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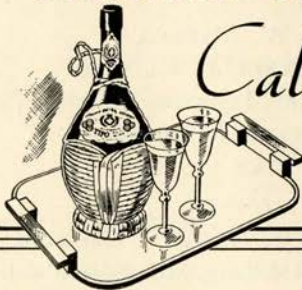


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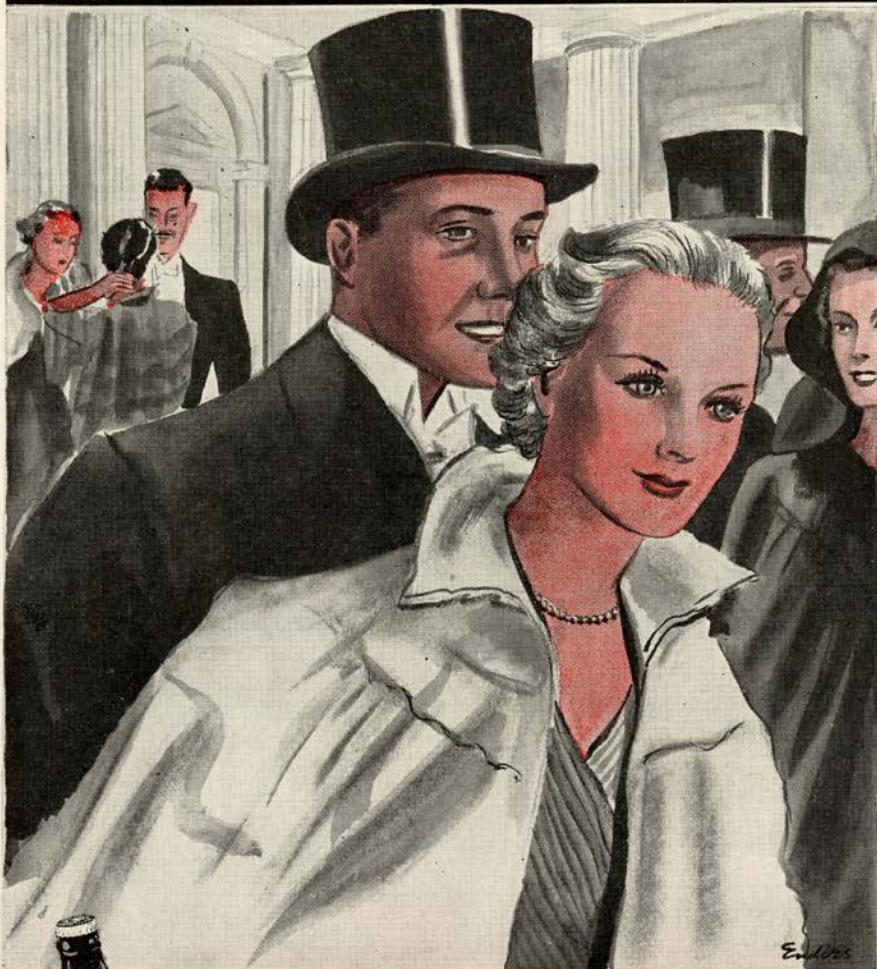
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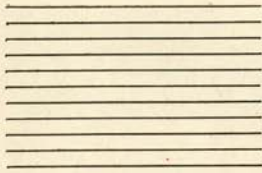
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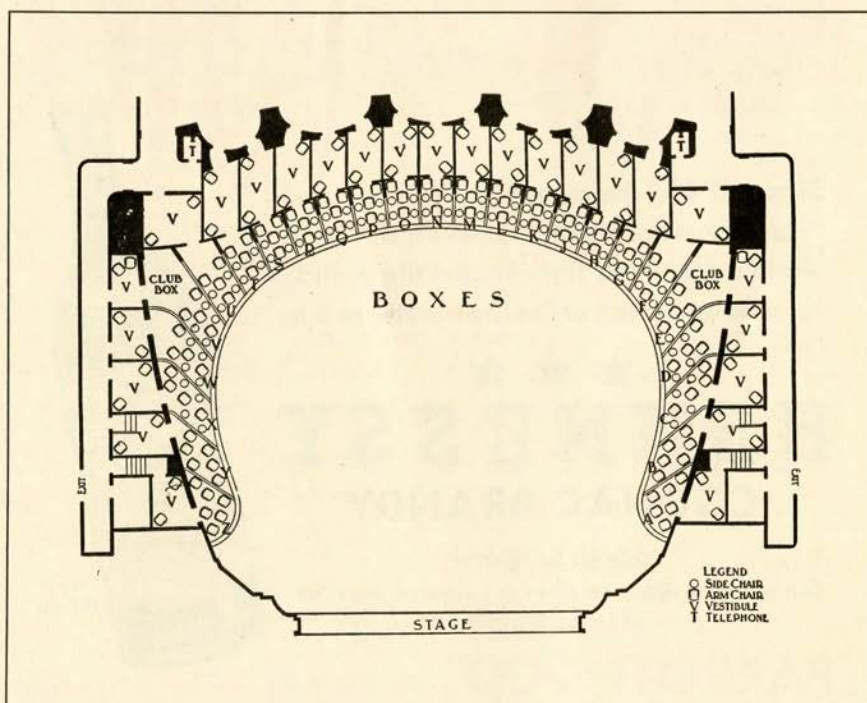
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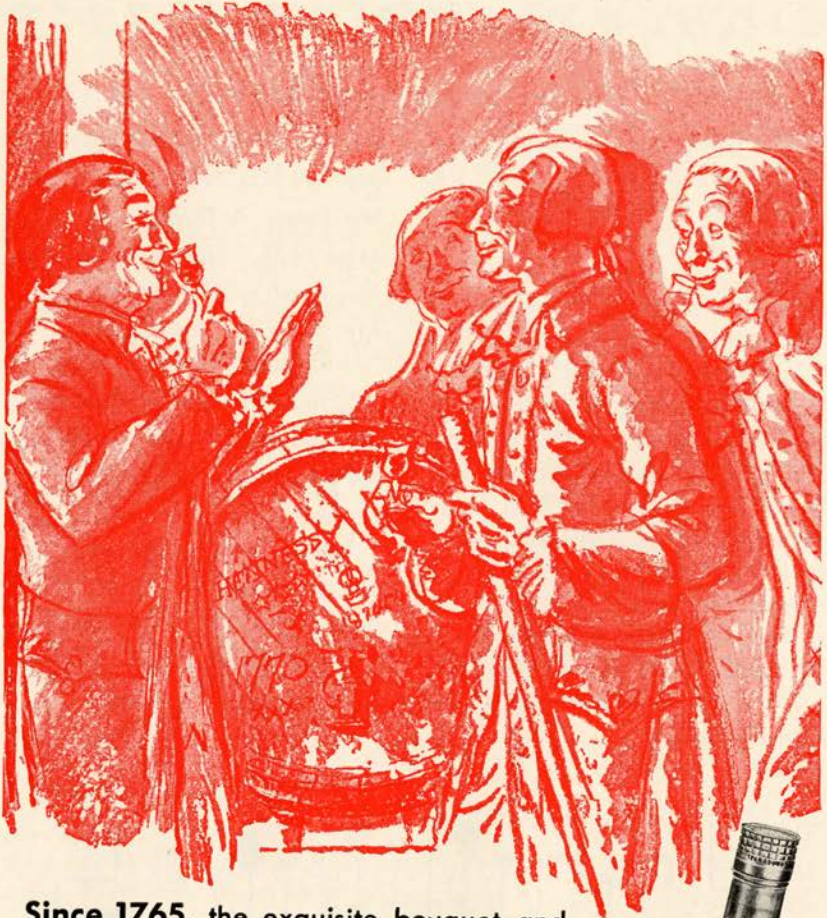
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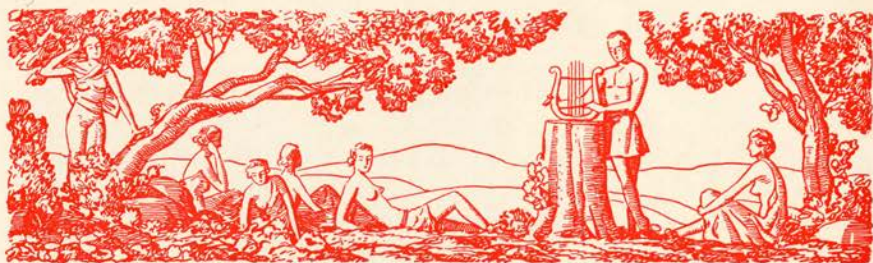
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THE STORY

ACT I

Before departing on a journey, Nilakantha, guardian of the Shrine of Ganesa, leaves Lakmé in charge of attendants, warning them that death will be the fate of any foreigner trespassing in the holy gardens. A party of English gentlemen and their ladies wander to the garden in their sight-seeing and, heedless of the advice of Frederic, break down the frail fence and enter. Gerald, charmed by the spot and intrigued with the story of Nilakantha and Lakmé as told by Frederic, remains to sketch the design of some jewels when the others depart. Surprised by the return of the attendants he conceals himself, but is discovered by Lakmé. Knowing her outcry would summon the guards from the temple, Lakmé hesitates to bring death to the obviously charmed youth and bids him begone. Gerald answers with a passionate outburst of love. Lakmé, deeply affected, finally prevails upon him to leave just as Nilakantha returns, and, finding the fence broken, declares the intruder must die.

ACT II

Nilakantha knows that the invaders of the holy grounds could be found in the bazaar. Disguised as a beggar, he brings Lakmé thither in the belief that the stranger would recognize her by sight or sound of voice and betray his presence. He orders Lakmé to sing. A crowd gathers, but Gerald is not among them. Nilakantha commands Lakmé to sing again. Gerald, now attracted by the voice, draws near. Their startled recognition is noted by Nilakantha, who contrives to separate Gerald from his friends. Lakmé warns Gerald to flee, but, feeling it beneath his valor as an officer, he refuses and they are surrounded. Nilakantha buries a knife in Gerald's body and makes his escape. But the wound is not mortal, and Lakmé, hoping to win the love of the man the gods have decreed she should hate, has Gerald carried to a hut in the jungle that she may nurse him back to health and strength.

ACT III

Gerald, watched over by Lakmé, recalls the past as his consciousness returns, but seems to heed nothing but his love for the Hindu maiden. A group of young people pass on their way to a sacred spring whose waters insure love's happiness. Besought by Gerald, Lakmé eagerly goes to bring some of the water. Frederic, who has searched out the hidden hut, comes to tell Gerald of a native uprising and remind him of his duty. Gerald half promises to rejoin his regiment, but in his heart would stay with Lakmé. On her return, Lakmé discerns the change in her lover. She drinks of the sacred water and gives some to Gerald. As he drinks it, the wounded officer gives eager ear to the sound of fife and drums and the song of marching soldiers. Lakmé, realizing her love is lost, unobserved plucks daturas from their stems and presses the poison petals to her lips. Nilakantha in rage comes upon them. But Lakmé, warning him that Gerald has drunk of the sacred water and is blessed of the gods, stays his vengeful hand and dies in the arms of her lover.



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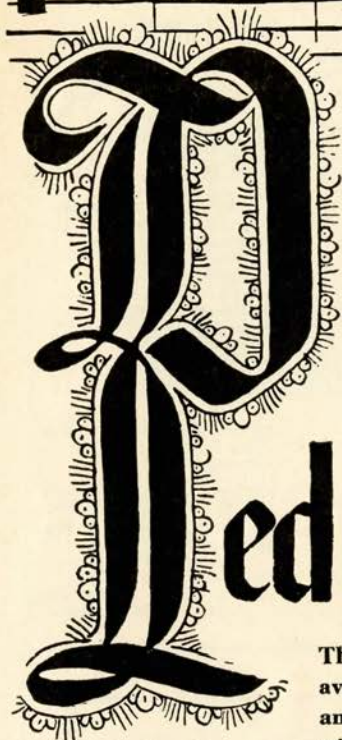
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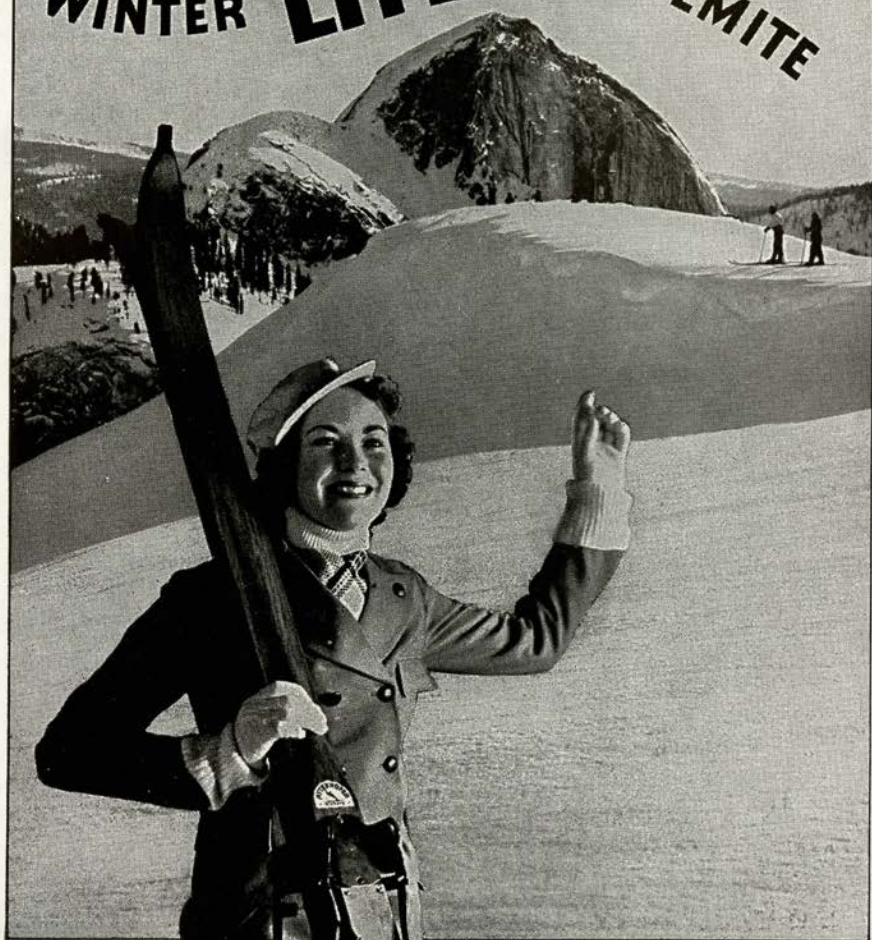
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