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RIOT AT THE GRAND OPERA
After a performance of "Tannhäuser" in Paris

UP TO THE TIME of the Civil War our country was very largely dependent upon importations from Europe, not only for material goods but also for science, philosophy, education, and the arts. International influences still exist today, and from an economic standpoint, infinitely more materials are now imported to America than at the beginning of the century. Many of these are very precious assets in our lives, as we found out when the war cut off such things as coffee, sugar, bananas, pineapples, rubber, tin, quinine, and so on. European culture, science, and art, to say nothing of the thousands of gorgeous flowering plants not indigenous to our country, which at the time of the writing of this editorial make the whole land a glorious garden, are indispensable in our lives. Now we are giving back to Germany and Japan, with unprecedented magnanimity after their attack on the highest things in civilization, the daily bread which will keep them from starvation.

With all the material and cultural values which we have imported have come many malignancies, diseases, pests, and worst of all, cancerous ideologies which are costing billions of dollars to stamp out.

Among the things that we have not imported are musical riots. In our bucolic past we have had riots in the theater, but somehow, we have managed to live them down. In 1849 a riot of major proportions occurred in New York City, brought about by the rivalry between the patrons of the well known American actor, Edwin Forrest, and the patrons of the great English tragedian, William Charles Macready. Both men were gifted and distinguished actors, but were intensely jealous of each other. In 1845, Forrest played "Macbeth" at the Drury Lane Theatre in London and was badly hissed by the audience. With a regrettable lack of sportsmanship he attended a performance by Macready in Edinburgh shortly thereafter. Forrest stood up in his private box and hissed Macready. This resulted in a kind of international feud, when Macready appeared in the Astor Opera House in New York in 1849, the partisans of both performers were on hand and a battle royal started, which became an international scandal. Seventeen people were shot

Musical Riots

by the military called out to quell the disturbance, and Macready was obliged to go back to England. Forrest died in 1872, after amassing a fortune which enabled him to establish the handsome Edwin Forrest Home, for aged actors and actresses, in Philadelphia.

American audiences, in the main, have long since passed that period when an actor with clenched fists came down to the footlights and yelled to a hissing audience. "There are only two kinds of beasts that hiss—snakes and geese!" In the frontier towns, if the audience was not appreciative, it did its hissing with pistol shots. One of the most amusing evidences of the humor of our musical President is the sign, we are told, he keeps on his desk: "Please don't shoot the pianist. He's doing the best he can."

Musical riots by no means have come to an end in Europe. The temperament of the people in many of the countries is so volatile and so excitable that the least spark can ignite old prejudices and enmities and turn an audience into a turmoil. We remember a scene in an Italian opera house in a provincial town. The audience was composed of the usual large crowd of pleasure-loving Italians. A simple turn in the plot of the opera threw the whole house, as if from an explosion, into an uproar. There were screams and howls of derision. The orchestra played the national anthem and the management pleaded and prayed for silence. The only solution was that of giving the auditors back their money. They marched out past the box office with revenge in their eyes and mayhem in their souls.

Again, in a little theater on the outskirts of Madrid, there was a characteristic *Zarzuela*, that Iberian combination opera, revue, concert, vaudeville, and ballet. Two rival tenors took part in the program. Each tenor had a small army of partisans with malice in their eyes. When one started to sing, his rival's cohorts commenced to shuffle their feet, cough, sneeze, yawn, and spit upon the floor. When the hubbub got so bad that the singer could barely be heard, his partisans would rise and plead, threaten, and shout for silence. We saw a woman slap a man's face and we saw a man spit in the face of another partisan. Finally, the scene became so menacing that we fled from the theater. We asked a Spanish composer friend about it and he said, "That's nothing. They do that every night."

Audiences in France, at the theater, the opera, and the concert, are highly independent in expressing their feelings. At times this is influenced by political humidity, but usually it is because the auditors just don't like what they hear. If the music at the performance is banal, or if it is bizarre, or if it is impossibly "modern," the audience soon turns the scene into a minor revolution. There are guffaws, hoots, and catcalls. Sometimes the performer battles it out and at the end receives applause for his endurance, courage, and audacity, if not for his music. If the riot is a lively one, the auditors have something to discuss in the cafés and sidewalk restaurants for months to come.

Often the riots are influenced by political groups, in which case the composer is more or less the innocent victim of circumstances. This happened in Paris on March 13, 1861, when Wagner gave the first French presentation of "Tannhäuser" at the Grand Opera. Perfectionism in spirit, Wagner's demands upon the resources of the opera company were so severe that the director, the conductor, the orchestra, the singers, and even the claquers "ganged up" against the irascible composer. The rehearsals were a bedlam, and

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Personal History in Music

by Ellen Amey

A good sight reader reads his music in large units which make musical sense. If he finds in these units that which agrees with previous knowledge, the difficulties in reading will be proportionately lessened. Again, if the recognized material has been used in any part of his technical training, his fingers, hands, wrists, and arms will subconsciously follow a tactual image made by study and practice. It is the ability to catch by a single sensation the forms, and the basic material of these forms which comprise a thought unit, that makes a good reader rather than any unusual gift. Some of the most phenomenal sight readers have sometimes attested to this fact. Adult readers of abstract notes held back by an early-former habit of definite note

reading. To know that a note stands for a definite tone and a particular key of the pianoforte, is of prime importance. The observance of note relationship and intervals is indicative of good training.


An eight-year-old boy who is studying the violin was asked the name of a note on the second line of the

violin staff. This answer came like a flash. "I played with the third finger on the D string and it is the perfect fifth of C. Oh, yes, its name is G." While answering, the boy's arm and hand went into the position as though actually playing and his third finger dropped on an imaginary D string.

A simple illustration of a thought-unit is found in the following example taken from Rubinstein's *Kammermusik*—Op. 14. If the reader's technique has been acquired through the study of keyboard harmony, the notes of this cadenza-like passage have already been recorded as the C-sharp major triad. The notes of this triad constitute the complete thought-unit. The pianist has only to observe the pattern or outline of the arpeggiated chord as found in this particular passage. The fingers will follow the mental image with correct fingering.

The following excerpt is taken from Sarasate's *Zigeunerweisen* for violin. It is used here to show that a simple chord background may be made less recognizable both to the visual and the aural senses by the regular introduction of a note foreign to the chord.

Ex. 1



To the musician it is clear that the background is the tonic triad of C minor. For a quick reading of the unit, think of the broken chord of C minor with a note of equal value one half-step below each note of the triad.

Importance of Knowing Sequences

position. It is a one-group sequence extending through an octave or more that leads the brilliant pass work at the beginning of the *C-sharp minor* *Capriccio* by Rheinhold. Weber employed extended sequences in all his more brilliant compositions. A reader should have a wide acquaintance of sequences. It will increase his assets in readable units and give him ready-to-use material for his fingers. A little practice study of sequence constructions as found in Schumann's first and fourth *Etudes* will bring about official results.

in the compositions of Schumann, Brahms, Franck, and Rachmaninoff pianism is overshadowed by symphonic effects. The pianoforte is adapted to meet the requirements of this more symphonic style of composition. The reader's mental and physical capacities, however, may have to be developed to meet new social demands. In the notation alone there are profound complexities both as to the moving of inner voices and the different textures of these voices. In the

the different rhythms of these voices. In the matter of technique it may be necessary to employ all subtleties of touch and tone to make each voice sing with its own individual color. To facilitate the reading and playing of these compositions one should be familiar with such musical *(Continued on Page 5)*

Incent Steen, born in Illinois, grew up when he calls the era of Caruso records, Alma Gluck-and-Louise Homer duets, and the eminence of John McCormack. An ardent amateur singer, he had no idea how to sing until he was fifteen years old. He confesses that he was also exposed to piano lessons, but somehow, they did not take. He did not enjoy practicing. However, he learned the art of reading extremely unpleasant music by heart. He was able to read anything unpleasing he could get his hands on. At the University of Chicago, Mr. Steen made his journalistic debut as dramatic and music critic of the *Chicago Tribune*. He wrote about the famous "Hippodrome Dramatic Performances in order to concentrate on the concert" of the Chicago Symphony and the production of the Chicago Opera. He heard Mr. Stearns' lecture at the University of Chicago and the foundations of an uncannily aware musical taste. His duties never again brought him into contact with music, and he never had the least ambition to become a professional musician. He has been writing about music as another might pursue golf. Recognized as one of the foremost journalists, correspondents, and lecturers of the time, Mr. Steen has found time to write a book called *The Music Business: A Personal History*.

—Ernest R. Jones

"BEING interviewed by THE ERUDE carries me back to the days when I was earning no laurels at all, whatever as a piano student. I read that magazine religiously, and marvelled at the musical accomplishments of the people who got paid to write. On joining the staff, I ended up with the thought, now, I must contribute to my sole musical accomplishment is singing when nobody is around to hear me. I haven't got a good voice—but I love music. I can think of no more stimulating pleasure than to read through a volume of songs by Schubert, Schumann, Brahms, Haydn, and so on, and then singing with those I love best, thinking not at all of 'performance values', but finding the greatest satisfaction in the line of the melody and the harmonies of the accompaniment. In Paris, I ran into a man who had played for Lisadora Duncan; he was a fine accompanist, and he had a beautiful voice. He was a Frenchman looking over songs through that WAS A RITE education in *Lieder*.

The Prime Value of Music

"The best approach to the music hobby is the most natural one—the desire to have fun with music. Only later does one realize that the music hobby induces certain positive qualities that have nothing to do with fun. First, of course, there is emotional involvement. The appeal of music is that it is an emotional (rather than a rational) quality. It makes a direct attack on the feelings and eases them, much in the manner of the classic Greek theory of catharsis. You enter a concert hall in a rather neutral mood; you hear a deeply religious work of Bach's, and two things happen. First, your neutral mood gradually takes on the contagious spirit of the music, and, in second place, you experience a sort of expression of that spirit, merely through listening. You are both stimulated and relieved. The stimulation is the result of the value of music.

But there are other values, which become more and more apparent, the longer you live with music. Music imparts a strong sense of form and of structure. The matter how impassioned the music may be, it is always in support of a basic sense of balance of proportion, of structural organization. If you listen awfully, that sense of form becomes part of you. I know that this musical feeling for form has been of help to me in my publishing work. I have now written out one of the new publishing series—a new book (on *music matters*)—nothing to do with music) and the nature of the various parts of the material demanded different kinds of writing. My political writing is a bit more formal, but I have been in a good mood in the three sections of the manuscript; the publishing world believes that "unified" writing means that work that is all of one-piece. To explain my ideas, I have written a book on *music matters* in three parts: I built like a symphony in three movements—an *Andante*, an *Allergo*, and a *Largo*, each conveying its own feeling, mood, and pace. In those terms, the idea

"Again, it seems curious that an art as emotional as music should give off such a sense of restraint and control. Yet it does just that. No matter how absorbed a performer may be in the feeling of music, he must have perfect control of himself in order to commun-

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ate that feeling. And that control carries over to everything he does. I think you will find that musical people are competent at meeting emergencies. I once witnessed a remarkable instance of this, at the Metropolitan Opera. The brilliant Frida Leider was singing when, all at once, her voice failed her. She opened her mouth for the next note, and that next note simply did not come. The orchestra went on; it took only a split second of time to show what was going on. But in that split second, Dorothée Manski, waiting in the wings for her own cue, took up the thread of Mme. Leider's part and carried on until matters on the stage had righted themselves. It was more than a matter of the show's going on; it was a matter of knowing the right thing to do, and doing it. And I am convinced that the control imparted by long association with music helped Mme. Manski to save the situation. Even the most mediocre performance implies a controlled restraint that would amaze those members of the audience who think that making music means nothing more than letting go!

Singers Should Know Languages

"Speaking of mediocre performers, I can get a great deal of pleasure out of them. Certainly, I don't prefer mediocrity; but if the music is good, the performance value still sinks into second place. Still, I heartily wish that the general performance standards of our American artists were better than they are. There are two reasons, in my mind, why the arts are better. One is that many of our singers compose songs and rôles instead of steeping themselves in the languages and the traditions that brought those songs and rôles to life. I can think of a surprising number of singers in France, in Italy, in Germany, in German songs is perfect, but who cannot speak those languages fluently enough to order a meal. Indeed, I have sat at restaurant tables in Salzburg, Paris, Rome, with so-called cosmopolitan artists who could not speak French. That's no good! If you know all the words of what he sings, he sings loud

ing but words. He cannot possibly communicate emotion.

"The other thing that holds back many of our gifted young artists is that excess of patriotism which makes them desire nothing but all-American training. This is not to be misinterpreted as either a lack of feeling for America, or a lack of appreciation for American training. It is to be interpreted to mean that well-rounded performance requires more than vocal train-



ing, and the things required are basic. They are learned in the atmosphere that develops there. To learn Italian opera—not the notes on the score, but the feeling of the works—must live a while in Italy, eating Italian food, breathing Italian air, fathoming Italian people, finding out what makes Italians open the things that will make you. By all means, do your vocal training here at home—but go to the source-lands of music to learn the things that will make your vocal training communicative. This is especially true of opera, which occupies different positions here and abroad. In Europe, it is the life of the people; here, it is still an orchidaceous growth. To sing Scarlatti's notes is no difficult task—but to be Scarlatti, one must have a first-hand knowledge of Rome and the

ances given by Toscanini; his readings of the Beethoven *Eroica* and the Brahms' First Symphonies, both in the 1930s and 40s, and the Wagner's *Salzburg*, before the war. My enthusiasm for the Verdi occasion led to a rather embarrassing experience! I was lecturing at Rollins College, in Florida, some years ago, and was invited to sing with the choir. I sang the Verdi *Requiem*, and the choir was led by Louise Homer, looking very beautiful and gracious. Mme. Homer said that she would have to leave immediately after the lecture, as she wished to be home in time to hear the Dr. Holt. My table neighbor, a young woman, remarked that I'd like to go with her, as I loved the work. "So you know it, too?" asked Mme. Homer, and



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I went on to say that I had been present, at Salzburg, when Toscanini first gave it. "I'm sure the Salzburg performance was a fine one," laughed Mme. Homer, "but I'm certain it wasn't Toscanini's first—you see, Gadske, Caruso, and I gave quite a nice performance with him in 1910!" I assure you that I felt rather taken down!

"I am often asked about the effect of music on the men of our armed forces, and my answer is always enthusiastic. It was remarkable to witness their reaction to music—even more remarkable to observe their instinctive feeling for the best. A vast group of fighting men is no different from any other large group—some like music and some don't; some come to concerts because they want to, and some come because they haven't anything better to do. And often enough, and so to say, the entertainment given them was on the minus side. But when they got great music, greatly performed, the effect was electrifying. Even the bored ones woke up, shouting and whistling and stamping their approval like a bunch of maniacs. One of the best troops was Lily Pons. I crossed her path twice. Once, in Paris, where the average temperature was one hundred and thirty, and again in Cologne, while the German shells were still coming across the Rhine. In Paris, Lily spent the day in the room reserved for heat-stroke cases because she doesn't stand heat too well; but at concert time, she was all there! Her husband, Mr. Kostelanetz, did the kindest thing imaginable. Not only did he play to the GIs; he organized his orchestra from among them, and gave them the lift of playing with him. To this accompaniment, Lily sang, and the boys went wild. In Cologne, she sang to a different accompaniment—that of enemy cannon. Lily told me a curious thing. All through her singing career, she suffered so from before-performance nervousness that she became actively nauseated. But the GIs cured her! Since singing for them, she has approached her performances without a qualm!

"If someone were to give me about five million dollars, I would reorganize the operatic world. I'd have a great opera that could patronize. I'd have two orchestras, with plenty of time for rehearsal, and I'd have all rehearsals on the stage. I'd send my young artists abroad for a few years, to study tradition. I'd do away with the star system and the repertory system. I'd prepare the most fluent performance of a given work, with the right people in the right parts, and then repeat it three or four times a week, until people got to know it. It's fun to dream up revolutions of this kind—I love music!"

New Keys to Practice

by Julie Mason

VIII.

Sometimes your hands, wrists, and fingers will feel tired and sore after unaccustomed technical practice. This is not to be confused with nervous tension, stiffness, or lack of elasticity. The first long walk or the first horseback ride of the season would have the same effect on the muscles.

However, if the forearm feels strained, you are not playing correctly, for the forearm should take no feeling part in your technical activities. It should be only an anesthetized link to connect the elastic force of the upper arm with the fingers, into which the upper arm passes firmness.

When you cannot get the effect you want, play the piece without the pedal, bringing out all the melody lines and connecting all legato tones. In this way you find out just how to use, or swing, or rub, your fingers to produce the desired result. Then add the pedal—and the interpretation will be doubly interesting.

No matter how bad your instrument is, remember that you can gauge intervals on any piano. And spanning the proper interval is no less a feat than your control, accuracy, and much of your dexterity.

Practice the last part of your composition first—to avoid fatigue and aid your memory.

The Effect Of Music On History

by Herbert Antcliffe

THE ANCIENT Greek view, that certain modes and certain melodies, as well as certain instruments, had a good or evil effect upon the moral character, is well-known and is discussed favorably or derided, according to the personal view of those who renew their acquaintance with it. Possibly in those days, of smaller communities and more intimate communal life, music had more influence than it has to-day. Yet it is no difficult matter to trace some degree of influence of various kinds of music, and still more of individual melodies, on national and international movements almost from those days to our own.

Most of this influence appears in recorded history only with regard to isolated events, but a careful reader sees in these events a reflection of the general mentality of the period. No commander who did not believe in the influence of music would have allowed the minstrel Taillefer to lead the army, singing a popular song, as did William of Normandy at the Battle of Hastings. That this song had a great influence, not of course, unaided by military force and the personality of the Conqueror, is indubitable. Most princes and leaders of the people in the Middle Ages had their own songs, and these were sung to the accompaniment of minstrels and minstrels did not stop for amusement or bandaged education. One authority, for instance, prescribed among the defensive appointments of a castle, "musical instruments to excite martial enthusiasm." The popular story of how the minstrel Blondel sought his master, Richard Lionheart, by going round the prisons of Europe singing a song composed by that monarch, suggests music in the service of detective work more than in that of politics, but indirectly Richard, had a very definite effect upon the history of England and medieval Europe. A little earlier than the time of Richard was the King of England, and only Duke of Aquitaine, music was used against him by one of his underlings who, with others, revolted against him. This was Bertrand de Born, who combined the qualities of a soldier and a minstrel, making use of this latter to mislead his soldiers in his aims and to encourage them to deeds of valor.

The popular soldiers' song in Germany during the late war, *Wir fahren nach England* had an early predecessor about a thousand years ago when Flemish soldiers joined political leaders in the hope of gaining land or booty and sang a long ditty with the constant refrain,

*Hop, hop; Wilken, hop!
England is mine and thine!*

Both words and music, it is said, were such as to encourage the young adventurers and the influence of Flanders, exercised in other ways in later centuries, upon English history was begun with music.

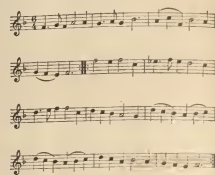
On the other hand the Britons and some of the earlier settlers from the Continent were encouraged by the music of both minstrels and monks to defend their land against later comers, and for a long time one of the means of rousing the Welsh to defend themselves against the Saxons was that of the music of voice or harp or both.

When Martin Luther determined to bring about reformation of Christianity in Europe he employed music very largely for this purpose, not, of course, so much for didactic or apologetic purposes as to arouse the spirit of the people who were not directly concerned with these matters. And with his music he did more and somewhat differently than he intended. His music, and therefore political, control of the German people was almost complete. Ignaz von Dollinger, the great philosopher and reformer of last century, said that "in his hands the soul and mind of the German people were as the lyre in the hand of the artist," a simile that is particularly appropriate in view of Luther's knowledge and use of music.

Oliver Cromwell, too, knew the power of music and used it to aid in his control that made it serve his purposes. He was himself a capable musician, and so knew how to make rules that prevented the misuse of the art by those who were unskilled or who wished

to use it for purposes to which he objected on moral or political grounds.

Not long after his time the tune *Lillibulero*, often attributed though with no certainty, to the great composer Henry Purcell, gained its enormous popularity in England and Ireland.



It was claimed by one writer to have "sung three kings out of their thrones," and in any case its influence was great. That it was the influence of the music and not of the words is evident from the fact that these latter, which were varied from time to time, were always purely musical. This was not the case with such a song as *When the King Enjoys His Own Again*, nor, or at any rate less so, with *Malbrough ca va-t-en guerre*. In all these cases, however, the music had some influence.

Coming to recent times, what had the words of *Tipperry* in them to encourage the British soldiers in the first World War? Similarly, Conan Doyle tells how a spectator of a battle in which Russian soldiers won a position "sing[ing] the song 'The Finest'." When the spectator inquired what were the words of a song which could be so inspiring he was told they were "Ivan's in the garden picking cabbages," repeated ad infinitum.

No doubt, "a verse finds him whom a sermon shuns," but in religious and social matters, including those of national and international politics, a tune and its appearance, the instruments which introduce it to the public or recall it to their memories, voices, has an even more attractive and potent influence.

Band Questions Answered

by William D. Revelli

Is It Too Late To Begin?

Q. I am a soldier twenty-two years old and have always been deeply interested in music. Although I have never had the advantage of formal study I believe I have the qualifications to become a capable musician. I play the saxophone and trumpet by ear. Do you believe I could eventually learn to play well enough to become a member of a good dance band?

—Pvt. W. J. B., California.

A. This is most difficult to answer in the affirmative especially since you have no musical background and are unable to read music. However, if you will seek the instruction and advice of a competent teacher, work long and faithfully, it is possible you might realize your ambition. Too often persons with limited background lack the necessary perseverance to succeed. At your age, technique and playing skills are not usually acquired with the same speed and ease as that of a younger person.

A Point in Playing the Xylophone

Q. I should like some information regarding the playing of the xylophone. In four-mallet compositions should one play directly over the resonators in the middle of the bar, or on the tips nearer the lower part?

The bars should be played as near the area directly over the resonators as possible, since this area produces the best tone and clarifies the harmonic progression. The area off the "resonating center" is inclined to be dry and unmusical. However, there are passages and chords which practically prohibit all four mallets to be struck in the resonating center of the bars. This is especially true in rapid and awkward scale passages.



VYVYAN DONNER IN AQUA BLUE CREPE

AFTER WORKING in the style industry for many years, I find that a natural eye for clothes is rare. The average concert artist has to cultivate it. It can be done; but the artist and music student should make a detailed study of the correct style in dress for the concert platform, because part of one's success depends upon the right gowns.

An artist's gown should be attractive, of course, and definitely becoming. Your own friends that come to

Dressing for the Concert Stage

An Interview with

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your concerts are bound to think that you are wonderful, but if you want to make other people admire you, you may have to make a special effort. In other words, you must dress for the strangers who come to hear you play or sing. Though it may sound odd, you can see the sense of it, for people whom you do not know are so much more critical than your friends. One should never appear "dressed up" on a concert platform; but the artist should appear "well dressed."

Correct Clothes for the Stage

Concert gowns should be practical, and should not wrinkle too easily. They should be designed to appear fresh for hours after the artist has completed her toiled. A whole evening is generally devoted to the giving of a concert, and the gown should look as well at the end of the evening, as at the beginning. I put considerable emphasis on color in fashions. Gay, colorful frocks are more pleasing to the eye, while neutral tones may have a tendency to look faded.

Beware of tricky styles. If you want excitement in your clothes rely on color, and fine accessories. In my "Fashion Forecasts" that I produce for Fox Movietone, I am careful to show trends, instead of fads, because novelties, no matter how ingenious or becoming, are apt to flood the country in an unbelievably short time, and everybody else will be wearing them.

The artist should be careful in watching feature motion pictures for style news. Before copying the wardrobe of a star in any particular film, the artist should decide whether that is the way she wants to look in her setting, and if it will become her as a concert gown. If she does decide to copy the clothes of stage and screen stars she should be ever so careful not to add anything to the costume. She must remember that motion picture clothes are already dramatized; they are a little larger than life, a little more flamboyant, to attract the eye on that vast screen. If anything, they should be simplified for each personality.

I would advise the professional woman to study fashion magazines faithfully, not neglecting the advertisements. As a matter of fact, department store advertisements in or near one's home town will help to distinguish what is a trend, and what is a fad.

Watch the motion pictures in your home town for fashions in action. See how these styles really look in motion, and whether or not the lines are comfortable, and practical for the concert stage.

Dressing the Hair

It is so hard to make women realize that they should dress their hair to go with their costumes. No matter what she may think, there is more than one becoming



Courtesy of the New York Dress Institute
FOR THE THEATER OR OPERA
Tunic Evening Coat in Multi-color Brocade



Courtesy of the New York Dress Institute
RECI-TAL GOWN BY HATTIE CARNEGIE
Black Tulle with Bands of Cording



Courtesy of the New York Dress Institute
DESIGNED FOR THE OPERA
Beige Crepe Gown with Uneven Hemline



Courtesy of the New York Dress Institute
CONCERT COSTUME BY HATTIE CARNEGIE
White Faille with Gold Embroidery



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TWO CONCERT GOWNS BY ADELE SIMPSON
Beige and Electric Blue Crepe Draped Models

way for her to wear her hair. Strangely enough, the most frequent complaint that women make about new models is that they make them look older, which is seldom true. The old coiffure will make a woman look older because it is dated. If you do not believe that, take one of you four or five years ago. You will see for yourself. Those pictures will always look older than you are today simply because hair styles have changed; and you should change your hair dress to go with the present mode.

The Recital Dress for the Music Student

An accompanying photograph shows a teen age music student about to play at a concert. She is wearing a charming, and youthful gown which can be made to serve a double purpose. Not only is it a most effective costume in which to perform at a recital; but it will be the envy of all at the high school "prom." This dress is of baby blue, with a full bell shaped skirt of skirt of blue tulle topped by a long torso bodice of

gleaming blue lamé (metal cloth). This bodice has a broad band at the top with a flat bow encircling the shoulders in a drop shoulder effect. The shoulders and yoke of the dress are of blue net, giving a discreet veiled look to what would seem to be an extreme décolletage.

This is a most graceful dress for a concert debut because the skirt floats out from the piano stool in clouds of net, as the young pianist performs her program. If the student has not as yet completely mastered the art of walking on and off the stage, and taking her bows, this type of dress will help her to be graceful in movement.

Costume Jewelry

Much of our present costume jewelry has been designed with a musical motif in mind, and if properly worn, it is becoming to all ages. Whether you are a music fan or not, this glittering array of clip-pins, brooches, and bracelets, provide distinctive accents for all occasions. The musical theme has been cleverly

As In a Mirror

by Leslie E. Dunkin

the time for my music, especially in the more difficult parts. Too, while not in use with the pedals, my feet would shift from one place to another, including being wrapped around the feet of the piano seat. My feet seemed to be doing almost everything but tap-dancing. My next inspection was directed toward my hands. The mirror revealed that at times they seemed to be more like the hands of a dramatic director of a band or orchestra. From its place on a stand at the keyboard the mirror showed that my wrists were anything but easy and graceful. When they were not sagging distressingly, they were swinging my hands around in a carefree manner.

I made use of the full-length mirror to check up on



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RECITAL GOWN BY ADELE SIMPSON
Red Fulle Model with Long Sleeves

sustained in every place. Tiny clips for earrings, or clips in large size make effective chest pins or clips. Bracelets simulate a bar of music with the treble clef, and quarter and eighth notes so realistic that you can almost hum the rhythm. Both silver and gold are used in these designs. The gold is particularly effective with black, gray blue, brown, and bright colors. The silver models shimmer more discreetly with gray and pastel tints, as well as with dark tones, and the high colors.

Vivyan Donner's Gown

The evening dress that I wear in my photograph is a Samuel Chapman Original. It is made of aqua blue crepe in simple fluid lines, with the skirt drapery drawn up toward a dramatic embroidered motif directly at the waist. A bunch of grapes, and leaves provide the sole trimming done in multi-color. The plain sleeves are short, and the neckline a V.

I would rather be chic than beautiful, because then you can be bright and interesting at any age, and it does not matter what time has done to you.

my appearance from the rear. I placed it in different places behind me and then adjusted my smaller mirror on the music-track so I could see how I looked from all different angles. At times I was round-shouldered. At other times I was almost a hunchback. For another piece of music, I noticed my head seemed to be swaying and swinging, even more than my body.

With the various uses of my mirrors I caught myself becoming so interested in what I saw that I almost forgot what I was playing. I realized then and there that listeners would find it still easier to become and remain interested in what they saw rather than what they might be hearing. I continued persistently with my efforts to improve my appearances in the mirrors while playing. I wondered whether I might become so formal at the piano that I would spoil the spirit of the music being played. However, this worried concern was soon banished when I heard a sincere friend of mine comment about my playing. "You let us enjoy your music without any distractions while playing. We forget about you while listening to your music."

THE ETUDE

A Conference with

Report to the Nation

Edwin Franko Goldman

Founder and Director of The Goldman Band
Leading American Authority on Bands

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Dr. Edwin Franko Goldman needs no introduction to any American who has ever played in a band, listened to a band, or simply admired bands. From September to December of 1945, Dr. Goldman made a tour of the Pacific Military Area, under the auspices of USO-Camp Shows. What he found there, as far as music is concerned, has been the subject of national newspaper controversy for months. With as few preliminaries as possible, the Etude has asked Dr. Goldman to place a detailed musical survey of his views before America's largest musical audience.

—Eaton's Note.

FROM the Philippines and occupied Japan, I brought back a number of impressions, but by far the strongest of them is that the American Army Bands I found there are in a terrible condition. In the forty camps, stations, and cities I visited, I did not find one really good band. Sometimes I put two and three bands together, and still I did not have a complete band with proper instrumentation. Army musical conditions were simply shocking. I was all the more shocked by them because of an interview I had had with General Pershing, shortly after the end of World War I. At that time, General Pershing said to me that, after hearing the military bands of England, France, and Germany, he was ashamed of the quality of the American bands and determined to do something about them. General Pershing actually did take steps to improve Army bands. He increased them in size from a minimum of twenty-eight to forty-five; he asked Walter Damrosch to report on ways and means of betterment; and he set up machinery for training schools. But—this was the end of it. And all promising measures dissolved. The system drifted back to what it had been—and that entire system is wrong.

"Army bands are badly put together. Instrumentation is deplorable. Players are thrown together in which way; ten cornets overbalance a group that needs no more than five or six; some outfits have too many brasses, and others too few; some, too many reeds, and others none at all. As far as I am able to see, there are no fixed standards for determining anything! Nor is this all. Some of the bandmasters had not the first notion of training their men, and some of the men could not even read music. Among the men themselves, band service is considered a sort of grim joke—I know personally of many excellent players who took care to hide the fact that they were musicians, lest they be put into one of the Army bands whose standards are such as to spoil the background they had already built!"

"In Osaka, I found an American Army band of fifty-three who had not assembled, practiced, or played in three months! They were kept busy driving trucks and demolishing buildings. The men themselves were discouraged. They couldn't get back into playing form in less than half a year. I tried out a number of Army bands in Manila, but could get no desirable concert instrumentation whatever. In the end, in order to play to our own boys, I had to use a native Philippine Band. And it was an excellent one! You can imagine how mortified I felt to be able to bring American music to their favorite band selections only by means of a foreign band!"

"It is not pleasant to have to report that, all through conquered Japan, the musical conditions were so superior to those of our victorious Army as to be positively insulting! In Tokyo (where there are four regu-

lar symphony orchestras, playing to full houses during ten months of the year), our boys crowded to hear the native Metropolitan Band. On the day that this excellent organization played for me, they gave splendidly conducted, splendidly rehearsed, and splendidly instrumented renditions of the "Tannhäuser" Overture and a Glazounoff Suite.

"Now, conditions like this are shameful. It is bad for our soldiers to have so low a grade of music. It is bad for the musicians, not only in the Army, but in civilian life who go into the Army compelled to regard their themselves as inferior to the negative way of life. It is bad for the nation to be forced to play second fiddle, musically, to foreign cultures. It is bad for our prestige to allow foreign—especially conquered—countries to see for themselves how we mishap our musical methods are.

"What is to be done about it? A number of things! Directly upon my return home, I submitted a report of my findings and my suggestions to President Truman, to General Eisenhower, and to Secretary of War Patterson. These reports have been given serious and promise has been made that steps toward improvement will be taken. But mere promise is not enough! Something must be done, and done quickly, lest there develop a repetition of the situation that prevailed after General Pershing's efforts at the end of the First World War. For this reason, I hereby make appeal to all readers of THE ETUDE. I shall outline to you what I believe should be done. I am preparing Petition Lists for patriotic citizens of musical taste to sign and send to Washington, demanding that official action be taken to rectify the musical conditions in our Army.

"Here, then, are the reforms I propose. Army Bandmasters should be commissioned officers. At present, they are not. They are warrant officers, with no chance of promotion. Army musicians are selected, as I understand it, on the basis of an uncheck application which they themselves fill out. They are asked what they can play; no one tests or supervises the abilities they report. Men who toot a bit on a horn not only can but do get band assignments, even though they know nothing whatever of music. Once they are 'in' the band, they get seniority rating—and, on the basis of nothing more than the passing of time, they can become bandmasters! Let's change this! Let's commission our bandmasters (as they do in foreign armies). Let's give them a chance of dignified promotion, and let's base such promotion on ability only.

"My second step, then, deals with making sure of such ability. We should have a thorough and competent school for the training of band musicians and bandmasters. Tooting a horn won't do. Our Army bandmasters should know music. Certainly, those who are bandmasters should be able to read music. They should be equipped with theory, harmony, counterpoint, orchestration, instrumentation, history of music, and per-

formance tradition, as any civilian conductor. It is possible today to find potential leadership material, in music, as high as that of West Point. Let us make use of it, train it, use it as the means of building up Army music.

"In third place, there should be a Department of Music in the Army, just as there is a special department, or section, for medicine, and law. Such a department should define the size, instrumentation, and duties of the bands. Under the present system, Post music depends chiefly on the musical sympathies of the Commanding Officer. If he is indifferent to music, the men don't play. If he likes music to the point of having the men play fifteen hours a day, they do that. Such matters should be fixed according to musical standards. Again, the type of music played should be fixed according to musical standards. And there should be a thorough system of checking-up on the progressive abilities of the musicians.

"You may wonder, perhaps, that such conditions can exist in the Army of a country like ours, that has shown such remarkable interest in band development over the past years. Our schools and colleges have fine bands; the young folks are eager to play in them. Then how to explain the gap that exists between public interest in the enthusiastic young civilian player gets into this strange military musical atmosphere? Well, one answer is that he doesn't like it! As I said before, music doesn't play. If he likes music to the point of having the men play fifteen hours a day, they do that. Such matters should be fixed according to musical standards. And there should be a thorough system of checking-up on the progressive abilities of the musicians.

"Following the report of my findings and suggestions which I sent to Secretary Patterson, the Secretary replied as follows:

"My dear Dr. Goldman:—
"I have your letter of 6 December 1945 with attached letter of 21 November, regarding the condition of the U. S. Army bands which you visited on your recent trip to the Far East."

"As a former field officer, I am fully cognizant of the need for good Army bands, not only for ceremonial and morale purposes, but also as a cultural factor in the entertainment field. No doubt the rapid growth of the U. S. Army during World War II made it impossible to develop as fine bands as you and I would have liked to see, although in many cases, bands of the type of the U. S. Army Band, the Army Air Forces Band, and the Gentry Infantry Band do, I believe, represent the best in American band music. The time of your visit to the Far East was hardly an auspicious one to hear good Army band music, for during your stay the sound of discoloration was heard at a point where all organizations, including bands, were not at their top efficiency. (Continued on Page 535)



DR. EDWIN FRANKO GOLDMAN

Too Much Movement

Doesn't the kind of technique you advocate produce excessive body and arm movement at the piano, so much so that pupils are criticized severely for their distracting mannerisms in playing?—U. B. Colorado.

The spontaneous activities of children are almost always excessive, filled with bounce, zip, dash, whiz, then, should we teachers deliberately restrict movement in such a complex physical activity as piano playing? As to exaggeration in older students, this is absolutely necessary at first in order to attain freedom of the larger muscular coordinations which have become tensed or even atrophied from malusage or nonusage.

What is the teacher's chief job in teaching children? Isn't it to help them enjoy themselves at the piano, and to furnish them the tools in order to play freely and happily? So what if they do move about excessively for a while? I have never had difficulty in routing out excess movement or reducing lost motion in youngsters, after the right playing principles have become automatic. The only ones who give me trouble are the gifted children. And why do we have to tussle with them? Simply because, being gifted musically and mentally, they are usually blessed with a superabundance of vitality. It takes a lot of planning, effort and persistence to school this piano playing! I find it almost as difficult to channel these sheer animal spirits as to direct the supernormal musicians and mental powers of talented children.

Wouldn't you prefer to face the problem of curbing exasperately free movement rather than to be compelled to slave for months or years limbering up those pathetic cases of tight constricted players? We meet these baffling cases all the time, both children and adults. They are among the thousands of frustrated beings who have never been permitted or taught to use the large muscle masses freely and swingingly, but have been doomed by criminal methods which result in fixed claw-like fingers, and rigid ironclad hands and arms. It is truly sad to note the number of letters sent to me from correspondents of *The Etude* asking how to cure bad cases of stiffness and contraction.

On the positive side, I can point to hundreds of teachers everywhere who have intelligently applied the simple, sound principles enunciated in these pages and whose students do not play with exaggerated mannerisms. The pupils of these teachers with the highest prizes and the best "ratings," they are considered tonally, musically, and technically first in their communities. They are the happy teachers; and most important of all, they have the happy pupils.

Recently, at a movie, I, along with the rest of the audience, was startled and amused by the spectacle of a young boy (about four or five) who was leaving the theater with his mother. Right in the front of the house, along the entire length of the aisle to the door, he insisted on making his exit by turning somersaults. Neither the piano nor the music of the chorus of the audience deterred his uninhibited exuberance. He simply chose not to walk out, and to burn up enormous amounts of energy. But did he enjoy himself!

The Teacher's Round Table

Conducted by

Guy Maier

Mus. Doc.

Noted Pianist

and Musician

Although the tests (by no means all-inclusive) are applicable especially to slow singing compositions, many of the items are equally valuable for rapid and brilliant playing.

I sincerely hope you will be able to study with a good teacher soon, for that's the only way to make sure steady progress.

An Interpretive Check-Up

- Do I begin a piece simply, richly, straight-forwardly?
- Do I play it with a commanding enough scale of tone and dynamics to project it convincingly?
- Have I discovered the long, moving rhythmic pulse of the piece?
- Do I respect all indications by the composer as to tempo, dynamics, and phrasing?
- Do I pay constant attention to balancing the elements of activity and rest in phrase and motive enunciation and answer?
- Am I tied down to bar lines? Do I unnecessarily accent first beats or give other unnecessary and musically disrupting meter accents?
- Do I guard against playing the left hand before the right especially on the first beats of measures?
- In slow poetic pieces are there places where I make sudden tasteless changes of *p* and *f*, or fast and slow?
- On the other hand, in rapid pieces (usually classics) can I make more effective phrase or measure contrasts of *f* and *p*?
- Do my *crescendos* start late and softly enough, and my *accelerandos* deliberately enough?
- Do I avoid making interminably long, breathless, and long-winded unconvincing *dinamandos*?
- After a *dinamando* do I revitalize the tone and phrase when it threatens to fade?
- Do I return to a *tempo* immediately after a retard?
- Are there one or more points of complete repose in the piece? Do I play these with sufficient calm to communicate the reposeful mood?
- Do I subdue the stronger inner fingers of my hands in order to strengthen the up melody and the solid bass bottom?
- Does my accompaniment give the melody rich basic support at all times?

Correspondents with this Department are requested to limit letters to One Hundred and Fifty Words.

On account of the housing shortage I am compelled to live in a small town where there is no opportunity to study with a good teacher. Although I am a serious student and practice four hours a day, I find that I soon reach the "end of my rope" with the pieces I am studying. Can you give me some general aid in interpretation? I know how difficult it is to give such "silent" treatment and how impossible it is to offer suggestions to anyone you have never heard play, but I need help so badly that I am writing anyhow, on the chance that you will be able to give a new lease to my musical life.

—W. E. N., Minnesota.

The best I can do is to offer this checklist of interpretation points which are "musts" for all my students. If I will conscientiously apply each of these twenty-nine tests to your playing, I am certain you will discover not only what "all" them, but how to improve them. As you see, each question can be turned into a positive point of pianistic interpretation.

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- Do I use enough soft pedal, not only for *p* and *pp*, but for color changes?
- Do I treat "reminiscences," that is, returning or repeated phrases and themes, sensitively and variably?
- If a phrase is unsatisfactory, would a change of fingering help it?
- Do I work carefully toward the highest point of the phrase?
- Do I cut up the phrase into too many short fragments?
- Is the tone quality I use suited to the kind of phrase? Does the physical (technical) approach I employ make the phrase sound well-molded and free?
- Do I avoid stressing or deliberately articulating (a) passing or dissonant tones, (b) syncopated tones?
- After long strings of notes I endeavor to play shorter notes with less volume of tone?
- Am I especially sensitive in my treatment of repeated melodic notes, or similar notes located near each other?
- If there is a series of melodic tones of the same value do I employ a "bow-arm" curve in order to avoid monotony and mechanical single-tone articulation?
- Do I use this bow-arm, elbow-tip curve to assure the musical articulation of all phrase groups?
- Are my *fortes* really *fortes*, piano really *piano*, and so forth?
- Do I use the damper pedal economically enough? Do I shut off the vibrations of conflicting harmonies?

Which Sonatas?

Will you give us an outline for the thorough study of sonatas and the sonata form? Which sonatas should be studied? Beethoven is attempted.—F. L. A. Texas

That's a very apt question; I'm glad you asked it. Most teachers think it unnecessary to plan a good sonata course for the students, or are too timid or lazy to do so. Consequently, pupils arrive at a technically advanced grade without the least understanding or appreciation of the sonata form or its development. They have been fed on some easy third-rate sonatinas, then perhaps a Haydn or Mozart Sonata, and perhaps a movement of one of the earlier Beethoven's, and long-winded unconvincing *dinamandos*.

After a *dinamando* do I revitalize the tone and phrase when it threatens to fade?

Do I return to a *tempo* immediately after a retard?

Are there one or more points of complete repose in the piece? Do I play these with sufficient calm to communicate the reposeful mood?

Do I subdue the stronger inner fingers of my hands in order to strengthen the up melody and the solid bass bottom?

Does my accompaniment give the melody rich basic support at all times?

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WHEN Yehudi Menuhin was one year old, his parents often took him to concerts because they couldn't afford a sitter to take care of him at home. The baby would sit there quietly, listening to the music, never crying. Two years later his father bought him a toy violin and a toy bow. Yehudi tried to "play" it as he had seen it played in concerts, and when the violin didn't give a tone he dropped it disgustedly on the floor. Instead of scolding him, his father bought him a quarter-size violin and Yehudi began to take lessons. "But my parents"—Menuhin recalls—"never thought that I might amount to something. I was simply told to practice, and I did."

At the age of seven, Menuhin played the Mendelssohn Violin Concerto with the San Francisco Symphony before an audience of 3600 people who went wild. When he was ten he had his debut at Carnegie Hall. The New York music critics, most of whom hated the very word "child prodigy," immediately recognized the boy's "exceptional musical intelligence and sensibility." This was in 1927. The same year, in Berlin, Menuhin played the three great "B" violin concertos—Bach, Beethoven and Brahms—with the Philharmonic Orchestra under Bruno Walter. After this famous performance he was found himself lifted up and kissed by a frail, little man with a wild, white mane. "Today, Yehudi, you have once again proved to me that there is a God in Heaven," the old man said. His eyes were shining with tears. His name was Albert Einstein.

Other great violinists fascinate their listeners;



YEHUDI MENUHIN

Menuhin touches their hearts. People instinctively feel his devotion to good music behind the sense of style, the absence of sentimentality, the pure warmth of his sound. In his audiences, that there is the hushed atmosphere of a cathedral when he plays. Hard-boiled music critics use such words as "divine" and "heavenly" to describe a performance by this easy-going, healthy, husky young man with the build of a baseball player.

Menuhin has never been satisfied with just playing a piece very well. "Music," he says, "is so close to humanity that one must go to humanity to develop oneself as a musician." Ever since he was a little child he has been close to "music and humanity." His first musical recollection was hearing his father sing up and down in Palestine.

Wide Parental Guidance

Menuhin's great grandfather, in Russia, had been a famed chief-rabbi who composed Jewish hymns. Yehudi's father ran away to America at the age of sixteen because he wasn't allowed to play the violin.

"My father had only three lessons in his life. He

had to practice secretly in the cellar of the house in Jaffa, Palestine, because his orthodox family didn't like his playing "trivials" music. They sent him to Talmud school where he had to sit still for twelve hours a day. His only recreation was to fly his kite for a few minutes between lessons. He always longed to learn an instrument but never got around to it. When I began to play he used to say that his dreams had finally come true."

Menuhin has often admitted that he owes all his success to the wise guidance of his parents. Even when he was famous the world over as a child prodigy, both did everything in their power to never let Yehudi become aware that he was in any way different from other children. They knew that ambitious exploitation has ruined many a youthful talent. Until he was grown up he never gave an interview, never knew the meaning of money, never heard such words as "career" or "success."

Yehudi, and his younger sisters Hephzibah and Yaltah, grew up much like other children of well-to-do families, except that their parents never let them see a movie or listen to the radio, and that they traveled more. They had playmates, picnics, bicycles, liked ice-cream, and hated to practice music. Yehudi's concert schedule didn't permit him to attend regular school. The children were taught by their mother and later had private tutors. Even when he made \$100,000 a year, Yehudi was given a weekly twenty-five-cent allowance. His greatest thrill was to read severely in bed with a flashlight.

Menuhin's parents let the child play only twenty concerts a year. In between were long stretches of relaxation and fun. The Menuhin place in the Santa Cruz Mountains, near Los Gatos, California, echoed with happy laughter. Yehudi was reading and tinkering with automobile engines. If he hadn't become a violinist, he says, he would probably now be in Detroit. Until he was three his father, who spoke Hebrew, French, German, Italian, and Russian.

When Yehudi was seventeen his parents did something unheard of. They canceled all his concert appearances, turning down fabulous offers. To appease managers they simply said, "We want our boy to have two happy, carefree years before he belongs to the world." With his sisters and a crowd of friends he rode horseback, swam, played music, went on hikes, read

the funny papers and led a life of real leisure.

When Yehudi Menuhin reappeared on the concert stage, in 1937, he had become a mature, broad-shouldered, robust young man who had been spared the emotional turmoils of an adolescent child prodigy. He embarked on his first tour around the world. He played one hundred and ten concerts in sixty-three cities and three countries. They were all sold out. The critics went overboard. The London Times, a paper not customarily given to violent overstatement, said: "It is against his performance." "No more of that 'wonderful child' stuff. Menuhin had his stature as man and artist now. How right his parents had been!"

First World Tour

Yehudi went through Europe surrounded by the entire family—father, mother, sisters Hephzibah and Yaltah, and an accompanist, and secretary. At times this accumulation of talent created problems. In Paris they rented a house and had three pianos, one each for Hephzibah, Yaltah, and the accompanist. In a fourth room Yehudi was practicing the violin. Every morning the three pianos and his violin would go full blast, scaring the neighbors out of their wits. After lunch the caravan would go for a walk, or for a bicycle ride in the Bois. "No one would talk about music," Yehudi says. "After five hours of practicing you don't feel like talking about music."

One day Georges Enesco, the famous Rumanian violinist and composer, came to the house while Yehudi and his sister Hephzibah were playing a Beethoven Sonata together, just for the fun of it. Enesco listened for his bit and went over to see father Menuhin.

"Why don't you let Yehudi and Hephzibah appear together in a concert?" Father Menuhin was doubtful. "A brother doesn't play concerts with his sister. It's not the radio, and it's not Hephzibah. It is an accomplished pianist. They'll get along fine. And you'll need one piano less in this house."

Yehudi and Hephzibah Menuhin were the immediate success, and for a few years they were the greatest brother-and-sister attraction on the concert stage. It was as though a new world had opened to them—something they were able to discover together.

"We understood each other so well that we were really like one person," Menuhin said. "We would be playing back to back yet each would know exactly the other's feelings and intentions. It was sheer joy to play with Hephzibah. She has a fine sense of style and is the most discerning woman I've ever known. I like to think of her as an English garden, the trees and hedges beautifully shaped, the lawn clean cut. Yaltah reminds me of a blooming tropical garden, where everything grows wild. I am somewhere between them."

Folk Songs for the Children

The war broke up the team. In London Yehudi had fallen in love with an Australian girl, Nola Ruth Nichols, and married her after a short, violent courtship. Hephzibah, in good team spirit, married the brother of Yehudi's wife and during the war stayed with her husband in Australia.

Yehudi has become a happy father. The Menuhins have two children, their (Continued on Page 532)

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Publishing a Popular Song

An Interview with

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MOST amateur popular song writers fall with their brain children, and invariably blame this misfortune on hard luck. They are convinced that their songs are better than those heard over the radio, and finally give up the struggle thinking that evil forces conspired against their getting a "break."

As editor and chief arranger for one of the best known publishers of popular music in America, I have heard many tales of woe. However, in most cases the fault lies with the amateur song writer. So often he thinks that writing a song is a short cut to fame and fortune. His friends and family think that he writes "hit" songs, and he can't understand why the publishers return his manuscripts unopened. The amateur does not realize that music publishing is an industry, and that it cannot be "crashed" just because he has a song that he thinks is good.

Songs Returned Unopened

The publishing industry has had bitter experiences with amateurs. Years ago, publishers would try over each song submitted. If they found that they could not publish the song, it was returned to the owner with a rejection slip enclosed. Later, the publisher would put out a new song, and after it had become a success an amateur writer would start a law suit. He would say that measures four and five of his song, the one that had been rejected, were similar to measures nine and ten of the publisher's song. My knowledge, I don't believe that any one has ever collected any money from these legal battles; but these nuisance suits have cluttered up many legal departments. This is why manuscripts are now returned by the publishers unopened.

There are always new composers, new lyric writers, new song writing teams. How did they get there, and why couldn't it be you? Well maybe it can!

The First Step

Let me give you an outline of the inside mechanism of a popular publishing firm. A successful writer of songs walks in with his latest creation. Let us assume that we like his new song, and accept it for immediate publication. The song writer is pleased because his last three numbers were not accepted by our firm. He sings or plays the song, and I write it down on manuscript paper. We copyright it, as the composer seldom does this, and then I arrange a piano part. It must be a simple piano arrangement that is easy to play and will do the tune justice. I could arrange it with lush harmonies, and give it a Kostelanski setting, or a complicated treatment that the late Glenn Miller used, but who could play it? A music publisher is in business to sell music, so simplicity in the piano arrangement is most important.

The music is sent to an engraver, and a title page or cover is ordered. This is a rule does not turn out to our liking. (I am happy to say that title-pages are not in my department.) The actual sheet music does not popularize a song. We must have other material. Orchestrations have to be made, and printed in ser-

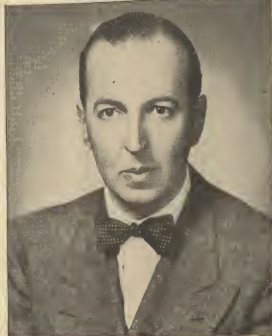


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HELMY KRESA

eral keys for radio singers, and swing bands must have special dance orchestrations. When all of this material is assembled, our "song pluggers" or "contact men" as they are also called, go to work on the song. They are the men who go out and get the "plugs" on the air. They "dine" the orchestra leaders, singers, program directors, on down to the pianist in the corner tavern. Our "song pluggers" have been asked to concentrate on the song that we have picked, and to try to get it before the public. All of this may cost the publisher from \$1,000 to \$20,000 or more. Will it sell copies? The publisher has his fingers crossed, and the best that he can do is to keep his faith in the song. No one can tell if a song will sell; but the best way to find out is to have it played so that the public can hear it.

The next time you hear a popular song on the radio, make a check and see if four weeks later it is still being played. If it is not, you can safely say that some publisher guessed wrong; and every time he guesses wrong it costs him several thousand dollars.

Analyzing A Song

There are a few things that are helpful to the publisher in analyzing a popular song. (1) Does the title have appeal, and is it fresh? An old saying put in the new way is always good. (2) Does the melody melody and has it universal appeal? (3) Is the melody original, and is there a "perfect marriage" between the lyrics and the melody? (4) If it is a rhythm song is it rhythmically up to date, or is it "old fashioned?"

The publisher's next considerations are: Will the bands play it? Can people dance to it? Will singers sing it? Is the range too wide? Will both girls and men sing it? Is it strictly a man's song? Is it strictly a woman's song? Is the title quickly discernible or would you have to hear eight bars to find out what the song was about? Will the first four bars of the chorus entice the listener?

Publishing Your Song

As it is a waste of postage to send your song to a legitimate publisher, what are you to do? There are only two ways to publish your song. (1) Go to New York, and if you do not have the means to support yourself, get a part time job, and then start calling on the popular publishers. You may have to keep calling on them from six months to a year before the publishers will begin to know your face, and take you seriously. I could name a dozen hit writers who are well known now who were once warming the benches of the outer offices of the New York popular publishing firms, just as a new crop of unknown writers are sitting there right now. Some of them will fall by the wayside, and some will become famous; but that will depend entirely upon the courage and stamina of the writer.

(2) The second way is much easier on you, and if you have written that "hit" song, it will come to the surface. Do you remember a song called *It's a Sin to Tell a Lie*? It was written by an unknown amateur in Baltimore. He gave the song to every small and big time head leader, and asked them to play it whenever they could. He went to the local radio stations, and asked them to perform the song. Very little happened for a while; but he kept on expelling his song, and the people in Baltimore kept hearing it. The song grew on its own merit, and people started to send in requests for it. A demand was created at the local stores. These stores knew nothing about the song; but they started to order it from their jobbers. Jobbers handle all published music. Two copies, five copies, twenty copies, and fifty copies were ordered. A tremendous demand started. Publishers dream about such things. A large New York publishing house secured the rights, and put their whole organization behind *It's a Sin to Tell a Lie*, and it became the biggest seller of the year.

Starting Your Song at Home

You can "start" your song locally at your nearest radio station. Make a list of all of the places in your vicinity where popular music is played or better still, sung. Ask them to use your song whenever they can keep going on a small scale, and a bus-fare budget. If your song is as good as you think it is, they will use it. It may even help the band leader and the singer to further local talent. Start to cover more territory, and use your ingenuity, because the opportunity that you have been looking for may be right under your nose. Watch the name bands that play a one-night stand in your community. If you have had a little local success to report to a famous band leader, he will listen to you.

Some funny things have happened. Many a band or singer was made by one song. A band likes to be identified by a song that they introduced. Be sure to keep in mind that the orchestra leader has to spend money to have a song arranged. This takes time, so you must not expect to hear your song over a coast to coast network the next day. If you arrive at a place where a big band leader is sincerely interested in your song, keep your fingers crossed. Eventually, he will try it out on his public. If they like it, and a demand is created, your first song is on its way, and your big troubles will begin. Your name value and your bank account will temporarily increase; but you had better start worrying about your next song. Unless you have a song to follow, you (Continued on Page 533)



LILLIAN NORDICA

LILLI LEHMANN

ADELINA PATTI

NELLIE MELBA

YOUNG PEOPLE of today know little of the great sopranos that their grandparents heard. Yet many of the most exquisite and finished exponents of bel canto lived and accomplished their best work in the period from 1850 to 1920. For instance, three sopranos who were great favorites with the audiences of their day are mere names to present day opera and concert goers, Christine Nilsson, Jenny Lind, Malibran; and since at the time when they won renown there were no such things as phonographs and records there is no way of estimating just how beautiful their voices were, how they would compare with those of later days. One famous soprano of about that time, Adelina Patti, was indeed heard by a few now living on one or more of her many "farewell" tours. On one of these, at a concert in the Metropolitan Opera House she included an act from "La Traviata" in costume, still slim, vivacious, piquant; but, although her voice was true, flexible, and she made no excessive demands on it, it could not have been the voice which had charmed earlier generations.

Mme. Abbey, wife of the impresario with whom Mme. Patti had signed a number of contracts, once told of a visit to the lady's Craig-y-noc castle when one of these contracts was pending. There were a number of other guests and these all assembled in the drawing room for coffee and conversation. The lady, Mme. Patti, was beautifully dressed and bejeweled, swept down the stairs and made a dramatic entrance. Mrs. Abbey had become rather bored with the demands and asked her husband if they could not leave. "Just wait until I get this contract signed," was the reply. "We cannot leave before that."

A German soprano whom some will remember as Materna. She visited the United States on a concert tour after retiring from opera. On one evening she was billed to sing the *Liebestod* at an orchestral concert in Brooklyn.

When she came on the stage she presented anything but a seductive appearance. She was plain, very stout, and, as so many German stage women singers used to do, whether stout or not, were a bright red evening gown. But the moment she opened her mouth one forgot all this. The great rich voice, the dramatic fervor, swept her audience away with her. At all locally she must have been a superb *Isolde* and *Brünnhilde*.

A Dramatic Coloratura

For some years during the German Opera regime at the Metropolitan, under Dr. Leopold Damrosch, Walter Damrosch and Anton Seidl, a very popular *Brünnhilde* was Lilli Lehmann. In the *Valter* attire, with long reddish golden wig, she was very handsome and stately. She was also a great singing actress, and most particular that the stage be set just as she wished. If not she would insist that it be changed. At one dress rehearsal she picked up a large simulated rock, by no means light in weight, carried it to another part of

the stage and slammed it down where she wished it. Lilli Lehmann had a thoroughly trained voice and prided herself that although a great dramatic soprano she could execute coloratura as well as any lighter voiced singer. During one season she demanded that the management put on one of the old Italian operas—it was either "Norma" or "La Traviata"—that she might convince the public of this ability. She had her wish and proved convincing, and this is important for modern students to bear in mind, as showing the necessity for thorough schooling, no matter what the vocal timbre. Too often one hears singers, and these not amateurs, who cannot execute properly a trill or chromatic scale.

Our own Lillian Nordica was another example of thorough training. She is said to have begun her operatic career with coloratura roles before coming to the big dramatic ones by which she is remembered, such as *Brünnhilde*, *Joana*, and many others. She had great success at the Metropolitan both in these roles and in lyric ones. An Italian remarked at this time that she was the only non-Italian singer at the opera house whose Italian was perfect, and her French, too, was highly praised. She was equally successful in concert and oratorio, and it was on what was probably intended to be a farewell tour including Australia and other "down under" places, that she met a lonely sudden death.

In 1913 while on the S.S. *Tasman* in the Gulf of Papua, the steamship ran upon a reef. She was landed on Thursday Island, but suffered an attack of pneumonia. She continued her journey to Java where she died. Her death put an end to a project dear to her heart. She had hoped to found a great music school and a theater in this country, where young singers and other musicians might receive thorough training.

Great Sopranos of Yesterday

A Review by

Elise Lathrop

Well Known Critic and Writer

A Brilliant Era

The most brilliant period which the Metropolitan has ever enjoyed was when the members of the company included, Nellie Melba, Emma Eames, Lillian Nordica, Emma Calvé, and a little later, Marcella Sembrich, and Sopha Scherka, the contralto (whose voice one critic declared, had three distinct registers)—while among the men were the two De Reszkes and Pól Plançon.

Melba was noted in her native Melbourne as an amateur concert singer when Reményi and Isidore Luckstone visited Australia on a concert tour. Mr. Luckstone heard her a number of times and greatly admired her voice. To him she confided her longing to sing in opera but her Scotch father would not hear of it and as she was living at home she had no chance. However, she finally got to Paris, studied with Marchesi, and her brilliant career was launched. Her voice was of rare beauty, her high notes clear and rich. She could and did—for in those days encores were allowed—the final trio in "Faust" without showing the slightest fatigue from previous demands of the role, and then sing the entire number over again in equally splendid voice. She was not much of an actress, and it is said that Jean De Reszke undertook to improve her acting. She was heard plaintively asking, after a performance with him: "Was that better, Jean?" But people hardly expected opera singers to be actresses or actors in those days until Calvé thrilled opera goers with her wonderful performances of *Carmen*. So popular was this opera with her in the title role that she was given few opportunities to sing the other roles in her repertoire, which was by no means limited. A few occasional performances of other operas were given but the public demanded *Carmen* and always *Carmen*; and since this meant a sold out house the management was reluctant to stage others. A beautiful woman, with a rich warm voice, a gifted actress, she is still remembered admiringly. (Continued on Page 526)

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Reminders About Music Study

by Kathryn Sanders Rieder

WHETHER we set out to teach ourselves and we must do a great deal of this even under the guidance of a skillful teacher, or whether we try to teach another, it is well for us to remember some of the basic determiners in all learning that will condition our progress as absolutely as any purely musical or technical consideration.

Consider the law of readiness. We know that a child learns best when he is ready to learn. He may be ready of his own will or he may have been prepared by his teacher. Expecting him always to be interested at the outset is to court failure. But a consideration of ways to win and increase his interest in learning his music is a time and energy saver. That it is not always necessary is largely due to the nature of music, which does more of its own motivation than do most subjects. Often the child hears music, is attracted, and comes for the lesson wanting to learn. It is as simple and as profound as that many times.

But for other times the teacher will do well to be on the alert to judge the mood of the pupil as he comes to the lesson. One skillful teacher who discovered this said that one pupil in particular had to be handled in this way. At times the boy was alert, eager to show what a "push-over" anything was. He might be in a sickeningly show-off mood to some, but to her he was ripe for a lesson in some such technical problem such as those two-against-three passages that he played so readily. At other times the boy came to his lesson sullen or disgruntled. Without comment she began the lesson by having him play a longer study or a number that he liked. By the time he had finished he had played himself out of his bad mood.

The Moody Student

This teacher said that perhaps all pupils should be even tempered, but hers were not. Some of her pupils who played with most feeling were those who had ups and downs of mood. Instead of combating their sensitive reactions as she might have, she observed them and tried to turn them to advantage. The same applied to her own moods and practice. She thought that other teachers and students would be helped if they trained themselves to observe the mental tone and adjust to it. She added a note of caution, that it would require study since people varied. One friend found his best way to accomplishment when feeling listless, was to plunge into the most difficult thing he knew, thus forcing concentration.

Remember that we have to be challenged to think in music or in anything else. We only think when confronted with some situation from which routine does not deliver us. If the pupil is allowed to play on without being required to think carefully, he comes to a standstill and may even lose ground. Try to give yourself or the pupil something to challenge thought at each lesson; teach him to set some aim at the practice period that will force him to think. It will be new enough to challenge, yet it must be attainable with reasonable application.

For some who have been away from music for a time, an aid in concentration may be found in memorizing a section of the music, in sight reading without error, in learning a simple modulation from one key to a closely related one, or in transposing a hymn a half-step lower. A long list of thought

challenging projects could be made but the one selected should be one of special interest to the student, and one which would contribute to his growth. In all music study it is important to understand why the things we are doing have worth. As long as we do them blindly, only because they were assigned, we reap small benefit, for we do them without using our full concentration.

Preparing for Chopin

A girl toiling on Czerny studies protested to her teacher that she wanted to be learning Chopin instead. "But when you can play these correctly and up to tempo," admonished the teacher, "you will have gained the technique to play any of the Chopin numbers you have been begging for. You are preparing yourself to play the very pieces you like."



PROFESSOR JOHN THOMAS WILLIAMS WITH A PUPIL
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The girl was impressed; she knew she would not get Chopin until she was ready, but the Czerny studies seemed all important now. Later she learned to look on them gratefully as she mastered them and returned to them again and again for relaxation of her hands. She saw in her experience the economical means the studies provided for learning many technical skills. When she saw the real value she could learn quickly.

Remember to keep your enthusiasm for the thing you would learn. In music, as in any other line, information

precedes inspiration. Before we can feel appreciation, and enthusiasm we must know something about a thing. We feed our interest in music by increasing our general information about its remarkable possibilities. Glean from the many splendid new books, articles, and news stories about music a word here, an idea there, which send a flash of illumination and give new impetus to your enthusiasm for music.

Music does have to be brought into the pupil's experiences at school, and at home; it cannot be taught in a vacuum as if the other things did not exist. It gains by seeking to connect it with things that are familiar at the moment. The music study need not play second to the other interests for it is fully as important and, in the long run, may prove of more importance to the individual. But the basis of music study can be broadened to include all pupils interested in it. If they want only the ability to play songs and accompaniments of the less difficult type, certainly this is a worthwhile skill for them. When dealing with the serious or with pupils, we reach a point of wisdom where we are ready to take the talent present and do all we can with it.

Keeping Up to Date

Music study should be brought up to date; it should be made as timely as possible. Young people, more than adults, live in the present. Today is forever. Without lowering standards, we can deal with a modern flavor can be used, some with rhythms of the South American countries. It might be well to use even music with harmonies that satisfy the desire for the experimental and different. Any music study can grow too weighty if variety is neglected and if we forget to consider the century in which we live.

Your own music should be used to make the pupil's day more interesting. While the pupil practices to play or sing more beautifully, you, the teacher, should use the skill you have gained. It is only as music is brought into a pupil's day that it takes on the importance in his eyes. Pupils can also play or sing for each other. If they want lesson help with their school music parts they should have it.

One teacher almost had heart failure at the way her pupils would perform music at the drop of a hat. She would assign a number and a week or two later read in the local paper that they had presented it on a program. Shuddering inwardly, yet not wanting to shake their confidence, she questioned them. They were always full of excuses. They knew they should have come for a special lesson, let her help them select a number, but they knew how busy she was, and it came up so suddenly. Yet, the number had gone all right; they had even played an encore or two. The teacher just decided she had pupils without a nerve in their bodies and saw to it that they had plenty of easily played material on hand. She tried to supplement in recital the things their impromptu appearances lacked. They were using and enjoying their music, making it a part of their daily activity, and although it was not the way she wanted it, she refused to take it too seriously.

Informal music activities do add incentive for practice as few other things will. Attractive recitals and public appearances mean much to pupils. They provide high points in the year's study, give them a new understanding of the importance of the development of the musical gift aside from giving them experience in appearing before the public.

Music Study for Pleasure

We need to remind ourselves to keep abreast of the new music constantly appearing to use it to advantage. Keep looking for attractive, suitable music. It is available at all events. Many who think they have lost interest in music have simply lost interest in playing the same old things they have had on the piano for years. Given half a dozen really attractive selections that they could read easily, they would find the same pleasure in their music. Many people would like to be interested in music again, but do not know what to play. (Continued on Page 53)

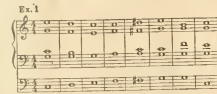
TO BE an accomplished performer on the organ, technically speaking, is but one of the requisites for the title of organist. As in every art, practice makes perfect, and a person may spend hours in such practice achieving perfection and yet not qualify as an organist.

An organist, aside from the actual playing on the manuals, must know other related matters such as registration (bringing out the best sound combination), transposing (which is so necessary at times), improvising, playing interludes and preludes to the hymn tunes (which add so much to the tune), and taking up the "slack" or any blank spaces in the service.

At the time of the pastoral prayer and the scripture reading, the tardy worshippers remain quietly in the foyer, vestibule, or the ambulatory. When this part of the service has come to a conclusion, these people are ushered to their pews. This brief interval is the "slack." What part does the organist play at such times? If he does nothing, there is a break, or blank space in the service. If he fills in with some organ music he takes up that "slack," to the satisfaction of all present. The question is: "How many organists can take up the 'slack'?" Not too many.

At such a break in the service, the organist will play a short selection. That answers the problem satisfactorily if there are many people to be ushered to the pews; although even then they probably would have been seated long before the conclusion of the selection. That would the organist do if only two or three persons needed to be seated? Would he resort to the playing of a short piece or would he improvise extemporaneously for that moment? Then, taking up the "slack" in the service? An organist must know how to make such improvisations, otherwise he is not a well-equipped musician. For those who are at a loss, the following presents a simple though effective formula: The numerals, as indicated, are the tones of the key which are played on the pedals: 1, 2, 3, 4, 4 (raised), 5, 5, 1. Try this formula in several keys to get the feel of that which is being presented.

With the playing of these numerals of the key in the pedals, the hands will play the harmonies in simple chord formation. It goes without saying, an organist must know something about the simple chords in harmony, otherwise he is just another person who is able to play the organ, even though he is able to play Bach. Add the harmonies to the notes as indicated by the numerals, thus: 1, tonic; 2, dominant seventh; 3, tonic; 4, subdominant; 4 (raised), diminished seventh (each tone is three half steps from the other); 5, tonic; 5, dominant seventh; 1, tonic. Here it is notated for you.

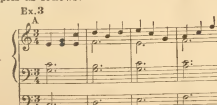


In another key it is this way:



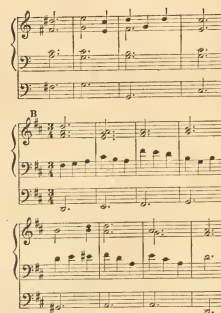
Simple, indeed, when one knows how. Do not hurry on, but rather play this formula in all the various major keys. Of course, change the position of the chord, but do not change the basic formula.

Playing the same basic formula but striving to make some melody with the hands in the next step, two examples are follows:



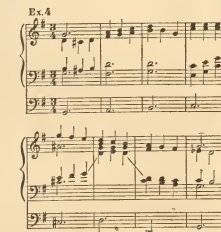
Taking Up the "Slack" Of a Church Service

by George S. Schuler



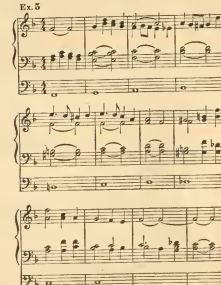
The second example presents the use of passing tones. What are passing tones? This article is not teaching harmony. Consult any harmony book.

When passing and changing tones, chromatic passing and changing tones, appoggiaturas, suspensions, and altered chords are added to this simple formula, the results will be very pleasing.



A second formula introduces two new chords: the chord on the sixth of the key in Measure seven, and in Measure eight the augmented sixth chord, which chord takes as its pedal tone the lowered sixth of the

key. A simple way of constructing the augmented sixth chord would be to build a diminished seventh chord (which takes three half steps from each other) and then lower the bass note. Of course this is a short-cut way of teaching this chord; as said previously, this article is not teaching the subject of harmony.



One must remember that musicianship, experience, and knowledge of harmony are the important factors in improvising attractive music. One more formula in which the pedal tones descend instead of ascend is as follows: 8, tonic chord; 7, the major seventh chord on the third degree of the key; 6, the seventh chord on the second degree of the key; 5, tonic; 4, the seventh chord on the second degree of the key; 3, major chord on the third degree of the key; 2, the chord on the second degree of the key which is changed to the dominant seventh; 1, the tonic.



ORGAN

There is a wide variety of forms which could be suggested, such as combining the formulas of Example 4 or Example 5 with Example 6; of course the combination would be in the same key. Should you desire to pursue the subject further, the publication entitled "How to Play Chords," would be found most interesting.

by William B. Tower

EDITORS' NOTE

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BAND and ORCHESTRA
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How Start a Children's Glee Club

Q. I. In the near future I am to start a group of children ages nine to twelve in an after-school singing group. We are to meet for one hour a week and there will about twenty boys and girls, all with a real desire to sing. We expect to appear on programs connected with the Recreation Department. We want to use beautiful music—not popular music—but music that is beautiful that the public cannot help but listen when we sing. I am a skilful accompanist and I also play the violin. I shall sometimes play a violin obbligato and have someone else accompany on the piano. Will you please suggest material for this group?

A. It will be a great help also if you will suggest means of holding the interest of such a group. I have been a playground leader for two years so the discipline will not trouble me, but I do want the children to be able to sing and really do something while they are of various nationalities but all are eager to sing and I want to help them keep this interest and also inspire them to take up the study of music seriously.—D. C. G.

A. 1. In the first place, I advise you to contact the music teacher in the public school which these children attend. Find out from her what is being done during school hours, and then supplement the school music with something that is different enough so that it will be likely to hold their interest. Since the school has called "A Singing School" and since these books are probably being used by your school, it might be better to use entirely different book for the after-school work. Any book planned for grades four, five, or six should contain the sort of material for which you are looking, namely, union songs with piano accompaniment, and two- and three-part songs to be done without accompaniment. Since you yourself attended the public schools in Oberlin when you were a child you may be interested in using a book which is in use there and of which I am one of the editors. It is called "Art Songs and Part Songs" and the editors are Walter Danroech, George Garlan, and Karl Gehrkens. I am sure you will be glad to get a copy through your music store or through the publishers of *THE ETUDE*. There are other similar books, of course, and you may like one of these better.

2. As to holding the children's interest, the first necessity is to search out the loveliest songs in their book for them to sing, and then to see to it that they sing these songs beautifully and expressively—and with fine vocal tone. The second thing is to provide variety in their songs. Begin the rehearsal with a stirring union song that they already know; then work on some part song or a new union song; now you will perhaps want to give them a chance to choose a song or two of their own selection, and if they should want very much to sing some not-objectable popular song as one of these, don't be precise; finally, close the meeting with a lovely song that they will hum or whistle on the way out.

3. Variety is the spice of life, but of all sorts of activities, including music club meetings, and planning ahead so as to insure the desired outcome is as important for the music teacher as for the popular singer. By the way, if this idea of planning interests you, read the chapters on planning music lessons in my three books, "Music

Questions and Answers

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draw out some other similar book—perhaps two or three of them. Then take some volume on the history of music. Third, hear all the good music you possibly can. If there are concerts, attend them; but if not, then listen to recordings, not only of piano music but of symphonies, string quartets, and so forth. If scores are available in the library or elsewhere, listen to the recording, going over the same composition a number of times until you know it thoroughly.

In these various ways you will come to know both the language and the literature of music, and when you are demobilized you will be ready to attend some fine school of music so as to prepare yourself for your chosen career. Good luck to you.

This Soldier Wants to Be a
Musician

Q. I am a member of the armed forces, stationed on Oahu in the Hawaiian Islands. I intend to make my future career music, but I do not know as yet what particular title I will follow. I have been taking piano lessons for some time here and also studied piano before the war, but pianos are scarce here and I get very little chance to practice.

The other day I noticed your answers to questions in *THE ETUDE*, and I would be very grateful if you would make suggestions on what I can do to further my musical career other than taking piano lessons.

A. First of all I advise you to make a strenuous effort to find a piano on which you may be able to practice several hours a day. I know of cases where soldiers have been allowed to practice in private homes, and if in some way you could make your wants known I feel sure that some family would offer you the use of their piano. Why not ask the Red Cross people about this? Or insert a little ad in the paper? Or even contact the editor of the society news department and get him or her to mention your case?

But in addition to studying piano there are three other things that you might do. The first is to study harmony, and here your piano teacher will be able to help you either by teaching you or by suggesting a harmony teacher. The second thing to do is to read the books on the appreciation of music, and on the history of music. Go to the library and ask for Finney's "Hearing Music," but if it is not available,

in the Grade Schools. "Music in the Junior High School" and "Teaching and Administration of Music in the High School" (P. W. Dykema, co-author). These may be secured from the publishers of *THE ETUDE*.

When Teachers Disagree

Q. Several local teachers brought up the following questions, and since each one had a different answer we would like to have you tell us what you think. Here are the questions: 1. How many measures are there in a regular 2/4 time? 2. What are the four characteristics of a tone? 3. What are our present note values practically? 4. What is the accompaniment of a march? 5. Why does a composer sometimes use 2/4 and sometimes 4/4—E. M.

A. 1. Four. But this is not to be thought of as a rule, for there are many phrases with two, three, five, six, seven, eight, and so forth measures. Why not look at some book of community songs and count them for yourself? For example, the first phrase of *America, the Beautiful* has four measures, but the first phrase of *America* has six.

2. Pitch, quality, duration, intensity (or loudness).

3. No one person. The major and minor keys and scales came into use with the invention of opera in the late sixteenth and very early seventeenth centuries, but they were not used in the same way as have several modern keys. For example, I wrote "The Well-Tempered Clavier" for the full range of major and minor keys and came into common use.

4. Memorize the major and minor keys, taking them in pairs, first four sharps and four flats to start with; then look up the final chord of the piece: if it is the chord

on the major tonic the piece is probably in the major key, but if it is based on the minor tonic the piece is probably in minor. Of course a real musician does not need to look at the final chord because he listens to the music and is aware of the key—major or minor—and of modulations to other keys as these occur in the course of the composition. In the case of small children in school we sometimes begin by telling them to look at the right-hand sharp or flat in the key signature. "The right-hand sharp is on *fi*, therefore do is on the line or space above—and this gives you the name of the major key; and the right-hand flat is on *fa*, therefore you count down *fa, mi, re, do* to get the name of the major key." But this is after all a childish device and is therefore to be used only temporarily, and everyone who studies music at all seriously ought to learn the key signatures fairly early in his musical career; and he ought to learn to listen to the music that he or others are playing, so as to become aware of its quality of major or minor.

5. Often 2/4 and 4/4 sound—and actually are—exactly alike, but sometimes the measures are definitely duple or definite quadruple. *America the Beautiful*, for example, is a quadruple type of construction and in this song 2/4 would not be correct.

Can We Give a Festival?

Q. I am Director of a church choir with twenty-two voices in it and we would like to give some sort of a festival but I don't know how to plan such a thing. I have never participated in a festival and don't know how to start. Will you give me some information? I have directed cantatas and put on some short plays, but I am planning a violinist so you see a good festival is a little out of my line.—G. F.

A. Usually a musical festival includes several concerts, and of these might well be a cantata or some other original instrumental recital by yourself and a pianist, and a third possibility would be a children's concert by your junior high school choir. If you are to compose of children, it is not necessary that all the music be sacred even though it is given in a church, but there ought to be some secular material along with this. The minister.

The first thing to do would be to call a meeting of all the people who might be interested in such a festival. If you are a musician, it is not necessary that all the music be sacred even though it is given in a church, but there ought to be some secular material along with this. The minister.

2. Pitch, quality, duration, intensity (or loudness).

3. No one person. The major and minor keys and scales came into use with the invention of opera in the late sixteenth and very early seventeenth centuries, but they were not used in the same way as have several modern keys. For example, I wrote "The Well-Tempered Clavier" for the full range of major and minor keys and came into common use.

4. Memorize the major and minor keys, taking them in pairs, first four sharps and four flats to start with; then look up the final chord of the piece: if it is the chord

THE IDEA of exaggeration as a useful principle of piano practice seems to be one which is overlooked by most students. Fundamentally, practicing is simply habit formation. We practice in order to play compositions automatically correct, at least in a technical sense, so that no matter what distractions may arise for our conscious thought our subconscious thought still continues to make us play correctly. Even when we are completely concentrated on our performance, ninety per cent of what we do is subconscious, and we can only think consciously of one thing at a time, yet we may actually be doing a dozen things simultaneously—playing several different notes in each hand with different fingers, different time values, different touches, different volumes of tone, making *crescendos* or *diminuendos*, *accelerandos* or *retards*, pedaling correctly, thinking of mood or character, and so forth. The aim in practicing is to make all these things a matter of correct habit so that no matter which one our conscious thought may rest upon the others will continue to be done correctly. If we practice efficiently we shall form the habits in a minimum amount of practice time.

A habit might be described as an activity resulting from subconscious memory. Our interest, therefore, is in how we can most quickly impress our subconscious with the ideas which will result in automatically correct activity. There are two fundamental ways of impressing ideas deeply enough to be permanent in our mind. One is by countless repetitions until the impressions are deep enough, and the other is by making the idea as vivid as possible, with each repetition making so much deeper an impression, that fewer repetitions are needed. Here is where exaggeration comes in. Exaggeration is a habit, and more important, to modify a habit already formed.

A Legato Melody Example

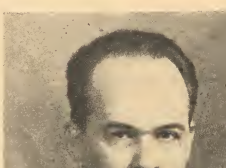
Let us take as an example a type of passage which occurs hundreds of times with beginners—beginning in the right hand with repeated chords in the left hand such as those on the last two beats of each measure in waltz figure. One of the most obvious technical difficulties here is to have the accompaniment soft enough so that it does not drown out the melody. The student has the habit—if we may use that word to describe a strong, natural tendency—of using the same amount of force with both hands. His objective is to have sufficient difference in force so that the right hand plays the melody with a light, singing tone and the left hand the chords with a soft but distinct touch. If the student aims for this difference in force directly, there may be a slight difference between the hands that the impression it makes on his mind is very weak, requiring hours of repetition to make it a matter of habit. However, let him aim for the correct exaggeration, and he will find the answer and see how easily the desired control can be attained. If he will play slowly with the melody loud, possibly using even a little more force than pure arm weight, and the accompaniment silent but making definite arm motions depressing the keys very slightly or, as a preliminary to this, just touching the surfaces of the correct keys, he will find that the difference between the hands is so obvious that he can exercise this control within the first few attempts. Then with only a quarter or less of the amount of practice which the other method would have required, he will find that he can do this with perfect ease when the music comes to the point. Finally, if he lets his hands play without conscious control in this respect he will find that the exaggeration is modified by his original habit of playing with the hands in the same amount of force, and the accompaniment will be soft and the melody clear.

With more advanced players this type of exaggeration can be applied to double note passages where the top notes should be slightly louder than the bottom notes. Here again the top notes should be practiced very loudly with full weight and the lower ones simultaneously tapped silently on the surface. In this case the exaggeration must be made more and more pronounced as the fingers tap the lower notes, as they may tend to slide over the surface without a definite stroke for each key.

In learning to play with a good legato many teachers rightly have their students practice scales and exercises lifting each finger a comparatively long time

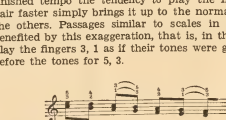
Overcoming Piano Difficulties
By Exaggeration

by Chester Barris

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after the next one strikes, thus having the tones overlap. This is automatically modified into a normal legato when the student is not consciously making his fingers do it.

Encountering certain passage work where there are pairs of notes difficult to connect as rapidly as the others, it saves much time to practice the passage at a slow or moderate speed but to run the first of the pair faster than the second. The latter is a grace note. Again, when letting the fingers go ahead normally in a finished tempo the tendency to play the first of the pair faster simply brings it up to the normal speed of the others. Passages similar to scales in thirds are benefited by this exaggeration, that is, in the example play the fingers 3, 1 as if their tones were grace notes before the tones for 5, 3.



One of the most trying faults for a teacher to encounter in a student is the tendency in chord groups to play the left hand a little ahead of the right. If the pupil has been doing it for some time his ear tolerates it so that he is not aware of it or tries to correct it. Some cases even when it is pointed out to him. This is an important element to consider when devising a means of breaking the habit. If his ear does not hear the fault it will be impossible to correct it. Practicing by himself, as he usually must, simply accomplishes by letting his ear be his guide. If his sense of hearing has been dulled in this respect through long

toleration of the error, the correction can be made much more easily through concentration on other senses—the sense of touch and the kinesthetic, or muscular, sense. Approached in this way the correction is assured. Apply the principle of exaggeration to these senses by practicing the faulty passages with the right hand very obviously ahead of the left, the hands lifted high and noting the sensation of contact with the keys in each hand. When this becomes easy then practice for ease with the right hand only slightly ahead. Achieving naturalness in this manner of playing, it will be found easy to play the hands exactly together.

The Control of Speed

In public performance of technically difficult compositions the control of speed is of basic importance to students, as in many cases such performances are attempted when they are just barely able to play the pieces up to the indicated tempo. If they attempt to play too fast the performance is technically insecure. How many times have many student performances been spoiled by having the music run away with the player? This lack of control is a cause for worry and tension which contribute to the tendency to accelerate gradually—thus a vicious circle is established. The usual correction in this case is, of course, to hold back when the tendency to accelerate occurs, so that the tempo remains steady. The more efficient exaggerated practice is, however, to play with long, gradual *retards* until this variation in tempo is easy. The *retards* should extend throughout at least an entire page, starting at a quite rapid tempo and gradually slowing down so that the student is able to play with an even tempo. Note by note slowness. The longer and more gradual the *retard* and the greater the extremes of tempo at the beginning and end, the sooner will the desired control be established. This method will not only give a steady speed possible but will also give the player the assurance that if he should find himself playing a little too rapidly, he can make a *retard*, gradually enough to get back to the correct tempo.

In the field of interpretation the idea of exaggeration is equally useful. However, this does not mean that exaggerated performance is advocated as an ideal. In general it is difficult to get students to listen with intelligent objectivity to the interpretative effects which they produce. Much, or it might be said, most of this difficulty is due to a false sense of exaggeration. That is, the student imagines, or hears mentally, the effect he wishes to produce—for example, a *crescendo*. Then he plays the passage trying to do it properly. However, he may not be making a *crescendo* to an extent sufficient for the listener to be aware of it because in so doing he thinks he is exaggerating. He does not realize that the exaggeration to his ear is only because he hears it doubly, so to speak, first in imagination then in fact, while the listener is not exaggerating it and his attention must be caught. Until the student becomes used to this fact of apparent exaggeration he must play with what seems to him to be an exaggerated interpretation, especially in mood, in order for the listener to get a sense of normality in this respect.

Testing an interpretation by exaggeration is also a useful method of study. (Continued on Page 525)

Paul Wittgenstein

Distinguished Piano Virtuoso

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For some two decades, the extraordinary performances of Paul Wittgenstein, the eminent Austrian-born pianist, have earned the homage of the musical world. The extraordinary qualities of Mr. Wittgenstein's musicianship center in two courses. The first, of course, is his sensitive artistry. The second is that he has made it possible to converse. His sensitive artistry despite the fact that he has lost his right arm.

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and orchestral music, in one-handed performance. Because of the toll of hand and arm wounds taken by the second World War, THE ETUDE has asked Mr. Wittgenstein to comment on the possibilities for piano enjoyment that exist for such disabled men, and to suggest means by which they can develop those possibilities for enjoyment.

—EDITOR'S NOTE

"LET ME BEGIN by stating that the loss of an arm need not separate a person who loves the piano from the instrument of his choice. The question, naturally, is one that interests me greatly. In order to discuss it, however, I must divide it into two categories: first, there is the problem of the competitive player, one who has already acquired professional equipment and, possibly, professional status and who wishes to continue his work despite the loss of an arm; in second place, there is the problem of the disabled amateur, one who loves to play and who has not yet acquired the equipment. Whether he is now doomed to go through life without the pleasure of personal playing.

"Let us consider the one-armed artist first. The requirements of a one-armed professional pianist are more easily named than acquired. If he comes into this category at all, it is to be supposed that he has already mastered finished virtuoso technique; that is to say, from the purely technical or pianistic point of view, he must thoroughly have mastered the *Études* of Czerny and Clementi as well as those of Chopin. He must have at his command the classical as well as the romantic piano techniques. This, of course, lies behind him, during the days of his normal studies. His present task, then, is to adapt the technique he already possesses to one-armed use.

"How is this to be done? It is quite impossible to offer any detailed explanation without demonstration at the keyboard. In the most general sense, however, it may be said that aiming at complete results with only half the means, demands double energy and work! The work consists partly in exaggerating the old skills, partly in modifying them. In other words the single playing hand has to go through a sort of hypertrophy—an overfeeding of the old exercises; at the same time, it must be developed by new and special ones.

"But it would be, indeed, a strange coincidence for another professional pianist to have lost his right arm

in the war! It is by no means impossible, of course—it happened to me, and it might have happened to others—but I have not heard of any such case.

"It seems much more likely that the hand and arm wounds resulting from the war might affect pianists amateurs. (Strangely enough, though, I have not heard of any pianists who have been wounded in the war.) The possibilities of these amateurs? They have smaller technical resources; therefore they must set, themselves easier tasks. Certainly, the concertos for piano and orchestra, for example, are out of the question for me, as well as Godowsky's difficult compositions: for the left hand, are ruled out for an amateur. Any attempt he might make to play them would prove this with the greatest of certainty. For the right hand, however, these compositions consist almost entirely of difficult passages—only a few bars might be called 'easy.' Has the one-armed amateur, then, no possibility of playing? Of course, he has. He can play with his right hand. There exists quite a number of pieces for the one hand which even an amateur can play: for the Six Pieces for Left Hand alone by Saint-Saëns, for instance. And, among the pieces for the right hand, sufficiently recommended, is the playing of piano-duos.

"By way of a digression, it is greatly to be regretted that the amateur playing of classical music in four-hand arrangements has so diminished. Before the radio was invented, musical amateurs used to play the classical symphonies and chamber music with four hands—used to play them, not merely hear them. Naturally, the technique acquired through such playing was of great value in the study of the architectonic structure of the compositions. It was a pleasure they got from listening to the works at a concert. Conversely, having heard a piece at a concert enhanced the pleasure of playing it, afterwards. Playing a piece even once, as a duet, even if it's not quite in the right tempo, is worth half a dozen hearings. Of my own experience I can say that there are many pieces that I understood only after having played them in duet form. Perfect as the rendering may have been.



PAUL WITTGENSTEIN

"Further, amateurs listened more intently by going to concerts and thus detaching themselves from their normal thoughts and occupations. Nowadays, people are spared the effort of playing themselves, of going out to concerts. They turn on their radios and get Beethoven and Mozart, Bach and Schubert, Wagner and Brahms delivered at home; *ils font leur salut en fauteuil* (they make their salute from an armchair) where they listen (if you can call it listening) with only half an ear to the music—which glides off them like water from a duck's back.

"Of course, I am convinced that the advantages of radio far outweigh its disadvantages. Still, by placing Beethoven's Symphonies within the easy grasp of those who would otherwise not hear them at all, radio makes it too easy for those who formerly took a personal part in acquiring musical knowledge. And there is still another disadvantage of this state of things! The amateurs of other days who played, let us say, Beethoven's Quartets in four-handed arrangement, learned to know them all, regardless of whether these works were played frequently in public or not. To-day, people incline to depend entirely on the radio for making acquaintance with great music. What isn't played over the radio, isn't known to them—doesn't

played over the radio, isn't known as much as the other composers like Bruckner and Reger, long recognized as classics in Europe, are virtually unknown in America. The radio plays them only very rarely! Toscanini, the musical Pope (minus the infallibility), doesn't choose to conduct their works; the amateurs, making no music themselves, have no initiative in seeking for music; and the result is that the masterworks of these composers remain unknown. In saying this, I am well aware that I can find but little sympathetic ear for facts like these and not what people would like to hear nowadays. Still, I am sure that future judgments will confirm what I say.

"But to return to the playing of the one-armed amateur! Let him investigate duet-playing. An astonishing number of classical symphonic and chamber music works might well be played by three hands instead of four. (See *Play Around on Page 534*.)"

The fame of the Vienna waltz is due largely to a group of about ten men—Josef Lanner, Johann Strauss (father), Johann Strauss (son), Karl Millöcker, Karl Zeller, Franz Genée, Oscar Strauss, Franz Lehár, Robert Stolz, and Richard Strauss, the creator of the apotheosis of the waltz, represented in “Der Rosenkavalier.” Of this group Robert Stolz, now an American citizen, is the best exemplar of the typical Viennese waltz. *New Wine in Grinzing*, recently published, embodies the true spirit of this delightful form. Grinzing is a suburb of Vienna, to which many artists and composers go for recreation. Grade 4.

ROBERT STOLZ. Op. 746

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Tempo di Valse Animato(♩ . = 66)

Un poco meno mosso (♩ = 60)

mf con moto

p *mf* *p* *poco rit.* *mf* *a tempo*

p

ff *D.S. al Fine* *sf*

TRIO *Con agilita* *mf* *sf*

* From here go back to the sign (S) and play to *Fine*; then play TRIO.

sf *p*

mf *sf* *sf*

sf *f*

mf *D.S. al Fine* *CODA* *Un poco accelerando*

sf *sf* *sf*

HUNGARIAN DANCE, No 7

Brahms' "Hungarian Dances" are arrangements, rather than original compositions. On his tours (1852-53) with the Hungarian violin virtuoso, Edouard Reményi, Brahms made mental records of the inimitable Gypsy tunes and later made his brilliant orchestral arrangements, which then were prepared for the piano. Grade 5.

JOHANNES BRAHMS

Allegretto vivace

molto sostenuto
p
poco
a
poco a
tempo
f
p
molto sost. poco
a
poco
a
tempo
f
f
rit.

molto sostenuto
poco
a
poco
a tempo
f
f
poco rit.
molto sost.
p
poco
a
poco
a
tempo
f
Vivo
p
poco rit.

BY THE BROOK

G. Karganoff (also spelled Korganov) was born at Kwarely, Russia, in 1858 and died in 1890. He was a brilliant piano virtuoso who wrote some forty works. Many have become very popular. He was a pupil of Reinecke at Leipzig and of L. Brassin in Petrograd. This very flowing study, in the distribution of the theme and accompaniment between two hands, should sound as though it were played with one hand. Grade 4.

GÉNARI KARGANOFF, Op. 25, No. 6

Molto animato M. M. ♩ = 84

p *mf* *f* *pp* *pp* *pp*

(To Coda) Φ

D.C. al Φ

Coda

PRELUDE IN D MAJOR

This composition is from a set of twenty-four works in modern style, which have brought highly deserved distinction to Mr. Chasins. Grade 5.

ABRAM CHASINS, Op. 10, No. 5

Alla marcia; giocoso (♩ = 76-84)

p *sempre staccato* *cresc.* *mf* *f* *pp* *dim.* *sf* *poco rall.* *D.C. al* Φ

(To Coda) Φ

CODA

LOMBARDY POPLARS

Another fluent undulating melody from a popular writer. Holding the sustained notes carefully and watching the phrase marks will enhance the interpretation. Grade 34.

Allegretto (♩ = 115)

VERNON LANE

mf

mp

f

Fin

*D.C.**

TRIO

l.h. over r.h.

p r.h.

mf

* From here go back to the beginning and play to *Fin*; then play *Trio*.
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TNN STUDIOS

mf

mf

p

D.C.

MUSIC FOR TONIGHT

This theme, which makes a very interesting short piano piece, is known to millions as the "theme" of the widely known radio production "Music for Tonight" Grade 4. Slowly (♩ = 66)

DON GILLIS

mf

espressivo

mp

poco cresc.

f

dim.

l.h.

p

mf

poco rit. e dim.

mf rall.

p

pp

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DRIFTING IN THE MOONLIGHT

LOUIE FRANK

Swaying rhythm (♩ = 100)

The image shows a page of a musical score for a piece titled "Swaying rhythm" by Louis Frank. The score is written for piano (p) and left hand (l.h.). It consists of three systems of music. The first system begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The tempo is marked "p" (piano). The second system continues the piece, with a "1" marking above a measure. The third system is marked "Poco più mosso" (Poco più mosso) and includes a "rit" (ritardando) marking. The score is published by MCMXLV by Oliver Ditson Company.

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Grade 3.

Tempo di Valse (♩. = 76)

ROBERT A. HELLARD

Handwritten musical score for "The Rose Tree" by Robert A. Hellard. The score is in 3/4 time and consists of two staves. The upper staff is for the vocal melody, and the lower staff is for the piano accompaniment. The melody begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The piano part begins with a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and fingerings. The name "ROBERT A. HELLARD" is written in the top right corner.

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CHANSON TRISTE

Allegro non troppo (♩=84)

SECONDO

P. TSCHAIKOWSKY, Op. 40, No. 2

p con molto espress.

p

mf

(To Coda) \diamond

p

f

f

p poco rit.

D.C. al \diamond

CODA

pp

ppp

CHANSON TRISTE

Allegro non troppo (♩=84)

PRIMO

P. TSCHAIKOWSKY, Op. 40, No. 2

p con molto espress.

p

mf

(To Coda) \diamond

p

cresc.

f

p poco rit.

D.C. al \diamond

CODA

pp

ppp

SLEEP YOU TO DREAM

SYDNEY KING RUSSELL

Moderato espressivo

p Leave oth - ers who have

cresc. *mf* strong - er hands To pluck the bit - ter fruit of wak - ing; *p* Sleep you to dream of love - lier.

OPENC. *mf* *dim.* *p*

lands Be - yond the heart's dull break - ing. Sleep you to dream and

p

nev - er wake; Yours is a dawn - less night for sleep - ing

rall. *decrease.*

Be - side the cres - cent curve of lake With the white - wil - lows weep - ing.

rall. *decrease.* *pp*

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p *mf* *con espress.*

MANUALS *Sw.* *Gt.* *rit.*

PEDAL *Ped. 53*

Sw. *Gt.* *rit. poco* *a tempo* *Sw. to Gt.* *Gt. Play as harp* *rit.*

Sw. *Gt.* *a tempo* *cresc. molto* *rit.*

Un poco animato

Fine *Sw. Oboe* *Soft Ch.*

add to Sw. *D.S.* *rit.*

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FELIX BOROWSKI

Allegro moderato

VIOLIN

PIANO&lt

con Pedale

(To Coda)

con Pedale

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MERRY MAJORETTE

MARCH

Grade 1.

In march time ($\text{♩} = 120$)

BRUCE CARLETON

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Grade 14.

Joyously ($\text{♩} = 108$)

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How An Ex-Soldier Regained His Violin Technic

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them to believe that they must cover a certain number of pages from week to week regardless of the difficulties involved.

Naturally the tremendous importance of the daily practicing of scales is not to be overlooked. Now that my present technic permits it, I devote a considerable amount of time to them—particularly in thirds and octaves, and also the broken chords for their corresponding scales. I shall never forget that one afternoon many years ago when I visited the famous Brazilian pianist Alfredo Oswald, who at that time was teaching at the Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore, Mr. Oswald told me that to become a proficient musician one must keep regular company with scales.

From my personal experience I feel qualified to encourage former violinists who during their military service have not had the opportunity to play, assuring them that they too, by following the advice here presented, will be able to return to a "professional standard." Personally, I believe, have been well repaid, for I have played before one of the finest music clubs in this state; I have had my own radio program and also I have the good fortune of being in playing position which remunerated me beyond my expectations.

As a final piece of advice, the following may be done to decided advantage. Inasmuch as I now have a better perspective in connection with improving myself technically I am practicing daily Paganini's *Perpetual Motion* for the sole purpose of developing muscular flexibility of the left hand. It is not to be denied that to play Paganini's *Perpetual Motion* "a tempo" throughout and to interpret the same as the composer would have indicated is a task for the virtuoso. However, the actual fingering of the *Perpetual Motion* is within the scope of the average violinist, and by playing this composition every day the individual finger dexterity and bow coordination will be achieved.

Musical life's most fertile field during peace times. Today our country needs good music more than ever before in its history. It is, therefore, the sacred duty of those men and women musicians who so willingly assist their countrymen in response to their country's call to the colors, now that they have returned to a civilian status, to continue to weave the golden threads of culture and idealism of which our world is so much in need. The good fortune of the world of the war. This may best be done by both their individual and concerted efforts in the realm of music. Truly life's most beautiful and profound path!

"Band Concert Tonight"

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acoustical fitness, attractiveness, capacity, and availability; or finally, upon such subtleties as its usual popularity, types of seats, or the mode of ventilation.

Acoustical suitability is by far the most effective distinguishing characteristic to be considered. Echo is disturbing in all areas," as well as points of concentrated volume, are distinctly uncomfortable to the listener. Reverberation, to a certain point, desirable, but beyond rather strict limitations it, too, is distracting. Since echo is caused by the reflecting surfaces of smooth, hard-finished walls, ceilings, or preconcertum arches, such-size surfaces should be broken by strips of curtain or rough lattice-work. "Dead spots" or sound foci are in most cases caused by an excessive curve of wall or ceiling and if these cannot be avoided, the flow of curvature may be obstructed by deflecting shields or, at ceilings, by short hanging curtains.

If the concert is to be out of doors, the problems involved are no fewer though they cause a different type of disturbance, the selection of music, for instance, the solidity and carrying qualities become restrictive factors; interest of the audience is more difficult to maintain because of distractions which are numerous; and rhythms requiring careful interpretation usually become mechanical from the newly injected fear of not keeping

together. Amplified music, so often required by an overly large outdoor audience, is difficult to justify. Any kitchen radio presents a more desirable reproduction of music than the caustic cacophony of the average outdoor systems, and the lack of balance pick-up distorts any semblance of good music.

To keep wind currents from carrying off sheets of music, some type of clips are needed; the conductor's score must be protected by a shielded stand top or clips to weight the edges of each sheet; and any music stands with heavy bases are dependable. If the concert is at night, lights of at least twice the usual wattage are required and a diffusing element covered light bulbs are merely strung overhead and the performers soon find spots dancing along with the printed notes. A lighting fixture for each stand is not satisfactory either, for the tendency is to play individually, instead of cooperatively, and following or even seeing the conductor, becomes very difficult. The conclusion to be drawn from the last few remarks is that the uncertainties of weather and disturbances make it unwise to present any important concert out of doors.

Desired concert deportment and etiquette are the results of good training habits and attitudes which have been preserved since the very beginning of music.

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VIOLIN QUESTIONS

Answered by HAROLD BERKLEY

More on "Angled" Bowing

C. F. D. Alberta—You glad you found my remarks on "angled" bowing in the April issue of *The Trumpet* of interest to you? I am a native of the United States and am a violinist. I have demonstrated that it is possible to make clear in print. It is evident from your letter and the sketches you enclosed that you have grasped the principle correctly. Now all you have to do is to work it until you apply the principle subconsciously. As the strings of the 'cello are so much thicker than those of the violin, the angle between bow and string can deviate further from the right-angle, but not a lot. A great deal depends on the sensitivity of the player's bow arm. It is as you say, a fascinating subject, and it is worth plenty of time and thought.

Concerning Bow Grips

E. M. S., Pennsylvania—Your letter is somewhat obscure, and I am at a loss to know what sort of answer you wish to have, particularly as the letter contains two statements but no question. If your reference to getting better results by using your bow with a very thin grip on the left means that you do not like a thick hugging on the bow, I thoroughly agree with you. The thin whalebone or silver wire hugging that is most commonly used is good, for it protects the stick, though those clumsy rubber tubes that some people put on the stick are decidedly handicapping to sensitive playing.

An Addition Necessary

Miss M. E., Massachusetts—Much as I should like to give you a definite answer to your question, I cannot do so. No one could conscientiously advise a student to make music her career without bearing her play and knowing her more about her than a letter can tell. You seem to be well advanced for your age, and you certainly have a mature approach to your studies, but these qualities are not sufficient evidence on which to base a considered opinion. Why not wait until you are out of high school before you make up your mind? And meanwhile practice as much and as well as you can, and hear all the good music you can.

The Maker Jacques Bocey

Miss E. B., California—Jacques Bocey was one of the two best French makers in the early part of the 19th century, the other was Claude Plémy. His violins were rather more Italian in style than those of the other French makers of the time. The dates of his birth and death are not known, but nearly all his violins are graded in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. According to condition and workmanship, they are priced today between three hundred and fifty and six hundred and fifty dollars.

A Better Violin Needed

Miss D. A., Ohio—Yes, Fritz Kreisler has made a record of his Liebesleid, and it is a very fine and characteristic record of his playing. Your teacher is right in saying that you should own it. It will help you to develop your own sense of rhythm and style. (2) I think you should have a better violin, even if getting one does mean that you cannot take lessons for a little while. You are young, with plenty of time for study ahead of you. When you resume your lessons, the better violin will help you to do more easily all the things your teacher wants. But don't let up on your practice while you are not taking lessons!

Another Illustration Strad.

Rev. C. H. G., Texas—The label in your violin is worded as Stradivarius under his label. It is not an illustration of the instrument. The label is worded as being genuine Stradivarius. There are many thousands of violins around, having a similar label, that are not worth fifty dollars. And there are some violins of excellent quality which are labeled in these words. If you wish to have the violin appraised, you may send me a picture of one of the violin firms that advertise in this magazine.

A Complete Violin Course

Miss C. V. S., New Jersey—There is no Violin Method that I know of which would success-

fully take a pupil from the beginning stages through to artistry. Some people may claim that the De Bériot Method would do this, but I think this is a bit of an ambition. A student needs a much wider range of study material than De Bériot provides. There are a number of good methods for beginners, of which the Laurent Method and the "Primer" Method by Samuel Appleby are two of the best. With these, and following them, should come the studies of Wohlfahrt, Kayser, Mazas, Kreutzer, and so on. In *The Trumpet* for February 1945, on the Violinists' Forum, Kayser, was a discussion of a graded course of teaching material which you might find useful. And I think you would be interested in my article, "The First Year," which appeared in November 1943. During 1945 there were a number of answers to your queries of *The Trumpet* for the last two or three years. I am sure you will find some useful hints.

Insufficient Information

Miss M. G., Pennsylvania—I am sorry, but there is nothing I can tell you about your violin. A mere transcription of the label gives no evidence whatsoever on which an opinion can be formed. And in your case you send only the last part of the label. The words mean "... of the firm that advertise on this page; for a small fee any one of them will give you a reliable appraisal."

A Wise Procedure

L. W., Pennsylvania—As you are unable to take violin lessons for a year or so, I think you are doing a wise thing to take up the study of theory and harmony. The more you know about music, the better you will play. Books that will help you are "A Harmony Book for Beginners" and "The Art of Interpreting Melodies," both by Preston Ware Green. A standard and very valuable book on harmony is the "Theory of Tone Relations" by Percy Goetschels. You can obtain all three books from the publishers of *The Trumpet*.

A Collaborator Wanted

E. J. G., Pennsylvania—I admire your perseverance and ambition in working to develop modern violinists that are superior to the Old Masters, and I wish you the best of luck. But I am afraid I cannot recommend anyone who would collaborate with you financially. The profession of business broker is rather outside my line of concern. I would suggest that you communicate with Lyon and Healy of Chicago or The Rudolph Wurlitzer Co. of New York.

An Ambitious Student

Miss J. B., Pennsylvania—You have certainly done very well for the length of time you have studied, and your enthusiasm for the violin is infectious. If you keep this enthusiasm, and practice as much and as carefully as you possibly can, you should play very well by the time you have finished high school. It will want time enough then to decide whether you want to make a career of music. What a pity you will not be able to take lessons for the next year or so! But if you practice really carefully, and pay close attention to the purity of your intonation and the quality of your tone, you will have finished the Wohlfahrt studies you are working on the second and third books of the Kayser Studies, Op. 20. Following the first book of Mazas, you should have the second book after these comes Kreutzer. And there you have at least a year's work! Let me know how you get on. Good luck!

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Yehudi Menuhin's Magic Bow

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seven-year-old daughter Zamira, and a six-year-old son Krov. Evidently people expect a former child prodigy to have prodigies of his own, for every once in a while parents ask Menuhin how to bring up their "gifted" musical children. "My own children got their first musical impressions through the voice," answers Menuhin. "My wife and I would sing for them the songs we knew. Let children listen to folk songs, American and foreign ones. That will broaden their musical outlook, develop their taste and sense of rhythm. Above all, never do anything to stimulate artificially a child's ambition. I was never told, 'You must practice—or you won't amount to anything.' And I had plenty of other interests besides music. If my own children like music and want to study for their enjoyment, that's fine. But I wouldn't do anything to make them professional musicians."

It was Georges Enesco who taught Menuhin that to become a good violinist one has to do more than to play the violin well. Enesco made him read the biographies of composers and musicians, studied with him the history of music, harmony, and counterpoint. Menuhin's programs never fall below a high standard. For encores he often chooses the difficult solo sonatas of Bach instead of glittering bravura trifles. "American audiences have grown up. Today I wouldn't think of playing the old standards which you once had to include in your programs if you wanted a full house."

A few years ago he created a musical sensation when he restored to the world the so-called "lost" concerto by Robert Schumann. Searching in neglected corners for forgotten masterpieces has become an obsession with Menuhin. He Mozart and the B-minor concerto by Elgar which had disappeared from the concert programs.

A Grinding Routine

After twenty-three years of the concert stage, Menuhin has become used to the grinding routine of hotel rooms, practice, Pullman cars, more practice, concerts, encores, autographs, and catching the 1:18 plane. Last year he played more than three hundred times. Less than a third were paid appearances; the others were benefit concerts for the American and British Red Cross and other charities, and performances for American troops overseas. He played in the Aleutian Islands, the Panama Canal Zone, in South America, in San Juan, Puerto Rico, he played hot jazz for an Army broadcast. The local Army paper wrote, "The ghosts of Bach, Beethoven, and Brahms probably whirled in their graves when Yehudi Menuhin's Stradivarius gave out with the *Solo Blues*."

When Paris was liberated he flew there. Three years ago General de Gaulle had promised Menuhin that he would be the first artist to play in the free capital of France. At the Paris Opera, accompanied by the Conservatoire orchestra, Menuhin played the Mendelssohn Concerto which had been banned for five years. I was there that night. The uniforms of the doughboys mingled with the evening

gowns of French women, but it wasn't the glitter of the old days. People sat quietly, their eyes closed, thinking perhaps of the horrible years gone by. During the second movement many were weeping.

Menuhin played in Amsterdam, Brussels, and was the first American artist to appear at Prague's Smetana Hall. "I couldn't bear to look at my audience," he remembers. "They were sitting as if in a trance. They had that tight, frightened look that I've seen on people all over Europe. But as I played they seemed to relax." Last November he scored another "first" when he accepted an invitation to give a few concerts in Moscow. The enthusiasm of his Russian audience was deafening. "They yell louder than our own sailors and soldiers," Yehudi says.

Back in London, Menuhin recorded the musical solo score for the film, "The Magic Bow," founded on the life of Niccolò Paganini. When he returned to America his wife asked him whether he'd had any hair-raising adventures.

"Not hair-raising," Menuhin said. "Heart-raising." He opened his violin case and showed her a letter. He still carries this letter around in his case, together with his most treasured possessions, his Guarnerius and Stradivarius violins. It was written by an Army chaplain after a concert Menuhin gave for the overseas forces.

"Dear Mr. Menuhin" (said the chaplain), "my men are preparing for combat. If they could have the Lord of the Universe speak to them through the music of Beethoven, Paganini, and Bach, as was done for them by you last evening, their determination to go to the front for evil in the world. Wherever I go I shall be strengthened as I recall the moments spent listening to your violin. It was as though I had been whirled up in one of his great tempests."

How to Improve Your Sight Reading

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notation as it is found in Schumann's "Scenes from Childhood" and his "Piano Pieces." A study of Rachmaninoff's G minor Prelude would bring a realization of symphonic effects in piano music.

Three Impulses Involved

Reading music at sight is a process effected by three impulses namely: sensation, recognition, and action. With good readers, the reaction to these three impulses is almost simultaneous. A slow ineffective response of any one of these will cause a lack of coordination of mind and fingers or mental and physical operations which immediately reflects on rhythm and tempo. A reader audibly or pupally may be helped through such reading troubles by silent playing above the keys before attempting an audible reading. He sits at the piano with the music before him and without touching the keys, plays it just as it should be played, as to rhythm, accent and timing; in fact, just as he would like it to be played. In such practice the larger muscles are stimulated to work in action by direct simple and precisely-timed movements which carry the hands into the correct positions for the fingers to pick up the notes. The result is more freedom in execution and less hesitancy in note reading. The efficacy of such preliminary

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Playing at the table is good exercise in mental reading. In fact mental study done anywhere and at any time, is always helpful. A good musician and an excellent reader said that she read all the Mozart Sonatas for piano when she was confined to her bed over a period of weeks. This was when, at a dinner party where several musicians were entertained, played at sight the second piano part of a Sonata by Friedmann Bach, one of the gifted sons of Johann Sebastian, together with an artist who had used the composition as a recital number.

Any one wishing to become a good reader should make it a habit to read a little each day. In homes where *True Music* is read each month, musicians, teachers and young people at hand a wide choice of reading material of all grades. This music may become a precious bond, just as books in some homes have proved to be the source of brilliant careers. The reading of solos and duets, piano duos and quartets, and piano with various kinds of string ensembles, gives a reader opportunities for memorable experiences. Reading music at sight should be one of the first objectives of music study.

Publishing a Popular Song

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will be tagged a "one hit writer." We have lots of them in Tin Pan Alley. What should you write? I don't know.

A beginner seems to have a better chance with a novelty song, than a heavy love song. Does anybody know the answer? I thought that I did until Nick Kenny walked into my office one day, and asked me to write a piano part for a new song he had just finished. The song was called *There Is a Gold Mine in The Sky*. I thought it was the worst song that I had ever heard. I nearly refused to arrange it because Kenny's name. He had been a good friend of mine for many years, and I was very much concerned. Well, it turned out to be the biggest seller of that year, so—don't ask me.

Reminders About Music Study

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that would give them pleasure. Use this knowledge to keep up your interest. Write for suggestions from your publisher. It will enable you to give more pleasure to your family and friends who enjoy music.

Remember that it is the balance between pleasure in your music now, and preparation for more pleasure and benefit in the future, which measures the success of your music study. Music is answering so many calls today in giving a new interest in life, in taking away loneliness, boredom. But the music lesson can and should do more; it can take us a step in advance. The clear aim achieved, wins our interest and respect. It need not be a large aim but it must be definite. We shall not make that gain unless we have set out to make it. It may be a point driven home which was grasped only tentatively before. Theorizing ends and skill is acquired and becomes an unforgettable part of our experience.

A final word of caution is not to over-emphasize periods of slow progress or failure. Sometimes it is well even to drop a problem that we have tried to solve. When we come back to it later we may find that it is readily understood. To go on to something that we can do is sometimes to progress faster. We should enjoy each lesson of progress as it comes. As we learn to adapt the methods of others to our individual purpose, need, age, and ability we shall see definite progress in the remaking of the good pattern set for us by our teachers. When we insure a readiness to learn, challenge thought, are conscious of the worth and importance of our study, pour in inspiration that we may pour it out in later expression, make music timely and a part of each day, music study becomes an absorbing adventure, one which is a little different for each person and all the more prized because it is uniquely his own.



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A Fairy Tale

by Ella Mac Starb

Once there was a beautiful fairy who dwelt in a cottage made of wildrose petals and precious vines, on the side of a mountain in a great green forest. Now this fairy was very happy because she was among the green trees where the sunshine was filtering through the branches. She thought lovely thoughts when she walked daily in the green forest, and in time she began to prick her thoughts out on the leaves of the trees, and send them into the air to float hither and thither. And it came to pass that people began

to pick them up, and holding them up to the sun, read what was written upon them. These thought-wishes and hopes, being full of love and gratitude, had no power to die, but took unto themselves other shapes and lived on forever. They can not be seen, because our vision is much too weak; they can not be heard, for our hearing is much too dull; but they sometimes can be felt, and we know not what is stirring our hearts to nobler aims. Is it music in our hearts?

Quiz No. 13

Musical Cities and Towns

1. In what town was Beethoven born?
2. In what city did Bach teach Latin?
3. In what city was Handel's Oratorio, "The Messiah," first performed?
4. In what city did Mendelssohn establish a conservatory of music?
5. In what American city did Dvořák serve as director of a conservatory of music?
6. What city has the oldest American symphony orchestra?
7. What American city is said to have had the first church organ?
8. What American city is said to have had the first singing society?
9. In what city was the first music book printed in America?
10. In what city did Brahms spend the last third of his life?

(Answers on next page)

The Joy of Fingering

by Gladys Hutchinson

Fingering is one of the things in piano playing that must be done well, because with good fingering, passages seem easy and smooth; but with the wrong fingering they seem hard and clumsy.

We must look where we are going, in fingering passages, instead of looking only at one note at a time. When we look where we are going we arrange our fingering so we have enough fingers to get there without bumps or breaks, or putting thumbs under on black keys or disconnecting tones that should not be disconnected.

Remember this—there are only four signs that give us permission to disconnect one tone from the next one, and these four signs are: a rest, a staccato mark, the end of a slur and the end of a phrase. If none of these four marks appear it means the tone must not be released until we have the next one ready to take its place in a smooth, well-connected legato.

Letter Box List

Letters have been received from the following, which, we regret, our limited space does not permit publishing:

Jane Anderson; Jack Linden; Shirley Becker; Barbara Carter; Betty Ford; Christine Arnold; Emily Bart; Betty Baker; Patricia Jones; Harold Mikowicz; Carol J. Miller; Nita Smith; June Nardoni; Ronald Freddie Turner; J. C. Jones; Ruth Mariner; Jean Roberts; Patricia Ann Wilkins; Constance Gaudette; Dolores Lewis; Roberts; Robert; Carolyn Freeman; Marie Hanson; Betty Jean Peters; Fay Sanford.

Folk Song Recital

by Leonora Sill Ashton

THE early autumn recital by Miss Black's pupils was to be a recital of folk songs arranged for piano, and some of the performers were to tell the audience about folk songs before playing them.

Roy was the first on the program, and began: "Folk songs comprise some of the earliest forms known in music, but they are not large compositions written in certain rhythms or patterns such as we know in other pieces. Often they were not written at all, but were sung by people who were glad or sad, then other people who felt the same way would repeat them. Thus they were handed down from generation to generation, and many have come to us in this way." Here Sally took up the tale, "Some

of the earliest folk songs were sung by children of Israel in their wanderings and are mentioned in the Bible. One time when they were held captive in Persia they sang about being captive: *For we shall see the song of the Lord in a strange land; Upon the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept: on the willows we hung our harps.*"

Then Harry took up the tale, saying, "Many folk songs were brought to our country from the Old World. The people who came over in small ships when America was being settled could not bring many of their belongings with them, but they could bring their songs in their memories, and these they continued to sing after they arrived, and taught them to their children and grandchildren. Many of the early settlers came from England and brought English folk-songs. Some well-known ones are *Bobbie Shaftoe*, from England; *The Campbells Are Coming*, from Scotland (the Campbells, of course, are people, not animals!); *All Through the Night*, from Wales; *Londonderry Air*, from Ireland. Songs were also brought over from France, Sweden, Italy, and many other countries, which you will hear in the program we have planned for the evening. The seat and Doris continued: "The Negro slaves in this country gave us some very moving songs, such as *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*. Even the Indians gave us some lovely melodies. Since America is not as old a country as the European countries, our folk song writers are not clouded in obscurity and we know many of them were, such as Stephen Foster. Foster did write his songs, but because they were so universally loved and known and are of a simple folk song type, they can be classed as folk songs. Every one loves Foster's song, *My Old Kentucky Home*, and it makes no difference to the singer whether he lived down east, or out west, or up north or down south, because that song makes people feel kindly toward their own homes, wherever they may be. *Yankee Doodle* is a gay song that came from the days of George Washington."

Nancy continued, as Doris sat down: "Many of the composers have used folk song melodies from various countries in their symphonies and other compositions. Perhaps a way to describe folk songs is to say they are things people sing about instead of talk about. So that you may become more familiar with folk-songs we have planned for the program of folk songs in various grades of difficulty, some solos and some duets, and each performer will play a folk song from a different country. (Program continues)

Musical Transportation Game

by Alan A. Brown

Fill in the blanks in the following song-words with words signifying a means of transportation, a method of getting from one place to another. The player filling in the most titles in a given number of minutes is the winner.

1. On a _____ Built for Two; 2. Volga _____ Song; 3. _____ with a Fringe on Top; 4. The _____ Dutchman; 5. Captain Jack of the _____ Marines; 6. Wait for the _____; 7. _____ of the Bumble Bee; 8. The _____ Go Rolling Along; 9. We _____ the Ocean Blue; 10. On _____ of Song; 11. Hand Me Down _____ Can; 12. Swing Low, Sweet _____; 13. The Old Gray _____; 14. Show _____; 15. I've Been Working on the _____; 16. _____ through Georgia.

(Answers on this page)

Meet the Rests

by Lydia Jean Erickson



Among the rests we often meet Upon the music staff, Two look so very much alike— The Whole Rest and the Half.

Like hats upon two gentlemen Who meet a lady fair; Half merely nods and tips the brim; Whole lifts his hat with care.

Answers to Musical Transportation

1. Bicycle; 2. Boat; 3. Surrey; 4. Flying; 5. Horse; 6. Wagon; 7. Bugle; 8. Caissons; 9. Sall; 10. Wines; 11. Walking; 12. Chariot; 13. Mar; 14. Boat; 15. Railroad; 16. Marching.

Junior Etude Contest

THE JUNIOR ETUDE will award three attractive prizes each month for the nearest and best stories or essays and for answers to puzzles. Contest is open to all boys and girls under eighteen years of age.

Class A, fifteen to eighteen years of age; Class B, twelve to fifteen; Class C, under twelve years.

Names of prize winners will appear on this page in a future issue of *The Etude*. The thirty next best contributors will receive honorable mention.

Put your name, age and class in which

you enter on upper left corner of your paper, and put your address on upper right corner of your paper.

Write on one side of paper only. Do not use typewriters and do not have anyone copy your work for you.

Essays must contain not over one hundred and fifty words and must be received at the Junior Etude Office, 1712 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia (1), Pa., by the 22nd of September. Results of contest will appear in December. Subject for essays contest this month: "The Advantages of Regular Practice."

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My Aim in Music

(Prize winner in Class B)

My aim in music is for character development. In a recent article in *The Etude* the following statement was made: "There is spiritual essence in music which inspires exalted lives." The great truth of this statement stands out in the lives of the great masters. My aim in music is also a cultural understanding. Music may be thought of as the greatest of all the fine arts. A better understanding of music aids in a better social knowledge of the world today and long ago. My aim in music is also a professional vocation. From the great cosmopolitan cities to the smallest hamlets there is a place for more persons who will bring a means of enjoyment and knowledge of music.

John D. McLean, Jr. (Age 14), Arkansas

Prize Winners in Classes A and C: Shirley Homfield, (Age 16), California; Sally Ann Sapp (Age 8), Georgia.

Honorable Mention for Essays: Joyce Miller, Wilma Slover, Hazel Jean Lyons, Beverly Hays, Joyce Pickard, Panthe Butler, Shirley Swopes, Nancy Homeyard, Label River, Helen Sandell, Shirley David, Joan Booth, Preston Sall, Betty Lou Seary, Mary Schmidt, Ann Martin, Edwin McMillan, Bonnie Nevins, Annette Peshak, Laura Peck, Betty Rose Sipe, Nancy Silverman, Marian Feldman, Jack Linden, Corale Schram, Betty Jean Peters, Freddie Turner, Lydia Whiteley, Nancy Miller.

(Send answers to letters in care of Junior Etude)

DEAR JUNIOR ETUDE: I enjoy *The Etude* very much and find it helps me a great deal in my music. I am studying both piano and violin. I would be very happy to receive letters from other girls who are interested in music.

From your friend, Carol J. Jack (Age 17), Utah

Answers to Quiz No. 13

1. Bonn, Germany; 2. Leipzig, Germany; 3. Dublin, Ireland; 4. Leipzig; 5. New York; 6. New York; 7. Boston; 8. Charleston, South Carolina; 9. Boston; 10. Vienna, Austria.

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Some Aims in Music Expressed in the Contest

Mary Weaver, North Carolina, aims to be able to read anything at sight.

Helen Musser, Arizona, aims to help other people appreciate music.

Dolores Dravetzki, New Jersey, aims to prove that music is food for the soul.

Marianne Schneider, Pennsylvania, aims to touch every small nook in the most hardened hearts.

Catherine McFadden, Ohio, aims to belong to the "All Girl Orchestra and Choir."

Audrey Cerephino, California, aims to realize that artists are the instruments through which inspired music is performed.

Betty Jo Hall, North Carolina, aims to be a good listener.

Norma Mae Bethel, Indiana, aims to acquire a broad cultural background.

Shirley Homfield, California, aims to bring happiness to herself, her friends, and the world.

Dorothy Osborn, Nebraska, aims to teach public school music.

Merriel Van Noy, Pennsylvania, aims to have little children come for music lessons.

Dolores Lewis, District of Columbia, aims to make her parents proud of her.

Renee Council, District of Columbia, aims to be a music teacher and is giving his father piano lessons.

Sally Ann Sapp aims to be like her music teacher.

DEAR JUNIOR ETUDE: I have been taking piano lessons for two and a half years and classical lessons for two and a half years. I love to read the music in *The Etude* and I have lots of fun.

I am in the first grade class. Some day I will play piano for our Girl Scouts, and for my piano class.

From your friend, Charlotte Harrison (Age 12), Illinois

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The Erbe was fortunate some years ago in purchasing from Mr. Donner, with cover reproduction privileges, the picture utilized for the cover of this issue of THE ERBE. The Philadelphia Artist, Miss. Yvonne Shaffer, added the coloring to the black and white print obtained from Mr. Donner.

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