

WINNETKAN HAS NEW SKID CHAIN

Invents Unique Time-Saving Device

Patents for an improved type of skid chain for automobiles have recently been obtained by I. J. Alexander du Rees, 1040 Oak street. Mr. du Rees has worked for sixteen years on his invention and much of that work has been done in Winnetka.

The new chains are designed to eliminate the flapping of broken chains against fenders and to facilitate replacements. The cross chains which go over the tire and afford traction for the wheel are fastened to the chain which circles the rim by a double hook arrangement, which is so designed that when the cross chain breaks, or is worn through, (which frequently happens) the hooks open, leaving the remainder of the cross chain on the road.

These cross chains may be bought for half the price of similar parts on other makes of chains, it is said, and may be put on without tools by simply closing the two hooks, which operate like the two arms of a pair of scissors. This method of repair is simple and clean, and may be done by a woman without trouble.

Mr. du Rees says that the chains have been tried out by several big taxicab companies in Chicago and that some of these companies will make standard equipment on their machines. He also stated that they had been tried out by the police and fire departments of the city and may be used by them, also.

Tests at the Lewis and Armour Institutes, according to Mr. du Rees, showed that his chains and in particular the hooks, which are the most important part of the invention, were able to sustain more than fifteen hundred pounds more weight than any other chain on

the market. He said that quantity production would start soon and that orders for 180,000 sets of chains had been placed by one firm.

OPERA WILL PRESENT 'HANSEL AND GRETEL'

The Ninth Week of the Chicago Civic opera will begin on Sunday at three, with the first holiday production at popular prices of Hansel and Gretel. The cast will include two young Chicago girls in the persons of Edith Orens as Hansel and Helen Derzbach as Gretel. With them in the cast will be Claessens, Lenska, Swarthout, Westen, and Beck. The Ballet Divertissement, which will follow the opera, includes a Dutch dance, the Bride from the Ballet "La Fete a Robinson," Spanish dances and Persian dances. Assisting Serge Oukrainsky will be Mles. Elisius, Milar, Nemeroff, Shermont and the Corps de Ballet. The conductor on this occasion will be Frank St. Leger.

Monday night will bring a repetition of L'Amore Dei Tre Re, (The Love of Three Kings), with Garden, Anseau, Baklanoff and Lazzari in the leading roles. Giorgio Polacco will conduct.

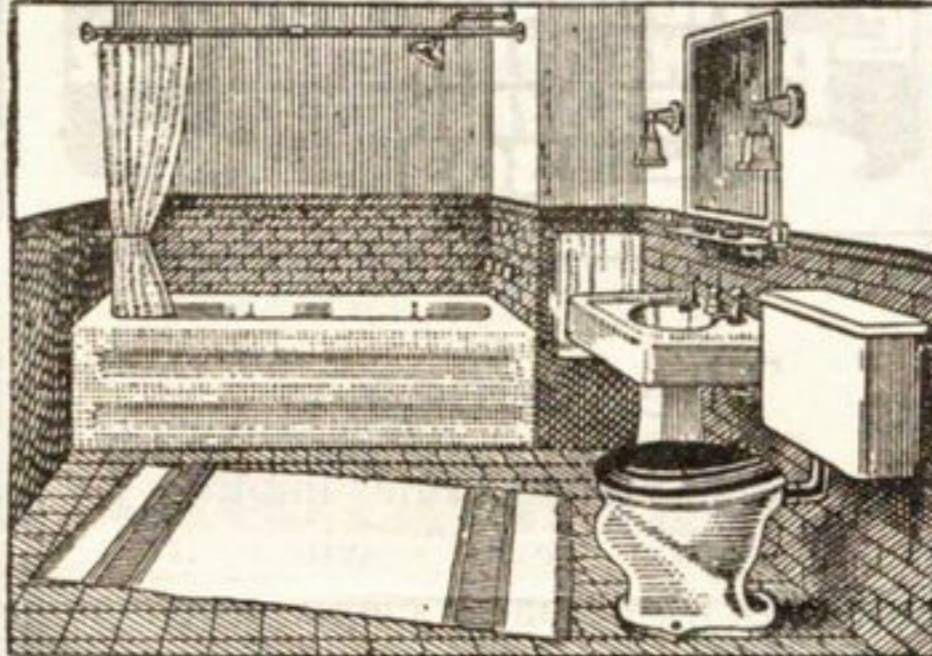
Tuesday night the second performance of Fra Diavolo will be sung with Mason, Schipa, Cotreuil, Lazzari and Oliviero, Cimini in the conductor's stand.

Wednesday night Mefistofele will be sung for the second time with Muzio, Claessens, Van Gordon, Cortis and Chal-

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Thursday night the Jewels of Madona will be given with Raisa, Lamont, Rimini, Ourainsky, Mles. Nemeroff and Shermont, and Corps de Ballet, with Cimini conducting.

Friday night the first performance of Tales of Hoffman will be sung with Macbeth, Forrai, Anseau and Schwarz, Lauwers conducting.

Saturday matinee the third performance of Lakme will be sung with Hidalgo, Schipa and Baklanoff. Lauwers will again conduct.

Saturday night brings the double bill, the cast of Cavalleria Rusticana will be announced later. Pagliacci will be sung by Forrai, Marshall, Formichi and Oliviero, with Moran-zoni conducting.

Mrs. Laird Bell, 1352 Tower road, is visiting in Minnesota until after the first of the year. Mr. Bell joined her for Christmas.

Mrs. Lorenzo Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Ayres Young of 701 Sheridan road are giving a young people's dance this evening.

Mrs. Clarence T. MacNeille gave a dance for her daughter, Harriet, on Monday, at the MacNeille residence at 828 Bluff street, Glencoe.

William Renshaw, son of Mrs. Frederick Renshaw of 256 Sheridan road is home from the Hill school for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Sidley of Humboldt avenue are in Virginia, Minn., spending the holidays with their son, William Sidley, and his family.

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