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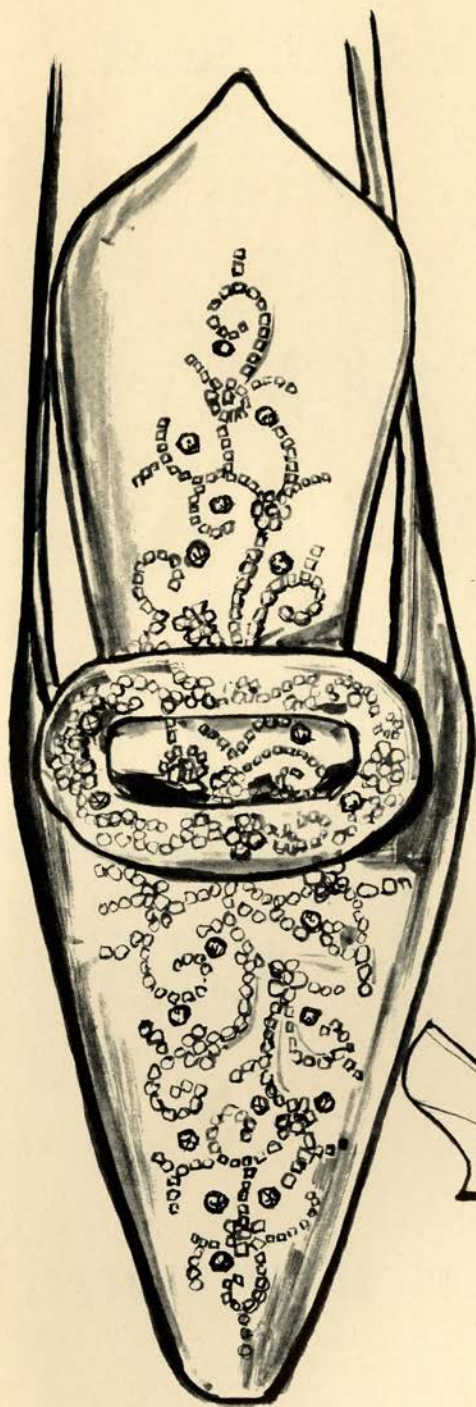
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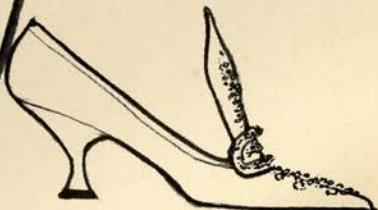
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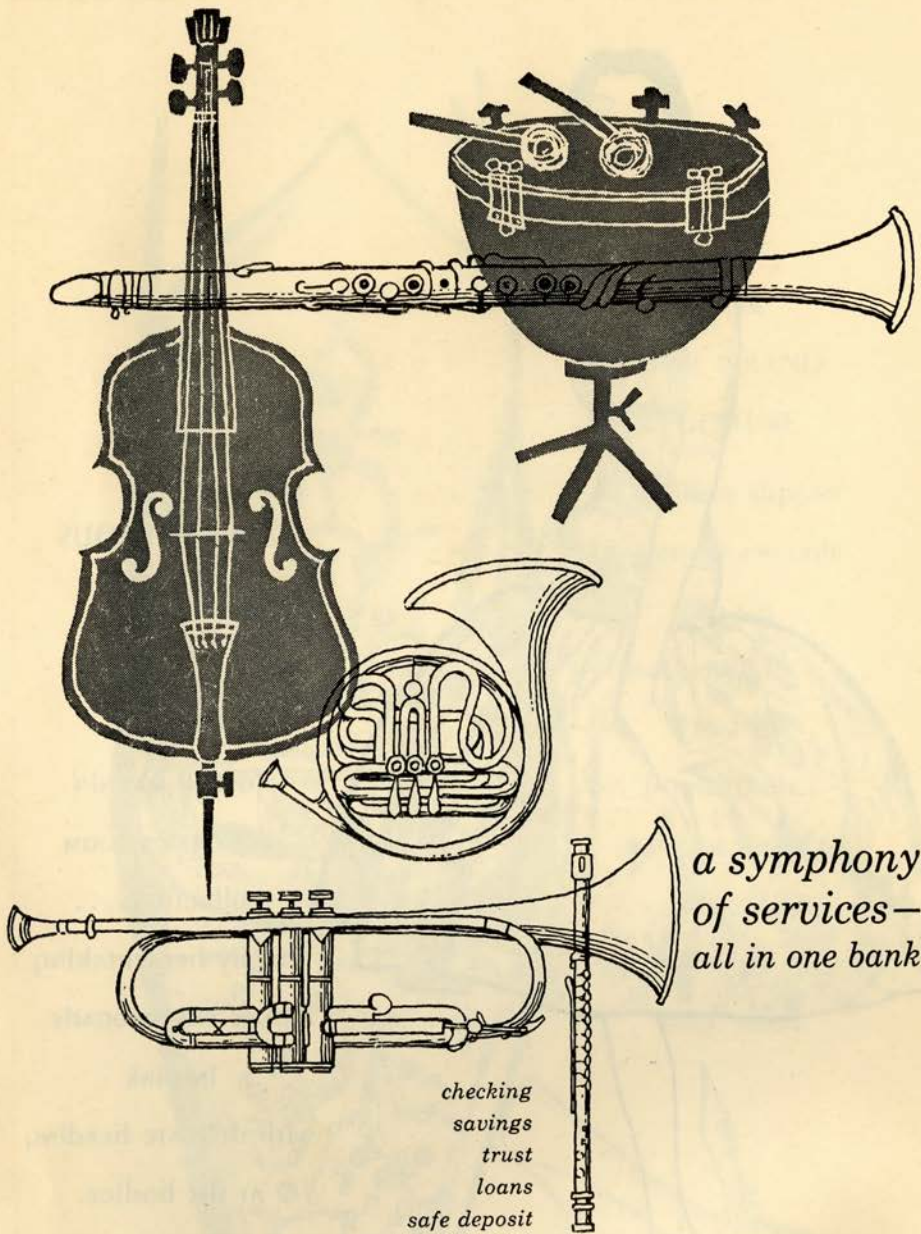
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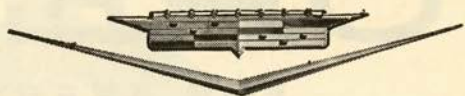
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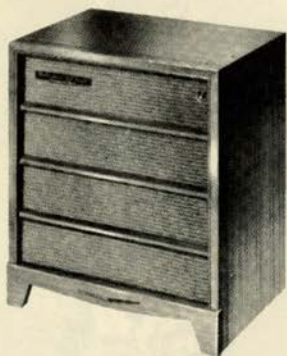
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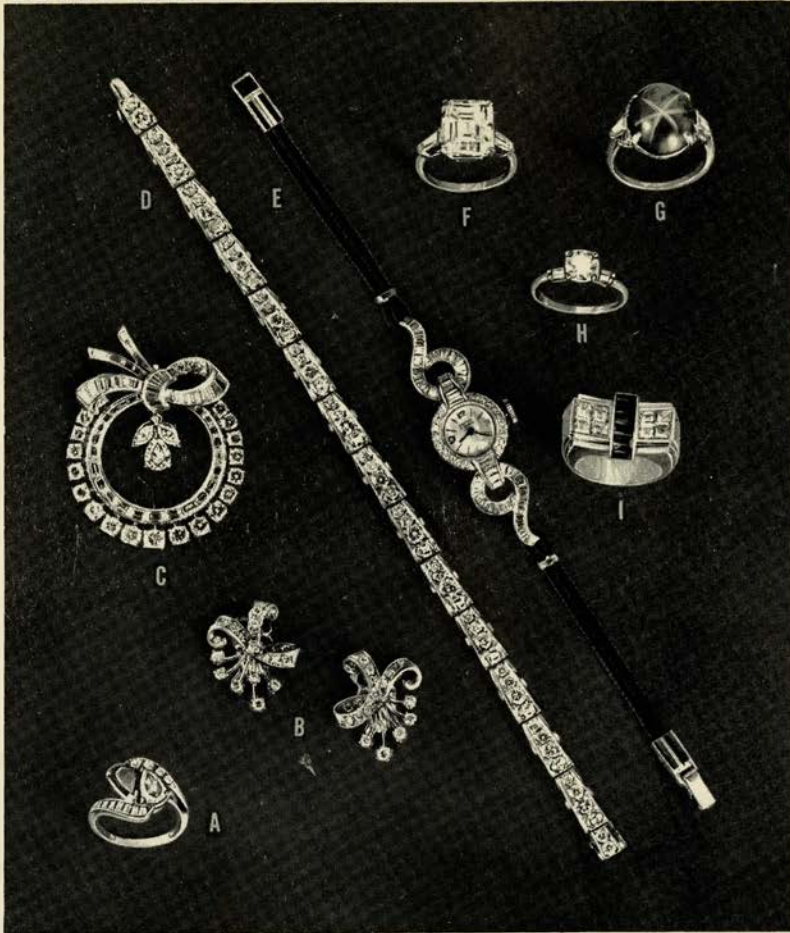
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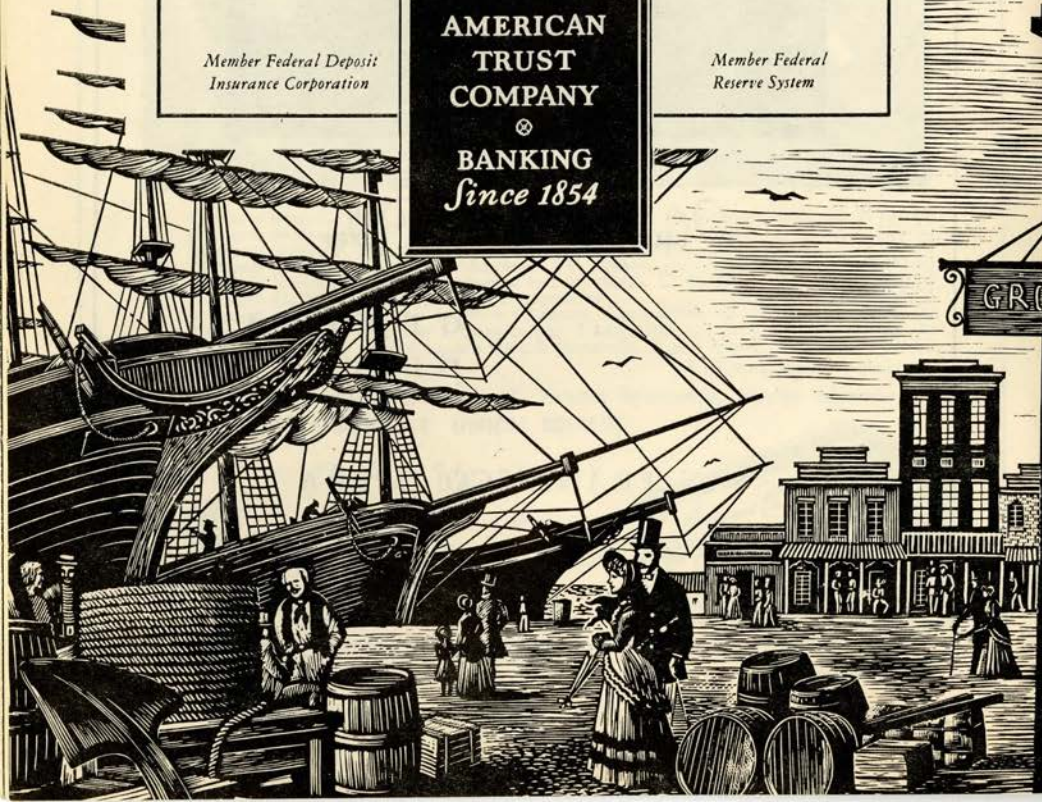
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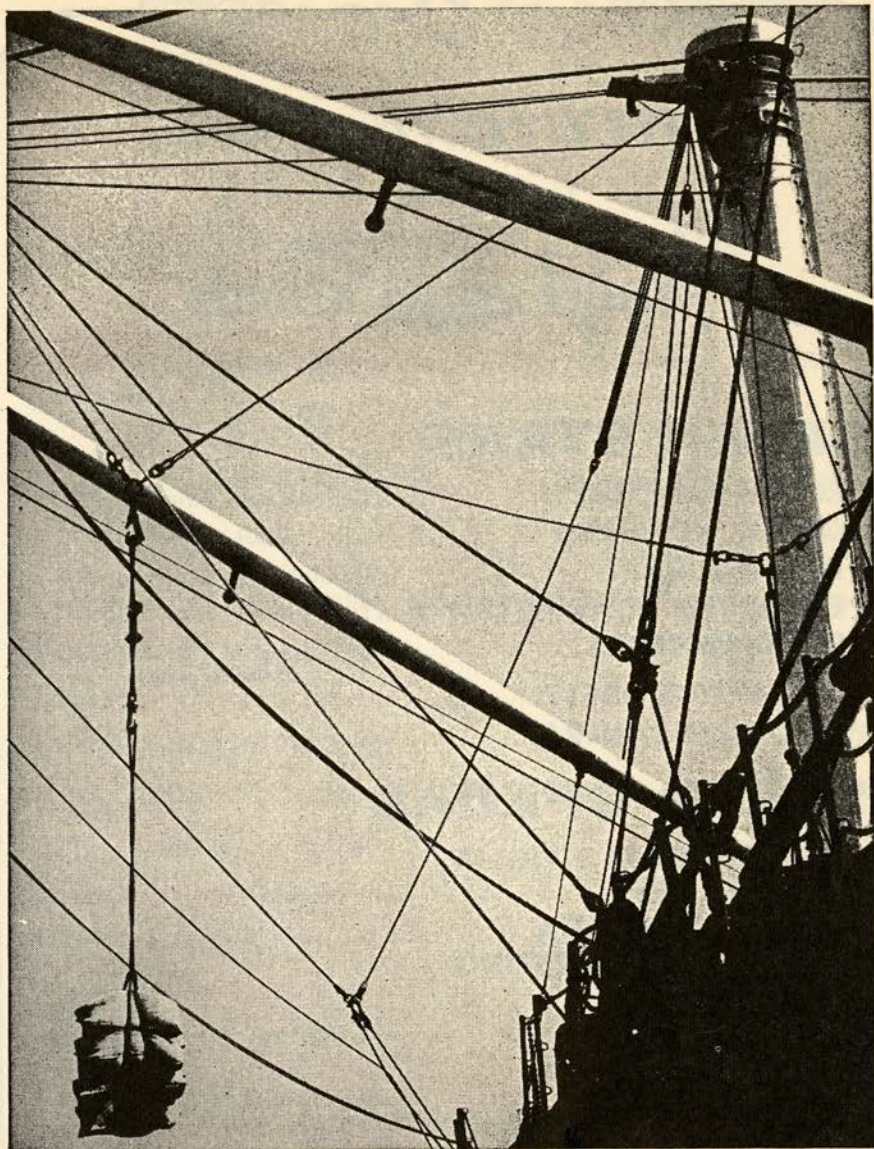
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ACT I—Medea has helped Jason steal the Golden Fleece and, in doing so, has killed her own brother and alienated herself from her native land. She has married Jason, borne him two sons, and is still in love with him. But Jason has wearied of Medea and has asked King Creon for the hand of his daughter, Glauce. As the opera opens Glauce and her handmaidens are celebrating the forthcoming marriage. Creon enters, with Jason, and promises protection for the two sons of Medea, whom the Corinthians want to kill along with Medea, whom they regard as a sorceress. Guards announce the presence of a strange, veiled woman, who turns out to be Medea, herself. She upbraids Jason and Glauce and is sentenced to exile by Creon. Left alone with Jason, Medea appeals to his past love for her and his loyalty to their children, but to no avail.

ACT II—Medea is agitated by the thought of having her children taken away from her. Neris, her handmaiden, warns her that the people of Corinth seek Medea's blood. Creon enters and tells Medea she must leave, but she begs for one more day in which to say goodbye to her sons. Reluctantly, Creon agrees. As Jason leaves the children with her, he betrays a fondness for them, and Medea realizes she may get revenge on him through them. She also plots against Glauce, by preparing a poisoned diadem and mantle as a gift for her.

ACT III—Medea's two sons return from having taken her gift to Glauce. Her innate love for them stops Medea just in time, as she attempts to kill them. Screams are heard from the temple as the diadem and mantle take effect on Glauce. Strengthened in her resolve, and despite the pleas of Neris, Medea now takes the children into the temple. Neris summons Jason to help, but as he approaches Medea emerges from the temple, the deed done. Jason pleads for the bodies of the children so he may give them decent burial, but Medea tells him he will never see them again.



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(In Italian)

Opera in three acts by Gioacchino Rossini

Text by Cesare Sterbini, after the comedy by Beaumarchais

Conductor: GLAUCO CURIEL **Stage Director:** **ENRICO FRIGERIO

Count Almaviva..... **RICHARD MILLER
Figaro, the Barber of Seville..... **ROLANDO PANERAI
Doctor Bartolo, a physician..... SALVATORE BACCALONI
Rosina, his ward..... **EUGENIA RATTI
Don Basilio, a music master..... GIORGIO TOZZI
Bertha, Dr. Bartolo's housekeeper..... KATHERINE HILGENBERG
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TIME AND PLACE: Seventeenth Century; Seville

Act I: A street in Seville, early morning

Act II: A room in Dr. Bartolo's house

Act III: The same

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ACT I—With his band of hired musicians, Count Almaviva comes at dawn to serenade Rosina outside the house of her guardian Dr. Bartolo, who keeps her a virtual prisoner in the hopes of marrying her himself. Almaviva dismisses the musicians when Rosina does not appear but lingers near her home. The barber Figaro arrives and describes his busy life. The Count asks him to arrange a meeting with Rosina adding that his identity must not be known for he does not wish her to be influenced by the glamour of his rank. Suddenly Rosina appears on her balcony and in spite of Dr. Bartolo's precautions, drops Almaviva a note. Almaviva sings a second serenade telling Rosina that he is Lindoro, a poor creature who can offer her nothing but love. Then the Count and Figaro continue their planning. Troops are coming to the city, and it is decided that Almaviva, disguised as a drunken soldier, must arrange to be billeted with Bartolo.

ACT II—Rosina, in high spirits after reading a note from Lindoro, runs from the room. Bartolo enters with Basilio, the music teacher, who informs the doctor that Count Almaviva has been haunting the neighborhood and both conclude that he is the mysterious serenader. Basilio suggests that they start some disgraceful rumor that will make Rosina reject the Count. When they leave Rosina returns with Figaro who warns her of the doctor's intention of marrying her and leaves with a note from her to Lindoro. Dr. Bartolo suspects that Figaro may be carrying notes between his ward and her admirer but is frustrated by Rosina in his attempts to gain the truth. Later the Count enters in his disguise. The old doctor suspiciously resists the order for the quartering of soldiers. He leaves to summon aid and Almaviva manages to slip a note to Rosina in his absence. Soon soldiers arrive to arrest the offender but immediately release him when the Count secretly reveals his identity to the officer.

ACT III—The doctor, wondering if the drunken soldier may not be an emissary of Count Almaviva, is interrupted by a stranger, none other than the Count himself, now disguised as a music teacher. He explains that Basilio is ill and that he has come in his place to give Rosina her music lesson. Figaro arrives and, to assure the young people of a moment together, insists on shaving the doctor who will not leave the room. His face is covered with lather when Basilio appears in perfect health. He is convinced by the disguised Count that he is really not well and departs. Bartolo's suspicions are once again aroused and he tells Rosina that Lindoro intends to sell her to Count Almaviva. As night falls, the Count, accompanied by Figaro, enters to elope with Rosina. Believing the slanderous tales about her suitor, she refuses to go with them. Then the Count reveals his identity and after a joyous moment they make ready to depart. They are prevented by the arrival of Don Basilio and the Notary, prepared to marry Dr. Bartolo and his ward. Instead, they are persuaded to marry Rosina to the Count. Dr. Bartolo, arriving too late to stop the wedding, decides to accept his misfortune gracefully and bestows his blessing on the pair.

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Text by Joseph Méry and Camille DuLocle, after the play by Schiller

Conductor: GEORGES SEBASTIAN **Stage Director:** PAUL HAGER

Philip II, King of Spain.....GIORGIO TOZZI
Don Carlo, Crown Prince.....*PIERO MIRANDA FERRARO
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Elisabeth of Valois, wife of Philip II.....LEYLA GENCER
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TIME AND PLACE:

Act I: Scene 1: Cloister of the Monastery of St. Just
Scene 2: Cloister gardens of the Monastery
Act II: Scene 1: The Queen's gardens in Madrid
Scene 2: Square before the Cathedral
Act III: In the King's palace in Madrid
Act IV: Scene 1: The prison of Don Carlo
Scene 2: Same as Act I, Scene 1

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Friday, September 19, "La Boheme" (Puccini)
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The Story of "Don Carlo"

ACT I—The aged King Charles V of Spain comes to the monastery of St. Just, and resolves to give up his secular life for a monk's habit. After he retires, Don Carlo, Crown Prince of Spain, enters, seeking consolation after learning that his fiancée, Elisabeth of Valois, has become the bride of his father, Philip II. King Philip and Queen Elisabeth enter the monastery and kneel briefly at the tomb of Don Carlo's grandfather, Charles V. Shortly after, the Queen walks sadly into the cloister garden alone and is approached by Rodrigo, Carlo's friend, who hands her a letter from Carlo asking to see her. She grants the request and Carlo is ushered in. He wishes to leave for the Netherlands to protect the Flemish from the tyranny of Spain, and he begs her to obtain the king's permission. Then he declares his love but he is repulsed by Elisabeth and departs. Philip re-enters and is angered to find his wife unattended. He suspects that Elisabeth and Carlo have betrayed him and he commands Rodrigo to watch them.

ACT II—At midnight Carlo awaits the Queen in her gardens following instructions in a letter he believes to have been written by her. The letter was really written by Eboli who thinks Carlo loves her. As Eboli enters Carlo passionately declares his love. When she removes her veil they both realize their mistake. Rodrigo comes upon them and tries to placate Eboli but she runs from the garden swearing to expose Carlo and Elisabeth. Rodrigo asks Don Carlo to give him any incriminating papers that he might have, should Eboli cause Carlo to be searched.

The scene changes to the square before the Cathedral where an immense crowd awaits the coronation of King Philip. The monarch emerges from the church and is greeted by six Flemish deputies led by Carlo. All except the friars plead for the king to have mercy on the rebellious subjects. In defiance of his father, Carlo swears to champion the Flemish cause but surrenders his sword to Rodrigo.

ACT III—In his library Philip consults with the Inquisitor who urges the death of both Carlo and Rodrigo. As the old man leaves Elisabeth enters. Philip breaks the lock of her jewel casket, which she believes to have been stolen, and reveals a portrait of Carlo. He accuses her of adultery and the Queen faints. Eboli and Rodrigo enter, the former confessing to Elisabeth's betrayal.

ACT IV—Rodrigo, swearing to free Spain from political oppression, departs to visit Carlo in prison and is fatally shot by a member of the Inquisition. The penitent Eboli tries to save Carlo but he refuses to leave with her. He is given his liberty by his father as the mob enters the cell to attack the monarch. Philip is protected by the Grand Inquisitor.

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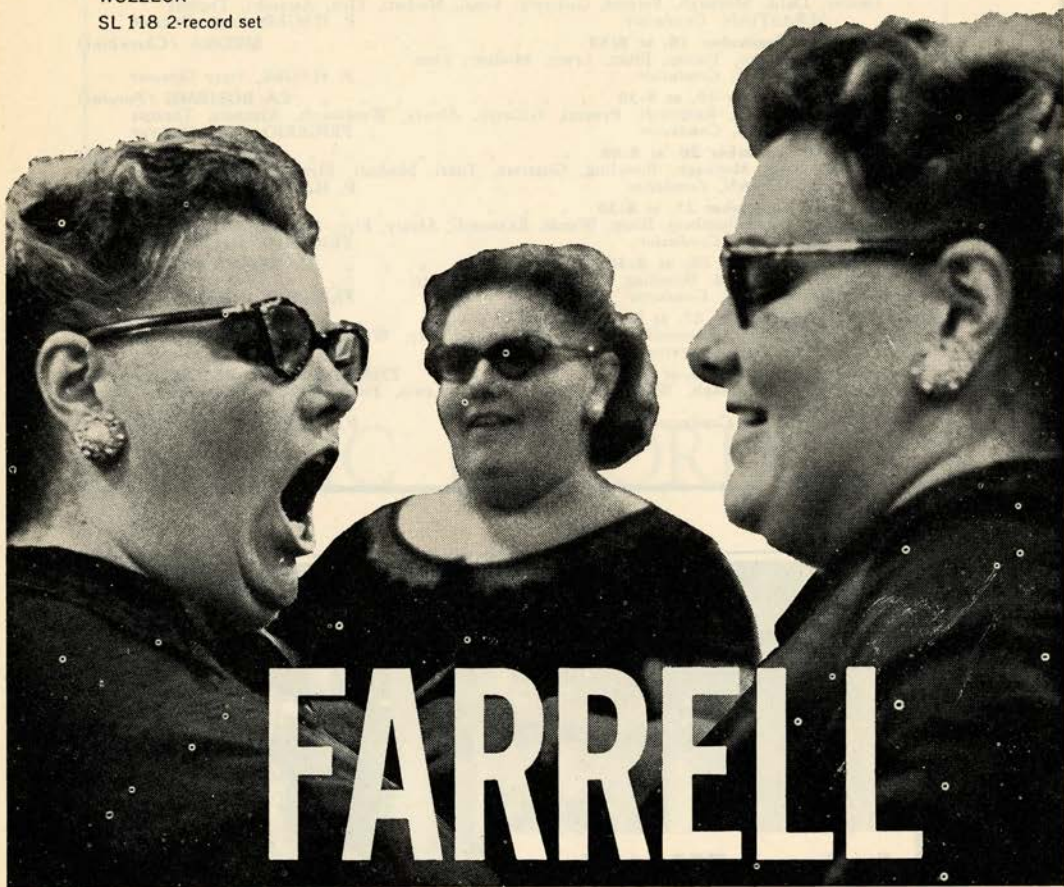
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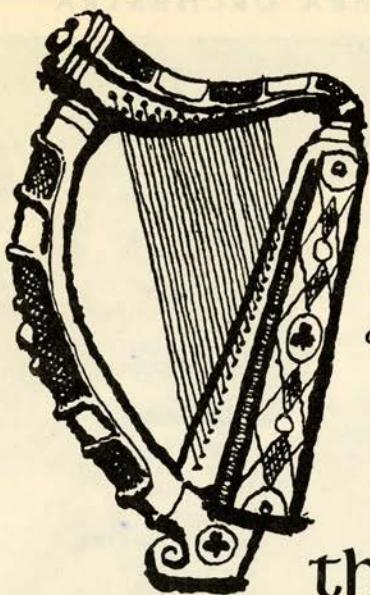
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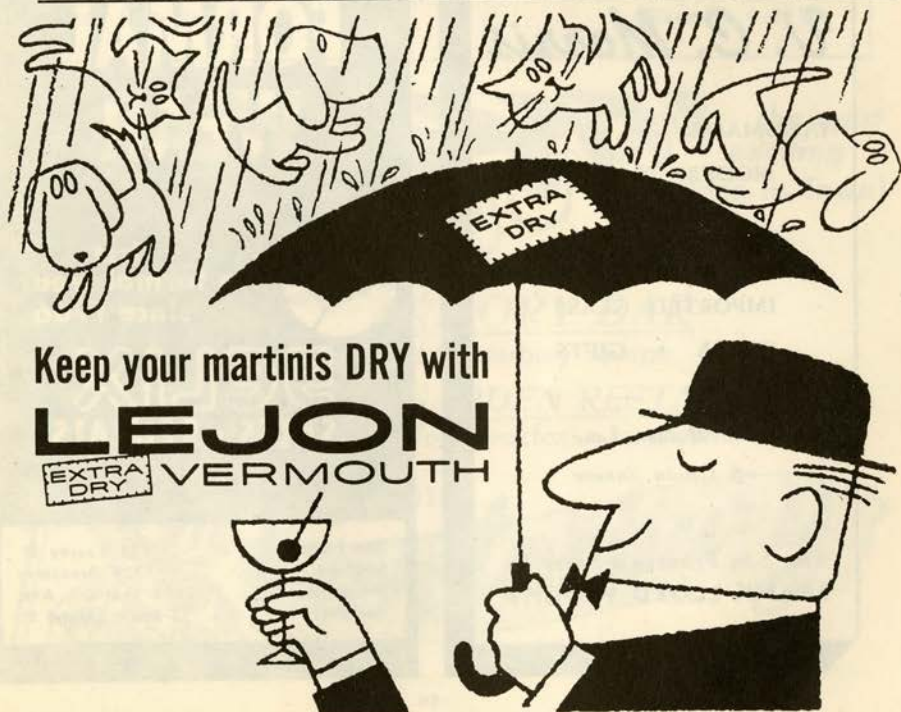
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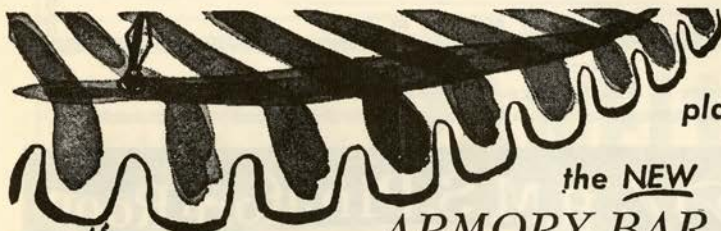
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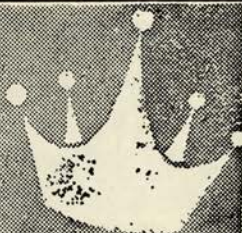
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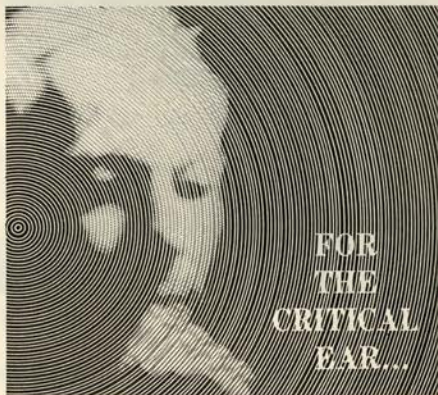
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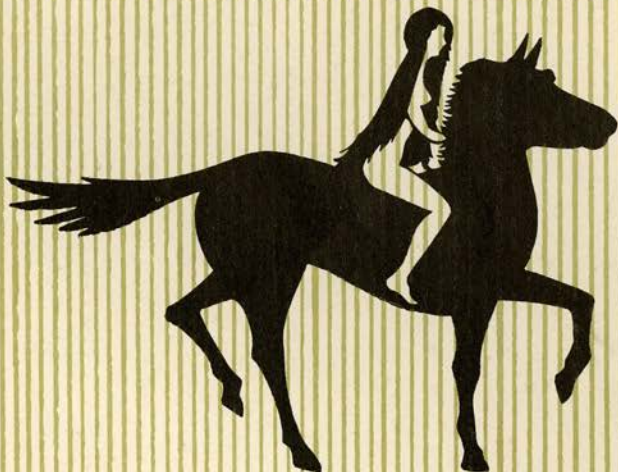
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