

RACIAL EXPRESSION IN MUSIC

All Characteristics Have Been Shown by the Works of the Great Masters of Melody.

We can learn something of a man's character by observing his walk. The sailor's gait tells us his story; so does the tread of the plowman. The movement of music is equally significant. Every race has some rhythm which it prefers to others. When the composer thinks of classic Italy, his muse may fittingly choose the lilt of the Pastorale, the measure to which it is not unphilosophic to imagine the Sicilian shepherds dancing while Theocritus ruminated on his lyre. Nor has it perished with the years. Bach and Handel loved it. When we are not moved to tears by "He shall feed his flock," or "Glified heaven-high by the shepherd," our thoughts are due not only to the composers, but to the rustic of Italy who enriched music with this beautiful rhythm. How different is the merry-making in the Pastoral Symphony. Here the humor is robust, uproarious even; the Austrian peasants have no aversion to getting tipsy. The change is not merely one of scene, but of temperament. Beethoven loved to watch the villagers at their revels and, like Goethe, he has left us a picture of the Teuton in holiday humor that men will relish as long as they love art. Here the dance is a waltz, footed with a bacchanalian zest. Mozart's Germans dance as though they wanted to be Italians. His minuets are own cousins to the measures of Padre Martini. Occasionally, however, when the grace of God is stronger than the fashion of the day, he slips into a Teuton mood.—Redfern Mason, in the Atlantic.

BEFORE DAYS OF JOE MILLER

Joke That Presumably Had Its Origin in Fertile Brains Thousands of Centuries Ago.

A statue of King Du-udu, who lived and reigned about 4500 B. C., has been discovered by Dr. Edward J. Banks, an American archeologist, among the ruins of the buried city of Adob, Babylonia. The statue, cleaned and restored, is now in the museum at Constantinople, says a recent newspaper despatch. The despatch also contains an ancient joke that was found written on one of the walls of Adob.

One morning a hodja's neighbors complained of a noise that had disturbed them the previous night.

"There was no noise in my house last night," asserted the hodja.

"Don't tell us that," the neighbors protested. "There was such a disturbance that we could not sleep."

The hodja slowly stroked his long beard, and then recollected that some time during the night his wife had kicked his nightshirt down stairs. "It must have been that," he said.

"Oh, no, hodja!" cried his neighbors. "There was a terrible noise that could not have been made by any such thing as a nightshirt."

"Well, you see," said the hodja, "I was in the shirt!" —Youth's Companion.

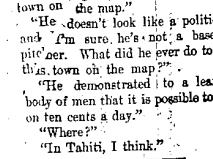
MAKES A UNIVERSAL APPEAL

Followers of the "Waltz Find a Great Attraction in Original Show Wind in Setting.

"One touch of nature makes the whole world kin," and to watch a certain store window downtown leads one to believe an analogous conclusion might apply to fishing, with the bonds of sympathy perhaps only a little less inclusive.

In the window is a miniature mill pond. On the bank a venerable fisherman peacefully snoozes, and now and then his floating cobbles bob under with a naturalness that is starling. Any mild spring day one might find a fascinated group of men actually watching the cork. The old man does not heed the noise of the line, and it is too much for the imagination of any man who has ever felt the pull of a fish and its wriggling resistance as the lift of the pole draws it out. There is a fraternal, sympathetic glance among the men who stop there, and when they pass on each seems to wear a reminiscent smile. —Indianapolis News.

HER WINTER GOWN



"My new winter gown received a very sincere compliment and the other day."

"As to how?"

"The proprietor of a restaurant I went into asked me to sit near the window. Said it would lead tone to his place."

FAR FROM HERE

"There goes the man who put this town on the map."

"He doesn't look like a politician and I'm sure he's not a baseball pitcher. What did he ever do to put this town on the map?"

"He demonstrated to a learned body of men that it is possible to live on ten cents a day."

"Where?"

"In Tahiti, I think."

SHE DIDN'T CARE

"Our club for entertaining literary lions is finally ready. Now what literary lion shall we entertain first?"

"The president was all tired out from selecting a hat. 'I don't care,' she said, wearily. 'Anybody who doesn't eat with his knife.'"

EXPERT

"King Mendik is remaining dead a long time this time."

"But look at the practice he's had. I'll bet Menlik can stay dead six months with it at his proving fatal."

CIVIC PRIDE

"How do the streets run in this town?"

"The streets don't run in this town, sir. It's our bustling citizens who do the running."

UGHT TO BE

"Can one make a feature story out of an ordinar debate?"

"Why not? Isn't it full of eyes and noses?"

HAD TO FIND

"Wombert says it is hard to find a woman's pocket."

"He ought to know. He married for money."

RIVAL SEAPORTS OF WORLD

Cities on the Great Lakes Handle Tonnage That at First Glance Seems Almost Unbelievable.

Upon the five great lakes there throbs a commerce that well might be the envy of any far-reaching sea. To put the thing concretely, the freight portion of this commerce alone reached tremendous totals in 1912. In the navigation months of last year exactly 47,435,477 tons of iron ore and an even greater tonnage of coal moved upon the lakes, while the enormous total of 158,000,000 bushels of grain was received at the port of Buffalo. In 1911 the shipping of the lakes felt sharply the "poor grain crop" of 1910 and the slight reaction in both the steel and the copper markets; whole fleets of vessels rusted their very hearts out in the harbors of Buffalo and the other great ports of the lower lakes. But the business of the lakes seems to increase at the rate of seven per cent annually, and in 1912 more than held its own. Traffic grows fast upon the great water highway of the new world. Already the tonnage of Cleveland, Ohio, is comparable with that of Liverpool, and yet there are tens of thousands of sailormen upon the salt seas who have never even heard of Cleveland. Detroit boasts that in the season of eight months of open navigation of tonnage ten times that which the full year gives to the Suez canal pass her wharves on the narrow river that bears her name.—Harper's Magazine.

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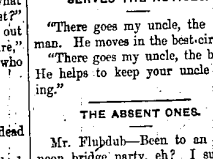
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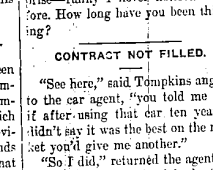
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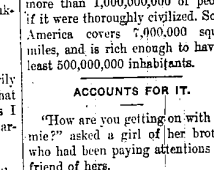
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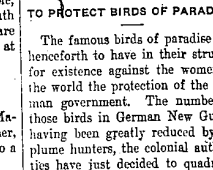
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