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The French government has again honored AIRS OF ALL NATIONS

VII in 1901.

John Philip Sousa by conferring a decoration upon the American conductor. Three years ago in recognition of his services at the Paris Exposition, Sousa received the "academic palms," which carried the title of "Officer d'Academie Francaise." Mr. Sousa was noti-fied of his promotion to "Officer de l'Instruction Publique" of France, in a letter from M. Paul Lascombes, Secretaire Particular du Ministre de l'Instruction Publique et des Beaux-Arts, now at St. Louis, who also transmitted Mr. Sousa's commission in his new grade, signed by the Minister of Fine Arts. The new distinction gives Mr. Sousa the golden palms and rosette of the French Acad- lansch"; Hungary, "Isten ald meg a Magyart";

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He who surveys the field of harmony and, using the words day and a To-day, finds not a little trouble. It and a boundary mark. In 1824 Beethoven finten up to the present time. And it almost '50, before the year when the Nibelungen Ring, the world. In reality the whole thing admits of adjustment only with difficulty; it may be impossible. But, at any rate, the ideas of a ones to start with and to work from.

tions, involutions. Viewed in one light arin many a modern work; but in another light of utterance is unmistakable, unquestionable. ever-beautiful. It is as if there must be an enduring, everlasting something which serbone in works of the most diverse character

If, for the sake of making a start somewhere,

we locate our Yesterday in Beethoven's day, or a little before that-say in Haydn's timewe find that the essentials of the harmonic structure were then as now the principal chords media, of expression, the purely technical musical ones, were then what we have to-day, though not so highly developed; and if we turn back to Sebastian Bach, the end of ancient and the beginning of modern musical art, shall we not find these same formulæ? There they are, ready to be touched with the finger. As, for instance, the famous rising chromatic bass in the earthquake in the Matthew Passion. This musical means of making a climax, of heightening the tension of the nerves, which we also find in the Brahms symphony of today, in the latest thing by some hot-blooded young Italian opera composer, was placed deliberately on paper for a specific effect by old Bach sometime before 1729. And it does its work to-day, unfailingly. Where is the Yesterday? We must go farther back. We shall surely locate a place somewhere. And yet is it worth while? The truth is, the domain of Teday is in one sense a very broad and ample one; it reaches back well behind Haydn; indeed, at some points it touches Palestrina.

But there are differences in music. We al! know this. We feel it when we get hold of a new composer. We have found it out, some of before us: indeed, he makes us feel sometimes that he has, or may have, that Something which many of us are looking for, and that with him may have come a line of demarcation, a Today which does not touch on Wagner, at least, and is the day of another man.

It is in the use of harmonic material and in these differences lie. The number of fundamental chords is no larger now than in the Bach or in the immediate pre-Bach days. All depends on what is done with them. Surely it makes a difference to the hearer whether a long piece remains calmly in the tonic which awoke the anger of the purists when Wagner's first operas came on the field, and which in the progression, submediant, or flat submediant, dominant, plays such a role in the Tristan music.

But we possess other things. In the matter of resolutions of altered chords, the bounds have been enlarged; in the matter of enhar-

monic notation, we have our own things, lation which would startle the classicists. The spirit of the day which seems to run to change time, then soars to the dominant, remains as minor key, and then returns calmly and with dignity to the tonic again-as does many a powerful Händel chorus; or, whether, as in the short dimensions of a Chopin prelude, we have at least twenty-five changes of key in thirtyfour measures. The principal chords were common to both men; but the plain Händelian harmonies would never have sufficed to tell his ear. And to the ears of some of us of this day only the Chopin harmonies are satis-

Solomon says: There is nothing new under the sun. One is sometimes inclined to think back to Bach, in whom the rich, harmonic means of the modern lie hidden in passing tones, appogiaturas, and the like. It is also true that in him things are forgotten which shall some day be resurrected and given the adjective-New. No modern work that we have seen is constructed from the sequential use of a harmonic figure such as that which lies hidden, darkly hidden, in the figuration of the first E minor prelude of the Well Tempered Clavichord. To return to Solomon's proposia mark of the modern writers. But behold more and bears you along more forcibly than

There is one thing to be said, amongst other things. That which we find as the accidental in Bach-we have already hinted at this-we find as the intentional and well developed in the men of our day. A sharp cutting appogiatura which, in passing by, the older man day will use with consequence and many repetinew; the prototype, however, existed in Bach's

With Bach we possess the chromatic rising or falling bass; the modulation up by hitchesthe keys, G. A. B. C.s.harp, of the first movement of Beethoven's second symphony—has been common property for years and years. We possess with Bach to some degree, to a greater degree with Haydn, Mozart, and Beethoven, the enrichment of the piece by the interpolation of changes to nearly all the keys of the scale; and with the pre-Bachites, with old Palestrina, indeed, do we share the use of triads on neighboring scale steps, that thing within the key without desertion of the ton-judgmented intervals. Greater daring is generally shown in the opera than in chamber music; the consecutive major triads with their perfect fifths in Puccini's La Bohēme, may however be offset by the ugly parallels in Sinding's

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The sudden death by appoplexy of Dr. Antonin Dyorák, Bohemia's most eminent creative musician, is universally regretted. In a brief sketch of Dvorák's life, an exchange remarks that "like most composers, he was of humble origin." Antonin's father was a butcher and innkeeper at Mühlhausen, near Prague. The boy's interest in music was aroused by the strolling bands which played at the village fairs, or at his father's inn, and his enthusiasm secured him his first musical instruction at the hands of the village schoolmaster. At the age of sixteen he was playing the violin in a Prague band for a wage of eight dollars a month. On the publication, in his thirty-ninth year, of his "Slavic Dances" and "Moravian Sounds," he that greeted him, we are told, came alike from the radical and the conservative schools of music, and his fame rapidly spread beyond Austria and Germany. In 1883 the performance of his "Stabat Mater" in London attracted a great deal of attention, and in 1892 he came to New York as director of the National Conservatory. A remarkable product of his three years in America was his fifth symphony, which he called "From the New World." In this he sought to embody the spirit of American national music, which he believed he had discovered in the strange unwritten plantation melodies and "spirituals" of the Southern negro. In Dvorák's composition an inexhaustible wealth of melodic invention and a rich variety of coloring are the qualities which most attract us, together with a certain unexpectedness, from which none of his works is wholly

tana, it was he who did for Bohemian music the Polish, Grieg for the Norwegian national art. This does not mean that these masters simply copied the national tunes and embodied them in their works. Dvorák seldom borrowed a folk tune; he simply used the songs of the peasants as models, after which he fashioned his own melodies. As a melodist, he was almost as spontaneous and fertile as his great gift of originating stirring new modulations in harmony; while as an orchestral colorist he was far more delicate, refined, and varied than Richard Strauss. While never a cacophonist, he had a way of working up an orchestral is as exotic as it is exciting. He did not hesitate to embody two of the most exotic Slavic movements, the elegiac 'Dumka' and the wild 'Furiant' in his symphonies and chamber music. for a long time in his adherence to the symphonic form; but after his return to Europe he abandoned the symphony and wrote a series of striking symphonic poems, thus revealing his allegiance to Liszt, who had also been one of his benefactors, and whose music he greatly

dmired.

"Wagner, too, had once been his idol, when he wrote his first opera, 'Kral a uhif'; but afterward he rewrote this opera twice in his own style. In his later years he was particularly enamored of 'Parsifal.' His operas are the least successful of his works. While there is much beautiful music in them, it lacks dramatic verve, and the poor librettos were a disadvantage he could not overcome. Among his songs there are some of great beauty. But his chief importance lies in the realm of orchestral and chamber music. Besides his five symphonics, several of his overtures—"Hussitka," Wielin Heim, 'Karneval,' 'Othello'—have become famous. His symphonic poems are still music of the future.'

SMOKING is no doubt a masty habit, injurious to most people, but it remained for a German, Dr. Stanger, to discover the harm it has done to music. Why, he asks, are there no more new folk songs? Because, he answers, the peasants and mechanics no longer sing, but smoke instead.

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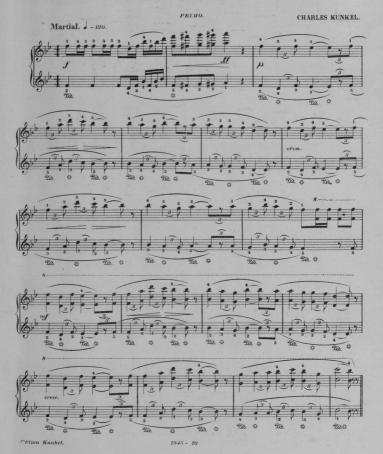
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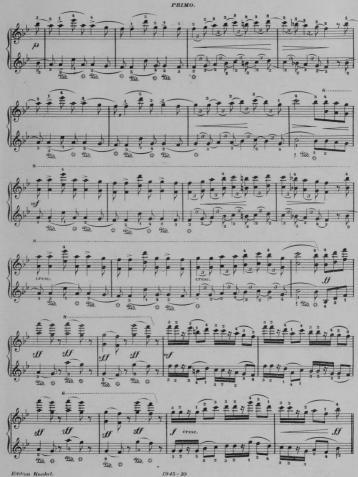
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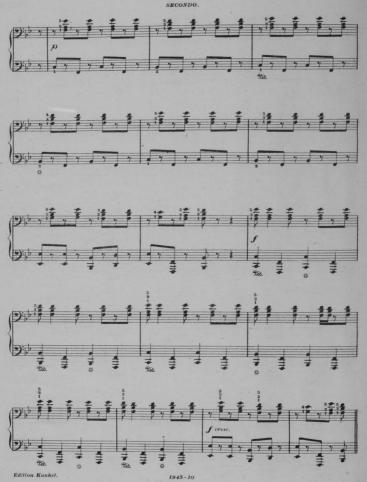


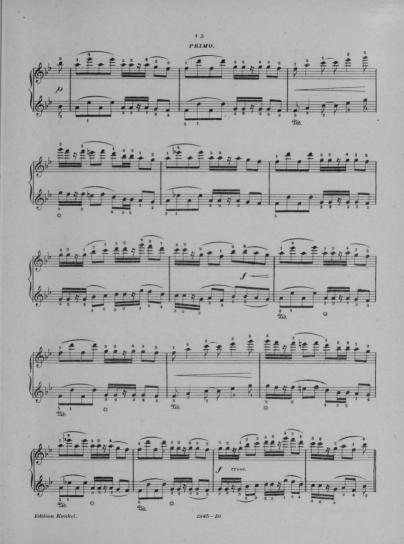


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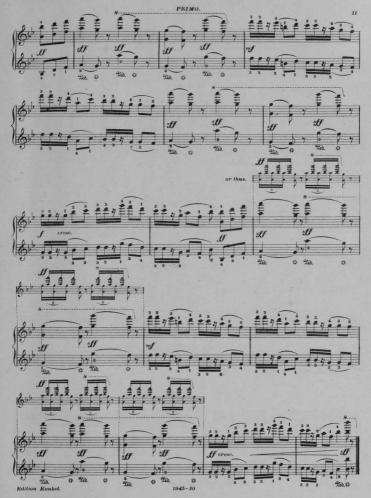
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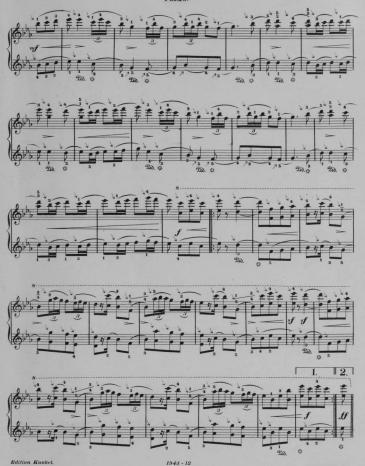
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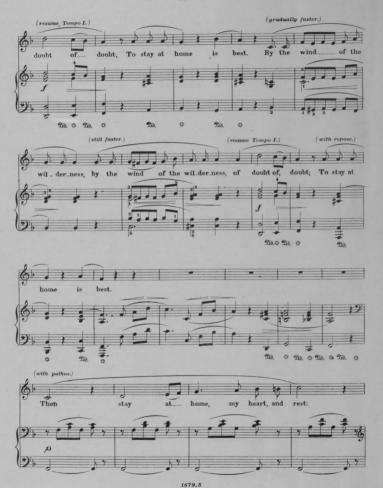




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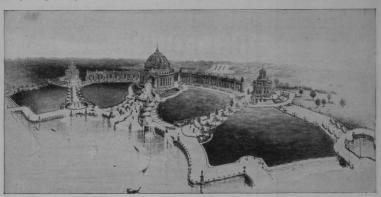
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