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SECOND SECTION

Music in the Home

Does Familiarity With Music Breed Contempt?

The old saying "familiarity breeds contempt" is applicable to nothing more fully than music. Try it out for yourself with your phonograph. It's easy to prove and there's a moral in it very well worth while. Familiarize yourself thoroughly with a number of various types of musical compositions. Learn to know every phrase, every delicate nuance, every modulation. What is the result? They begin to bore you. You know them too well. There is nothing left in some of them for you to discover, and you exclaim wearily "I'm sick of that tune."

A "tune" you call it now, though probably it was "melody" at first. "Familiarity breeds contempt," and you are only human.

But did you notice, as you became familiar with this group of selections, that some yielded their secrets more readily than others? Some have given you all they had

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and you have tired of them already. Others withheld something; you do not quite understand them yet. At each hearing they reveal new beauties, and these still interest you.

What is the moral? It is this. In almost every case, and almost in perfect ratio, the pieces you would describe as "classical" or possibly "highbrow" are the ones best holding your interest. You liked them least at first, but the sum total of the enjoyment you have had from them (plus what they still may have to offer) is far greater than you derived from the others.

There are exceptions to every rule. Individuals differ. Truly has it been said that there are as many different kinds of people as there are individuals. Undoubtedly there are some who never liked anything more soul stirring than "Alexander's Ragtime Band." You could not convince them that Massenet's "Elegie" is just as tuneful, and far more satisfying, when you are familiar with it. The loss is only theirs, for the "Elegie" will live without their appreciation or applause.

But do not, for your own selfish sake, neglect any enjoyment if you can get it. Take the testimony of millions. "Good" music is not bun. It has merit. You know perfectly well it has, or it could not fool so many people for so long a time.

As for myself, statistics will show that there is less than one chance in a hundred that you are incapable of enjoying good music. Give it an opportunity to prove to you that your musical soul is not dead. May be you think it is, but probably you're wrong. This ineluctable ad-

vice is also unprejudiced. Nobody has anything to gain but you.

Yesterday's Best Not Good Enough

For To-day.

The study of harmony should not be a matter of lines and spaces dictated by a harmonic prescription which means nothing more to the student, but it should be something dealing with tonal effects which one is obliged to hear and feel, and something to be used.

A prominent educator says: "Arbitrary rules are a crutch for mediocrity and fetters for genius." When a student is given a rule without reference to the tonal effect of musical principles which give rise to it, he observes the rule which absolutely no gain in skill or power, because there is no understanding. The abandonment of arbitrary rules does not mean that a student should be left with no basis for work, but that the rules are replaced with understanding; a knowledge of the nature of music.

By virtue of as various relations, in scale, chord, to rhythmic accents, etc., the material of music is possessed with certain qualities and tendencies for voice leading which provide a comprehensive working basis that embodies the rules and their long train of exceptions and vastly more that meets the needs of the student at every point. He thinks and hears with intelligent discrimination and uses the same skill with tone material that one does with language when the closest shade of meaning is understood.

One who works on these deep, all-embracing principles acquires a technique far exceeding that of any other plan which has come under the observation of the writer and acquires it much more easily than is possible by artificial means.

Yesterday's best is not good enough for to-day. Let us keep pace with the new spirit of education and see to it that our teaching really educates even if it does necessitate the abandonment of cherished methods. The competent successful teacher is not content with a system because it was taught to him, but seeks better ways of producing better results, new vision, new faith, new knowledge and understanding, with courage to uphold the highest standards.

Absent-minded Genius.

In the history of absent-minded and forgetful men (that remotes to be written) Beethoven must certainly have a prominent place.

It is related of him that about the time he was engaged in the "Pastoral" symphony, he went into a restaurant and ordered dinner, but as there was some delay in serving the meal, his mind reverted to his composing; and when the waiter came and offered dinner, he waved him away, saying, "Thank you, I have dined," and laying down the price of the meal took his departure.

The King Got His.

Salomon, a London musician, had as pupil King George III. One day when the king had not distinguished himself by great practice or skill in playing, the teacher gave him the following classification of fiddlers: "Fiddlers, your Majesty, may be divided into three classes: To the first belong those who cannot play at all; to the second those who play badly; and to the third those who play well. You, sire, have already reached the second class."

Dotted Notes.

Jack Spratt could ne'er sing loud
His wife could ne'er sing soft,
So they sang the Swiss Echo Song,
And everybody laughed.

A one-time Russian soldier said he had sung this song in the ranks for three hours steadily:

On the stoop,
On the stoop,
On the stoop,
Stood General Paul Demetrieff.
One, two, one, two.

Do you ever try to listen to music in a way that will allow you to relax completely? A vocal teacher says: "It seems impossible for some people to relax. Their muscles are in a constant state of tenseness that results in tired nerves and over-taxed muscles, and if they are singers the tone they produce is bound to be flat and strident with no mellowness or carrying power."

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WALKER TELLS OF WIFE'S TROUBLE

Health Was Falling Fast—Takes Tania and Troubles Overcome.

"I actually believe that Tania saved my wife from her serious illness, for when I started to take her to the hospital she was just about all gone," said John W. Walker, the well-known proprietor of the grocery and meat market at 518 Carlaw Avenue, Toronto, the other day.

"For several months," he continued, "my wife's health had been falling fast, and she suffered so dreadfully with her nerves that her whole system was in a wretched condition. She lost her appetite and when she went to the table nothing appealed to her and she could hardly force down a thing. Every morning on getting up she complained of feeling tired and worn out, and she didn't appear to have a bit of life or ambition at all. Her strength was all gone and she was so weak that she was barely able to get around. I was very much worried about the condition she was in, for I knew that if she kept going down at that rate it wouldn't be long before she would be laid up in bed."

"I had read so much about Tania and heard so many people praising it that I got a bottle for her, and I'm here to tell you that it was worth every cent that it cost in the good it has done her. In fact, she began to improve right from the start. She has taken four bottles now and is much stronger and better in every way than she was before. That old tired, worn-out feeling is really gone, she looks better and says that she feels better than she has for a long time. Her appetite is just fine and she eats big, hearty meals and relishes them, too. All that nervousness has been overcome and she never complains of anything being wrong with her now. I do not usually recommend medicines, but Tania has done my wife so much good that I am glad to endorse it, and only hope that what I can say will help someone else to try this wonderful medicine."

Tania is sold in Kingston by A. P. Chown, in Plevna by Gilbert Oster, in Battersea by C. S. Clark, in Fernleigh by Ervth Martin, in Ardoch by M. J. Scullion, in Sharbot Lake by W. Y. Cannon.

—ADVT.

OLD WHIG READER WRITES

HIRAM WALKER AND WIFE OF YARKER, ON LONG TRIP.

Paid Visit to New York, Washington, Buffalo and Other Points—Whig in the Walker Family Over Eighty Years.

Buffalo, N.Y., July 9.—(To the Editor): Dear Sir—Being born in the township of Kingston, in the year 1842 and my father and myself having taken the British Whig for at least eighty years, I thought perhaps some of your readers might wonder what has become of me. Well, my wife and I left Yarker, Ont., for a little trip on June 4th. We came to Kingston and went to Cape Vincent, arriving at Watertown the first day, and stopping at the Woodruff House. We got a train next morning for New York, arriving there in the evening. We were met at the Grand Central station by friends, who took us through the subway to the great river, to their home in Brooklyn, where we were entertained for a few days. They showed us through some of the principal parts of that great city with a population of six million souls. We afterwards got a train for Washington, D.C., where we arrived in the evening, being met there by our nephew, Winslow Lewis, who has been employed in the Printing Department for seventeen years, as proof reader, his brother from Chicago, and a friend from Winnipeg, Mr. Caldwell. Winslow Lewis took us to his home, entertaining us for three weeks, and showing us through the most beautiful city in the world, and also an auto trip through the country, through parts of Maryland and Virginia, over the historic battle ground, viewing many fine monuments erected to the memory of brave men who fell in battle.

Having travelled in all around Washington, five hundred and eighty miles by auto, and bidding our friends in Washington adieu, we got a train for Buffalo. We remained several days with my brother, Stewart, and other friends, afterwards taking a train for Windsor, Ont., 250 miles, making the run in just five hours, where we were met by our daughter, Mrs. Gilmour, who took us to her home. Expect to stop in Windsor for a few weeks, and then start east. Expect to stop in Toronto for a day or two and then go home to Yarker. Mrs. Walker and myself are having pretty good health and we are having ideal weather for our trip.

—HIRAM WALKER.

WHO PARTIES ARE.

American Butcher Under Arrest in South Africa.

Johannesburg, Union of South Africa, July 12.—To-day announcement was made of the concrete action taken by the Government since the crisis of last week when the fact was published that three men had been arrested.

The prisoners are S. P. Bunting, former provincial councillor; S. Hanscomb, described as a butcher who arrived from America six months ago, and a third man of whom little is known. It is alleged the men are international socialists. Searches have been made of the offices, workshops and dwellings of the accused. The utmost secrecy has been preserved.

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NO PEAT THIS WINTER.

Experiments Planned in Ontario Given up For Present.

Toronto, July 12.—Peat, as fuel, will not help to alleviate the coal shortage in the province next winter. Whether it is possible to prepare peat for fuel will not be known for at least another year, according to Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines. Experiments which the Ontario Government intended carrying on this summer in the manufacture of peat into briquettes have practically had to be given up. The work is being done on a small scale in one or two bogs in the province, but the experiment on which the department was relying to solve the problem of drying the peat cannot be gone on with at this time. Inability, because of the war, to secure raw materials, to build necessary machinery to make the experiments is the reason for the unfortunate delay.

Early last spring Hon. Mr. Ferguson ordered from a Montreal firm two machines, which he now expects will be completed within the next two months, and, if the fall is open, some experience may be carried out with them at Prescott county.

CONSIDER NEW PLAN.

Manufacturers Seek Substitute in Production of Dioxide.

Watertown, N.Y., July 12.—With the possibility of a curtailment of sulphur shipments because of the use of the product in making explosives, Northern New York pulp and paper manufacturers are considering the production of sulphur dioxide necessary for sulphite from iron pyrites. The sulphur dioxide, which is obtained in necessary to make the acid used in cooking spruce chips from which the sulphite is turned out.

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