

SINGERS GIVE PROGRAM OF SURPASSING BEAUTY

English Group Wins Audience Immediately With Remarkable Versatility and Charm

by G. W.

The English Singers have come and gone, but they have left us the memory of "a thing of beauty" which "is a joy forever."

Their concert last Monday night was the fourth in the excellent series of Artist-Recitals offered by the Winnetka Music club at New Trier auditorium. Their performance made this recital rank near the top in the list of fine concerts given at New Trier the past three winters.

The program contained so much that was lovely that it would be difficult to discuss it in detail. In performance the English Singers merit the highest praise. There are few if any singers who will surpass them for intelligence, simple feeling, and sterling musicianship.

They achieve a balance of parts almost akin to a fine string quartet, and certain chords gave the sound of some wonderful organ. Too much praise cannot be given to their enunciation. What joy to hear the lyrical treatment of the singing sounds and the clarity of consonants and syllables!

The interpretation ranged from the exquisite beauty of Gibbons' "Silver Swan" to the humor of the "Was-sail" song; while the marvelous contrapuntal development in other numbers was brought out with such fineness that one was reminded of some splendid Bach concerto. Not only is the art of these singers unique, its effect is most fortunately carried out by the grouping on the stage, by the unconventional hospitality suggested by the sextet seated about the table and also by the beautiful costumes of the women members of the group. These charming artists already possess many ardent admirers and to this rapidly growing number must be added our north shore audience.

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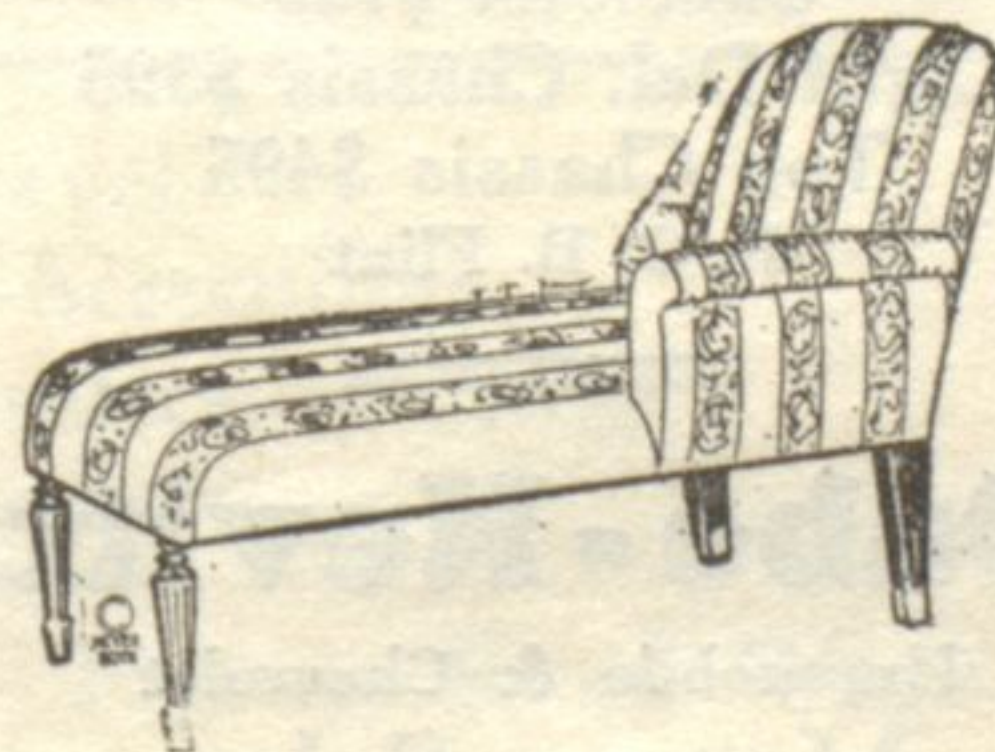
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