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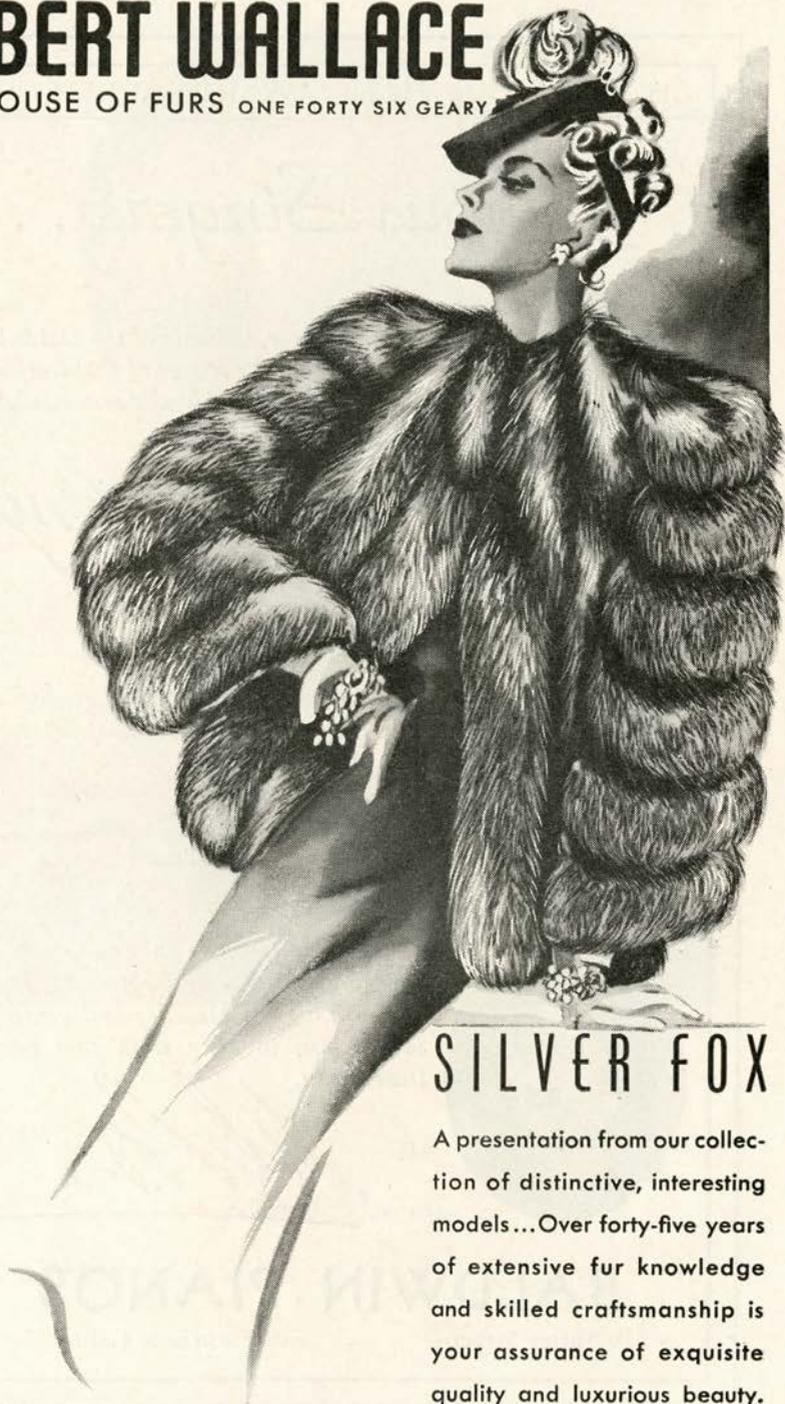


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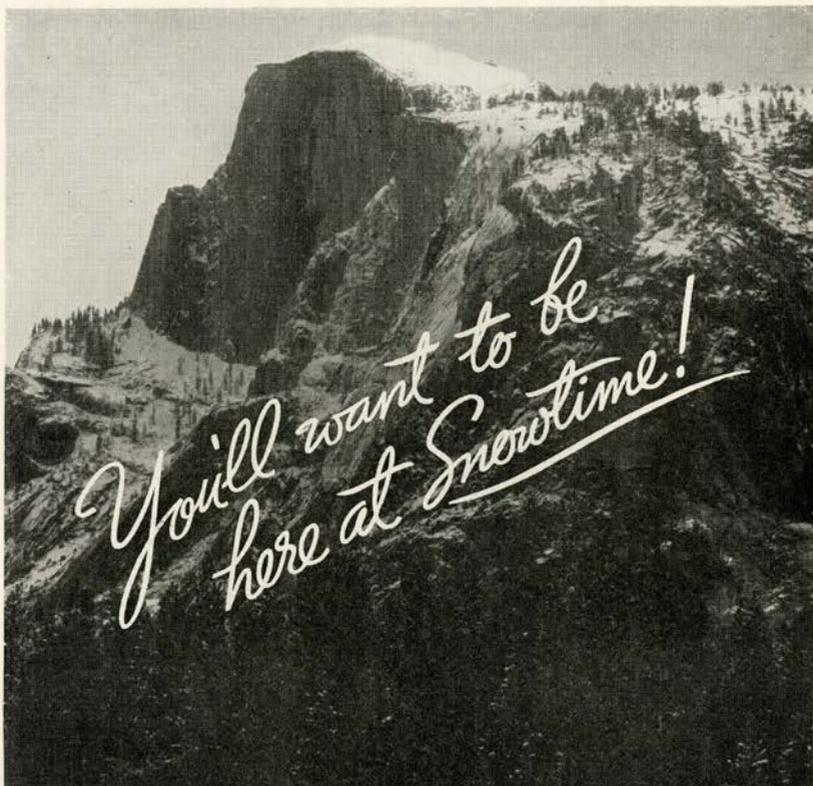


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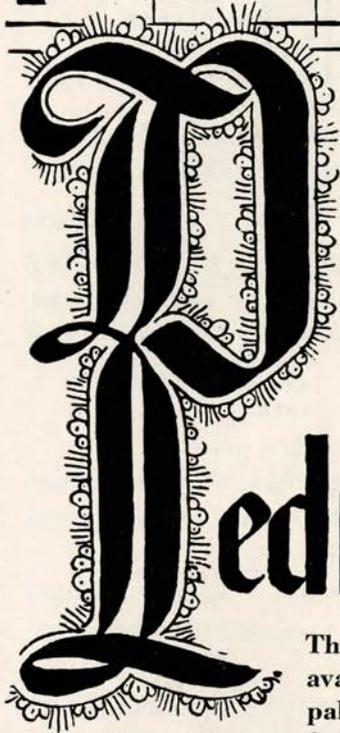
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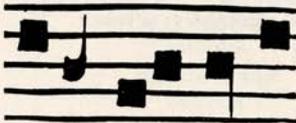
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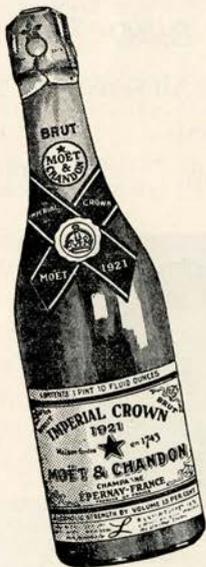
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Madelon, a blind woman	DORIS DOE
Mathieu, a revolutionist	LOUIS D'ANGELO
Fouquier-Tinville, public prosecutor	ARNOLD GABOR
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ACT I: The footman, Gerard, is arranging the ballroom for a reception. Under the flunkey's livery beats the heart of a freeman, and at the sight of his father, stooped by sixty years of service, he bursts forth in bitter denunciation of the aristocrats. Madeleine, daughter of the Countess, comes in with her maid Bersi. Gerard's bitterness leaves him and he is conscious only of her gentle loveliness and the joy her presence gives him. The guests arrive: a dignitary of the Church, lords and ladies, and Andrea Chenier. The latter is out of place in the frivolity of the ballroom and stands unresponsive to the general chatter. Only when Madeleine, in a spirit of coquetry, goads him to reply does he launch into impassioned improvisation—an appeal for the poor. The guests are shocked, Madeleine alone being stirred by the rebuke. A crowd of ragged beggars appear and appeal for aid but are ejected. Gerard is hustled out with them and Chenier follows.

ACT II: Five years have elapsed. From denouncing the tyranny of the aristocrats, Chenier has turned to attack the excesses of the revolution and Robespierre's spies are watching him. One sits at table with Bersi. In vain Chenier's friend Roucher begs him to escape from France. But Chenier insists on keeping an appointment with an unknown woman with whom he has long corresponded. Roucher suggests that the unknown may be a detested aristocrat. The revolutionary leaders pass by, among them Robespierre and Gerard. While Bersi talks with Roucher, Gerard takes his spy aside and gives him a description of Madeleine whom he still hopelessly loves and seeks. The unknown arrives in disguise but identifies herself to Chenier as Madeleine by quoting the words of the poem he had improvised the night of her ball. A spy observes them. He sends word to Gerard who bursts in on them. Fighting with Chenier, Gerard is wounded, but begs Chenier to save Madeleine and the two flee.

ACT III: Mathieu and Gerard are exhorting the crowd for money for France. A spy informs Gerard that Chenier has been found, but without Madeleine, and persuades Gerard to write a denouncement of Chenier. Madeleine comes and Gerard informs her that her lover has been seized. He tells her also that she has been his one desire and to save Chenier she offers herself as the price of his life. Gerard is touched by her devotion. He would even save Chenier but it is too late. Chenier is brought to trial. Gerard confesses his jealous treachery against Chenier, but without avail. Chenier is condemned to die.

ACT IV: Chenier is writing his last poem. As he reads his verses to Boucher, Madeleine and Gerard enter the courtyard. Madeleine, so that she may share death with Chenier, bribes a jailer to let her take the place of a condemned woman. In the last few minutes the lovers have of life they give thanks for their love and the fate which brought them to each other's arms. The guards summon the prisoners and the two go forth to death, united.



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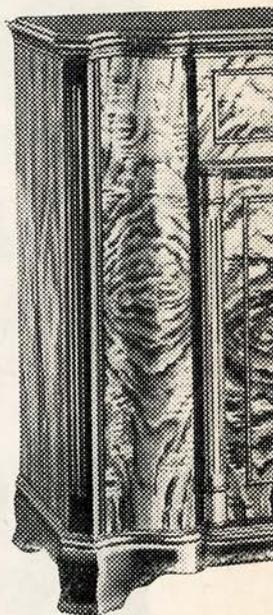
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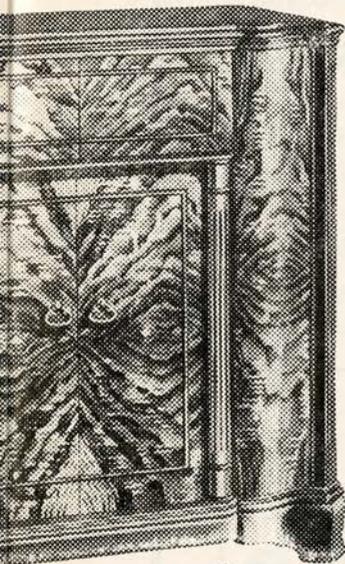
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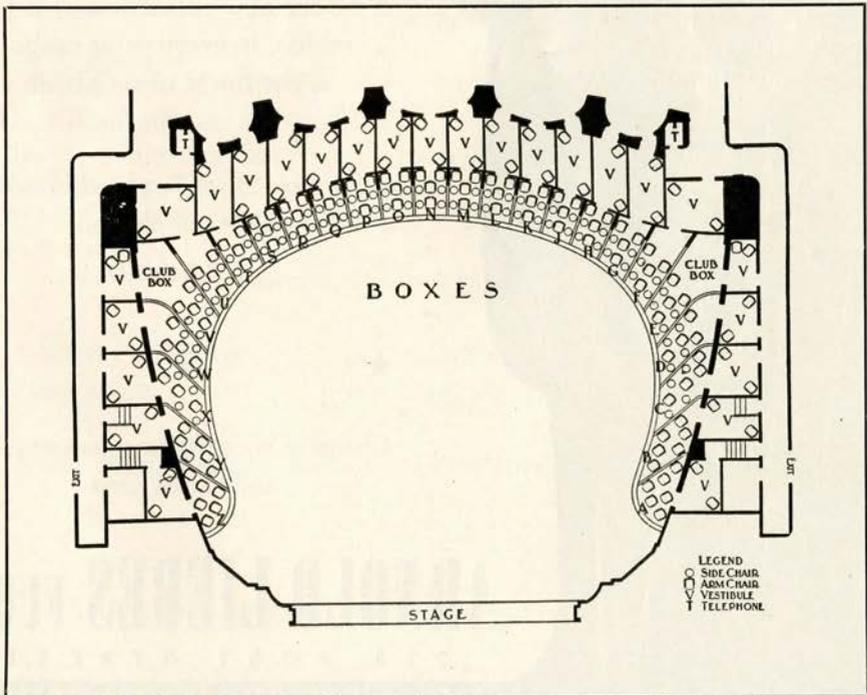
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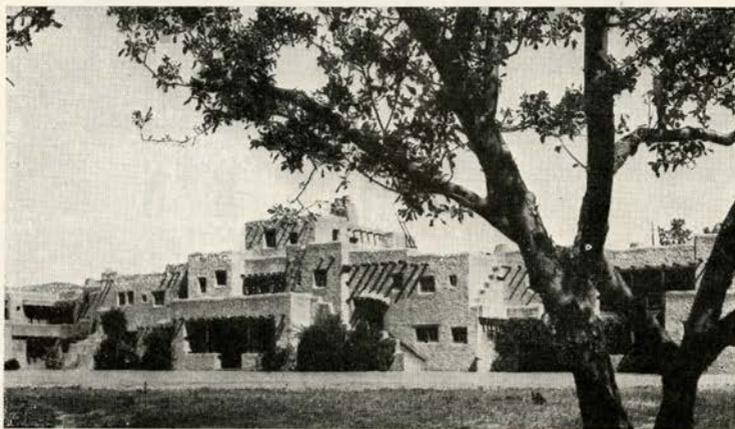
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ACT I: Don Pasquale is angry because Ernesto, his somewhat scapegrace nephew, does not wed the woman chosen for him but, instead, becomes enamored with the fascinating young widow, Norina. His friend and physician, Dr. Malatesta, called in for advice, proposes that the uncle be revenged by himself marrying. The Doctor describes a very beautiful girl whom he says is his sister and the old man is elated. Ernesto enters and his uncle urges him to give up the gay widow. He refuses. Don Pasquale then announces that he himself will marry and disinherit him. Ernesto begs his uncle to consult Dr. Malatesta and to his astonishment is told it was the Doctor who proposed the marriage plan. In despair Ernesto writes a farewell note to Norina. [SCENE 2] Ernesto's note is delivered to Norina as Dr. Malatesta enters. The Doctor, revealing his scheme, proposes that she pose as his non-existent sister, go through a mock-marriage, and lead Don Pasquale a merry chase. Persuaded it will lead to her marriage with Ernesto, she consents.

ACT II: The mock-marriage is performed after the surprised Ernesto has been told of the hoax. When Pasquale signs over half his property to his presumed bride, her demeanor quickly changes. She will not let the bridegroom even kiss her. The nephew laughs at him and is ordered out. Norina flies into a rage. She tells Pasquale that he is too old and fat for a young bride and demands that she have a cavalier. To the amazement of the Don she chooses Ernesto to accompany her on a shopping expedition. She declares herself mistress of the house, engages new servants and purchases an alarming array of costly things. The Don, in a querulous rage, moans that he is ruined.

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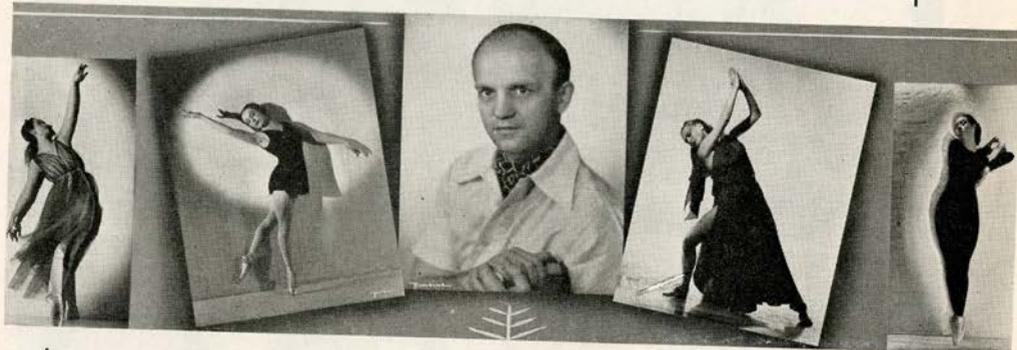


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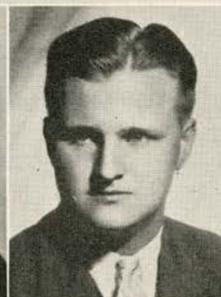
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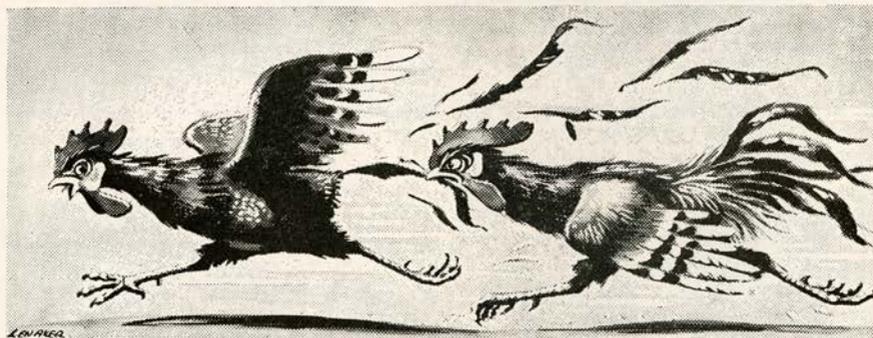
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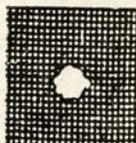
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