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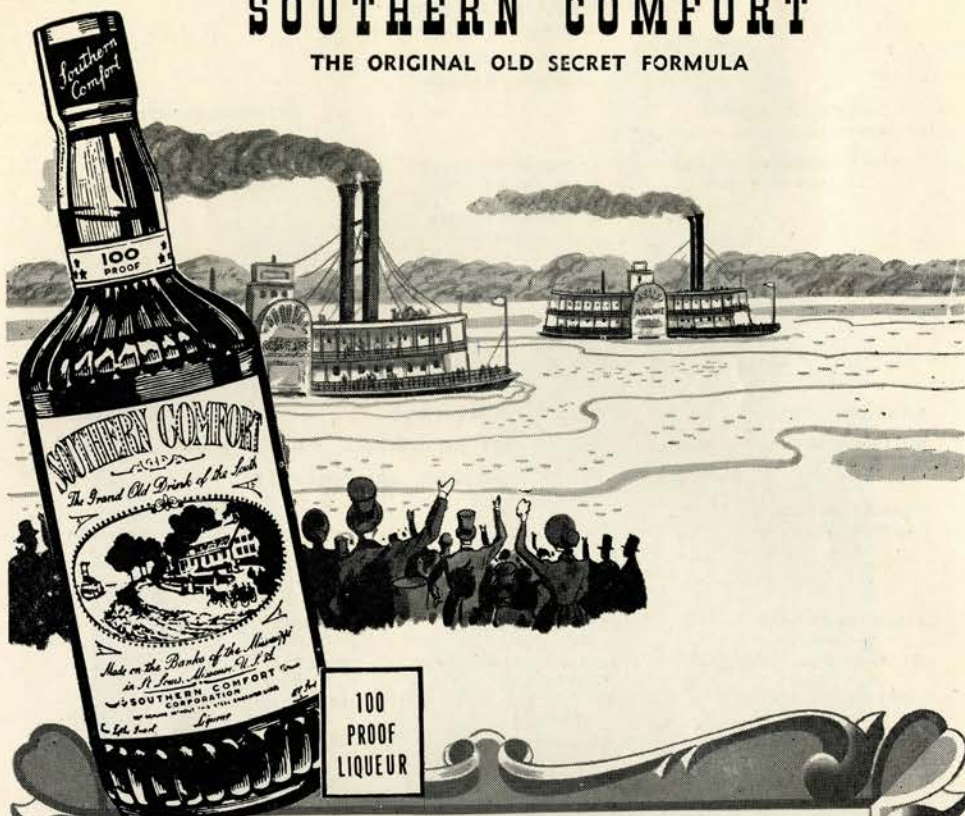
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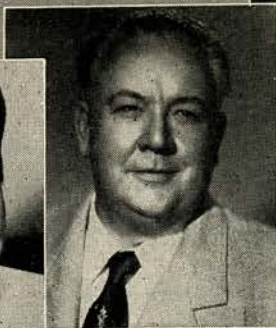
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Prologue: Sent to capture Cornwall to collect tribute, Morold, a chieftain affianced to the Irish princess, Isolde, is slain by Tristan, favorite nephew of King Mark of Cornwall. For his own wounds, Tristan, incognito, seeks the aid of Isolde, famed for her healing. Recognizing him by a notch in his sword as the slayer of her betrothed, Isolde plans to kill Tristan but falls in love with him and stays her hand. But Tristan sees in her only a queenly wife for King Mark. Presently Tristan returns to Ireland to bespeak Isolde for the bride of his uncle. Isolde accepts and they take ship for Cornwall. Tristan has now come to realize his own love for Isolde but bound by honor has carefully remained away from her during the voyage. As the ship nears Cornwall's shores, the drama begins.

ACT I

Infuriated at Tristan's apparent indifference and despondent at the thought of her approaching loveless marriage, Isolde tells Brangane the story of her unrequited love for Tristan and, commanding her to prepare a poisonous draught, summons Tristan to her presence. Brangane sensing disaster, substitutes a love potion for the poison cup. When Tristan comes Isolde reproaches him for the death of Morold. He offers his sword for her revenge but she, feigning forgiveness, proposes they drink a pledge of peace. Together they drain the cup prepared by Brangane and succumbing to its rapturous charm remain oblivious to their surroundings as the vessel reaches shore.

ACT II

Isolde, wedded to King Mark, has continued her relations with Tristan. They are suspected by Melot, a knight of the court, who arranges a pretended hunt in the hope of trapping the lovers. As the curtain rises Brangane confesses to Isolde her substitution of the love philtre. Fearing the hunt a ruse, she warns Isolde not to signal for a meeting with Tristan. But Isolde, lost in the intoxication of the love potion, will not heed and waves a beckoning handkerchief. The unexpected return of the hunters interrupts a long and ardent love scene. King Mark bitterly reproaches Tristan and offers him banishment. But Melot, shouting treason, rushes forward, sword in hand. Tristan draws in turn but, seeking only death with honor, drops his guard and receives a mortal wound.

ACT III

Tristan lies delirious in his castle where he has been taken by Kurvenal who has sent for Isolde knowing that only she can cure his master's wounds. In a lucid moment Kurvenal tells Tristan of Isolde's expected coming. The pipe of a shepherd, posted to signal the approach of her ship, takes on a joyous note. Kurvenal, crying out that Isolde comes, rushes off. Tristan, overcome by joy, tears at his bandaged wounds and staggering to his feet as Isolde arrives, dies in her arms. King Mark, having learned of the love potion, has followed in forgiveness close behind Isolde. Kurvenal, barring entrance, slays Melot and is killed by the soldiers. King Mark invokes a blessing on the dead as Isolde sings to her dead love the immortal Liebstd.




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The Story of "Aida"

ACT I

A messenger has come to the palace of the Egyptian king with word of approaching invasion by the Ethiopians under the leadership of King Amonasro. Ramfis, the high priest, reveals to Rhadames that the Gods have selected him to command the forces sent forth to repel the invasion. This choice pleases Princess Amneris for victory would make Rhadames, with whom she is in love, a desirable mate for her. The warrior's thoughts are not of Amneris, however, but of Aida, Ethiopian slave of the princess, captured in a late war, and unknown to the Egyptians, a daughter of Amonasro. Amneris, coming upon Rhadames, rallies him on the passion of his bearing but jealously comprehends it is not for her when the weeping slave girl enters. The court assembles and escorts Rhadames to the temple to receive his command. (Scene 2) In the recesses of the temple of Vulcan, Rhadames receives a consecrated sword and is dedicated to his trust.

Word has come that Rhadames has been victorious. Amneris thinks upon his strange behavior with Aida as she joins her slave girls in singing his praises. On the approach of Aida she deftly gains from her the confession of her love for Rhadames. Then, telling of her own love for the warrior, Amneris commands that Aida shall witness Rhadames' obediences to herself on his triumphant return. (Scene 2) Royal welcome is given Rhadames on his return with the conquered Ethiopians. Amonasro, dressed as a plain officer, is recognized by Aida. Signaling her not to betray his rank he acknowledges her as his daughter and tells how the king, wounded, had died at his feet. Rhadames, offered any boon he may wish, requests the freedom of the Ethiopians. His wish is granted but Amonasro and Aida are retained as hostages. The king then gives Rhadames, as his supreme reward, the hand of Amneris.

ACT III

Amneris goes to the temple on the eve of her marriage to Rhadames. Aida, coming later, is followed by her father who plays upon her love for Rhadames and her concern for her countrymen to involve him in a plot to his advantage. Rhadames appearing, Amonasro conceals himself. Aida begs her lover to flee with her. Enraptured, he unwittingly discloses his army's movements, upon which Amonasro comes forth. Amneris, concealed among the palms, has overheard and enraged, rushes out. Amonasro escapes with Aida.

ACT IV

Amneris, regretting the act that gave the man she loved to the priests, sends for Rhadames and offers to save him if he accepts and returns her love. Rhadames refuses and she calls down the hatred of the Gods upon him. The priests escort Rhadames to the Hall of Justice. Amneris hears the trial as it is conducted behind the scenes and wildly curses the priesthood as sentence is pronounced. (Scene 2) Aida, informed of Rhadames' sentence, has concealed herself in the tomb. When he descends into it and prays that she may never know his fate, Aida comes forth that they may die together.



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The Story of "The Barber of Seville"

ACT I

Rosina, coveted by her mean and suspicious guardian, Dr. Bartolo, because of her wealth, is so closely watched by him that she is forced, against the dictates of her heart, to appear indifferent to the serenading of an unknown admirer who nightly haunts her window. It is the Count Almaviva deeply in love and masquerading as one Lindoro in order that the glamour of his rank may not influence the girl. The rising curtain discloses the Count in his devotional serenade. He is interrupted by the arrival of the loquacious Figaro, barber and general factotum, who recognizes him but is adjured to secrecy. Figaro informs the Count that Rosina is not the daughter, as she long thought, but the ward of Dr. Bartolo who plans immediate marriage with her. Rosina appears on the balcony and drops a note to her serenader. Figaro plots that the Count shall gain entrance by posing as a billeted drunken soldier.

ACT II

Rosina delights in a note from Almaviva, running from the room with it as Bartolo and Basilio enter. The doctor tells his friend that he intends to marry Rosina. Basilio informs him that Count Almaviva, who has asked for her hand, has arrived but the doctor little suspects the identity of the serenader of the night before. The two plot against the Count and plan for the doctor's marriage to Rosina on the morrow. When they leave Rosina returns with Figaro who playfully torments her about the pseudo Lindoro. He explains the plan of their meeting and leaves to aid in its execution. The doctor, returning, accuses Rosina of writing the note and dropping it from the balcony. She glibly and impertinently denies the evidence he offers and enjoys the taunting of him. They are interrupted by the noisy entrance of the disguised Count, pretending to be drunk. The police are called but Almaviva craftily identifies himself and they leave, much to the fury of Bartolo.

ACT III

Through the further conniving of Figaro, Almaviva again gains entrance to Bartolo's house, this time in the guise of a music teacher who pretends he has been sent in place of Basilio whom he reports as being ill. Bartolo suspects that he has seen the man before. To disarm his suspicions the Count gives him a note written by Rosina to Lindoro saying that he had found it and offers to use it to convince Rosina that she is being duped. The music lesson begins. Figaro enters insisting over protest that it is his day to shave Bartolo. There is consternation when Basilio, himself, appears. But he is convinced by them all, and especially by a purse from the Count, that he really is very ill and must return home. To cover the conversation of the lovers, Figaro continues his shaving and chatter to Bartolo. The doctor, suspicious, surprises the young people in their plotting. Realizing he has again been duped he drives the Count from the house. Bartolo then shows Rosina the Count's note and the furious girl consents to their immediate marriage. Figaro and Almaviva enter. He makes known his real identity and when Basilio comes with the notary a second purse secures him as a witness to the marriage of Rosina to the Count instead of the doctor.

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Concepcion, his young wife. . . . LICIA ALBANESE
Gonzalve, her lover JOHN GARRIS
Don Inigo Gomez, a banker. SALVATORE BACCALONI
Ramiro, a muleteer. *MACK HARRELL

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TIME AND PLACE: Eighteenth Century in Toledo
Scene: The Clock Shop of Torquemada

Followed by

Salome

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Salome, daughter of Herodias. LILY DJANEL
Herod, Tetrach of Judea. FREDERICK JAGEL
Herodias MARGARET HARSHAW
Jochanaan, the Prophet. *HERBERT JANSSEN
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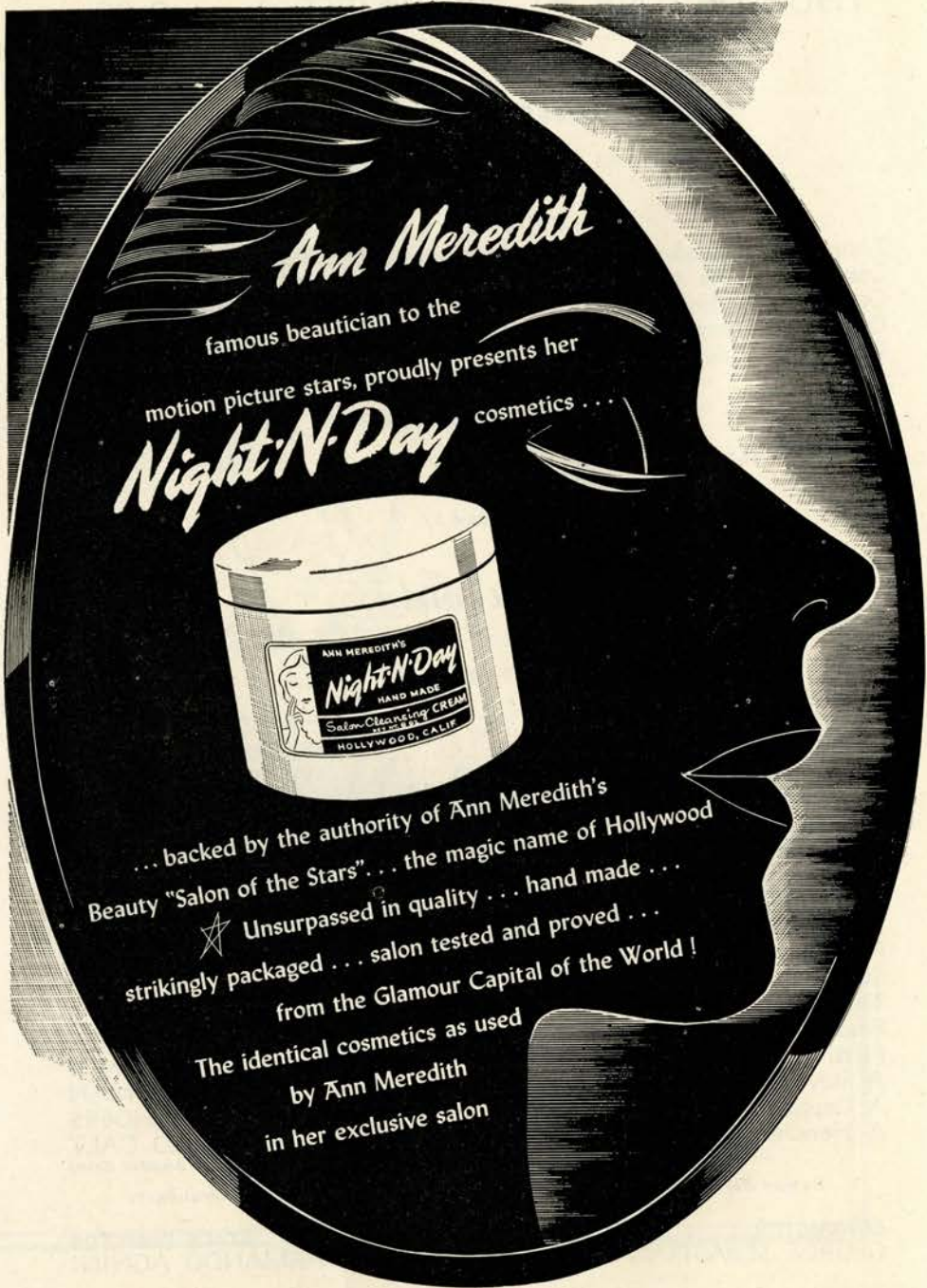
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TIME AND PLACE: A.D. 30; Tiberias in Galilee
Scene: A Great Terrace of the Palace of Herod

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The Story of "L'Heure Espagnole"

It is the day for Torquemada, aged owner of a clock shop and government clock repairer, to go on his weekly repair round of the village. But he has forgotten. The young, alluring and sensuous Concepcion has planned an adventure during the absence of her husband. But she has not reckoned on the presence of the muscular Ramiro, a government muleteer, who has come to the shop to have his watch, a highly prized heirloom, adjusted. Concepcion sends her forgetful husband on his way but to her dismay he bids Ramiro await his return.

To clear the scene for the coming of Gonzalve, her poet lover, Concepcion questions the strength of Ramiro and challenges him to carry one of the two big clocks in the shop up to her room. Gonzalve arrives but seems more interested in his poetry than in her charms and is in no haste to pursue his love making. Ramiro comes back into the shop and, pleading caprice, Concepcion asks him to bring back the first clock and carry the second one, in which she has secreted Gonzalve, to her room in its stead. Don Inigo Gomez, also bent on love making and infatuated with Concepcion, enters the shop and when Ramiro returns with the first clock to carry the clock in which Gonzalve is hidden to her room, the alarmed Concepcion declares that the clock is very delicate and that she must personally see that it is carried safely. She bids Don Inigo good bye and follows Ramiro.

But the ardent banker will not be so easily dismissed and hides himself in the first clock. Concepcion, in a rage at the unresponsive Gonzalve, flounces back into the shop. She passionately laments his lack of ardor and bids Ramiro bring the clock back from her room. Which the muscular muleteer does and then asks if she now wants the clock in which Don Inigo is hidden, carried to her room. Quickly deciding, Concepcion so orders and regards the muleteer with amazed admiration as he lifts the clock to his shoulders with the greatest of ease.

Concepcion commands Gonzalve to come out of his clock but the poet refuses. Noting her agitation on his return Ramiro asks if she wants the clock now in her room brought back. She does and he again carries the heavy burden without apparent effort. And then, realizing his physical allure, Concepcion requests that Ramiro go to her room—without a clock. She follows.

At this moment Torquemada returns to find the two lovers moping sadly in the clocks. He releases them and with Concepcion and Ramiro, who have come back into the Shop, joins in a jolly quintette.

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Amneris, daughter of the Egyptian King...MARGARET HARSHAW
Rhadames, captain of the Egyptian guard.....FREDERICK JAGEL
Amonasro, King of Ethiopia, Aida's father.....IVAN PETROFF
Ramfis, High Priest of Isis.....EZIO PINZA
The King of Egypt.....LORENZO ALVARY
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TIME AND PLACE: In Pharaoh's Time; Memphis and Thebes

Act I: Scene 1: Hall in King's Palace at Memphis
Scene 2: Temple of Isis

Act II: Scene 1: A Hall in Amneris' Apartment
Scene 2: The Gate of Thebes

Act III: Shores of Nile, near Temple of Isis

Act IV: Scene 1: Outside the Judgment Hall
Scene 2: Above—In Temple of Vulcan
Below—Vault beneath the Temple

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Rosina, his ward.....*HILDE REGGANI
Don Basilio, a music master.....EZIO PINZA
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TIME AND PLACE: Seventeenth Century; Seville

Act I: A Street in Seville, Early Morning

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Act III: The Same

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Die Walkure

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Sieglinde	LILY DJANEL
Fricka	MARGARET HARSHAW
Siegmund	LAURITZ MELCHIOR
Wotan	HERBERT JANSSEN
Hunding	LORENZO ALVARY
Valkyries:	
Helmwige	*ANITA RAGUSA
Gerhilde	THELMA VOTIPKA
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TIME AND PLACE: Legendary

Act I: Interior of Hunding's Hut in the Forest

Act II: A Wild and Rocky Pass

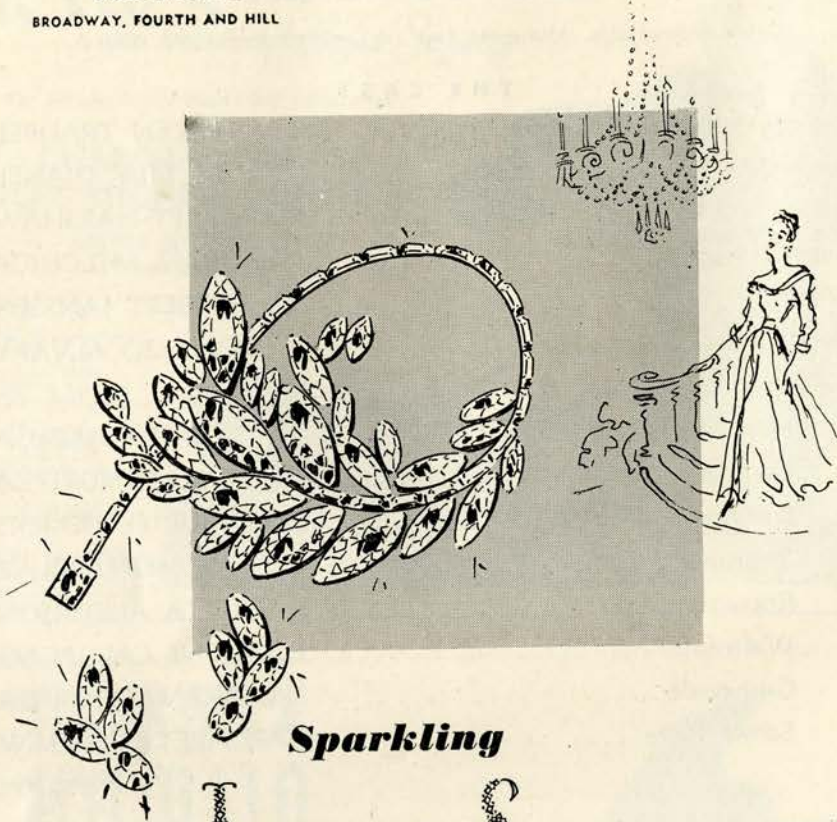
Act III: Rock of the Valkyries

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ACT I

Siegmund, driven into Hunding's hut by a terrible storm, is confronted by Sieglinde, Hunding's wife. Hunding, returning, observes the likeness between the two, and learns that Siegmund is the son of Walse, his mortal enemy. Sieglinde, who has conceived a passionate love for Siegmund, pours a sleeping potion in Hunding's goblet. She tells Siegmund her story of abduction and forced marriage to Hunding and of the sword, visible where it has been plunged into an ash tree by a one-eyed warrior and destined for him with strength to pull it forth. Comparing stories they find themselves to be brother and sister as well as lovers. Both are children of Walse who had plunged the sword, Nothung, into the tree for their deliverance. Siegmund tears the sword from its ashen sheath and claspings Sieglinde in his arms, carries her passionately away.

ACT II

Wotan, who has decreed death for Hunding, so instructs Brunnhilde. But Fricka, his wife and guardian of the marriage vow, in a story scene avows that punishment should be visited upon Siegmund and Sieglinde guilty of adultery, and compels him to swear he will not protect his son. Wotan then commands Brunnhilde to protect Hunding and lead Siegmund to Valhalla. Brunnhilde vainly pleads Siegmund's cause. Siegmund and Sieglinde arrive fleeing from Hunding's vengeance. While Siegmund stands guard over the exhausted Sieglinde, Brunnhilde appears and, moved by his devotion, promises him victory despite Wotan's command. Hunding is heard approaching and Siegmund rushes to meet his attack. Wotan appears and with a stroke breaks his sword to splinters. Hunding thrusts Siegmund through the breast and in turn is killed by a scornful wave of Wotan's hand.

ACT III

Brunnhilde implores aid for Sieglinde from the assembling Valkyries. But fearing the wrath of Wotan none dare offer it. Brunnhilde, giving Sieglinde the fragments of Siegmund's sword, bids her seek refuge in the forest wherein Father guards the ring there to await the birth of her expected child who shall be named Siegfried and conquer all. The outraged Wotan appears and sorrowfully announces his punishment of the disobeying Brunnhilde. Divested of her divinity she shall sleep on the mountain to become the bride of the first man who finds her. But he will build about her a magic circle of fire so that none but a hero may awaken her.

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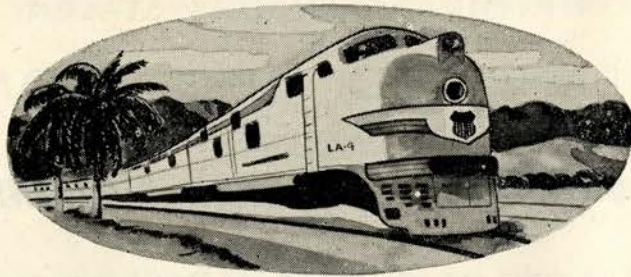
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ACT I

As the curtain rises Norman, captain of the guards, directs his men to search the old Ravenswood tower for the intruder. Sir Henry enters with Raymond to whom he speaks of his impending ruin and his concern over the stranger whom Lucy has been secretly meeting. Lucy and Alice come into the gardens. Lucy recites the gruesome legend of a Ravenswood who had killed his sweetheart in the gardens and vows that an apparition of the woman has warned her against Edgar. Edgar enters and tells Lucy that it is their farewell meeting as he has been ordered to France. He begs her permission to offer a truce to Sir Henry and claim her hand in marriage. But Lucy, knowing it to be futile, dissuades him. They part, promising eternal fidelity.

ACT II

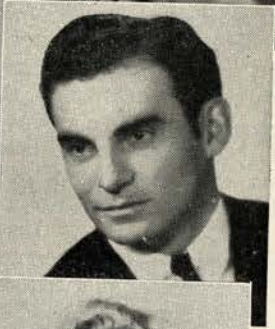
Sir Henry tries to force Lucy into the marriage with Sir Arthur, telling her that his treachery to the King has been discovered and that he will be ruined unless she consents. But Lucy again refuses. He then shows her a forged letter purporting to have come from Edgar and which proves him to be faithless. Believing her lover to be untrue, Lucy now consents to the marriage. (Scene 2) A great concourse of people has assembled to witness the wedding. Lucy is pale and haggard. She signs the marriage contract with trembling hand. At the moment, Edgar bursts into the room. Sir Henry faces him with drawn sword coldly demanding the reason for his interference and shows him the marriage contract. Edgar turns to Lucy for confirmation. She slowly nods her head in assent. Seizing the contract and tearing it to bits, Edgar fiercely upbraids Lucy and denounces the entire house of Ashton. In the ensuing quarrel a duel is arranged for the following morning.

ACT III

The bride and groom have retired to their rooms but the merrymaking continues despite the interposition of Edgar. Suddenly the laughter ceases. Raymond, entering, tells the guests that Lucy has gone mad and now stands in the bridal chamber with a bloody sword over the corpse of her husband. Scarcely have the words been uttered than Lucy, a strange and unnatural light in her eyes, appears among them. Then comes the famous "Mad Scene." At its conclusion Lucy falls back into a swoon.

ACT IV

Edgar awaits Sir Henry for the duel. A train of mourners arriving tell him of the tragedy of the night before. A bell tolls the death of Lucy. And Edgar of Ravenswood, drawing a dagger from his belt, speeds forth his soul to join her in eternity.



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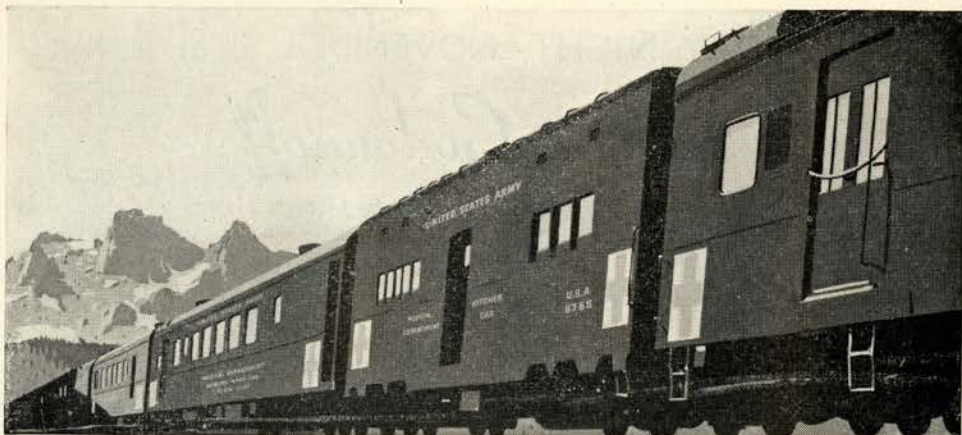
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ACT I

Scene 1: Outside the monastery walls the people, in fear of the lash of the police urge Boris to declare himself Czar. When he pretends to be inflexible, a group of pilgrims enter and join in the supplication.

Scene 2: Pimenn tells Gregory the story of Dimitri's assassination which so fires the imagination of the young monk that he determines to impersonate the slain royal youth and claim the throne.

Scene 3: Boris accepts the crown and is acclaimed by the populace.

ACT II

Scene 1: The false Dimitri, who has escaped the monastery, accompanied by Varlaam and Missail, two roistering accomplices, enters and after a brief encounter with some soldiers narrowly escapes arrest and flees across the border.

Scene 2: Boris tries to comfort Xenia who has recently lost her betrothed, and sends her and Teodoro out to seek the companionship of their friends. Left alone he bemoans his fate in "The Monologue of Boris." Prince Shouisky arrives bearing news of the uprising in Poland in behalf of the false Dimitri. Boris, overcome is once more the prey to remorse.

ACT III

Gregory awaits Marina with whom he is in love. Marina with her banquet guests come into the garden. As they dance the Polonaise the guests toast Marina and swear to banish Boris and his Muscovite follows. In a love scene that follows Marina induces Gregory to lead the attack against Moscow.

ACT IV

Scene 1: The people are in open revolt. Cries of "Death to Boris" can be heard. Dimitri, the usurper, passes through with some troops on his way to Moscow and draws the crowd with him acclaiming him their lawful Czar. As the stage is cleared, the village idiot is left sitting alone in the falling snow singing a heart-rending ditty on the hopeless condition of Russia.

Scene 2: The Duma of Boyars are assembled to decide the punishment of the usurper. Before they consider the matter, Shouisky asks Boris, haggard from the terrible visions that are haunting him, to grant an audience with Pimenn, who is waiting outside. Pimenn enters and relates a miracle which had happened at the tomb of Dimitri. He tells of how a blind shepherd, commanded in a dream to appear at Dimitri's tomb, has his vision restored when he kneels in prayer at the grave. A cry of anguish interrupts the old monk. It is Boris, who falls in a faint. Regaining consciousness Boris, feeling himself dying, asks that his son be brought to him. Pointing to Teodoro as his successor he commands him to rule wisely and always protect his sister Xenia. Gasping for breath he dies in agony.



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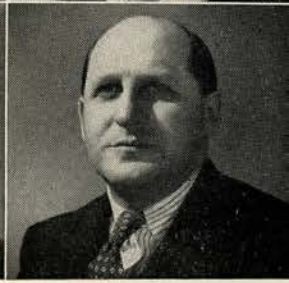
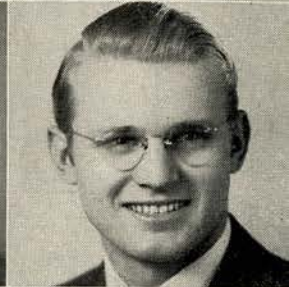
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Sparafucile, a hired assassin.....LORENZO ALVARY
Maddalena, his sister.....HERTA GLAZ
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ACT I

The court of the Duke of Mantua is a place of debauchery. Rigoletto, a hunchback jester, whose biting wit has made him many enemies among the courtiers, panders to the Duke's depravity. The jester has a daughter, Gilda. But knowing so intimately the follies of his time he has kept her in a far quarter of the city to hide her fact and person from his profligate associates. The Duke, however, has seen her several times in church and, disguised as a student, has won her love. The curtain rises on a fete in the palace of the Duke who tells his confidant, Borsa, of the unknown beauty. But charms at hand are not to be overlooked and he courts the Countess Ceprano under the very eyes of her husband. Marullo has discovered Rigoletto's secret but believes Gilda to be his mistress. He plans with the courtiers for her abduction to avenge themselves on the jester. Monterone, who has lost his wife and daughter to the Duke, comes to the fete and pronounces a father's curse on Rigoletto and his master much to the terrification of the hunchback.

ACT II

Rigoletto hurriedly steals to the house where Gilda is kept secluded. He meets Sparafucile, a professional killer, and promises to bear him in mind should he wish to make away with any enemies. Entering the courtyard of his home, Rigoletto embraces Gilda tenderly and, remembering the curse, commands her never to leave the house. As they talk the Duke, in student's guise, slips into the yard through connivance with Gilda's maid. The Duke and Gilda are exchanging vows following the departure of Rigoletto, when they hear approaching voices and the Duke hurries away. Rigoletto meets the party of courtiers who have come to carry out their plan for the abduction of Gilda. To mislead him they ask his aid in abducting the Countess Ceprano. Rigoletto submits to blindfolding and holds the ladder down which they carry Gilda. Left alone he removes the blind and realizes that he has been duped.

ACT III

The Duke, having returned to the hunchback's home to find his bird flown, is now back at the palace disconsolate. Informed that Rigoletto's "mistress" has been captured and is in the next room he hastens in to her. Rigoletto enters and, despite pitiable jocular attempts at concealment, breaks down and heartbrokenly admits the abducted girl to be his daughter. The door opens and Gilda rushes into his arms as he vows vengeance on the Duke.

ACT IV

To prove the Duke's falseness to Gilda who still loves him, Rigoletto takes her to Sparafucile's inn where she hears her lover with Maddalena, the innkeeper's sister. Heartbroken she goes away with her father to prepare for flight from the city. Rigoletto returns and bargains with Sparafucile for the murder of the Duke. Gilda, beaten back to the inn for shelter from a storm which has arisen, hears Sparafucile promise Maddalena to spare the Duke's life if another person comes to the inn who might be murdered in his stead. Gilda enters, is killed and her body, in a sack, is delivered to Rigoletto.



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Act II: Terrace of the Cafe Momus

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The Story of "Carmen"

ACT I

Micaela, a country maid to whom Don Jose, young brigadier, is engaged, seeks her affianced with a message from his mother. He is not on duty, and embarrassed by the attentions of the soldiers, she leaves. The new guard marches in. Jose is told that Micaela has come to see him, and he sits thinking of her. Cigarette girls stream out from the factory near by, with them, Carmen the gypsy. Attracted by the indifference of handsome Don Jose Carmen sings directly to him. Throwing him a flower, she leaves him, dazed and bewildered. A moment later a stabbing affray with a rival factory girl leads to the gypsy's arrest and she is placed in the care of Jose. A few more smiles and Jose is half persuaded to allow her to escape and to join her later at the Tavern of Lillas Pastia. There is a sudden struggle, the soldier lets go his hold, and Carmen flees.

ACT II

Carmen and a band of gypsies are singing a gay song. She remembers that the soldier who went to prison for her is now at liberty and shortly will join her. Morales, of Jose's guard, is trying to win her favor, but she laughs at him. The famous bull-fighter Escamillo enters and she devotes herself to him. Morales is enraged. Both men leave and the tavern is closed. The inn-keeper then admits two smugglers who tell their plans to the girls whom they invite to join them. Carmen alone, will not go. She is waiting for Jose, whose arrival leads to an ardent love scene. But he hears the trumpet sounding the retreat and tells Carmen he must return to his regiment. She is incensed and tells him that she hates him. Desperately he pours out his love and Carmen hurries to paint attractively the life they might lead together in the mountains. Despite her charms Jose is about to leave when his officer appears and orders him back to line. Resentfully Jose defies the captain, and escapes to the smugglers' camp with Carmen.

ACT III

Jose is unhappy in the life of a bandit, and Carmen, tiring of her gloomy lover, dreams of the Toreador. Jose threatens to kill her if she abandons him. "Death comes as Fate decrees," is her answer. She lays out the cards. They predict that she and her lover will die. Two visitors arrive: Escamillo, to see Carmen, and Micaela with a message from Jose's dying mother. The jealous Jose sees only Escamillo and shoots at him. Escamillo goes at once, but challenges Jose to meet him later. Micaela implores Jose to go to his mother. They leave together.

ACT IV

Carmen has become Escamillo's adored mistress. Magnificently dressed she comes with him to the entrance of the bull-ring, where he takes leave of her with impassioned song. Then the clouds of tragedy, which Carmen had read in the cards, lower in truth. Don Jose comes to Carmen to plead with her to be kind with him. Escamillo's name sounds in the arena amid wild applause, and Carmen repulses Jose with biting scorn. Escamillo's name again rings out, and the cheated Jose stabs Carmen to the heart.

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A party is in progress in the salon of Violetta's home, and Alfredo, who has come with friends, succumbs to the charms and beauty of the hostess. The guests retire to an adjoining room to dance, but Violetta, who is suffering from the early stages of consumption, is prevented from joining them by a severe coughing-spell, and remains on the lounge to recover. Alfredo remains with her, expressing first his solicitation and then his love, which deeply touches Violetta. Later, when the guests have departed, Violetta contemplates this great new love which has come to her.

ACT II

Violetta has deserted her former life and friends, and is living most happily with Alfredo in a small country home 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."

ACT III

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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Children's Book Week, Nov. 11-17, becomes newly important with the end of the war. Since the start of Book Week in 1919 interest in it has prevailed in Los Angeles and all Southern California and its observance by Fowler Brothers has brought thousands of volumes to their shelves. It has become a national celebration, but this year much attention is given to the children of the United States for they will be tomorrow's citizens of the world, and understanding of its problems is necessary—now more than ever—and Fowler Brothers fully realize this fact. Already the Christmas books are arriving and their varied colored jackets proclaim most interesting contents. There is also an attractive display of stationery, games, fountain pens and pencils. The Bible and religious departments are well represented.

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Los Angeles Pianist Receives Award

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Miss Schwinger with Eunice Wennermark and Beatrice Crall opened their season with a concert at the Assistance League Theater on September 25. Other appearances are scheduled for San Diego and Roosevelt Hotel, Hollywood, in November.

New "Morning Musical Series"

Edith Knox will open a busy season of concert playing October 17, in the "Morning Musical Series" at 11:30 a.m. The first 2 concerts of the 5 in the series will be held at 716 N. Palm Dr., Beverly Hills. Other addresses for the concerts to be announced later. The first program will feature "Dance Music". Everything from Minuets to a Boogie-Woogie Etude by Morton Gould. Georgie Robinson who has worked together for the last 4 years with Miss Knox will be the commentator. This will be the 5th year that Edith Knox and Georgie Robinson have so successfully combined their efforts in this ever-popular Series of concerts.

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The first non-breakable, high fidelity phonograph record for home use has been developed by RCA Victor, climaxing 11 years of research work in this field. A flexible disc made of synthetic plastic material, the new record, which greatly reduces surface sound, made its initial appearance in October. J. W. Murray, General Manager of the RCA Victor Record Division, called it the greatest improvement in home phonograph records in 45 years.

The first of the new type non-breakable disc available to the public will present a performance of Richard Strauss' "Till Eulenspiegel's Merry Pranks" by the Boston Symphony Orchestra conducted by Serge Koussevitzky. At present, Mr. Murray said, it is planned to release only recorded musical works on the new type discs, which will be known as Red Seal De Luxe records. The same musical work, he added, will be made available later on standard, high quality Red Seal shellac records.

The non-breakable home phonograph record, which is ruby red in color, was made possible, according to H. I. Reiskind, chief engineer of the RCA Victor Record Division, by the development of a formula for a compound composed almost entirely of vinyl resin plastic which produces a durable, long-life record.

While vinyl materials have been used for many years in the manufacture of expensive transcription records, particularly for radio broadcasts and for V discs used by our armed forces overseas, they have hitherto been prohibitively costly for use in home phonograph records.

The new formula, one of several evolved by RCA Victor record engineers, according to Mr. Reiskind, results in a record that can be dropped or bent without breaking or cracking, has less surface sound, and en-

hances the fidelity of reproduction.

Surface sound reduction, he said, is made possible because the plastic compound does not require the mineral filler used in shellac records. The new De Luxe records, he added, are lighter in weight than the shellac discs. Extensive tests have demonstrated, he added, that they can also be played on practically all types of home phonographs, including those equipped with automatic changers, and with varied types of needles.

In declaring that the new non-breakable records would be made available in limited quantities, Mr. Murray emphasized that RCA Victor will not discontinue its production of the standard Red Seal and Victor popular shellac records. He likened the album containing the new type records to limited editions of fine books and pointed out that they offered music lovers a still finer recorded performance than that possible on the best shellac records.

"We anticipate that the use of this material for non-breakable, high fidelity home phonograph records will eventually be expanded to other types of RCA Victor records," Mr. Murray stated.

RCA Victor engineers started their search for a non-breakable, higher quality record in 1934 when they set out to develop a "quiet" disc for the film industry. The final development of the flexible plastic record also suggested the answer to one of the biggest problems of the home phonograph record—the problem of breakage of shellac records. But, until now, the high cost of the plastic material used in transcription discs made such records for home use prohibitive. RCA Victor's policy of continued research to bring about technical and manufacturing improvements led to the development of this practical, relatively low cost non-breakable record of the required durability for home use.

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Well known for his transcriptions and arrangements of the works of Bach, Debussy, Moussorgsky, Tchaikovsky, Stravinsky, Shostakovich, Brahms, Borodin, Chopin, Franck and Wagner, Leopold Stokowski and the New York City Symphony Orchestra he organized have turned now to an orchestral arrangement of one of the world's favorite operas: Georges Bizet's colorful "Carmen." The new album M or DM-1002, (four 12-inch records, \$4.50, list) is Stokowski's second major post-ban recording with the orchestra he organized for New York's City Center, the first having been devoted to a performance of Richard Strauss's "Death and Transfiguration" (M or DR-1606). Beautifully recorded by America's youngest orchestra under the direction of one of the most colorful conductors of our time, the new album hits the opera's high spots in the "Prelude," "Aragonaise," "Intermezzo," "Dragoons of Alcalá," "Nocturne," "Bullfight," "Habanera," "Changing the Guard," "March of the Smugglers," "Gypsy Dance" and "Minute & Farandole." For the ballet music in the second and third acts, Bizet borrowed from his own "L'Arlesienne Suite"; in making this arrangement, Stokowski has followed suit. The handsome new album replaces earlier Red Seal recordings of the "Carmen" music made by Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra in RCA Victor's catalog of "The Music America Loves Best."

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**Saint-Saens: "The Swan" from
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Feuermann from "Waltz in a
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**Wagner: "Prize Song" from "Die
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**Wagner: "The Evening Star"
from "Tannhauser"**

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Described by Olin Downes of the conservative New York Times as "the one woman 'cellist who has a sovereign right

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A LAWRENCE TIBBETT PROGRAM

**Gershwin: "I Got Plenty O' Nut-
tin'" from "Porgy and Bess"**

**Dvorak-Fisher: "Goin' Home"
adapted from the "New World
Symphony"**

**Puccini: "Te Deum" from "La
Tosca"**

**Verdi: "Eri Tu" from "The
Masked Ball"**

**Wagner: "O Du Mein Holder
Obendstern" from "Tannhau-
ser" (The Evening Star)**

**Speaks: "On the Road to Mandala-
lay," lyrics by Rudyard Kipling**

**Hanson: "'Tis an Earth Defiled"
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Florence Russell, whose success as a teacher of voice has been conspicuous for twenty years in Los Angeles, has relocated in larger quarters, at 424 North Larchmont, and has announced additions to the Russell Studios staff. Niel McKie, teacher of piano, is extending his work and will play a series of recitals during the season, as well as present his pupils in regular formal and informal programs. Dorothy Brockman and Patricia Baker are assistant voice teachers and Smith Russell heads the dramatic department. Classes in solfeggio, harmony, opera and methods are popular and monthly concerts of voice and piano attract enthusiastic audiences.

Dana Andrews, whose first appearance as a singing actor was in "Pagliacci" as Sylvio in the Florence Russell Little Opera, studied six major opera roles in the Russell Studios. Betty Walberg is on tour throughout the East with comedian Jerry Bergen. She will return in December to continue her studies. Dorothy Brockman will sing a program of Sibelius' songs in November and a concert of French songs will be sung by Adelaide Jeffras assisted by Bessie Stern, pianist and pupil of Niel McKie. "Idyll" by Delius, an unusual duet, poem by Walt Whitman, will be included by Frank Cornwell, baritone and Esther Brady, contralto, in their December concert.

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Teacher and Soloist

Madam Lillian Bowles, one of the out-standing Costume Concert artists of California is known as the "Jennie Lind of the West." She is now and has been for the past twelve years soloist in a Los Angeles Christian Science Church.

She has had 20 years of successful teaching here and many of her professional students are holding fine public positions. She makes a specialty of preparing them for television and opera.

RCA Victor Releases

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George Gershwin's "I Got Plenty O' 'Nuttin'" from his only opera, "Porgy and Bess." As sung by Tibbett at the peak of the vocal powers which have made him one of America's foremost singers, this light-hearted lament has previously been available only in Victor's "Porgy and Bess" album. The others include Fisher's arrangement of the "Largo" from Dvorak's "New World Symphony" (No. 5), which nearly everybody knows as "Goin' Home," and Kiplin's "On the Road to Mandalay," one of Tibbett's most popular encores. The album also contains five operatic arias—the "Te Deum" from "La Tosca," one of Tibbette's most popular operas at the Metropolitan, the "Eri Tu" (Is It You?) from Verdi's "The Masked Ball," and "The Evening Star," the most celebrated of all arias from Wagner's "Tannhauser," " 'Tis An Earth Defiled" from Howard Hanson's "Merry Mount," and "Nay, Maccus, Lay Him Down" from Deems Taylor's musical version of Edna St. Vincent Millay's "The King's Henchman." All of the numbers in the new album have previously been available on Red Seal singles. They are collected now in a handsome picture album in response to demand from the great singing actor's thousands of admirers.

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New Accompanist For James Melton

Carroll Hollister has been engaged by JAMES MELTON to play for him and act as assisting artist on his concert tour next season. The popular tenor will open his tour the end of September and will concertize for ten weeks before rejoining the Metropolitan Opera Company at the beginning of its season, where he will remain until February 1. His spring tour will keep him occupied until the end of May.

Mr. Hollister has played for John Charles Thomas during the last several years, and previous to that had been associated with Mischa Elman, Elena Gerhardt, Anna Case and other artists. He has been living in California, but will most likely move his family to the East soon.

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