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### Editorial Whisperings

A NEW firm has crept in the film field, known as For-gotston and Blum. The latter gentleman is universally audience heartily applauded the just resentment of the known as the originator of some of the most pretentious works in this line, his "Satan" production being the first of its kind that commanded bookings in the big circuits, such as the Hippodrome and other Shubert houses. This little tribute is written because of the fact that this duo of geniuses are now specializing animated song pictures which are in great demand, but for which there are few, if any competent to handle this art.

T is a pleasant retrospect for the modern music publishing **■** house to engage invariably, when possible, feminine almost as well as the man that made it.

AND, speaking of the Remick firm there is a very conscientious lad in its employ known as Al Cantor. His in a song called "Honey Girl," provided they have courtesy in treating the profession with gracious considera- coalition of their professional department for this purpose hits without number.

Dopular style. Yet will wager not one of them will ever 3,000 "catches on."

T a Pittsburg Theatre, recently, a Hebrew in the audience A took exception to a comedienne's jests on the Jews, your supposedly funny remark about the Jews. I came Hamer who represent Hearst's Sunday American, and its

Hebrew, and the offensive jokes were omitted by the monologist during the remaining nights of her engagement. It is time that vaudeville managers should exclude from their programs all exaggeration of an offensive character, whether Hebrew, German or Irish.

 ${f M}$  USICAL prodigies are still cropping out. The latest to add glory to the profession is a little twelve-year-old girl, Dora Miller, by name who resides in Brooklyn. Her father is a well-known newspaper man, Charles E. Miller, who represents a number of very prominent newspapers. assistants who comprise personal charm with business ability. The little lassie, despite her tender years, can dissect the most Among such is a refined miss with our good friend, Mose difficult compositions of the old masters. She is a pupil Gumble—Miss Tessie Davis by name. She is a pleasant in harmony of the renowned violinist Klugescheid. During sight to look at and she can almost manipulate the Oliver her leisure hours she performs the Beethoven trios for piano in company with her harmonic tutor and Ludwig Hoffman.

tion is only exceeded by his eagerness to see the firm have There are so many conflicting elements nowadays in the exploitation of a popular song that the best works are sometimes shelved and ignored for silly and insipid works of another THERE were 292 songs copyrighted in August of the character and the only advisable plan is to go about it with hammer and tongs and get the right class of loyal work. be heard of outside of Washington, D. C. About one song in Otherwise thousands of dollars, and innumerable hours of wasted time, are utilized for no material effect.

CPEAKING of making a song popular, the editor of this O magazine had a visit from two of the leading magnates and, standing in the aisle of the theatre, said to her: "I resent in the country, recently. We refer to Messers. Watson and

land. This was recently evidenced in the song they took by out the country in this quaint song. Al. Piantadosi entitled, "Send Me Away With a Smile," which, thanks to the efforts of the various syndicate papers above referred to, caused the song to sell enormously everywhere. Mr. Hearst sometimes personally looks over these SEYMOUR FURTH, the ivory-keyed virtuoso, of the Billy Jerome Publishing Company, is quite a booster One of their late annexations, to be issued by the Piantadosi sell wondrously.

concomitant syndicates throughout the country, in the firm, is a song entitled, "They Did Their Share, Now I'll musical line. These enterprising fellows take a prospective Do Mine," the words of which were written by Mr. Harry song, which has the ear marks of possible merit, and devote Tobias, a newcomer in the field. The song has a very admirto it all the energy and influence of the Hearst papers by able text. It defines the gratitude of human life. The music, constant quotation and ingenious advertising, thus arousing which Mr. Piantadosi is collaborating upon with the author the interest of several million readers and producing an of the words, is of a very facile and alluring calibre and it is enormous demand in every city, town, and hamlet in the safe to say that Mr. Hearst will spread another hit through-

songs before they are exploited and then turns them over for Bill. However, we don't suppose Bill cares any more for to his industrious servants, the said Watson and Hamer, praise than an I. W. W. does for soap. By the way, Seymour who, by the way, are also editors, respectively, of the dramatic and William are getting out a wondrous song with the wonand vaudeville departments of the New York American. drous title of "Wondrous Tune." Wonder whether it will

### When Summer Dies

N splendor, slowly fades away The wealth of fragrant flowers; And birds departing, day by day, Make sad the passing hours. The cricket rings its silver bell, The vines trail, withered, in the dell, And winds a mournful story tell,

When Summer dies. Where now the pride of roseate June? Brown fields lie parched and sere; The brooklet chimes a saddened tune To mourn the parting year. Ripe is the golden harvest store; Wild roses sweetly smile no more; The glory of the world seems o'er,

When Summer dies.

A whisper seeks to fill the air Of sadness and farewell; A sense of loneliness we share While wending wood and dell. For from once bright and lovely bowers Now fall the faded leaves in showers-As seem to fall sweet hopes of ours, When Summer dies.

What tho' the glories pass from sight That Summer to us brought, And all the visions of delight Her fairy hands have wrought; Beyond her tomb behold the clear And brilliant pageant of the year-Leaves she not peerless Autumn here When Summer dies?

### They Are After the Money

Some Suggested New Titles for The Tuneful Yankee and Words that Almost Rhyme with Silver

Mr. Publisher

THE Editor respectfully submits to you the following titles sent in response to your \$100 offer for the best name to take the place of The Tuneful Yankee.

Studying over matters, while I hate to see you change the name of your magazine, I think, perhaps, the following would be more appropriate: "The Musical News."—

(Not bad, Edward, I've never heard this one before ut, remember, there are a million or more, or less of follow.)

"The Tuneful Rosenfeld" says Elliott Shapiro, of Shapiro, Bernstein & Co., but he is only jollying the editor.

"The Merry Musician" says Dorothy Schultz, schoolmarm de luxe.

"The Popular Musician," suggests De Witt Wheeler. \* \* \*

"The Snappy Songster," infers Miss Bertha Stein. \* \* \*

"The Song Reviewer," extends George Bowles, of Hartford, Ct. (Which is very bad, George.)

We have received the following expression from the eminent song bard, Harry Tobias: Here is my rhyme for "silver."

"I had a little dog and his name was Wilver,

I fed him with a spoon that was made of silver Regarding a new title for magazine I advise you to call it "Song Topics" for this

conveys just what you want to incorporate. Send me the \$105. (Well, Harry, you may be a clever song maker but that dog of yours called "Wilver" could bark better rhymes than your abortion above. Concerning the magazine title you suggest, it is not so bad, but others will, no doubt, beat you to it before the game is through h.

game is through.) From Henry Marshall, Toledo, O.: I submit this title for Tuneful Yankee contest. Call your magazine "America's Great Review Book." Here is my rhyme for silver: "Shiver." I ought to get one of the prizes!

(I'd like to tell you what you ought to get. But the law forbids. Any man who rhymes "shiver" with "silver" ought to shiver in August. He ought to be packed in ice.)

William Truesdale, Adrian, Mich., writes

The only true rhyme for "silver" is "liver," especially in this sense: "I fed my cat some liver Upon a platter of silver."

Is this not a good rhyme? (Yes, Mr. Truesdale, it is a good rhyme—for the nut factory. I'd like to feed you some liver upon a platter of silver. But first I'd want to sprinkle some white stuff on it.)

Max Prival-A good title for your magazine would be "The Peerless Songster."

Please deliver me the silver! \$5, is it? George Willard.

Paul Britz, who suggests "Musical American," evidently forgot about that fine magazine called "Musical America."

J. H. sends in the following title for The Tuneful Yankee change: "The Popular Musician," which is not bad.

E. M. L. sends in this one which is quite an odd suggestion and, while perhaps a little egotistical for us to use, has a point: "The Musical Triumph."

### Interesting Bits from the News Prints

Interesting and Uncommon Gossip of the Newsmongers

How Thousands Die in the Streets of · New York

New Ideas for Life Saving Plan

The number of accidents occurring in the streets of New York City are showing a grave increase, according to a report just made public by Police Commissioner Woods, who has made a request to merchants and business houses that their vehicular traffic he carried on during hours when the pedestrian traffic is the lightest. He has sent a letter to the business men recommending that their transportation work be conducted between 4 and 8 o'clock in the morning. The greatest number of accidents happen between the hours of noon and 8 o'clock P.M., the statistics indicating that 63 per cent occur during those hours, as compared with the 24 per cent of accidents taking place during the hours suggested by the commissioner.

Police Commissioner Woods of New York alarmed by the increased number of traffic accidents has evolved a plan which, if adhered to by users of motor trucks and heavy hauling drays, will help to minimize the growing total of deaths and injuries from this source. Co-operation between business houses and city authorities is all that is necessary to quickly diminish the death roll of street accidents.

The last six months, according to the statistics, there were 12,284 street accidents, as against 10,593 for the corresponding period of 1916, an increase of 30 per cent. The greater number of accidents happen on Saturdays, the figures show.

Last June there were 2,622 street accidents, as against 2,057 for June of 1916, an increase of 20 per cent. The number of automobile accidents for the same com-The motorcycle accidents last June were 60, against 40 in 1916.

A decrease was noted in accidents in which horse-drawn vehicles figured, last June having 194 against 230 for 1916. Persons alighting from ears were victims of 223 accidents last month, as against 226 in June of 1916.

but one person bitten during June, as against ten in 1916.

By enlisting the co-operation of the business men of the city in his proposed plan. Commissioner Woods is confident the accidents will not be so numerous.

National Anthem

anthem is finished.

William D. Moore, of No. 824 Rebecca Place, Elizabeth, N. J., is noted for his patriotism. Moore's neighbor has a phonograph. The neighbor likewise is very patriotic. When he returns home from work at 2 o'clock each morning he cranks up the phonograph and plays "The Star-Spangled Banner." He loves the anthem and plays it at short intervals for an hour or so.

Poor Moore, across the way, awakes each time and stands up in bed in his pajamas. Yesterday he applied to the Court for a restraining order. He was told to take up the matter in Chancery.

Admits His Fakes

Lawyer Charged with "Accident" Swindles Finally Confesses How He Made a Living \$3 the Price Generally Charged Further details of the alleged activities of Benjamin Gunner, an attorney of 261 Broadway, were testified to at the trial of Gunner in General Sessions upon an indictment charging with attempted grand larceny in the second degree in connection with the filing of fraudulent accident claims with insurance companies.

At the close of the testimony, he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the penitentiary. Thomas McGlynn of 208 West Sixtieth Street, whose brother, Michael, is indicted

#### HERE'S SOMETHING NEW TO KICK ABOUT

ANY of our readers and contributors send addresses sparsely written for return of manuscripts. These addresses are frequently very difficult to decipher and, as a result, many of them come back to The Tuneful Yankee from the post office. Now, parative periods show 1,037 against 650. we would suggest this to our correspondents who want their manuscripts reviewed. With each manuscript send a self-addressed envelope, fully prepaid with stamps, and in cases where more than one manuscript is sent see that the envelope is large enough and strong enough to retain the contents. By this means you will get quicker action and The Department of Health's campaign an earlier review, because this will against unmuzzled dogs was highly success- facilitate matters in the examining office against the Marine Corps Recruiting Bureau ful, as the figures show, there having been in New York. And remember this, too: at 24 East Twenty-Third Street, particularly send no manuscripts to the Boston office for review. The publisher is too busy with his own troubles to bother about forwarding them to the New York office, which necessitates additional postage and causes unnecessary delay in getting an early criticism in The Tuneful Yankee. We have apparently been Stands Up in Bed at 2 A. M. to Hear successful in our constant warnings about return postage, for our readers has compelled the surgeons to give them If a patriotic citizen hears the strains of are now beginning to realize this neces-"The Star-Spangled Banner" played in these sity. Remember now to send selfmartial days there is nothing for him to do addressed envelope and to forward your these young men might be safe-guarding but stand at attention until the national manuscripts direct to the New York themselves for the physical examination office, 1547 Broadway, New York.

with Gunner, was the last witness for the prosecution.

"I was broke one day," testified Thomas, "and went to my brother and asked for a loan of five dollars.'

"I'll get you a job instead," Michael was quoted as saying. Thomas said he was introduced to Gunner, who employed him.

"I asked Gunner what I had to do," continued Thomas. "Go out and look for broken coal holes or torn oil cloths, and get somebody to have a fake fall," he swore Gunner said.

"Bring them down to me and I'll give them \$5 each and you \$3," he declared Gunner told him.

"I asked Gunner if there was any chance of my getting arrested. 'Not a chance; be game like your brother,' he replied."

On cross examination by Gunner's attorney, Abraham Levy, Thomas said he brought eighteen cases to Gunner and received \$3 per case. He said he went among his friends and told them he was working in with a "phony lawyer," and asked them to notify him if they saw any broken coal covers. Some of his friends had fake falls, for which they received \$5 each, he said.

Gunner approached him last June, the witness said, and told him not to get any more cases on the West Side between Fourteenth and Sixtieth Streets.

"Did he give you any reason for this?"

asked Judge McIntyre. "Yes; he told me he had so many suits from that district that the District Attorney

was getting wise." Thomas McGlynn said he was a piano mover by occupation, but the work was hard and he thought the job with Gunner would permit him to live like a gentleman. He admitted assuming several names when working for Gunner.

Gunner, through his attorney, Abraham Levy, requested that a plea of guilty be accepted. Judge McIntyre promptly accepted the plea, and without formality sentenced the lawyer to the penitentiary for an indeterminate sentence of six months to three years.

Testing the Eyes With a \$5 Bill

How a Greenback Restored a Man's Sight In all likelihood the War Department at Washington will receive a complaint against Lieutenant Daniel Gardner, Jr., on the grounds of cruel and unusual tests.

The marine recruiters, as well as all other branches of the service, have been visited recently by some young patriots drawn early in the draft lottery, all of whom expressed a desire to enlist. The only trouble with them has been that they seemed to have weak eyes, which ed persons thought that may be, just may be, of the exemption boards, where a rejection card would help out. They even persuaded the authorities that it might be well to invent

A young man, name not given, appeared vesterday morning. He was all right physically, except for his eyes, and there he was very bad. He couldn't make out box car letters ten feet away. He couldn't see anything he sadly said. Everybody seemed to agree with him and told him to make himself comfortable while they consulted. He did so, gazing about the room until suddenly he became interested in a particular corner.

After a while he arose from his chair and sidled over to the corner, absentmindedly dropped his handkerchief into the corner shadowed by a desk and reached for it. Just about that time somebody appeared and asked him to "give back that five dollar bill he had just picked up," which he did. Then they told him that any man able to detect the presence of money in a distant dark corner wasn't so very blind, but the marine corps did not want him as a recruit.

They had dropped the bill there with the fiendish purpose of testing him.

A New Confidence Game \$19.50 a Drink Comes Pretty High, Even Though the Sample Satisfies Oklahoma City, Okla., Sunday.—A new

style of confidence game was discovered here when Deputy Sheriffs Adrean and Tyler raided the home of Hugh Williams, a negro, in the 700 block on East First Street.

A call was received at the County Attornev's office to send a man to the place because the negro had some liquor. The deputies went out immediately, intent on making a big raid. When they arrived they entered the house. Williams was standing in the front room of the house and asked the officers what they wanted.

"We want that whiskey you've got here," one of them said

"Ah, ain't got no whiskey," Williams declared.

Deputy Adrean began looking around and discovered what looked to be a five gallon oil can.

"Have you got whiskey in that can?" he asked the negro.

"No, sir. Ah wish I did have," the negro responded. "It oughter have whiskey in it, but it ain't got nothin' but water. A white man done come out here this mornin' and sold me that can for \$19.50, and it ain't got nothin' but water in it.

The officers investigated the contents and found that Williams was right. The can was filled with water. A small bulb had been soldered inside the top just large enough to hold a large drink of whiskey. The man poured Williams out a drink of whiskey and then sold him the can, the negro believing he was buying liquor.

Williams is the negro who, when on trial on a charge of murder about ten years ago, went to sleep. District Judge Havson, who was then a prosecuting attorney, declares that his going to sleep while on trial caused the jury to acquit him.

#### A MODEL MUSICAL MACHINE

THE accompanying photograph of Walter Wilson, Chicago representative for the firm of Joseph Morris Co., defines a specimen of the genuine musical motor.



Walter Wilson

Tall of physique, physically perfect, and the personification of the modern prize fighter, but possessing all the gentleness of the fair sex, young Wilson s the admired cynosure of the Chicago domicile. He is at once salesman, demonstrator, general manager and director of the above-named music house and has as many friends as the pro- give me your open opinion of this number. verbial pea in the bushel.

Clever Device to Win Fortune Finally in the Hands of the Police. For Years Had Been Sought by Them

NE of the most ingenious contrivances for taking the risk out of roulette ever brought to the notice of the police fell into the hands of the New York department when a raid was made on a rooming house in West Sixty-first street.

It had been intended by an exclusive group of individuals that a certain wealthy mining man from Montana was to have a chance at winning about fifty cents. The group who rented the second floor of the house and staged the gambling apparatus had half expected they might win a million dollars if the mining man's luck failed to overcome certain details. Their fifty cents was fairly safe.

There was an electric device attached to which the revolving disk could be brought to an instant stop on any desired number by the pressure of a button under the table.

The police stepped in through a window shortly before it was known the gambling group and the wealthy mine owner whom they had picked up was to appear. The roulette outfit was confiscated. Berton Harley, formerly an actor, who conducts the rooming house, said he had rented the floor to two men who said they wanted to use it for a month as a motion picture studio. Mr. Harley was exonerated of all connection with the gamblers.

#### Is It a Farce! Remarkable Discrepancy in Census Reports

Mayor Charles G. Stolberg, of Canton, Ohio, has a grievance and if the facts are as stated it is well founded.

Protesting that his city is being forced to bear an unfair proportion of the draft. Mayor Stolberg says that with a population of about seventy thousand, Canton is credited by the Census Bureau with an inflated population of 177,586.

This discrepancy is so great as to call for explanation.

Is the taking of a census a farce?

Sample of a Manly Letter I am writing you to tell you that I very much appreciate The Tuneful Yankee, and it is in my opinion the most interesting music periodical of its kind, that I have ever read. The music in it is good and up-to-date, and the articles are unprejudiced and very much

Some of your criticisms are very amusing from the reader's point of view, unless the reader happens to be personally concerned with the subject being criticised, in which case he may not derive any amusement from that particular article, though he may read other articles and see the other fellow "get his."

I have decided to send you a copy of one of my compositions, entitled "The March of the Princess Pats." I wish you would Say just what you think. I've got my shoulders braced and am prepared for the

While I am writing you this letter, I would like to go on your records as being one of the supporters of the composer of "The Queen of the Roses Was You," and state that in my opinion his grammar is positively correct. I have been a subscriber to your magazine ever since the first issue came out, and have read with much pleasure. the various opinions of subscribers regarding the grammatical correctness of the title 'The Queen of the Roses Was You." I have noted that the highest authority in the States is going to give his opinion on this point, and I want to be "in the band wagon" when the "returns come in."

Please don't let my difference with you in regard to this grammatical point, effect your judgment of my march, because you are strong for honest opinions and I have given you mine. Some fellows would be actually thought you were right or not, or in case they didn't know which, but I'm willing to take the chance of a "roasting" in my desire to be fair. I know if I get the "roasting" I'll deserve it.

With best wishes for the success of The Tuneful Yankee, which I feel sure is well deserved, I am,

Yours faithfully, A. C. Garratt. (Montreal.) P.S. You may print this letter in your magazine if you wish. I would consider it an honor to have my name appear in a magazine whch is so outspoken, ambitious and so truly "American."

## Reviews of Popular Music

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When the Violets Bloom in the Springtime. Words and music by Alexander Higgins, Richmond, Ind. Published by the author.

Now, Mr. Higgins, in your letter which you send with your song you say that your friends tell you that this is a very original song. No doubt. So original that I am sure I heard this same title upon my mother's knee, which is forty or fifty years ago. I shall not review the song at length, because it is not worth it. It is too old in idea and thought and title. It was once original, no doubt. This reminds me of the traveling man who stopped at a little hotel in Squedunk, or somewhere near there, and was surprised to find a dirty roller towel in the wash room. The traveling man said to the proprietor:

"Didn't you know that for some years it has been against the law to put up a roller towel in a hotel in this State?"

"Sure, I know it," replied the proprietor. "But that towel was put up before the law was passed."

So, Mr. Higgins, your song had its ancestor before you were born.

A Little Knowledge Goes a Great Way. Words and music by Frances Key Gilmore, St. Paul, Minn.

Dear lady, we agree with you that a little knowledge goes a great way, because you have proved it in your song which possesses very little knowledge and goes a very long way. Could you have seen how we threw your burdensome printed copy angrily several yards distant from us, you would agree with us. But, as you are a lady we shall let you down easily and tell you that before we tossed the junk away that we looked it over carefully so as to be just with you, even amid our heated anger. There is only one element of beauty about the work; it is very brief. You only had two pages of the stuff, and that was in its favor.

A little knowledge goes a great way, For it daily I pray-

praying, because the good Lord sometimes hears prayers and acts accordingly. You need as much knowledge as the law allows. You ought to look out for some good man in life. He might help you along. Because some men go abroad to complete their education. Others marry. You could eduknowledge for which you have been praying. long drawn out bars of music that is anything weak points in the present "Dad" song is

The Buck-Duck Dance. By L. V. Donaldson. Featured by Miss Minnie Haworth. Published by the author, Peoria, Ill.

Well, here is a title for your life. You have some name. What is a buck-duck? I see that some lady is dancing it for you. Well, that will help some. All sorfs of crazy titles reach The Tuneful Yankee, but this is not a crazy one—it is a looseminded piece of brain-loss. You have ninety-two bars in one theme. Do you expect people to dance these ninety-two bars at a cabaret or behind iron bars? I note you have at the foot of your front page these words: "The Latest Wrinkle in Modern Jazz Hits." And a woman endorses it with her name—beneath the words "The Latest Wrinkle." What does a woman know about wrinkles, anyhow? The woman who is always looking for the latest wrinkle looks everywhere except in her mirror.

My Modern Beauty. Words and music by Sylvester C. Holt, Toledo, Ohio.

You have most remarkable versification in your effusion. Here is what I call

wonderful poetry:

And the dimples in her cheeks Were like little mountain peaks—

What a bold thing to compare a little dimple with the hills of the mountains! If your pursue this class of song and expect to make money therefrom you will soon get grey hair and you know that premature grey hair is what causes the good to dye young. (Joke.) So is your song.

Come Into the Garden, Sweet. Words and music by C. F. Langehorn, Pawtucket, R. I.

If you asked us to come into the garden, now that we know what kind of a writer you are, rhyming "stone" with "roam," we would come all right, but we would have something in our hip pocket. Of course, have made the editor in reading such miserable doggerel on a hot day. However, the happiness of some people depends upon Now, the editor hopes you will keep on their ability to make others unhappy. bbb

The Sweetest Thing on Earth. By Eben Marshall and Alfred Marshall. Published by the Marshall Brothers, Chattanooga, Tenn.

You two brothers must have had a good mother in days gone by because you are forever lauding her memory in your song cate a good fellow-after you get that which has no less than sixty-eight measures of

but music. There is no tune to the miserable thing. The only commendable feature of it is the ending where you say:

Let's draw a curtain.

You should have drawn the curtain before you ever took the song to the printer and saved yourself the anguish of reading this true and heartfelt criticism and, incidentally, saved yourself about \$39.98 in good hard cash. The sweetest thing on earth is not always a mother's love if she raises such sons as you. The sweetest thing on earth just about now is a plunge into a cold tub of ice water. And the editor is going to do so immediately to get away from your song.

Love's Sweet Young Dream. Published by Georgiana Thimes, Adrian, Mich.

Now, Miss Thimes you have a very peculiar name. However, that is no disgrace. I rather like the name because it is so different from ordinary names and because you are courageous enough to own it and because you are courageous enough to put it on this thing which you call a song. Love's Sweet Dream. Oh! you sweet thing! Don't you know that there are a million, more or less, other songs of this title already? "Love's Sweet Young Dream!" What is it, anyhow? You don't explain in your song anything about it. Are you married; do you want to be; or was you in the past? I don't know what Love's sweet young dream can be unless it is a bank roll and a wedding band. An old bachelor says that there is but one thing sweeter than Love's sweet young dream, and that is to wake up and find yourself still single.

Love and Honor Dear Old Dad. Words by Frank Bonner and H. A. Kragle. Music by Charles Roy Cox. Published by the Buckeye Music Pub. Co., Columbus, Ohio.

This song represents money wasted. Of course, the song appealing to father is always we should like to tell you how unhappy you more or less a piece of lottery. The invocation to respect and love the honorable papa of a family is not a very poetical one, although a practical one. The mere request to do honor to the head of the family is meek and listless. Some day someone will come along and write a song about Daddy which will have a new thought in it with a tinge of reality to startle the multitude, and make it a tremendous hit. But until that time we shall have to get along with the "Mother" songs and let the old man pursue his pipe and grog. One of the particularly

contained in the song of several seasons back, called, "When the Daisies Bloom in Summer." Sailing Home. Words by Treve Collins, Jr.

Music by Ernie Burnett. Published by the Buckeye Pub. Co., Columbus, Ohio.

This is an awfully catchy song. The words are sensible and new in which the "place where you were born" rhymes with "old Cape Horn." The music is very, very catchy. Some publishers could reap a fortune from such a song with any other title. Another thing, the song should have been arranged in a key lower, B flat, as the accentuation upon the climaxes in its present key is too strenuous. Still, this is a finely written song.

Waiting for Your Eyes of Blue. Words by Edward G. Allanson. Music by Chas. Miller. Published by the Allanson Publishing Co., Chicago. Ill.

In this song the author has been waiting quite some time for the lady's eyes of blue. "Waiting for you" appears no less than four times in one musical line, and then you go on and wait some more. Beneath the moon and in the month of June and other spots; and in the last line but one, of the song, you spell the word "you"—"yo." However, it won't matter much. No one will be seriously waiting long for this song.

The Blue o' Your Eyes. Song. Words by Ethel Claire Goodell. Music by Walter J. Goodell. Published by Edward G. Allanson Co., Chicago, Ill.

The good lady who wrote this song has made quite an effort to show us that she has a command of the English language, using such words as "qualm," which, by the way, has no rhyme to meet it. The music has a range just big enough to make it unsalable, running from low B to high G.

 $Duck, Boys, Duck. \quad \text{Words by George Brown-}$ ng. Music by Bob Guyot. Published by the Melody Music Publishing Co., Jersey

What meaner thing could I say than this is a good song? Because if I said it, it would make you believe it was and make you spend all the money you have in the world to push it. So, let's be honest about it. Your chorus reads thus:

Necker, the undertaker, duck, boys, duck, For he is after everybody that's about, He'll put you in a casket, in a wooden box

It makes no difference whether you're thin She swings as she sings her love song soft or stout; You'd better look out,

They say his funeral cannot be beat, He furnishes crepes and coaches complete; And flowers for an extra half a buck; If you linger I will bet he is going to nail

you yet, For it's Necker, the undertaker, Duck, boys, duck!

This is not bad, humorously considered. but why borrow trouble? Necker won't grab you because you have nerve to borrow trouble and when a fellow borrows trouble we are not apt to press him to pay it back.

Two prints from the Bohrer Publishing Co-Words by Reginald F. Wakefield. Music by Alphonse E. Bohrer, 1431 Broadway,

Lonely. This song will not do. It makes me lonely. It was evidently written by a clever musician who did not have much in the words to excite his melodic pen. The words are not bad but they do not tempt. A writer can go a great way with a little spurring. So can an ordinary man who walks. A man can walk a mile without moving more than two feet. Get me?

In your instrumental work you have done fairly well, nothing disgraceful, which is a

Virginia from Virginia. Song. Words by Davis S. Jacobs. Music by Charles Roy Cox. Published by the Buckeye Music Publishing Co., Columbus, Ohio.

There are too many silly Virginia songs. Virginia seems to be the only State that is flooded, apparently, with women called Virginia. The music in this song, however, is most melodious. It is fetching and fascinating, with a refreshing newness that does not correspond with the text of the song, which text, however, is not badly constructed and is poetical in a sense. But the song will not sell with all the good things I have said about it.

While the Incense is Burning. Words and music by Walter Smith. Published by music by Walter Smith. music by Walter Smith. Published by Sherman, Clay & Co., San Francisco, Calif.

Many Eastern firms publish worse songs than this. In fact many an Eastern firm would be glad to have a song as good. The composition opens with a minor melody containing an accompaniment of grotesque Arabian conception. Walter Smith, whoever he is, is a musician. At least, he is a good writer of national strains and understands the dissolution and the evolution of chords and cadenzas. The title of the song is also apt. It is no disgrace to publish a song of this adequate artifice.

In Old Japan. Words and music by Walter Smith. Published by Sherman, Clay & Co., San Francisco, Čalif.

This is another song by the same composer. But we do not care what he may think of it, we don't compare it with the 'Incense' song in musical merit, although the characteristic Japanese quality is very pronounced and original. Who can sing such phrases as this:

This reminds us of "Sister Susie's Sewing Shirts for Soldiers," a comedy element stuck into a pretentious ballad. The end of the "Japan" song is also awkward and weak. "U. S. A." Of course, A-mer-i-ca with the Otherwise-well-there is no otherwise.

The Contented Road. By Allan C. Hart, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

This is a very good title but very bum words. The music is bummer. While we

we would say that bummers have whistled better tunes into the ear of this editor. The music is written in flats and sharps and you have no marks of clefs in the entire composition, letting the reader who is so unfortunate as to try over your composition, do a lot of guessing as to what you wish to convey in the melodic sense. What do you mean by the road to contentment? You have said nothing about contentment in your song. I had an awful time trying to figure out where the contentment came in. I know the discontentment came in on me. Gee! I'd like to step on your dactyl

Take Back the Cruel Words You've Spoken. Song. Words and music by Eleanor Hazlitt, Kingston, N. Y. Published by the author.

You are a lady and I am curious to know how anybody could say cruel words to you because you have written such a sweet, dainty, lilting little effort here. However, there is a little bit of sarcasm running through some of your lines, especially the third stanza of your chorus. By golly! I could write an iambic about you, but if you think a woman will take back her unkind words you are mistaken, little girl. Women seldom take back their unkind words unless they want to use them over again.

666 Take Off Your Hat to the Stars and Stripes. Words and music by Earl H. Webb. Published by the author, Mt. Carmel, Ill.

Dear Mr. Webb, if you had used a little webbing for the catchy music you donated to this song and connected it with some stirring words it would have probably caused us to take off our hats to both you and the stars and stripes. But you immediately dissolved your musical gift by writing such lines as these:

For her her grandfathers fought and died Way back in the past so grey, Now in this land of the true and tried She is the pride of America.

Oh! Brother Webb, this is horrible. You have picked out a word like "grey" to rhyme with the word "America." Just to get a rhyme! I have seen "America" rhymed to all sorts of misnomers. They rhyme the last syllable "Americah," and then they sometimes rhyme it "Americk" with "derrick" and the like. Now come along you, and start something new, rather blue, 'tis true. (How are these rhymes to suit your highness?) You have the audacity to rhyme "grey" with "Americay." Well, I'll not be too severe. You needed a rhyme for "grey and you got it, with or without gray matter.

666 Sure We're Some Big America. Words and music by Harry Wolfe. Published by the author, Harrisburg, Pa.

Some song writers rhyme "America" with correct emphasis upon the second syllable cannot rhyme with ay, day, or any other phonetic term of this kind-except with a song writer. A song writer has unusual privileges, or at least, he takes them. Then, Mr. Wolfe turns right about and ends his do not wish to call you a bummer, Mr. Hart, catchy song, rhyming "America" with

thou art! Men do wonderful things these days. Some men shake for the drinks, and others drink for the shakes.

666 The City of Perfect Peace. Sacred Song. Words and music by B. J. McPhee. Published by the Fred Alton Haight Co., Med-

Mr. McPhee has written quite a poetical set of words to this effusion. But he has penned the entire composition in five flats, theme and chorus, without relief. Nowadays, singing of a city of perfect peace seems out of gear. After the war is over we might find such a city. But the only place where we can locate such an affair at the present time is down on Coney Island on a Sunday in swimming, or up beyond the blue portals where the angels play "Johnny, Get Your Gun" on jew's-harps.

Duty and Beauty. Song. By Mark E. Mullins. Published by the author, Galveston, Tex.

Your song is full of inconsistencies. It is no duty to be beautiful and it is a disgrace to be beautiful without doing your duty. We presume you refer to the girl in the question. If she loves you it is your duty to return her love whether she be beautiful or not.

With your song, you send these words: Editor Tuneful Yankee: I hope I am not making a fool of myself in sending you this Tell me the truth about the value of this song.

Well, are you making a fool of yourself with such doggerel? The one of us who does not make a fool of himself once in a while is the man that Nature has saved the trouble.

Meet Me When the Lights Are Gleaming Low. Words and music by Edward G. Allanson. Published by Allanson Music Co., Chicago.

There is nothing striking to this title, but the music is facile, pleasing and original. It is a neat little song and will satisfy many who love the simple and unique in modern melodious semi-classic ballads. The arrangement is also correct and useful.

Mississippi Volunteers. Words by Robert Levenson. Music by George Published by Walter Jacobs, Boston, Mass.

The exact reason for the publication of his song is a mystery to the editor. It may be that it was written to show the versatility of George L. Cobb. If so, it has fulfilled its mission because it is replete with jingling phrases and melodious music of the type which has made the Cobb name co-relative with clever conceptions. It is a fine "stage" song. The accompaniment with its bright beats and happy pauses makes it a fine jazz number. There is nothing startling about the text-the same old idea of "volunteers on parade" in "brand new uniform array" and "here they come" and "everyone fall in line," and kindred phrases of antiquity—but not a line therein mingled it with musical diatribes.

"thee." Sweet inconsistency, what a jewel suggesting a novel thought or an alluring idea. Still, the song reverts to the Cobb melody which it is a difficult thing to pick to pieces, although upon this hot and sultry August day the sweltering editor has made every effort in vain to do so.

> 666 My Fair Little Widow. By J. C. Clemons, Saginaw, Mich. Published by the author.

Well, Mr. Clemons, you evidently like widows. Every other line of your song speaks about her charms. Are you going to marry "sweet Kate at the garden gate?" I wonder if you are a widower, or a bachelor? Widows frequently lead bachelors to the marriage altar; they have been there before and know the way. Let us hope she will do the same to you. Perhaps you will then write no more of such silly, knock-

Sweet Forgetfulness. Words and music by Raymond Haverly, Indianapolis, Ind.

With this song comes the following letter: I enclose you my song for review. I am always getting into some kind of trouble with my words. One friend tells me my titles are stolen, others say my lyrics are weak. What can I do?

To which we reply: You have what is called lyricthitis. See a song doctor. If your trouble is chronic, take some arsenic. You remind me of the fellow with his automobile:

"It is always getting me into trouble one way or the other," said the poor fellow. "When it runs decently I get arrested for speeding. When it refuses to run I get arrested for profanity."

666 Down With the Enemy, Up With Our Flag. Words and music by Ada Koppitz Harsch. Published by Koppitz & Alger, Pittsburgh,

So-called patriotic songs are coming in to us in such quantities that The Tuneful Yankee is thinking seriously of either committing suicide or inaugurating a couple of pages each month simply to review these peculiarities. This magazine has a policy to discriminate against no one. It wants to be as fair with the little publisher as with the million-dollar syndicate magnate. Thus, in the course of events cometh into our office songs from the most remote points who are entitled to our conscientious criticism.

Now, whoever you are, Ada Koppitz Welsh rabbits (or rarebits, as you wish). Harsch, you are entitled to a few minutes of our time. Your song has a number of jingling melodies but we should like to ask you why in thunder you placed words throughout your song without any musical notes thereunder. Running through your song (see 4th measure of the chorus) are phrases which have words for no music, in easily, although I admit that wives as a other cases music with no words. You let the reader simply come to his own conclusions as to whether to sing these absent notes or to gurgle them in imagination. Now, dear madam, if it was worth your while to write this song, why could you not have just as well devoted a little care to the lyrics? You simply took a good idea and

Two songs from the press of Alton J. Stevens, Chicago, Ill. America, You for Me. Words by Alton Stevens. Music by Merlin L. Dappert.

Some of the words of this song are good; others bad, grammatically, though not in text. The text has many good points. The music is also inspiriting in a degree, but the arrangement is very awkward and bombastic for a popular song of this character, to say nothing of its difficult exe-

When Uncle Sam Gets Fighting Mad. By the same writers.

There is not much difference from a practical standpoint in this song as compared with the foregoing number. Both songs have very weak endings. Instead of indulging in a climax with the line: "When Uncle Sam gets fighting mad," the composer has a demure, uninteresting and "slackerish" termination. It falls flat. There should have been a heroic climax with a firey and bold apex-something to stimulate and bring forth a horror! . The arrangement in this song is slightly more appropriate than in the foregoing number. Neither song is exactly a disgrace, but they are not made for great revenue, financially.

Mammy Knows. Cradle song. Words by J. Will Callahan. Music by N. S. Carter. Published by Aubrey Stauffer & Co.,

A neat little cradle idea with quaint words and appropriate music, written for no other object than to display the apparent talent of writer and composer.

To the Brave Belong the Spoils. Words and music by Leander Rexall, Duluth, Wis.

You say that "to the brave belong the spoils." What spoils? A brave man does not require nor look for any "spoils." He simply does his duty without expectation of reward. Perhaps you meant the girl in the question. You refer, apparently, to a girl in your song but you don't make it definite. But if you are brave enough to win her, we will not weep. Many men look upon bravery in different lights. Some men consider it a piece of bravery to marry. Other men display their bravery by tackling African lions; others show it by tackling 666

She Would Give Me Her Life. Song. Words and music by the Cadore Publishing Co.,

Now, gentlemen, your writer says that she would give you her life. I doubt it. Women do not give away their lives so general thing are more liberal than husbands. The wife who has a mind of her own is apt to give her husband a piece of it.

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Dancing Shadows. By Grace W. Linn. Published by the Carlin Music Co., Indianapolis.

The delightful lady who wrote this wants a review from The Tuneful Yankee. She



### Ye Clown Topic

With Apologies to K. C. B.

MR. WALTER JACOBS. THE TUNEFUL YANKEE. BOSTON, MASS. DEAR MR. JACOBS. THEY SAY YOU are a man. WITH ALL SORTS of money. THAT IS, you would be. IF EVERYBODY paid you. WHAT'S COMING. NOW I SEE you are offering. 100 SIMOLEONS. FOR A NEW title to the. TUNEFUL YANKEE. I WAS THINKING why you do USE SOME of your clever. GUYS in Beantown. TO WORK UP a title. FOR INSTANCE, that man But-OR BUSYMAN. THE GUY. WHO GETS UP. AT SOCIAL meetings. AND KEEPS the mobs. LAUGHING AT his. SO-CALLED WIT. OR COBB, the great. TUNE-COBBLER.

OR MYRON FREESE.

THE BLOKE that originates.

SUCH CLEVER stuff. FOR YOUR CADENZA. YOU COULD easily keep this. HUNDRED DOLLAR case note in your. \* \* \* FAMILY instead ot. BATTLING the brains of. YOUR POOR song-writer readers. I MEAN those that have. NOW, IF YOU left that. MAGAZINE TITLE to me I would. CALL IT "THE SLACKER." AND DEDICATE it to. THOSE GUYS WHO are afraid. TO DO THEIR DUTY by you. IN MONEY matters. YOU HAVE BEEN a fool. LONG ENOUGH. THEY SAY when a fool. DOES NOT ACT like a fool. HE FOOLS a lot. OF PEOPLE. AND YOU HAVE been both. AND IT'S about time you. MADE SOME OF these. SLACKERS COME across. WITH THE mildewed. KALE.

wrote the dance several years ago but she But perhaps we are mistaken, after all. thinks that makes no difference to us. Since this piece was written years ago the editor has grown a beard. Several times we have shaved it off so you can see how Father Time reaps his harvest-both for you, Mrs. Linn, and for me, Rosey. You have been writing us such nice letters. witty Grace Walls Linn, that we hate to

I THANK YOU!

The other party may have stolen theirs from you. I refer to the arpeggio melody on Page 4 which is an exact counterpart of the song "You Are My Rose of Honolulu." In other respects your composition is a most delightful effort, very tintinnabulating, playful and fascinating. Another salient quality is its excellent arrangement, the harmony say that some of your melody is reminiscent. in some parts being estimably quaint.

In Her Navy Gown of Blue. An Idyll. By Kathryn C. Holt, Des Moines, Iowa.

An imaginary thing for a dress parade but not for a piano. What does the public care about how your heroine is dressed! In fact, the soldier boys do not like to see a girl dressed up in male attire even accoutred in Uncle Sam's patriotic colors. This is as bad as those New York girls here who are wearing summer furs on a sweltering August day at a temperature of 106 in the shade. However, they may be the same individuals; who braved the blizzards last winter with lawn shirt-waists and lace collars. Such is the game of life.

Fishing. A nautical romance. By Henry W. Carter, Boise, Idaho. Published by the

Upon the title page of this song you have a canoe from which you are dangling your fish hook. The man has a smile of joy upon his battered countenance like a negro getting into the middle of a piece of pumpkin pie. In your chorus you say that after you have caught your mess of fish you are going to take in a good "movie" picture show. Well, Henry, that's all right. Fish stories and "movie" scenarios are romances of "reel" life. We have no objection. Go to it.

Hip Hip Hooray for the Good Old U. S. A. Words and music by H. R. Fletcher. Published by Warner C. Williams & Co., Indian-

Here is another "patriotic" inspiration, as if the million and one others were not enough to afflict the patient, enduring public. Still, in this song there is a crackerjack chorus, full of life, vigor, and a tinge of the old familiar "Should Auld Acquaintance Be Forgot" running through the latter part of it. The words are also sensible. That is saying a great deal when we look over some of the insipid mush that greets us these days under the guise of "patriotic" poetry. The arrangement of the song is also well made. The composition may not sell because of the enormous rivalry in this field; but it is a pleasant thing to note that at least one Western firm, or rather one Western writer, has added a drop into the bucket of desirability.

The Twilight Hour. By B. J. McPhee. Published by the Fred Alton Haight Co., Medford, Ore.

Another McPhee fiddle-dee-dee. By the way, Mac, where did you get your name from? I never heard the name before. How do you pronounce it? But you write good stuff once in a while. I said once in a while. You begin your chorus:

"Oh, peaceful, sweet, refreshing Is the dear old twilight hour-

You evidently like peaceful songs. Well, better this than trenchy tintinnabulations. Your "Twilight Hour" music neatly fits the words but there is a most pronounced resemblance in the opening strains of the chorus to the melody of the "Last Rose of Summer." That is a good song, however, to steal from.

## Answers to Correspondents

Contributors submitting manuscripts without sufficient return postage must not feel aggrieved if they receive no reply by mail

C. V. A., Youngstown, Ohio:
1. "Our Flag." This is just like a thousand other songs eulogizing the banner of our land. It seems there is a song written for every soldier enrolled—a thousand a week, at least. It is very seldom that patriotic songs sell or become very popular. While your song is just as good as the next fellow's it will never pay to get it published.

H. R. J., Saranac Lake, N. Y.:
"When You Opened the Door." These words are very well written but they lack the essential of a strong point as a climax. Nowadays ballads of this kind require a Nowadays ballads of this kind require a purpose in construction, something that will be quoted and sung upon the stage and in parlors. This song of yours, however, if adjusted by a capable man, particularly one who is qualified to write good music to it will no doubt attract considerable. to it, will, no doubt, attract considerable attention.

J. J., Little Rock, Ark.: It doesn't seem to make any difference with a lot of our readers how many times we warn them to send stamps for return manuscripts. We threw your wonderful poetry out of the window. Of course, we made a mistake in so doing, not that we care a t.d. about the matter; but because the policeman on the beat came up into our office and asked us to throw no more rubbish through the window. That was the only thing that alarmed us, not your threat about lawyers and stuff like that. We have warned such as you too frequently.

T. M. P., Wrentham, Mass.: Your "Swing Song Waltz" is excellently Your "Swing Song Waitz" is excellently arranged. But the melody is not original, or rather, it is very ordinary; perhaps both. There are many pretty staccato movements in the composition. But the outshining quality of the whole work is its really clever arrangement.

Editor Tuneful Yankee: Since Hawaiian music is now all the rage, would you not like

music is now all the rage, would you not like to purchase my negro verses enclosed, entitled, "Dis Cunnin' Chile?"

We have received the above letter from Miss Evelyn F. Piggott, Los Angeles.

No, Evelyn, dear, we would not. In the first place you say that it is Hawaiian stuff. And in the next breath you make it a "darkey" song. You have no disgraceful lines in it, to be sure: in fact, you have some lines in it, to be sure; in fact, you have some very good little points in your verses, but nothing that would tempt a modern composer to devote his time and effort to its

J. A. M., New York City:
1. "Annapolis." This has some jingling phrases but the entire composition has many faulty harmonies or chords. It also lacks marks to signify trio. In other respects it is similar to Sousa's "Hands Over the Sea" and some of the chords are not easily encompassed with the hands. Upon the manuscript we are returning to you you will find these

An Important Question Answered We have received the following letter and our reply follows:

Editor Tuneful Yankee,

Dear Sir: I am sending you under separate cover manuscript of a song I have written, entitled, "The Hand That Rocks the Cradle Rules the World," and also another song by the same title written by Jeff Branen. It was always my opinion that Washington would not issue two copyrights on the same title.

I enclose you herewith Mr. Branen's letter and am asking you, Mr. Rosenfeld, whether you think it is fair or unfair for me to seek to have my song published. The song, including the melody and printing has so far cost me about \$20, but if you say it is unfair I would gladly forget it as I do not wish to jeopardize my future in any way.

Yours respectfully, JOHN B. WEPPLER.

1. The copyright office at Washington will issue copyrights upon the same title as frequently as sent in. No person can copyright a title per se. The first copyright of a public work is the one that generally

wins out in a legal fight.

2. The editor of this magazine would 2. The editor of this magazine would simply advise you to drop your song for two reasons: Firstly, Mr. Branen's song is already upon the market and another one by this title would only confuse the public. And second, from the following letter which you enclosed from Jeff Branen we think he has been fair in the matter and has endeavored to demonstrate that competition in the premises would be foolhardy for all concerned. We reproduce his letter to you as a guide to our readers who may to you as a guide to our readers who may similarly be embarrassed upon some future

June 12, 1917.

Mr. John B. Weppler,

Dear Sir: Yes, we are the writers and publishers of a song by the same title as yours enclosed. Our song has been on the market for about six weeks and has sold up into the thousands.

While we cannot prevent you from copy righting a title and a different set of words than that copyrighted by us, we would advise you to vacate the premises on the grounds of unfair competition. It is one of these unfortunate things where more than one writes up a popular title. You may not have heard of our song and from the copy enclosed under separate cover, you may rest assured we did not draw from you.

Trusting you will not seek to publish your number inasmuch as we are ahead of you, we beg to remain, Truly yours, JEFF BRANEN.

Mrs. G. P. M., Leeds, N. D.:

Thanks for the interest you have taken in solving our "Hidden Songs." But your letter, dated July 23, is many, many, many days late. Hundreds have solved these before your letter was posted.

J. M. C., Fishkill, New York:

In reply to your charge that songs nowadays are very poorly written, we agree with you that many of the popular songs of the day are most crude. There is practically day are most crude. There is practically no sane material in many of them. They are slapped and dashed together without rhyme or reason in many instances, and yet—the public buys them. All sorts of liberties are taken with both grammar and etymology. It seems that if there is only a "punch" line in a song the publisher immediately accepts it, provided, of course, the music is catchy. That seems to be the main desideratum with them.

A. E. M., McAlester, Okla.:
"Goodbye." This has quite a swing.
The words are plainly written, but are well The words are plainly written, but are well written. Still, patriotic songs are very hard to "put over." If you had some man to make good music to this song you would have the satisfaction of possessing a very clever piece of work. But what of it? There is no assurance that it would ever sell enough to pay the cost of publication.

Mrs. E. R. G., Northampton, Mass.:
1. "Your Letters." This is merely a pretty little idea, contemplative and poetical. It would not sell as a song. 2. "Old Fire Place" has so frequently been utilized in the interfacture of propular geomes that it is manufacture of popular songs that it is hardly worth commenting upon seriously. The words are unique in a way, but even

with good music they would not attract much attention from a financial point of

J. C., Jackson, Mich., writes:

Is it easy to learn ragtime? Can this be self-taught? How is the best way to become proficient in it?

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O. Y., Letcher, S. Dak.

1. "If I Could Make You." This is not a bad song at all. It has some pretty strains in the melody and the words are fairly good, but the subject is rather oldfashioned. Still, many a publisher these days puts out publications far less interesting than this one. If we are not mistaken we have seen several of your fairly good attempts before and while we are not very

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### Answers to Correspondents

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enthusiastic about encouraging you, yet we would say that if you do this thing for past-time you certainly are putting your hours to very good use, and some day Perseverance may land you into a happier sphere, from a financial standpoint.

Mrs. B. A. F., St. Louis, Mo.
Your attempt to win The Tuneful Yankee's
\$5 for rhyming "river" with "silver" will
not do. This is the same rhyme that has been ludicrously used by many others. However, your pretty little verses in which you combine the rhyme are a very interesting combination of poetry and we had pleasure in reading them.

Fay Thompson, Kansas City. Very sorry to say your answers to "Hidden Songs" are at least two weeks too late.

E. G. A., Chicago, Ill.

We should have replied to your interesting letter by mail were it not that The Tuneful Yankee has an iron-clad rule to make no favoritism by personal correspondence of this nature.

1. You say "Why is it that the songs published by some houses, immediately upon publication, are handled by the various 10-cent stores in the country and are also placed upon the market in song records, many of these being very inferior in quality?" To which we reply that it is a custom with all dealers and music jobbers and phonograph establishments to list new publications for the trade. If a music publisher belongs to the Association and issues new prints monthly, these are "listed" in accordance with an agreement existing among the

fraternity. 1. "Jones and Brown." This is practically a useless collection of words for a popular song. It is written just to show your ability for versifying. Otherwise it has not point nor purpose. 2. "In a Cabin." This is a great deal better. It has a contemporaneous love idea and is neatly unified. But as a practical song it has no especial value. 3. "Longing." This is a retrospect of a rhythmical order. That is all. It is no ballad and it is no song. It is a fairly good attempt at poetry but the title has been done to death. In fact, the "Jones and Brown." This is practitle has been done to death. In fact, the title has been used upon innumerable occasions, and while your song may be original with you, the title would condemn at once for a public presentation in printed form.

of any of the various efforts you yet have sent in. It is a little crude, perhaps, but a clever man could polish it up. The main thing is good music for this set of words. If a catchy melody were united to them, the chances are that the song would be sunguniversally. But it is doubtful whether sung universally. But it is doubtful whether there would be much of a demand for it in the music shops. Still. it is worth trying.

L. L., St. Louis, Mo.:

1. "It's Better Late." This has some humorous lines and a little new thought, here and there. But it will never make a salable popular song. 2. "I Kissed You." The chorus has some original timbre. You say in your second verse:

Gee! This kissing game is surely bliss, Kisses so adoring
Woke a milk-man snoring,
Still they thought no one could hear them

Still they thought no one could hear them

events. When you can wake a milkman snoring, it is about time you stole his supplies of Borden's milk. 3. "I Always supplies of Borden's milk. 3. "I Always Get Advice." This is a song with only a fair text. It has been worked very often into popular song literature. You sent us two copies. One was one too many. 4. "Can you Tell The Reason." This possesses some very pretty ideas. It is well written in spots, but it is not of the selling calibre. 5. "Someone Is Waiting." This idea has frequently been wrought into ballads. There is nothing very allurations." into ballads. There is nothing very alluring about it, still it is evidence that you write fairly good material. Perhaps some

day you may strike a popular song. We hope so for your untiring efforts.

J. B. W., Brooklyn, N. Y.:

Your "Hand That Rocks the Cradle" is a better one than the printed copy you sent us for comparison. Your words are better and your music is better.

But what are you going to do about it? The other fellow has beaten you to it. fellow has beaten you to it. His song is on the market, and you would only get the worst of it by launching yours at this late day. Anyhow, it is doubtful whether either one of them will sell very much.

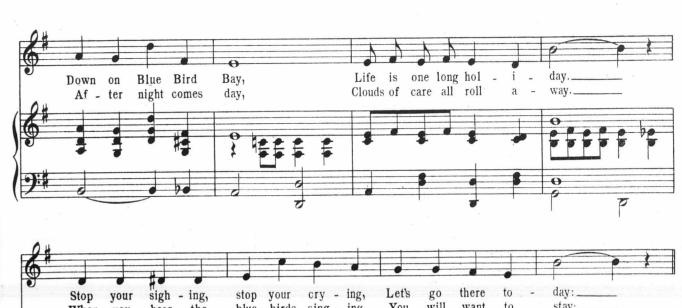
#### An Interesting Letter

I must compliment you on the progress of your Tuneful Yankee. I thought the first number good, but on comparing it with my last I can see a marked improve-

I notice M. A. M. is not pleased with the title of your magazine which astonished me, and I could not refrain from putting in my word about changing it. I don't believe you, or any one, can find a better or more appropriate name, and I would not try. Isn't it a regular Yankee? Isn't it published in Boston? But if it wasn't, "Yankee" is a name given to all Americans north of the Mason-Dixon line, and was freely applied to our soldiers by the opposite side during the Spanish-American war. ("Yankee Pigs.") I hope the name will not be changed, as I always feel a certain satisfaction when I unwrap my magazine and see the jolly face of "Uncle Sam" smiling up at me.

I have been much amused by the controversy over that "Queen of the Roses" business, and when I saw the letter from the distinguished Professor Brander Mathewsor his representative, I could hardly believe my eyes. It only goes to prove what I have often remarked before, that the higher up a person gets in oligies and isms the less he remembers of the homely teachings of the little town school. It is so simple I don't understand why anyone should dispute your correction. If they would simply put the phrase into common, every-day language it would certainly be easy for anybody to understand. "The Queen of the Roses Were You," in plain grammatical form is: "You Were Queen of the Roses." form is: "You Were Queen of the Roses." How could there be any other subject than "You," and that being so, how could we use any but a plural verb? A rule in my old grammar read this way: "A verb must agree with its subject in person and number." See? Of course I am not a "Big Wig," but I couldn't help giving my version, after reading the letters in this number—and I did go to the little red school house for some Now, this is not unoriginal. It shows that did go to the little red schoolhouse for some you have a happy faculty in sizing up time.—Mrs. E. H.





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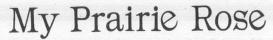
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### Funny Incidents in the Rambles of Music Men

By the witty little Sir Jacob, son and heir of the illustrious Abe Kaplan:

"Mamma, I don't believe Solomon was half so rich as they say he was." "Why not?" queried his mother. "Because," replied the youthful student, "it says here and he sleet with his fathers.' If he had been very rich I guess he would have had a bed of his own.

By the precautious Master George Fred Tholke, the infant prodigy:
"Say papa, what makes giraffes have

"Well, why didn't God make the leaves grow lower down?"

By a friend of our Elizabeth Keefe:

Although not over-particular about her work, Mrs. Brownstone's new maid, fresh from the evergreen isle, was somewhat of from the evergreen isle, was somewhat of a stickler for precision in language. "Is it after 8 yet?" asked Mrs. B— of her one morning, as she came in from the kitchen on some errand. "Yis, mum," replied Bridget, carefully weighing her words. "It is afther it all

right, but it hasn't got there yit! It has five minutes yit to travel!"

Another by Sandy:

The Scotch bagpipe players were breaking the atmosphere into thousands of fragments with their instruments.

"Why do those pipers keep walking up and down as they play?" asked one stranger of another. "I don't know," was the peevish answer,
"unless it makes them harder to hit."

By witty Harry Casper:

The decorator and his apprentice were lime-washing the bakery.

They were about half way through their

task when the master decorator came to look around.

The apprentice was splashing the limewash about. The master, not relishing this waste, said: "Mind your eyes, lad."
The lad said: "It is all right, sir. I have just had one eye full, but I didn't waste it. I put it back in the bucket."

By Uncle Frank Coughlin:

"Who was that handsome woman I saw you with in the ear this morning? You seemed to be very much interested in her.
"I couldn't help being interested in her. She was standing on my corn all the way."

By Max Prival: One day last summer two small boys

were playing near the country road. A young stout lady approached them.

"Little boy," she said, "can you tell me if I can get through this gate to the pike?"

"Yes'm, I think so. A load of hay went through five minutes ago."

Here is a Scotch one told by our Sandy: An old Scotch lady was compelled to carry an ear trumpet with her wherever she Upon visiting a small church in Scotland not long ago she was watched very suspiciously by the sexton till she reached her seat. Then, as if he could stand the suspicion no longer, he went over to her, and, shaking a warning finger emphatically, he said: "Madam—one toot, and you're By Benny Blum:

The young bride had clearly formed ideas of industrial questions.

or industrial questions.

"I will give you something to eat," she informed the tramp who appeared at the kitchen door, "if you will get that axe—"

"Oh, I shan't need that," the tramp interrupted in a reassuring tone; "my teeth are all right." are all right."

Puck says:

Two lawvers before a country justice recently got into a wrangle. At last one of the disputants, losing control of his temper, exclaimed to his opponent: "Jim Rogers, you are the biggest jackass

I ever set eyes upon!"

The justice pounded his desk and called loudly:

"Order! Order! You seem to forget that I am in the room!"

By the charming Essie Doyle: Ethel has announced that she would be home to tea, but it was nearly 6:30 before

"Where have you been, dear?" asked her mother.
"Walking," came the terse reply.
Ethel's mother sniffed.
"And with whom, may I ask?"
"No one" she arrived.

'No one."

"No one, my dear! Are you quite sure?"
"No one," repeated Ethel as she slowly pulled an endless hatpin from her hat.

"In that case," continued her mother, "will you please explain how it is that you have returned with a walking stick instead of an umbrella?"

By our counsellor, Augustus J.:

Woman-I wish to sue my husband for

divorce on the grounds of insanity. Lawyer—Will he contest? Woman-Oh, no; he is not so crazy as

From an English contemporary:

A Durham doctor was much exasperated with the evasive replies a possible recruit for the army was giving him the other day. When it came to the eyesight test the medical man lost all patience and, darting into an adjoining closet, seized the lid of a dust bin, and holding it up to the light exclaimed: "Can you tell me what this it?"

"Aa cannot reetly myke ut oot," was the astonishing answer, "but it's either a two shillin' piece or haaf a dollar!"

By the demure Mildred Davies:

When Mr. Murphy went out on his first joy ride he was instructed on no account to speak to the driver. But it seemed rather necessary a little later to consult the chauffeur, and he said, hesitatingly: "Pardon me, sor, for speakin', but since over those stones twenty minutes ago Mrs. Murphy has not been in the car.

By Sir Gregory Cinque:

Much against his better judgment, the city man decided to engage a girl as "office boy." The first applicant for the job was a fair, frizzy-haired young thing with a lace blouse and as much jewelry as you can get for a quarter at a penny bazaar. The city man eyed her suspiciously.
"I—er—hope you were carefully brought

up," said the city man gruffly.
"Oh, yes, thank you, sir," said the damsel, with a dazzling smile. "I came up in the elevator."

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of any 3d Chord indicates the scale or key name of the 3d Chord which usually follows.

Example:—In the 3d Chord of the scale of D, a-c sharp-e-g, 5-7-2-4, g is the letter name of the fourth degree of the chord and indicates that if a 3d Chord immediately follows it will (usually) be the 3d Chord of the scale of G, which is d-f sharp-a-c, 5-7-2-4, and c being the letter name of the fourth

Scale Tone  $3 \cdot 6 \cdot 2 \cdot 5 \cdot 1 \cdot 4$ 

The 1st and 3rd Chords of these scales comprise the Relative Chords of a scale, and are the natural harmonies of the key

Key of E Minor Key of A Minor Key of D Minor Key of G

LESSON X RELATIVE CHORDS

Because of relationship, the 1st Chord (either major or minor), and 3d Chord of scales or keys beginning (formed) on the 3d, 6th, 2d, 5th, 1st and 4th tones (degrees) Review of "Straight" bass in all twelve keys of a scale may occur when playing in a cer-

> This means that when playing in the Key of C the 1st and 3d Chords of the keys of E, A, D, G, C and F may be employed.

> Relative 3d Chords usually follow each other in a certain given order.

degree of the 3d Chord of the scale of G indicates that if a 3d Chord immediately follows it will (usually) be the 3d Chord of the scale of C, which is g-b-d-f, 5-7-2-4, etc.

Accidental signs (flat, sharp, natural) in the notation of the sheet music are the characteristic indication of the employment of the 3d Chord of a Relative scale or key.

The scale tones upon which Relative scales or keys may be formed and the order in which the Relative 3d Chords usually follow each other as shown in the above example. Relative 1st Chords do not follow each oth-

Melody showing Passing Notes 

Example:-If when playing in the Key of er in any particular order. They are generally C, the 3d Chord of the Key of D is intro- immediately preceded by their own 3d duced, it is usually followed immediately by Chord. the 1st Chord of the Key of D (either major

IMPORTANT-To decide quickly and

or minor) or the 3d Chord of the Key of accurately where and when to employ the Key of C

FIRST CHORD 5 - 1# - 3 G - C# -SECOND CHORD THIRD CHORD

G, which in turn is usually followed immedi-

1st or 3d Chord of a relative scale of key, read ately by the 1st Chord of the Key of G the notes given in both the treble and bass (either major or minor) or the 3d Chord of of the piano (instrumental) part as written in the sheet music disregarding the melody The letter name of the fourth degree (4) notes (usually the top note of each chord in

the treble) unless belonging to the chord, and considering only those tones which are members of a 1st or 3d Chord in their respective scale or key.

Practically there are but two fundamental chords in music-1st and 3d. The 2d Chord is the 1st Chord in its own scale. Example: a-c-f, 6-1-4 the 2d Chord of the Key of C, is a-c-f, 3-5-1, the 1st Chord of the Key of F.

PASSING NOTES

Passing Notes are the unessential, unharmonized, generally unaccented notes used in music to produce melodic and harmonic variety and ornamentation. They generally stand between two melody notes which are tones of a chord. The bass is either silent or the chord accompanying the previous or following melody note is employed, thus produring a passing discord.

PASSING CHORDS—ALTERED CHORDS

Passing Chords are an outgrowth of passing notes. One or more tones of a chord may be altered chromatically (raised or lowered a half-step) as indicated in the notation of the treble and bass of the piano (instrumental) part by accidental signs (flat, sharp, natural), and when so altered it is usually followed immediately by one of the Chords of the scale or key in which the composition is written.

1st, 2d and 3d Chords may be definitely altered as in example No. 3:

The foregoing alterations of the 3d Chord produce Diminished-Seventh Chords, and are used considerably as Passing Chords or Altered Chords. Practically there are but three possible combinations of tones producing Diminished-Seventh Chords. They embrace the twelve tones of the chromatic scale and are as follows:-C-D sharp-F sharp-A; C sharp-E-G-A sharp; D-F-G sharp-B.

IMPORTANT-To decide quickly and accurately where and when to employ Passing Chords read the notes given in both the treble and bass of the piano (instrumental) part as written in the sheet music, disregarding the melody notes (usually the top note of each chord in the treble) unless belonging to the chord, and considering only those tones which are members of a 1st, 2d or 3d Chord in a particular key. The altered tones will be indicated by accidental signs (flat, sharp,

All harmony of a dissonant nature, including Passing Chords, Altered Chords, 1st or 2d Major mode Chords made diminished or augmented, 3d Chords made diminished, Mixed Chords, Suspension, Retardation, Anticipation, Organ Point, etc., (see any theoretical harmony text book for definitions) and all other harmonic interference may be disregarded and omitted entirely if desired, as they are not essential. Only fundamental Chords are required when commencing the work.

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THE following article published in a prominent newspaper will give our readers an idea for a possible plan of improving the title of The Tuneful Yankee, if this can be done. Everyone and everyone's brother and sister are forever cajoling us about the possibility of an improvement upon the title of this magazine. Some affirm that The Tuneful Yankee is very inaptly named; others insist that it just fits the situation. To tell the honest truth, we don't know whether we have struck the right name for our publication, or not. We only know that the masses of our readers seem happy with the contents of The Tuneful Yankee. The magazine was

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### Funny Incidents

(Continued from page 29)

By the astute Joe Hollander:

elegant wrappers.'

"Aw—have you such a thing as—as a full-dwess cigah?" inquired Fweddy, who was on his way home from a reception.
"I think not, sir," said the tobacconist, reflectively, "but we have some in very

By our friend, Dan Rappaport: "Made an awful mistake at the Gotrox's reception. Stepped up to one of the guests and told him to call me a horse and carriage. "Did he do it?"

"No. He called me an ass."

By the stately Wilbur Campbell:

The platform of the electric car was pretty well taken up by a man of the "slugger" variety and a big bag, over which the man of the "slugger" variety appeared to be standing guard. When the conductor came to collect the fares he looked sharply at the bag, and then said to the tough:

"I'll have ter charge yer fer that bag."
"I'll bet yer won't," answered the man looking angrily at him, as if any attempt at collection would start a prize fight.

"Yes, I will, an' if yer don't pay I'll put ther bag off, see?" said the conductor shortly. He gave the man five minutes more, asking him a second and a third time, then stopped the car and put the bag off on the sidewalk. The "slugger" didn't even move, and when the car had gone about a mile further, the conductor said to him:
"Yer don't care much fer that bag if

you wouldn't pay five cents for it."
"Ah, come off!" was the reply. "What's der bag got ter do wid me? 'Tain't mine. I'd a' told yer so if yer'd asked me.'

By our friend, George Burns:

A woman owning a house in Philadelphia before which a gang of workmen were engaged in making street repairs was much interested in the work.
"And which is the foreman?" she asked of

we and our readers think is really a a big, burly Celt. proud smile came to the countenance of that individual as he replied:

"Oi am, mum."
"Really?" continued the lady.

By our friend, Art Hoffman:

reflection.

In a certain club the other day one member approached another and whispered:
"Jenkins threatens to kick me the next time he sees me here at the club. If he should come in now what would you advise me to do?' "Sit down," said the friend, after due

By our other genial friend, J. Decatur: Wife (at breakfast)—Oh, Joe, I'll bet I know who you gave your seat to coming

home last night. Hub (who had been out having a quiet little game)—Nonsense, my dear! How could you ever guess? How do you know gave my seat to any one?

Wife—Yes, you did, you dear, kind old boy, you let a poor old Irishman have it, for I distinctly heard you say in your sleep: 'Oh, that's all right, I'll stand pat."

By our British office boy:

and asked for fresh eggs.
"Yes, mum, plenty," said the shopman;
"them with a hen on 'em are fresh."

An Englishwoman went into an egg store

"I don't see any with a hen on them,' said the lady, looking around for a nest." "The letter 'hen,' mum, not the bird. 'Hen' stands for noo-laid, mum.'

By Ruth Dillon:

Little Mary has never seen her Aunt Liza and a telegram was delivered at Mary's home which read: "Missed train. Will start same time tomorrow.

Mary stood quietly by while her mother read the telegram and then burst into tears. "Why, darling," cried the mother, anxiously, "what in the world is the matter?"
"Oh, mother," replied the child between her sobs, "I will never see my Aunt Liza

"Never see her?" exclaimed the mother surprised. "What do you mean, dear?" "Why, mother," explained the child, "she says she will start the same time tomorrow, and if she does she will lose her train again,

By John, our colored janitor:

Miss Helen, the daughter of the family in which jet black Marie Jackson occasionally worked by the day, had been given a beautiful cup and saucer of rare china. She showed it to Maria and said:

'I mean to put it away in my hope box. You know what that is, Aunt Maria? It's a box a girl puts things into in the hope that she will some day need them as a bride."

"Lawzey, chile, I knows all about dem hope boxes. I got one of my own, chile." "Why, I thought you were already married."

"I is, chile, an' my hope box is one I is puttin' money into fas' as I kin until I has enough to pay fo' a divorcement from Pete Jackson. More'n one kind of a hope box mixed up with matrimony, Miss Helen.

As told by our own Mitch Marks:

"Henry," she began, in a sweet, timorous voice, "what's all this talk about gold and silver?" Henry, who reads the papers and is about

as thoroughly ignorant on the subject as everybody else, plunged in bravely, but she stopped him. "I don't want to know that!" she faltered,

"but is gold getting so awful scarce?" "Awful scarce!" echoed Henry, dismally.
"And is it all being taken away to pay for the war?

"It is," said Henry.

"And if they continue to take it away there won't be any left in this country by and by and we'll have to use silver?"
"Yes," sighed Henry.
"Henry," she whispered, "I told you I

would give you my decision in the summer—but I repent. It—it is 'Y—yes,' Henry. Don't—don't you think," she continued, after a moment's silence, "that it would be well to get the ring now, before all the gold is taken away?

By the quietly quaint Ada McDonald: A Quaker had got himself into trouble with the authorities and the sheriff called

to escort him to the lockup.
"Is your husband in?" he inquired of the good wife, who came to the door. 'My husband will see thee," she replied.

"Come in."
The sheriff entered, was bidden to make himself at home, and was hospitably enter-tained for half an hour, but no husband appeared. At last the sheriff grew im-"Look here," said he. "I thought you

said your husband would see me."
"He has seen thee," was the calm reply,
"but he did not like thy looks and has gone another way.'

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By the witty little Leona Lewis:

The druggist danced and chortled till the

bottles danced on the shelves.
"What's up?" asked the soda clerk.
"Have you been taking something?"
"No," gurgled the dope dispenser, gleefully.
"But do you remember when our water pipes were frozen last winter?"

"Yes, but what-"Well, the plumber who fixed them has just come in to have a prescription filled."

By Mickey Flynn:

An Irishman paid a visit to China. He was quick tempered and it was not long before he had high words with a native who spoke very broken English. Seizing a dish from a stall close at hand, Pat let fly with it, and the Chinaman's head was cut. On being brought before the English consul was asked why he had insulted the native.

'Sure." replied Pat, "he spoke broken English and I just gave him broken China in

By Bill Jacobs, the traveling prince:

Johnny Jones, the office boy, had been detected in a lie. It was not one of the ordinary prevarications of the every-day world, and, moreover, to make the crime more grievous, he had persisted in adhering to his original mendacious statement

"Do you know, my lad," asked a fatherly clerk, in a kindly fashion, "what becomes of young lads who trifle with the truth?" 'Aye," was the assured reply. "Bosses send them out as travelers when they grow

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### Reviews of Popular Music

(Continued from page 10)

Khaki Bill. March song. Words and music by Harry L. Watson. Published by C. L. Barnhouse, Oskaloosa, Iowa.

This is a bully song, full of fire, dash and spirit. It is refreshing from the very start, with its Sousa rhythm and its Holzmann jingle. The chorus is full of spontaneity and patriotic fervor. The composition is an unexpected awakening, coming as it does from Oskaloosa, Iowa. This song if properly exploited, will put Oskaloosa on the map. But what's the use? It is published in Oskaloosa, will dwell in Oskaloosa, and die in Oskaloosa. I guess not!

The Road of Fate. Words and music by Marcella Haynes, Buffalo, N. Y.

Upon your title page you say that many persons commend this "beautiful" song. All right, let them think so. We don't. It is all a matter of choice. Just like the man from Kentucky who was overcome by the heat on Broadway the other day. When he came to, he said there wasn't much difference in the weather between New York and Kentucky, but the Kentucky saloons had better whiskey.

The Darkening Shadows. By Isadore C. Milburne, Toronto, Canada.

You have chosen a very drearg subject. People don't sing of darkening shadows these days with the prospect of battle in sight and kindred burdens. They want something lighter and more buoyant. Don't write any more such songs. You are like the hen that sits on a China egg. She is better off.

When Tommy Atkins Comes Marching Home. Words and music by E. V. Holden. Published by the Buckeye Music Pub. Co., Columbus, Ohjo.

This song does not appeal to the American song buying public. While it has a strain of "Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight," that begins the chorus, it has the British allusion which does not particularly interest Uncle Sam's populace as a popular song sample. The music is eately and the words are fairly well written but the song will prove a superfluity in these regions.

555  $My\ Beautiful\ Gazelle.$  By Ella White Goodwin, Reading, Pa.

Oh! but you are some poetess, sweet Ella. In the beginning of your chorus you say: "The whiteness of a lily peeped from underneath her lace-

Her lace what? All through your song you idolize the garments of your heroine. My! but you have some vocabulary on garments and their fashions. In another place you

"The dainty beauty of her arms were enshrouded in silken meshes—"

What a mess this must have been! And, speaking of these gauzy elegancies it might (Continued on page 36)

### America's Best Writers and Composers

(Alphabetically Arranged)



BALL (ERNEST) Composer of Love Me, and the World Is Mine," "Turn Back



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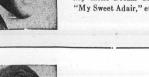
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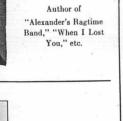


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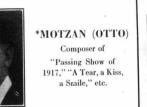
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Song Writer Owes Money to 80 Chorus

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Joseph E. Howard, song writer, known as the husband of Mabel Barrison and once the husband of the Countess Monrick de Beaufort, who shot and killed herself four weeks after marrying him, and even before that the husband of Ida Emerson, has filed a petition in the United States District Court here asking to be declared a bankrupt. Mr. Howard places his liabilities at \$127,238 and his assets at zero. Those to whom he said he owed money Those to whom he said he owed money are about as varied a group of persons as possible.

In point of numbers chorus girls lead the list. Out of one hundred and sixty creditors, eighty of them are young women who lend atmosphere to musical comedies and money to Howard. These amounts vary from \$5 to \$50. But when Howard wanted to borrow money he must have been able to do so. The petition recites that he owes the Woodstock Hotel \$12,000 and the Shuberts \$5,000. Then the amounts drop to \$385 borrowed from Miss Emma Carus.

That Howard is "stone broke" no one would doubt after reading the petition. He has only two suits of clothes, one a

He has only two suits of clothes, one a much worn street suit, while the other is described as an "evening suit which long ago lost its usefulness." Howard, who gave his address as No. 204 West 108th Street, in his petition did not offer to account for the money or explain how it was used.

Howard has long been a familiar character to New York theatregoers and those who frequent Broadway. He began life as a newsboy and street singer in Denver, earning his first money singing songs in saloons and crying "Extra" when there was one. He first attracted attention here when he was a member of the old Sam T. Jack's company of players, from which his rise was was a memoer of the old sain 1. Jacks secompany of players, from which his rise was rapid. For the last few years he has been playing in vaudeville, meeting the second Mrs. Howard while in Los Angeles. They were married suddenly, only to separate, while he continued his act, going to Denver. Mrs. Howard followed him there, killing herself one night just as the curtain was about to rise for Howard's act. Although told of his wife's death Howard continued the act, his partner at that time being Miss. Mabel Barrison.

At the time the Countess of Monrick took her life it was said she had seen her husband but twice after she married him. Her father, Michael Killgallon, the Chicago steel manufacturer, claimed the body while Howard continued with his vaudeville act.

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