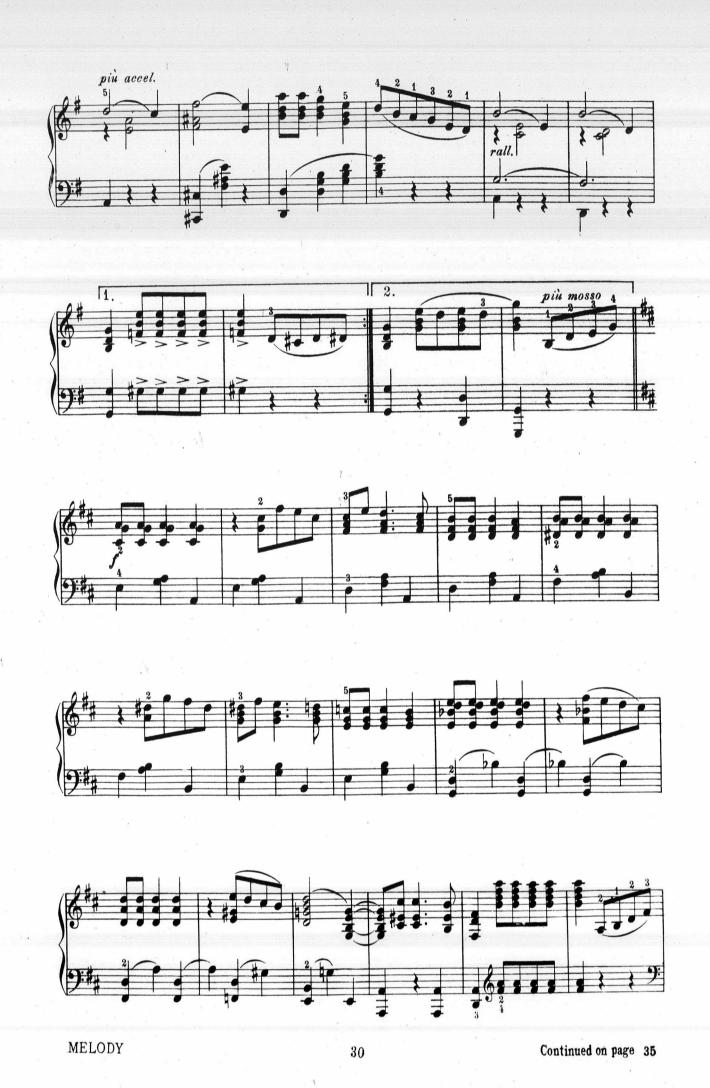


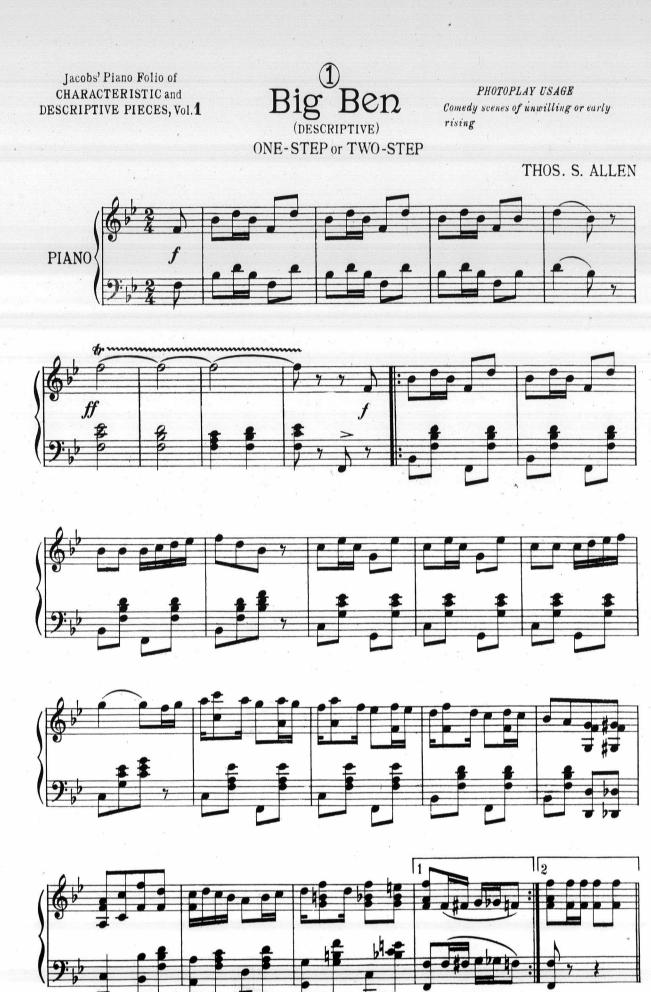






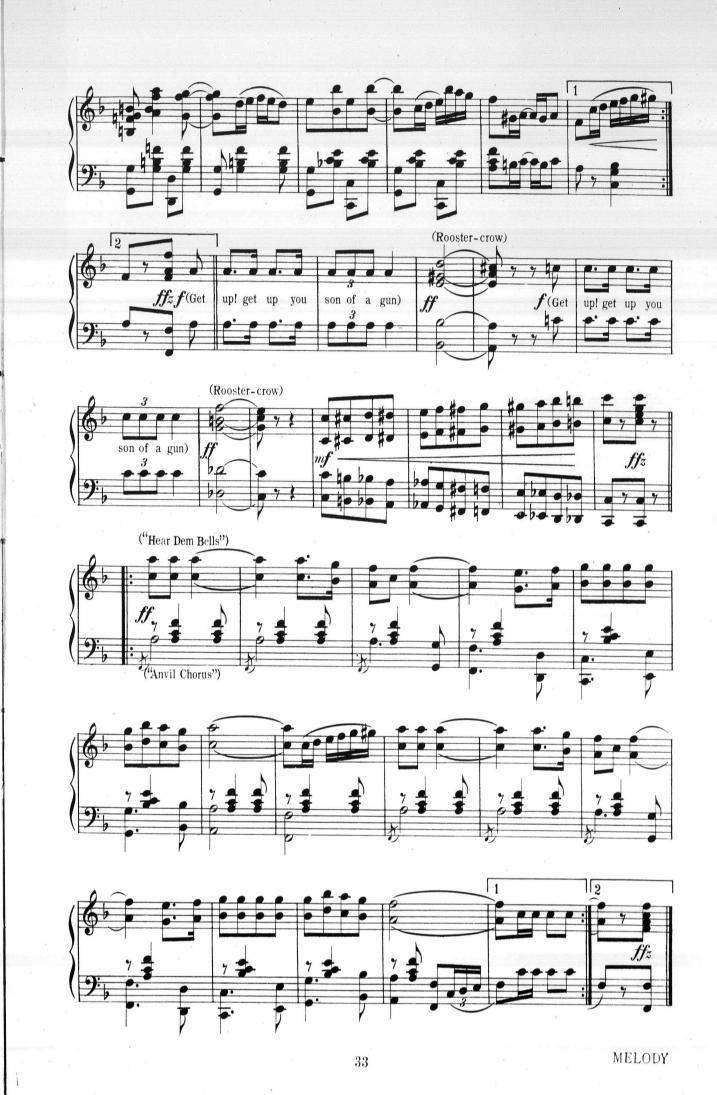
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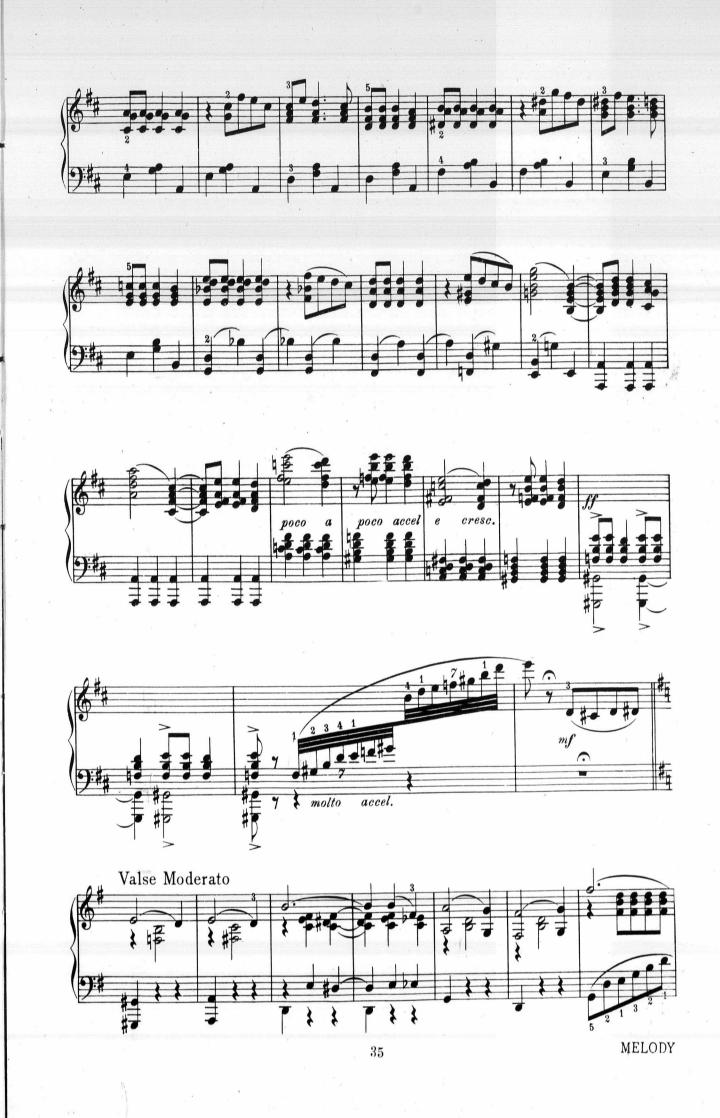


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of them older graduates who cared to continue orchestral playing. They had rehearsed, and were playing solely for the fun of it, just as their conductor, too, has never received any material remuneration for his work. The program was interesting: not an assortment of hackneyed classics warmed up in amateur fashion, but a judicious mixture of old and new pieces, many of them unfamiliar numbers even on professional programs, and two of them the work of living American composers. There was nothing routine about the work of either players or conductor. The hall in which the concert took place was crowded to the doors by people who cared enough to hear these players to come some distance, and who evidently preferred this music to their radios or phonographs at home, or to a movie in town, or a motor ride in the country. In short, here were a goodly number of persons who cared to make music themselves for the pleasure of doing it, and other persons who enjoyed being present while the musicians played — persons who did not choose to have all their music come to them out of a box.

If we can have enough people who feel this way, we can keep music, in large part, from the Midas-touch of big business, and then, if it does get listed on the stockexchange, it won't matter.

-Charles Repper

AT THE Metropolitan — The Divine Lady with Corinne Griffith, Victor Varconi, H. B. Warner, and Ian Keith. A

rather lovely film in many respects. Of course the mad love affair of Lord Nelson and Lady Hamilton is always one to fire the imagination. That, in reality, it was scarcely the idealistic business presented to my eyes on this visit to the Met is without doubt regrettable; nevertheless, it is one of the great passions of history, and in common with all, from that of the red-headed Cleopatra and her Roman Antony down, appeals to the piratical love instincts inherent to most of us, whether we admit it or not. As for the idealistic gloss, above mentioned, which was thrown over the subject by the producers of The Divine Lady, it does not bother me a whit. I am capable of believing in Santa Claus be he presented to me in plausible fashion. Therefore, if the lovely Emma were really a less admirable creature than the adaptors of the Barrington novel would have me believe, and the hero of Trafalgar a bit more of the false friend than was exposed to view, I cannot find it in my heart to cavil-matters were much more as they should have been, at any rate.

Miss Griffith presented an excellent picture of the sort of woman over which men completely lose their reason, and then announce the fact to the world with a whoop. If Lady Hamilton at all resembled her portrayal by La Belle Corinne, then much is explained and most of it can be forgiven. Victor Varconi, as the doughty sea dog, Lord Nelson, gave an excellent and sympathetic rendering of the part. H. B. Warner, whom I have yet to see in a rôle to which he has not brought insight and artistry, made of the somewhat complacent Lord Hamilton a figure of dignity and appeal - a difficult enough task in all conand self-centred. So much for cast and

The filming on the whole was good, and some of the pictorial flashes exquisite. Portions of the story were handled with intelligence and imagination. The closeup of the dying Nelson, for instance, overprinted on a sea shot, and the symbolical from the consciousness of the hero the vision of his beloved Emma, is clever stuff and worthy of note.

The film used a synchronized score which was just what one would expect a syn- Junior High School Auditorium

chronized score to be. Several song sequences were lugged in (four, if I remember rightly), all, with the exception of the last, examples of execrable recording. Blots on an otherwise commendable picture.

The production, Pearls of Bagdad, held considerable eye appeal, and was less offensive to the ear than most, due to the fact that the jazz band, with the exception of one number, if my recollection is not blurred, played straight. For the first time was presented to my eyes, as master of ceremonies, Ted Claire. My opinion of maestri of this nature should be known to readers by this time, but I make an exception in favor of Mr. Claire, due to the fact that here is a gentleman whose capabilities give him a legitimate right to appear as an entertainer. He can sing and he can dance, and on this visit, at least, he did not intrude comedy and slap-stick baton work on his conducting. No jabbing the orchestra in the eye with his stick-no shoulder quivers-no back porch upheavals - in short, no vulgar monkeyshines such as sadden the intelligent and of which even the boobs are beginning to tire. Of course, I have yet to witness Mr. Claire in charge of one of his Whoopee shows which go on at nine o'clock each evening. Perhaps it is just as well. The word has a sinister ring in conjunction with a master of The show was rounded out with Arthur

Martel at the organ, the Metropolitan— er—"Grand Orchestra" at its usual task of playing the newsreel, a comedy filler. and an animated cartoon. The entire bill, respectable entertainment.

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m Allen\ Drayton,\ well-known\ pianist\ of}^{
m UDOLPH\ TOLL,\ assisted\ by\ Alice}$ Boston, played, over the air, on the Sager Hour, Debussy's Première Rhapsodie, for clarinet and piano. It will be remembered that this work was composed in 1910 for the graduates of the Paris Conservatory; the one who gave it the best rendition was awarded the Gold Medal Prize.

The composition taxes the player to his utmost, calling, as it does, for an infinitely delicate phrasing and the execution of extremely intricate florid passages. For this reason, it is rarely heard in public, which is unfortunate as it is a noteworthy composition in the literature of the clarinet. Mr. Toll apparently was not inconvenienced in the least by the demands on his musicianship and technic offered by the French composer, than which we can pay no higher

A word also must be said for the accompaniment as played by Mrs. Drayton, who handled the far from facile Debussy pianoidiom with technical ease. It was once said of a rather famous exponent of modern French piano music, that many times, in presenting the compositions of Claude Achille, he "played something that sounded like Debussy, but was much easier." This reproach cannot be flung at Mrs. Dray-

THERON PERKINS, the veteran band-

master, while not by any means neglecting the concert field in which he has en prominent for many years, is becommercenary Greville, was properly despicable and directing of juvenile bands. At present, Mr. Perkins has nine of this type of organization in hand. Just recently, the Wakefield Rotary Boys' Band, under his direction, gave a concert in which were and Aaron Harris, euphonium. represented such composers as Gounod, Schubert, and Ghys. Still more recently, the combined band and orchestra of the Fitchburg High School, under the direction wave which with its crest forevermore wipes of J. Edward Bouvier, Musical Director, assisted by Mr. Perkins, who is Instructor of band instrumentation in the Junior and Senior High Schools, presented a program of standard selection in the B. T. Brown

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ON THE evening of April 7, the seventeenth "Monster Band Concert" with science. Ian Keith, as the smooth and ing more and more active in the organizing 400 players, given for the benefit of the Boston Musicians' Relief Fund Association, was held at Mechanics Building, with John Philip Sousa at the conductor's desk. The soloists were Marjorie Moody, soprano,

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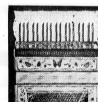
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Recently the Jacobs Music Magazines sent out a questionnaire which brought some very interesting answers, and divulged a rather unexpected interest in banjo bands. However, it is quite apparent that thus far there is no standard of instrumentation for banjo bands, although the leaders who responded were practically unanimous in their opinion that the most successful of such bands, from the standpoint of both the players and the public, are those in which one or more wind instruments are included. The added instruments, say the leaders, are necessary to give color, char-

Consider the Banjo Band

T HAS often been said that the mandolin clubs and fretted instrument orchestras, which were in wide vogue not so many years ago, owe their decline in popularity to the fact that they were, in the main, composed exclusively of the one general family of plectrum instruments, and were, therefore, obliged to rely entirely on the picked or plucked strings for the full range of musical effects they were able to present to the public. It can be added that the players of those days were chiefly amateurs whose musical experience was so limited that, with a comparatively few notable exceptions, most of the mandolin clubs and orchestras heard by the public were such as to leave the impression that fretted instruments - particularly mandolins and guitars — were at best no more than playtime instruments. They were therefore treated less and less seriously by musicians and music lovers in general, with the result that at the time music instruction in the schools became an important factor in the educational program, fretted instruments were left decidedly out of

allowed to repeat itself through the medium of the banjo band. There are, as we all know. thousands of tenor banjo players in the country who are potential organizers of, or players in, banjo bands, and it is obviously a matter of vital concern to all who are interested in the manufacture, sale and teaching of these instruments to do everything possible to promote such organization. If, however, banjo bands are to have a lasting and beneficial effect in establishing and maintaining tenor banjos as popular and practical instruments, they must of themselves have sufficient merit to hold their own in competition with the various types of ensembles already in the field. There must be evolved a general standard of instrumentation and performance, and above all there must be provided meritorious music to meet the present requirements, and to anticipate those of the future as the aforementioned standards are developed.*

acter, and variety of tone and effects. The

*This need has in large measure been met by at least one publisher, i. e., Walter Jacobs, of Boston, who has for years been a pioneer in the publication of fretted instrument music. The Jacobs catalog contains many numbers for both orchestra and band which include tenor and plectrum banjo parts. Practically every arrangement added to the Jacobs catalog within the past four years has been provided with a banjo part. The latest and most substantial contribution to this literature is found in Jacobs Folio for School Orchestras, which includes parts for all the fretted instruments, and Jacobs Folio for Banjo Bands. The three volumes of this folio provide, so far as we know, the most complete and satisfactory arrangements for banjo bands thus far published. Not only is the music complete for exclusive banjo or plectrum ensembles, with or without plano and drums, but the arrangements are such that any of the instruments of the orchestra may be added, with a complete part in book form for each instrument.

By Z. PORTER WRIGHT

THIS article, by a prominent writer on instrumental matters, is well salted with that useful, if somewhat rare condiment, common sense. The author's plea for a broader training of students appears to us as a vital matter. While we recognize the cleverness and ability of the average amongst well-schooled dance players, it must be admitted that, as Mr. Wright points out, this specialized schooling is of no use when the player is faced with the problems presented by other, and in many instances, higher types of music. It is our belief, also, that his warning expressed concerning the dangers of a chauvinistic attitude towards the instrument, a trap it would seem, particularly enticing to players of the plectrum group, is worthy of earnest consideration. No one group of instruments is sufficient unto itself, not even the strings, and this statement we make despite the loud outcries of string trio and quartet enthusiasts. This magazine has always held that the tenor-banic color would be a valuable addition to orthodox orchestral instrumentation, but doubly true is it that certain of the orchestral colors, at least, are a necessity to the plectrum ensemble palette. If there be those who do not agree with Mr. Wright and the magazine, let them raise their voices. They will be listened to respectfully by all concerned.

public, they add, complains of the monotony in these respects, which is the result of exclusive use of plectrum instruments.

Undeniably there is this widespread and growing interest in tenor banjos and banjo bands, and it should be seized upon by all who can benefit through the promotion and stabilization of the vellum-head instruments. It is, however, of even greater importance to continue the progress which has been so well begun toward the ultimate goal of securing a permanent place for members of the plectrum family among the recognized and regularly used instruments of the orchestra and band. There should be no dividing line separating any families of musical instruments which have sufficient merit to be utilized as media for music study and development of our people, else sooner or later those instruments which are outside of the line will drop into the background, or be ignored en- point that may be well understood by anyone

Banjo Bands Can Be Made Feeders

Through the united thought and effort of the trade and profession, banjo bands may be made to serve not only the purpose of maintaining and increasing player and public interest in their instruments, but at the same time these organizations may be of no little importance in eliminating the aforementioned dividing line, which indubitably exists, even though somewhat faintly in some sections. First of all, banjo bands may well be the means of developing players of sufficient calibre and with muted tone—or at the proper times by ability to take their places among the trained not playing at all!—are totally beyond the players of the concert orchestra and band, ken of banjoists who ought to know better. when called upon. The dance orchestra, which Therefore what can be expected of the average has been entirely responsible for bringing the supervisor? tenor banjo into its present prominence as a professional instrument, has circumscribed its There are not a few instructors and supervisors scope to such an extent that it is, unfortunately, who are well acquainted with the good as well regarded by many as exclusively an instrument as the less desirable points of the fretted instruof the dance. This dance vogue has produced ments. Many of these are making good use players who in the main, despite outstanding of banjo sections in their regular orchestras. and oftentimes remarkable ability in the per- In some schools, tenor banjo is taught on a par formance of dance music, are not at all at home with the orchestra and band instruments; in the baton of a conductor where the customary tion outside of school are regular members of chord symbols and strict tempo of the ball- theschool orchestras, and there is an increasingly room have no place. This does not mean there widespread use of tenor banjo sections in wind

are no real musicians among the tenor banjo artists. There is, however, a dearth of professional tenor banjoists who can hold their own in any but dance outfits. The tenor banjoist of the younger generation — the pupil of the dance-trained professional, or perhaps his radio and phonograph disciple - cannot be blamed if he prove musically unfit to secure and keep a place in the school concert orchestra or even "keep his place" in reading music for that matter. Maybe he never learned how to read music — although he may be a shark at identifying chords and playing them in any position.

There are, to be sure, teachers who have both the ability and the strength of will to provide their young tenor aspirants with an all-round musical training. These appear to be in the minority, however, judging by the predominance of youngsters whose chief aim seems to be to emulate the rhythm specialists, and who are very nearly in the class of youthful saxophone tooters whose life ambition is to do the slap tongue and horse neigh.

More Careful Training Needed

If, therefore, the young plectrumists are to find their way into school and amateur bands and orchestras, and are to be allowed to stay there, they must have a more worthy conception of the purpose and scope of their instruments, and some training that will fit them for polite company. They are not getting the training in school, and consequently, at the outset at least, must get it outside of school.

A logical step in the right direction therefore is a development through banjo bands which will from the beginning give sound fundamental training to young people, and prepare them to read and play as well as understand the type of music that would be placed before them in their school outfits. This is a rather important who has seen the look of horror on a school orchestra leader's face when, upon having finally permitted a young tenor banjoist to sit in his orchestra, he is treated to the latest approved jazz strokes and breaks as applied to Chanson Triste. The run of school supervisors who have ever heard banjo at all, expect something of the sort if they permit such an instrument in their ensembles, and to tell the truth, the average player, young or otherwise, expects nothing different. The numerous striking and pleasing effects which can be achieved by a fairly good banjoist in single note runs, broken chords

Note that I say "the average supervisor." when required to play from a score and under others, banjo players who have received instruc-



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bands. In truth, there is an open-minded disposition on the part of school leaders and supervisors which to some extent is offset by lack of properly trained players and lack of music with proper plectrum instrument parts.*

To sum up, if we wish the tenor banjo to take its rightful place in music, and unless we wish the banjo band to go the way of the old-time fretted instrument clubs, we must start training players capable of holding their own, as well educated musicians, with performers on the already accepted members of orthodox instrumentation — players who will be able to recognize and draw from the banjo every possible musical effect it possesses. Overemphasis of plectrum color in banjo bands must be avoided because of the danger of a resultant monotony. In this connection, let it be said that an entire evening spent in listening to music presented by an orchestra made up of strings, or wood winds, or brasses would be just as boresome. In our enthusiasm, we must avoid the pitfalls of chauvinism. For the good of the instrument, banjo bands should be looked upon as a means, rather than an end. The goal is the recognition of the tenor banjo as an instrument capable of individual effects. and, as such, worthy of a place alongside the recognized members of serious instrumentation. If properly presented, the banjo band can do a great bit of educational work along these lines: if the individual members are properly trained, the banjo band can also be a great factor in supplying musicians to fill the positions which the acceptance of the tenor banjo as an orthodox orchestral instrument will create.

I think these matters are worthy of serious consideration. What do you think?

*See footnote on page 43.

New York: - Franz Lehar, the composer of the Merry Widow, with an orchestra of forty Viennese musicians, is to visit the United States the coming season. The type of music which will be played by his organization has not been announced, but without doubt Mr. Lehar, himself, will be represented on the programs, a fact which should be of interest to all lovers of musicianly written

New York. - S. A. Berg, who claims to have scored the first motion picture, and also to have invented the cue sheet, has just recently become Musical Supervisor of the newly created Musical Department for the synchronization of scores of World Wide Pictures. Mr. Berg at one time was Musical Editor of the Motion Picture World, as well as being associated for six years with Keith Prowse, prominent English publisher.

Washington, D. C. - Letters patent have just been issued to Harry E. Bettoney on metal clarinets of single tube construction. Owing to the fact that the United States Government specifications call for certain of the features included in this patent, the Cundy-Bettoney Co. give all American manufacturers permission to use these features when supplying instruments to the War Depart-

San Francisco, Calif. — Recently the San Francisco Bay Section High School Orchestra and Chorus gave a concert in the San Francisco Civic Auditorium, complimentary to the California Public School Music Conference and High School Principals' Convention. The orchestra (149 players) was conducted by Herman Trutner, Jr., of the Technical High School, Oakland, and the chorus (286 voices) sang under the baton of Charles M. Dennis, College of the Pacific, Stockton. Ernest L. Owen, Tamalpais High School, Mill Valley, was chairman of the executive committee in charge of the concert.

A noteworthy feature of the orchestra was the abundance of the less common instruments, for which young players are so difficult to develop. The instrumentation list carried 18 violas, 18 cellos, 16 double basses, 4 oboes, 5 bassoons, and 8 horns. This orchestra of 149 players would appear to have been quite fortunate in such matters.

You Can Take It or Leave It

By ALFRED SPRISSLER

Intimate Glimpses of the Unknown Great

WHILE on an exploratory tour through the great Theophilanthropistic monastery at Aw, Lewis County, Ky., your correspondent heard the stirring strains of the National Emblem March played on a dulcimer. When we discovered the unknown player we knew him at once in spite of his monkish garb, the simple habit of the Theophilanthropists, a sect that began its life during the French Revolution and was wholly extinct by 1802. The plain, ungarnished gown, made of flowered cretonne with beige piping, bishop's sleeves cut à la jardinière, a vestee of cloth of gold embroidered with designs in silver wire picked out with seed pearls, sandals of green morocco leather with gold buckles, and a berét of plum colored velvet, enveloped none other than Sylvanus Moog, a character known to every reader of The Jacobs Music Magazines.

"Sylvanus Moog!" we cried, in a whisper. "The man

"Shush!" shouted Moog, throwing his dulcimer out of the window. "You have found me at last, Sir Mortimer! Is this a conspiracy to deprive me of my inheritance?" And in desperation he began to gnaw on a large piece of maple sugar. Anon, stimulated by the maddening narcotic, he

"Yes, it is I, Sylvanus Moog, the man who turned more music pages than any thousand music clerks in existence today." He paused reflectively, and threw a gamboge dalmatic embroidered with sapphire crescents about his shoulders. "You see me here today, in this unobtrusive dress, as plainly clothed as a sparrow, retired from the hectic world.

"I take it that you are not unacquainted with my marvelous history, of the recital of my phenomenal rise to fame and to the top of the grand fraternity of music turners. My apprenticeship was served in my natal town of Verreeville, near Philadelphia. Of that once populous place, alas! not one stone now stands. Verreeville has perished from the earth. A real estate development and a city park conspired to its effacement. Ach, wie traurig es war, mein guter Herr!" he sobbed in his native Spanish

"I began to turn the music for the pianist in the old Opera House in Rockledge, hard by the iniquitous fleshpot of Fox Chase. Here I learned my profession, the tricks of the game that was later to enrich me. After ten years turning music in the Opera House, a fractious horse in the stables beneath the orchestra pit kicked down a supporting timber and the Opera House collapsed.

"Out of employment, I journeyed by easy stages the entire eleven miles to Philadelphia by trolley car, the fare for which I raised by helping the crew lift the car back onto the tracks after it had plowed into Hunsicker's meadow. In Philadelphia I worked as a pin boy in the bowling alleys of a German singing society, the Allgemeinsaufgurgelvereinsängerkranz, I think it was called, or some such simple, homely name. You can imagine how my artistic

no artistry in your soul, can understand that. "But one night, whilst hurrying into the bowling alley, I heard the leader of the singing society ask if there was anyone there who understood music. With some diffidence, for I am a modest man, I proffered my services. 'You!' he sneered. 'A mere pin boy in a bowling alley, to attempt to turn music!' 'Believe it or not,' I answered mildly, 'but beneath this humble exterior beats a true and noble heart!' This answer won me my chance, and at the end of the performance, while the singers were refreshing themselves with tea and wafers, the leader rushed up to me and said: 'You are indeed an artist! No other hand but yours will turn our pianist's music! You are a genius!' 'I know

soul writhed beneath this ignominy. Even you, who have

"My deserved fame spread like wildfire. Newspaper critics mentioned my artistic music turning. 'The music was turned in a sympathetic and musicianly manner by Sylvanus Moog.' But my surprise and pleasure were unlimited when I received a flattering offer from a society for the presentation of chamber music. This was an entirely new line of endeavor for me, and I practised turning the leaves of the Mozart trios, the Beethoven trios and the Schumann quartet so much in the privacy of my room that my fellow lodgers complained of the noise.

"But I had reckoned without the Allgemeinsaufgurgelsängerkranz. They insisted that I not leave them. I was betwixt my duty and my chance for future glory. I chose the latter, and trained a substitute for the former. I was given other positions, and my services were constantly in demand. I trained other assistants to a high pitch of

efficiency, establishing a central office in the clubhouse of the Union League, and employing a fleet of electrically equipped bicycles with the sign 'Artistic Music Turning Furnished by Sylvanus Moog' on the tonneaux. Later I started branch offices in New York, Boston, Los Angeles and Camden, N. J., then inaugurated my school of music turning, giving a three years' course leading to a degree. In the thirty years I conducted my school, I graduated almost fifty thousand fully qualified music turners. My name became a household one, and I wrote books on the science of music turning. I personally flew across the Atlantic in a rocketpropelled seaplane to turn the music for my friend, the illustrious composer Vladimir Snappitoff, who is now a world-famous pianist and whom I knew when he was Dennis Casey and set pins in number three alley.

"You ask me why I left this fame and honor to retire to solitude? I shall tell you, although I forbid its publication in anything except books, newspapers, and magazines.

"I took, as you know, a great artistic pride in my work. Why not? I was the world's greatest music turner. Kings fawned upon me. Princess, soldiers and scientists hung upon my every word. Headwaiters were even civil to me.

"But one night! Ah, how it hurts to tell it - I was engaged to turn the music for the famous organist, William Aquafortis Keys, of Drexel Hill, Pa., as he played the wellknown Bacchanalian Revels of Kristiaan Boos. Thirteen thousand people were in the auditorium, and all eyes were focused upon me. I had attained the pinnacle of my career, when - I turned two pages at once!" And he burst into passionate sobbing.

"But man alive," we said, "That was no disgrace!" He drew himself up proudly. "Of course not," he said sharply. "But that hound Keys was playing the selection from memory, and my mistake didn't throw him out!' And so we left him, a broken and disheartened man, surrounded by memories and the unostentatious display of the fraternity of which he is the only living member.

A Society Reporter Covers a Recital

 ${f M}^{
m ISS\,IDONIA\,FOGG}$, debutante daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gamaliel Fogg, formerly of London, where the Foggs have been thick for ages and ages, but now of "Beechnut Lodge," Hog Wallow, N. J., was heard last night in a recital of violin music before an audience composed of the fashionably elite of the city.

Miss Fogg, who is a graduate of Lillian Weinwurm's School, a very exclusive establishment out on the Maine Line, presented a lovely picture of girlish charm as she stood on the platform with her violin, a Stradivari instrument especially built by Mr. Stradivari according to Mr. Fogg's express orders at a price rumored to be in four figures. The charming violiniste wore a delicious creation of apricot transparent velvet featuring the oblique hemline so much in vogue at present among the truly smart. The decolletage was V-shaped and extremely low, while the bodice was appliqued with passementerie. Apricot hose and satin slippers to match completed the bride's — pardon me — the soloist's ensemble.

Among the large and socially brilliant audience were Mr. and Mrs. E. Hawley Twiss, of "Coryza," Narragansett Pier, L. I., Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Bogus, Miss Dorothea Bogus and Miss Ermintrude Agethea Bogus. The engagement of Miss Ermintrude Agethea Bogus and Mr. J. Horiato Gash, who graduated from Snobleigh University last year, has recently been announced. Mr. Gash holds a responsible position selling bonds for Bogus, Bogus and Crooks, of New York, Miami, Chicago and Sunburst, N. C. Mrs. Reginald Quiffen Stirk, who occupies a suite at the Hotel Neolithic, wearing a black velvet gown trimmed with ermine, and Mr. and Mrs. O. Howard Snorrs, of Proboscis, Me., were among the invited guests.

Miss Fogg played "Liebesfreud" by Kreisler, the big automobile manufacturer, two movements of a concerto by Saint-Saëns, one of the great mediaeval French preachers, and a minuet in G by Count Louis von Beethoven, aide de camp for the former Kaiser, and who is now staying at the Fritz-Marleton.

Charles Dickens and Music

THE pianoforte player, overpowered by the extreme heat of the room, fainted away at the commencement of the entertainment, leaving the music of Masaniello to the flute and the violoncello. The orchestra complained that Mr. Harleigh put them out, and Mr. Harleigh declared that the orchestra prevented his singing a note.

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The Violinist Edwin A. Sabin

In speaking about improvement last month, we are aware that in the closing paragraph of our article we eluded or jumped over a few things which might have been considered as a natural and consistent following of what had been said about well-fitting pegs, the need of better tuning, and so forth. Without attempting to continue logically on from these most important preliminaries, we urged the violinist to renew his acquaintance with, or take up trio, quartet or other combinations for ensemble

playing. Our excuse is that we are not planning methodical articles for this department.

A well-defined scheme for progress would undoubtedly have considerable value on paper in the way of instruction and suggestion, but its real success would depend upon the understanding and persistency of the student. This is true of any feature of violin playing at whatever stage of progress, which would include then the period of advancement from the good pegs and better tuning to the trio, quartet, sextet, etc., and all other periods from that of the scratchy beginner, on through years of development, to that of the so-called finished artist. Really, the artist never finishes - he is too fond of his violin. The urge to make music, and always to make it better, is one of the ideas that he "lives by."

In that last paragraph of the April contribution we observe that the advice as to playing with others was incomplete; the very first matter which should have been suggested was omitted. It will now receive especial attention. We believe the careful, musicianly teaching of violin duets to be the most direct practical means of bringing the pupil to an understanding of the need for exact rhythm and intonation, and duets furnish the teacher with material for developing these first-of-all requirements.

How often we have heard a teacher of what we may call the "old school" say, "How can I give a lesson in half an hour? I can only go through a study or two, a couple of violin pieces perhaps. What time have I for duets? I ought to play duets with the pupil; he must learn to

These old-timers were right. It is true that modern violin teaching demands much better playing and stresses the technical points of skillful performance, but often the musicianship, which might well begin with well played duets is neglected because the teacher hasn't time for it. In his limited time he can only teach tone production with studies and violin pieces essential to this. Is it not true, however, that there is excellent material in the standard duets, also desirable for this purpose?

In the quartet lessons with Emanuel Wirth, violin teacher in the Hochschule, Berlin, and viola player of the Joachim Quartet, the class was frequently benefited by his views as to the reward for practising quartet parts. He said in effect, "You may add more general improvement to your musicianship by painstaking study and thoroughly good playing of quartet parts than by any other practice."

This would include the parts to be played in any ensemble arrangement. He did not mean that only the passages, the so-called difficulties of the first violin part, were most worthy of attention. Work as well on the socalled easy measures; realize the possibilities of improvement in these measures as concerns quality of tone, exact rhythm, better intonation, with the consequent demand for more skillful bowing and a finer adjustment of the left hand to favor more effective fingering. This, of course, is all true of anything that you play, but the material found in ensemble parts is especially favorable for carrying out, among those who play or are trying to play, the purpose of making music artistically.

In this connection let me tell of a lesson which I did not take of Professor Wirth during a season's study with him in Berlin. My hour for the violin lessons was in the afternoon and I had never asked for a change; nothing should break in on the regularity of these lessons. However, on a certain morning of a lesson day there came a tempting invitation, rather urgently given by myfellow pensionnaires, to join them in an excursion to the country—to the Muegul See, which meant boating, picnic, and a general good time. After the start, it would occupy the rest of the day and evening. Before the start, why not go to Professor Wirth unannounced, prepared to take my lesson, and explain my reasons for the unexpected change of time?

I had no doubts as to the satisfactory outcome; no inner warning that the idea might not go through smoothly, until I stood at the Professor's door about to knock. From within I heard sounds from a viola; simple measures of, perhaps, a Mozart quartet were being played rather slowly, but flawlessly. I guessed what was going on; my teacher was alone and practising. He had no pupil; I was sure of my lesson, and so I knocked with confidence. I had worked well in preparation for this lesson, and with that off my

mind how much more enjoyable would be the outing at the Muegul See, the boating, and the rest.

After my knocking, the tones of the viola ceased. I heard firm steps approaching the door, which was opened wide with a vigorous hand, and the six-feet-four of the well proportioned form of Professor Wirth, in a dressing gown, stood before me. His face expressed anything but pleasure on beholding his over-confident pupil. Experience had perhaps taught him to take the situation in at a glance. Anyway, what I had to say, in rather worse than my usual German, had no favorable effect. Still, he was not unkind in letting me down. I felt this at once as he used a favorite expression of his, which in German contains a pun on his name. He said, with that lift of the shoulders which I have never enjoyed, "Mein sohn, Sie haben ohne Wirth gerechnet." "My son, you have reckoned without your host (wirth)."

I had guessed right, when I heard the sounds from within, that the Herr Professor was practising viola parts, but when I presumed that he would allow the sanctity of his study hour to be invaded by even an otherwise, I may say, congenial pupil, I shot wide of the mark. I went to the Muegul See and enjoyed the outing, but let me add that the lesson I did not take has left a more lasting impression than a great many which went through according to schedule.

To overhear a member of the foremost quartet of the world, at that period, playing slowly and repeatedly measures which an average but inartistic player might read at sight and be satisfied, was an excellent lesson. It gave direct proof that the way of studying so strongly urged by the best teachers is the way they have found best for themselves. They take their own medicine!

But there is more to be mentioned about duet playing, interrupted by the Wirth incident. It is said: "If you wish





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to prepare for efficient orchestra playing, play quartets as much as possible." It may also be said that, if you look forward to taking a part in quartets, the most direct preparation comes through duet playing. This is because the best duets are musically and technically identical with the usually larger forms found in quartets, quintets, etc., of the old masters. The construction of duet parts is so perfectly in line with those of the quartet that the intention that they should serve as preparatory material is evident

Still, the best duets may not be regarded exclusively as upward steps to the quartets; they may well be considered as "sufficient unto themselves," and this view may be psychologically a better one. There is a way of loose thinking, not uncommon, that the scales, studies, duets, and all, will lead us hopefully on if we do them with faithful regularity. But a cog may slip here. It is better to pause and think before playing the scale of C, saying, "I will put all I have learned about violin playing into this scale and make it sound beautiful, playing it with various bowings. I will not scramble through it and the other scales as a daily duty. There are always new possibilities for me in the scale of C." This is the old idea of doing your best when concentrating on what you have before you. It is well to apply it to a duet part, if that is what you have to play.

There is a species of "new pupil," more numerous formerly than now, it seems. This pupil applies for lessons and tells what he (or she) has done in previous studies. "Of course I have been through Kreutzer," he says. We always know what to expect. With this naïve remark he has told all that is necessary for the experienced, capable teacher. The problem is how to guide this wandering boy backwards and forwards at the same time and land him on the road to Parnassus. The expression "to take infinite pains" gives, or reminds you of, the right idea.

I heard the last Flonzaley quartet concert, the farewell one, in Boston, given twenty-five seasons after they were organized. A prominent young 'cellist was with me, and the opening Mozart quartet we agreed was more trying than those of Brahms and Smetana which followed Jordan Hall was "sold out," and the quartet departed from their rule and consented to a full stage audience, altogether the most remarkable as to culture and numbers ever assembled for a quartet concert in Boston. So the occasion was impressive. One could feel the concentration of interest, and the hope that the quartet would be "in the vein." They were! Quartet players, of whom there were many listening, knew after the first few measures that whatever might have been said about Betti's "getting old," there was no evidence of it in those beautiful opening measures of the Mozart, nor at any time during the concert. You ask what has this to do with violin duets? The point of course is that the high artistry attained by the Flonzaley quartet came only after many years of the most devoted work, the sort of work that is the most satisfying for everyone at any stage of progress. Painstaking care, when rightly conceived, is at once the most promising and the most attractive way of study.

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A young enthusiast once told us that he had never been so near Heaven as when playing duets with a certain young lady. That was a full endorsement of duet playing or of the young lady. We old fellows get our vistas of Elysian fields most often perhaps through beautiful music, even through violin duets, whether there is a lady in the case

For the convenience of those who may not be within easy reach of a well-supplied music store, let me add the names of some of the writers of violin duets; de Beriot, Boccherini, Bruni, Campagnoli, Dancla, Fiorillo-Sphor, Gebauer, Haydn, Hermann, Jansa, Kalliwoda, Kreutzer-Hermann, Mazas, Mendelssohn, Pleyel, Rode, Schubert, Sitt, Spohr, Viotti, Wieniawski.

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O YOU ever stop to think of the many little tag ends that are holding you back from becoming a good practising does not produce good musicians. saxophone player? Do you ever check up on your weak points to try to correct bad habits and overcome obstacles? Why not sit down with your sax and have a confidential little heart-to-heart reckoning with yourself - a sort of self-analysis.

Many of us know our faults, and know where we could better our playing, but we do not seem to have the will power to correct conditions. In sitting down to analyze your sax playing, the first thing to do is to listen to your tone. Is it harsh or shrill? Do the notes sound as if they were being squeezed out instead of coming free and clear? If they are harsh and shrill, there is a possibility that too much pressure is being used on the mouthpiece, and that the lips are held too tight. Tight lips will cause a pinched tone also. Taking too much mouthpiece, and extreme pressure, will cause a high, shrill squeal.

The mouthpiece and reed have much to do with the production of good tone. Not everyone can use the same mouthpiece, so it is well to experiment with different ones to find out which is the best fitted for you. It is to be remembered that the softness of the reed depends on the lay of the mouthpiece; an open lay mouthpiece will take a softer reed, and a closed lay will be able to use a harder reed. Finding the proverbial "needle in a haystack" will often be easy compared to the task of finding a good reed. One can use the average reed and get by all right, but when one finds a real good reed that meets up to one's ideal of what a reed should be, it most certainly should be handled

After getting a satisfactory mouthpiece and reed, you can resort to that old standby, so efficient in aiding the production of good tone, and that is the playing of sustained notes. Of course, one must have a correct placement of the lips on the mouthpiece, or else the best results cannot be expected. After the embouchure or lip is firmly set, a vibrato will greatly enhance the tone of a saxophone.

Now, having settled the tone question, we will go on with our analyzing. How is your technic? Is it smooth and steady? Does every note of a scale, or run, stand out cleancut? The average student does not meet up with enough variety in the way of different passage progressions. Also, he gets to a certain point in his technical development and then sits back quite thoroughly self-satisfied, and when an unfamiliar progression of notes does occur in his music, he gets by the best way he can, and lets it go at that.

To the young folks (and some of the elders) the practice of scales seem to be dreaded, yet there is nothing better calculated to produce a good technic. Scales will develop a faster and smoother fingering, and, thus, better saxophone players. In a long run or cadenza where a scalewise progression is used, it may often happen that one will leave out a note or two. This would not occur with the scales well mastered.

The greatest fault common to most students is to practice a piece or study entirely through without stopping to overcome the difficulties of a few measures which they cannot play well. Of course, these measures spoil the entire number, and yet the average student will not take the time and trouble to practise them until they can be played as well as the easier parts of the piece.

The best way to tackle this fault is to play the piece or exercise over, and put a light pencil mark around the phrases that are difficult, then practise these parts until they are entirely mastered. One feels a personal satisfaction and pride in being able to play a piece through without succumbing to the stumbling blocks referred to, which, unless overcome, mar the beauty of performance, and kill all chance of advancement. Even after the more difficult passages are mastered, it is well not to stop practice on the number. Constant practice is necessary to insure a mechanical precision of finger motion.

The above brings out another point. Junior takes his lesson on Saturdays. Mother comes along with him. When the lesson is not played so very well, she says, "Well I could not get Junior to practise much this week as he told me he knew his lesson by Wednesday and has not practised since." How typical this is of young students. Every teacher has it to contend with at some time or other, whether he realizes it or not. This sort of practice certainly does not bring results. It is constant drilling that makes supple fingers and a beautiful tone. Artists practise for years on the same technical exercises, not because they do not know how to play them, but for the benefit to

Now to go back to analyzing our saxophone playing. Can you keep time correctly? It is surprising how many saxophone players do not know just how bad they are at keeping time. I have enlarged on this in a very recent issue of the magazine, and so I will not go farther into this subject, only to say that time and rhythm should be a major subject in a saxophonist's education, as it is invaluable to any player.

I could go on indefinitely pointing out little faults and weaknesses. The main point to be considered is that, when found, they should be most certainly corrected. A good habit is as easily formed as a bad one if one adheres to it strictly, and does not backslide into old ruts. In this age we desire to accomplish things fast, but speed should be a secondary consideration. The only way is to start right and keep right. We may get off the straight and narrow path occasionally, but that is no excuse for staying off.

Mr. Giuseppe Pettine

One of the latest of the saxophone methods which have come to my desk is *The Modern Saxophone Method*, Book Two, by Giuseppe Pettine, of Providence, R. I. I find that this book has some very excellent technical exercises that will round out any saxophonist's education. The new fingerings contained therein should also help to make many a passage play more smoothly. Saxophone lovers will find in this book material which, if diligently practised, will

put them on the road to artistry.

Mr. Pettine considers the vibrato as great a factor in ruining one's tone as in beautifying it. A recent letter to me from him read in part:

"The vibrato is a beautiful effect when well done and used tastefully where it fits, but used at all times is enough to drive one crazy. True, it is an imitation of an effect common to the human voice, but one must learn to discriminate, in its use, as good singers do. Unfortunately, very few players get a musical vibrato, the majority being satisfied with a "wow-wow" that is truly disgusting.

"Don't you think that students should leave the vibrato alone until after they are able to play in tune, and have cultivated a good normal tone?

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THE PIANO ACCORDION By CHARLES EDGAR HARPER

HARLES EDGAR HARPER, whose picture is here presented, has appeared before our readers with a short article on the piano accordion, and has given his aid to a number of persons writing in on technical problems. So much interest has been aroused in these matters that we have prevailed on Mr. Harper, who is an extremely

> busy man, to make his "questions and answers" on the instrument a regular feature of the magazine. If you are a subscriber and interested in the piano accordion from any angle, just write Mr. Harper, care of this magazine, and your request for information will receive attention in his column. In addition to answering whatever questions he may receive from subscribers, Mr. Harper will furnish, from time to time, articles of general interest on the piano accordion, written not

only from the technical angle, but having to do with the future possibilities of the instrument in matters concerning its use in orchestral ensembles and so forth. — [Editor.]

Several inquiries received regarding the use of the accordion in school orchestras have made me rather curious to find out to what extent, in this respect, the instrument is being used throughout the country. There is no doubt in my mind of its value, especially to the smaller orchestral combinations. The sustained chords that are so easily played, together with the tonal qualities of the accordion, offer many advantages to those orchestras that are unable to secure full instrumentation. Used correctly, it can fill in many places that would otherwise sound "empty" for want of the necessary instruments. I would greatly appreciate letters on this subject.

There seems to be much ado about the correct voicing of the accordion, also. "Shall the tone be that of a single reed instrument or should there be the effect of a tremolo?" It is entirely a question of personal preference. I have talked with many players about it and there appears to be an equal number of champions for both sides.

An impression that I would like to correct is that the accordion is a complicated instrument requiring a tremendous amount of time and practice before any satisfactory results may be obtained. In some of my former articles I have mentioned the ease with which the accordion may be learned and have described the standard keyboards. I wish to add that I know of no other instrument, having the same possibilities in melody and accompaniment, that will give as satisfactory results over an equal period of

This column is being conducted for those who are interested in the piano accordion. I wish to make a real "live wire" column where questions regarding the technical and musical points of the instrument may be discussed to the advantage of all. Send me your questions in care of this magazine and I will do my best to answer them all fairly and satisfactorily.

I have been reading your articles on piano accordion in the Jacobs Music Magazines and I enjoy them as I am interested in accordions. Would you please write me personally, or publish an article on how to find an "augmented chord" on the accordion? For instance, Č-augmented Č-E-G#. Should one play C in counter bass and Ab in fundamental, - C. E. C., Missouri Valley, Ia.

The augmented chord on the standard 120 bass accordion cannot be played satisfactorily on the basses. The two methods you mention will of course give you notes contained in the chord, but the effect produced would be questionable. The better method would be to play the single bass note called for in the music, which you are playing with the left hand, and to play the augmented chord with the melody note with the right hand. On the 140 bass accordions the added row is usually a minor third above the fundamental basses, and the augmented chord could be played by combining the single basses, but even then the effect of the chord would be rather heavy. The first three rows on this type would give you: 1st row Db Ab Eb; 2nd row D A E; 3rd row Bb F C.

Many players are now having their accordions made to Ser order, and are specifying an added row of basses to produce the augmented chord.

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"Filling-in" Applied to Tenor Banjo

Although I am a tenor banjoist, I have been following up your "fill-in" articles that apply to saxophone, etc., as there is no reason why the banjoist, with plenty of speed, can't make good use of that kind of stuff for a feature chorus. What gets me, however, is just how to apply it to the banjo? How can you tell what note to vegin water.

hope that Γm not asking too much of you.

— J. R. C., Chicago, Ill. you tell what note to begin with? What note to end with? I

No, you are not asking too much. Only three little questions, but — I'll have to use up all the space the editor will allow me to answer them. However, the rest of the readers of this department may also be interested, so

First of all, the most important thing to cultivate is speed in playing single note passages, that is, consecutive eighth notes in the modern fox-trot tempo. The orchestral banjoist usually has speed to burn when playing four chord changes to a measure, but, as a rule, he does not often come across a "run" of consecutive eighth notes and therefore gets little practice in that line. The reader who wants to try out his skill will not get as much benefit from the practice of scales, as he might from playing solos, such as appear in Weidt's Tenor Banjo Collection. Harmony Baby, which appeared in the November, 1928, issue of this magazine, is a good sample, and contains the style of "fill-in" you want for general practice.

Now in regard to the theory: You say that you've been following up the articles, but I make a guess that you used up most of your time playing the different examples of "filling-in" instead of analyzing them or studying the instruction matter. Do I win? It is very important to have a practical knowledge of chord intervals as a starter, for the reason that the so-called "runs" usually begin and end with a chord interval. It is also possible to begin with the socalled Half Tone Drop, i. e., a note that is a half tone below any of the chord intervals, and which is usually followed by the chord interval above. The "runs" in the two examples shown herewith are intended for the two lower strings of either the tenor or plectrum banjo. "Filling-in" as applied to the upper strings will appear in a later issue. Notice, at a, that the "run" begins with the root, and ends with the third of the C chord. N. B. The harmony in each measure is indicated by the letters below the staff. At b, it begins with the third of the C chord, and ends with the root of the G7 chord. Note that the passage is chromatic. At c, a diatonic passage occurs, as the distance between the seventh of the G7 chord, and the root of the C chord, is a fourth. As each of the examples shown begin with an unaccented note, it is necessary to begin with an up stroke, in order to end with a down stroke on the accented note at the beginning of each measure. Note also, that it is possible to use but one chord in each measure where the "fill-in" occurs.

Example No. 2 shows a modulation through the relative dominant seventh chords. It is apparent, when a modulation occurs, that the mutual tone (indicated by the letter "M") occurs at the end of a "run," see d, or at the beginning, see e. N.B. The mutual tone is a note that occurs in both McNeil's Banjo Methods of two consecutive chords, i. e., "E" is the third of the C chord, and the root of the E7 chord. At aa and bb, the mutual tone was raised a half tone in order to make the "run" more chromatic, and you will find that the effect is much better than if the mutual tone were not raised, and the passage played diatonically. For example, see the diatonic passage indicated by the small notes at cc. In order to get the real benefit of the above examples, it will

be necessary not only to practice them in different keys. but, also, to analyze them all carefully.

Segovia and the A. G. of B. M. and G.

N MARCH 15th, Andres Segovia, the eminent Spanish guitarist, was presented with the A. G. of B. M. & G.'s first Honorary Membership and gold-

engraved token, at a reception tendered him at the Hotel The occasion was presided over by Adolph F. Johnson, National Secretary to the Guild, who made the presentation address, in which he outlined the historical packground of the guitar, and drew attention to the fact that while at one time many artists and composers of highest renown played and wrote for the instrument, today there were few of the former to be found. Amongst these, however, must be classed Señor Segovia, who, by critics, has been acclaimed as standing in the same relationship to his instrument as Casals and Heifetz to theirs.

In return, Segovia expressed himself as impressed with the principles for which the American Guild stood, and extended to the same his good wishes and hopes for the continuance of its successful efforts in promoting interest in the guitar and other fretted instruments. It was his desire and the purpose of his concerts, stated the eminent artist, that these latter should create a wider interest in the instrument of his choice, and hoped that they had not been without fruit. He also said that American audiences have shown a greater appreciation of the guitar than was expected, and confidently predicted that the instrument would once again receive the recognition accorded it in the days of

Professor Guillerins, head of the Language Department, Boston University, kindly acted as interpreter for the oc-

St. Paul, Minn. - Fred J. Bacon, the veteran banjoist, recently played to an audience of over three thousand people gathered in the Municipal Auditorium. He was there as principal soloist of a concert given by the Bigelow and Brown Band, and received a tremendous ovation. His instrument was heard distinctly throughout the huge auditorium, and he received many compliments from musicians on the quality of tone he produced from the same.

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WOULD seem to be the unwritten law that in every family with a number of children there will be the tra ditional "bad boy" (many times erroneously so called), and today the tenor banjo represents the "bad boy" of the plectrum family of musical instruments. He has grown fast and with a healthy growth, bless him! He has attracted much attention and is earning quite a little money, but has been left too much to himself and his own way o "coming up." His education has been neglected, and unless we take an immediate hand in his better bringing up, he eventually may find himself ostracized by well-bred people and, perhaps, never be able to move in good musical society. We surely cannot allow such a thing to happen to a member of our family without at least making an effort to stop it. True, that he is outspoken and rough, even disrespectful, but he is only a boy and without doubt the outspoken roughness is a mask put on just to hide his shortcomings and shyness.

Although, at first, we (the elders of the family of plectrumists) practically were forced through circumstances to adopt this youngster, nevertheless later on we found actual pleasure and profit in his fostering, and therefore should not cash in without spending at least some of that profit upon his musical education — even if it has to be forced upon him, as so often is necessary with so many children. We must take him in hand, polish him up, and establish a "standardized school" whereby he may attain musical culture. If we can accomplish this, his eventual "comingout party" will do honor to him, as well as reflect credit

What can we do to bring this about? First, establish a reliable technic for the instrument such as has been done for the mandolin and guitar, showing him the beauty and wonderful variety of styles of compositions with all the embellishments and colorings used by other instruments and develop the many banjoistic traits that are of such vital importance to his very existence. We must not bring him up merely to imitate either the mandolin or the guitar, however, as that would spell disaster, but rather bring out all the latent possibilities banjoistically typical of him in coloring and make-up.

A big job? It positively is, and an undertaking requiring more than one generation to finish, yet one well worth starting now while the enthusiasm for the instrument is so rampant. The next question is how best to start in on such a thing? The writer, who has given the matter some little thought, feels that it is more than a one-man job, and believes that all good exponents of the tenor banjo should have a hand in it, and this whether they be soloists, teachers, composers or just dance players. It is the opinion of the writer that the matter can best be started by holding an open forum in this and other magazines devoted to the nterests of the plectrum family of instruments, then later call for an open convention of teachers, soloists, composers, arrangers and players of the instrument. For the present, the most pressing needs and questions are the following:

1. Should the present "symbol" writing be entirely 2. Should the tenor banjo be considered as only an

"accompaniment" instrument? 3. What system of fingering and notation should be

The first question cannot be taken care of by a simple "yes" or "no"; it will take a long time, many discussions, and plenty of printer's ink to settle it. The second is more or less linked with the first, but should not be very hard to solve. The third, while requiring more serious study, should not be very difficult of solution. Come, teachers, soloists and ordinary players of the tenor banjo, take a hand in the matter and offer a suggestion! Let us confine our thoughts to the future uplifting of the "bad boy." Above all else, do not leave it to others, especially to those who may not have a practical knowledge of the instrument, or to those who have only their own personal gain in mind. The ordinary player's point of view is worthy of as much consideration as that of anyone else. Mail your letter of suggestions to the writer, care of this magazine.

-Giuseppe Pettine.

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A S PROMISED last month, "The Drummer" hereby presents the first installment of Frank Holt's diary, kept on his trip with Sousa's Band. If the reader finds as much of interest as did the conductor of this department, he will feel well repaid for the time devoted to it. "The Drummer" also presents a picture of Frank, on the assumption that most persons, as is the case with himself, are somewhat interested in seeing likenesses of people about whom, or whose experiences, they are reading. And beyond all that, a Sousa drummer is a Sousa drummer, you know!

The Diary

I got the Sousa Band call sheet on April 13th (1928) and I for one thought the 13th was lucky. I returned my contracts about June 15th and prepared to leave for New York on July 15th. Arrived in New York that night and began to look the boys up, and sure enough I met many old pals around the Times Square district. There seems to be a thrill in getting back into the harness with the "Big Show" that is hard to explain. Many new faces were with us, so we rehearsed four times in the Fulton Theatre near 46th & Broadway. Enjoyed my stay in New York, as my brother lives there, as does also Oscar Short who had just finished as Arthur Pryor's cornet soloist, and I had a pleasant visit with him. The season opened on July 19th at Schenectady, New York. We had a fine ride up along the Hudson River, and I got my first view of West Point, which was very interesting to me.

"Jake" Freeman, one of our bass players, was pointing out the interesting views along the Hudson. Guess he knew them well as he spent nearly four years in the West Point Band. Met a very interesting drummer in Schenectady, a George Cantwell, and we have exchanged a number of pleasing letters. Next day at Utica the Shriners gave us a fine dinner and we felt quite lucky in getting a "blow-out" on our second day out. There I met, a former pupil of mine from back home, William Manning, who works on auto bodies for the Lincoln people, and I might say it was a little past my bedtime when I got back to the hotel. Rochester was next and there we did one week at the fine Eastman Theatre, and it was one of our most pleasant engagements of the tour. George Carey, whom everyone knows, came in to say "Hello". Rochester is his home town. George sure is a fine fellow to meet.

We moved on to Wilmington, Delaware, where we played at the estate of the well-known DuPont of Longwood, Pa. I cannot do justice to the wonderful estate he owns. We gave



FRANK HOLT

two concerts in a big glass house, the biggest that I have ever seen. We were his guests at dinner and so far as I know, none of us went away hungry. Went back to Wilmington to stay that night and then next day started for Atlantic City. We were met at the station by a mob of wheel chairs, and in them we rode up on to the Boardwalk, held a parade, and had a picture taken in front of the Pier. Before we were through there was some audience. We only did two weeks in Atlantic City and a few friends called in to see us there.

On August 12th we left Atlantic City in the rain for Willow Grove, Pa., and it was my first visit there. The bands used to play there nearly all summer in seasons gone by, but this season it was one day only. While there a trombone player from my home town (Henry Stacey) came over to see me, and I sure was surprised to see him after about six years. Left Philadelphia that night on sleepers for New London, Conn., and there a number of new men joined the band. We were now on what is termed our New England tour, which consisted mostly of two-a-day stands. In twelve days we played 23 cities, and you know that means work for the drummers. During that time I got home four nights through the help of two of my former pupils, who had machines and offered to drive me around so I have seen to it that Johnnie Shepard and Harold Henderson have received their share of cards and so forth about the trip. One of our flute players (Eric Evans) missed the train at Worcester, Mass., and had to take a taxi to Dover, N. H., which cost him \$40.00. He has not heard the end of that yet.

Portsmouth, N. H.

At Portsmouth, N. H., Arnold Chick and Hap Rowell, former Sousa men, met us at the station along with Ad Blaser and my old orchestra leader of fifteen years, John K. Nichols. They had come over to say "Hello" from York Beach, Maine, where Chick has a very fine concert band during the summer season. On August 19th I got a thrill when we played Symphony Hall in Boston, as I had never expected to play on that stage. Next day my friend Henderson drove the drum section and a clarinetist from Los Angeles (Cecil Tozier) around from Gloucester to Salem, Mass. From there we went out to Salem Willows and I showed them what a real New England fish dinner was like. I am a great booster for New England, and that linner was sure one of my best cards. Everyone ran down to look at Plymouth Rock, at Plymouth. Some of the boys were a little disappointed at the size of the rock, and a lot of kidding went on for a while.

One of my first pupils, Ernest Carey, called at Farmington to see me and ride me around town. We played in their wonderful Memorial Auditorium. Passed through some fine scenery on our way up to Bellows Falls and Brattleboro, Vermont, and the next night we were in Troy, N. Y., then on to Chautauqua, New York, where we "packed them in" as the saying goes. Bill Hammond, of Hammond & Gerlach, sent me a nice set of anvils over here, by a pupil of his named Herbert Ostander. "Bill" has a wonderful drum shop in Pittsburg, Pa., and they sure gave me a fine time there last year. Next we did the Ohio State Fair at Columbus, and there we had Sunday, August 26th, off and we didn't know what to do with ourselves. We played three concerts daily at the fair, and as each one was in a Melody for May, 1929

different place, it meant that I had to pack and unpack three times a day so, in a way, it was harder than doing two a day. Had a chance to see some good horse racing and fireworks. My roommate, John Arosky (flute) left us there to take a steady job in Tampa Theatre, Tampa, Florida. A Goodyear dirigible from Akron, Ohio, flew over the Fair Grounds and caused a lot of excitement. On the last day of the Fair there were a couple of fatal accidents, one in a motor cycle race, and another in an auto crash.
It sort of made a chap feel queer, but guess those things will always happen so long as fellows take such chances.

Got sleepers out for Detroit, Michigan, next, where we played the Michigan State Fair. The grounds were away out of town and this fact made it bad for the boys stopping intown. We saw no races or fireworks there, and that was not so good. Mr. Tong, who is now our cornet soloist, lost his wife while we were in Detroit, and this cast a shadow over the band. My new roommate, Chas. Strothkamp, from the Bronx, N. Y., and I paid a visit to the new Ford plant and it certainly was well worth seeing. The Ford officials were very nice and gave us a lot of their time. Our uniform is a great help in getting around to places like that. Saw a good auto race the last day in Detroit. One racer went through the fence but we understood he only got a few

Saginaw and Sault Ste. Marie

Now we were to hit the trail, and the boys were glad, as we were fed up on fairs. We took in Saginaw, Mich., and then Sault Ste. Marie, and there we had a new experience. A big ferry carried our party with our three cars across the straights and landed us at St. Ignace. From there we rode on to Sault Ste. Marie and saw the Government canal locks. Believe they told us that one of the locks was longer than the largest one in the Panama Canal. At Hancock. Mich., September 12th, I had another birthday, and what a rotten day it was. Had about a four and one-half hour ride to Escanaba, Michigan, and the next day we started off in the rain for a three hour ride to Marinette, Wisconsin. Next day, after three and one-half hours, we arrived at Manitowac, Wis., and there we had a fine hotel. My room faced Lake Michigan and I had a wonderful view. Certainly makes a fellow feel good to strike a real hotel every once in a while when on the road. On our way into Green Bay the next day we saw a man lying beside the track as if he were dead. Everyone on the train was all excited over it. That afternoon Mr. Zettleman, tympanist of the Chicago Symphony, came to our concert and paid us a visit. Mr. Zettleman has a summer home close by, I understand. Went to Oshkosh, Wis., next, then on to Racine the day following, and there we heard the well-known American Legion Drum Corps; they certainly did one fine stunt, both in their marching and playing. It is no wonder they are in the prize money everywhere they go. Next day we hit St. Charles, Ill., and there we did some hunting for hotels. I finally had to locate at the Baker Hotel, and in

country, and I might say that everyone in the town is very Chicago

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his hotel and said you could not find another like it in

America. Each room has a different style of furniture, and

so forth. Had a six and one-half hour ride the next day to

Urbana, Ill. We played at the University of Illinois. At

Joliet we were met at the station by a couple of boys' bands

and there we heard the First Prize high school band of the

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We next came to a suburb of Chicago (Evanston) and there Billy Ludwig, President of Ludwig and Ludwig, drum manufacturers of Chicago, called in to say "Hello," as this is where he lives. Sunday, September 23rd, we played the well-known Auditorium in Chicago and drew a good house. Monday, after a five hour ride, we arrived in Ripon, Wis., and played there at the college gym. Met Charles Moorman, the drummer with Richard's Concert Band, he being the well-known circus band leader and composer. Then came a two-a-day stand, Winona, Minn., in the afternoon, and Red Wing, Minn., in the evening. Rode about three and a half hours to Minneapolis, and played at the Big Radio Show held at the Auditorium. Minneapolis is a fine town for the traveling man. You can get good eats cheap, and that is how we judge a town lots of times. A couple of our boys belong in Minneapolis, and so many friends called to see the band. Next day we had an observation car, and everything ,on our Sousa special, and we met "Al" Smith. His special was sidetracked to let us boys go on our way to Fargo, No. Dak., which was a ride of five hours. We exchanged greetings as we passed each other. Smith and party were on the way to Minneapolis, and no doubt many of the boys heard him that day over the radio, September 27th.

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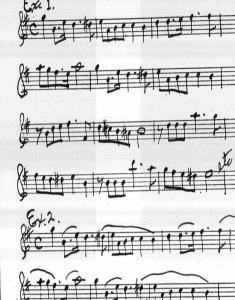
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as in Ex. 1. The average player does not seem to know

differently, for I have so often heard the remark, "Well, I

am playing it just as it is written." Even though the

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ways trill D with E. For instance, if you are playing in

two flats, which is the key of Bb, then you would have to trill

D with Eb. And just so with E; if you are playing in the

key of C, you would have to trill E with Fa. You must

understand that the key governs this matter of trills.

When you play in the key of three sharps, you would then

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Contest Numbers in General and a Particular Example By Lee M. Lockhart

HOPE the reader will take the following observations as personal opinions. The material is not the result of discussion in committee, but the outcome of personal contact with the subject matter under consideration. The particular instance presented is used because it represents a typical reason for the choice of contest numbers by the committee in charge of such. The writer hopes that in his presentation of the matter he will be able to offer a viewpoint which may have escaped many of the trainers of contest bands.

Contests of one kind or another have as the first reason for their existence the stimulation of interest in the particular event. We hear on every hand the comment that the winning is very much of secondary importance.

I think these two premises can be agreed upon for the most part, but a point is reached when the selection of the most excellent group becomes of paramount importance. The writer's belief is that this point is reached with the national contest, if not before. Assuming that this is true, is it not reasonably advisable that every angle of testing and comparison be looked to?

This year, considerable complaint seems rampant concerning the required composition for the National High School Band. These complaining ones certainly feel themselves justified, but I wonder if The Chant from the Great Plains has been judged from the angle of a testing piece rather than from its adaptability to the ensemble unit of the complaining director. The "Chant" contains severe tests for nearly every instrument of the symphonic band. Here the test is for an individual; there a small group carries the burden of responsibility; again the grand ensemble must work with great nicety or little remains of interest. At the finish of the number, all will agree, I think, that the element of testing has been present in a sufficient degree.

I have heard murmurings that the "Chant" lacks musical interest. The writer admits that this interest is hard to locate, but hastens to say that, once found, it increases with each rendition. To establish the balance which brings out the many exquisite moments to be found in the "Chant" is not possible in a moment and with but superficial study. As with all these contest numbers, more should be granted it.

After all is over, can we point to anything having been accomplished from use of the "Chant"? Yes. We have brought about the development of the pupil. After such demands there must be left a greater poise in the ensemble and in the individual, and poise is, of all qualities, most wanting in young organizations. The imagination of the school director also has been stimulated. With nothing to lean on, certainly keenness must result for the one interested, to the extent of the effort exerted.

From this and that quarter comes the news that the state committees are not choosing the national number for their state contests. Perhaps the choice of a state number is not important enough to demand the tests of a national meet, and yet in some states a second place winner may be best able to enter the more severe tests. Contests will probably continue to be the same uncertain things they have always been. A state committee should consider seriously, however, before overlooking any means of testing its entrants.

One of our publications, with a very large circulation, has been received by the writer. It contains the expression of dissatisfaction which has prompted this contribution. Among other things in the article occurs the admission of the testing qualities of the Chant from the Great Plains. At the same time the number is accused of lacking musical interest. I would have made the same comment after the first few readings, and I wager that the writer of the article referred to has already begun to enjoy his experiences with the composition, provided, of course, his playing of the number has continued.

To sum up, it is the writer's opinion that contest material should present equally, as nearly as possible, both musica interest and a means for measuring the technical accomplishments of the competing organizations. This equal division of interest and practicability is not always easy to discover, but I should say that if any of the numbers se lected by the committee appear to lack somewhat in the former, then it is up to the individual leader to supply this quality by a careful analysis of the score and experimentation with its possibilities. It is surprising what can be done with a mere scale passage, when it is judiciously considered by an expert.

Chester G. Drake, Leader, school orchestra and band, Plainfield, Ind. —Your departmental sections are fine. I am going to make them up into notebooks.

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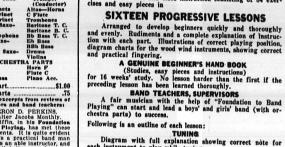
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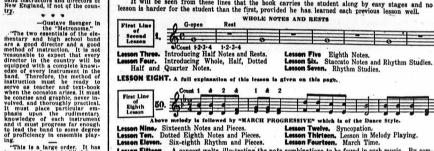
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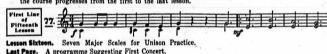
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PLAYFUL PUPPETS, by Russotto (Crawford P4). Medium; light 6/8 Vivace in E minor. A staccato scherzo, of the perpetual motion variety, by a member of the Roxy staff. A trifle difficult for the lone player, as the deft figurations require the incisive precision of the orchestral instru-

A PLOTTED UPRISING, by Rapée (Crawford S5). Medium; agitato 3/4 Allegro in A minor. A mean agitato with running figures in thirds. The elaborate cuing will require the lone player to keep his mind on his work.

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agitato cut-line Allegro in no particular key. An effective staccato type of agitato of wide utility. It rambles around in various tonalities and can stop most anywhere. HAPPY ALLEGRO, by Axt (Robbins Cap. P92). Easy; light active 2/4 Allegro con spirito in G major. A good deal like Savino's popular Gaiety, but with more action

along the perpetual motion formula. The Meeting of the Waters, by Axt (Robbins Cap. P94). Medium; quiet pastoral 6/8 Allegro con moto in C major. For waterfalls and scenes depicting the grandeur of nature. I shouldn't say that "grandeur" was just the word, as the general atmosphere is a sort of quiet pastoral one, with a cantabile soothing 6/8 melody supported by arpeggios in the conventional waterfall-brooklet idiom.

THE VILLAGE CUT-UP, by Axt (Robbins Cap. P95). Easy; light characteristic 6/8 Allegro moderato in Eb major. The usual 6/8 staccato idiom for the type. Nevertheless, it should be said that some of such numbers are good, and some are good and rotten. This is one of the good ones.

Valse Tendre, by Axt (Robbins Cap. P96). Easy; light quiet 3/4 Allegretto in F major. A very charming little waltz movement with figures in thirds in the melody,

and a pedal point bass. DANCING PUPPETS, by Bergé (Robbins Cap. P98). Easy; light 2/4 Moderato in D major. An agreeably concocted intermezzo in which the music-box or automaton type of staccato rhythm in the treble, which occupies the first strain, contrasts with a simple melodious sustained

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THE FUNNY GUY, by Lake (Fischer G 8). Easy; light characteristic 4/4 Allegro in D minor. A comedy characteristic that combines rag and other idioms, and ends up for no apparent reason with a duck quack.

Piano Music

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Organ Music

Scenics, by Velazco (Berlin). A set of five loose-leaf numbers sketched for organ on two staves, with unit organ registration indications. This and the following folio, by a prominent New York theater organist, are not new, but have not been previously reviewed in these columns. The folios retail for one dollar, and their form, practicability, and musical worth make them good investments. (1) Silent Places. A quiet 4/4 Andante in A major of broad and pleasing melody. (2) Deep Lagoon. An Indian pastoral, on the order of "Waters of the Minnetonka," with harp-figures above the melody. (3) Forest Scenes. Very much like the first, but with rather more motion in the second strain. (4) Sparkling Water. A brilliant waltz movement, aptly titled. (5) Fleeting Clouds. A light cut-time intermezzo with melodic and rhythmic individuality.

Compositions and Transcriptions, Vol. 1, by Mauro-Cottone (Berlin). These sets are similar to the above, consisting of five loose-leaf numbers for one dollar, except that they are arranged for organ on the conventional three staves. Most of them are Mauro-Cottone's compositions, and the remainder are well known. The titles are self-explanatory. This set includes Love Song at Twilight, Processional, by the composer, and arrangements of the Andante Religioso by Thomé, Bordi's Pensée d'Amour, and Baron's Serenade Orientale.

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VICTOR J. GRABEL, the well-known conductor and composer, has just been elected vice president of the newly formed American Bandmasters' Association, notice of which has been taken in the "Here and There in New York" page of this issue. Mr. Grabel, our readers will remember, is in charge of the four-weeks' summer course in band conducting, from June 24 to July 20, offered by the Sherwood Music School, Fine Arts Building, 410 South Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill. Enrollments in this course, so we are told, are coming in rapidly, and the Sherwood Music School looks forward to a more than ordinarily large attendance

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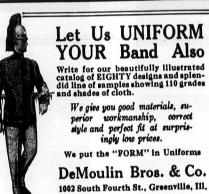
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We wish we could tell you about the extensive preparations for the latter event that have been under way for many weeks, and also give you an outline of the interesting schedule of work and fun planned for the members of the orchestra, but lack of space this month has crowded our department into this little corner. Next month and in later issues, we shall have more space to tell about the New England Orchestra and the other similar events discussed in the interesting contributions from members of

West Coast Again

Dear Younger Set:

Having recently acquired a copy of your music magazine and read the many letters it contains, I have decided to write a few words concerning young people's musical organizations. It has been my privilege to play in either an orchestra or band, or both, since I was ten years old, and I am now a senior in high school.

My first experience in orchestra work was with the Corvallis public school orchestra of nearly one hundred pieces,



IEANNETTE INGLE Albany, Oregon

under the direction of Miss Katherine Gentle. After three years' playing there I came to Albany, where I had an opportunity of playing in the various musical organizations of Albany schools, which comprised an orchestra, a know the world's finest music. Surely the way to appregirls' band, and a mixed high school band, under the direc-

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I submit this letter with the hope that it will inspire some student or some school to become interested in the organizations which we have in Albany. JEANNETTE INGLE.

Albany, Oregon.

From Juniata Callege

Dear Younger Set Since I am a student at a Middle Pennsylvania College and am a member of its orchestra, I thought you would like to know about the musical activities of our rather small institution. I am a student at Juniata College, Huntingdon, Penn. Last year was the first that the orchestra achieved some degree of advancement. Before that time this musical organization had a "mongrel" instrumentation; now we have a full orchestra. We can boast of having the

THIS is a busy season for members of our younger set with the Spring concerts, festivals, contests, and The orchestra consists of: 20 violins, 3 violas, 4 'cellos, other musical activities. We in New England are 5 basses, 2 flutes, 2 oboes, 2 clarinets, 2 bassoons, 2 trum-



Leominster, Mass. Whose picture arrived just too late to be used in the March issue with her letter.

We are fortunate in having as conductor Karl Von Gilbert, a former teacher at the Philadelphia Musical Academy. Last season we played such compositions as: C Major Symphony, Op. 21, No. 1, Beethoven; B Minor Symphony (Unfinished), Schubert; Titus; Overture, Mozart; Symphony No. 6, Haydn.

This year the various clubs of the school conducted a ticket-selling contest for the orchestral season. Practically every student purchased a ticket.

As for myself, I am enrolled in the course leading to a bachelor's degree in Public School Music. I am studying as my major instrument the piano, and minoring in violin. With Miss Maxine Jenks, I find that the study of one instrument does not interfere with that of another. If I become bored with practising one instrument I can shift to the other, thus finding relaxation in the change. However, I have found that it is better not to become bored too soon, as nothing can be accomplished without staying with the same piece or instrument for a long time, or until I have mastered a difficulty.

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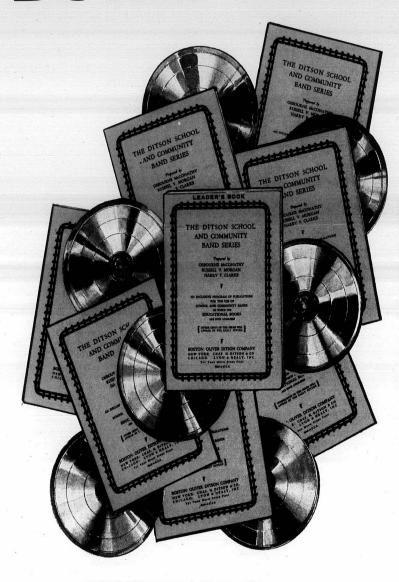
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