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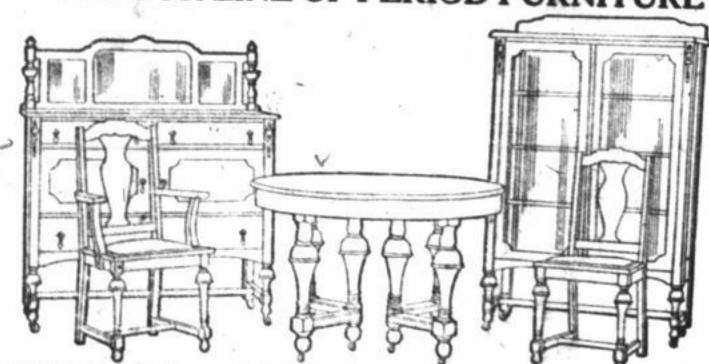
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THE SONG

The Most Influential of all Musical

After all, in music is not the human voice the standard by which we judge the influence of different forms? The song of the bird is vocal that the giants of musical art have times of almost unendurable devoted a large proportion of their strain." energy to these larger forms. It is In like manner music is apprecieasy to agree that a work which has ated by evangelists. Religious retaken months perhaps years, of the vivalists have always realized the short life of a man of genius must be value of music as an aid to their of greater importance than that propaganda. Years ago Moody and which has occupied but one day or Sankey made music an important only a few hours for its composition. part of their spectacular assemblies. But this is often quite the reverse in And to-day there is no more impresfact. The primary reason for the sive example of the baility of music

in the introducton we get to the hero developed to its highest potency. in Wason's Friar Tuck. Although striking, this is but typical of many

cases that might be citied: We had just forded a little crick when we heard a man's voice singing off to the right. The' was a mess o' cottonwoods between us, an' we stopped to listen. Now I had never heard that voice before, an' I had never seen the man who was runnin' it; but right then I was ready to believe anything he had a mind to tell me. It was a rich, deep voice; but mellow an' tender, an' a feller could te'l he was singin' simply because he couldn't help it.

Spider looked at me with his face shinin', an' I could feel a sort o' pleasant heat in my own face. The' was a lift an' a swing and a sort of rally-around-the-flag to this voice which got right into ya, an' made you want to do something.

Spider Kelly; but just then the pon- a story of his start in the musical we had 'em started on again, the of 17, returned from the Agricuisinger had passed on up the trail so tural College for his Easter vacation

voice, or what it was that made my him away from the rest of the famwhole body vibrate like a fiddle ily, and leading him to a piano kept string. As I said before, I see things him under lock and keep for two in pictures: a sound generally calls days, practising and singing duets up a picture to me, an' it ain't allus with him. At the end of the time a picture anyways connected with he led the boy to his mother saying: the sound itself. This song for in- "Edouard is never going back to stance, had called to my mind a long school, but he is going on the operprocession of marchin' men with atic stage with me." human mind: I had never seen such | Parisian production. He was un- been considered merely as an aca procession in real life, nor even in able to find a man big enough to complishment. How much more it a picture; but that was what this sing the role of the King. A by- might be!

THE BELGIAN DRIVE

London, June 21.—Indications of the American organization, which

ations, on a grand scale in Belgium work of a number of our general hos-

and France, if, indeed, they have pitals, and left staffs free for work

not already begun in Flanders and nearer the front. I know of no finer Champagne. A significant statement example of American promptitude

have made an attempt to recapture insted from an unknown cause.

mencement of hostilities. Artillery Herman Zimmer, manager of the

inghe and Frelinghien, and in the re- found dead in Orillia police station

neighborhood of the Bapaume-Cam- | A congratulatory message was

brai road, the British troops have re- sent to General Sir Arthur W. Currie

tions, destroying German dugouts Army Corps in France, pledging Can-

duels of great intensity are known to American Hotel, for re-sale.

while to the South of France, in the alcohol in his pocket.

in the latest Berlin official communi- and thoroughness."

BRITISH TO RESUME

tions Forecast in Ger-

man Statement.

cation says that in Flanders and

Champagne "the fighting activity

has been revived at several points."

positions between Mont Blond and

ing heavy casualties. To the north-

The situation in Flanders is even

west, around Craonne, heavy artil-

more obscure, as neither the British

nor French statements tend to clarify

the German report of the recom-

have been in progress between Boes-

WOUNDED WELL HANDLED

Record Low Percentage of Deaths

London, June 21.-The Daily

After Messines.

Mail's correspondent, Beach Thomas,

telegraphing from War Correspon-

dents' Headquarters, says something

should be said of the management of

the wounded after the Messines bat-

men who died in hospitals is the

smallest ever known, and up to date

not a single case of tetanus has been

"The number of operations per-

reported and very few of gangrene.

"I am assured the percentage of

lery duels are being fought.

and taking prisoners.

suggested to me, an' I hurried out o' the cottonwoods eager to measure the sing and was delighted. Immediatesinger with my open eyes. Gathering and Management

Crowds. A band of music is the easiest of in the sense that it is produced by all agencies, not merely for bringing the voice but it is the wounds a crowd together, but for holding that differentiate the bird's song and for kindling the emotion that from man's. The song i.e. words provides it at once with a rudimensung by the human voice is un- tary structure and a common emoequalled for real appeal. In view tion. Men marching behind a band of this there is just the danger some- in rhythmic time soon begin to crytimes of forgetting the humble song stallize into an integral group. They in giving large thought to the in- feel as one and move as one so long fluence of the opera, oratorio and the as the music holds them. Hence larger works. In one chapter of the efficiency of a band as a mili-Herbert Anteliffe's book Living tary recruiting agency and a stimu-Music the author's judgment is given lus to the regiment when formed in these words: "It is the shortness "A band," says Mr. Kipling, "reand simplicity of modern songs, com- vives memories and quickens assopared with the great choral and in- ciations; it opens and unites the strumental forms of opera ,oratorio, hearts of men more surely than any etc., that makes them appear less other appeal. A wise and sympathsignificant and less to be reckoned etic bandmaster can lift a battalion with than they really are. We are out of depression, cheer its sickness, liable to be misled also by the fact and steady, and recall it to itself in

importance and significance of songs to control crowds as well as to gath-

Death of Western Conductor. Taggart, the music lovers of Vancouver have had a serious loss. He came from Glasgow some seven years ago, where he had been interested in choral work for a long period. For a time he was in charge of the music at the Grandview Presbyterian Church, and later at the First Congregational. He had just accepted a similar appointment in Westminster Presbyterian. He was the organizer of the Western Triple Choir, which has given a number of most successful concerts, and he also directed the Scottish Philharmonic Society.

Edouard De Reskze.

The death of Edouard De Reszke "That feller can sing some," sez the giant Polish bass singer, recalls ies turned back on us an' by the time profession. When Edouard, as a lad he was met at the station by his I was tryin' to figure out whether brother Jean, who was so amazed at it was the words or the tune or the his deep bass voice that he spirited

clearing stations was very large. The

mobility of hands and material has been vastly improved and a quick

and smooth method perfected for the

next need that may arise. The supply

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the last week or two by the rapidity

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ada's suport and all needed aid.

People

change from

tea and coffee to

to

better their

health

University, Montreal.

song out there on the open range stander mentioned Edouard De Reszke and next day brought him to ly he engaged him for the first performance, then only eight days away. The boy demurred, until Verdi guaranteed to prepare him. On the opening night, despite his nervousness, Edouard made a tremendous success and from that performance his; career was easy. He was with the Metropolitan Opera Company of New York in 1903 and during other seasons, and once appeared in Toronto with Madame Nordica's Concert Company and the Duss Band.

Everyone a Musician The acquirement of a musical education is or should be, comparatively easy, not only because of the smallness of the musical vocabulary (consisting of only 88 tones), but also because of the universality of its no-The present system of musi cal notation, though perhaps not perfect, has this great advantage. namely, it is the same all over the learns it in Canada, the musical Italy and Russia are equally accessible. A child learns to read English easily and well during the first six years of his school life (from age six to twelve); he might just as easily learn during the same time to read fearlessly and well the universal language of music. We are all born with ears, and they are formed for hearing, as the eye is for seeing they, are moreover, capable of hearis their universality . . . . Therefore er them, than the music employed ing more and better than they are acthe song must ever remain as it ever by Billy Sunday, the world-famous customed to doing. We carry them has been the most influential and the revivalist, in his new 30,000-seating about with us everywhere, but we most useful of all musical forms." capacity tabernacle in New York pay very little attention to them. We A striking illustration of the City. Here the art of crowd manage- are only just beginning to learn what human appeal in a song is furnished ment by means of music has been the normal ear is capable of in the matter of positive pitch for instance; that is, ability to recognize and name nusical tones. The lay public has In the sudden death of Mr. George been accustomed to consider positive pitch as a gift wrapped in the exclusive tissue of genius and doled out only to the ultra-musical. One who can enter a room where a musician is singing or playing and say 'He is singing high C, or baritone B." has hitherto been looked upon as a prodigy. This is by no means necessarily true. By proper training this power may be acquired, speaking very conservately, by 80 per cent. of normal children. Children who have been thought to be entirely lacking in musical ability, some of them appparently one-deaf, are able, after a few months' training, to sing "centre C" on demand, and to recognize it when it is played or sung, and

they soon become equally familiar with other musical tones. Some children will, of course, not acquire positive pitch as quickly as will others. There are children who do not so easily learn to write English from dictation as do others; but we do not therefore allow them to give up, and say they cannot be taught. The motive for learning musical notation must be for the purpose of freeing the child by giving him the means of expressing his own ideas on paper, as well as giving him pleasure in reading easily and joyfully the thoughts of others. A child who has made his own reverie or dream has the keenest appreciation of a "real composer." There are times when every human being feels the need of a lanbanners 'wavin' an' set faces, shinin' In the summer of 1876 Edouard guage beyond the power of words. with a glad sort o' recklessness found himself in Paris. Verdi was Air is a necessity, but how many re-There ain't no accountin' for the there preparing Aida for its first gard music as a necessity? It has

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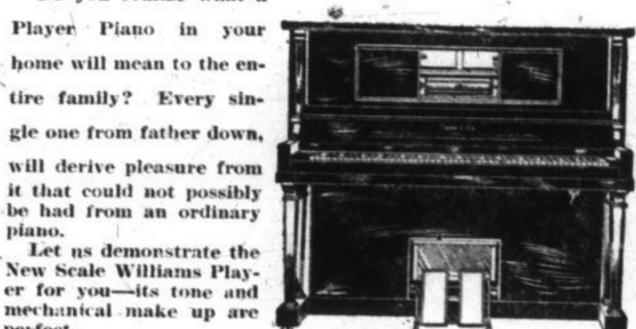
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