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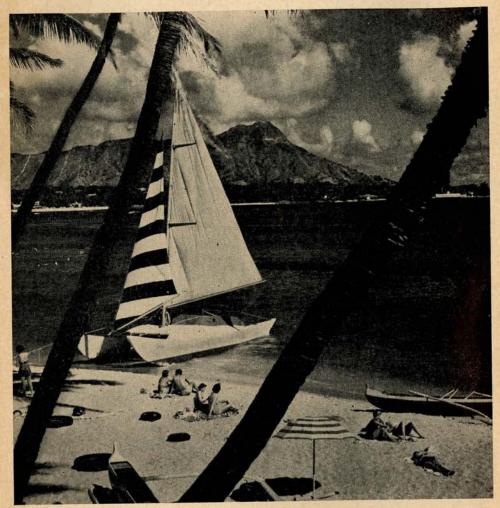
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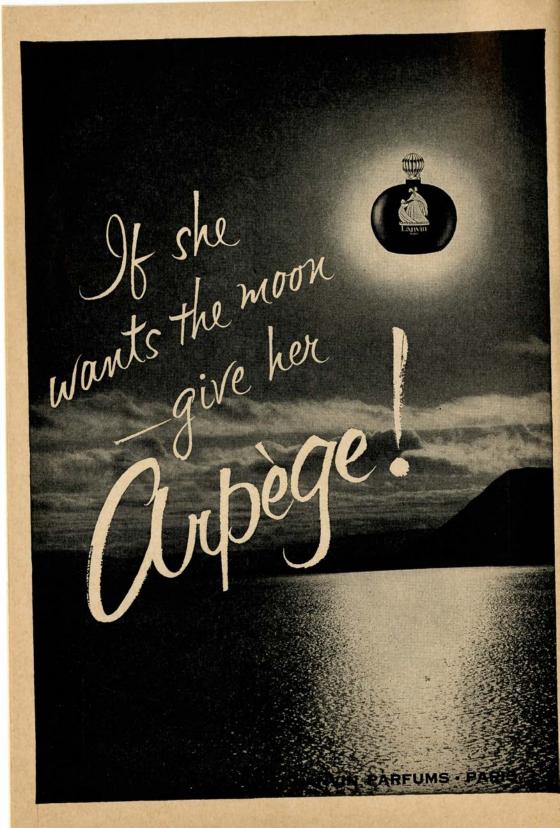
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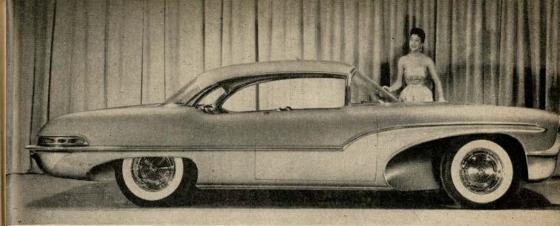


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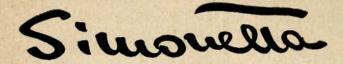
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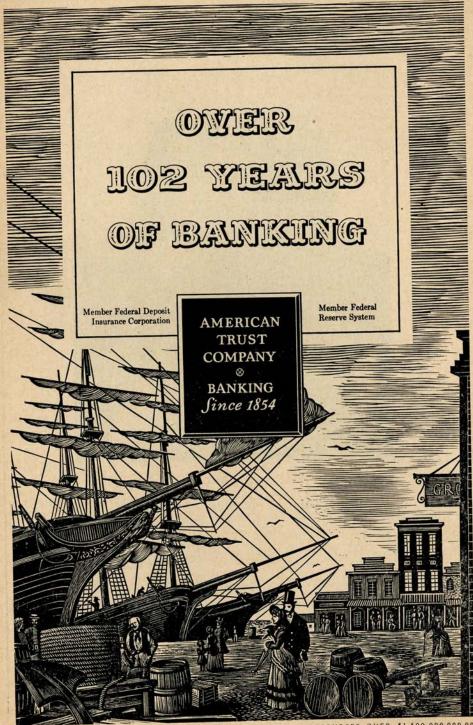




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Acr I—Don Alfonso, the elderly cynic, discussing the constancy of women with Ferrando and Guglielmo, involves them in a wager to test the virtue of their respective fiancées Dorabella and Fiordiligi. Setting the plot in motion, Don Alfonso visits the girls at their seaside garden, telling them the men have been ordered to the front, and soon the young officers enter to bid the girls a sad farewell.

The pert maid Despina cynically advises the lamenting ladies to console themselves with other suitors, and in disgust Dorabella and Fiordiligi depart. This gives Don Alfonso an opportunity to enlist Despina as an ally in his attempt to win the wager, and the two plot to introduce Ferrando and Guglielmo disguised as Albanians to the unsuspecting girls. The ladies, however, are unreceptive to their new suitors and leave in high dudgeon, much to the delight of the men who are now confident of winning the wager.

The grief-stricken sisters alone in their garden are again interrupted by the Albanians, who rejected have apparently taken poison. Moved by such obvious devotion, Dorabella and Fiordiligi relent a bit as Don Alfonso and Despina run for a doctor. Despina returns dressed as a doctor and with a giant magnet restores the two men to health.

Act II—Despina's urgings persuade the ladies to amuse themselves with the Albanians. The two men with a band of musicians serenade the girls, and Guglielmo encouraged by Despina and Don Alfonso earnestly woos Dorabella and gives her a pendant. Ferrando has less success with Fiordiligi, but upon his departure she confesses that his wooing has moved her. Comparing notes, Guglielmo is reassured, but Ferrando is distressed when he is confronted with his own miniature secured from Dorabella. On their terrace, Dorabella and Fiordiligi admit to having followed Despina's advice, but Fiordiligi full of misgivings insists they must don uniforms and join their fiances at the front. As she contemplates Guglielmo's sword, Ferrando rushes in threatening to kill himself with it unless she vows her love. Fiordiligi yields as Don Alfonso calms the irate Guglielmo.

Don Alfonso and Despina prepare the hall for a double wedding. The couples are about to have their marriages legalized by a notary (the disguised Despina), when the officers are announced. Panic-stricken the girls push their Albanian lovers into another room, and greet Ferrando and Guglielmo who reappear in uniform. The men reveal their disguise to Dorabella and Fiordiligi and accept their apologies. With everything forgiven, the lovers are re-united and all join in a philosophic finale.

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Opera in Four Acts by Riccardo Zandonai Text by Tito Ricordi from a play by Gabriele d'Annunzio

Conductor: OLIVIERO DE FABRITIIS Stage Director: CARLO MAESTRINI

Stage Setting and Lighting by LEO KERZ

Francesca		LEYLA GENCER
Paolo, the handsome		RICHARD MARTELL
Giovanni, the lame		ANSELMO COLZANI
Malatestino, the one-eyed.	Brothers	CESARE CURZI
Samaritana, Sister of Franc	cesca	JEANNINE CRADER
Biancofiore, Companion to	Francesca	MARY GRAY
Garsenda		JAN McART
Altichiara		MARGARET ROGGERO
Donella		ROSALIND NADELL
Ostasio, Brother of Frances	са	CARL PALANGI
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Voice of a Prisoner		VIRGINIO ASSANDRI

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TIME AND I	PLACE:	Italy during the thirteenth century	
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Act I: In the Courtyard of the Polentani Palace

Act II: The Ramparts of the Malatesti Palace

Act III: Francesca's Apartments in the Malatesti Palace

Act IV: Scene 1: A Chamber in the Malatesti Palace Scene 2: Francesca's Boudoir in the Malatesti Palace

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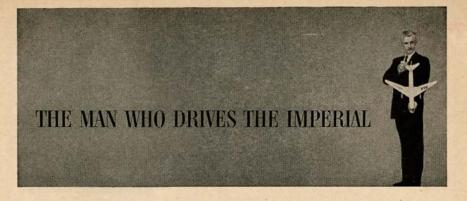
### Francesca da Rimini

Acr I—For reasons of State, Francesca of Polenta and Giovanni of Malatesta are betrothed. However, the families fearing that she would refuse to marry the lame and deformed Giovanni, lead her to believe that her fiance is the handsome Paolo. Under this impression she falls madly in love with him at first sight, although the two do not speak.

Act II—During a battle between the Guelfs and Ghibellines, Francesca and Paolo meet and Francesca, now Giovanni's wife reproaches him for his part in the ruse. Protesting his innocence, he reveals his love for her as Giovanni enters with the news that Paolo has been elected Captain of the People in the Commune of Florence.

Acr III—In her apartments, Francesca and her women are celebrating the advent of Spring when they are interrupted by the news that Paolo has arrived. Dismissing her women, Francesca greets Paolo, and the two no longer able to control their feelings vow their love.

Act IV—Malatestino, the youngest brother, also in love with Francesca, discovers her secret meetings with Paolo and informs Giovanni. Enraged, Giovanni hides outside Francesca's door, and when he finds the two lovers together at early dawn, he slays them both.



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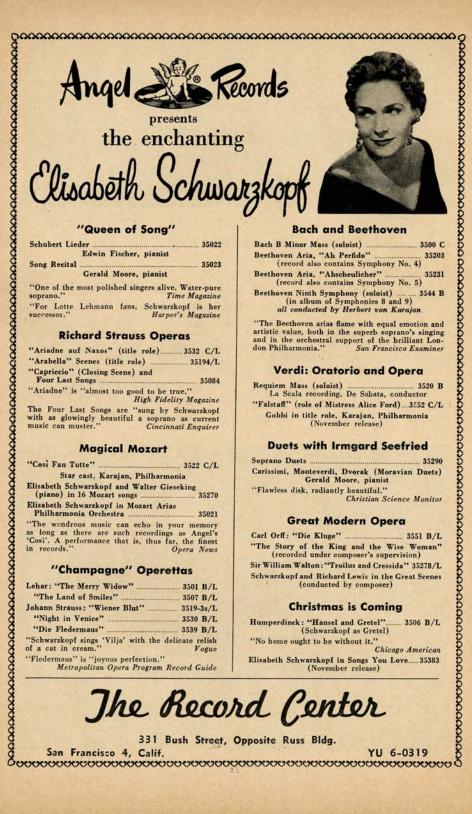
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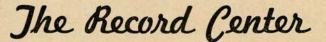




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#### Die Walkuere

Act I—Taking refuge in Hunding's hut from a storm, Siegmund discovers Hunding's wife Sieglinde. Upon his return Hunding observes the likeness between the two and learns that Siegmund is the son of his mortal enemy. Sieglinde, now in love with Siegmund, pours a sleeping potion into Hunding's goblet, and then tells Siegmund the story of her abduction and forced marriage. She shows him the sword buried in an ash tree by a one-eyed warrior—destined for the man strong enough to remove it. Comparing stories they discover they are brother and sister as well as lovers, and that the magical sword is for their protection. Siegmund takes it and the two now fearful of Hunding's wrath, escape.

Acr II—Although Wotan instructs Brunnhilde that Hunding is to die, his wife Fricka, guardian of the marriage vow, insists that the adulterers Siegmund and Sieglinde must be punished, and extracts his promise not to safeguard his son. Brunnhilde, now commanded by Wotan to protect Hunding, and lead Siegmund to Valhalla, vainly pleads his case as he arrives with the exhausted Sieglinde. Moved by the couple's devotion, Brunnhilde promises Siegmund victory despite Wotan's decree, but as he rushes to meet the approaching Hunding his sword is shattered by Wotan. Defenseless, Siegmund is felled by Hunding who in turn is killed by a scornful wave of Wotan's hand.

Act III—The Valkyries fearing Wotan's wrath refuse to aid Sieglinde, but Brunnhilde disobeying his command gives her the fragments of Siegmund's sword and sends her into the forest where Fafner guards the ring. There she can safely await the birth of her expected child, Siegfried. Outraged, Wotan divests Brunnhilde of her divinity and orders her to the mountain, where she must sleep surrounded by the magic circle of fire until awakened by a hero.



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## ANENT THE OPERAS

The original flavor of "Cosi Fan Tutte" is preserved in the Italian version of Mozart's sparkling comedy which is being presented by the San Francisco Opera for the first time this season. It is the Company's contribution to the current world-wide Mozart bicentenary observance. Three performances are slated—evenings on October 2 and 6 and as a special added attraction on Sunday afternoon, October 14.

George Jenkins, its designer, is well-known for his work on the Broadway stage, motion pictures and television. He created stage designs for "Mexican Hayride," "I Remember Mama," "Tonight at 8:30," "The Bad Seed," "Bell, Book and Candle" and "The Immoralist." His film work includes "The Best Years of Our Lives," "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty," "The Bishop's Wife," "A Song Is Born," "San Francisco Story" and "Monsoon." Many televiewers will recall his superb art direction for the NBC Television production of "Carmen."

Mr. Jenkins has furnished the following notes on "Cosi Fan Tutte":

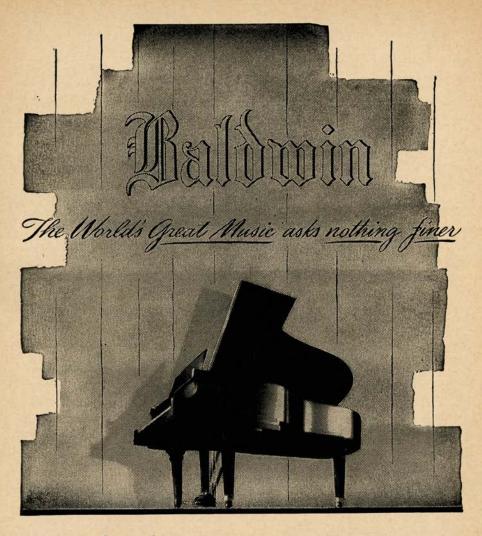
Designing a production for the San Francisco Opera House is a profound experience for an artist. This is one of the great opera theatres of the world, and certainly the greatest in the United States. Perhaps the part the audience doesn't see is the most exciting to the designer. The mammoth stage provides enormous depth and height for the designers' creations and the finest equipment I have seen is available to him.

"Cosi Fan Tutte" is the first Grand Opera I have ever designed for the theatrical stage, although I did "Carmen" for NBC-TV, and have done many musical comedy productions and civic light operas on the West Coast.

There is a general tendency in America today to make Grand Opera less heavy. The challenge here was to keep the mood of the sets light and gay, in keeping with the froth and comedy of the libretto. I also wanted to give this production a modern interpretation of the eighteenth century that would be more my own self-expression than a direct carbon copy of the period.

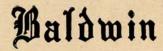
We are doing one unusual thing in this production of "Cosi." With the director's approval, I set the entire action on the Bay of Naples rather than just occasional scenes, as the original stage directions indicated. You will see that backing the inner stage by this panoramic view is a logical liberty. I also brought the boats, which were indicated upstage, downstage, so that the action would be in full view of the audience. I once considered floating them in real water, but towing under those conditions would have been quite impossible!

Altogether, designing an opera opens up a new world for the artist. It involves all the interesting problems of the theatre, plus the acoustical demands that make Grand Opera the most exacting and perhaps most rewarding medium of them all.



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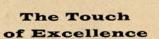
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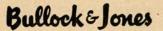
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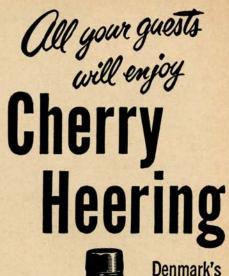


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Thursday Night, October 18, at 8:00 . . . Munsel, McArt, Campora, Quilico, Tajo CURIEL, Conductor

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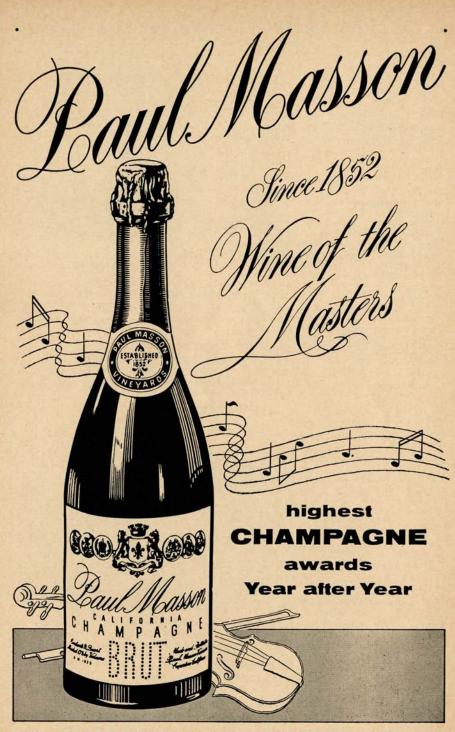
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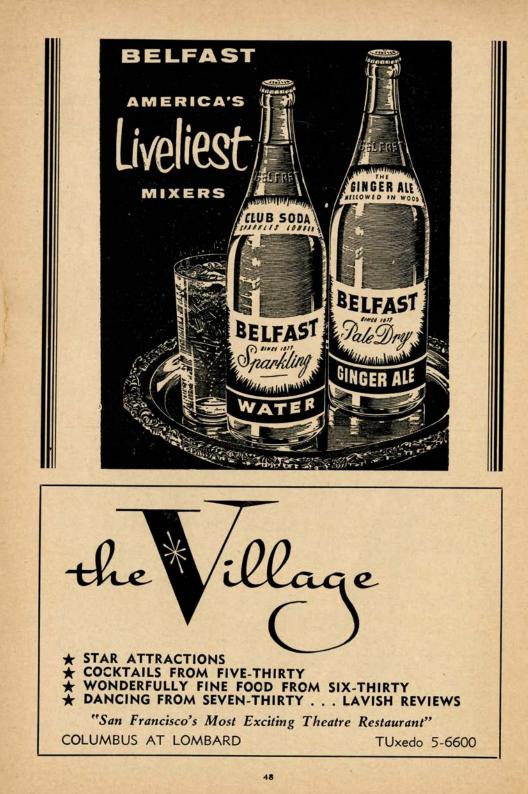
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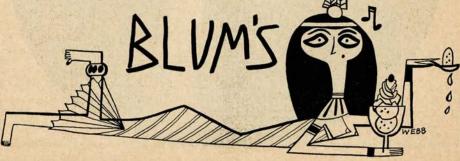
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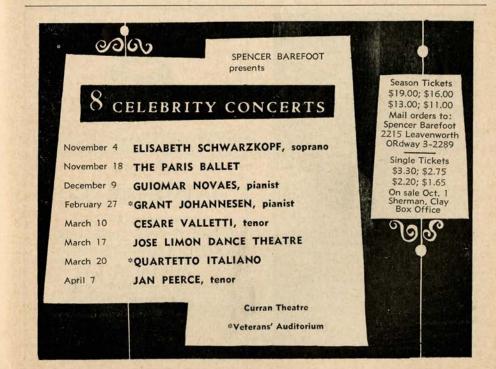
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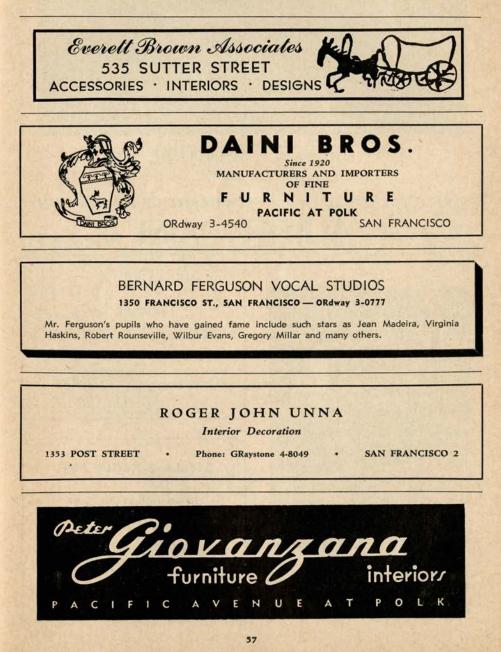
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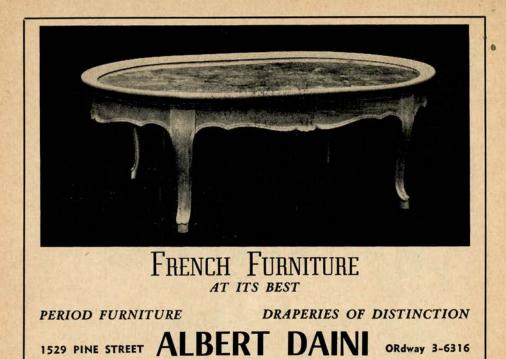
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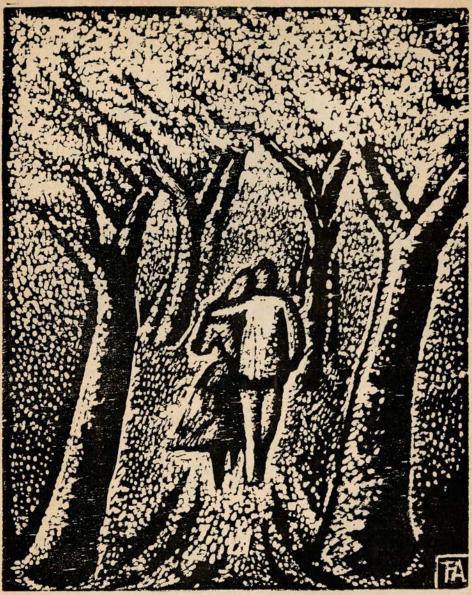
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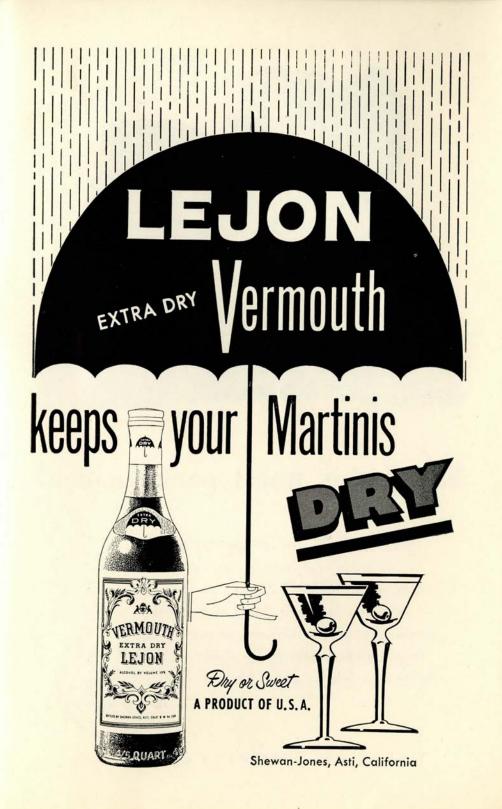


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Fiordiligi	ELISABETH SCHWARZKOPF
Dorabella, her sister	NELL RANKIN
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TIME AND PLACE: Eighteenth century Naples

Act I	1:	Scene	1:	A sidewalk cafe
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		Scene	3:	The ladies' boudoir
		Scene	4:	The garden
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