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# A WEEK IN VAUDEVILLE

#### BY AXEL CHRISTENSEN

Elsewhere on this page will be lace are working for \$1,200 this sea- ing the management \$2,000 every bill at the Miller Theater, Milwaukee, during the week of January 7, representing some of the greatest vaudeville talent in the world, bar none. (This line ought to get a laugh from my brother and sister artists whose photographs I included in the group herewith.)

I figure that the total salary paid by the Miller Theater to the vaudeville performers who appeared on the bill that week runs about \$15,000 on the week, this total being based on the amount of salary which I think each of the performers confidentially ought to get.

On such authentic information then I can safely portion out the fifteen thousand as follows:

Norine Coffey, who is known as the "Maid of the Movies" pulls down the modest sum of \$1,000 a week.

Fred Zobedi pulls down \$1,800 a week for his act. It appears that he gets more than Norine, but then you know that there are more people in his act and he has more excess baggage to pay.

The Washington Trio, consisting of Elsie Woods, Frank Sox, and "Leity" Lawson are satisfied with \$1,500 a week temporarily, although they have a big time route offered them, which is waiting against the time they can find it convenient to accept same, and which will bring them much more money than this. "Leity," whose smile illuminates the left side of the picture in which he appears is thinking of his salary, which explains the smile, while his partner Frank Sox, on the other side of the charming Elsie Woods wishes every reader of the Ragtime Review a Merry Christmas next Christmas.

Mr. Linne, although he has seven beautiful nymphs in his ballet only manages to get \$3,000 for his act.

Casad, Irving & Casad get the same as the Washington Trio, namely, \$1,500 a week and how they get along on such a mere pittance is hard to imagine when one takes into consideration the wonderful spending powers that are possessed by Eimer Irving-however, they all manage to save a little money.

Dave Scott and Marguerite Wal-

found a group of photographs show- son, as a favor to Frank Doyle, but week. ing the artists who appeared on the are losing money every week by so doing.

spite of the fact that this act is cost- if he had a chance.

Maybelle Fisher & Co., give the \$1,500 a week, there being no bar- and subtract it from the grand total audience their full money's worth, in vier to the amount Bill would charge of salaries paid for the week you

As far as my own salary for that week is concerned, I am too modest Bill Fleming with his dramatic to name it outright, but if you will sketch, entitled "The Barrier," gets take the total of the above salaries can issumediately arrive at the ensolu-



AT THE MILLER THEATRE, MILWAUKEE. Norine o' the Movies; 2. Linnes Ballet; 3. Scott and Wallace; 4. Casad, Irving and Canad; 5. Azel Christenson; 6.
 Bernice Sibeck with Linne's Ballet; 7. Washington Trie; 8. May belle Fisher Company; 6. Jack Yang, Hahangar, 10. Chartin Brazul, Asst. Mgr.; 11, Fred Zobedie and Company

ment that yours truly stuck, or struggle, but he managed to get for.

the manager, or Charlie Braun, the the quartermaster." assistant manager get any salary at all. It looks like they are up against it, because the capacity of the house, which is around 50,000 a week, brings in a scant \$10,000 a week. I presume that after the actors have all been paid, and the other insignificant items of advertising, rent, coal, etc., have been taken care of, that these two managers get theirs-I hope so, any-

An actor's life is a hard lot.

Just think of it, you get up along about noon, after a hard night's sleep and wash, shave and dress and have your breakfast. Then you go down to the theater and see if there is any mail for you, after which you go down and "talk shop" with any of the other actors that happen to be down that early. Then you go into your dressing room and put on your makeup and when its your turn you go out and do twelve minutes work. after which you rest three hours, before doing another 12 minutes and resting another three hours. At the end of the week, instead of the manager handing your salary in the form of a check, which would be easy to carry; he makes you take it in real money (gold and silver, if he can possibly get it), which bulges and sags your pockets like a load of pigiron, although some actors would be able to carry their salaries without difficulty even if they were paid in pigiron.

weather outside was concerned and everybody was late for rehearsal on Monday morning, and the majority of us came pretty near not getting out of town the following Sunday night. On account of the inclement weather we whiled away the time between acts with song and jest and a little strictly sociable game of cards where everybody wished everybody luck-the worst kind. The champion card player went under the loving title of "Chop Suey," and out of respect to his memory, I shall not divulge his real name. I prefer to remember him as "Chop Suey."

I claim that I helped make merry many of the moments that would otherwise have hung heavy and along about the middle of the week I pulled a wheeze that I had read in a joke book I had bought on a train coming in from Cleveland a week or so before. I got my quarters worth out of the said jake book when I read the inscription on the cover, which was to the effect that, "If this book seems dee to you, dip it in water." Auyway, the wheeze was as follows:

"I was walking down the street one day when right in front of the armory I spied a quarter lying on I shine, just let him come." the sidewalk, I made a dive for it. but just as I was about to grab it a may in uniform popped out of the armory doorway and made a grab for the quarter also. We had quite a he? Where is he?"

should have stuck the management possession of the quarter. I then a said to the man in uniform, 'Who I don't know whether Jack Yeo, are you? He answered, 'Why, I am

> This little wheeze made quite a sensation the first time I told it; in fact, they thought it was so good that every time somebody new joined our group I had to tell it over again and it went better every time. Sunday afternoon somebody dared me to pull it on the audience at the last show which I promised to do.

Just before the last show started I went out of the theater and over to my hotel, where I attended to such details as paying the hotel bill, checking out, checking my trunk, etc., and came back just a moment or so before it was time for me to step on the stage.

Just before my closing number I told the audience that I would take the liberty of telling a new patriotic story, which I had just heard, and which everybody had told me was good. So I started in.

"I was going down the street the other day, and right in front of the armory I saw a quarter lying on the sidewalk, etc., etc." When I finished it was a scream. I never saw an audience applaud so loud and vigorously in my life, and I was just thinking of putting that little wheeze into the act permanently when somebody tipped me off that every act on the bill had told that same story ahead of me.

#### A NEAR HERO.

The temperature in my private I had been able to sit around without tener. an overcoat and gloves. Something because such a thing had not happened in a long time.

As I had nothing to do but smoke one of my choice Punkodoros (Xmas oupons off Liberty bonds, I couldn't help wondering whether this year would bring about a decided change in way of Jass and Rag or-well, I don't know just what I was going to think, for I was startled by the outer door being thrown open.

A woman, gasping and clutching at her throat with her right hand, and grasping the upper edge of her corset where her heart is supposed to be with her left, tottered in and sank into a chair whispering huskily-"Same me, save me." (You see she must have weighed about two hundred and thirty pounds, and that climb up two flights of marble steps was too much for her-hence the easoing and huskiness.)

I jumped to my feet and, reaching into the upper drawer of a desk for my trusty automatic tack hammer, I said bravely, "All right, little one, saving beauty in distress is where

"But he isn't coming," she said after she got a little wind.

"Isn't he?" I queried, "Well, how in blazes can I save you? Who is

little on the piano, and-"

"Well, well, I would never have suspected it," I interrupted, "but I have known people to forgive even that," she continued, "he says that if I can't play the 'Wearing of the Green' in ragtime by next St. Patrick's Day he'll leave

"Oh," I said briskly, "well, I usually charge \$20 for saving people in that manner, but seeing you're Irish, why I'll make it just \$15, but don't tell any one else, as I can't be saving the tax. There are 50,000 places in people every day below the union price. Ah, yes, thanks-just take off your wraps and we will begin now-"

"And then I awoke to find a fellow with a bill standing before me. -JAKE SCHWARTZ.

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> Moreover, the knowledge of surely was wrong with the janitor, chords thus gained proves a valuable aid to sight playing, and to memory playing. In some cases also when a scholar has learned to improve a few songs in this way be develops gift) and pass the time idly clipping considerable originality, which is an important thing in a musician of any kind, whether amateur or professional.

> > How much originality have you ever seen developed in the scholar taking lessons from the ordinary piano teacher who usually considers it a crime to add a note or take one away, etc., etc.

#### ST. IOE MANAGERS WON'T PAY MUSIC TAX.

The theater managers of St. Joseph, Mo, have agreed not to play any copyright music controlled by the American Society of Publishers, Composers and Authors, which includes most of the foremost composers and publishers of the country, says the Gazette of that city. The decision came as a result of an announcement of the company to put a prohibitive tax on any of their music played in any amusement place for profit.

Through a recent act of Congress an addition was made to the existing copyright law, permitting composers to collect royalties on any of their protected music played in

"It is my husband. You see I play amusement places. They have declared a rate of 10 cents per scat per year for moving picture places. and 20 cents per year for places having vaudeville and pictures. In addition there is a tax of one dollar a day for every musician in the orchestra playing one of their selections. or any portion thereof. The tax on seats may be raised at their option to one dollar a year. The society was formed upon passage of the act by Congress, the better to collect the United States that will have to pay royalties under the act.

It is believed by St. Joseph managers that no theater in the country can afford to pay the tax, and it is generally believed that the society will reduce the tax to a nominal DOUBLE BASS IN RACTIME, amount when it finds that its songs are no longer selling. A test case has been started by a New York city theater in a New York court to enjoin the society from collecting the tax. The claim is made that music in moving picture houses is only incidental to the showing of pictures, and is no infringement of copyright.

When rumors of the tax reached here, managers laughed at it, not believing that such a ruinous tax was possible. Expert legal opinion in New York has backed up the validity of the law.

Before the act publishers sent free copies of new music to theaters for advertisement, and even hired singers to popularize the sones.

Practically all the best publishers are in the society. The list includes Remick, Irving Berlin, Leo Feist, Victor Herbert, Will von Tilzer, William Jerome, E. Ray Goetz, George C. Hobart, Raymond Hubbill, and R. H. Burnside.

The following have announced that they will not collect the tax, and consequently, their music is about the only being played now: Oliver Ditson, Carl Fischer, Will Rossiter, and C. Schirmer.

Ignorance of the law will excuse no one, and the society can arrest the manager of a theater as as one of the orchestra plays a strain from any song composed by a member of the society.-St. Joseph (Mo.) Gazette.

#### COAL SHORTAGE AFFECTS RAGTIME SCHOOL IN BOSTON.

The recent state order in Massachusetts, to the effect that all elevators must stop running at 6 o'clock, and at noon on Saturdays, and also that no office buildings are to be heated after the same hours, has worked a hardship on the school of ragtime piano playing conducted by Mr. Corbitt in Boston. Mr. Corbitt's ansociate, Miss Edythe Horne is greatg to be commended on the able manner in which she has conducted the Boston studios during Mr. Corbist's absence and we feel sure that something can be done to offset the terrific loss of lusiness that they would have to stand if they remained in their present location on the seventh

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#### PUSSY GREY MOW'S REVOLT

BY PETER FRANK MEYER
(Author of "The Plot Sickens." "His Wife," "Doc Double/Care," "The King," Etc.)

Part One

The golden beams of an early autumn sun, filtering through the shining window-pane, dazzled the half-closed eyes of the big Persian cat who was stretched out on the window sill, dozing in luxurious contest. It was a grand day, the sort of a day which lulls the ambition of even human folks, and imbues people and animals alike with a yearning to be out of doors.

Pussy Grey Mow, the big Persian cat, blinked his eyes in a effort to thwart the tantalizing sunbeams that danced and romped before him like glittering gems. It was some time after the noon hour, the spotless kitchen was deserted, and Pussy Grew Mow, his dainty belly filled with a quantity of delicacies such as the average cat never dreams of, had been trying to enjoy the nap on the kitchen window sill.

With experience and advancing age, Pussy Grey Mow soon got used to his baths. We dare not say that he loved them, but it is a fact that now, even when the maid rubbed him harder than usual to make sure that no germs of filth lurked in his soft, warm fur, the big Persian cat offered no resistance.

Three times a day Pussy Grey Mow was permitted to leave the house and go out into the garden. His mistress, or the maid, or sometimes the cook, would open the kitchen door for him at a certain hour. He could romp around the big garden at will for an hour or more on these occasions, smelling of the plants and flowers (unless it was winter, of course, and the ground was covered with snow). lying in the little house in the rear, which had been built especially for him, and playing with the big rubber ball until he grew tired. Then someone of the household would call him in. While he was still a kitten he had been trained to obey. Many a beating had he received when he was young for refusing to come in when he was called. His mistress, whom he loved dearly, had objected to this mode of nunishment so strenuously, that he had not received a beating in so long a time he could hardly remember it. But it had taught him to obey.

The garden was cut off from the other yards that surrounded it in a peculiar way. Spikes about fifteen inches high and some three inches apart, had been driven into the inside edge of the top of the fence all around the garden. This had been done to prevent other cats from getting into the garden and spoiling the grass plots, the plants and the flowers. As a wire screen entwined these spikes from top to bottom, the stray cats were completely shut out, though they could walk around the outside edge of the fence without difficulty. Pussy Grey Mow often saw strange looking cats passing by outside the screen when he was groping among the shrubbery. Sometimes he would look at them curiously and sniff, or return their insolent stares; but more often he would divert his gaze and ignore them, for, as the reader must not forget, he

was a refined cat and refined cats are very haughty and proud.

The enclosed garden may have been an excellent precaution in serving to keep common cats out. But it also kept Pussy Grey Mow in-in against his growing will-and though he had no hard feelings against the fence, he certainly was not in love with it. Here was he, mind you, an aristocratic feline of impeccable breeding, forced to confine his activities to an enclosed garden three times a day, while dirty. common cats without permanent homes paced the fences at will, going where they pleased, staying as long as they liked, and having a royal good time every night. It was unfair-so unfair, in truth, that Pussy Grey Mow began to brood over it. In the language of the common people, it got his goat!

The gay sunbeams flittering around him on this particular afternoon disturbed his dozing. Finding that blinking availed him nothing, he raised his head and dolefully gazed through the window pane. Outside in the garden the skilful dabblings of autumn's presence were visible in the sparsity of the grass, the fading green already turning to brown, and the manner in which most of the plants and creeping vines were preparing to meet the long slumber between fall and spring. All this brought back to Pussy Grey Mow his primitive longings. Domestication was all very well in some things and at certain times, but one's natural instincts are stronger than experiments, no matter how rigid the latter may be. He was a beautiful specimen as he lay there, flat on his belly, stretched out full' length; proud, scornful, with long, rippling muscles and a graceful poise in every move.

Suddenly the maid appeared. Calling "Here, puss-puss-puss," she opened the kitchen door. The big Persian cat lazily but gladly arose, stretched, yawned, and then, looking at her quickly, jumped down from the window sill and, with a series of good-natured purrs, followed her outside, down the steps and across the lawn of the garden.

Finally he halted, raised his head and looked toward the kitchen. His big, yellow-green eyes failed to locate the maid. He besitated a moment, then turned and made for a large growth of fading, tangled brush and vines at the rear of the garden. He reached this with long, soft, graceful strides. As he had done a hundred times in the past. he sniffed the leaves, the earth and the twigs, occasionally digging up a little dirt with his sharp claws and smelling of it. Presently he scratched and sniffed his way to a dense part of the brush at the corner of the fence. After groping around the outside of it, he determined to take a chance on soiling his fur and the pretty pink ribbon which was tied in a bow to the Russian leather collar on his neck, and go through the thick growth.

through cautiously, the ragged splits of brush and twigs stinging his coat sharply at times and on one occasion catching in his collar. By twisting his head and bending low, then wriggling his body dextrously, he managed to get loose and continue his course through the dark, tangled mass of shrubbery. He bumped his head against something hard presently. He backed away and looked up. Evidently it was the fence. After a little pause he turned and crawled along the ground near the edge of the fence, always sniffing and peering ahead in the darkness. The shrubbery and the leaves were so dense here that it would have been impossible for the maid to have seen him, even had she been looking for him.

As the big Persian cat crept cautiously over the ground, muscles taut, ears alert, eyes glaring and shining like balls of fire, a ray of light just ahead suddenly darted before him and made him blink in a startled manner. He stopped short, his bushy tail wagging slowly from side to side, and lay flat on his belly. After a while he made out in the dim light a ragged hole in the fence. The flash of light pouring through this hole evidently came from the sunshine in the adjoining yard. There was nothing wonderful in that, he mused, but the nature of the sounds which came to his ears aroused his curiosity. He lay still and listened carefully.

Had a human being been in his place. all that he or she would have heard was a growl, a snarl, a series of snarling growls, followed every few seconds by a long, dismal, wailing meow. The human being would then realize that a cat fight was taking place, and would have paid no more attention to the noise. This was perfectly proper-or would have been had Pussy Grey Mow been human. But as Pussy Grey Mow was a cat, even though a refined cat, he understood cat language perfectly, and each and every meow, purr, howl and snarl meant a word or a sentence to him. What he heard as he lay there listening, if it could have been revised and transposed into human English, would have sounded like this:

"Me-ow-grrr-mee-ow-w-w! At last I've got you, Yellow Tom. You know what I've been after you for, don't you? Every night you and your gang gather in my master's yard and howl until he cannot give his pupils their lessons in classic piano playing. I've been laying for you, but you always had your gang with you and I wasn't foolish enough to tackle the whole gang. Mee-o-ow-ow!"

"Yeah? Why, did you think I was fraid to meet yuh alone, you big whiteheaded bum? I kin lick any cat in this neighborhood, includin you, an you know it, Snowball! Me-ow; mee-ow;

"Me-ow-Zist! E-OoW-cc-ow-Mccow! Yes, I guess you can lick any cat in the neighborhood, Vellow Tom, in a single-handed fight, but me and my He got down on his belly and crawled friend here, Hopfoot, are goiner go at

you together an' give you the worst lickin' of your life. I've got it in for you on other scores, too. Didn't you steal Black Bessie from me just when I was goiner marry her? Hah? Meeow!"

"Me-ow-Me-ow! Did yuh think I was goiner wait an' give you foist chance, huh? list 'course I beat you to it, you an' your sneakin' friend standin' longside of yuh, Hopfoot, are goiner tackle me together, hey? Well, I'll fight yuh both at once, Snowball. Come on-I'm ready. Mee-oo-ow!"

Pussy Grew Mow, listening intently, heard a new voice cry:

"Come on, Snowball - Mec-o-ow! We'll both jump for him at once an' git him in that corner. G-r-rist-Zist! Ar-1-1-00-0W!"

That was enough. Without hesitation Pussy Grey Mow leaped up and rapidly strode to the jagged hole in the fence, where the daylight gozed through then lay flat on his belly again and peered out. He found himself staring at a long, narrow yard, paved with hard graystone. In the upper corner were three cats. One of them, a tough, scrawny, wiry specimen of felinity, with a brownish-yellow coat, was backed in a corner, between the fence and the brick wall of a house. This was evidently Yellow Tom. A black-and-white cat who walked with a limp was crouched at his left, ready to spring, while a dirty white cat prepared to attack him from the front All three were giving forth long, dismal, wailing meows, and winding up with a series of snarling howls and spiteful spits.

Suddenly the two attacking cats leaped at the snarling yellow-coated one, and the fur flew thick and fast. For a moment all that Pussy Grey Mow could see was a furious, whirling mass of writhing, pounding bodies, flying tails and ripping claws, emphasized with wild, blood-curdling meows. One thing he realized in short order; Yellow Tom could certainly fight. Considering the battle he was putting up with the odds two-to-one against him, it is doubtful if either Hopfoot or Snowball would have proved a match for him singlehanded. Several times they had him on his back, snarling, ripping, clawing, scratching out with machine-like precision and rapidity, but each time he managed to twist, turn, hurl them off and leap to his four paws, fighting with renewed fury. With all of his gameness, however, the odds were too much, and Pussy Grey Mow, watching the battle with wide eyes, finally saw Snowball and Hopfoot rush him into a corner and hurl themselves at him furiously, both sinking their sharp teeth in his yellow coat and biting, shaking and ripping his fur off in sheer madness.

Again we repeat our statement, kind reader, that Pussy Grey Mow was a refined cal. We urge you not to forget this all-important fact. Therefore, since a refined cat of the male species should

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ade. "It is folly to place too much con-fidence in Germany's food shortage," said he, "as a factor in bringing peace. I was a laborer in Frankfort for twelve years before coming to the United States, and my father before me also, was a laborer there. The pay he received and the pay I received was not generous enough, even in the most properous times, to provide us with half the dainties with which the American workman's table

is provided.
"The German workman is accusomed to short rations. Here in America we read that a German family is limited to so many pounds of potatoes a week, and so many ounces of butter and bread and sugar, and we say 'that means the war can't last long; nobody can live on that? On the contrary, Germans can live on these cations and have been living on them for years.
"Unless I am much mistaken, Ger-

many will be able to stagger along, for the simple reason that Germans never were heavy eaters, except those of the well-to-do class. The German

of the well-to-do class. The German workman never was well fed when I bived in Germany.

"The blockade may have its effect, but the only real way to defeat Germany is by force of arms. That is why I have contributed my share of money to help win the war for the United States. I know what German fase means, I came to this country to escape slow starvation. country to escape slow starvation, low wages and poverty. I have been better fed and better clothed by far since coming here, and I have been sible to save money and keep square with my fellow man. I wouldn't go hack to Germany, and I don't want any Germany over here. If my savings can help defeat the German plan of life. I shall feel that I am doing a bit in the interest of rightdown a bit in the interest of right-remaintees and square dealing. I in-tend to let the government have every cent of money I can spare, for democracy has down a million times more for me since I have been here than the German plan did for all the generations of my laboring family."

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And the Kaiser sure will retreat. When our boys get there He'll shake his feet, in surrender. Then admit he's beat

By Ragtime, wonderful Ragtime. -Merna Blake.

#### MELODY FOR JANUARY.

Walter Jacobs has changed the name of his popular piano magazine from "The Tuneful Yankee" to that of "Melody," and has reduced the price to 10 cents a copy, or \$1 a

Among the many feature articles which the January issue of this magazine contains is un article entitled "Ragifine as an Introduction and Aid to Better Music," by Zarlı Myron Bickford, which we hope everybody will read.

My "Service Flag" has 39 stars. Soldiers and sailors. Four teachers went "Over There," and 34 pupils are at the different cantonments. One young lady married an aviator and at her request we put on a star for her—Grace Clement, Pittsburg.

# REVIEW SECRETARIZATION OF THE NEW MUSIC

'Oh! Min' - By Ole Olson and Isham Jones Published by Tell Taylor. Here is a composition which is exactly what it is advertised to be, a real conjedy novelty song. It's so true to life, with its typsy, teasing refrain. Full of human interest, as it were, it makes one wonder if the lucky lyric writer is married. Or did he write from observation or inspiration. Can be possibly be of Scandinavian ancestry, and yet get away with a number like this, which possesses a truly Parisian spicy naughtiness.

We're in the Army Now"-By Tell Taylor, Ole Olsen and Isham Published by Tell Taylor Jones. Music Co. Snap bang title, lively lyric music of the appropriate, standard style. A good rallying song, of the happy-go-lucky type, which sometimes ensuares that intangible and clusive thing, popular fancy.

"It's a Long Way to Dixie"-By Tell Taylor and Earl K. Smith. Published by Tell Taylor. Another song hit by a veteran writer. Earl Smith has cleverly inserted a little soothing sentimental Southern harmony in this number, so appropriate to the appealing words by Mr. Taylor. With his unusual happy facility, Tell picked a telling title for this lively number.

"Lorraine, My Beaudiul Alsace-Lorraine-By Alfred Bryan and Fred Fisher. Published by McCarthy and Fischer Music Co. A different war song, with good, simple musical support. Mr. Bryan evidently hoped to achieve a second and even greater success with this painfully written number, than he and his collaborators did with the instantaneously popular "Joan of Arc." But this time he has not the advantage he enjoyed when he selected an immortal theme, whose physcological value and appeal canmot be overestimated-namely the imspiring story of the maid of Orleans. They sought to create a popular song, but, unwittingly perhaps, achieved a classic, whose simple lyric beauty has charmed thousands. However, the essentially French-spirited "Lorraine" song will undoubtedly please many, as a large percentage of the public have "Brave Boys, Somewhere in France," even in Alsace-Lorraine, perhaps.

"I Don't Want to Get Well"-By Howard Johnson, Harry Pease and Harry Jentes. Probably the most popular of the comedy war songs on the market today. A sure hit in vaudeville, cabaret, great counter song. Everybody's whistling it. Another Frist hit.

"The Girl You Can't Forger"-By

W. R. Williams, Published by Will Rossiter. Beautiful ballad, with appropriate title, classy lyrics, and an unforgetable melody. Ably written music, and will prove good counter song. Good number for ballad singers, with its plaintive, heart stirring thems.

"It Took the Sunshine From Old Dixie to Make You a Wonderful Girl"-By A. J. Palmer and Joe McCarthy. Published by Will Rossiter, Lively, tuneful lyrics, and music has good swing. Would make great team number, and will probably be successful in spite of the somewhat long drawn out title.

"The Story Book Ball"-By Billie Montgomery and George Perry. Published by Will Rossiter Music Co. This dainty number is just coming into its own. Music catchy, lysics founded on the never grow old Mother Goose rhymes, so irresistible to the bearts of the juveniles, and appealing to the grownups. A dandy "revue" number. It has been used with much success at several of the high class restaurants and winter garden shows.

When It's Moonlight In Tokio"-Ry Bobby Heath, Charles P. Shisler and Billy James. Published by Witmark. A light, dainty number, suitable for almost any performer who cares to use this type of song. Good characteristic music.

"Somewhere, with Someone, Some Day-By Sam L. Rosenbaum and leseph M. Verges. Published by Triangle Music Co., New Orleans. A very laborious composition with nothing in the lytics to inspire Mr. Verges, whose "Don't You Leave Me. Daddy" was such a hit. A good stutterer might be able to sound alt the s's. The old song "Sister Susie Sewing Shirts for Soldiers" was easy to sing compared to this, because the sewing song had a comedy punch to it, something which is utterly lacking in this number.

When the Autumn Leaves Are Turning Gold"-By Tell Taylor. Light, sentimental ballad, one inmochous chough to be sung at a church social. It will not be so very popular for "Fog" vandeville. but the genial composer should werry not at all. His compositions became popular through their bysheat value and sheer worth,

You Have a Wonderful Way of Doing What You Do"-By Chip Downdeson and Earl Smith. Publinhed by Tell Taylor Music Co. A typical, catchy cobserve number, the kind character singers smap at. It's se easy to put over, with its tenoins refrain in the chorus. good soubrette song.

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"They Go Wild, Simply Wild Over Me"-By Joe McCarthy and Fred Fisher. Published by McCarthy & Fisher Music Co. Written by two of the celeverest men in the profession. Words almost fail us when it comes to describing this wonderful, wild, wilful, winning, witching, comedy novelty number with its laughing, light, literal, live, tickly, tinkly, teasing, tintinnabulating, casually careless, catchy chorus. The guy who put the pep in pepper had nothing on these boys. And to think they live in New York, that heterogeneous bloom of ultra modern civilization-far-far -from the wilds of Chicago!

"Hello, America, Hello"-By George Fairman. Published by McCarthy & Fisher Music Co. Good march melody, should make good number for type of vaudeville acts who use that invaluable instrument, the telephone, as one of their indispensable props. This number won't fail to go over. It would make a pretty revue number, but we don't agree with what the publishers say, that it is a brand new idea in a novelty song. To us it is reminiscent of "Hello, Hawaii, How Arc You." An old idea in a brand

new up to the minute patriotic musical dress, bright and pleasing, nevertheless.

"When You Find There's Someone Missing"-By Joe McCarthy and George Fairman. Published by Mc-Carthy and Fisher Music Co. A light sentimental ballad, with pleasing, plaintive lyries, with simple, practical, almost elemental arrangement of music

When the Yanks Come Marching Home"-By William Jerome and Seymour Furth. Published by William Jerome. A patriotic march ballad, in stirring style, the latest creation of a versatile writer, whose vivacious, successful songs have echoed from coast to coast. Now he has presented us with a number whose stirring strains will echo in far off lands, emphasizing the wonderful, optimistic conquering American spirit of the day. The music is worthy of the title, and the title worthy of the song. The super song of this type has not yet been written, but this one comes very

"It Was a Wild Night"-By Kendis and Brockman. Published by Kendis & Brockman. Low comedy song, suitable for burlesque, or certain class of cabaret, where the risque lines would be understood by enthusiastic patrons.

"There's One More River that We're Going to Cross (and That's the River Rhine)-By Ole Olsen and Isham Jones. Published by Tell Taylor. A regular do or die, doggone it, number. A modern patriotic version of the "Pike's Peak or Bust" sentiment. Will be a good seller. Fine for quartette.

"Give Me the Right to Lave You"-By Ben Bard and Abe Glatt. Published by Harry Von Tilzer. Big hit in vandeville, a good all around number. Could be used by juvenile singers. It is a pretty light ballad.

"Keep the Home Fires Burning"-By Lena G. Ford and Ivor Novello. Published by Chappell & Co. Wonderful marching song, could be sung anywhere, which is more than one can say about certain so-called popular patriotic songs crowding the market.

#### SONG REVIEW. By Ray Worley.

"Tell the Last Rose of Summer, Good-bye"-By Bartley Castello and Al Piantadosi. Published by Al Piantadosi & Co. This is a waltz song, having a good verse and fair refrain. The music is casy.

"Just a Baby's Prayer at Twilight"-Published by Waterton, Berlin & Snyder Co. Words by Sam M. Lewis and Joe Young. Music by M. K. Jerome. The music in this piece is moderately hard, but is a delightful contrast to the average war song. A song of beautywords rather pathetic and melody plaintive.

"Chin, Chin, Chinaman"-By Goodwin, Ballard, McDonald and James F. Handley. Published by Shapire, Bernstein & Co. A good Chinese melody song. The chorus has lots of "pep," with a good amount of melody.

Don't Try to Steal the Sweetheart of a Soldier"-By Alfred Bryan and Van and Schenck. Published by Jerome H. Remick & Co. some has fair music, but the lyric is especially fine, with a good moral, and the song should prove a help in restraining some of our "heart breakers" while the soldier boys are away.

Somebody's Done Me Wrong"-Ily Marshall Walker and Will E. Skidmore. Published by Joseph W. Strand Co. A coon song with comedy words. Not very musical, being more of a talking piece and similar in many respects to previous compositions of the same writ-

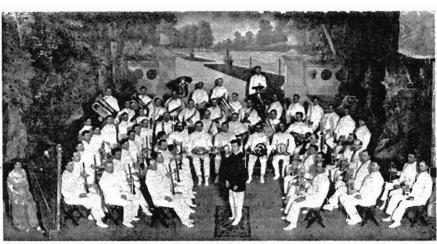
"One Day in June"-By Joe Good-win and James F. Handley. Published by Shapiro, Bernstein & Co. This is different from the ordinary song, the words being good and the music especially good, in fact, rather artistic. The pianist of medium ability will have to practice a trifle more than usual on this song.

'Sweet Little Buttercup"-By Alfred Bryan and Herman Paley. lished by Jerome H. Remick & Co. This is a rhythmical composition with an excellent lyric and a splendid melody, but we believe this to be too conservative to become very popular. Cultured musicians will appreciate this number, however

"Sammy"-By Richard Weston and Arthur Anderson. Published by the Music Press. This is a marching song, and might pass as a march, but is devoid of melody as a song. The market is flooded with many songs of this kind.

"The Missouri Waltz"-- By Frederic Knight Logan. Published by Forster Music Pub., Inc., Chicago. This is unquestionably the most popular wastz ever written. When it was first published in an unassuming way by the composer, to look at the cover design one would not expect to find much inside. However, after playing the melody over once. I never forgot it, and I don't think I eyer will. I have heard it sung in theaters and cabarets from coast to towal, and it never fails to bring applause. I believe Fred Forster got himself a gold mine when he obtained this wonderful waltz for his ratalogue.

At Pasadema, Cal., a new theater is being completed on East Colorado Street, to be known as the Florence Theater.



THE SHEBOYGAN CONCERT BAND-See page to.

#### BREEZE PROM THE PACIFIC. Come and see me By Bernard B. Brin. Eight years ago Sefore I came out West I lived in That dear old Windy city of Chicago Where I had anmerous friends There was one in particular Whom I chummed with His name was Gus Kahn We went to shows together, Played tennis tegether Both liked the same girl And everything Gus was a field For writing songs And his first one was "J Wish I Had a Girl" (And between you and me He never was tooubled For lack of girls sincel Then he would write other songs And bring them over To my house And ) would write them On the typewriter for him And just think! He was only eighteen when He wrote his first hit One night he phoned me To come over and hear A brand new song He had just written And when I rushed over He admitted that he wrote it While I was en route To his house Can you beat ice Then came our farewell As I was going West And when I arrived there Or rather bere We naturally corresponded Then one letter he weate Read flusly: "Dear Bernie .... Was mighty glad To get your felter Things are progressing nicely And Bernie . . . When you come Back to Chicago want you to

In my new 16-story building Make yourself at home In my private office Recline in my awivel chair Put both your feet On my mahogany desk And throw eight ashes All over my benetiful Oriental rugs . . . Your old pal, Gus." Then I'm blessed If he didn't set out To make perfectly good What he had told me And he sure got busy He then wrote The following sensational bits: Sunshine and Roses Love Comes a Stealing Good Ship Mary Ann Memories Kangareo Hop Dreamy China Lady Everybody Rag With Me Just a Word of Sympathy Pretty Baby Whose Pretty Bahy Are You Now? Sailing Away on the Henry Clay Along the Way to Waikiki So Long, Mother Some Sunday Morning Where the Morning Glories Glow China Dreams Cherry Blossom Maybe Sometime Rock a-bye Land And a flock of others After having written All these phenomenal song bits I am thoroughly convinced That when J Pag a visit to Chicago Which will be soon I will visit Gus In his 16-story building Go in his private office Recline in his swivel chair Par both my feet On his mahogany desk Red throw my right bitA All over his beautiful rugs. I thank you.

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#### VIVE LA VAUDEVILLE. By Jane Lamoureux.

Savab Bernhardt, the super woman, by slidn't know it is now appearing in vandeville. What trious Bernhardt, Surah, the incom- had last night." parable, the most remarkable living actress artiste, appearing in 'Jean D'Are," played to an almost all American audience at the Palace Theatre, New York, lately, accusing them to a truly Latin frenzy of ap-

most exalted personage in all the history of art, whose respleadent fame will echo through the vast and limitless corridors of time, is still, above all, a woman and true mother. Genins, the divine spark, in her glows, a sacred flame, an undying bracon light to all those lesser artistic spirits who faithfully and bumbly struggle onward and upward.

#### ECHOES FROM THE HAMLET OF ST. LOUIS.

By Ed. Mellinger.

Misses Vilo Hassett and Ednh Gilchrist, both ladies who have been successfully teaching rag with our St. Louis school, have asked the writer to be remembered in the way of a line or two in the next issue of the Review. All we can say is that all through their tive and three years respectively, with our school, never were they so husy and so important as during these busy days in January.

Madam Councily a new member of our faculty, is attending to the building up of our new voice department with good success. Madam Connelly has had training and experience with some of the largest and best colleges and schools of mayir in the middle west.

The old "bunch," including Ed. Harris, with us about an years and myself going on my minth year, are finding it absolutely necessary to eat our lunches right in the studios, business being so big.

We wish to introduce Edwin Stevenson, a new member on the pinnostaff, and Ira Wasson, of the Ukolelo, Ranjo and Guitar department. Professor Wasson is noted for many things, among which particularly is his chief point, that of talking a prospect into taking tessons at this school.

Our branches: -Odeon (west end) branch is well being taken care of hy Goo. Weber, who promises to be the most successful piago and violin-mandufin instructor we have ever had.

Our Alten, (Illinois) Branch is being well taken care of by the Misses I., Mae Ohnsory and Rome Reilly, who have been with us for the last two years, teaching most successfully,

Our Belleville and Museantah (fllinois) schools are both being boosted by our former St. Louis "laddie" E. C. Freivogel -the boy composer-Now then, what school on earth can tell of such a REMARKABLE faculty?

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#### FROM BUFFALO.

Wifey was taking lessons and Dub-

At the breakfast table Hullings a triumph for vanileville! The illus- "That nusta ben a linny dream you

Wifer: "What makes you think

Hubby: "You were dreaming out loud, musta been awind,

Wifey: "Why What did I sav?" Hulby: "Why you was talking about 'good boys doing fine with the What a triumph for our sex! The third anger and all rows eating geass with the left band'; better not eat so much ninice pie for dinner, s'all I gotta say. If that was me, you would want to know what 174 been drmkmg."

My idea of the worst stacker is the wop who, to escape service, marries one of my brightest purply, taking her from a home of bours, to one that could not beast of a piane and then has the meabhlicrated gall unheard of to ask me to remid to him the money that she had paul for her course, What I told him wouldn't pass the consors, but I know he sees this item

A request for a brooklet came from a Lobe in Lockport. It was addressed to the 'Christendon School' of Buffalo: I deto't think aprope in that feelous little larg thought so well of us,

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JACOB W. SCHWARTZ.

Miss Bessie Yeager, the Minneaporfis teacher of Ragtime, come very close to being burned out recentle. when the hubbing next door was destroved by fire. As it was it only interrupted her teaching for one day, after which thoses went on energity as

#### AMUSEMENT SERVICE.

The accompanying half tone is a picture or Barry Petterer, well known in ampsement and elib circles.

Mr. Petterer is opening a new bookour office at 20 E. Jackson Blod. for the europse of furnishing high class talent to hotels, clubs, societies, Judges, etc.

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Harry deserves success, and we certainly wish him all the success in the world.



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The Cactus Rag 3.

From the ragtime house of the world "There's only one classic rag house"

(Continued from Logic 3) gentlement will always insist upon tair play, Pussy Grey Mow's sense at dourcsments vanished in the flash of a prisawas made mad as a refined cat can be, and he didn't give a darn whether he spoid his coat, his ribbon or ais colfar. The was going to help Yellow Tomagainst those two mean cats regardless. of what the result of it might be.

By crawling through on his belly Passy Grey Mow managed to squeeze his body In and our of the rough, pagged hole Then, once in the yard, he shot over the -tone like a streak. When he was about three feet away from the struggling, howbig cats he leaped up and forward with a tremendous hurl, his velvet sheaths drawn back from his long sharp claws: his lips parted in a snarl that revealed his pink mouth; his eyes clazing. Zip! He landed on top of Snowball, his teeth sank deep in Snowball's neck, his claws dug into fur and riesh then, his claws working like an automatic machine of destruction, he ripfed open skin, flesh and fur with beastly ferocity, at the same time shaking Small by the neck until that cat, duzed, duzy and astounded, howled with agony.

He priord, who was giving the exhaust ed Tom a fearful licking in the corner, loosed his grip at the strange sounds. and whirled around and faced the new-At the same time Snowball, wailing his fear and pain, twisted himself out of Passy Grey Mow's chitches and with a desperate enort and went flying exit of the yard, his face and body covered with blood, lites and scratches Pussy Grey Mow looked after the flee ing ngure as if along to give chase, while Hopfoot stared at the log Persian cat in great surprise. Yellow Tom, aved and astonished at the size of his strange ally, but immensely pleased, was just about to renew the light and spring at his opponent when Pussy Grev Mow acted for him. With a wild snark and a ringhty jump the big Persian cat pounced upon Hopfoot. For the next twenty seconds all that Yellow Tom could see was a snarling, whiching ball of fur, heads, tails and paus. Next he saw Hopfoot on his back, Passy Grey Mow's teeth in his neck, shaking him with livid tury, amid Hopfood's mad screams and struggles. Finally Pussy Grey Mow 10leased him, and Hopfoot, wild with pain and terror, followed his departed friend with all the speed that was left in Liaching, exhausted limbs.

Pussy Gree Mow slowly turned and regarded the cat he had so nobly assist ed. Yellow Tom was gazing at him with hig, admiring (yes, still quite awed at the size of the big Persian

"Turri- mew -u-rer," -aid Pussy Grey Mow, making a strange, low sound. way down in his throat. "Are you set ionsly injured 50

Yellow Tom stared, not understand-

ing "Am I what?"

"Er -I mean, are you hart?" rejeared Pussy Grey Mon, surprised that he other could not understand his choice cat language, and therefore adopting a plainer tone

"On er, no Temse, I got a awful away. So a gentleman, and since a trimmin' sa fact, I guess I would a got licked if you didn't come in jist their but I ain't hort bad. It was awmi white of you to help me, an' I won't forget tive fast which now assailed him. He it, neether I ward thank yuh very much "

> Now I'mssy Grey Mow was exceedingly proud and, being a male of the species, his concer was only natural, What few cats he had seek from the enclosed garden had shown only cury and dislike, it was nice therefore, to he praised for a charge. With a fine simulation of modesty he languidly lay that on his belly, stretched our full length, so that the other could see his great size and rippling, graceful muscles to the hest advantage

> "Don't mention n," he said carclessly. "What I did is really nothing to loast

"It am't?" Yedon Tom almost gasped. "Holy smoke, if I could scrap like you long I'd have all the dogs, even bulldogs and those human boys what throw stones at me, runnin' like the dickens soon as they seen me! Wky, I'm supposed to be the best tighter in this neighborhood, Lam. I was never ficked in a angle-handed light, Pigecrin' it out that way, what must you be! Hopfoot an' Showball were sure lickin' me together when you come along and beat them both without any trouble at all.

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Although Yellow Tom spoke the commonest kind of cat language, and was obviously not in his class. Pussy Grey Mow was beginning to enjoy this. It was nice to have human folks stroke and pet you, but to be praised by his own kind well, that was nicer. He had always wanted other cats to make a fuss over him.

"My name's Yellow Toni; what's yours?"

"Pussy Grey Mon."

Now we suppose the reader will hunch up disdainfully and tell us that cats cannot laugh, but we assure, on our honor, that Yellow Tom nearly had a fit from laughing. He tell over on his side. his red tongue hanging out of his mouth, and fairly shook with mirth.

Pussy Grey Mow was quite puzzled He could not understand what the loke

"Aw, excuse me for laffin' at you like this," apologized Yellow Tom finally, the tears in his eyes, "but honestly, that's a auful name for a regular feller like you to be carrin' around. You am't mad, are vult?"

"I can't see anything to be angry about," said Pussy Grev Mow, ruefully his frie and still puzzled, "I was just wonder-shocked

There ain't even a scratch on yuh. I'll ing why my name should strike you so funny.

> "Well, it's a regular sissy's name -you know what I mean. It would be all right for a cat what's stuck on himself, but it's too high-toned fer a good feller like you, see? Then again, it takes a month to pronounce it—it's so long. Do yuh mind if I call yuh just Grey? You call me Tom."

"Certainly; that will suit the purpose -atistactorily."

They both stood up, approached each other, suifed, then rubbed their soft noses in each other's shoulders. This was a token of good faith in cat-land, and it scaled their friendship.

"Do yuh know, Grey," said Yellow Tom after awhile, "you speak the swellest cat language I ever heard? Anyone could tell that you was a-er, a -what von call em?"

"An aristocrat?"

'Yeh, that's what I mean!" exclaimed Tom. "Gee, wait'll the gang sees you! You're so big an' strong an' swell au' clean. The fellers will all be 'fraid an' jealous, an' the she-cats will all wanna marry yuh. You kin have any one of my wives, Grey--all of 'em if yub want."

Though Pussy Grey Mow appreciated his friend's kindness, he was deeply

than one wife?" he demanded.

"Sure, that's nothin'. I've got a wife an' kittens in nearly every house on this block. All the fellers has from two to six wives."

"Humph," was all Pussy Gree Mow could say.

"Why, don't they do the same thing where you come from?"

"I was too young when I was taken from Persia to remember. However, 1 have always regarded that as higamy."

"Huh," snorted Tom that means!"

"A crime," explained the other,

"Tell me something about your heritage, Tom," said Pussy Grey Mou, changing the subject adroitly.

"Oh, I'm an American cat, jist like you an' all the other cats aroun' here."

"I know that," the other assured him "for when a cat adopts this country, regardless of his family tree, he be comes an American by adoption. But was alluding to birth and ancestry. By birth I am a full-blooded Persian cat. My father was a flawless Carcian Ramond and my mother the same. They both won many prizes, and I myself took the blue ribbon twice at the dog and cat show at Madison Square Garden."

"Gee!" exclaimed Yellow Tom, in breathless awe, "you certainly are a swell guy! Nothin' like that fer me, kid; I'm jist a bum, I guess."

"I never heard of that hered," said Pussy Grey Mow, frowning thoughtfully. "What is its origin?"

"That ain't no breed," growled Vellow Tom. "It's a disease! A hum is a cat what ain't got no regular home you know, a ordinary fence cat, jist like I don't know nothin' bout an cestors. All I know is that I have to do some tall hustlin' to git one square meal a day, an' that lots of people---the humans-in this neighborhood is after me with poison, stones and air rifles, list cause me an' my gang gives a foistclass concert every night an' it ain't appreciated a bit. Then, of course, they're after us cause we swine everythin' we kin git hold of in kitchens or in the yard boxes. Fer the last three weeks I've been eatin' nothin' but dry bones, state meat, rats an mice."

"But how do you care manage to sup port your numerous wives 20 asked the astonished Persian,

"I don't support 'em," replied Tom "That's where I'm wise see? None of my wives is fence cats. They're all got regular homes, good grub, an' all that, jist marry 'em an' let them go. have all I kin do to support myself. without supportin' a she-cat.'

"I could never eat a mouse or a rat." said Pussy Grey Mow, with a little shudder. "It must be horrable"

"Aw, I don't know hour that, Grey You've never been hungry, that's why you say that. But when a guy is really good an' hungry, like I've been at times, b'lieve me, he kin eat dirt an' he glad to git it."

"I wish I could share all my future meals with you," declared the big Persian cat generously.

At this Yellow Tom's eves filled with tears. He had never met anybody whom he liked as well as this big, handsome cat, in spite of the fact that he had al-

"Do you mean to say you have more mays hated aristocratic or domesticated

"You certainly are a fine feller, Grey," he said carnestly, rubbing his nose against the other's shoulder. "You may be a aristociat, but, believe me, you're a regular guy clean through. I want yuh to meet the rest of the gaug: they'd be pekted to see a guy like you. How'd villa like to go with me now to our hang-out and meet some of 'em? We have heaps of fun every night. A felfor what's a professor of some kind classical music, I think they call it, has a studio in the cull of the block. Every night till ten him an' his pupils bang out a lotta grave yard sounds. As me au' the gang was practisin' in his back yard for a concert we're goiner give, his grave-yard stuff spoiled our sirgin', so we git square now by gatherin' in his yard every night between eight au' ten, an howlin' our beads oft. It's risky, 'course human people throws down all kinds of stuff at us, but it's lots of fun. How'd yith like to go with us tonight?"

Passy Grey Mow hesitated. He expected to hear the maid call for him any moment now, and he knew that it he responded to the summons his first opportunity to realize freedom would he lost. He had never before rehelfed openly, probably because he had never had the chance or the proper incentive. But now, even if he was a refused cat. he could not resist Vellow Tom's in vitation. Reforment means confinement. and at spite of the fact that he loved his pretty mistress dearly; in spite of all the luxuries which he knew a life of freedom would force him to abandon, in spite of this and more, his vanity reigned supreme and he finally decided to result

"Very well, Tom," he said thoughtfully, [17] go, but you'll have to get me away from here now. If I go back to our garden and the maid should call for me, I doubt if I could get away to night

"Good!" exclaimed Yellow Tom jou fully "You're a real sticker. Jist follow me, Grey, and I'll show you what a good time is.

Editor's Note: Part Two will appear next month t

#### VAUDEVILLE LIGHTS.

George White and Emma Baig, appearing at the Chicago Palace recently, delighted a huge audience. They are headliners describely. White does more kinds of dancing, each one a masternice of technical skill than any dancer we have seen for a long time. His work is snappy and pre-The innutuous of Pat Roomey (Irish reel), bred Stone (acronatio), Eddie Leonard (sand pg), Bert Williams (coon shuffle), and Bernard Grand were wonderfully done. Miss Haig a slender larry, and atting part ner to the gifted elegant George, does a Spanish rag number with him which was a revolution, danced to Bizet's flery music in Carmen One might easily imagine the composer had seen these damers before writing that music, and received his in spiration therefrom

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and character coincidents on same no rigid rule against taking a cheer-"Long Boy," There's a Little Bit or Scotch in Mary, but Not Too Much to Me, Fie," closing with a do or die instation or Charlic Chap-En with the assistance of a "Theker" light making the unitation ever soswing their canes, tipped the himiy, small Chaplin derby hats, and sangthat everybody was doing the Chaihe Chaplin walk. While this is not strictly an up to date number by any means, these boys got away with a tan haml

The Four Haley Sisters, lady quartette. The art bulstered up by the quiet, artistic, but stuft by the sister with the decidedly masculine voice, all the while they vigorousle sang popular songs, the fining arter keeping the audience laughing, getting generous aplause for their

Ons Lidwards Band Box Revue, at the Majestic Theatre, Chicago, made a big Int, with catchy songs elever specialties, mitte dancing, classy rosmines, dainty chorns girls, and neat work by the principals, Georgic and Cuddles, Vincent "O'Donnell" A homb proof act, would stand out on any bill, and at the Majestie it took second curtues.

Blasson Sceley, Orpheam circuit, is working with a male quartette, and popular as ever. She sme can put per into a number, both singing and dancing in her own way, which is a very "taking" way, by the way

Bob Brown, doing a single on the Correll time, has a good line or patter, and presents a novelty, or rather sings one of the popular songs in a movel way. He changes from full dress to negro roustabout costume in a twinkling, and dances a coon shuffle white singing "Sweet Emindina, My Gal," all the time destrously and eun tently applying a blackface makeup, to face, arms, neek and hands in the most thorough manner, while his whicel spoke steps keep one thinking he surely will topple over backwards He recovers his equilibrium in time to catch his bows.

trying, playing a bass yill, opens with a lively rag, then switches to classical, but the best thing he does is to play ragtime on a cigar box with only one string. But oh, what a string! He's got that string trained, alright. It initiates buils, fish, chickens but keeps placing ragtime all the time so, of course, he makes - Jane Lamoureux

#### THE CALL OF THE CABARET. By lane Lamoureux.

"Twas a cold winter night, so the story teller said, years and years ago. The nights in winter are cold now also, but not always dark and dreary. Oh! what a difference in the nights nowadays. The all pervading, festive caharer is partly responsible for this.

During the Civil War, sentinds on duty had naught to sustain them through long and weary vigils, but patriotic fervor, but then there was

bill, did some fast work, singing ing glass now and then, and many were the refreshing draughts proffered by the admiring damsels of those days.

The other night, in the year 1918, during one of the worst blizzards of the season, a night whose bitter cold realistic, as they warked dimed, might well terrorize the bravest hearts, one lone sentinel stood faithrully at a railway bridge in a large middle west city, sometimes stalking silently, anon pausing motionless, musing, annul the dead, drear solutude of the descried street. He might well have resented the relentless discipline which demanded that he remain at his chill post, with the cold creeping, creeping around, while the blithe blizzard demons burfed handiuls of light snow, stinging his tormented face, which had assumed a purplish hue

who goes there? Struggling through ging him pell mell headlong up the the slithering snow droits, half slippoig, barely able to stagget on, a strange party were approaching Dauntless sould They surely must be lashed, spurred onward by the scourging lives of hatred or revenge. No ordinary errand would bring the dainty, costily garbed women, with their fur clad male escorts out on such a night as this-when even the bold taxis were not running, and the railroads were tied up, nor could the most high powered auto have been able to plow through the storm.

The suddenly alert sentinel pecred through the blinding, fitful snowfall at the pludding pilgrims, who must surely be on an errand of mercy, perhaps, to rescue some starving family from freezing. Without warning, before the stupified sentinel realized, they flung themselves against him, Surely no one, not even enemies the strong arms of the four men gathor dare devil spies would venture ered him up, they bore him, forth on a night like this. But hist! struggling, rushing along, half drag-

dark street, around the colner and dived with their captive into the subterranean depths of a rathsheller.

An enormous, winking electric coseemed to blink approval of their impulsive deed. Once inside, the dextrous, trained waiters removed their outer garments and bowed low before the dazed sentinel A flock of cuti, comming cobarct sirens were carecuing along the mirror fined runway. carefully catching the toes of their satin slippers in the wooden cleats faid between the sections of mirrors.

The brilliant lights gleaned on the fairy clothes of these bewitching creatures, here in the delightful depths of a rathskeller, were warmth. passion, delicious hot food, coloriul sights, care dispelling, joyful, cuchanting, invigorating ragtime music, light laughter and still lighter heads. Champagne frothed in crystal goblets, the giddying strains of a snappy popular song issued from the white

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throats of the invincible chorus of dancing gurls

Notwithstanding all these allurements, the poor sentinel ordered a 'soldier's soda," and with a martyr like fortitude returned immediately to his post.

Who says patriotism is dead?

#### THE SHEBOYGAN CONCERT BAND.

With a roster of sixty-four men bers, under the able feathership of Henry M. Johnson, thrector, the Sheboygan Concert Band, a full orchestration concert band, largest in the state of Wisconsin, has played at the State Pair at Milwaukee, Wissin, for three years.

Each season they make a tour of the state Mr. Johnson, director, had good training for his chosen work years ago in the Spanish American

Sheboygan band present ragtime and she is restoring her spiritual bal- distinctively Sophie Tucker's. But it popular numbers in a way reminding one of the Sousa style of responding to an encore with a crashing crescendo of popular airs, while the ensemble and solo work in their classical selections shows that these men have a true love for, and ap- ragtime raised to the all power. preciation of the best in band music.

#### SOPHIE TUCKER.

known entertainers in Orpheum I guess aff my stuff was rough. I vaudecille. She has made a name and has amassed a fortune-she admits it -by tacties on the variety stage that bordered on the "rough house." She has abandoned those old comedy methods, and in a minute she shall explain why and how, but, frankly, Sophie Tucker was inclined to be rough in the old days But her methods made folks who saw War, when he was leader of the fa- her laugh, and Sophic herself laughs mous Second Regiment band. The most or the time, excepting when

nuce by crying over a sad film Sophie Tucker was one of the first successful vandeville entertainers to utilize the now practically extinct form of singing, if you may call it such, known as "coon shouting." It was

I never liked "," she said, "but stumbled into the discovery that I could do it, and that people liked it. I also found that managers would Sonbie Tucker is one of the best pay for it. It was pretty bad, and tried and tried to get away from it, but managers were insistent, and, between you and me, I couldn't help going out on the stage and doing the work (all it natural, if you wish, Mathe, it was

> "The first thing I dropped was coon shouting. My reason for that was that everybody imitated it and killed it. My departure from that method was sheerly good business I had used it until it was no longer

remained for a tragedy in my life, the first and only great one, to cure me entirely of the old rough-and-tumble ways of doing things. That was the death of my tather

"I was playing in Chicago only a few months ago, when I got a wire that he was dead," she explained quite simply. "I did not try to imish my engagement. I went straight home. When I started to work as a singer--and I started by singing at sind in picture bouses or any kind of a theater that would have me- I had one great aim in life. It was to take the best care of the old folks that I was capable of doing. It was my one great pleasure in life to think that my tather could refire from business, and that Sophic could give him more than he could ever be able to do for himself.

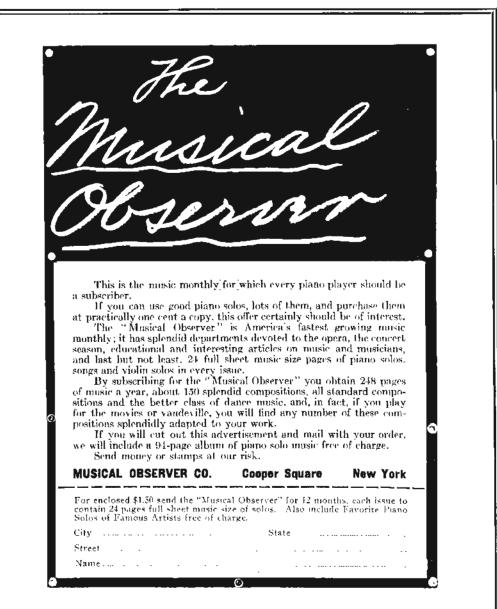
"I built them a house, and just as they were beginning really to enjoy life, my father died. It cultitared me for a while. It made me almost forget my work, what I did, or how I did it. I was conglier, it you may call it so, in my work than ever, I simply didn't care. My one great ior in Use had vanished. Eventually, my father's death had the effect of softening me and softening my work. The professional goal that I had long sought by bard work and study had been gained by my first taste of section. The result was better work and more money, and all that, but -

"It was a fremendous price to pay, i would rather go back to my old methods of work and my 614 salaries if I could have my father back again, Lut L can't."

Sophie Tucker has the reputation of an indefatigable searcher and secker for new sones. She is also known as an actiess who does her level best to "sew up" new songs so that the vast multipudes of vandeville and calaret performers cannot "lift" them. She averages three to four new songs every week, and is constantly in the market for song products

Do you wonder then " she said 'w'ry I do mly best to keep my somgs for myseli? I do hard work and the others get the benefit. Here is the way I work it. I do all I can to do a song for miself, and then when I can no longer do so, I cheerfully give it up and let the others have it Panish them? Never, They have to five, too, and Sophie Tucker is big and strong, and a hard worker, so that she can always have a good supply for everybody. I know that the practice angers many vandeville performers, but I lose no sleep over it

"Firstating, Very much so Why, before I rehearse at the Orpheum every Monday morning, I have to find out what songs have been sing the week before, list sinteliode has sung one or two of mine. When I lind that they have I don't get angry. I just drop out the song from my reportoire and let it go at that" "-Los Angeles Times





JACOB SCHWARTZ. Teacher of Ragtime at Buffalo.

#### ST. PAUL NOTES.

Miss Caroline Olson, pupil of Mrs. Webster's St. Paul school has been called to Washington, D C., to fill a government position.

Wedding bells have been ringing. Miss Anna Edstrom, a pupil, was married the first of the month. But Anna is not going to be a back number, her music will be kept up just the same.

Mrs Rasmussen, another pupil has been confined to her home the last couple of weeks on account of sick-

#### PHILADELPHIA.

We Philadelphia folks are just as much interested in the RAGTIME REview and just as proud of it as you folks out there, only we have been so busy, that it was impossible to say so before

You would be greatly pleased if you could see just how thoroughly and hear all the nice remarks made, in fact, one of our boys, Gus Sillman (who is by the way a wonderful little scholar), took his copy to church with him last Sunday to keep field. him awake, for he said, "It was the most interesting thing he had struck yet, and went way ahead of the ser-

Another nice thing, Mr. MacDevitt, who was formerly a student and still receives the Review praised the "Review of the New Music," and compliniented Miss Lamoureaux very highly on her work. He also enjoys the entire book very much.

Am very sorry to state that Miss Menns is ill, has been for several days with a severe cold.-Bessie I. Lathmann

Charles G Schultz of Milwankee announces his new assistant teacher, Miss Ilelen Doeuett, a former graduate of his ragtime school. Charlie writes that not only is Miss Doucett a real ragtime piano player, but a very good dancer. Helen was awarded the second prize at the fox trot state championship of Wiscon-

sin, given by a dancing professor of As I, guilelissly Chicago at Riverview rink, July, And unsuspecting like 1917

#### NOTES FROM MINNEAPOLIS.

One of my pupils, Mr. Long, is very interested in his lessons. He I heard the most practically does nothing besides his practice except to eat and drink and sleep.

Another of my pupils left for the navy a short time ago, and at the fort where he is stationed at the present time, he entertains his mates with real ragtime piano playing. He says that his piano playing, which he learned at my school, bas meant more to himthan he ever expected it would. He is always in demand for the entainments given at the fort, and has become popular beyond his wildest expectations.

Another one of my pupils (Mr. H), is getting along nicely, although he has to practice a little more than some of my other pupils. He makes it a point to practice not less than 10 hours every week, and he certainly is getting splendid results.

Dr. F. Nelson of this city paid a compliment not only to teaching but to the system I am using, claiming it is the shortest and quickest method for any person to comprehend that he has studied ragtime with other schools but likes mine the best. Consequently I feel clared.—Bessie Yea-

#### PERSONAL.

Ii Board Williams, alias Dr. Bing, of Cranberry Center, Me., will send his address, I will write him a letter.-A. C., care of RAGTIME REVIEW.

Mrs. Van Tress, at Houston, Tex., writes us the interesting information that a world-renowned pianist from Europe, who is also the composer of several operas, takes most kindly to our American ragtime, and he is every copy is enjoyed by our pupils, paying the highest indorsement to syncopated music by taking special instruction from Mrs. Van Tress, in spite of the fact that he is a finished and artistic musician in the classical

#### CURIOSITY, 'TIS A DANGEROUS THING.

By Jane Lamoureux.

One bitter cold Winther Afthernoon Being half parrylized Wid th' appallin' cold, Mind me, I stepped into the Alhambra Building, Where betimes, Warm hearted Musically inclined Folks Hang out Now, as Heaven is Me witness Nobody has ever Accused me of Bein' mysically inclined But they do say I'm almost too sociable At times Well, hark to this,

Appeared in th' doorway, Room 310, mind me Uniorchunate divil That I am Amazin' sounds I ever hope to hear This side of Heaven Or Hades, whichever 'Tis I'm going' to, I dunno Glory be ta God! Says I, phwais that? Begorra, it sounds as if The Irish Brigade Was in training Around hereabouts. Hurray fer Ireland! Ireland Fereverrmore! The Charge of the Light Brigady Had nothing on this Sure, is it a pianny someone is Alther playin' Who th' divil have ye Got up here annyway Says I Oh, that's only th' Boss, Charlie Schultz Playing the last of the Twinty lessons in Rag Time

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S vs a voung woman You could learn to do it tog Oh, "Himsilf" is here is he Says I Wid that, some one opens Th' door, And there foreninst the planny, Was the feller that had been playm' The cunning duck, Phwat does he do But staart improvin' or improvisein' Or somethin' like that, An' delibertly, with malice aforethought After given me the ourst over Out of th' corner of his eye, Bad Cess to him. He staarts singin' an' playin' away, Carless like-like not Sorta describin' me to meseli, My clothes an' all, But before he got through, He had me laughin' too Well, that's pretty good stuff, I'd play rag time meseli If I could buy clothes like yours Be so doin' says I. But I've no talent at all at all Why a mere child can learn to play Rag Time Why can't a big strappin' guy like yerseli

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#### RAGTIME THE GENERAL FAV-ORITE IN CAMP.

An' believe we, 'Tis the strong fingers I have, many's th' brick I've handled.

Edward P Waller, of Halifax, Canada, writes us that while in the army he learned in England and France that "music has its charms," and the jolly ragtimer was the general favorite in camp and hospital.

Mrs. Marie Reager, of Spokane, who has been out of the ragtime "game" for some time, owing to illness, has re-opened her studio, and reports a splendid business for December, wheih is usually a dull month.

Miss Mabel Rogers, who operates a profitable school in Kansas City celebrated a birthday recently (just which milestone this happened to be is not revealed), but an enormous bouquet of roses was presented to her by her admiring pupils, which kept her studio a place of delight for several days.

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