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## NOTES FOR THE CURIOUS BETWEEN THE NUMBERS.

Art.-It is said that Mr. Albert Bierstadt sold his painting, "The Last of the Buffaloes," for $\$ 50,000$.
Literature.-The first book printed in the English language in America was a book of psalms. This was printed in 1640, in the Massachusetts Bay settlement, and called the Bay Psalm Book. A few years since one of these sold in New York City for \$1,200.
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rest in nervous disorders, is sought. To receive a


#### Abstract

eall for a dozen Anti - kamnia tablets (five grains opy which protected the rider from sun or rain. each, with monogram $A$ ), is now as familiar to This canopy is like the ordinary buggy top, and is apothecaries as any that comes to them, for all steadied by means of a small wheel at the back headaches, rheumatic pains, neuralgias, colds in the which runs on the ground. head, influenza or la grippe, with all of its preced- Life Thoughts.-Your life is what you make it, ing and following pains, For adults, in all conditions where pain is to be subdued, two tablets. erushed, at a dose, with water or wine to follow, never disappoints. Music.-It is a peculiar thing, according to the New York Sun, that so many of the most prominent musical composers were born in winter months Mozart, Schubert and Auber were born in the month of January; Handel, Mendelssohn and Rossini, in February ; Bach and Haydn, in March ; Beethoven, in December. Science.-It is stated that Mr. Edison owned be tween 400 and 500 patents. When experimenting he wore a long, loose frock of checked gingham, reaching from his chin to his feet. One of the most admirable uses to which rubber has been put is for horseshoes; it is not only light and durable, but it markedly improves the hoof. One of the novelties exhibited at the National Cy- cle Show, at the Crystal Palace, London, was a can-

The best philosophy-a contented mind. If you would be strong, conquer yourself. Man should be ever better than he seems. Intending visitors to Bayreuth next summer are informed that the dates of the Wagnerian performances have been fixed. There are to be two cycles only of "Der Ring des Nibelungen," namely, on July 22 and the three following days, and on August 14, 15, 16 and 17. The first (and perhaps the second) of these cyeles will be conducted by Richter, and should Jean de Reszke attend the festival he will probably appear in "Siegfried" and "Gotterdammerung." For "Die Meistersinger," July 28, August 1, 4, 12 and 19 have been set apart. "Parsifal" is to be given seven times-on July 29, 31 , August 5, 7, 8, 11 and 20-under the conductorship of Mottl.

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## AN INTROSPECT,

At a reeent meeting in Queenstown, Ireland, of the Munster section of the Incorporated Society of Musicians, he leading organization of professional Mr. Frank Holmes, read an admirable paper on the present status of the musical profession. He called The following is a summary of his papid

The man who does not once and
himself up and ask, 'Where do I stagain, pull himself up and ask, 'Where do I stand in the world ?' is either afraid to face the inquiry or conscions of his lack of desire or ability to tand
higher. Music stands highest of all the arts. Wher do musicians-the rank and de-stand? Nowhere? Why: Because we have neither aspired to a position nor entitled ourselves to it. The only thing we know anything about is music-and but little of that; and too often the musician, when he is a musician, is nothing more. We have not made ourselves in any sense a force in the world, and are not selves in any sense a force in the world, and are not
bound up in the great life of the nation. The best bound up in the great the of the nation, The best
proof of this is the fact that we have found no place proof of this is the fact that we have found no place dramatic, or comic. What great writer has ever taken an organist for his hero? What play has him even for its villain? There is no surer gage of the hold a class or profession has on the interests and sympathies of the public than the often recurrence of its individual types in the literature of the day. Our leaders in the profession are greater than their forerunners of the past three centuries. We, the rank and file, are of less account than the rank and file of any other profession then or now. The vast majority of us are held in humiliating contrast to all other professions. They despise us, and the
world simply doesn't count us. Among many discouraging conditions which we can not help we include the amateur-that daring thing with more time, more money, and more brains than our-selves-doing all the things we do (some of tinem said, the highest of the arts, wand the lowest the professors, there is a want of adjustment somethe professors, there is a want of adjustment somewhere which it is our duty to tind out and set right, and thus establish between music and musicians
that beantiful sense of proportion and harmony which-sadly we say it-does not exist now.
Toward that desirable end may I make a few suggestions?
"Let us show more interest in, and sympathy with, the occupations and amusements of those the rights-municipal, political, ete.-we may be entitled to. Let us join every movement for the lessening of the heavy burdens which press and keep down our brothers and sisters in our own and other lands. Let us ourselves live beautiful lives,
that so the refining influence of the art we love may that so the refining influence of the art we love may
shine through us and attract others. Let us, while extending our general knowledge of our art, so far as we can, find out the particular branch we have most natural aptitude, etc., for, and endeavor to excel in that. Let us, as often as may be, hear firstrate performances of first-rate works. Let us ourselves, whether as performers, conductors, or of the best, never dreaming that popularity-or, for the matter of that, unpopularity-is a proof of excollence. Let us always have a free pupil or two on
our list, with whom talent is more en evidence than our list, with whom talent is more en evidence than
the means to cultivate it. Let us never resent honthe means to cultivate it. Let us never resent hon-
est criticism-if only we are fortunate enough to get it. Let us remember that, in advancing ourselves, we are most surely advancing our art; and together, some of the additional luster we have gained for it by our faithful service.

John C. Freund, whose new journal, Musical America, is meeting with extraordinary and well merited success, very aptly says in a recent issue

A musical paper, to succeed, must offer an honorable business proposition to advertisers, as, from the conditions controlling the publication of newspapers, the subscription price and the price at papers, the subscription sold at retail do not cover the expense. This honorable business proposition must be offered to teachers, singers, pianists, mu-
sicians of all kinds, managers and the leading firms sicians of all kinds, mana
in the musical indostries.
If the paper is to be purely a critical paper and a paper for musicians and professionals only, it is obvious that it can offer no sound business proposition to advertisers of the kind mentioned, as the cards of the professionals would simply be read by other professionals.

From this it follows logically that a paper to offer an inducement, in an honorable way, to professional people to support it by their advertisements, must be read by the musical public, by the people who pay to go to the opera, to concerts, to musical
entertainments of all kinds, to the theater, by the entertainments of all kinds, to the theater, by the
people who have money, as well as ambition togive people children a musical education.

## AN IMPEACHMENT OF GERMANY'S MUSICAL

 TASTEThe German capital, says Edward Breck, "adores squeaky singing and playing out of tune." As
proof thereof he unkindly refers to the enthusiastic proof thereof he unkindly refers to the enthusiastic reception accorded Miss Lillian Russell, an "ordi-
nary singer," and that lavished upon Miss Ada Colley, a young Australian lady, whose voice goes to an astonishing height till it resembles a whistle. When she sings "Cavalleria Rusticana," Mr. Breck's whole spiritual and physical being shudders with excruciating agony ; but the Berlin audience rises as one man in a deafening din of applanse. Mr. Breck is correspondent for the New York Times, and he continues his case of impeachment as follows: "Now, I do not want to draw the conclusion from this appalling fact that the Germans are not musical, but only that they are less so, particularly the masses, than we are taught to believe. In most ways the Germans are certainly the most musical people in the world; in a great many others they are the most unmusical. A conservatory student who engages himself at a small theater as third bandmaster, or 'choir repetitor,' at 100 marks a month or less, is required to read at sight badly copied orchestral scores, often corrected and altered to the point of illegibility, and he can do this; but, unless he be an exception, he may become a celebrated conductor without being able to distinguish between a true and a false tone. There is no country in the world where so much music cau be heard: there is no country in the world where so much singing and playing off the key is tolerated, nay, enjoyed. Here again the German national dulness of sense, which precludes finish and finesse, comes in. The German stands alone as a creative musician ; as an interpretive artist he falls far be-
low the Slav, the Hungarian, or the Latin; for the low the Slav, the Hungarian, or the Latin; for the
ire, the caressing touch, the diablerie-in a word, the artistic finish is not his: that unfailing instinct for the "nuance which is the soul of artistic expression; Only of the preeminently classic is he a mas terly interpreter, the music which allows of the least individuality on the artist's part, like Bach and Beethoven." As a further illustration, Mr. Breck refers to the celebrated German bands, which, he says, set his teeth on edge. Many a fife corps in the Fatherland you may hear playing tunes a whole half tone too flat

## DEATH OF MAX ALVARY.

Max Alvary, the great Wagnerian tenor, and a popular favorite in the United Statee, died on November 8 of cancer of the stomach, in Tabarz, Thuringia, Germany. He was forty-one years old. Alvary's real name was Max Aschenbach, and his
father is the well-known painter, Oswald Aschenbach.
Alvary's early training was not that of a singer: He had been an architect and a business man before Dresden, and Stockhausen, in Frank furt.
Dre
His progress was rapid, and in 1882 he made his debut at Weimar. His voice then was of a light tenor quality, and he was considered a talented exponent of the older Italian roles.
Alvary was ambitious, however, and he turned his attention towards Wagner. The ."Trilogy"
interested him most, and he made a close study of the poem and music.
During Lilli Lehmaun's first season in New York, Alvary came here and sang Don Jose to her Caruntil he appeared as Siefried in Wat it's was not the same name that he had a chance to show his true artistic metal. Then his popularity instantly became assured, and reached its culmination in 1890, when, after his "farewell" appearance at a matinee several hundred women waited at the stage
door until he walked to his carriage, and, in their uncontrolled enthusiasm, embraced the handsome tenor on the open street.
Alvary then became a member of the Stadtheater in Hamburg, and, later on, twice returned to this Wity, under Damroseh's mauagement.
With their customary fickleness, the New Yorkers had grown indifferent to their one-time idol, and Alvary's reception was lukewarm. He was in poor physical condition, and about two years ago he fell ill. His money was soon exhausted, and some few
months back his friends in this country found it necessary to get up a subscription in order to aid him to support his family.
Alvary's Siegfried has come to be accepted as the standard interpretation of the role. He looked and acted the part to perfection. While retai ing Wagner's declamatory style, he yet managed to lend his singing a lyrical backgr und. Even De Reszke (a great admirer of Alvary, by the way) could not tell the story of Siegfried so simply and convincingly as Alvary He had also sung at Bayreuth, as Tannhauser and Tristan, but these roles earned him little success in America, though he looked a
most picturesque Tristan. His voice was already most picturesque Tristan. His voice was already
gone then.

His last appearance here was in 1896, with Kath erine Klafsky, at the Academy of Music. Alvary inherited some of his father's taste, and assisted Walter Damrosch in designing the costumes for "The Scarlet Letter." His confreres in the United States all thought bighly of him 18 a man and an a

## NO VOCAL TEACHERS IN ITALY.

Adelina Patti and Mme. Sembrich represent the best traditions in singing. They both have always refused to enlarge their repertoriesbeyond the roles suited to their voices. Mme. Sembrich's opiuious, therefore, carry much weight. In an intcrview she is reported as saying

There are no singers amovg the younger Italians who are properly taught or take the necessary
time to prepare themselves for the operatic stage. time to prepare themselves for the operutio stuge,
There are no teachers left in Italy to-day. If I were asked, I could not name a siugle one there to whom I would send a pupil. This is, of course, the chief reason why the younger singers of Italy are taught as poorly as they are. Another reason is that now they give their attention chiefly to roles 'To sing Wagner's music properly a person should know all there is to know about the art of singing, But a great many do not believe that. They thin it is enough to declaim or shout dramatically. The
younger composers of Italy are all writing music of younger composers of Italy are all writing musie of
that kind. Their imitation of Wagner has led to the neglect of merely lyric singing. So we see young persons without adequate preparation who begin to -hout Wagner and the works of the younger composers. The result is that the voice goes within a very short time. I know one young Italian who is now only a few years over 30. She is beautiful and a fine actress, but her voice is completely gone. merely because she was never properly taught, and has been singing the dramatic music of the new composers. Formerly if they did not receive proper preparation there was some chance for them to learn ultimately. They began with the lyric operas of Verdi, Donizetti, and Rossini, and if they afterward learned to use their voices properly it was not too late. The music they rang was not of a kind to injure the voice permanently. But now, when they start in on Wagner and the young dramatic composers and sing their music without knowing how to sing, the voice is gone before they realize that as it is for another. But they would find it difficult to get the proper training in their own country today, for the art of singing has declined there now until even the teachers seem to have forgotten the old traditions.

## ONE OF WAGNER'S DREAMS.

Mr. Percy Betts, of the London Daily News, calls attention to the fact that in the hitherto unknown letters from Wagner to Emil Heckel, the publisher about to be issued by Fischer, of Berlin, the interesting fact is disclosed on authority that Wagner; at the time of his death, had in his brain the complete scenario for thren new operas on the subjects
respectively of Martin Luther, Frederic the Great and Duke Bernard of Weimar. A Wagnerianopera, with the Protestant Reformer as hero, should have been a masterpiece indeed. In some of these letters Wagner is frivolous: for example, in an epistle necompanying a photograph of his wife, he writes in German doggerel, "Dame Cosima is ingood humor, thongh that surprises no one, for she possesses asuperior husband who writes good music" Most of the Bayreuth Theatre, and they are of deepinterest. To the minds of many, it would seem almost ain impossibility to conceive of Wagner's setting up Dr. Martin Luther as a hero of one of his highly emotional and passionately lurid musie-dramns, although it most be admitted that the tearing down and burning of the Pope's Bull would have given the maestro a splendid chance for vehement declamation. Possibly Wagner intended to make Luther's interview with the devil, in which the learned loctor threw his inkstand at the areh demon's head, one of the scenes of the opera. By the introduction of red fire, with Mephisto conjnring up a
powerful vision of temptation, to be followed by powerful vision of temptation, to be followed by
the discomfiture and flight of the infernal legion, Wagner would have had a superb inspiration for a weird and sensational effect. Frederic the Great, being of a satirical and philosophical bent of mind and without commanding stature or dignity of person, lends himself in a very slight way to the demands of a grand opera of the Wagnerian type. Both he and Napolian looked very insignificant on orseback, and neither was in any sense a typical popular hero of the Gustavus Adolphus, Wallenstein, or Cromwell type. Certainly Frederic'sphil-
osophical conversations with Voltaire would not osophical conversations with Voltaire would not
show off well in musical garb and then again, as Frederic was always proof against the charma of women, it would have been an opera ex necessitale. without a love-song,


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certs are successful, is evidenced by the great interest manifested in them. The following programmes have beeu presented:
226th Kunkel Popular Concert, (second concert of the season), Wednesday evening, Nov. 23, 1898. 1. Trio-For Piano, Violin and Violoncello, op. 59, De Beriot. (a) Moderato. (b) Adagio. (c) Ron-do-Allegretto. G. Parisi, P. G. Anton and Charles Kunkel.
2. Duet for Piano-Il Trovatore, Grand Fantasie, Melnotte. Introducing Soldier's Chorus, Home to Our Mountains and Anvil Chorus. Charles J. Kunkel and Charles Kunkel.
3. Song-Grand Aria, from Somnambula, Bellini. Mrs. A D. Chappelle.
4. Violoncello Solo - (a) Andacht (Devotion), op. 50, No. 3, Popper. (b) Reigen (Ring Dance) op. 50, No. 4, Ib .
5. Piano Solo-(a) Alpine Storm, a Summer Idyl, Kunkel. (b) In Dreamland, Valse Caprice, Bloeser. (c) Satellite, Polka Caprice, Alden. Charles Kunkel. 6. Violin Solo-Carmen Fantasie Brillante, Hubay G. Parisi.

Dong-Polonaise from Mignon, Thomas. Mrs A. D Chappelle.
8. Trio-For Piano, Violin and Violoncello, op. 49, Mendelssohn. (Two movements.) (a) Andante
con moto tranquillo. (b) Scherzo-Leggiero e Vicon moto tranquillo. (b) Scherzo-Leggiero e Vi-
vace. G. Parisi, P. G. Anton and Charles Kunkel. 9. Piano Duet-To the Chase, Galop, Mori Charles J, Kunkel and Charles Kunkel.

227 th Kunkel Popular Concert, (third concert o the season), Wednesday evening, Nov. 30, 1898.

1. Duet for Piano - Zampa Overture, He Melnotte. Grand Concert Paraphrase. Charles J, Kunkel and Charles Kunkel.
2. Aria-Q mio Fernando, from La Favorite Donizetti. Mrs.Josephine Hilty-Kimmel.
3. Violin Solo-Ballade et Polonaise, Vieuxtemps. Arnold Pesold.
4. Song-IWill Love Thee, (Romanza), Stanzieri. James J. Rohan.
5. Piano Solo-(a) Consolation, Chopin. (b) Whispering of the Fairies, Rubinstein. (c) Carnival of Venice, Melnotte. Charles Kunkel.
6. Song-(a) Spanish Love Song, Chaminade. (b) When Love is Kind, Old Melody. Mrs. Josephine Hilty-Kimmel.
7. Violin Solo-(a) Legende, Bohm. (b) Scherzo, Goens. Arnold Pesold.
8. Song-(a) The Dew Upon the Lily, German. (b) Arabian Love Song, De Koven. James J. Rohan Charles J. Kunkel and Charles Kunkel.

## ROSENTHAL.

Moritz Rosenthal, the Polish Pianist, has taken New York by storm. His success, unlike that of others of his art, was purely due to his tremendous
virtuosity. It is not a case of stimulated enthuvirtuosity. It is not a case of stimulated enthusiasm, of excited imaginations. The man's per-
sonality does not dominate the artist's genius. Ausonality does not dominate the artist's genius. Authority of style, mastery of technique, absolute
command of an instrument, which seems to become command of an instrument, which seems to become
a mere plaything in his hands, and a marvelous exhibition of artistic achievement, touching the limits of human possibility, these are the factors which arouse his audiences of musicians and music lovers to the sincerest bursts of applause a public performer has ever received in this country. Carnegie Hall has been crowded at every performance.
The crush was such that the sale of tickets had to The crush was such that the sale of tickets had to
be stopped on several oceasions. Strangely enough, there were no contentions, no faking of sides, no comparisons. The existence of differing forms of pianistic expressiveness was recognized. The creation of a new idol did not mean the toppling over of an old one. The acclamations were tion that Rosenthal is the greatest of all teehnicists eannot be attacked. Such absolute perfection in digital dexterity was never exhibited to an Ameri-
can audience. Running passages in the purest can audience. Running passages in the purest legato; trills as even and smooth as the trill of the nightingale; runs in thirds in strict tempo; glissandi that seemed to be fingered on harp strings; chromatic scales that swept the keyboard; and above all, octave effects that were simply wonderful in their rapidity of execution-these were the manifestations of Rosenthal's pre-eminence as an iostrumentalist. Vivified as all this was by the virility of a firm, masculine mind bravura, the virility of a firm, masculine mind,
directing an equally firm masculine touch, the effect was tremendous. It was a triumph of mind over matter such as is seldom seen even in these days of human vietories over physics. It is true he aims at the use of manual dexterity purely as a means to the end, but the brilliancy of the physical work certainly overshadows the intellectual and eno tional expressions Of this more can be said when he has been heard oftener. He played a concerto
by Schytte. This composer is a Dane, who writes simply and effectively. The first movement is brilliant, the second recalls the Scandinavian school, and the third is a Liszt-like pifce of work formed of a succession of almost impossible technical
problems. Then came two Chopin numbers, problems. Then came two Chopin numbers,
sweetly and deeply interpreted, an extraordinary contrapuntal study on a Chopin waltz; two Liszt "ompositions, fiery and dramatic, and as an encore
a Henselt gem, deliciously plaved, and a Fantasie on the waltzes of Strauss, in which the themes were buried in a web of musical embroidery. These re-
citals will undoubtedly be the greatest musical treat we have ever had. Rosenthal will appear in St. Louis Monday evening, January 30th, and Wednesday afternoon (Matinee) February 1st, at the 14th St. Theater.

## MISS BAUSEMER'S CONCERT.

One of the interesting features of the season was the coneert given by Miss Edith Bausemer, diughter of Mr. and Mrs. Franz Bausemer, at Memorial Hall, on the 11th ult.
The appearance of Miss Bausemer in the dual role of pianist and violinist was looked forward to with special interest, and it may be said that the high expectations of the large and critical audience present were fully met. Splendid dash and brilliancy characterized her work, and every number showed artistic finish and unblemished technique. Miss Bausemer was literally showered with floral tributes, and was given a most enthusiastic reception.

## ABORIGINAL AMERICAN MUSIC.

Professor Wilson of the National Museum states that music evidently occupied a prominent place in the arts of the ancient Mexicans, for it is mentioned by the early Spanish writers in connection with by the earry Spanish writers in connection with
war, religious ceremonies, and of festivities of war, religious ceremomies, and of festivities on
variouskinds. The instruments described or mentioned were drums, timbrels, flutes, horns, trumpets, and rattles. According to Clavigero they had no stringed instruments. There is no repre sentative of the ancient Mexican drum in the National Museum. It is described, however, the "teponaztli" of the Aztecs, as being made of a single block of very hard wood, somewhat oblong, square in shape, which was hollowed, leaving at each end a solid piece about three or four inches in thickness, and at its upper side was a kind of sounding ness, and at its upper side was a kind of sounding board about a quarter of an inch in thickness, In
this were made three incisions, two running parallel some distance lengthwise of the drum, and a third running across from one of these to the other just in the center. By this means two vibrating tongues of wood were obtained, which, when beateu with a stick, produced sounds as elearly dafined as those of the kettledrums of the present day.
The rattle, it is stated, appears to have occupied an important place in the ceremonies of the ancient Mexicans. A primitive form of dance rattle still used by the Yaqui Indians of Sonora, Mexico, is
made of butterfly cocoons, which are divided into halves and s wed together at one end with a double cord. Each half of the cocoon contains a grain or pebble. They are attached to a long cord, which is wound around the leg of the dancer.
The only instruments of metal in the museum collection of Mexican antiquities are bronze bells. These appear to have been in general use by the Mexicans before the Spanish conquest, and they are often found figured in the picture writings representing the various objects which the Aztees used senting the various objects which the
to pay as tribute to their sovereigns.
Whistles were nsed in Mexico and Central and South America. The whistling mechanism in all is identical with that of the modern flageolet, and the only distinction that can be made between them is by classing the instruments which emit only one sound or note as whistles, and those which have one or more finger holes as flageolets. The smaller instruments are mostly grotesque caricatures of the human face or figure of animals or birds. The arger instruments are more like the modern flageolets. A figure is shown carved in marble. It has six round holes, the lower end being carved in mitation of an alligator's head. It is Professol Wilson's opinion that the antiquity of the instrument may not be very great. The fact of its having six finger holes, he thinks, suggests European confact. as in all other specimens of this class from the Western hemisphere the usual number appears to have been four holes.

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Emil Liebling, the well-known pianist and comEmi played at a reception given by the Chicago Press Club, and scored a great success by his artistic rendition of "Hiawatha," an Indian legend for piano, by Charles Kunkel.
Miss Carrie Vollmap's new song, "United the Blue and the Gray," has brought her many deserved compliments. It was one of the features at the recent reception tendered President McKinley

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## CHOPIN AS PIANIST AND TEACHER.

The following excerpts are from recent recollections of Chopin from the pen of Georges Mathias, who studied with the composer in Paris for five years. The translation is by Kathleen C. Thorp, for
the Record:
What shall I say of Chopin as a pianist and teacher? As a pianist? All those who ever listened to Chopin's playing can testify that they never
heard anything even approaching it: His playing heard anything even approaching it! His playing
was like his music, and what mastery, what strength! The latter, it is true, foronly a few bars. What inspiration! What entrancing magie! The whole soul of the artist seemed to live in the instrument, and every hearer was filled with a sort of solemn awe. The instrument on which Chopin played has never given forth such sounds again! I
know bat one artist whose poetry, expression, and quality of tone remind me of Chopin. But I shall quality of tone remind
In the presence of women, Chopin surpassed himself, and if they possessed a title, that was no disadvantage; on the contrary: He was positively infatuated with the aristocracy, and who would wish to blame him? This predilection was a consequence of his thoroughly refined, thoroughly gentle, and loving nature; lie esteemed elegantly dressed
women, white hands, and rosy fingers! There women, white hands, and rosy fingers! There
could scarcely be anything more beautiful than this circle of aristocratic women for whom Chopin played. A veritable Decameron which he rendered immortal through his dedications. The artist and his hearers were of equal birth.

This gifted artist interpreted Mozarl and Beethoven with the soul of a Chopin, and that was
glorious. wonderful! He did not belong to the historical eritical race of pianists, though by this one does not mean to infer that the latter are wrong. Taste, knowledge, and technic are in themselves much; but geninses are unusual phenomenal
Tonching his rubato, I must beg to be excused if I linger somewhat longer on the subject. Rubato is a siga which was already used by the old mastering the tempo, is one of the two factors that lead to music expression. Alternation in tone and tempo is as necessary as when in rhetoric the orator raises or lowers his voice according to the feeling with
which he is inspired, accelerating or restraining the flow of expression. Rubato is then a shading of the tempo. It embraces acceleration and retardation of the speed as well as impet.osity and tranquuity; but great moderation is required in the exercise of
this mode of playing which is only too often misthis mode of playing which is only too often misChopin's music, one is constantly annoyed by the exaggerated use of the rubato. TL is is the fault of most dillettanti and, alas, also of many artists !
Who is not familiar with the grotesque mirror which reflects an image so distorted that one can
scarcely refrain from laughter ! The exaggerated scarcely refrain from laughter! The exagger
rubato gives me exactly the same impression!
Chopin, as Madame Camille Duboif so rightly remarked, expressly required that the accompaniment
for the left hand should be played strictly according for the left hand should be playedstrictly according glided smoothly on over the bar with all freedom of expression. And that is easy to attain. One accelerates in advance, and again slackens the speed, the apparent irregularity of both hands being equalized in ensemble. This mode of playing
Chopin advised, more especially for Weber's music. It seems to me as if I heard him to-day; not alone for his own music has he often recommended me such a mode of execution, but also for Weber's compositions, as for example: the Sonata in A flat major, and also for the passage in A flat major, in the Concerto.
We shall now speak for a moment about Chopin as a teacher. I can still hear his "Excellent, my angel !"' if anything went well, and can still see how
he ran his fingers through his hair if anything did not go according to his mind. On one occasion, he dashed a chair to pieces before me! It is true, it was only a wretched straw-bottomed chair, such as was only a wretched straw-bottomed chair,
might still be seen with artists at that time.
But what magnificent penetration into the spirit of the composition! What wonderful mastery in his power of elucidation, and of rendering the composition intelligible! As a means of expressing the
poetry that was inherent in him. Chopin's language poetry that was inherent in him. Chopin's language
was as eloquent as his music. It was poetical as that of a poet. At one passage, for instance, in Weber's above-mentioned sonata in A flat major, I well remember his saying to me: "At thismoment an angel flew through the heavens I"
1840. He lived at No.38, ruede la Chaussee d'Antin in a house which has since then been pulled down to make way for some alterations in the rue Lafayette. On my first visit-I was fourteen years old then - I played to him a composition of my former master, Kalkbrenner: "Une pensee de Bellini;" Chopiu listened to this abominable music with the greatest composure, without even a contortion of his eye-
brows. Heaccepted me as his pupil, and directed
me to take as preliminary studies, the A minor concerto of Hummel and Moschelle's Studies. (Chopin played the third study of second book with wonderful mastery.)
Once, when Chopin was ill, we were received by his pupil, Fontana, who played to us the master's first Ballade which my father-who was an excellent musician-and I scarcely understood. Chopin's
music, in those days, was looked upon as the Music of the Future, which will certainly seem strange to the young people of 1897.
$I$ remember the first Impromptu, opus 29 (Sehlesinger), the Sonata with the Funeral March, the second Impromptu, the two Nocturnes, opus 37 , the second Ballade, etc., which in 1840, at the time of the differeuces between Chopin and Schlesinger, appeared at Troupenas, in the rue Vivienne But there was no sale for all these, and they remained on the shelves of the publisher
Another time, when Chopin was ill and likewise confined to bed, he was, kind enough to roceive us. On the table by his bedside, I remarked the "Car nival," of Schumann, in Breitkopf and Hartel's first edition with an illustrated title page. My father asked Chopin what he thought of it; the latter answered with extraordinary coldness, and as if he scarcely knew the composition. Tuat was in the year of 1840 ; the "Carnival" was published in 1834 , but, as we have already said, Chopin not only outwardly conveyed the impression that he knew nothing of the opus 9 of Schumann, but did not evince the smallest desire to become acquainted with it.
He was as classical in feeling and sentiment He was as classical in feeling and sentiment as he
was romantic in phantasy, or rather, he was nothwas romantic in phantasy, or rather, he was
ing of all this, he was simply a great genius !
In the highest and fullest sense of the term, Chopin was a simpleman ; not by any means simple in mind, but simple as regards criticism and literature. He was neither so widely read nor possessed of the many-sided interests of a Liszt or a Berlioz. He was Soul itself and not Psychology; the psychologists anatomize all the individual motives of a skilful surgeons.

Notwithstanding his friendship with George Sand, Chopin remained a stranger to all literary movement. He read little with the exception of
the Polish poets, as for instance : Mickiewicz, a the Polish poets, as for instance : Mickiewicz, a
book of whose poems I always remarked on a litule table in the saloon, "Marya Pan Padeusz." For Chopin was a zealous patriot, and all his money found its way into the pockets of Polish emigrants. Often I have had in my hands Chopin's manuscript of his second book of studies which he dedicated to Comtesse d'Agoult, mother of Frau Cosima Wagner. A small, neat, delicate, and very pretty musical handwriting. As Chopin often received his friends during the lessons, Lonce heard Mon-
sieur de Parthuis, Adjutant to Louis Philippe, say to him: "Why do you not write us an opera?" and Chopin answered : "Ah, Nonsieur le Comte, let me keep to my pianoforte music, that is all I can accomplish.
Chopin possessed an exceedingly small foot and never senclose it in sleek leather boots. I have cut according to the latest fashion, was always buttoned closely to the chin. He carried himself with extreme elegance, and one was compelled to think on each occasion that he wore a perfectly new suit of elothes

Brignoli.-The silvery voiced tenor, was asked by the late Father Henry McDowall, of New York, to sing in St. Agnes on a fete day (the Saint's day, I think). Brignoli, always obliging, agreed to do so. Aware of his dilatory habits and forgetfulness of engagements, Father Henry asked me to go to the Everett House and fetch Brignoli to the church. If I had not gone to him, I am quite sure that Brignoli would not have arrived at the church until the service was over. Thastened his valet in dressing
him, Brignoli submitting like a big overgrown boy It was his custom, on leaving his room, in the winter season, to wrap his neek in a large woolen "comforter." Before leaving bis room he would make one wrap about his ncek on leaving his room
and another on each floor as he descended, completing the wrapping by the time he encountered the chilling air on the strect.
When we finally arrived at the church, the sermon was in progress. Brignoli was motioned to a ehair rescrved for him, leaned with his arms on the dowarest and endeavored to attrast Father Meeye, he attention. At last, catching the preacher Stoppa ze preach."
Father McDowall brought his discourse to a speedy close, and the great tenor charmed the large congregation with one of his most popular airs.
I do not believe it is generally known that Brignoli's superb voice, which had been failing him for
several years returned to him on his deathbed in several years, returned to him on his deatbbed in
the Everett House. Like the dying swan, he sang his sweetest before expiring. Asking to be propped up on the pillow, he sang sweetly until, exhansted, he closed his eyes and breathed his last.

One careful investigator has estimated that 179 oncerts will be given in New York this fall and winter, according to the present announcements, which do not include a number of others that are still to be heard from. These will possibly add a hundred more to the list, and the opera performances will asso make their bid for the patronage of
the New York public. And then they talk of " musithe New York public. An
cal atmosphere" abroad.
Verdi, who has permanently taken up his residence here in order to superintend the final estab-
lishment of the Home for Musicians founded by him, is again credited with the composition and near completion of a new opera-"King Lear," according to some, but "Nero," according to other in-formants-Arrigo Boito being the librettist. The score, report adds, is to be submitted ere long to a circle of the veteran composer's intimate friends.
Leschetizky, the piano teacher, governs with rules of iron. He charges five dollars a lesson, and the money must be put in an envelope and laid on the piano by the pupil when he or she enters the adopt the have some teachers who would the to not Leschetizkys !

I wish to endeavor to make it clear to the nonmusical reader that all music is a matter of ex pression in sounds, whether by voice or instrument, and that nothing deserving the name of ple grinding out sounds by mechanicar means peoa writer in an English paper Eyery time ths, says ject is discussed dunces ready to come forward and assert, with a show of virtuous indignation, that we "are trying to deprive the poor of their music.
The fact is that no influence could be more vulgarizing and more vitiating to the public taste than the grinding of common-place and threadbare tunes on a barrel organ. It can have no educational effect but in the wrong direction; our public is one of the most unmusical in the world by nature, and the barrel organs can have no effect but to aid in keeping this taste at its present contemplated level. Secondly, the system encourages and keeps among
us a set of men who are merely idle loafers and vagabonds, common beggars, with the additional power of creating an intolerable nuisance. A man who plays a clatiel or a cornet-a-piston in a wind band, though he may not play very well, must nevertheless have acquired some small modicum of musical knowledge, and have given some little pains to learn the manipulation of his instroment; he is, therefore, in quite a different position, in principle, from an ignorant boor who merely turns a handle to produce mechanical noises; he is, in a humble and imperfect way, exercising a craft. The organ-
grinder is not he is a lazy and ignorant fellow when grinder is not; he is a lazy and ignorant fellow who prefers to be lazy and ignorant, and who takes to
this handle-turning rather than apply himself to honest and useful labor

Max Muller, in "Auld Lang Syne," tells how he met Liszt at Leipsic, and gives the following interesting account of the meeting of Liszt and Mendelssohn: Liszt appeared in his He Mendscosthat he had written something special for him, and sitting down, played first a Hungarian melody and then three or four variations each more incredible than the previous one. We stood amazed, and after everybody had paid his compliments to the hero of the day, some of Mendelssohn's friends gathered near him and said: "Ah. Felix, now we can pack
up; no one can do that; it is over with us," up; no one can do that; it is over with us." Men-
delssohn smiled; and when Liszt came up to him asking him to play something in return he to him and said that he never played now; and this, to a cerlain extent, was true. But Mendelssohn sat down and played first of all Liszt's Hungarian melody , and then one varietion after another so that one but Liszt could have told the difference We all trembled, lest Liszt should be offended; but he laughed and applauded, and admitted that no onenot even himself-could have performed such a

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y fastidious there a composer more conscientiousmore racked with morbid thoughts of his wort's unworthiness. Apropos of this trait in Mendelssohn, Ferdinand Hiller gives us a characteristic anecdote:
"One evening," he says, "I came into Mendelsohn's room, and found him looking so heated and in such a feverish state of excitement that I was frigbtened.

What's the matter with you? I called out. There I have been sitting for the last four hours,'
he said. 'trying to alter a few bars in a song and he said. 'trying to alter a few bars in a song and

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Mascagni is seeking an engagement in London for the orchestra which he is to conduct in Paris during the 1900 exhibition.
E. A. Schubert, director of the Orpheus Orchestra, at St. Charles, Mo., gave a very successful concert at the Opera House there on the 11th ult.
Mr. Emil Liebling, of Chicago, announces a series of Complimentary Piano Performances during the present season by advanced members of hiclass. At the first concert, S. Heil, onner and H. Grua rendered Midsummer Night's Dream Music, for two pianos, by Liszt-Kunkel, reeeiving unstinted applause.
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nd I can not get recognized." mainly this: Your purposes are good, your courage is commendable, but your efforts have been misdirected; you have studied too much by yourself, been gaided too exclusively by your own judgment You have to a considerable extent mastered execution, but you are deticient in taste. Your performances are crude, unfinished, and disagreeable to a really fine ear, and the longer you practice in the manner you do the farther you will find yourself
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