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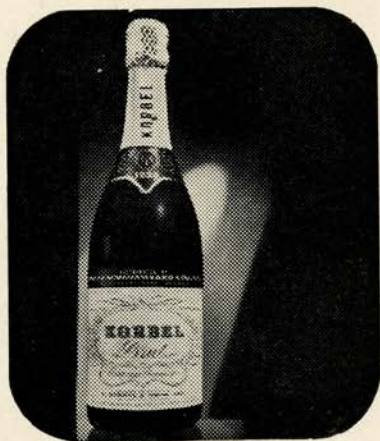
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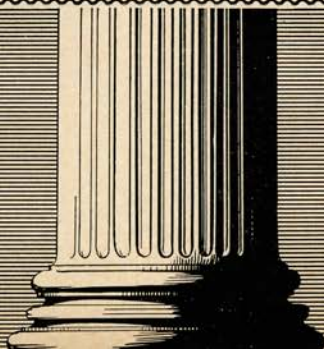
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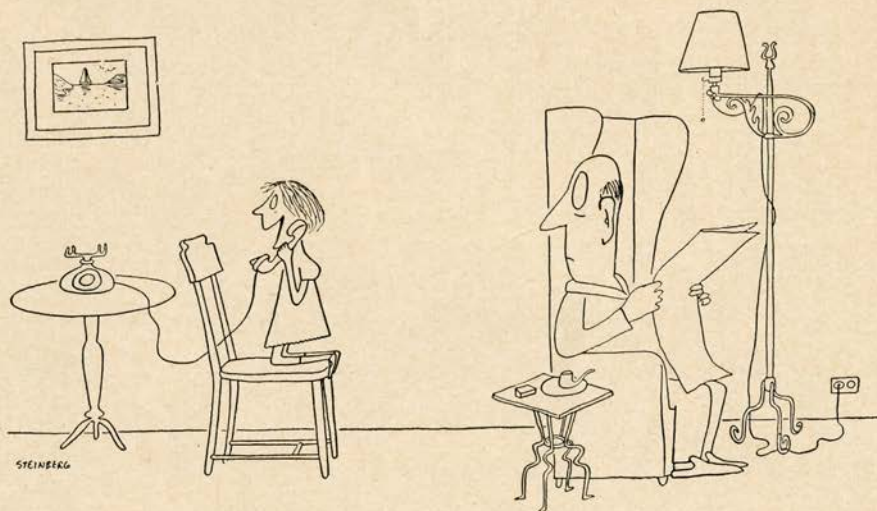
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ACT I

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 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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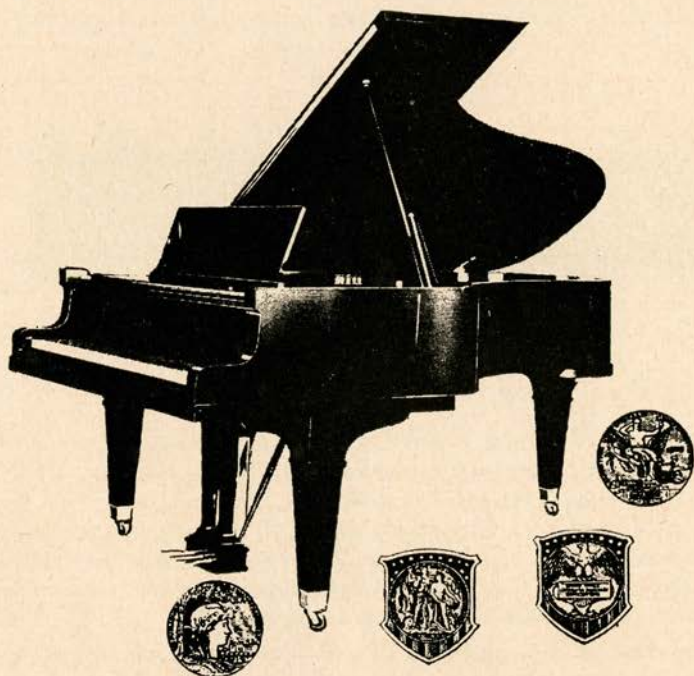
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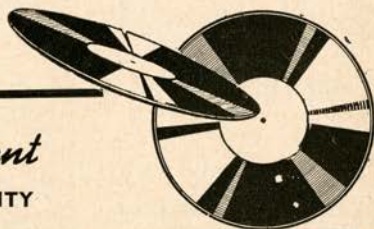
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The Bartered Bride

Comic Opera in three acts. Music by Friederich Smétana
Book by Karla Sabina. English translation by Libushka Bartusek

THE CAST

Marie, daughter of Kruschina.....*JOSEPHINE ANTOINE
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ACT I

It is the time of the yearly church fair. The townspeople, rejoicing, sing of love and marriage. Jenik, returned unrecognized to his home after an absence of years, and Marie are in love. But Marie's parents plan to marry her to a man of whom she does not even know the identity. Marie laments the unhappy situation. Jenik bids her trust in him and all will be well in the end. Jenik leaves and Marie hides when approaching footsteps announce the arrival of Kezal, Kruschina and Kathinka. It is Kezal with whom her parents are negotiating for Marie's marriage to Vashek, son of Micha, to whom Kruschina is in debt. The matrimonial agent sings Vashek's praises highly and the parents sanction the match. Marie refuses, despite a signed document promising her to the son of Micha because of the debt. She declares she will marry no one but Jenik. Kezal proposes that the father go talk the affair over with Micha while he tries to arrange matters with Jenik.

ACT II

Seated around tables young people sing the praises of beer, the national drink, suiting the action to the word. Jenik champions love as the greatest thing in the world. Kezal puts money above all. The boys and girls sing again to beer and dance out of the room. The simple Vashek timidly enters and is encountered by Marie. Neither knows the other, but Marie senses his identity and asks if he is not the one chosen to be Marie's husband. On his affirmative she expresses sorrow, telling him that he will have nothing but trouble with Marie, and confides that she knows another girl, herself, who is dearly in love with him. Meanwhile Kezal has met Jenik. He tries various arguments to induce him to give up Marie, and failing, resorts to money, finally offering 300 florins. Jenik agrees, but with the express stipulation that Marie shall marry no one but Micha's son. Kezal reads the contract to Kruschina and the assembled people, who cry it a shame that Jenik has sold his promised bride.

ACT III

A traveling show troupe has come to town. Vashek admires Esmeralda, one of the dancers, who induces him to promise to play the part of the bear in an emergency. As he practices dancing his parents and Kezal enter and try to get him to sign the marriage contract. Remembering Marie's warning, Vashek shows fear and refuses. Marie rushes in followed by Kruschina and Kathinka. She will not believe that Jenik has given her up, but is shown his signed agreement. When Vashek sees that the maiden who warned him was Marie his fear disappears and he is anxious for the marriage. Marie asks to be left alone. Jenik joyfully enters but is upbraided by Marie, who will not listen to his explanation. Kezal appears with the marriage contract. Parents and witnesses are called. Jenik is recognized by his father and the astonished Kezal sees before him another son of Micha. Marie throws herself into the arms of Jenik and the happy couple receive their parent's blessing.



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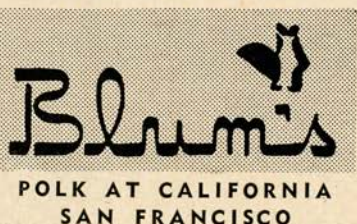
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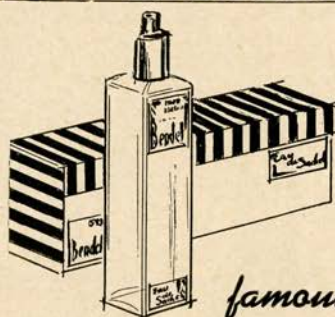
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