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violin concertos, but how seldom do they take ref-uge in the seventeen compositions of this kind writ-ten by this master of the violin! So it is with concertos for the piano. Beethoven is constantly played; Chopin survives, also Men-delssoln—weakly; Schumann's one work in this kind lives, but of the myriads of concertos for this instrument, how few are heard, and how seldom!

kind inves, but of the impriads of concertos for this instrument, how few are heart, and how seldom! instrument, how few are heart, and how seldom! have vanished. Ferdinand Reis, a pupil of Beeth have vanished. Ferdinand Reis, a pupil of Beeth have vanished. Ferdinand Reis, a pupil of Beeth work, of the same order written by reference of the public o

liesting it, can only achieve "musickin" and mu-sic. Hence is it that the foundation of our various concert programs must continue to be the compara-tively few great works that have stood the test of time and been acknowledged as the masterpieces of musical art. It is not easy to write a great sym-plony, because all or nearly all that a symphony

MUSICAL BREAKS BY NOVELISTS.

Many amusing blunders are made by novelists in

their references to musical compositions and per-formances. A writer in Macmillan's Magazine men-

schoolgrif would be ashamed, and from which no more trouble than is necessary to turn over the hum. One nevellst, for example, makes his here a suprance, another pictures a Scottish Highlander sitting in the roadside, singing a Jacobite song and crawford has a seribled 'La Favorita' to Verdi, a feat paralleled by Mr. Black in sitting a lady down to a pinan to play Beethover's 'Farewell', a compsito a piano to play Beethoven's 'Farewell,' a composition unknown to that musicalans many admirers. Mr. Black has again distinguished himself by describing one of his beroines as playing an unheard of and impossible soutat of Mozart's in A sharp mocent scale of C major as Isacivious, and banished it from the music of the church. One can understand Mr. Black's key of A sharp major being placed on the index expregatorius of the musicalan, for the unsharps which would be required to make up its sharp with the world being the control of the church which would be required to make up its suppose the church of the place of the church would be required to make up its something about music, at any rate about old viscomething about music, at any rate about of the church of the c signature would frighten a Disbolts among piano players. Even Charles Reade, who really did know something about music, at any rate about old vio-le, was on dangerous ground when he centured on the control of the control of the control of the example, he makes the famous actress whistle a quick movement upon a luge paster ring, and then tells how Mr. Cibber was confounded by 'this spark's founded, a quick movement which is at the same time an udagio is enough to confound anybody. Nor are Englishment the only offenders. Victor Hugo, in Low Mr. Cibber was three violine and a fluic play: Combination is currous enough, in all conscience,

STRASSBERGER'S CONSERVATORY.

The graduating recital of the class of 1897 was composed of Frank Gecks, 1st violin, Dr. J. P. Ne mours, 2nd violin, Louis Mayer, viola, P. G. Anton ('eello, and Louis Conrath, piano. The large audi ence present throughly enjoyed the well-selectee programme, and testified enthusiastically to the ad-mirable work done by the graduates. Strassber ger's Conservatory is doing excellently, and is see-onded by able assistants.

"Humperdinck is one of the most abstracted men in the world; and in this connection it may not be amiss to give an anecdote of this trait which has never been printed, and which is strictly true. The was gathered, the director, Scholtz, came in to lis-ten, and Humperdinck began his questions. Not a single correct answer did he obtain; never did a class flounder as did his one; and the face of Scholtz class flounder as did his one; and the face of Scholtz class flounder as did his one; and the face of Scholtz grew longer and longer. At last Scholtz space on and said, But, really, Mr. Humperdinck, this class seems entirely unprepared! Suddent Humper-dinck's face assumed an expression of doubt; he hastily took a memorandum-book from his pocket, consulied it, and then took the director by the butmusicans, but we have fewer gammass, more on music that is perfundered, but less that is spontare consulted it, and then took the director by the but consulted it.

HAS NEW YORK ANY CULTURE?

ant place to sojourn in, says the American Art Jour-nal. While it is a city without suburbs, yet it is nal. While it is a city without suburbs, yet it is within easy distance of most charming seaside re-sorts. There is much wealth within its gates, and its attractiveness for the average pleasure seeker en-ables it to offer plenty of amusement at a reason-

aone cost.
It is the only city in the new world that keeps in close touch with London and Paris. It is not satisfied unless it has a taste of all the "reiging sensations" of the old world. Its women—that is, the women of its wealthy and well-to do classes—dress correctly, and the men in all the refined social circles acknowledge the rule of modes. They conform cless acknowledge the rule of modes. They conform cles acknowledge the rule of modes. They conform without a murmur, not even asking themselves without a murmur, and the making themselves where the second section of the second section and section and section and section and section and section section and section s

enough."

But all this deem! prove that there is any posiBut all this deem! prove that there is any posinet. Culture is something more than a more vannish of manners—than more pleasing address.

The more possession of wealth often serves to actat times proof positive of defective mental equipment. It is the mask behind which your keen man
of the world takes reting when he wants to avoid

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True entiture is that "virtuous and noble education" referred to by John Milton; it is that "liberal ducation" which completely transforms the genus ducation shell, completely transforms the genus of a day or a year. It is no sudden change; it is a slow, but steady and logical growth. Your "book in breeches" is not always a cultured man, for there is no integral development, no alarcound increase, large words without knowledge. He is a good talker, it is not always a cultured man, for there is no integral development, no alarcound increase, large words without knowledge. He is a good talker, if it were not, however, for his "flashes of silence." his conversation would be a great hore. Lack of diedinable quality that results from the combination of liberal education and good manners. Your genuine man of culture has no trouble in being a good Christian, for his mind is healthy, sound, logically the standard of th

books forever. Henceforth, the daily paper and the magazine suffice. The husiness me, has not time t read on thing. The business me, has not time t read on the read-eration, of the doings of the world of art, or the trend of philosophical thought in the world at large I Paul could return to these earthly seenes, he place. He used to say, "If your women will learn arything, let them ask their husbands at home." Alas! poor man, we've changed all that, and now formation concerning the new novellst, the new



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DAMROSCH'S OPERA PLANS.

Walter Damrosch, who returned from Europe re season in Frence, Itanian and German next winter.
As the San has already announced, Mr. Danrosch
has formed a partnership with Charles A. Ellis,
manager of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Mr.
Damrosch devoting himself more exclusively in the
future to the artistic direction of the company bearfuture to the artistic direction of the company bear-

ing his name.

The New York season will begin on Jan. 17, continning for at least five weeks, and Mr. Damrosch and Mr. Ellis expect to add to the interest of it by the introduction of two new operas, which have met the introduction of two new operas, which have met with great success abroad, one in Berlin and the other in Dresden. The first, "Hasheesh," one-act opera, the scene of which is laid in Arabia, was composed by Herr von Chelius, a talented musician, opera, the scene of which is laid in Arabia, was composed by Herry on Chellins, a talented musician, who is an officer in the guards, and a personal friend who is an officer in the guards, and a personal friend Coming. "by Bungert, which follows Homer's Ulysses in construction. The latter opera will be spleadly mounted, its Greek landscapes and palaces and didly mounted, its Greek landscapes and palaces and the cast in the three princip of the property of the control of the cast in the three princip of the princip of the cast in the three princip of the company will control the cast in the three princip of the company will control the cast in the three princip of the company will control the cast in the three princip of the company will control the cast in the three princips of the company will control the cast in the three princips of the company will control the company of the company will be company will control the control three princips of the company will be control to the control three princips of the control three princips

Several additions have been made, one of the most included of which is the engagement of Frindle Medical Properties of the Heddler, dramatic soprano, for the Brunthildes, Eddelio, and Isolote. She is said to be young and beautiful, and an exquisite singer. As she is the first singer of the Berlin Royal Open, her leave of the first structure of the structure of

great difficulty.

Whether Mme Lilli Lehmann will return for a Whether Mue Lain Lenmann will return for a few performances, is as yet unsertled, as sie fears that she will not be able to stand the fatigue of another ardinous opens account. The two first barioness of the former Metropolitan Opera House Company, have been re-engaged. Mr. Bispham for the French and German, and Signor Campanari for the Italia.

Mr Damrosch was fortunate in being able to enhave also been anued to the forces of the Damrosen Opera Company. The former will be remembered as the first Wofan of the first German opera season at the Metropolitan Opera House under Dr. Leopold Damrosch. Frau Standigl is mezzo-soprano of the Berlia Royal Opera, the first and only Brangaene at

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Healy, Mary Ryan, Marion Blair, Amelia Young,
Wilson, Louise Tremper, Emma Relinecke, Frieda
Morfielek, Mackames L. Beckneyer, T. D. Vickery,
Mr. Otto Dierker.
Gold medals were awarded to the following sea-

PERTLE SPRINGS CONVENTION.

gratifying success from every point of view. The programmes were of the most interesting character, and were rendered by the leading arrists of the Stac. Among the principal features was Mr. Con-Stac. Programmes of the property of the pro

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power and orimanly were a revenue to air.

Charles Galloway, the young organist who is achieving fame in Paris, spent a few days here among his friends. Mr. Galloway is organist of the Church of the Holy Trinity, the second largest church in Paris, and has a three years engagement. All the properties of the Holy Trinity, the second largest church in Paris, and has a three years engagement.

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Mrs. Zulla Culp Lewis, of Webster Groves, won a great many admirers at the Pertle Springs Convention by her admirable singing. She has a brilliant soprano voice, and sings with much ease and artistic

Miss. Alle Allen Parcell, assisted by Miss Rose Ford, violinist, and St. Mark's Episcopal Church choir, gave a concert at Jerseyville, III, on the 22nd alt. Rolyn's operetta, Brie-a-brac, was among the interesting features of the programme, and made quite alt. Mrs. Parcell and Miss Ford acquitted and the control of the

Chas. Kaub, the popular violin soloist, has been pecially engaged for the season at Clifton Terrace. Miss Clara Nordon, a very talented pupil of Vic-tor Ehling, has left for Europe, where she will spend several years under the leading masters there. A brilliant future is predicted for this young pianiste.

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Of the members of last year's company, the following parties have been reengaged: Mmc. Gadski, graduates:

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ON THE ORIGIN OF MUSIC.

Development of melody from rude savage cri Development of melody from rude savage ciries and crude rhythmical instruments presents a diffi-cult study, but the accuracy of the conclusions based chiefly on the knowledge of prehistoric in-struments has a high degree of certainty. Prof. Wilson, of the Smithsonian Institute, is said to have

and his leading ideas are given in the following preas summary, music say that he introduction of the element of time or rhythm is as old as music itself; but this, Prof. Wilson any, is merely a conjecture. From his present knowledge of these early rattle of the savage give forth but one tone, and their music consists in strokes or shakes, thus manifesting rhythm, and that only. The earliest prohistonic properties of the properties of the properties of the properties of the properties had two, and some as many as five notes, although the officers at the Smithsonian can hardly have be addifferent pitches and given different notes, but there is nothing to show that they were intended by the properties of the strong grade of culture among these drum-beaters than that with which they have been credited. In the music of the savage tribes of to-day, a few sounds are reason to believe that these sounds correspond as regards their gradations with any regular musical stream.

region increases of systems one must resort to na-system.

In the case of systems one must resort to na-tion more civilized. In the case of some ancient nations, restricted must are found in which the relation of the sounds and the modes of using them as it is to-day with the human inlant, and was with-out meaning, beyond possibly the effort to attract attention. As the human cry grew, it changed to represent passion, and, finally, by 'onomatopes,' it became articulate, and so grew into language. About this time came modulations of the voice. Diderot says that the fundamental principle of music is that

give concerts by striking wood of various kinds-trees standing, log lying, or branches spreading-with rods or poles, keeping time and forming a sort this bet true, says Prof. Wilson, these would seem to be musicians in the lowest scale, and this to have been the most primitive musical instrument. If the cry was the origin of vocal music, so the noises of latter are to be considered the origin of musical latter are to be considered the origin of musical

instruments.

"It was reserved for the white race to create the true art of music as it is heard by modern ears, but the different nations composing this race seem to the different nations composing this race seem to of the modern. The different parts. The music have had considerable extent and variety. They had an octave, which was subdivided into a number of different parts. The music of the Chal-deans, Babylonians and Phonicians may be assumed to have been similar to that of the Egyptonian to the considerable of the c

what would be called quarter tones, each interval being half a semition. Early Greek music is envel-oped in obscurity. The earliest indications of a reg-ular system were found by Frof. Wilson in what is years before the siege of Tray, or 160 B. C. Then can be sieged of Tray, or 160 B. C. Then can be sieged of Tray or 160 B. C. Then can be sieged of Tray or 160 B. C. Then can be sieged of Tray or 160 B. C. Then can be sieged of Tray or 160 B. C. Then can be sieged to the sieged of the sieged the sieged of the sieged of the sieged of the the art a definite and scientific basis, intelligible and available for all time. Trof. Wilson believes him to it was who first traced out the laws which covern the have been the founder of theoretical music; for he it was who first traced out the laws which govern the relations of sounds to each other, and by this means prought music within the domain of nu ural philosophy. The way in which Pythagoras effected this copy, and the properties of connect, for the first time, music and mathematics. Out of his investigations, as is known, the diatonic scale grew into being. Two hundred and fifty years after Pythagoras, Euclid, 300 B. C., described Pytha-goras's formula and made a basis for the Greek melodies of 2,000 years ago

MR. WOLFSOHN'S LIST OF ARTISTS.

Henry Wolfsohn has arrived from Europe, direct from the summer home of Rosenthal, the planist, in the Tyrol. The latter has fully recovered his health, and will return to America under Mr. Wolfsohn's cently wrote to the German newspapers, denying the published reports that he had married or intended marrying the lady who nursed him during his illness here, adding that he did not intend committing bigamy, as he is still wedded to his planoned the property of the property of

negie Hall on November 17.

Other artists whom Mr. Wolfsohn will bring over next season are Mr. and Mrs. Georg Henschel, who react season are Mr. and Mrs. Georg Henschel, who repeated the state of the season are the

The Imperial Opera House in Vienna, like our own costly Metropolitan, has its financial troubles, says Music Trode Review. Even with its large company, its fine chorus and orchestra, and its elaborate seenic productions, the expenses of the establishment are undoubtedly much less than those which Maurice Gran is compelled to meet here. Salaries Maurice Grau is compelled to meet here. Salaries in Vienna are comparatively small, and the entire cost of the season's artistic features is on a much ment a subcention of \$130,000 and the use of the theatre. Here the management of the opera gets only the Metropolitan building. The expenses of the opera amounted this year to \$50,000. The deficit at the Imperial Opera House this year amounted to \$20,000. which may not be a very large sum, but is sufficient to indicate the difficulty, even in a Eurosufficient to indicate the difficulty, even in a Buro-pean capital of musical taste, in conducting grand pean capital of musical taste, in conducting grand to the similar to that of the Metropolitan—the losses have come from the production of new works which the public would not patronize. The Imperial The-ported this year a deficit of \$82,00. There were, however, special reasons for this large loss that do not always exist. But both the opera and the the-

MAJOR AND MINOR.

Sig. Pizzi has discovered a mass composed by Donizetti for the funeral of Bellini, in 1839. It will be performed in August in the Cathedral at Berga-mo, with a grand orchestra, chorus and soloists.

On one occasion, at a party given by Sir John Millais, Lady Halle rose to play the violin, when, to her intense amosement, she heard Landseer exhauster of the control of the party of the control of the land, and old-fashioned nobleman, when he saw a gentleman sit down the plane, contemptuously remarked, "I wonder if the creature can see I."

the control of the performances at layrent the waveful include among other artists the bothers be Reseke. Frun Ellen Guibrancel and FranSchner will assume the roles of Benahilde and Signlided in the performances of the "Nibelungen
Share the part of Signified Herr Ferron and Herr
von Roby will appear as Woten, and Herr Gruning
and Herr Voyl will be the Signund.

After half a century of neglect Paris is preparing After flair a century of neglect Faris is preparing to honor the memory of Chopin, who spents of much of his life in the French capital, and who is buried in the Pere la Chaise Cemetery. A tablet is to be placed on the house in the Place Vendome where the great musician died in 1849, and his name is to the great musician died in 1849, and his name is to be given to a square, not indeed in Paris itself, but in the suburb of Passy. The committee, too, that had been formed under the presidency of M. Mas-senet to erect a monument to Chopin has not been ille. It has chosen a sight for the monument in the Parc Monceau, and intrusted its execution to M.
Froment-Meurice, who expects to finish his work in

Leonaxyllo has determined henceforth to write entirely on modern subjects. This scape is due to the fate of his Medici at Vienna. "We younger men must keep clear of the great musical epos, that Richard Wagner has, once for all, taken from our hands," said chonexyllo in a recent talk. "In this direction we could do no more than invitate him direction we could do no more than invitate him of the property of the property of the property of the most of the property of the property of the property of the modern property of the property of the property of the modern property of the property of the property of the modern property of the more or less. That none of us can ever reach mm, not to say surpass him, is my thorough conviction. To this art form he gave its highest perfection, and we should only injure ourselves by slavishly imitating him, instead of diligently cultivating our own little individualities." "Trilby" will be Leoneavallo's first effort on the lines of his recently ex-

The report having spread that Giuseppe Verdi, the The Peport naving spread that of isseppe vents, the distinguished composer, was suffering from a most serious illness at Busseto, the President of the Chamber of Deputies, Signor Villa, telegraphed for news of his condition to the Mayor of Busseto.

The Syndic replied immediately, and the Chamber was in session when this telegram was read

"The illustrious maestro is in good health." The Deputies received the news with prolonged

An inquiry having recently been instituted in London as to the greatest distance at which a man's voice could be heard without telephonic means, it appears that eighteen miles is reported as the longappears that eighteen miles is reported as the long-est distance on record at which a man's voice has been heard; this as related, having occurred in the Grand Canyon of Colorado, where one man shouted plainly heard at the other end, some eighteen miles away. Lieuteann Foster, on Parry's hird Arctic expedition, found that he could converse with a mile and a quaster distant; and Sir John Franklin said that he conversed with ease at a distance of more than a mile. Dr. Young records that at Gibraltar the human voice has been heard at a dis-tance of ten miles—The Homeofold.

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