MAJOR AND MINOR.

Mr. Frank, of Missouri, introduced in the House, Washington, D. C., Jan. 23, a bill to prohibit army and navy bands from competing with civilian organizations. This bill is in the interest of the Musical Protective Unions and has been urged for years by the Musicians' National Union. Musicians in Washington complain of the competition of the Marine Band, and the New York men claim that some of the government bands in the neighborhood of that city have taken the places of members of the organization at lower rates of wages. The complaint is general from every place where such bands are stationed. The Secretaries of War and the Navy have been appealed to in vain, and the musicians have concluded that the only way to be protected from enlisted men is by law.

The Strauss Orchestra from Vienna and a grand ballet of 100 dancers from the Elhambra, London, will be the attrac-tion at the opening of the new Madison Square Gardens, New York, which will be under the management of T. Henry Franch

Amsterdam.—Emma Nevada has just signed a contract for a series of performances at 14,000 francs (\$.,800) each; one of the clauses of the contract stipulates that she shall be supported by a first-class company, contrary to what is generally the case with "stars."

Herr Hans v. Bulow celebrated his sixtieth birthday on Jan. 8th, by conducting a concert at Hamburg, on which occasion he was made the recipient of honors and favors of all kinds. The subscribers to the concerts presented him with a purse of 10,000 marks, which the great conductor desires to be

devoted to charitable purposes; and Herr Brahms sent him the original manuscript score of his own third symphony in F, a noble gift indeed, but one which must be always su-perfluous to its rectipient, who has no doubt had every note of the work in his head for some years past.

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Mme. Teresa Carreno is meeting with general success in Europe; she has just completed a brilliant tournes through Holland, playing in Amsterdam and other important cities; she also appeared at the last Guzenrich concert in Cologne, and will assist at the coming concert of the Hanover Royal Orchestra. The press and critics speak very favorably of Mme. Carreno's pianistic talents.

The Aschenbrædel will decorate its headquarters with photographs of every musician in the city, in groups of fifty. Fournier, the chef de claque, lately deceased, left a fortune of nearly 2,000 000 franks, (\$400,000) the greater part of which he made as a ticket speculator and not as the autocrat of mercenary applause in the theatres of the French capital.

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William Robyn, the veteran musician and father of Alfred G. Robyn, celebrated his 76th birthday on the 16th ult. Mr. Robyn is closely identified with musical progress in this city. In 1839 he formed the first orchestra here, and directed the Polyhymnia Society for sixteen years. We wish him many a long year's health and enjoyment.

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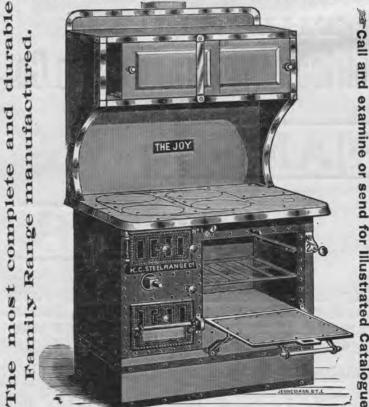
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A. J. Robyn played at the opening of a Grand Kilgen organ in Sedalla.

Miss Jessie Foster's Concert at St. Charles was a financial as well as an artistic success. Miss Foster was ably assisted by Miss Nellie Allen, planist, and Arthur D. Wild, barytone. Among the gems of the concert were "Polonaise." op. 33, for plano, by Epstein, and "The Sailor," barytone solo, by E. R. Kroeger.

P. Mori gave a musical soirce at Concordia Turner Hall. He was assisted by P. G. Anton, Jr., celloist, and others.

M, A, Gilsinn and A. Halter gave a piano and organ duet at the Pickwick Hall, before the lecture by Conde Pallen.

The Many friends of Mrs. K. G. Broaddus were pained to learn of the death of her husband, Dr. T. E. Broaddus, for many years resident physician at the Lindell Hotel. His death was due to heart trouble.

Lottle Gerak played for the sisters and pupils of the Visita-tion Academy, and afforded them a delightful treat. Miss Gerak will give a matinee and evening concert either at Mem-orial or Entertainment Hall in April.

The K. J. B. Ladies' Quartette gave an entertaining musicale at the parlors of the First Congregational Church.

Joseph Goepfert filled Louis J. Dubuque's place at St. Alphonsus Church, while the latter had an attack of sickness.

The Endymion Club gave a very good presentation of the cantata, "Endymion," at Balmer & Weber's Music Hall. The characters were taken by Miss Laura Cowen, Miss Aggle Cowen, Miss E. Court, Miss E. Porter, Miss E. Rosen, Mr. S. C. Black, Mr. Joel, Mr. Rowan and Mr. J. Shields, assisted by a chorus of forty voices. Miss M. P. Killingsworth was reader, Mr. Sykes, pianist, and Mr. George Jarvis, organist and conductor.

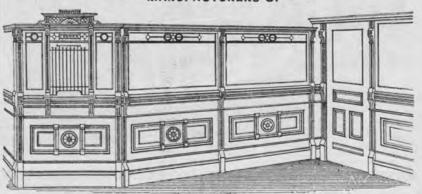
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On Wednesday, January 29th, at the Sing Academy in Berlin, Hans Yon Bulow gave a rendering of Beethoven's last Sonatas—a performance in which for the past twenty years or more he has stood single and unequaled, and in which with each repetition he even excels himself.

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At to-day's performance the praise of the master and apostic could be heard in almost every language. America on the west and Asia on the east had their contingents. Gray heads and youthful faces had united to do worship. Many followed reverentially in their scores. Here a tie has been discovered which unites separated nations in the noblest sentiments of veneration and love.

May the artist, who has just completed his sixtieth year, yet long be spared to fulfil his mission of culture and civilization. Not in the tendency and compliance with the weak and small, not in the immediate accomplishment of self-will, but in the diffusion of that recognized as the highest, consists the merit of the man, who, in a long struggle, has won for himself the admiration of the people. Even though all bears the stamp of perfection, and the detail disappears in the completeness of the whole, it shall not prevent us from mentioning with especial gratitude the sweet singing of the F sharp minor Adaglo of the B major Sonata, the attainment of the impossible in the storm of the B major Sonata, the attainment of the impossible in the storm of the B major Sonata, the attainment of the impossible in the s

DEATH OF KARL MERZ.

Karl Merz, Mus. D., and director of Wooster (Ohio) University, died of pneumonia on the 11th ult. He was well known as a composer and musician of high repute, and was editor of Brainard's Musical World for the past twenty-five years. His Hints to Teachers and Pupils have been widely quoted. The Wooster Republican says:

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At last, the great Dr. Hans Von Bülow will favor St. Louis with a plano recital. On the occasion of his last visit to this country, but a few cities were favored with recitals; now the greatest of them all will be here on April 23d; and we wish he could be here oftener, but it is a vain wish, for this will most likely be Bülow's last visit to St. Louis.

OTTEN SYMPHONY CONCERT.

The first of a series of Symphony Concerts, inaugurated by Mr. Otten, took place at Entertainment Hall, January 30th, and was an overwhelming success.

The program selected for the occasion was as follows:

I., Overture, Fingals Cave, Mendelssohn, Orchestra; II., Loreley, Liszt, Mrs. Corinne Moore Lawson, and Orchestra; III., Symphony in B Minor (unfinished), Schubert, Orchestra; IV., Songs with Piano, (a) To be sung on the Waters, Schubert; (b) The Maids of Cadiz, Bizet; Mrs. Corinne Moore Lawson; V., Liebesliedchen, Taubert, String Orchestra; V., Hungarian March (From Damnstion of Faust), Berloiz.

It was listened to with marked attention by one of the most critical audiences that ever assembled in St. Louis.

The orchestral numbers, from the beginning to the end of the concert, were rendered with a precision and minuteness of detail that showed the great care and study Mr. Otten must have bestowed upon the rehearsals. The result, therefore, was at once obvious, and the performance, unusually smooth, would have done Thomas' or Gericke's orchestra credit. The ladies and gentlemen, Mrs. L. M. Allen, Mrs. Daniel Catlin, Mrs. Grace Valle January, Mrs. Emma H. Lane, Miss Emma Lane, Mrs. Florence Wyman Richardson, Mrs. Cordelia Sterling, Mrs. B. J. Taussig, Messrs. B. S. Adams, R. S. Brookings. Hudson E. Bridge, Otto Bollman, A. D. Cooper, Wm. E. Guy, John F. Lee, backing the concerts financially against loss, must have been delighted with the success achieved by Mr. Otten and the orchestra, and if the concert given is a foretaste of what the following concerts will be, we predict a handsome profit at the end of the series instead of a loss; for we are sure that almost every one present became, at the close of the concert, an ardent disciple of the Symphony Concerts.

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The orchestra likewise granted an encore to Taubert's Liebesliedchen, for string orchestra, by repeating it. It is a pretty little idea, prettily conceived and orchestrated, and took hold of the audience at once. It was played repeatedly, and then the audience hardly knew it had listened to it twice; this was caused by its charming simplicity and delicate rendition.

Mr. Otten deserves our special congratulations—first, upon the success scored; second, upon the good judgment diplayed in choosing the Entertainment Hall for his concerts instead of the large Exposition Hall, which is entirely too spacious for concerts of this kind.

The Steinway Grand Piano, used for several of the accompaniments to Mrs, Moore Lawson, was a wonderful and beautifully-toned instrument. It fairly talked, and did its renowned manufacturer much credit.

The second Symphony Concert took place on the 20th ult., with Miss Adele Aus der Ohe as soloist, and was a repetition of the triumphs of the first. Miss Aus der Ohe was received with every demonstration of enthusiasm, and renewed the successes made here at the Sængerfest. Her playing was up to the high-wrought expectations—grand and wonderful, The following programme was given:

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The third concert will be given March 20th.

THE BEETHOVEN CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC.

Memorial Hall was crowded to its utmost capacity with an appreciative audience, which attended to hear the first soirce this season, of the Beethoven Conservatory. The Conservatory, now in the twentieth year of its existence, has always been a valuable factor in the musical art culture of our city, and, under the prudent and energetic direction of Messrs. Waldauer and Epstein, has become one of the most permanent and important educational institutes of St. Louis. Aided by a strong faculty of experienced teachers in the several departments of vocal and instrumental music, it exerts a powerful influence in advancing the best interest of "the noble art" in the Mississippi Valley. Among the young artists who excelled and were enthusiastically applauded, we name the following: Misses Lilian Fike, Millie A. Harding, Bertha Sechler, Lydia Guether—in quartette playing; Miss Bessie Schultz—Moonlight Sonata, Beethoven; Miss Grace Johnson—Concert-

stuck, Kalkbrenner; Miss Clara Assmann—Concertstuck Schumann; Miss Neilie Allen—Concerto B Minor, Hummel In the vocal department, Miss Mamie Charles—Bird Song Taubert; Miss Josie Singer—Bolero, by Giosa; 'My Heart is Sad'' — by Weckerlin — Miss Urilla McDearmon and Jessie Cozzens. In the violin department, Miss Ruth Collins, 7th Air, DeBeriot, and Master Levy, in a Fantasia by Singalee, carried off the honors.

The whole soiree was highly enjoyable, and proved anew the care and thorough musical instruction the pupils receive at the Beethoven Conservatory.

E. R. KROEGER'S FOURTH ANNUAL CONCERT.

Mr. Kræger's concert was given on Tuesday evening, February 4th, at the Memorial Hall, to an audience that filled it to its utmost capacity. Indeed there were many who were unable to obtain entrance and were compelled to forfeit the evening's entertainment. The following programme consisting of compositions by Mr. Kroeger was rendered, all of the numbers being presented for the first time at these "annuals:"

1. Plano duet, Fantasie Symphonique. (a) Allegro. (b) Allegretto. (c) Allegro Brilliante. Messrs. Kunkel and Kroeger;
2. Female Quartets. (a) An Autumn Song. (b) I Once Had a Sweet Little Doll. The K. J. B. Ladies' Quartet. 3. Plano Solo, Sonata in D. fiat major. (a) Allegro. (b) Adagio. (c) Allegro Energico. Mr. Kunkel. 4. Male Quartets. (a) The Summer Night. (b) Drinking Song. The Olympia Male Quartet. 5. Alto Solo, Life of Life. Miss Bruere. 6. Sonata for Violin and Plano in F. Major. (a) Allegro Energico. (b) Allegretto. (c) Allegro Animato. Messrs. Heerich and Kræger.

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The opening duet was played with great brilliancy and the performers received a hearty recail. This composition is written in a spirit of health and vigor, and although a "Fantasie," yet clings closely to the Sonata form. The quaint allegretto was probably the greatest favorite with the audience. The K. J. B. Ladies' Quartet (composed of Mrs. D. T. Phillips, Miss Minnette Slaybaek, Miss Julia B. Kroeger and Mrs. Laura Anderson), reaped new laurels at this concert, and evinced the great care bestowed upon its work by the directress, Mrs. Kate J. Brainard. The "Autumn Song" has a melancholy tinge, but closes brightly. The second number, Charles Kingley's charming poem, "I Once Had a Sweet Little Doll," was enthusiastically received and the quartet repeated the number.

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Probably the selection which was most esteemed by the composer in point of merit and workmanship, was the "Piano Sonata in D flat major" which was played by Mr. Charles Kunkel and which was dedicated to him. In this work Mr. Kunkel had every opportunity to reveal his extraordinary planistic powers. Careful phrasing, rhythmical clearness, perfect legatissimo, the singing of single melodies, great power in climaxes—sil these were features of Mr. Kunkel's rendition. Aithough the "Sonata" was of unusal length, yet the audience listened with the keenest attention and insisted upon a recall. The Olympia Male Quartet (Messrs. Chas. Metcalf, G. H. Bahrenburg, A. D. Weld and H. F. Neidringhaus), was quite successful, and the voluptuous calm of "The Summer Night' and the spirit of Moore's "Drinking Song" were equally well displayed. The last number was re-demanded by the audience.

Miss Minnie Bruere's solo. "Life of Life' based upon Seal-Miss Minnie Bruere's solo, "Life of Life" based upon Seel-

Miss Minnie Bruere's solo, "Life of Life' based upon Seelley's poem, was characterized by warmth, intelligence and nobility. She showed a complete mastery of the conception of this difficult song, and every phrase was sung with its proper emphasis and tone-coloring. She gave Mr. Kroeger's "Look Out Upon the Stars" as an encore.

The closing number, the "Sonata for Violin and Plano in F major" was given with great animation and fire. Mr. Heerich sustained his reputation as a thorough artist, and in the difficult figures in the last movement, he triumphed with a splendid exhibition of virtuosityship.

MENDELSSOHN QUINTETTE CLUB.

The third of the Mendelssohn Quintette Club Concerts occurred at Memorial Hall on the 19th ult. Mr. Charles Kunkel, in the absence of Mr. Victor Ehling, who was suffering from severe cold, sustained the piano parts. The programme also presented Messrs, Kunkel and Kroeger in duets for two pianos. The following programme was rendered:

Adante: (d) Allegro.

To say that this concert was never surpassed by any similar one in St. Louis is a very modest statement. The same gentlemen could duplicate the concert in any musical center in the world, and it would be received with marks of the highest enthusiasm.

The trio, quartetle and quintette were played without a flaw. Messrs. Heerich, Mayer, Schopp, Anton and Charles Mayer entered into the full spirit of their work, and gave renditions at once correct and artistic. Mr. Charles Kunkel's performances of the trio and quartette were models of finely balanced work. The three duos for two planos were enthusiastically received, and the Rondo, Op. 73, by Chopin, had to

be repeated at the special request of the audience. Of the dno-playing of Messrs. Kunkel and Kroeger, that it was a treat in itself, and a very rare one, it is needless to add. Not so much because of the greatness of the works, or of the fact that two planos were employed, but because two artists had worked well and faithfully until their playing was of a unanimity of conception seldom witnessed.

We emphasize the fact that such a performance would be a revelation of the most artistic and highly intellectual duoplaying in any art-center of the world.

The Steinway planos had plenty of work before them, but they reveled in it and proved their sterling worth. Among the audience was Miss Adele Aus der Ohe, the distinguished pianist, who was one of the most enthusiastic applauders.

The management are to be complimented upon the success of their series of concerts, and the public fully appreciates their endeavors.

THE PERSONALITY OF MUSICIANS.

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The recent publication of an exceedingly eulogistic biographical sketch of Rubinstein, in which everything connected with the great pinnist composer is treated from the point of view of the hero worshipper, has suggested to the present writer to inquire how far the personality of the great musicians commends itself to the ethical judgment of the average plain person. We think it is Berlioz who, in his picturesque memoirs, describes the efforts he made to catch a glimpse of Weber during the latter's transit through Paris, and indulges in an enthusiastic outburst in which he enumerates the advantages which would accrue to great geniuses and their admirers, if the former would but show themselves more often to the latter. Then it must be remembered that Berlioz was a man of genius himself, whose emotions and passions were very highly strung. Still the feeling that he describes is common to all mortals who have a spark of generous enthusiasm in their composition. We all of us have longed to speak to some great man or other, and if our ambition has been gratified, not infrequently hoard up the recollection among the choicest treasures of memory. Still these experiences need not blas us in our endeavor to ascertain how the personality of great composers and artists—either through personal contact or through the medium of blographies—impresses the mind of the ordinary individual. Is there any common ground on which the dwellers on the mountain tops and in the valleys can meet, or must the former dwell alsoffrom the majority of their fellowmen, only consorting with those of like mold to themselves? Are we to hold with Gibbon that solitude is the only true school for genius, or with Sir Walter Scott that the possession of unique endowments is no excuse why a man should behave differently from small or average men is a proposition which cannot be gainaid. The question is, whether this divergence constitutes an inseparable barrier or not. And the answer is not to be found by examining their The recent publication of an exceedingly eulogistic biographical sketch of Rubinstein, in which everything con-

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It is obvious, however that such a test can not be applied in
the case of all musicians, least of all in the case of those who
are still alive. We must abide by Solon's maxim, and "wait
for the end." With regard to some of the most eminent of the
old masters, it is to be noticed that the life they led was so
cloistoral in its seclusion that we hardly know what mauner
of men they were. This applies to Palestrina, and in a minor
degree to Bach. But with most of the mighty dead the materials necessary to form a conclusion are abundantly forthcoming. And it soon becomes apparent that the personality
of great musicians differs as widely as their music, or even
more so. The cheerfulness and kindliness of Haydn were as
remarkable in his life as in his compositions, Mozarf's marvellous genius was united with a convivial vein, which made
him—when not harassed by overwork—a famous boon companion. There was no save indignatio either in him or his
music, and the element of Schnsucht, though it does emerge
occasionally, is in the main latent. Handel in his every-day
private life was not without many admirable qualities. He
was, at any rate, a robust, courageous, and manly fellow,
which one can not say of all musicians. After the upheaval
of the French Revolution we encounter amid the foremost
musicians a totally different spiritual and mental physiognomy. Beethoven, the greatest of them all, was marked out
by destiny for loneliness. And yet, though his manners were
as bad as those of Dr. Johnson, he was capable of fascinating
some of the most refined and spiritualies of the great ladies of
the Austrian aristocracy. But although he had his moments
of accessibility, and even of traderness—witness the touching letter he wrote to the little girl who sent him a letter-case
—he was not a man with whom ordinary mortals could live.
He quarrelled gratuitously with his most trusty friends.
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Barry that Schubert—whom he knew lumediately—was exactly like the driver of a Viennese Flaker, in plain English, a cabman.

With the advent of Weber, a new departure may be said to be observable in the character of the great musical composers. Before his time they were not infrequently men of one idea, absorbed and wrapped up in their music. But from Weber onward, as Dr. Spitta has pointed out, they have been almost without exception men of considerable general culture. Weber is a case in point; Meudelssohn was a veritable admirable Crichton, who excelled in everything he put his hand to. Schumann had strong literary sympathies and inaugurated an entirely new school of musical criticism, fantastic at times, but genial, picturesque, and suggestive. Berlioz again excelled with his pen, and though his criticisms were always wrung from him with much effort and discomfort, they were invariably pointed and a mirably expressed. Wagner again was a most voluminous writer. This development of the literary side of musicians is significant, in that it has occasionally embroiled them in controversies by no means occasionally embroiled them in controversies by no means conductive to that calm which is so desirable for the exercise of the creative instincts. Setting this literary and educational development aside, it is impossible to avoid noticing how the maladie du siecle—a discontent more or less divine—has manifested itself in the lives of the great musicians of the nineteenth century. It is writ large in much of the finest music of Schubert, notably the two last symphon-

ies It emerges in every second page of Schumann's compositions and correspondence. Mendelssohn was in the main free from it, but even he had his moments of depression and irritation. Spohr was too absorbed in his work, and for the rest of too solid and well-balanced a nature to indulge in the luxury of introspection. But Berlioz and Chopin were, on the whole, very unhappy men.

Our brief and imperfect review has then established this much—that the possession of the creative faculty, in its highest form, is not as a rule compatible with a capacity for that happiness which is often achieved by less gifted mortals. There is nothing in the world that comes up to the pleasure of creation, but this pleasure is only achieved at the cost of much antecedent pain. Moreover, for the production of original work in the domain of music, seclusion or isolation is an essential. The artistic temperament again is subject to greater fluctuation of spirits than that of the ordinary person. But it would be a great mistake to imagine that because of these dircumstances great geniuses must be for ever debarred from consorting with ordinary people. For one thing, they can't get on without them! Where would Wagner have been but for the generosity of his friends? The great men need the little men to look after them in the ordinary affairs of life, and the little men need the great men because hero-worship is ingrained in humanity.—Mus. Times.

MUSIC IN GERMANY.

The musical student or amateur who travels in Germany is sure to be well repaid in the fine music to be heard that is always missed by the traveler in the pleasanter months of summer. In winter the most calebrated artists are back from vacations, and are well in "harness" by that time, so that the auditor hears them to the very best advantage. Here in Berlin the Boyal Opera is entitled to be spoken of first, as it consists of a fine number of singers and one of the best orchestras in Germany, under the direction of Herr Josef Sucher, a most talented conductor, whose admiration for the Wagner operas is unbounded. In the list of performances the last two weeks were the following works, most of which are familiar to the musical public in America:

"Das Ringold," "Die Walkure," "Siegfried," "Gotterdammerung," and "Lohengrin," by Wagner; "Fidelio," Beethoven: "Der Freischutz," Weber; and also lighter works, such as "Fra Diavalo., Auber, "Martba," Flotow; "Carmen," Bizette; "Die Judin," Halevey; and a romautic opera by Hoffmann, called the "Aennchen von Tharau," which is new to most opera-goers.

The singers are most of them very able artists, although none have a very wide reputation. In orchestral and choral concerts, Dr. Hans von Bulow is the particular "star" as a conductor. He conducts the classical concerts of the Philharmonic Orchestra and all the oratorio concerts. At the last concert of the "Philharmonic Cher," Beethoven's "Ruinen von Athen" and his Ninth Symphony were given. I have never heard such a fine performance of the Ninth Symphony as that under the "baton" of Von Bulow. He is one of the very greatest planists of our time, and as a conductor must also be classed among the best.

No well-informed musician would leave Berlin without hearing the great "Joachim Quartette," with the great violints himself as the leader and particular attraction. The playing of the quartette was the best that I have ever heard, and they are, beyond all question, the leading quartette of the world.

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There are concerts of a lighter character at the "Philharmonic" hall by the Philharmonic Orchestra, under the leadership of Joachim Anderson, who is celebrated the world over as a flute soloist and composer for that instrument, and also at the old "Bilse" concert hall, where an excellent orchestra plays every evening under Karl Meyder. In old times under "Bilse," the orchestra was of a very high order, and included in its membership such fine artits as Anton Hekking and Ch. Molé, who are now in your Boston orchestra.

A short ride of four hours from Berlin will bring one to the city of Leipzig, celebrated for its fine Conservatory of Music and the eminent artists that it has amongst its professors. Here are held the celebrated "Gewan Thaus" concerts, one each week, on Thursday evening, with a public rehearsal on Wednesday morning similar to the one in Boston. This orchestra is led by Dr. Carl Reinecke, one of Germany's most celebrated musicians. On Thursday evening, December 5, the programme was devoted to the compositions of Mozart. One number was the concerto for plano (in D-dur), composed in 1788, three years before the great composer died, at the early age of thirty-five. This masterwork was grandly performed by Dr. Reinecke, who played in a manner that to every true musician compelled the greatest admiration. Another number was the symphony (in D-dur), composed in 1736. The orchestra as a whole was very good, but it is certainly not to be compared to your Boston orchestra, or Indeed to the fine orchestra in Dresden.

Herr Nikisch is always well spoken of as a most talented conductor, and a gentleman as well, in his relations with his orchestra players, which is more than could be said of your former leader, Mr. Gericke, I understand. The new hall for the "Gewandhaus" concerts is not excelled by any in all Europe. Leader.

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The first of these is that the mission in which Wagner labored as controversialist and composer was a reform of the opera—not a reform of music generally. He was a musical reformer only so far as music is a factor in the sum of the modern opera. Outside of the theatre, it is true, he exerted a tremendous influence on the development of the art; but that influence he exerted only as a gifted musician who stood in the line of succession with the great men who widened the boundaries of the art and struck out new paths for it—let me say Bach, Haydn, Gluck, Mozart, Beethoven and Schumann, As the legitimate successor of these kings, he advanced the musical artindeed; but as a reformer, his activities were directed not to music in its absolute forms, but to an entirely distinct and complex art-form—the opera. The phrase "music of the future," popularly attributed to him, was the invention of his crities: his own phrase which was thus parodied was "the art-work of the future," by which he meant a form of theatrical entertainment in which poetry, music, gesture, painting, and the plastic arts were to co-operate on a basis of complete interdapendence and common aim, the inspiring purpose of all being dramatic expression. The starting-point of his reformatory ideas was that music had neuroped a place which does not belong to it in the lyric drama. It should be a means, and had become the aim. As an esthetic principle, hecontended that it lies in the nature of music to be not the end, but a medium, of dramatic expression. He therefore reversed the old relations of libretitist and composer, and made music, which can only address itself to the emotions and imagination, dependent for form, spirit and character on the poetry, which can appeal to reason as well. As a musical form of expression. Wagner held that rhyme is useless, because it implies the identity of the consonauts succeeding the vowels, and thesaconsonants are lost because only the vowels can be dwelt on. The first consonant

however, because it is that which gives physiognomy; and since repetition makes an agreeable cadence, he substituted alliteration for rhyme in the significant portions of his verses. This theory however, he put into practice only in Tristian und Isolde and Der Ring des Nibelungen, in Parsifal he recurred to rhyme. From the verse melody thus obtained he desired the musical melody to spring, words and music becoming lovingly merged in each other, each sacrificing enough of selfishness to make the union possible. This means that for the sake of truth Wagner brought declamation forward as the first and most essential element in dramatic singing. The melody in the sense in which the word is generally understood, has to a great extent been relegated to the orchestrs, where it is woven into a great symphonic fabric, in which, no less than on the stage, the drama is worked out. In his vocal part the aim is to achieve through the music an increased impressiveness for the poetry, and to this end he raises it to a kind of intensified speech, which retains as much as possible of the distinctness of ordinary dialogue, with its emotional capacity raised to a higher power.—From "How to Listen to Wagner's Music," by H. E. Keehelel, in Harper's Magazins for March

ST. LOUIS MUSICAL UNION.

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The third musical union concert was given to a large audience numbering fully 2,500 persons in spite of the inclemency of the weather. The programme as will be seen, with the exception of the noble Egmont Overture by Beethoven and the Violin Concerto by Mendelssohn was of a light order, and we question whether the subscribers consider No. VI a fit close for the concert. To say that all the numbers were faultlessly rendered is but doing justice to Mr. Waldaner and his orchestra. The following is the programme:

1. Cortege and Fantastic Procession, Mosskowski, Orchestra;
2. Concerto for Violin, Mendelssohn, Mr. Ludwig Marum; 3. Overture. "Egmont", Beethoven, Orchestra; 4. Hungarian Dances, Brahms, Orchestra; 5. Violin Solo, Romanze, Bruch, Mr. Ludwig Marum; 6. (a) Serenade Gillet, (b) Valse Lente from "Ballet Naila", Delibes, For String Instruments.

Mr. Waldaner directed with great dash and vigor, We never heard the close of Egmont Overture given at such a templ. It was indeed very imposing.

Mr. Marum, the soloist, is an artist. His technique and intonation is first-class. It was a treat to listen to his artistic performances. He was recalled deservedly many times and granted an eucore to the concerts by playing Walters Preis Lied—Wilhelm. The fourth concert takes place March 18th.

The Fifth Annual Convention of the National League of Musicians will be held in Cincinnati, March 12th, 1890. An effort will be made to appoint paid organizers to form locals in cities where the League is at present not represented. St. Paul, Minneapolis, New Orleans, Louisville and many other important cities are not represented in the League, in the Fourth District, Mississippi Valley. These could easily be persuaded to join by a personal appeal from a competent organizer. A committee will also be appointed to push legislation in Congress, stopping military competition, and raising the rank and pay of musicians in the army and navy. A bill drawn by Owen Miller, of this city, covering these points, meets with general approval. It divides the musicians in the service into three classes, according to ability, glving the first class fifty, the second thirty, and the third twenty cents per day, extra pay; allows each band three non-commissioned officers besides the chief musician, to be taken from the first class; provides that musicians cannot be detailed for any other purpose; and, last but not least, compels the chief musician to pass an examination as to his fitness before being appointed. Many of the chief musicians in the service to-day owe their appointment to favoritism, and would make excellent manipulators of a team of mules, but are out of place handling a band.

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Through the efforts of the Musical Union, under Mr. Waldaur and the Choral Society under Mr. Otten, a strong orchestra has been formed which is a credit to these gentlemen and to the city. We have no equivalent reed orchestra. To fill this void, an association has been formed, known as the Beethoven Association, which will confine itself to this class of music. Weekly rehearsals are held under the direction of Mr. Louis Meyer, the fintist. The best music journals in the world have been subscribed for, which will insure the latest and best reed arrangements at all times. Already fifty names are on the rolls, with applications coming in every day. In the course of a few months we may expect to see a reed orchestra of seventy men, second to none. There has always been plenty of good material here, but it needed organizing and bringing together to become accustomed to play together in such large bodies.

If it is a notorious fact that the St. Louis theatre orchestras are the smallest in the county in proportion to its size and reputation. In all the larger cities, theatre orchestras ave rage from 12 to 25 men; while here they average from 5 to 11 men. There is not a theatre in the city that could not afford at least 16 men, but just think of it, one of our so-called first class theatres has neither viola, flute or repetetoire; another has neither flute nor opposed, so that whenever an attraction comes that needs a few more men, a detail is made from the other house, and things are so arranged that two first-class attractions never come together; thus the few extra men engaged by their houses are used like a shuttlecork, from one to the other. The public complains of the poor music, but never lays the blame where it belongs, on the all-absorbing manager. One house boasted of having made \$14,000 clear last season for its proprietor. He paid his orchestra of nine men \$5,400. He received as his individual share over 250 per cent more than these nine men together, and over 250 per cent more than these nine men together, and over 250 per cent more than any one of them, but still as soon as the thirty weeks contract was over cut out every instrument he could to save a little more. The proprietor never sees the house he draws this enormous sum from, or the people who earn it for him. Of the five first-class theatres in St. Louis but one is owned here. If the public will awaken to the fact that the bulk of the money spent for amusements goes to New York, Calcago, Cincinnati, etc., it will demand a better return in accommodations, especially musical accommodations.

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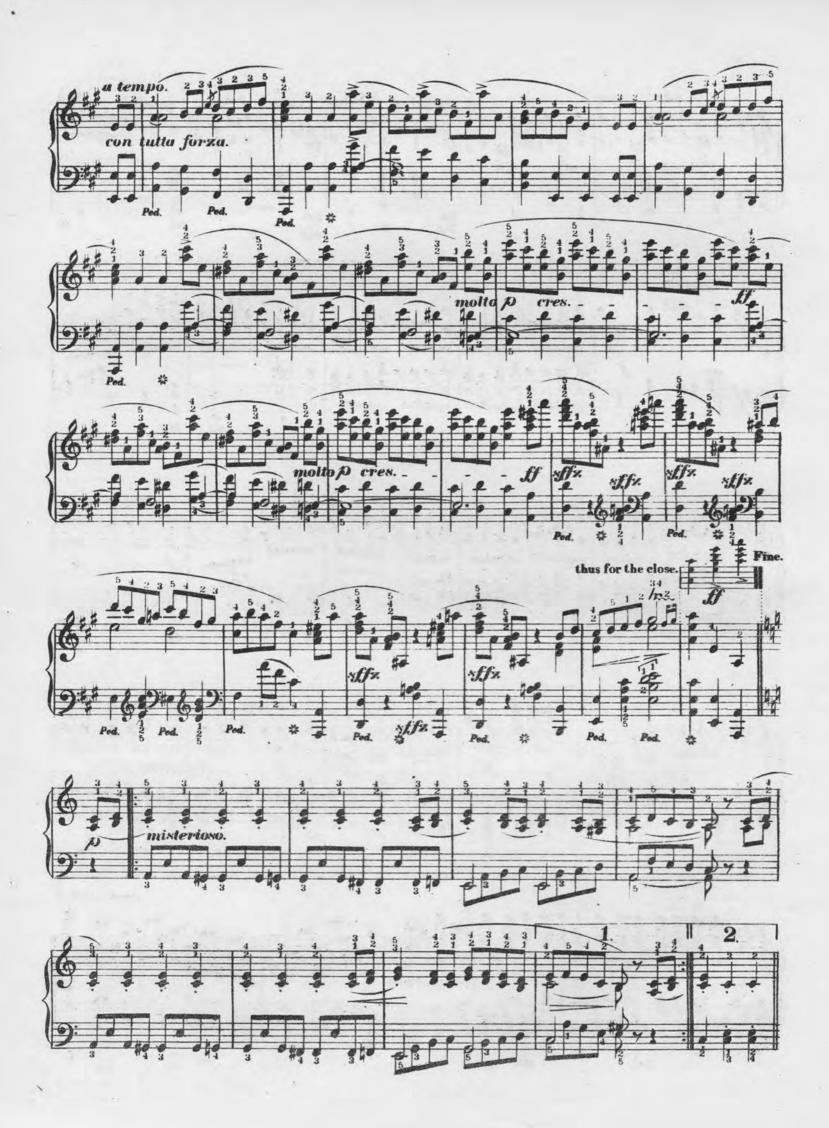


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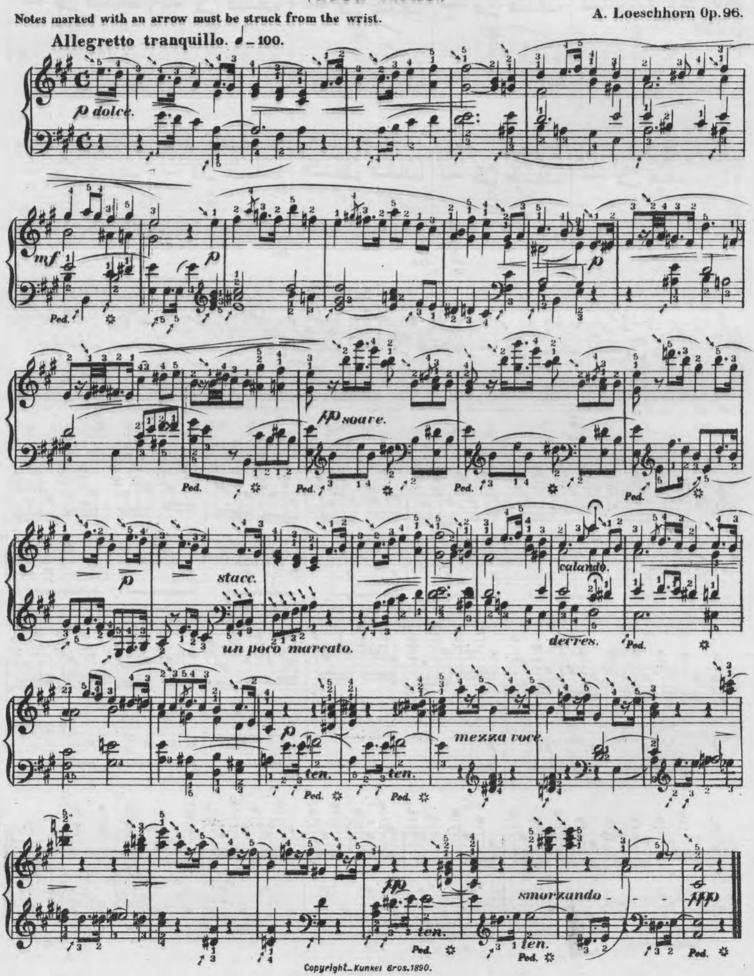






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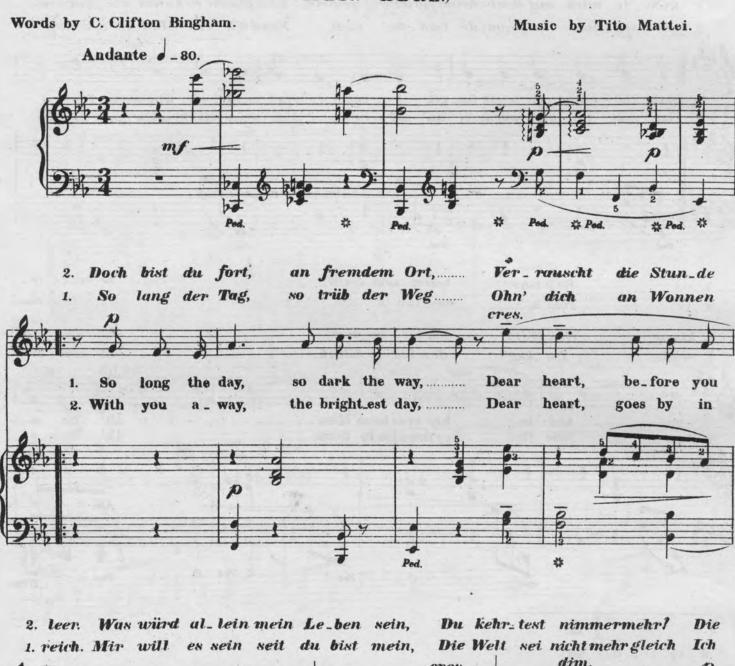


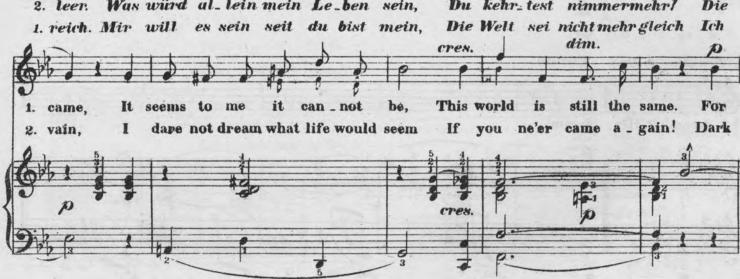
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DEAR HEART.

(MEIN HERZ.)









Franz Lachner, who died at Munich on the 20th of January, was a contemporary of Schumann and Beethoven.

We would call the attention of our readers and patrons to two of the most useful inventions of the nineteenth century, viz: "Willer's Patent Sliding Blinds and Sliding Screens" and an advertisement of the same on page 25 of Review. They are indispensable to every neathousekeeper, and those needing screens should order now if they would avoid the delay and annoyance incident to the rush of business at the factories, if deferred until Springtime when the troublesome flies and other insects are here. To get the best at the lowest market price and a satisfactory job, we would caution and advise by all means to purchase from the resident general agent and not from travelling canvassers for an inferior screen made in the East. The hest is always the cheapest.

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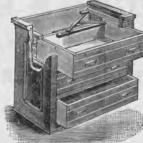
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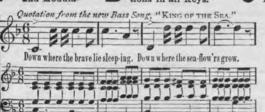
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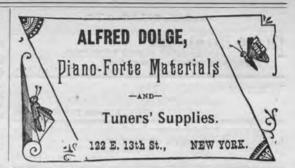
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Tommy (at the opera for the first time)—"Pa, where are the boxes?" Father—"Over there where those people are sitting talking so loud." Tommy—"O, I s'pose they're chatterboxes, then."

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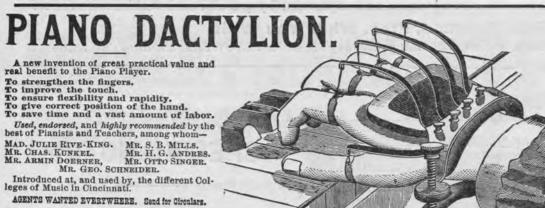
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