

# CRAZY KING OTHO THINKS HE IS A MUSICIAN.

In Which Respect He is not Unlike Some More or Less Sane Folk.

The mad monarch of Bavaria, King Otho, is a man of many moods. That he is permitted to remain upon the throne and exercise the prerogatives belonging to his station, although to a certain extent held in restraint by the parliament and ministry, is somewhat surprising, and has placed his kingdom in a somewhat anomalous position among the nations of continental Europe. To be sure, he has been humiliated in the Castle Furstenried for many years, yet he is to-day looked upon by his people as their ruler by divine right.

It is fifteen years since King Otho was retired from the world because of his mental aberration. At times he was violently insane; all the time he was in a state of the most deplorable animalism. He recognized none of those about him, and was so incoherent in his utterances as to be absolutely unintelligible. But of late he has given evidence of returning reason, a fact that is attributed to the soothing influence of music. "Music hath charms to soothe the savage breast," says Shakespeare, and in the case of Bavaria's mad ruler the declaration has received striking proof. Possessing a voice of remarkable quality, he has devoted himself of late to the study of operas that pleased his fancy, and has succeeded in rendering some of the parts in a truly artistic manner.

**A Craze to Sing.**

"When the craze to sing first seized his majesty," said another inmate of Castle Furstenried, "he ordered the leader of the orchestra to his room, and, remember, no one had heard him utter an articulate sound for years before. He sat at the professor, somewhat slowly, perhaps, but pronouncing each word accurately: 'I attended Haley's Guido and Giuocra last night, and think the music enchanting. Whole arias stuck to my memory, though I never saw the score or book.' Then he stepped back a few paces, struck a stately attitude and sang, 'A Heavenly Being is Approaching,' the song which remained a favorite with him ever since then.

"When His Majesty had finished the kapelmester congratulated him on his musical ear and perfect execution, but Otho didn't seem to hear him. He stood in the centre of the room lost in thought, occasionally wiping his eyes and cheek with the flap of his hand. Then he turned upon the musician, commanding him to play the aria upon the piano. As the professor began to play, Otho sat down at the piano and tried to play the aria himself, but not having touched a piano for fifteen or more years, he produced only dissonances. That put him into a terrific rage. Seizing a bronze statue he began to belabor the sounding board and keys, and after wrecking the improvised hammer continued the work of destruction with china vases, spinneys, picture frames, firearms, chairs, everything within reach. When the physician arrived on the scene he was tearing the strings of the instrument with his teeth.

**An Audience of One.**

A few days later he ordered a grand vocal concert, of which he desired to be the sole attendant, after the manner of his insane brother Ludwig. A high-priced prima donna was engaged and the throne-room prepared for the entertainment, but at the appointed hour Otho went to bed, and it would have been safe to disturb him. When he awoke he asked whether the singer had received the barrel of gold he left for her on his writing desk, and the lackey answering in the negative (contrary to instructions) Otho ordered his care to be cut off. We had to show him a pair of ears cut from a freshly killed pig and properly trimmed before he quieted down.

On another occasion Otho attempted to shoot the kapelmester, because the poor man, not being allowed to sit down at the piano out of respect for the majesty, happened to strike a false note.

Physicians can't understand how a madman, who falls upon his food with mouth and fingers and frequently, for days in succession, lies on the floor, following and vomiting and kicking up his heels, how a person seemingly wholly devoid of finer sensibilities, can retain a sharp ear for music, but Otho does—no professional player could have a finer perception than he. A small matter like the sounding of a false note is liable to turn him from an interested listener into a raging maniac, who insists that his music be played.

Upon the concert referred to he had for his piano, and to quiet him he was given a blind-loaded revolver, with which he banged away after the fashion of a musician, until assured that the professor was dead. As a further consequence of striking

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# JOLTED HER INTO SAYING "OBEY."

"I remember," said an old clergyman the other day, "that I was suddenly hard put to it to decide whether I should roar with laughter at a solemn service in the house of God or whether I should be very angry. The upshot was that I decided that I should keep a straight countenance that I got to be angry at all. The incident arose in this way: "It was in my early days in the ministry, and I was marrying a young farmer to a country lass in a backwoods church. About that time the women of America were just beginning to kick against the clause in our marriage service which makes them their spouses. The bride in this case wanted to escape the vow, but did not have the courage to refuse utterly to take it. Instead, she tried to stir the sentence, when it came her turn to repeat the words after me, and she said to me, 'I honor and obey, leaving out the 'o,' in the hope that I would not notice the omission. But I did notice the omission and stopped."

"You must say, 'obey' clearly," I announced, "or I cannot go on." "The bride hung her head, but a stubborn look came over her face, and I could see that it would take a good deal of persuasion to make her change her mind. "Will you not say 'obey'?" I asked. "She only shook her head. "Come, now," said I coaxingly. "I will repeat the words again and you say them after." "I did so, and the bride murmured 'love, honor and obey.' "I looked at the bridegroom to see if he had any suggestion to make. The irreverent fellow actually gave me a wink. "Try once more, sir," he said. "The third time's the best. She only wants coaxing." "The bride shot him an indignant look and exclaimed tartly: 'I'll say no more thing over a hundred times and not a syllable more.' "I was getting weary of this nonsense, so I rapped out the words very suddenly and sharply, 'love, honor and obey,' at the same time shooting out my index finger at the girl. This seemed to startle her, and with equal rapidity she began to repeat, 'love, honor and—'

"Just here the bridegroom gave her a sharp dig in the ribs with a huge forefinger, and the girl emitted a pained 'Oh.' But, determined not to be interrupted in what she had intended to say, she finished her own rendition of the vow without a second's pause and ejaculated 'hey.' "There," exclaimed the impudent bridegroom, "she said obey all right that time." "I galloped through the rest of the service, pronounced the pair man and wife in a twinkling, and was able to suppress a burst of laughter just long enough to startle me before I let it out."—N. Y. Tribune.

**Patti Still a Singer.**

Patti has lost none of her popularity in London, and if one may judge by the encomiums of the critics she has not a syllable more. An admirer writes of her on the occasion of a recent appearance at a concert given for charity: "Her matchless rendering of the well-known songs rendered to enable me to an spell, and at the conclusion of 'Home, Sweet Home,' there followed one of those extraordinary demonstrations of almost uncontrolled enthusiasm of which Patti is always always provokes. Again and again she returned to acknowledge the ovation she received, but it was not until she had sung 'Comin' Thro the Rye' that her admirers were content. Mme. Patti was looking radiant, and in her lovely dress sparkling with jewels she seemed to have become younger than ever."

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# WIDEMAN TALKS.

The Clay Potter who Escaped Being Crippled for Life by Almost a Miracle.

A. N. Wideman of Duntroon, Ont., interviewed in Toronto—The Most Hopeless Case of Rheumatism on Record—A Living Monument to the Power of Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Toronto, Dec. 31.—The wonderful escape of A. N. Wideman, which found its way into the newspapers a few weeks ago, is still a subject of interest here. He will be remembered as the man who was so frightfully crippled with rheumatism, being twisted and contorted out of shape.

He was fairly snatched from a miserable death by Dodd's Kidney Pills, and he has been one of the greatest upholders of Dodd's Kidney Pills in Canada ever since.

Mr. Wideman has still to use a stick when he walks, as the disease has left him with one leg shorter than the other.

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"I never heard of anything like the way Dodd's Kidney Pills worked in my case," said he. "They drove the Rheumatism clean out of my system. You know work was slack in the earthenware works, and I took a chance to work in the harvest field. I got soaked several times with rain and that brought on the worst attack of Rheumatism I ever heard of. I was in bed five months. My legs were twisted out of shape, the toes pointing inwards. Well, nothing the doctor could do did me the least good. My teeth broke off from the mercury he gave me, that was all." "How did you come to take Dodd's Kidney Pills?" Mr. Wideman was asked.

"A neighbor of mine, Mrs. Boyer, got me to try them. I did so, and please her, but continued their use because they were curing me." "And you ascribe your present health and strength to Dodd's Kidney Pills?" "I certainly do. If it hadn't been for Dodd's Kidney Pills I would be in my grave at this minute," said Mr. Wideman emphatically.

**A Practical Application.**

"Martha, you are a Christian Science believer?" "Of course, Jonas." "Well, Martha, don't clean house—just sit out in the yard while I'm down town, and give all the rooms absent treatment."—Chicago Record-Herald.

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**Where They Missed It.**

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Love's Sacrifice.

"I shall have to give you up!" It was in the year 1955, and as he spoke the youthful scion of a once noble house buried his face in his hands and groaned aloud. "Yes," he said, "my father, such as I love you, I cannot subject you to all the privations that a marriage in my present circumstances would entail on my wife. Three weeks ago I was rich and prosperous, the head of a large syndicate that my father had bequeathed to me, and on the most familiar and intimate terms with the Emperor. Nothing, it seemed, stood in the way of my continued success. Suddenly, however, another syndicate came along, and I was quickly overshadowed. And now, after having been obliged to sell out, I find that all my earthly possessions amount only to the paltry sum of eight millions and a half."

The girl at his side never wavered, but firm, and resolute, her voice betraying the great love and determination that animated her in spite of this terrible blow, she rushed to her disconsolate lover and threw her arms round his neck.

"My own dearest," she cried, passionately, "why, I would marry you if you were worth no more than a million!"—Tom Mason, in January Smart Set.

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Fugg—They say the prize fight was on the square.

Spoarty—Oh, yes, it must have been, because I heard the referee telling the men to take their corners.

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# SAN JOSE SCALE.

A Californian's Experience in Fighting the Plague.

There is probably no more deadly pest known to fruit-growers than the scale which infests many of the finest orchards of California. Innumerable efforts have been made to rid the trees of their destroyers, but the success which has been attained has not always been noteworthy, says the Scientific American. Mr. Isaac M. Clark, a fruit-grower of Lompoc, Cal., has invented a process which seems to be all that can be claimed for it. The substances which are used in the process by which the trees are freed of scale comprise essentially any mineral oil, caustic alkali and water. The mineral oil is sprayed upon the trees by means of a pump. The oil-spraying is then followed by the caustic alkali solution, applied in the same manner. The oil is intended to kill and destroy the scale and insects that infest the trees—a result achieved in from three to eight minutes. The caustic alkali solution serves the purpose of neutralizing the oil after the desired end has been attained, for without such neutralization the oil would destroy the fibre and foliage of the tree. The oil and alkali, it is found, form a paste of

**FUR FACTS.**

As Noted After a Look at the Various Showing.

Double-breasted effects are general. Though many of the freak-shaped coat skirts have made their appearance, it is safe to predict etons, blouses, and the dainty jacket with the dip back and front will be most worn.

Ultra fur garments are combined with embroidered materials in the shape of girdles and collars.

For dress and carriage wear fur coat sleeves are flowing, but for the street they are gathered into some sort of a cuff, bishop fashion.

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