

Activities of North Shore Clubs

by Ruth Risley

THOSE who have inadvertently chanced to look at the stage through the "wrong" end of their opera glasses while at the theater will doubtless recall the astonishing illusion they experienced of seeing the actors suddenly, as if by magic, reduced to the size of mere dolls. This fascinating illusion is intensified when witnessing a performance of Tony Sarg's Marionettes which are to be brought to the north shore on Wednesday afternoon and evening, November 2, and shown at the Winnetka Woman's club.



Here is the oldest plaything in the world, the acting doll, doing the things that humans spend their energies attempting to do on the stage, and doing them so much more delicately and whimsically that their work is like a delicious faraway satire of the work of the regular player.

Tony Sarg, an illustrator and cartoonist of international reputation, is enjoying the distinction of having revived the ancient art of puppet play in our country. At first the little wooden headed dolls were designed for his own amusement but later the interest grew and now the tiny actors have wound their heart strings around the public's affections and made their creator famous from coast to coast.

From the moment that the curtains part and reveal the diminutive stage the spectator is carried away by the illusion that the puppets are living people. Not only do Mr. Sarg's puppets use their arms, hands and feet in walking, dancing or making love with ease and grace but some of them, Nick Bedder, in Rip Van Winkle, for instance, wink at pretty maids and move their lips to the speech of the concealed reader.

From the wings the performance is even more interesting and wonderful. The marionette stage which Mr. Sarg has developed is a surprisingly complicated thing. Eight highly trained puppeteers are necessary to give any one performance. These puppeteers, stationed on bridges above the little stage, manipulate the figures, speak the lines, change the lightning equipment and provide the music on a variety of specially designed instruments.

The repertory includes three separate and distinct programs. "Rip Van Winkle", "The Rose and the Ring", and "Olla Podrida".

The Executive Board of the New America Shop will meet Monday, October 17, at 1:30 p. m., room 931, Fine Arts building, Chicago.

Mrs. Helen B. Paulsen, the child psychologist, is coming to the Woman's club of Wilmette, on Friday evening, October 21, at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. Paulsen carries a wonderful message of affection and understanding to the grown-ups of America in the training and helping of little men and women. Her story will be illustrated by tiny figures of actual Mother Goose characters, and illuminated by many examples from real life of today.

This talk is given in the interest of the Child and Home department of the Woman's club and is open to all men and women of the community.

Two concerts will be given for the benefit of the New America Shop, conducted by the Daughters of the American Revolution, as part of their Americanization program.

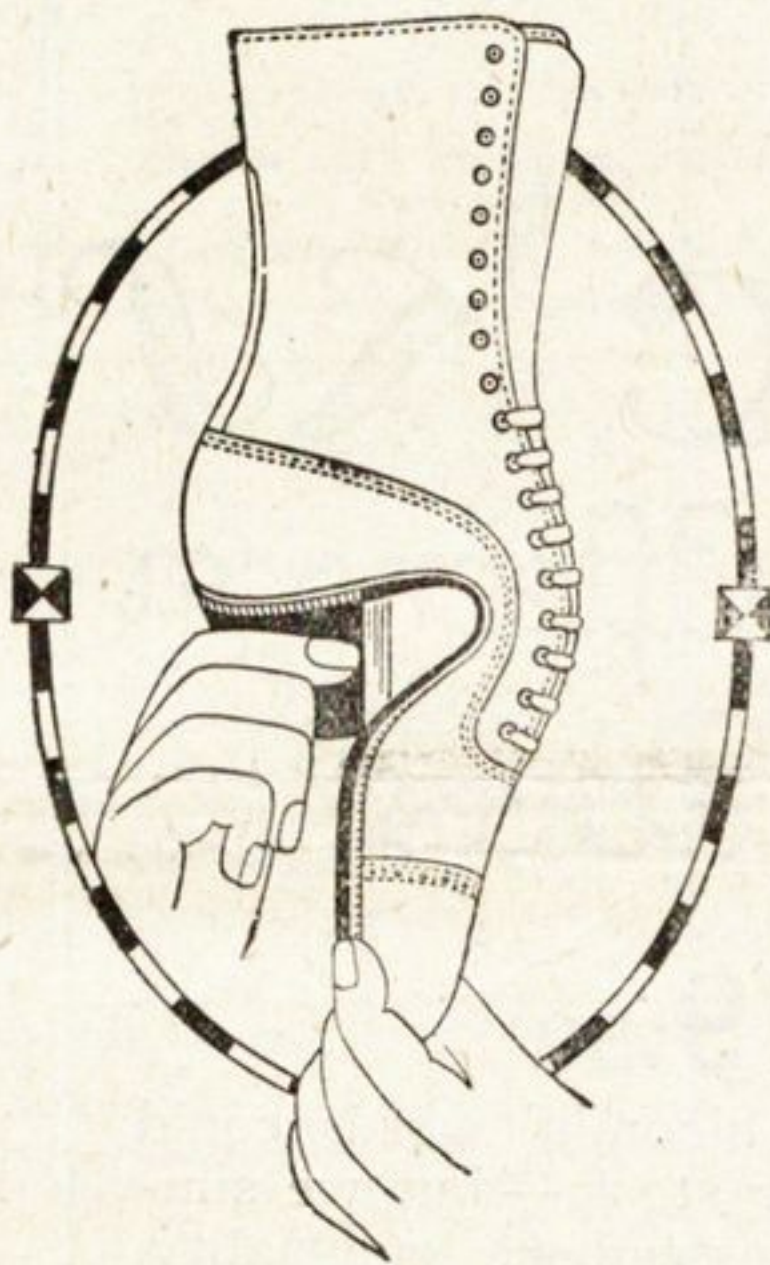
These concerts will feature the Cradle song and costumes of fifteen nations. The artists will be America's younger citizens from nations represented.

The first entertainment will be given at 2:15 o'clock, Wednesday afternoon, October 19, at St. Simons Parish House, Leland and Racine avenues, Chicago.

The second will be given at 8:15 o'clock, October 21, at Peoples' Liberal Church, Stewart avenue and Sixty-fifth street, Chicago.

Tickets can be purchased at New America Shop, 1409 Stevens building, State street, Chicago. Through this shop, the D. A. R. has come in contact with 26 nationalities.

Mrs. Maurice H. Lieber of Winnetka, was recently appointed by the

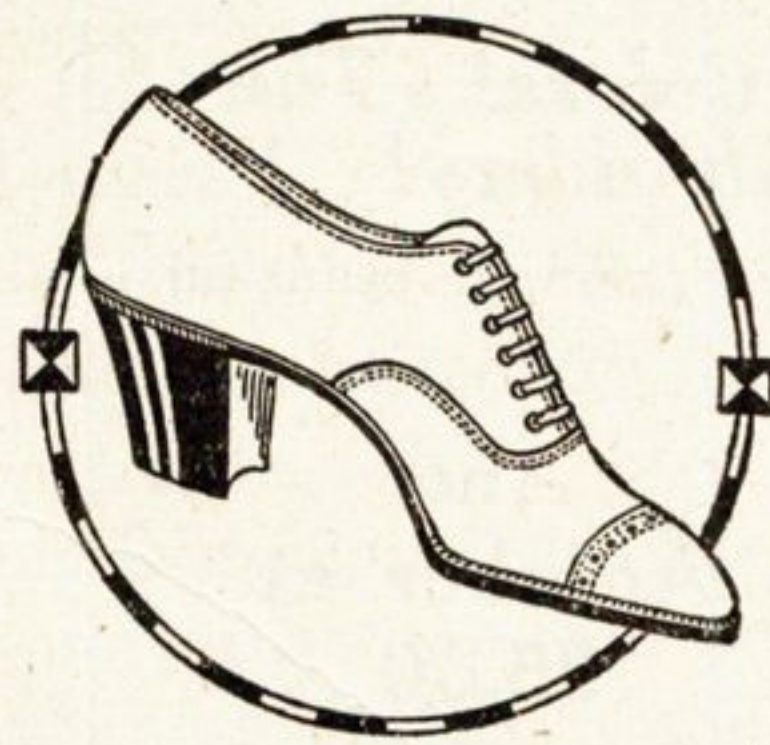


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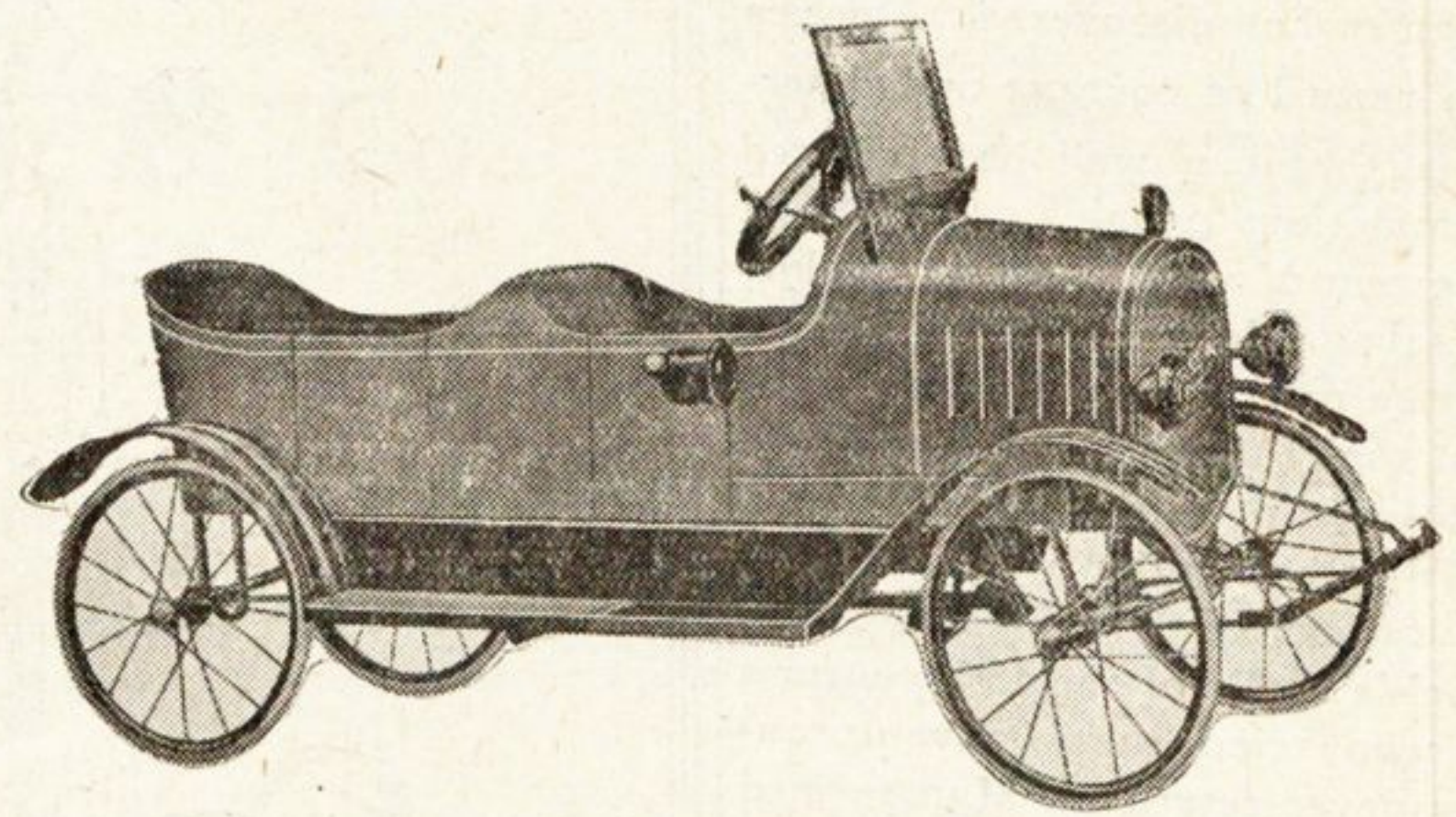
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