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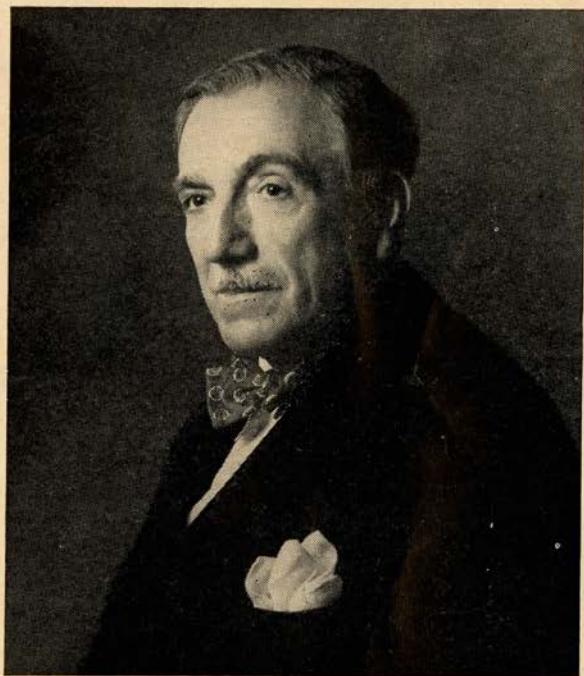
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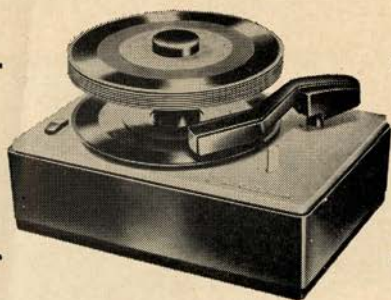
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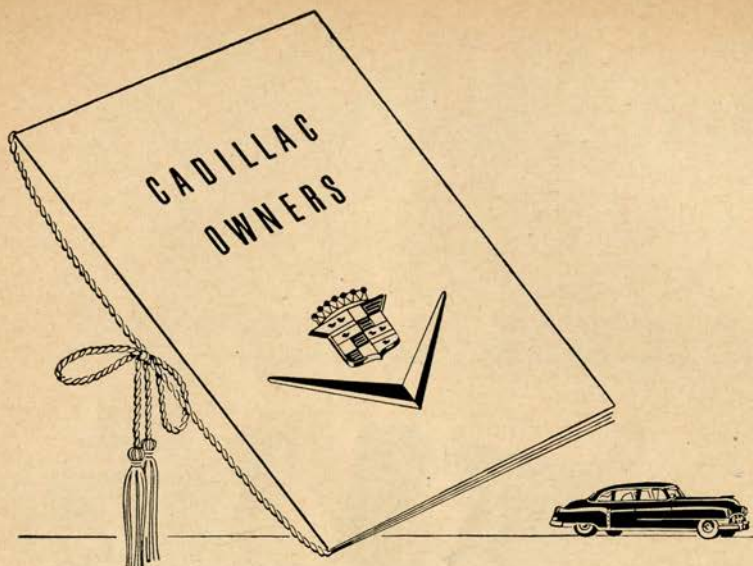
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With Mmes. Kirsten, Glaz; Messrs. Del Monaco, Valdengo, Herbert, De Paolis, Curzi, McVey, Norville, Ford, Harvey  
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- PARSIFAL** (*Wagner*) *Friday Afternoon*, October 27, at 5:00  
With Mmes. Flagstad, Graf, Glaz, Chauveau, Ostrowsky, Walker, O'Connell, Stephens; Messrs. Kullman, Sigurd Bjoerling, Ernster, Herbert, Ligeti, Ford, Norville, Schwabacher, Curzi  
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## SUNDAY MATINEE SUBSCRIPTION

- AIDA** (*Verdi*) *Sunday Afternoon*, October 1, at 2:00  
With Mmes. Tebaldi, Nikolaidi, Graf; Messrs. Del Monaco, Weede, Tajo, Sze, Curzi  
CLEVA, Conductor
- LA BOHEME** (*Puccini*) *Sunday Afternoon*, October 8, at 2:00  
With Mmes. Sayao, Graf; Messrs. De Stefano, Mascherini, Cehanovsky, Tajo, Baccaloni, Harvey, Lorenzini, Curzi, Kersnar  
KRITZ, Conductor
- ANDREA CHENIER** (*Giordano*) *Sunday Afternoon*, October 15, at 2:00  
With Mmes. Albanese, Ostrowsky, Turner, Walker, Brubaker; Messrs. Del Monaco, Weede, De Paolis, Herbert, Norville, Ligeti, Sze, Ford, Cehanovsky, Lorenzini  
CLEVA, Conductor
- BARBER OF SEVILLE** (*Rossini*) *Sunday Afternoon*, October 22, at 2:00  
With Mmes. Pons, Turner; Messrs. Conley, Mascherini, Baccaloni, Tajo, Cehanovsky, De Paolis, Harvey  
RESCIGNO, Conductor
- PARSIFAL** (*Wagner*) *Sunday Afternoon*, October 29, at 1:00  
With Mmes. Flagstad, Graf, Glaz, Chauveau, Ostrowsky, Walker, O'Connell, Stephens; Messrs. Kullman, Sigurd Bjoerling, Ernster, Herbert, Ligeti, Ford, Norville, Schwabacher, Curzi  
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## MIDWEEK EVENING SUBSCRIPTION

- LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR** (*Donizetti*) *Thursday Night*, September 28, at 8:00  
With Mmes. Pons, Chauveau; Messrs. Di Stefano, Mascherini, Ligeti, Norville, Curzi  
BREISACH, Conductor
- THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO** (*Mozart*) *Wednesday Night*, October 4, at 8:00  
With Mmes. Sayao, Quartararo, Warenskjold, Turner, Chauveau, Lanyon, Brubaker; Messrs. Tajo, Brownlee, Baccaloni, De Paolis, Cehanovsky, Norville  
PERLEA, Conductor
- TRISTAN UND ISOLDE** (*Wagner*) *Thursday Night*, October 12, at 7:45  
With Mmes. Flagstad, Glaz; Messrs. Vinay, Sigurd Bjoerling, Ligeti, Cehanovsky, Norville, Ford, Schwabacher  
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- OTELLO** (*Verdi*) *Thursday Night*, October 19, at 8:00  
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Mimi, an embroideress.....		BIDU SAYAO	
Musetta, a grisette.....		UTA GRAF	
Rudolph, a poet.....	} The Four Bohemians	} GIUSEPPE DI STEFANO	
Marcel, painter.....			ENZO MASCHERINI
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**TIME AND PLACE:** About 1830; Paris

- Act I: Garret of the Bohemians
- Act II: Terrace of the Cafe Momus
- Act III: A City Gate of Paris
- Act IV: Same as Act I

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† Extra Performance of "La Boheme," October 28

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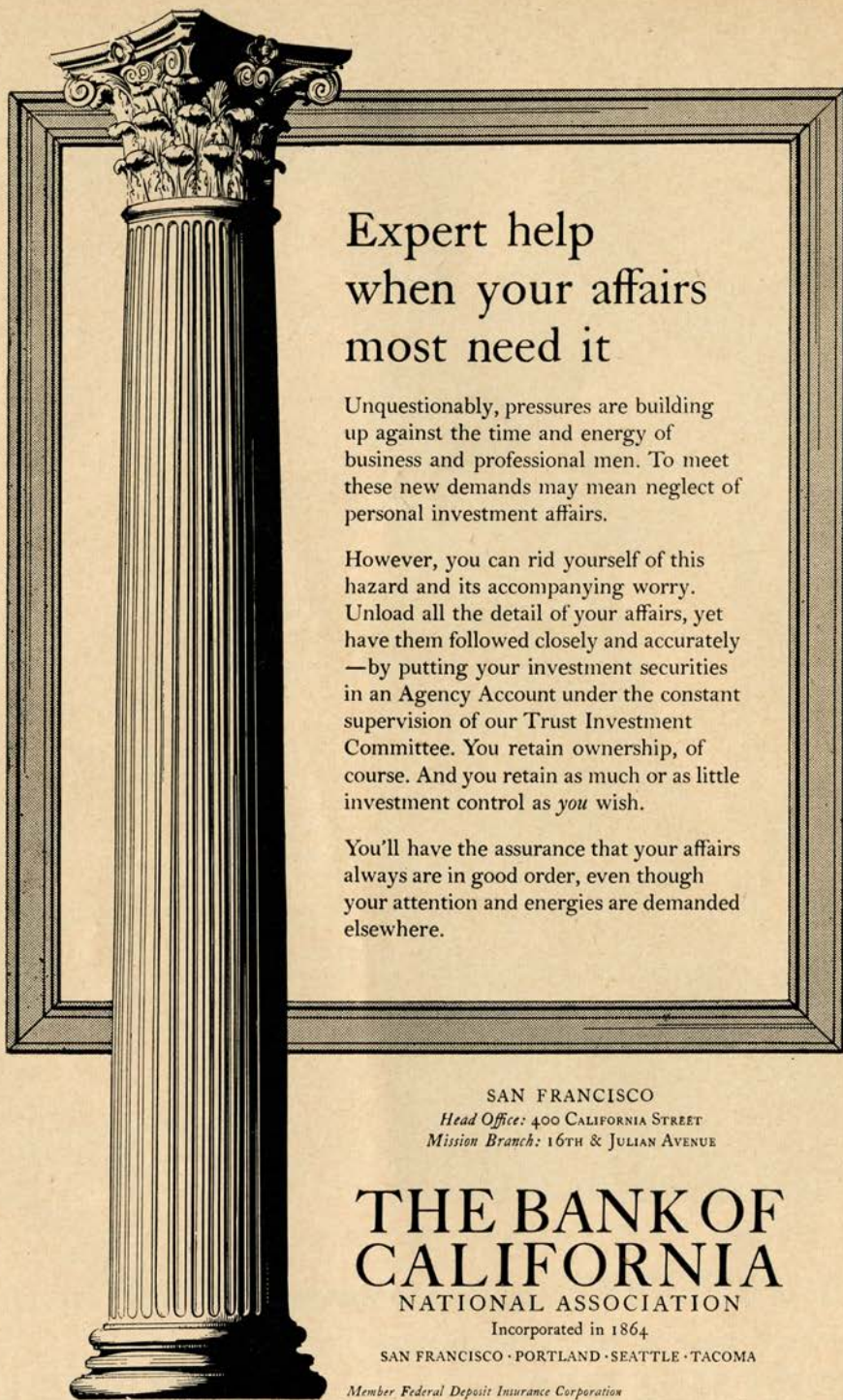
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Text by Arrigo Boito.

## THE CAST

Otello, the Moor.....	RAMON VINAY
Desdemona, his wife.....	RENATA TEBALDI
Iago, his ensign.....	GIUSEPPE VALDENGO
Cassio, his lieutenant.....	ALESSIO DE PAOLIS
Emilia, wife of Iago.....	ALICE OSTROWSKY
Roderigo, a Venetian gentleman.....	JAMES SCHWABACHER
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**TIME AND PLACE:** End of Fifteenth Century; a Seaport in Cyprus

Act I: Outside the Castle

Act II: A Hall on the Ground Floor of the Castle

Act III: The Great Hall of the Castle

Act IV: The Bedroom of Desdemona

† **Midweek Evening Performance of "Otello," October 19**

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## The Story of "Otello"

### ACT I

Citizens and soldiers are gathered to greet the ship of Otello returning victorious through a raging storm. Otello, brought ashore in a small boat, announces that the Turkish fleet has been destroyed and enters the castle to meet the awaiting Desdemona. Iago, determined to gain the power that is now Otello's, and Roderigo, who desires Desdemona, ply Cassio with wine. Brain-befuddled Cassio is adroitly led to quarrel with Montano, who is wounded, and the disturbance becomes a riot. Otello, emerging from the castle, quells the uproar and in punishment relieves Cassio of his command.

### ACT II

Iago, in furtherance of his plan to overthrow Otello, urges Cassio to enlist the aid of Desdemona in the effort to gain back his post. Cassio goes in search of her. Iago bids Otello watch his wife, cunningly awakening his jealousy. The Moor seeks out Desdemona and questions her. She innocently pleads the cause of Cassio and Otello's jealous suspicions take definite form. Desdemona endeavors to wipe his perspiring brow with a handkerchief which was his first gift to her. In anger he tears it from her hand. Emilia picks up the handkerchief, but is forced to surrender it to Iago as Otello berates the bewildered and alarmed Desdemona. Following the scene with Desdemona, Iago adds to the flame of Otello's jealousy when he tells him that he has seen Desdemona's handkerchief in Cassio's possession. The Moor's rage leaps out of bounds. Iago offers to help him to vengeance and they take the oath to punish the guilty.

### ACT III

Otello takes no interest in the announced arrival of Lodovico, Venetian ambassador. He thinks only of his wife and her presumed perfidy. The puzzled Desdemona evades her husband when he seeks to borrow the lost handkerchief. Cassio enters seeking forgiveness. Iago bids Otello hide, and contrives, by half-audible conversation with Cassio, to permit the Moor to hear only that which will inflame his suspicions. Cassio, in innocence, produces the handkerchief saying he had found it in his rooms. Otello goes mad with jealous anger and at Iago's suggestion grimly plots to strangle Desdemona in the bed he believes she has dishonored. Lodovico arrives and proclaims that Otello has been called to higher honors in Venice. Otello announces his departure for the morrow, but unable to control his anger, publicly berates Desdemona. The populace hail Otello in his new honor, but are silenced by Iago.

### ACT IV

As she retires, the heartbroken Desdemona tells the wondering Emilia the despairing story of a lover lost in maidenhood. Otello enters and charges the now awakened Desdemona with an intrigue with Cassio. Refusing to accept her denial he grips strangling hands about her throat as the alarmed Emilia gains entrance. Emilia's screams summon the people. Otello denounces the woman he has killed, showing the handkerchief in proof. But Emilia explains its false evidence and the remorseful Otello brings his unhappy life to an end.

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### EXTRA PERFORMANCE

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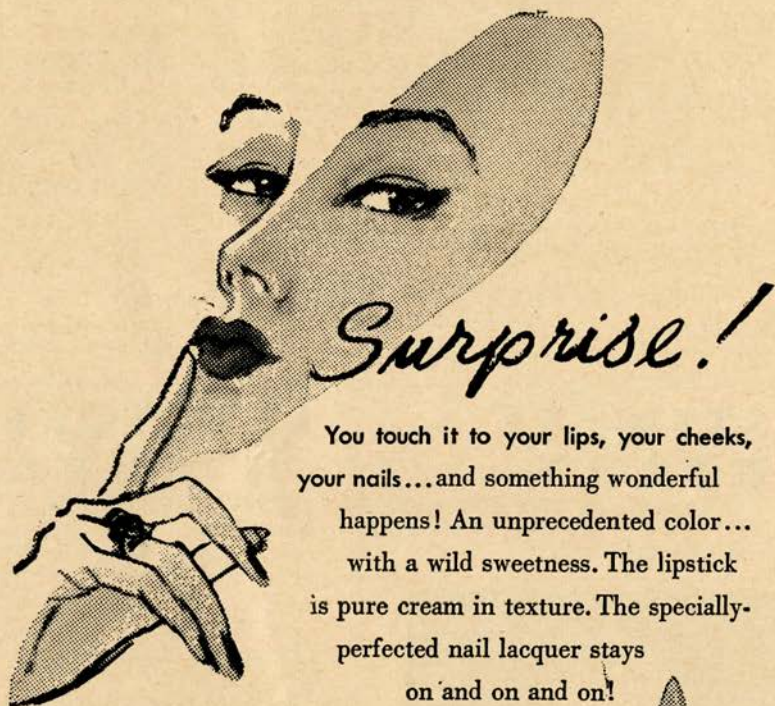
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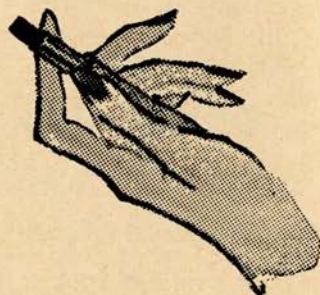
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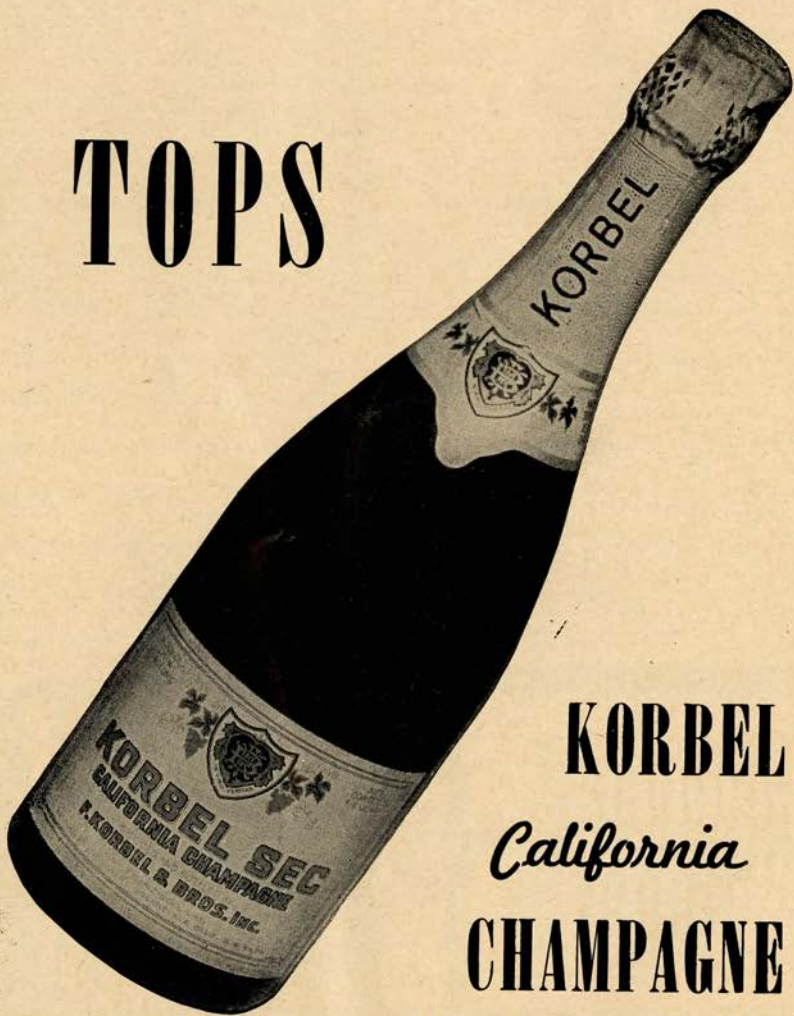
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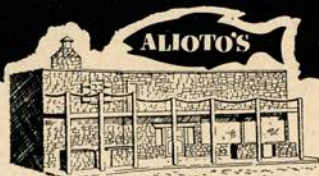
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