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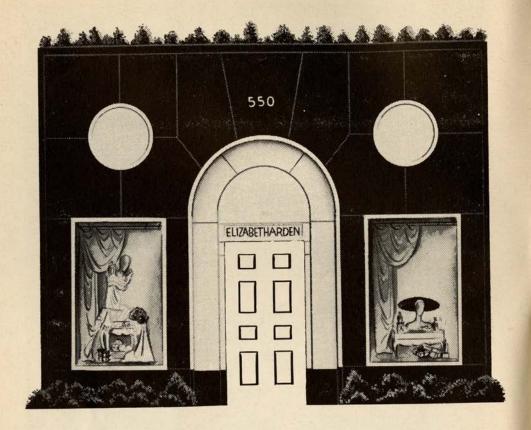
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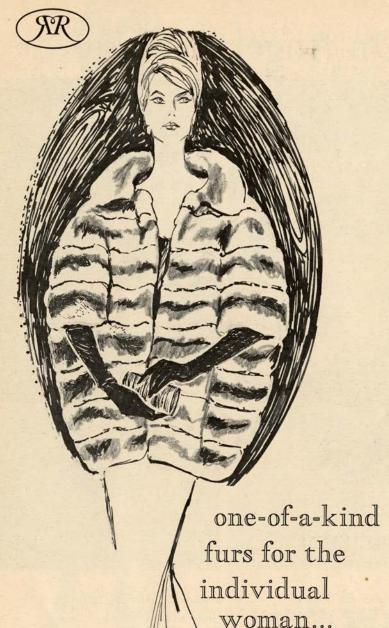
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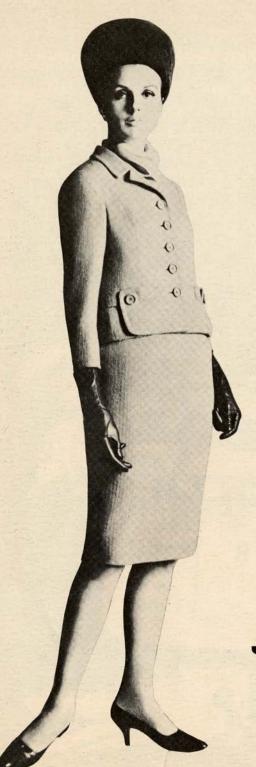
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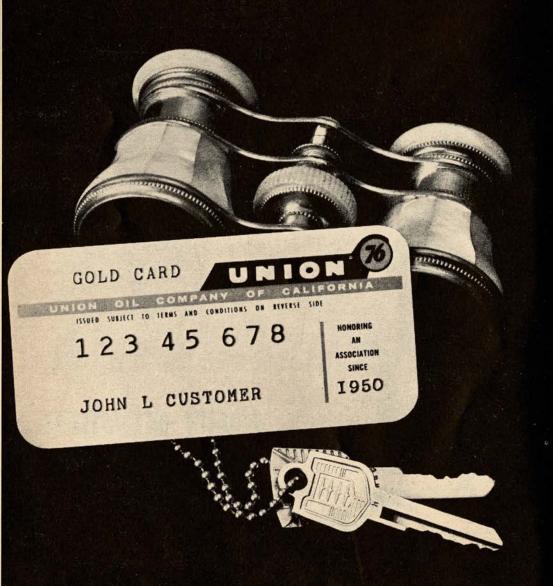
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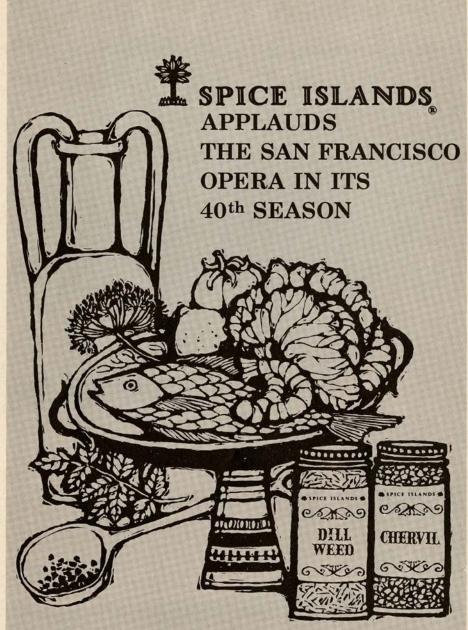
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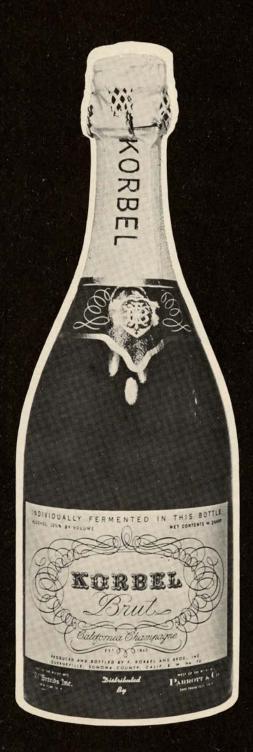
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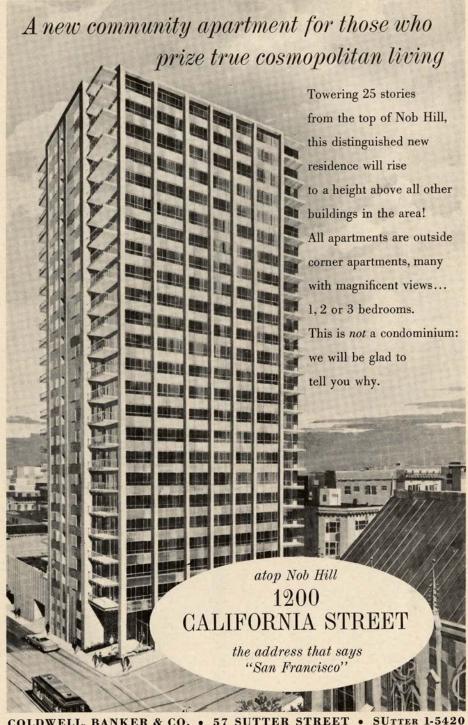
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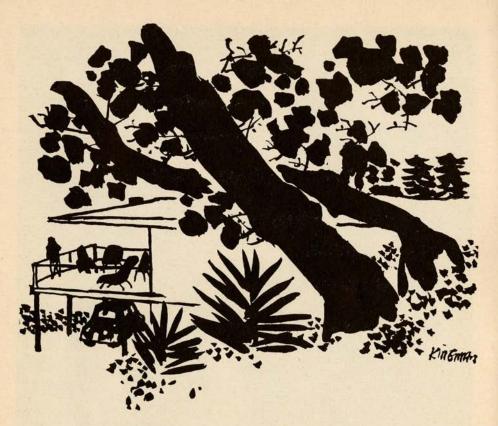


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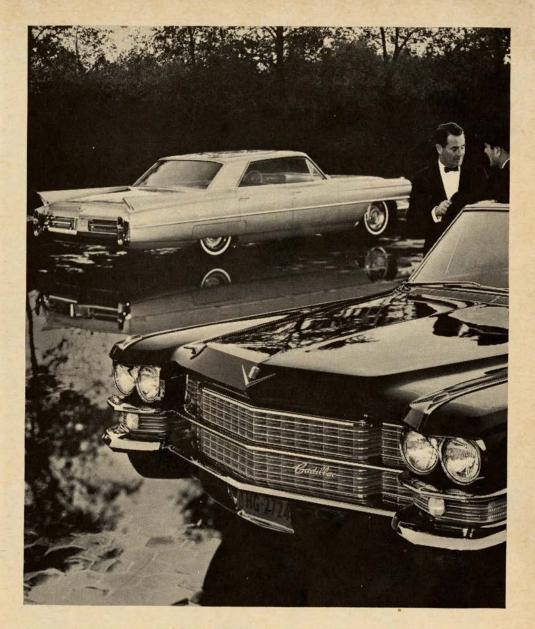
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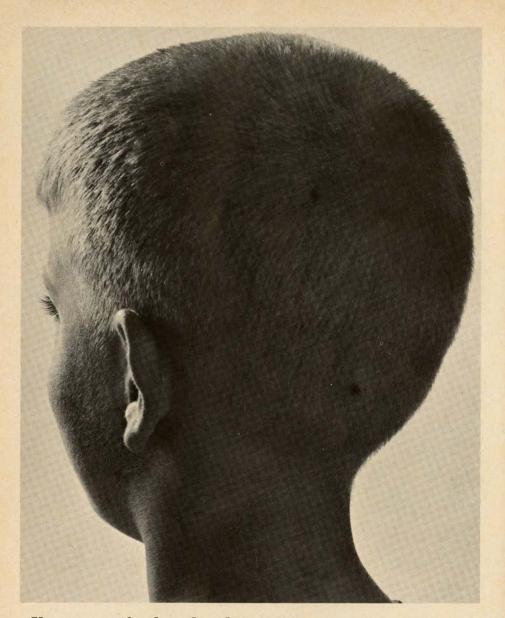
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Miss Kabaiwanska is a native of Bulgaria. She will make her Metropolitan Opera debut as Nedda in "I Pagliacci" later this month. Her San Francisco appearance was arranged as a personal courtesy of Rudolf Bing to Kurt Herbert Adler.

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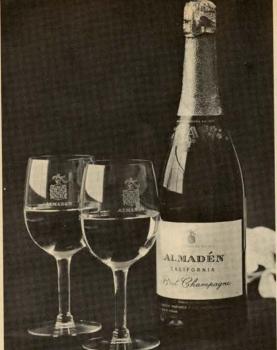
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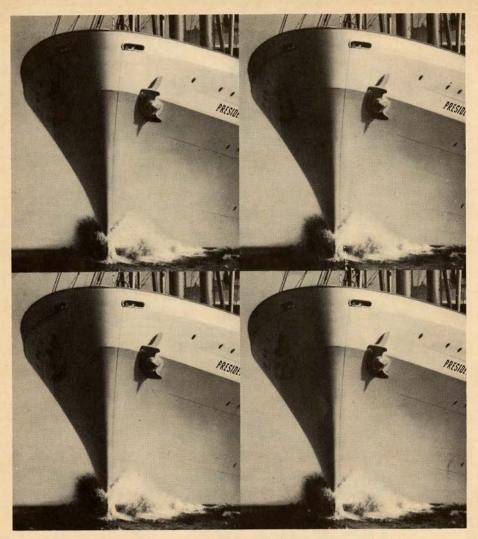
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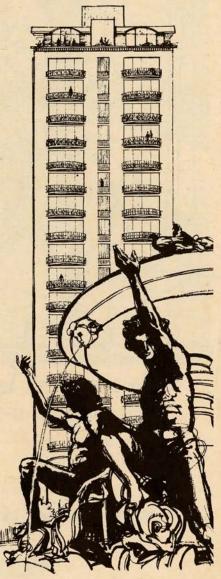
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Don Giovanni

Opera in two acts by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart Text by Lorenzo da Ponte

Conductor: LEOPOLD LUDWIG Staged by: PAUL HAGER

Sets from the Dallas Civic Opera, designed by FRANCO ZEFFIRELLI

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Chorus Director: VINCENZO GIANNINI

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Act 1: Scene 1: Courtyard of the Commandant's place

Scene 2: Street in suburban Sevilla

Scene 3: A pastoral grove

Scene 4: Outside Don Giovanni's palace

Scene 5: Ballroom in Don Giovanni's palace.

Act II: Scene 1: Street in suburban Sevilla

Scene 2: A dark hallway in the Commandant's palace

Scene 3: A cemetery

Scene 4: A room in Donna Anna's palace

Scene 5: In Don Giovanni's palace

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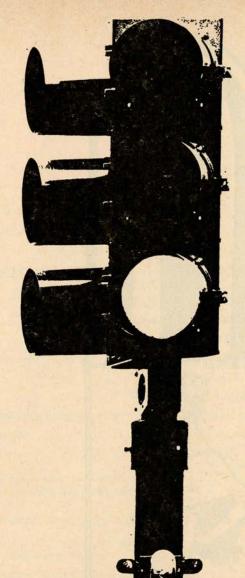
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Act II—Insuring Donna Elvira's absence through a ruse, Don Giovanni comes to serenade Zerlina, but is interrupted by her fiancé, Masetto, and some villagers. Passing himself off as Leporello, he sends the villagers on a false search, cudgels Masetto with his own weapons and escapes. A few moments later Leporello, disguised as Don Giovanni, enters with Donna Elvira. Attempting to escape her, he is confronted by Donna Anna and Don Ottavio, as well as Zerlina and Masetto. Fearful, Leporello discloses his real identity declaring himself the dupe of Don Giovanni. Later that evening Leporello and Don Giovanni meet in a cemetery containing the life-sized statue of the late Commandant. There they recite their respective adventures while re-exchanging garments. The statue then speaks foretelling Don Giovanni's doom, but he replies defiantly and invites the statue to a banquet at the palace. Meanwhile, at Donna Anna's palace, Don Ottavio tries to console the grief-stricken girl telling her that the villain will soon be brought to justice. That evening at Don Giovanni's palace, Donna Elvira pleads with him to reform, but he ignores her and continues preparations for his banquet. As she leaves, the statue appears commanding Don Giovanni to repent. At his refusal, the statue pronounces his doom, and the nobleman is enveloped in flames. Donna Anna, Don Ottavio, Donna Elvira, Masetto, Zerlina and Leporello then join in a sextet telling of their future plans.

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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 play 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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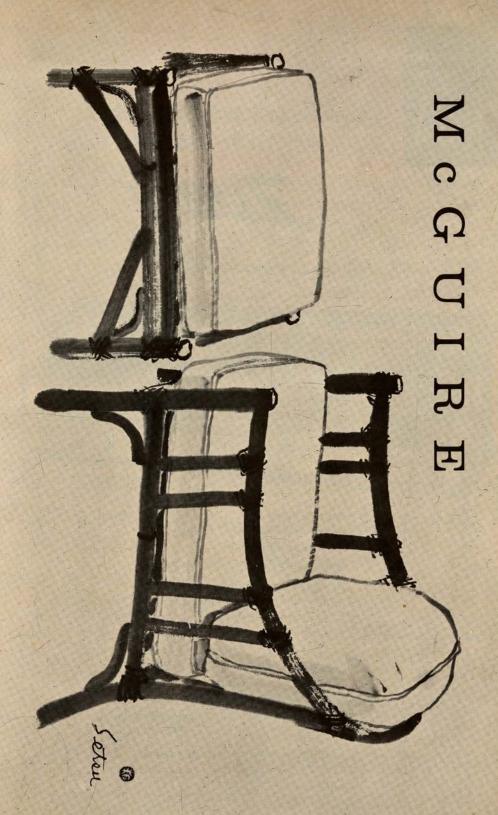
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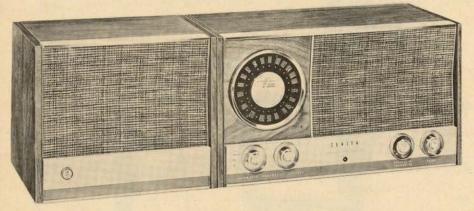




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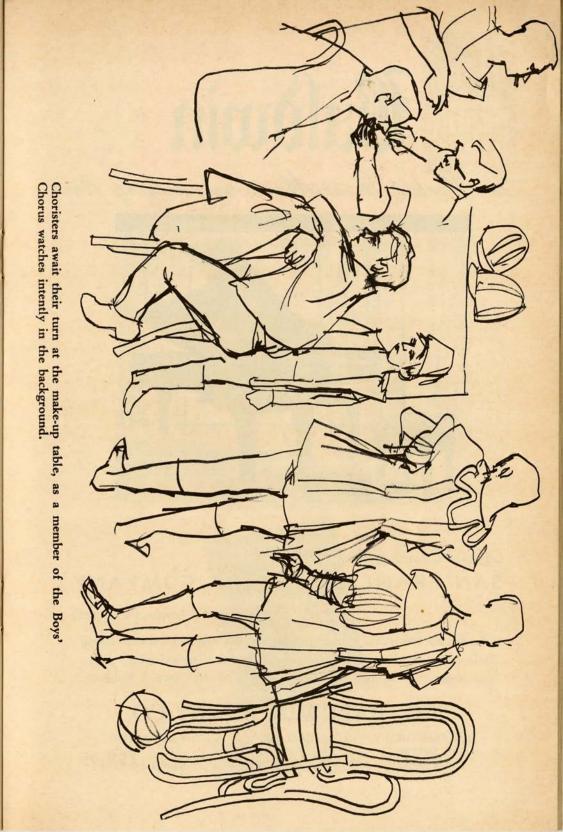




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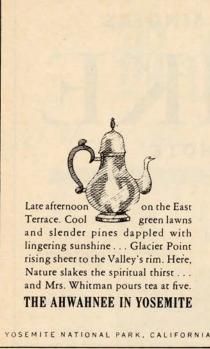
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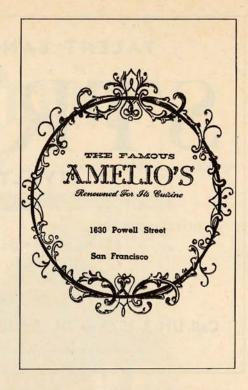
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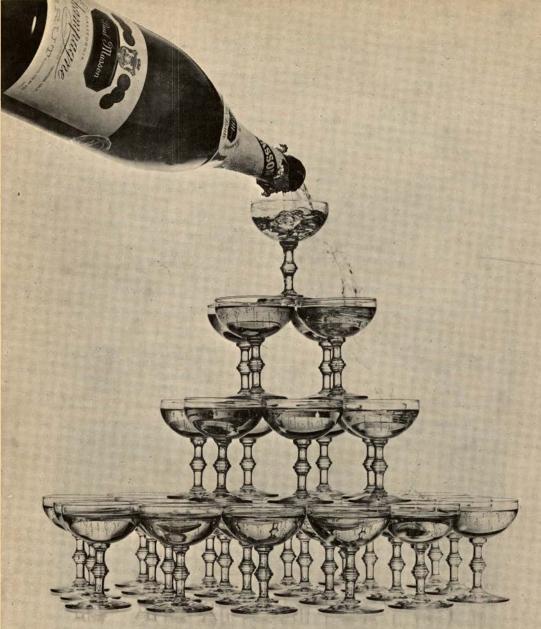
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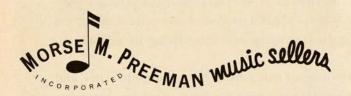
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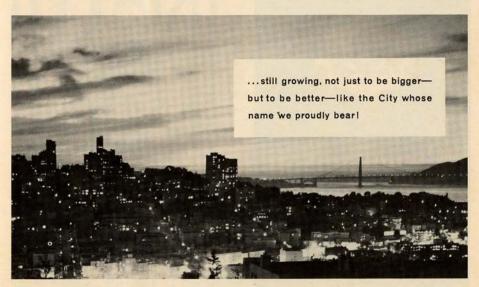
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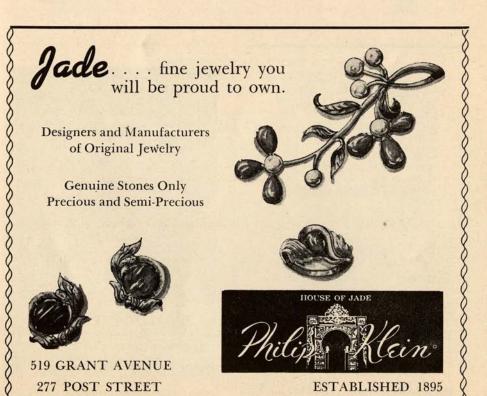
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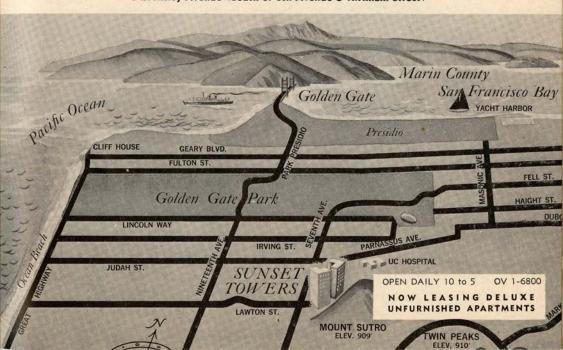
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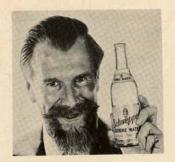




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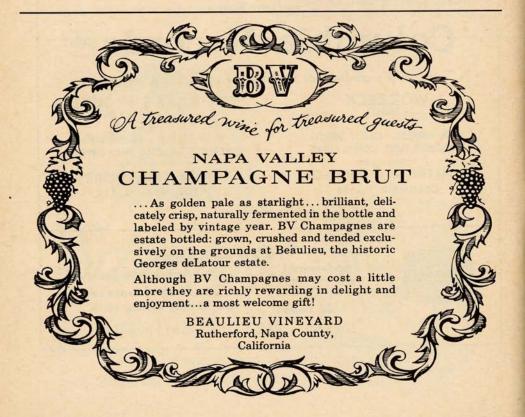


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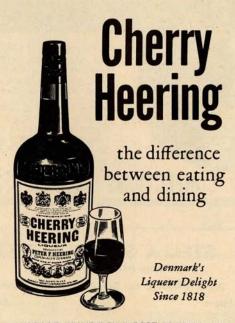
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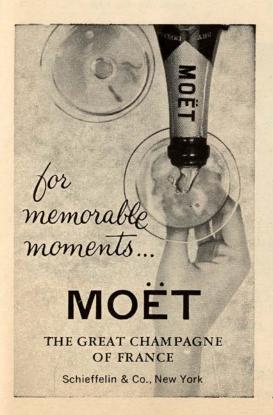
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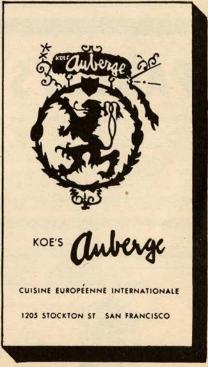
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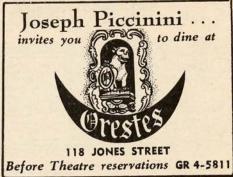
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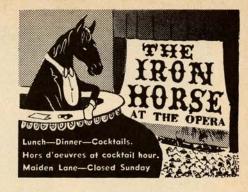
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Costumes after sketches by WOLFRAM SKALICKI, executed by GOLDSTEIN & CO.

TIME AND PLACE: Seventeenth century Sevilla.

Act 1: Scene 1: Courtyard of the Commandant's place

Scene 2: Street in suburban Sevilla

Scene 3: A pastoral grove

Scene 4: Outside Don Giovanni's palace Scene 5: Ballroom in Don Giovanni's palace

Act II: Scene 1: Street in suburban Sevilla

Scene 2: A dark hallway in the Commandant's palace

Scene 3: A cemetery

Scene 4: A room in Donna Anna's palace

Scene 5: In Don Giovanni's palace

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