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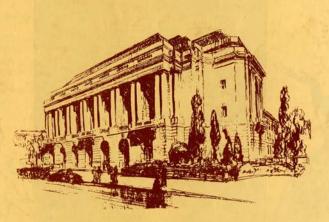
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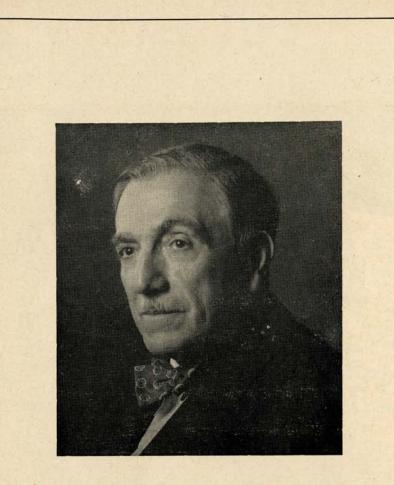
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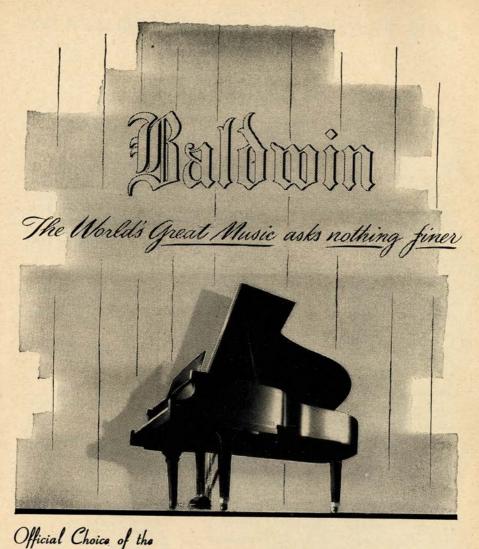
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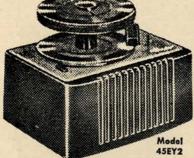
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Act II: A Villa near Paris

Act III: Garden of Flora's Palace

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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."

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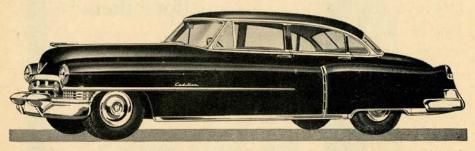
Alfredo returns to Paris seeking Violetta and finds her with her new companion, Baron Douphol, at a ball being held at the palace of her friend Flora. Alfredo, winning heavily at the gaming table, challenges the Baron to a game and adds still further to his winnings. When the guests retire for supper, 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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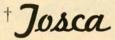
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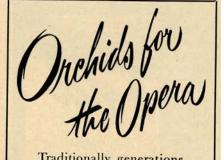
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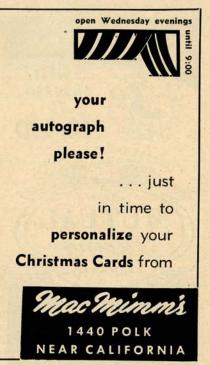
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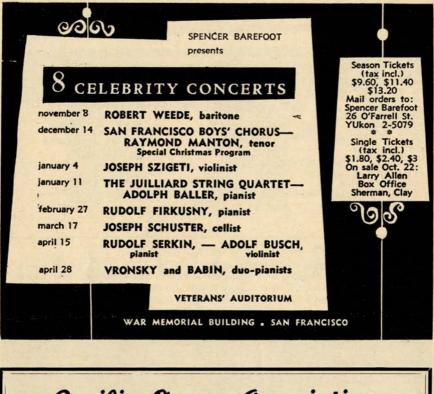
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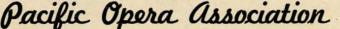
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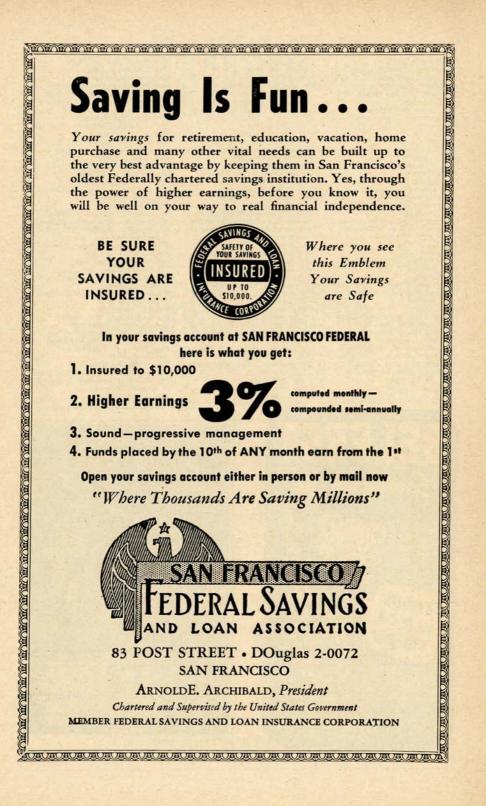
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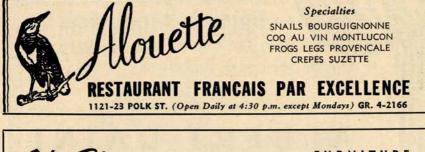
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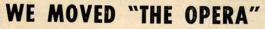
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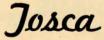
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