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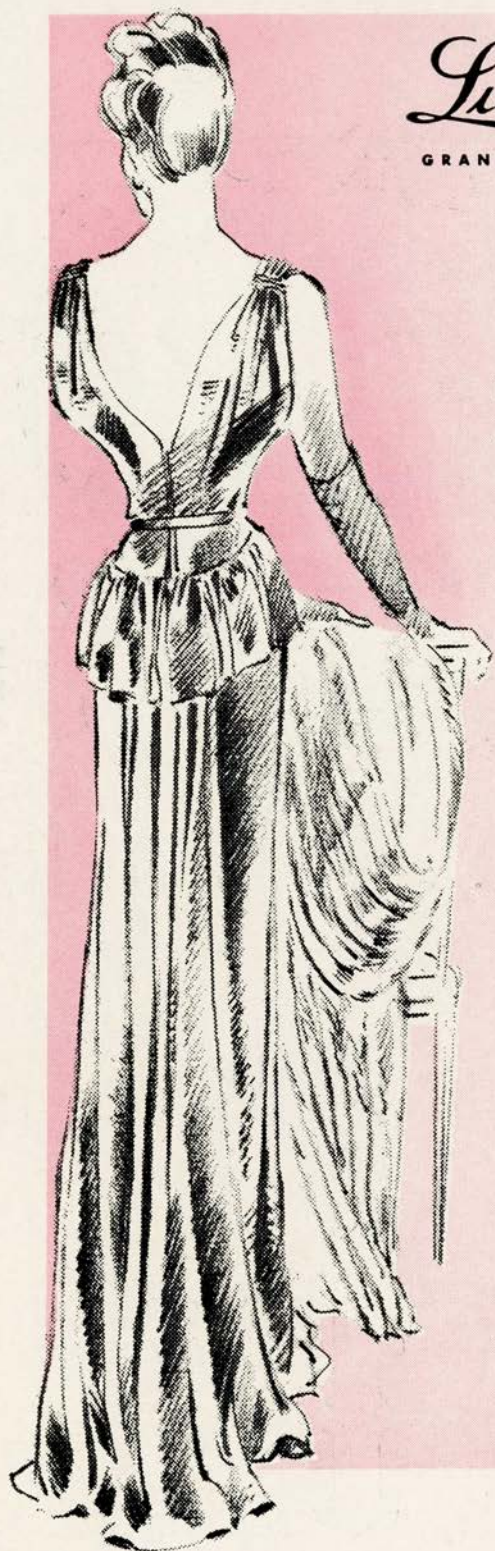
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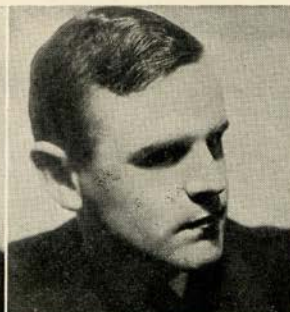
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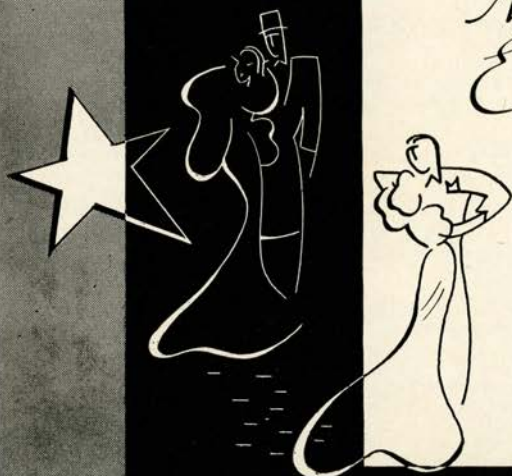
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The Cast

Violetta Valery, *a lady of the demi-monde* JARMILA NOVOTNA
Alfredo Germont, *lover of Violetta* *NINO MARTINI
Giorgio Germont, *his father* LAWRENCE TIBBETT
Gaston, *Viscount of Letorières* LUDOVICO OLIVIERO
Baron Douphol, *a rival of Alfredo* GEORGE CEHANOVSKY
Flora, *friend of Violetta* THELMA VOTIPKA
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Time and Place About 1700; Paris and Environs

ACT I: Drawing-room in the House of Violetta.

ACT II: A Villa near Paris.

ACT III: Salon in Flora's Palace.

ACT IV: Violetta's Apartment.

Bell rings three minutes before curtain rises *Encores not permitted*

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ACT I: A party is in progress in the salon of Violetta's home, and Alfredo, who has come with friends, succumbs to the charms and beauty of the hostess. The guests retire to an adjoining room to dance, but Violetta, who is suffering from the early stages of consumption, is prevented from joining them by a severe coughing-spell, and remains on the lounge to recover. Alfredo remains with her, expressing first his solicitation and then his love, which deeply touches Violetta. Later, when the guests have departed, Violetta contemplates this great new love which has come to her.

ACT II: Violetta has deserted her former life and friends, and is living most happily with Alfredo in a small country house near Paris to which they have retired. Alfredo, upon learning from Annina that Violetta has quietly been selling her jewelry to aid in defraying expenses, departs for Paris to get money with which to repay her. Alfredo's father (Germont) arrives and succeeds in persuading Violetta that she must give up Alfredo and their happiness, not only because Alfredo's own career is threatened by this liaison, but also because its continuance will jeopardize the marriage of Alfredo's sister, for whom the father also pleads. As Germont departs, Violetta writes a note of farewell to Alfredo, but he returns before she finishes. She hides the letter and conceals her real feelings. When Alfredo tells her he has heard his father is to visit them, she departs on the pretext of leaving them alone, but sends the letter back by messenger. When Germont arrives he finds his son in despair, and vainly attempts to stir him by recalling memories of his home in "fair Provence."

ACT III: Alfredo returns to Paris seeking Violetta and finds her with her new companion, Baron Douphol, at a ball being held at the palace of her friend Flora. Alfredo, winning heavily at the gaming-table, challenges the Baron to a game and adds still further to his winnings. When the guests retire for supper, Violetta returns, followed at her request by Alfredo, whom she implores to leave, fearful of the prospect of a duel between the two men. Alfredo bitterly charges her with falseness, which, remembering her promise to Germont, she does not deny. Alfredo summons the guests and before them all denounces her, throwing at her feet his winnings of the evening. As Violetta faints, Germont arrives seeking his son. He alone knows the tragic significance of the scene, but for the sake of his son and daughter cannot disclose it.

ACT IV: Violetta is now confined to her bed by the ravages of the disease from which she has suffered, and, although the doctor attempts to cheer and reassure her, she knows she has not long to live. She is cheered by a letter from Germont, who would seek to undo the damage he has done, and writes that Alfredo is returning to seek her pardon. But she feels it will be too late. Alfredo arrives, and in the great happiness of the moment they plan to leave for Paris; but the excitement proves too much, and, as Germont and the doctor arrive, Violetta collapses in her lover's arms.



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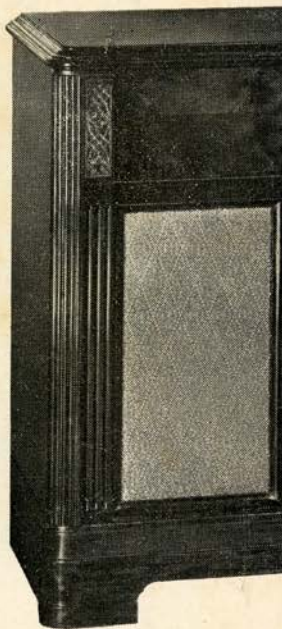
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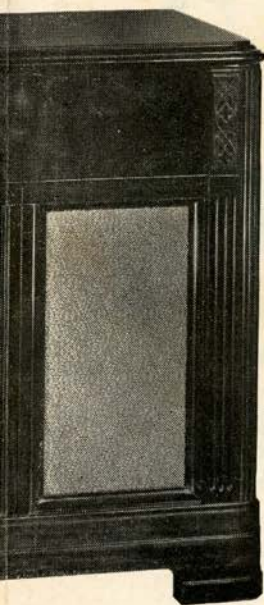
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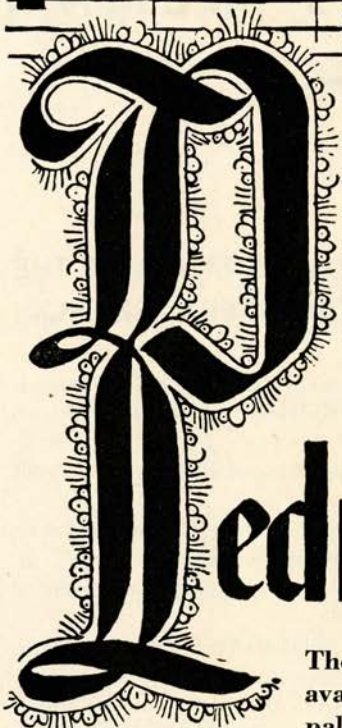
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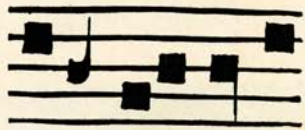
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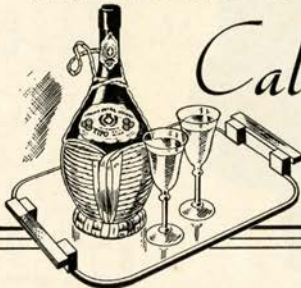
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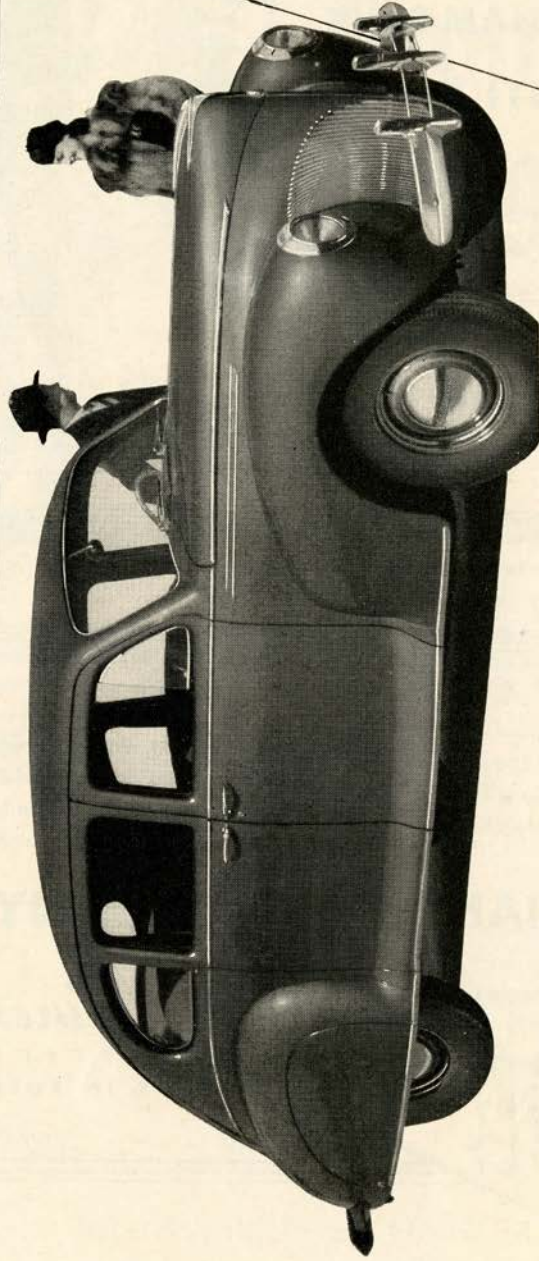


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Opera in three acts. Music by Gioacchino Rossini. Text (in Italian) by F. Sterbini. Founded on the trilogy by Beaumarchais

The Cast

Count Almaviva NINO MARTINI
Figaro, *the Barber of Seville* RICHARD BONELLI
Doctor Bartolo, *a physician* LOUIS D'ANGELO
Rosina, *his ward* LILY PONS
Don Basilio, *a music master* NORMAN CORDON
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Time and Place Seventeenth Century; Seville.

ACT I: A Street in Seville, Early Morning.

ACT II: A Room in Doctor Bartolo's House.

ACT III: The Same.

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ACT II: Rosina delights in a note from Almaviva, running from the room with it as Bartolo and Basilio enter. The doctor tells his friend that he intends to marry Rosina. Basilio informs him that Count Almaviva, who has asked for her hand, has arrived but the doctor little suspects the identity of the serener of the night before. The two plot against the Count and plan for the doctor's marriage to Rosina on the morrow. When they leave, Rosina returns with Figaro who playfully torments her about the pseudo Lindoro. He explains the plan of their meeting and leaves to aid in its execution. The doctor, returning, accuses Rosina of writing the note and dropping it from the balcony. She glibly and impertinently denies the evidence he offers and enjoys the taunting of him. They are interrupted by the noisy entrance of the disguised Count, pretending to be drunk. The police are called but Almaviva craftily identifies himself and they leave, much to the fury of Bartolo.

ACT III: Through the further conniving of Figaro, Almaviva again gains entrance to Bartolo's house, this time in the guise of a music teacher who pretends he has been sent in place of Basilio whom he reports as being ill. Bartolo suspects that he has seen the man before. To disarm his suspicions the Count gives him a note written by Rosina to Lindoro saying that he had found it and offers to use it to convince Rosina that she is being duped. The music lesson begins. Figaro enters insisting over protest that it is his day to shave Bartolo. There is consternation when Basilio, himself, appears. But he is convinced by them all, and especially by a purse from the Count, that he really is very ill and must return home. To cover the conversation of the lovers, Figaro continues his shaving and chatter to Bartolo. The doctor, suspicious, surprises the young people in their plotting. Realizing he has again been duped he drives the Count from the house. Bartolo then shows Rosina the Count's note and the furious girl consents to their immediate marriage. Figaro and Almaviva enter. He makes known his real identity and when Basilio comes with the notary a second purse secures him as a witness to the marriage of Rosina to the Count instead of the doctor.



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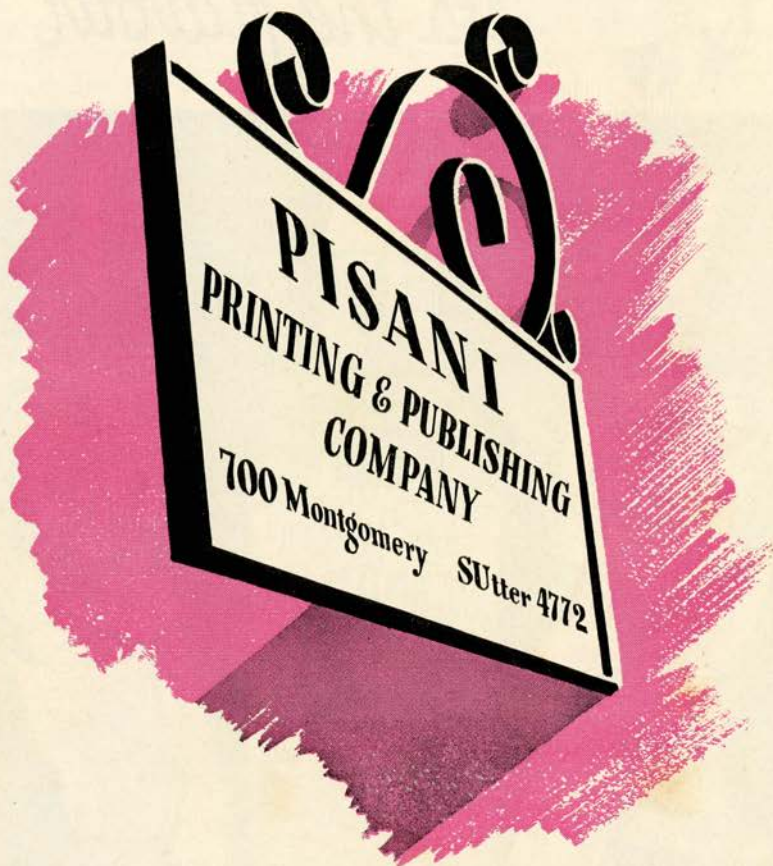
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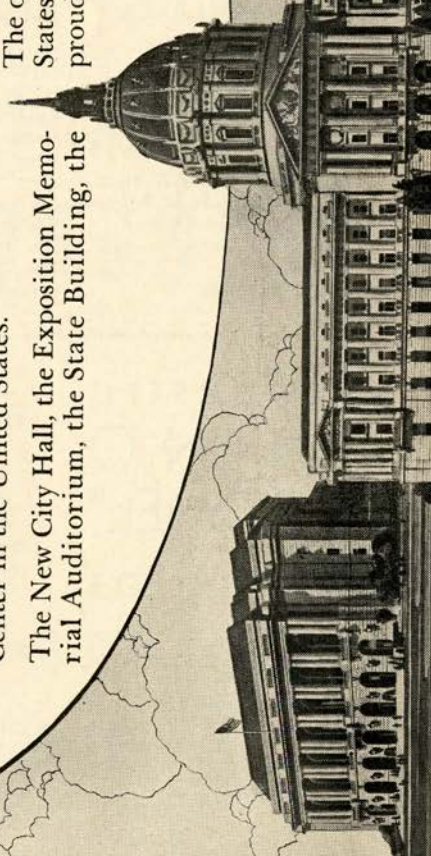
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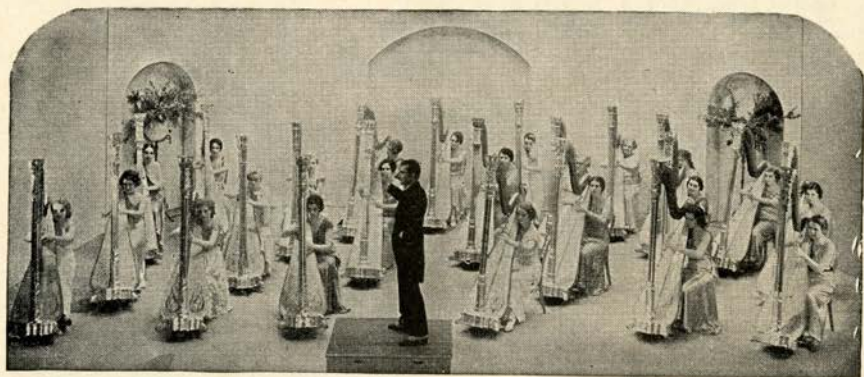
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