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Herr Kosemhal, whose planism intrined American concerts ports a few years ago, is giving concerts in London. Rosenthal is another of the Lisza school of pianists, and his execution of the Abbe's compositions is literally astounding. It is said that he contemplates another American tour in the near

Thus far Paderewski's total receipts for twenty-eight performances have reached the enormous sum of 880,413, an experience probably unparalleled in the history of music. At his twenty-eight performance, in Cleveland, Ohio, the receipts were

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sure to produce indifference, if not possitive dis-satisfaction. "Per scalem ascendimus." The constant practice of the scales, major and minor, in octaves, thirds, sixths, and teaths, is indispensable in order to obtain sixths, and tenths, is indispensable in order to obtain good and correct technical execution. The beauty good and correct technical execution. The beauty and the uninterrupted continuity. The scale is the symbol of indistry and of permanent activity; nothing sifties our ear so pleasantly as the performance peculiar charm in that swift and even process of gliding over the keyboard, if the performer has a graceful movement of the hand, and a quiet, firm.

yet natural and easy position at the piano.

The shake, more than any other part of the tech-

The short trill (Prail-triller), as applied in oid and not less in modern pieces, must possess a sharp yet short expression; in short, it requires orispness. The chief requisite for playing chords effectively is the possession of sufficient and equal strength in all the fingers; the distinctness of the middle or inner notes will always be the essential and most inner notes will always be the essential and most of the property tion, strength and earnestness; the broken, or artion, strength and earnestness; the broken, or arpegiando, again, is the expression of softness, languor, despondency and irresolution. For playing firm chords, the fingers ought to be regarded as hammers; a decided, firm touch ought to leave no doubt as to the intention of the performer. A firm chord must possess a ringing, vibrating quality; but the performer has carefully to beware of the but the performer has exercitly to beware of the besetting sin of themping, which produces merely noise. It is advisable to bend the fingers a little, to the single performance of the single performance of touches the key with the for the single performance of finger strikes if with the harder tip, which, by the help of the bone and nail (which ought never to be help of the bone care resistance, and cons-quently, or certainly as to distinctness and pre-cision.

cision. The "arpeggio," particularly when applied to The "arpeggio," particularly when applied to accompaniments, and in a soft, delicate and subtice manner, forms one of the greatest beauties of piano playing. Like the scale, the arpeggio requires playing. Like the scale, the arpeggio requires effect. In commissions of the produce an agreement effect. In commission with the control of the produce and the produce with a graceful veil, the performer can exhibit the "arpeggio" to the best advantage.

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#### PADEREWSKI.

Reginald de Koven, in the New York World, speaks

M. Paderewski opened his third American season M. Paderewski opened his third American season with a concert at Caraegie Music Hall, having the assistance of Mr. Damrosch and the Symphony Orchestra. The program was one of strong, constant, and varied interest, and had the commanding merit

I characterized M. Paderewski as the Napoleon of the pianoforte. I see no reason now to after my

this:

The most interesting number on the program was, undoubtedly, M. Paderewski's "Fantaie Polocases of the beauty and intrinsic merit of the work itself. In considering this composition one must not lorger that, according to the design of the composer, it is famissic for orchestra with plano, composer in the property of the program of the prog and not one for pisno with orchestra; as others use one would be tempted to say that, as in so many modern concertos, the solo instrument had been sacrificed to orchestral effect. But in this case the piano is only one factor in the general scheme of

To me this fantas'e lacks the poetry, picturesqueness, and emotional suggestiveness of his piano concerto; but it is so instinct with life and force, so full the general cnaracter of the four movements—sile-gro moderati, vivace, the scherzo-andante, and alle-gro glocoso—suggests the usual symphonic form, the treatment is wholly in the style of a free fanta-sia, but dignified, artistic, and musicianly, the working out of the various themes being for the most part symphonic.

The movements succeed each other without inter-

reption, organic unity being attained by the cognatic third movements have all them. The first and third movements have all them of the first and choly of the northern peoples, while the second and choly of the northern peoples, while the second and kracovienne. If the work forces, the mazurka and kracovienne. If the work forces, the mazurka and kracovienne. If the work forces, the mazurka and kracovienne. If the work forces are the second that the use of the thematic material seems at times rather tragmentary. The brilliancy and dash of the Rails a done, however, would make the work a sec-

That the fantasie was superbly played by the comceived with entusiasm by the audience. Though it possesses much melodic beauty, and is altogether a most interesting work, it suffered somewhat by its juxtaposition with Liszi's regal E-flat Concerto, which, as played last night by Paderewski, was fairly electrical in effect. Such power and brillancy as were shown in the rendering of this number are purely mark the acme of mystic virtuosity. To my

#### MAJOR AND MINOR.

Mascagni is setting "A Midsummer Night's

Tite Mattei, the famous song writer, who became bankrupt about five years ago, has just obtained his discharge in bankruptey, in London.

There is one thing absolutely indispensable to Tito Mattel

The Philharmonic concerts of Vienna annor The Philharmonic concerts of Vienna announce for the winter season performances of the following: Symphonics, E flat major, A. Bruckner; E minor (No. 5), Dvorak; E minor (No. 5), Tschaikowsky; a symphonic poem, Tabor, by Smetana; overture to

The managers of the Bayreuth Theatre and the The managers of the Bayreuth Theatre and the Munich Opera have made an agreement respecting the Wagner performances next summer. In Eayling the Control of the Nichology will be given, after July 18. or flee of the Nichology will be given, after July 18. or flee of the Wedneddy Inclusive, while Munich will produce the other works of Wagner, with the exception of Die Feen, till the conclusion of the Bayrouth festivati, on Thurselys and Saturious of each week.

Most of the world's great artists have been suc-cessful when still very young. Rubinstein was ten years old when he gave his first concert; Liezt only nine. Spohr was fifteen years old when he was ap-pointed chamber musiclain to the Duke of Bruns-

Lamoureux, the first who had the courage to in-Lamoureux, the inst who had the courage to in-troduce Wagnerian music into Paris, is going to have a theater constructed on the model of that of Bayreuth. The opening of it will take place with the Tetralogie of Wagner in 1888. Mr. Lamoureux intends also to utilize the building for concerts. He will have in it a grand organ for works of Bach,

The death, at the age of ninety, of the Maestro The death, at the age of tinety, of the Maestro Guiseppe Catavits took place on October 22, at Lugo, Italy. An intimate friend from early youth of Rossini, and an excellent musician, he estab-lished himself at Lugo as a feacher, in which ca-pacity be formed innumerable pupils, both instru-mentalists and vocalists, some of whom, amongst them the teaor Carlo Carpl, have attained celebrity. He was also an able composer, chiefly for the church, bis compositions including several cantatas, motets, and a Requiem Mass of considerable merit.

Bologan.
It appears that at certain performances in the Bertin Opera House no one is allowed to appliand the period of the perio

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He leaves a mother, sister, and three sons to nourn his loss. The sons are respectively 13, 16

and 21 years of age.

The sons are respectively 15, 16 and 21 years of age.

The funeral services took place at his late residence, 4365 Forest Park Boulevard at 2:30 Christmas afternoon. The interment was private. The pall-bearers were Messrs, Kunkel, Kroeger, Robpall-bearers were Messrs, Kunkel, Kroeger, Kob-bins, Bright, Anderson and Burg. A quartette, composed of Mrs. Mary E. Latey, Mrs. G. McCand-less, Messrs. Hein and Affleck, sang the favorite numbers of the deceased.

The music trade sent a magnificent floral plece and attended the funeral in a body.

Mr. Kleselhorst was a man of marked abilities, and had made a high success of the business to which he devoted the last fifteen years of his life. which he devoted the last litteen years of his life.

He had just built a fine home at a cost of \$21,000
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All
labor when death stepped remorselessly in.
The entire trade feel the loss of their co-worker.

### PITCH OF THE HUMAN VOICE.

In discussing a paper in the physical section of the American Association, at its recent meeting, frof. W. Le Conte Stevens stated that "the lowest 1,123 vibrations, and was able to sing as low as G2, 129 vibrations, having thus a range of nearly 4½ octaves. Ajugari's upper limit has been attained has often estimated, by comparisons with a tuning-fork, the pitch of a child's squeal while at play, which has been repeatedly found to be in excess 2,250 vibrations per second; in one case as high as G6, shout 4,50° vibrations. The total range between these extremes is in excess of six octaves

#### NATIONAL MUSIC.

"I often hear," says de Koven in the World, heated arguments on the subject of characteristic "I often hear," says de Roven in the Bords,
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#### CITY NOTES.

The St. Louis Quintette Club will give its first concert on Tuesday, Feb. 11, at Memorial Hall. The concerts given by the St. Louis Quintette Club are among the most enjoyable events of the season. The club is composed of the well-known artists, G. Heerich, V. Schopp, L. Mayer, C. Froelich and A. G. Robyn.

R. R. Kroeger will give his first pianoforte recital F. R. Kroeger will give his lirst pianoforte recital of the present season at the chape iof the Church of the Messiah, on Monday evening the 6th inst. The programme will be made up of numbers from Schu-man, Rubinstein and Liszt. This is Mr. Kroeger's third season. His rectulas have been eminently

The Apollo Club continues its splendid work under A. G. Robyn, the work at every concert showder A. 9. Robyn, the work at every concert snow-ing a marked improvement over its predecessor. There are no events more delightful than these Apollo concerts. Among the soloists secured for the coming concerts are Sawiet, Blauvelt, Francon Davies and Holman.

Schoen's Orchestra of twenty-five men furnished the music for the Busch wedding, and for the D. O. C. Bail, given at the Merchants' Exchange.

Clifton Heights was entertained Thanksgiving Cillion Heights was entertained Thanksgiving night by a concert given for the benefit of St. Matthews' Episcopal Church. One of the hits of the evening was the vocal solo, "Who's at My Window," rendered in a charming and artistic manner by Miss Bertha Winslow

A very interesting entertainment and musicale was given under the auspices of Mt. Calvary Episcopal Church at Union Club Hall on the 18th utt. Among the most taking numbers were two duets for plano, "William Tell" and "II Trovatore," arranged by Claude Melioute and played by Messer, F. Koch and F. W. Norsch, and Miss Rossie Hoffner and F. W. Norsch.

A. Malmene, the well-known teacher, has re-turned to St. Louis. Mr. Malmene makes a specialty of vocal culture and composition, and gives ad-vanced pupils the further advantage of foreign lan-guages. Mr. Malmene is a musician in the broad sense of the term, and his pupils are fortunate in

P. Robert Klute, director of the Vienna Conservatory, 3019 Easton Ave., has sent out a very fine catalogue containing cuts and sketches of his

Adolf Erick, the well-known vocal teacher, gave a musicale at his music rooms, 3526 Olive Street, on the 7th ult. The affair was pronounced a splendid

Antikamnia.—The name itself suggests what it

Mue. Schumann has just celebrated the seventy-sixth anniversary of her birthday. She was born at Lelpide, and it was in her native place that she made her debut when she was but ten years old. She married, in 1808, Robert Schumann, who died skateen years inter, after exerting a numbann, who died with the place in the statem pears inter, after exerting a number of the statem pears inter, after exerting a number of the work which he is letterpreted.

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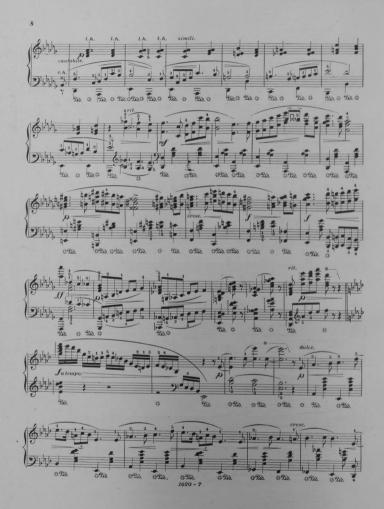
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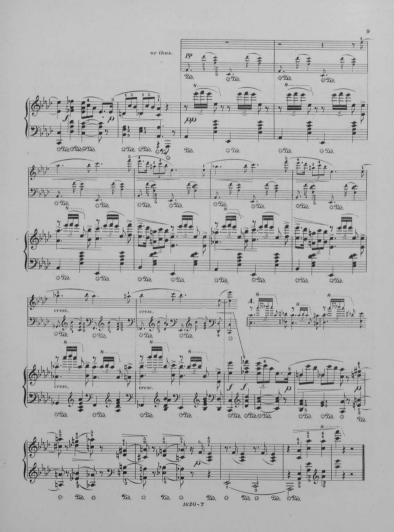
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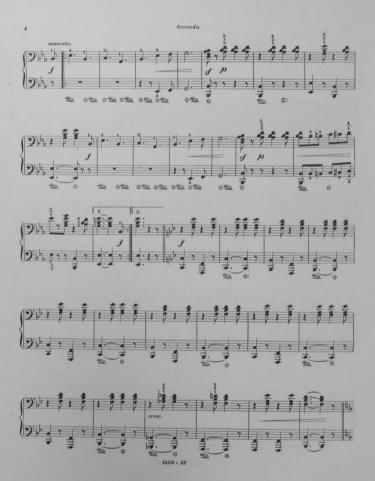
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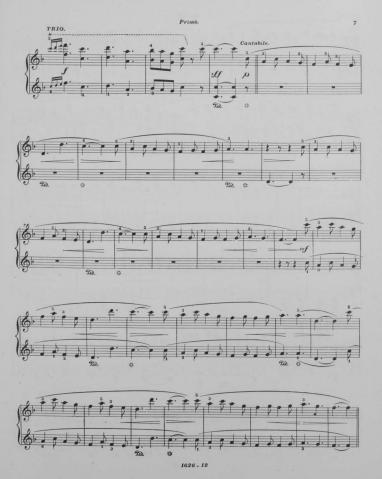
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#### CONGREGATIONAL SINGING.

How to Obtain It.

This subject "How to Obtain Good Congregational of church services, particularly those of the Prot-estant churches, and therefore the best efforts of musicians are continually directed towards the improvement of present methods. Every organist has given the subject more or less consideration, and my views are given in the hope that they may help to solve the difficulty.

Laying partly aside the question of whether it is better to have congregational singing or choir work, to my mind neither the one nor the other should be sed with entirely, but they may be divided as

In the Protestant churches the anthems, psalms in the Frocestant churches the antieness, psains, etc., should undoubtedly be sung by the choir, and the hymns only by the congregation, as It is here that the congregation could be of such great value, for it is the natural desire of the people to join in the hymns, to which fact anybody can testify.

pense with the choir at mass or vespers, aithough, to my mind, congregational singing might be ad-vantageously employed at the vespers, but only in the "O Salutaris" and "Tantum Ergo," not other-wise. I do not think the hymns could be well em-ployed at the early masses, on account of the short-

All this, however, is a digression from the subject

I am decidedly of the opinion that the best way to bring about congregational singing is by such methods as the following: The hymns themselves should be simple and of chorale form; nothing of wors; as, for example; in the old limin; and parti-cularly the Meyerbeer operas. For supposing that the congregation would sing reasonably correct a second, third or fourth purt, a most inaccurate balance might result; many sopramos and baseos, but no alto or tenor worth speaking of; or, perhaps—oh, no alto or tenor worth speaking of; or, perhaps—oh.
mkery!—everployd might leave the soprano or bass
mkery!—everployd might leave the soprano or bass
the result! Moreover, the hymns should be printed
the result! Moreover, the hymns should be printed
to some the manual as it is played on the organor lower than usual, as it is played on the organday school to all the children. This is of paramount
importance. By properly, I mean that the organist,
or some one well qualified in teaching, should instruct the the children in the melody of the hymns,
struct the the children in the melody of the hymns,

Aney snow so tanget to make the attacks promptly at the given signal, which might be done in the old-fashioned way of two or three leading notes, and then the prompt attack. Then after the children know their lesson, so to speak, let them be scattered all over church—it does not matter where, since there are no harmonies to be sung.

Before the hymns are given out, let the paster in—Before the hymns are given out, let the paster in—

in a chorus? and the more that are singing, the more

who will want to sing?
The singing of one's neighbor in a congregation
may-sound discordant, but it is the general effect
after all that tells; and the good singers, or those
who know something about music, generally our
number the poor ones. It is true that the only ones
to hear the combined effect are the organist and the
pastor? But what of that? When a large chorus

choir is doing the singing, the only ones to hear it are the congregation and pastor.

may be said of large operatories of the control of are the congregation and passor.

Let me explain. An orchestra player hears only the instruments in close proximity to him; the same may be said of large oratorio choruses, where each one generally only hears his nearest neighbors, only once in a while getting the general effect, and this

order to lead them as he wishes—loud, soft, cres-cendo, diminuendo; and this can be done, for people always wait to follow a leader, as well as when they are joining in a chorus as at any other time. I do not think a precentor necessary, but rather a hindrance, for the organist would have to see him, and in many churches the congregation has its back to the organist, and oftener still it is a case of back to the organist, and oftener still it is a case of back to back, and one has to trust to sound in order to know exactly how to lead the congregation, a fact I know from experience. The children, I think, are quip precentor enough. Let all be in earnest, be not afraid to sing out and not have any false pride; each afraid to sing out and not have any false pride; each afraid to sing out and not have any false pride; each to his best, and lei I be understood as a regular part of the service. Moreover, to return a moment to the should be tangle to rely on the left—once or twice, at the start, may bring failure; but when it finds no assistance but the children it will sing out.

A word to the organist: do not be straid to use the start, which we have the country of the start. You can do your tooling down later.

The experiment is worth trying, I am persuaded.

#### ADVERTISING WITH SINGERS.

Some people think that Parisians sit outside the Some people unink that Farlisats sit outside the cades on the boulevards, says the Presto, in order to drink poorly-mixed beverages. Others know that they only take up their positions there in order to see pretty women and sprightly shop girls trot merrily along.

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are really happy in their selections, are really happy in their selections. As they approach, the blase boulevardier stops As they approach, the blase boulevardier stops drinking and stares at the strange singers. He even drinking and stares at the strange singers. He even drinking and stares at the strange singers. able attire. The pastry cook's boy, a true gamin of Paris, allows his hot dishes to get cold and forgets his customers as he listens to the tall gentlemen huckster, with her little dog, complains because it interferes with business.

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A bievele firm in Paris has started out half a dozen corsage, and on it are inscribed in large characters the words: "I ride So-and So's wheel." Advertising in newspapers is expensive in Paris,

and people don't read the advertisements in French papers as they do in America. The complete outfit papers as they do in America. The complete outhr of the men who sing advertisements on the boule-vards costs only \$15, and includes patent leather boots, a tall slik hat, a light overcost and a black frock suit. They receive \$2 each per day. As there are likely to be many limitators, the police are hunt-

Milton had a strong taste for music, and wrote his lay of "Comus" for his friend Henry Lawes, the play of "Comus" for his friend Henry Lawes, the most distinguished composer of the day in England. Music and conversation, indeed, were his chief recreations. He sometimes sang, and could play the bass viol; but his favorite instrument was the organ. Gray had a liking for music, and would sing on occasion, though with some diffidence While in Italy he learned to play on the harpelchord

#### GOOD HABITS.

If the time that many of us waste in making up our minds over little matters could be employed in doing something really useful, how much more would we be able to accomplish? As with most bad habits, the habit of indecision in little, every-day affairs is the easiest thing in the world to ac-quire. We think so much of the small duties of life that they get to assume the most formidable pro-portions, and in deciding what we shall do about them we leave ourselves little time for greater and

now we envy those people who have the snack of accomplishing a great deal without apparent effort. We look at them in wonder, and vainly wish that we might discover their secret. It does not appear difficult. "Why," we ask ourselves, "cannot we do as much as they?" But, strive as we may, we

The secret is not a hard one to find, but it is a the wistom of their decisions. They do their work systematically, and put into each working moment the best that is in them, without thinking of the result. They are the people who rise at the same time each morning, and take up their daily tasks at the same hour every day. They are the creatures of habit, but their habits are nearly all good ones, that lead them in the direct line of that which they are

striving to do. There is no one factor of success stronger than yond the mere details of the work, and to see how best we may accomplish that which we have under-taken. It is like playing the plano. At first we have to study the music and the keys, and each note we strike requires a separate and distinct effort of the will, but in a little while we begin to read the music readily, and as our fingers wander over the keys we are not conscious of directing them.

an exception occurs we would feel somewhat at a loss. We should be hardly conscious of taking up loss. We should be hardly conscious of taking up each separate task, but should go to it sa matter of course. There is necessarily in most of our lives more or less of routine. The same things have to be gone over day after day, and, so far as they them-selves are concerned, it makes little difference in what order we do them, so long as they are done.

come unconscious that we are following a rule.
At first glance it does not seem of mucn impor-tance. But think what would be saved by it. Sup-pose each day we did the same things, but in a different way, haphazard. As we finished one we would have to stop and think which one we would better do next, and so on until all were completed. How much time would we have wasted, how much trouble expended, and how much more tired would we be when we had finished? On the other hand, having once got the duties of the day to arrange

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