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HEAP chromos and cheaper music given away by grocers and dry-goods merchants to attract trade or to advertise their wares, disgust the connoisseur in painting and music. His first impression, and a very natural one, is that art is being desecrated and that the practice of distributing these socalled art-works is an unmitigated evil. Would not the new composition (?)-and behold, the next a serious second thought cause the connoisseur to morning you read in the columns of the paper on change his mind? The savage and the untutored which he is employed a satient criticism of the them in so reasonable a demand and that the man child are fond of bright colors without much re-

surdity of the combinations : it was only by culture formance, and, in the nature of things, criticisms His daubing was inartistic, very, but it was his first must be in many respects erroneous, even when step toward a knowledge of color in combination, penned by honest and competent judges. What And so in music, the blare of the trumpet, the edge of music stops short of the rudiments? nent parts of an orchestra is even dreamt of. It is useless or worse. Leaving out the shoal of incoming but also symmetrical form. The first steps are humble but they are not evil-they are inartistic. but they tend to art. And so with the chromos cism. Nor do the divergences of competent critics and the inartistic music. The fact that they are in any way invalidate the truth of this statement. a demand for music and art among the uncritical of the age there crops out the immortal love of the expression of an opinion, but in another it is more, beautiful. The mission of the cheap chromos, of a beginning and hence better than nothing. They are not (and it is well they are not) even passable doubtless often are, the first means of awakening an interest in the higher and better forms of art.

MUSICAL CRITICISM.

T is not an unusual thing for those who have been, as they think, harshly dealt with by the critics of the press, to condemn all critics as incompetent and all criticism as valueless. One of their fa-

involves more of gymnastics than of lief on this subject is to point out the divergences thought. These gymnastics, though only of opinion of different critics viewing or hearing gymnastics, are indispensable, they will the same art-work at the same time, and to claim not furnish expression, which is born of that until the critics agree among themselves it is venal but more wealthy. The average newspaper It is only after the legato touch has cording to circumstances, a mixture of gush and scome for the student a second nature, that music man who does the stock-yards, the police court or the rendering of some new work which perhaps tious study to enable them to thoroughly understand and appreciate the composer's intentionhe hears a part of it, looks at and notes the toilets pantaloons upon the pictures of men in his "first knowledge of the work, know how to apportion of getting."

reader." It was only later that he learned the ab- merits and demerits between the work and the perof new works the morning after a first hearing

But, putting all the shortcomings of musical not follow that critics should be condemned as petents who do duty as critics and taking their stuff ordered by the business office of the paper for business purposes-the fact remains that art and artists, as well as the public, owe much to criti-

The purpose of criticism worthy of the name, is

artist and the public. It is in one sense but the for the careful critic will always give-if the subject matter admit thereof-the grounds of his opinion. The reader, therefore, can almost always know whether he admits the critic's premises and hence whether the critic's conclusions are such as he must acquiesce in. A criticism to whose every conclusion we object as erroneous may be extremely valuable to us. The critic may point out but which we might not have noticed at all but for his sharper vision or analytical labors. If a criticism has enlarged our knowledge of facts contoward enabling us to form an intelligent opinion has done us a service. If, on the other hand, we belong to the same school as the critic; if our tastes and habits of thought are similar, we can follow with rapidity his guidance through mazes which use has made familiar to him, but which alone we might be unable to thread at all, or the beauties of art-works. He is something more besides: A safeguard against imposition, an exthe voice of the better public, encouraging or reproving. Right or wrong, he makes known to the composer and performer the opinion of at least an work. Oftener right than wrong, however, he betake advice and learn. Whether he praise or blame, therefore, the critic who is honest in his portant work for art. Even if it were denied that he can teach any one, the fact would remain that he is the only reliable telephone between the pub-If artists, instead of indulging in the constant betheir deserts, they would do not a little toward correcting the evils of which we spoke above as existing in our American press in reference to the analyses of art work and performances. If, instead of sneering at all work of this sort, and thus creatthe range of his vision-all the time listening to ing the impression that they think any one can do it, they demanded better work in this line, they would find that the public would soon join with work, a column or more in length. Is it to be won- agers of leading journals would soon be compelled gard to their harmony or to the forms to which dered at that the "criticism" should be one to to employ competent persons as music and art they are applied. The most hypercritical of critics make the angels weep and musicians smile? Of critics-men who would have the will and the ability course this is all wrong. No one, however skilled, to do them justice. Perhaps, though, that, with less remember the time when he painted a yellow can grasp at one hearing the intricate combina- many of them, the trouble really is that, like the culcoat, a blue waistcoat and striped red and green tions of a full score - no one can, without a previous prit at the bar, "justice is just what they are afraid



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Juvenile characters are assumed by elders, who Juvenile characters are assumed by cliefs, who are fitted for this class by a dwarfing process begun in early childhood. Their simulation of childish tone and manner is often strikingly realistic, and a novice is sure to be deceived by their studied presentations of youthful innocence and artless-

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**sound the most natural and successful creations of the Chinese stage. Understanding to perfection the art. I making the old appear young, it is no wonder that they have at aged characters. The flowing beard, gray hair, and wrinkled face, the bowed figure and trembling and characters. The flowing heard, gray hair, and wrinkled face, the bowed figure and trembling covide of the agod mandarin is heard in shrill and quaking tones. If in the repetition of the long second consin, dilates on his own valorous deeds upon the bloody field, or sings the praises of some actor should play him false, there is no convenient prompter upon whom he can rely. He must have very word as gut as a phonorraph, for it he falters every word as gut as a phonorraph, for the falters were yound as put as a phonorraph, for the falters were yound as and those are as well acquainted the himself, and ovil bettle him if he neglects his duty.

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"My name is of no importance. Oh! I am so happy that I am permitted to sit here with you."
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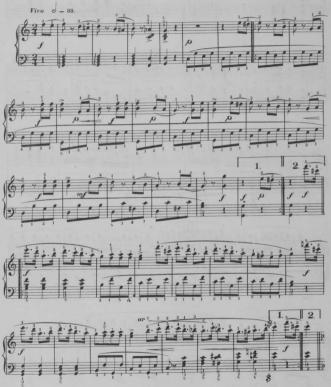




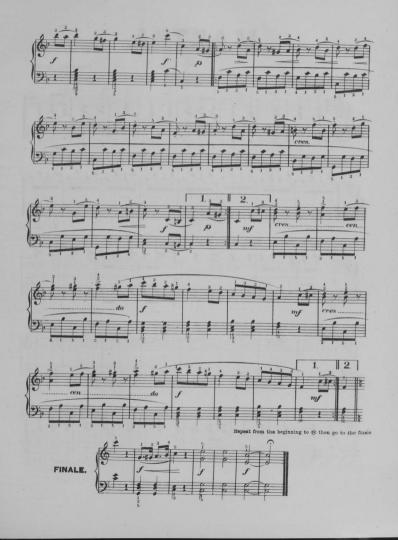


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the French court, a bass viol, or contra-bass, so inarge that loys, who sags sepans and allo, were diagregated by who sags sepans and allo, were of sight during a performance in which the viol player appared to produce the three upper vocal parts; and this instrument, it is said, was often 1. Have been informed that many years ago there was a double-bass manufactured in the city of Bealerge that, to play upon it, the performer was obliged to stand upon a table. It obtained the name of the Crandither of Fidelies.









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so sounded sady from the yellowing tree once the walling wind rose higher. Rousing to flash and foam the sullen sea: ad the great forest, like a giantlyre, Schoed the key-note of the harmony; furled the clouds before it like a toni, d lot the sunshine dazeled from the rent

And all the wet world gladdened to the ray,
As tear dimmed eyes glean to a loving word:
Answering its call out langhed the weary day,
As a fond slave springs joyful to her lord,
Forgotten chill and darkness, doubt and fear,
"Absent, I droop—I joy, thou art here"

"All the Year Round,

EUGENE D'ALBERT, the planist composer, has just completed he composition of a symphony.

Ms. Colby, of the American Art Journal, took in the St. Louis Exposition, and made a pleasant call at the office of the

J. S. Bach's organ at the New Church at Leipzig, as re-tored by Arnstadt of Thueringen, has 19 stops in the great organ, 16 in the swell, 14 in the choir, and 11 in the pedal,

THE reperioire of the San Carlo Theatre, of Naples, during next season, will comprise the following operas—viz. Verdi's "Alda," Bolto's "Mefistofele," Mercadante's "La Vestale," and Micel's "La figlia di Jefte."

WE learn from Italian papers that Verdi was recently vis-ited by Arrigo Boito, who found the Maëstro busily engaged apon his new opera "Jago," which, it is thought, will be orought out during next year, at Milan.

M. Peter Benoir, the well known Belgian composer, has written a "Kinder-Cantate" (Children's Cantata), which was most successfully performed last month by some 1,200 youthful executants of both sexes, at the Cirque Royal, of Brussels. HECTOR BERLIOT'S Opera "Benvenuto Cellini" is to be produced shortly at the Carisruhe Hoftheater. This interesting work of the great French composer was performed for the first (and only) time in Germany some years since, at Hanover, under the auspices of Dr. Hans von Bilow.

Schubakr's music to his opera "Rosamunde," the Allges Musik Zellining states, is to be revived at the Magdeburg SI Thesater in connection with a performance of Shakespee "As you like it," the original text of the opera by Hels on thesey having proved fatal to the auccess of the work.

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Where I struck him foul with a big ball-bat,—
Ahl never again sang he.

A Base ball club and an operatic troupe got badly mixed up a railway train the other day. "Are you the first base?" cliedidy exclaimed the manager of the match, buttonholing slim young man. "First bass! Do I look it? No, sir! I am two tenore assolute?"

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