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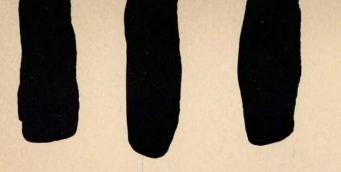
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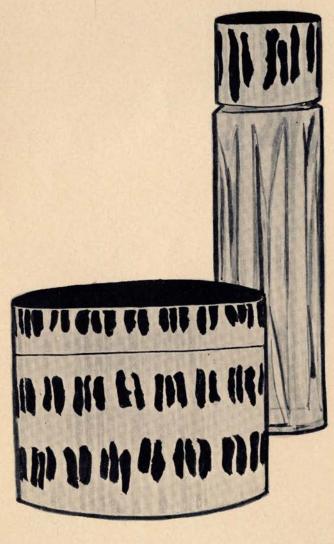
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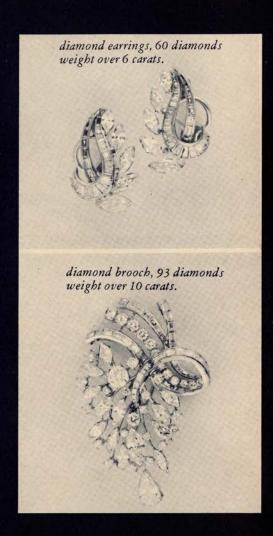


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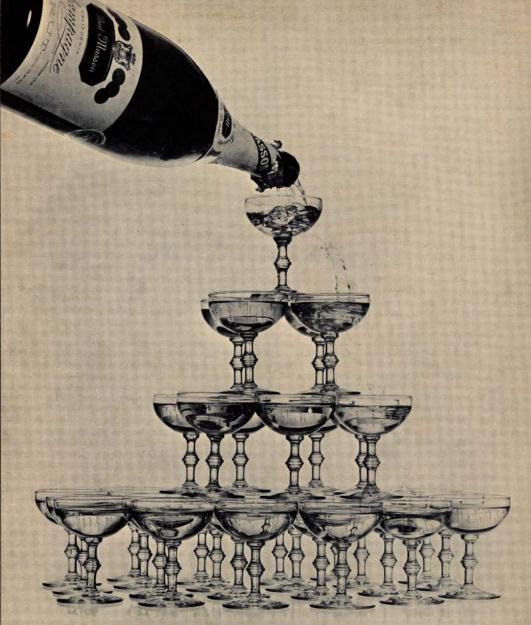
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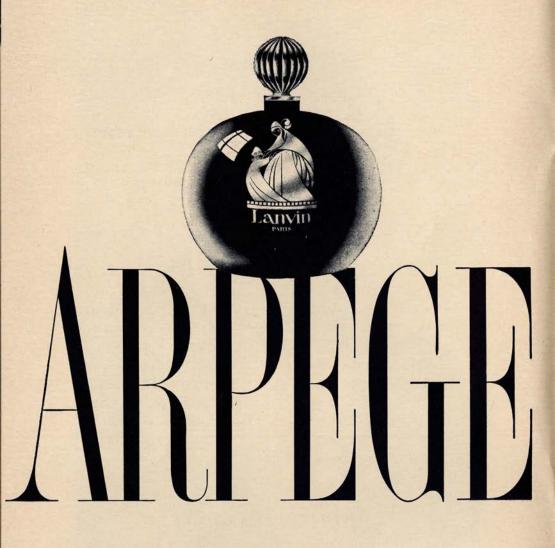


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INGRID BJONER

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Miss Bjoner was immediately engaged by the Vienna Staatsoper, where she repeated Donna Anna, and has since sung in Munich, Berlin, and Stuttgart, and is presently a permanent member of the opera in Dusseldorf. She has given concerts in London, Warsaw, and Vancouver, B.C., at the International festival.

Although this is her first visit to the United States, Miss Bjoner was married earlier this month to an American who works in Europe.

FLORIANA CAVALLI

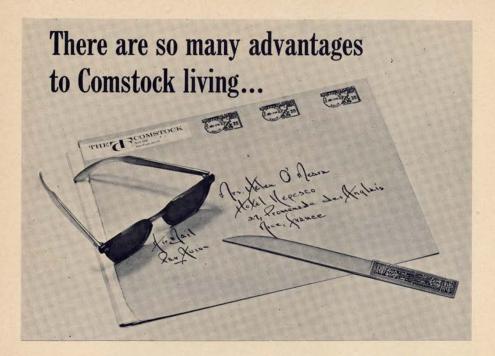
A native of Bologna, Miss Cavalli will be heard for the first time in the United States as "Aida" this Monday. She will also sing with the San Francisco Opera in "Tosca," "La Boheme," and "Simon Boccanegra" in the forthcoming sea-

son in Los Angeles.

A beautiful woman, who has turned down many offers to appear in motion pictures, Miss Cavalli has had remarkable success in her to-date brief career. Her debut was made five years ago in "La Traviata" in Ferrara. Since then she has had the honor of opening the Rome Opera season as Desdemona in "Otello" opposite Mario del Monaco and has also starred at the Naples San Carlo.

Her performances of "Aida" have brought Miss Cavalli particular acclaim at the outdoor Baths of Caracalla in Rome and the Arena in Verona.





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Act III: Scene 1: The bridal chamber of the palace

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Acr II—Upbraided by Telramund for their downfall, Ortrud plots to gain reinstatement by undermining Elsa's faith in Lohengrin. Feigning repentance she goes to Elsa and succeeds in arousing the girl's suspicions. The wedding plans proceed, however, and as Elsa prepares to enter the chapel, Ortrud reappears claiming priority over the bride-elect of a nameless knight. Telramund, too, joins in accusing the knight of sorcery, but to no avail; the wedding procession continues and Elsa and Lohengrin are united.

Acr III—Arriving at the bridal chamber, Elsa, no longer able to withhold her doubts, demands that Lohengrin reveal his identity. At that moment, Telramund enters with four followers, intending to kill Lohengrin but is slain by him instead. Placing Elsa in the care of her ladies, Lohengrin departs for the Oak of Justice to vindicate himself. (Scene 2) Lohengrin, exonerated by the King, is compelled by Elsa's request to reveal his secret. He then discloses himself as the son of Parisfal, Knight of the Holy Grail, and announces that he must return to its guardianship. In parting, Lohengrin reunites Elsa and her brother, but grief-stricken over the loss of her husband, she falls prostrate.

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MOLINARI-PRADELLI, Conductor YANNOPOULOS, Stage Director BAY, Designer CARMEN (Bizet) Tuesday Night, September 20, at 8:00 . . . DIE FRAU OHNE SCHATTEN (Strauss)
Rysanek, Schech, Dalis, Costa, McCann, Starr, Martin, Blum, Hilgenberg, Parly, Schoeffler,
Anderson, Alvary, Wentworth, Manton, Russell,
Romero, Standard, Drain
HAGER, Stage Director
Production by PONNELLE-COLANGELO-WEST Thursday Night, September 22, at 8:30 Amara, Zampieri, Zanasi, Baccaloni, Foldi, Fried, Romero, Standard, Waring VARVISO, Conductor HAGER, Stage Director TOSCA (Puccini) Friday Night, September 23, at 8:30

LA FANCIULLA DEL WEST (Puccini)

Kirsten, Hilgenberg, Konya, Gobbi, Alvary, Fried, Manton, Russell, Hoskinson, Foldi, Wentworth,
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YANNOPOULOS, Stage Director AGNINI, Designer Saturday Night, September 24, at 8:00 . . DIE FRAU OHNE SCHATTEN (Strauss)
Rysanek, Schech, Dalis, Costa, McCann, Starr, Martin, Blum, Hilgenberg, Parly, Schoeffler,
Anderson, Alvary, Wentworth, Manton, Russell, Romero, Standard, Drain
LUDWIG, Conductor
Production by PONNELLE-COLANGELO-WEST SIMON BOCCANEGRA (Verdi) Thursday Night, September 29, at 8:00
Schwarzkopf, Bible, Stahlman, Hilgenberg, McCann, Curatilo, Liagre, Blum, Martin, Nelson, Boehne, Wentworth, Manton, Fried, Foldi, Hoskinson, Harvey, Russell, Standard, Andersen, Drain, Booth, Caperello, Giosso
VARVISO, Conductor

HAGER, Stage Director Friday Night, September 30, at 8:00

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CHRISTENSEN, Choreographer · · · AIDA (Verdi) Saturday Night, October 1, at 8:30 LA FANCIULLA DEL WEST (Puccini)
Kirsten, Hilgenberg, Konya, Gobbi, Alvary, Fried, Manton, Russell, Hoskinson, Foldi, Wentworth,
Anderson, Romero, Standard, Harvey, Andersen, Drain, Caperello
MOLINARI-PRADELLI, Conductor
YANNOPOULOS, Stage Director AGNINI, Designer Thursday Night, October 6, at 8:00
Amara, Martin, Gobbi, Zampieri, Tozzi, Evans, Anderson, Russell
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YANNOPOULOS, Stage Director SIMON BOCCANEGRA (Verdi) Friday Night, October 7, at 8:00
Schwarzkopf, Toepper, Stahlman, Hilgenberg, McCann, Curatilo, Liagre, Blum, Martin, Nelson, Boehme, Wentworth, Manton, Fried, Foldi, Hoskinson, Harvey, Russell, Standard, Andersen, Drain, Booth, Caperello, Giosso
VARVISO, Conductor

HAGER, Stage Director Saturday Night, October 8, at 8:30
Horne, Blum, Evans, Lewis, Parly, Alvary, Manton, Fried, Wentworth, Romero, Booth, Garay
LUDWIG, Conductor
Production by BAUER-ECSY—MASON

(Relief) Tuesday Night, October 11, at 8:30 Moffo, Stahlman, Martin, Monti, Tozzi, Foldi, Manton MOLINARI-PRADELLI, Conductor YANN LA SONNAMBULA (Bellini) YANNOPOULOS, Stage Director CHRISTENSEN, Choreographer NAGY, Designer followed by VARIATIONS DE BALLET (Glazunoff) Vollmar, Bailey, Drew de ROSA, Conductor BALANCHINE-CHRISTENSEN, Choreography Thursday Night, October 13, at 8:30

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- Tuesday Night, October 18, at 8:00
 Schwarzkopf, Hilgenberg, Costa, Lewis, Guarrera, Schoeffler
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 LENETTE HAGER, Stage Director COSI FAN TUTTE (Mozart) JENKINS, Designer
- Thursday Night, October 20, at 8:30 . LA TRAVIATA (Verdi)
 Costa, Blum, Martin, Zampieri, Weede, Russell, Romero, Foldi, Standard, Booth, Drain, Andersen
 VARVISO, Conductor HAGER, Stage Director G. HAGER, Choreographer
- Friday Night, October 21, at 8:00 LOHENGRIN (Wagner)

 Bjoner, Dalis, Liagre, Curatilo, Blum, Martin, Konya, Anderson, Boehme, Wentworth

 MOLINARI-PRADELLI, Conductor YANNOPOULOS, Stage Director KERZ, Designer
- Saturday Night, October 22, at 8:30 LA BOHEME (Puccini)
 Amara, Costa, Peerce, Zanasi, Romero, Alvary, Baccaloni, Russell, Standard, Drain, Garay
 VARVISO, Conductor
 YANNOPOULOS, Stage Director JENKINS, Designer
- Monday Night, October 24, at 8:00

 Cavalli, Dalis, Martin, Konya, Zanasi, Anderson, Foldi, Russell

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- Wednesday Night, October 26, at 8:30. WOZZECK (B. Horne, Blum, Evans, Lewis, Parly, Alvary, Manton, Fried, Wentworth, Romero, Booth, Garay LUDWIG, Conductor HAGER, Stage Director Production by BAUER-ECSY—MASON WOZZECK (Berg)
- Thursday Night, October 27, at 8:00

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Acr II—Rodolfo and Mimi join their friends at the Cafe Momus. Here Marcello's fickle sweetheart Musetta, in spite of the presence of her rich and elderly admirer Alcindoro, tries to regain the affections of her former lover. Marcello promptly succumbs, and when a parade passes by the cafe he and the other Bohemians fall in behind it, bearing Musetta aloft and leaving their bill to be settled by Alcindoro.

Acr III—At dawn on a wintry morning, Mimi comes to the tavern to get help from Marcello who is living nearby with Musetta. Mimi confesses to him that she wishes to leave Rodolfo because of his jealousy. She hides as Rodolfo appears and tells Marcello his fears for Mimi's health. Mimi overhears and is reassured of her lover's affection. Aware that she has not long to live, she tries to say goodbye but they are temporarily reconciled. Musetta runs from the tavern quarreling with Marcello.

Acr IV—Rodolfo and Marcello, having again separated from their mistresses, are back in their garret studio. They are trying to work but both are lonely and sad. At the entrance of Schaunard and Colline bringing a scant supply of food, their mood brightens. As the four begin to dance and sing, Musetta interrupts with news that the ailing Mimi is outside. The friends help her into the room and leave to buy medicine for her. She and Rodolfo tenderly reaffirm their love. The others return too late, for Mimi, after a fit of coughing, dies leaving Rodolfo heartbroken.

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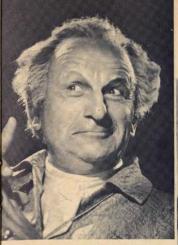
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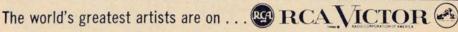


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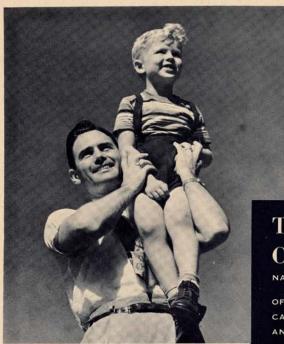


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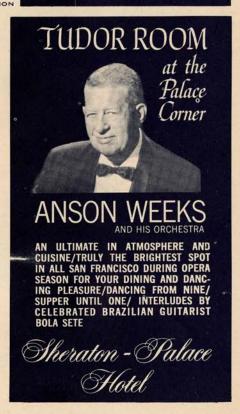
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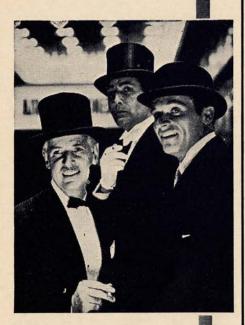


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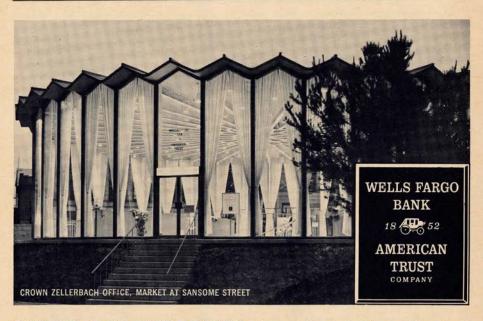
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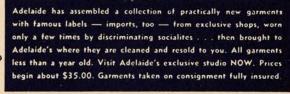
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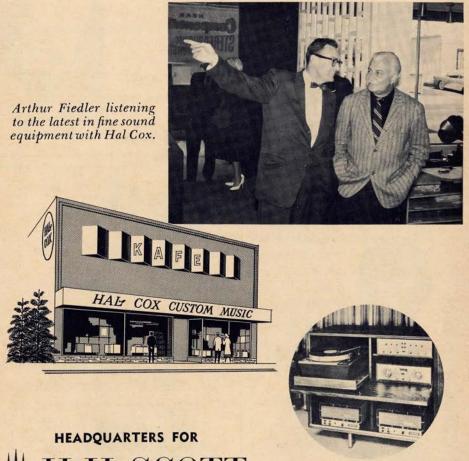




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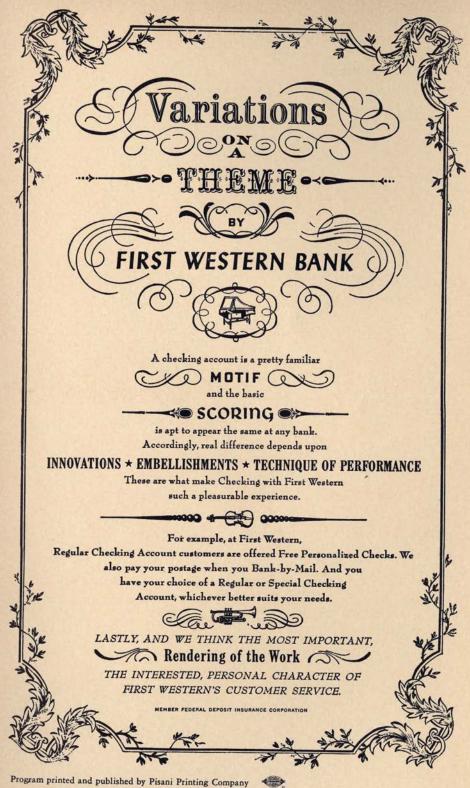




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