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Accomplished. Thus, her reason rides Above herself. In this I read

CIMAROSA.

country as his merits deserve, was one of the merit. He composed more than two hundred most celebrated Italian opera composers. single pieces for the court, and wrote the grand on the public boards to an undoubtedly charm-Born at Aversa, in the Kingdom of Naples, of cantata La Serata non Provedata for Prince ing prima donna, the loyal audience rose as one poor parents, his younger years were spent, ac- Potewkin. But the northern climate did not man and applauded with enthusiasm; though what cording to one account, in a baker shop. Be- agree with his constitution, and he determined they applauded, whether the emperor or prima sides other duties, he had to carry the bread to to seek out a milder sun. He chose Vienna, the customers, among whom was the celebrated and arriving there in 1792, he was received singer Aprile. One day as he entered Aprile's with open arms by the Emperor Leopold II, extraordinary performance in which royalty has house the latter was giving a singing lesson to who appointed him Director of the Italian taken part since the days of Louis XIV, who, a young lady; and, concealing himself behind Opera. Here he composed his chef d'œuvre, though he acted and danced on the stage, did a door, he eagerly listened to the instructions. Il Matrimonio Segreto, which, following upon so only at court entertainments, where he was Here he was found by Aprile, who soon discov- more than seventy operas and an immense more or less among acquaintances. ered in him rare germs of musical talent, and number of various other compositions, by its set himself about the task of developing them. perfection in every way raised its author to that of an elegant sermon which nad created a great He himself gave him instructions, and then sent climax of the most exalted style of comic opera sensation. him to the Conservatory della Pieta, where he that genius alone can attain. The effect of its a man can't eat flowers.

bination of genius and application. He was after giving the performers a supper, had the

his glory, and the whole of Europe applauded works, including Il Matrimonio per Susurro, La public approval and praise. In 1779 and 1780 e Curiazi. After visiting Rome once more, in he produced the operas I Fiuti Nobili, l'Arandrio, Cajo Mario (one of his sweetest pro-

in every new production, showed signs of origi- temisia, unfinished at the time of his death. press Catherine II of Russia invited him to St.

soon became distinguished for a surprising com- first presentation was such that the emperor, the public the burlesque opera la Baronessa less rapture than the first time. A peculiarity Stramba, which reaped immense applause and of it is, that brass instruments are excluded from gave fair indications of Cimarosa's future achieve- the orchestra, and the other wind instruments ments. The year following (1785) he went to sparingly used, without injury, however, to the Rome and composed L' Italiana in Londra, accompaniments, which are of a rich and briland, after the Carnival, returned to Naples and liant character. The career of Cimarosa in wrote La Fiula Farigma and La Fiula Frax- Vienna was cut short by the death of the Emperor Leopold, and he returned, in 1793, to At this period Paisiello was at the height of Naples, where he produced some of his finest his genius. Cimarosa had just entered upon Fenelope, l'Impregnoserperato. In 1796 he was his career, but, trusting to the inspiration of his again at Rome, where he gave I Nemici Genegenius, he boldly entered the lists with him for rosi, whence he went to Venice and wrote Oraxi mida Immaginaria and Gli Amanti Comici, turned to Naples, presenting several operas in which were received with enthusiasm. In 1770 both cities, and in the latter a grand cantata, La he again visited Rome and presented, in the Feliceta Compita. In 1799 the royal family fled course of this one year, Il Ritorno di Don Cal- from Naples on the approach of the French Republican Army, and during the few months ductions). Il Mercato di Malmantele, l'Assalone that the latter occupied the city, Cimarosa years, besides writing many compositions of lutionary doctrines of the age that, upon the Church music, he produced twenty-one operas, return of the Bourbons, he was thrown into among which Il Comito di Pietra created such prison, where he languished in close confinement enthusiasm at its first rendition in Venice that, for many months. Released in 1800, on conat the conclusion, the audience bore him home ditions that he would quit the Neapolitan territory, he repaired to Venice, where he died the Cimarosa's fame had by this time spread over following year, January 11, 1801, in consethe whole of Europe, and all were astonished quence, it is said, of the treatment to which at the extraordinary fertility of his mind, which, he had been subjected, He left an opera, Ar-

THE accounts of Mme. Adelina Patti's benematic Composer to her court. On his way he ander in a new light. His Majesty, according composed at Turin Il Valdomiro, which was re- to the published reports of the proceedings, went ceived with great applause. Arrived in St. on to the stage, and, with his own hands, offered HE subject of our present sketch, not Petersburg, he set to work immediately, and in the heroine of the evening "a diamond coronet so well known and appreciated in this a short time presented several operas of great representing wild roses." At the inspiring sight of the Czar of all the Russias making a present latter, does not appear. This seems the most

> ROBT. HALL was once asked what he thought "Very fine, sir," he replied; "but

Henry Howard Brownell.

They never crowned him, never knew his worth Hereafter-yes!-are guerdons for the brave, Roses for martyrs who wear thorns on earth Balms for bruised hearts that languish in the dearth Men's praises. Modestly, with kindly mirth Drank deep of life, knew books and hearts of men,

A Fraud and its Consequences.

THILE the undue importance which edge of notation may have benefited the pockets of a few empirics among us, it has, nevertheless, wrought the most mischievous consequences upon vocal art. People have been led to believe that by simply acquiring a little of the rudiments of music (and that little not even in a proper way), they acquire the art of singing: and that as soon as they are able to read a piece of music-at sight, as they call it-they may consider themselves perfected singers, or know something about that fine art. It is not necessary to point out the origin of this wicked deception-to allude to the pages of "Rudiments' and "Elements," set forth as instructions to the on that subject-nor to the schools and classes for instruction in the rudiments of music, which are, nevertheless, termed "singing schools," "vocal classes," etc. All this artful and money. making machinery is familiar to the reader-But it is time that the false pretensions and injurious tendencies of this system were properly

The art of music-reading and the art of singing are radically distinct arts, and require, in their communication, widely differing processes. Therefore, to call that a singing school, or singing class, in which only music reading is taught, either case it is a fraud on the learner. Nor is festations of such derangement, and the proper as this by pronouncing it "Very good!" "Very more readily decoyed into the reading class, his trial came on.

Boston, or the Philharmonic Society of St. knowledge of notation, which he ignorantly im-Louis, cannot do that as well as you do it," etc., agines is to put him in possession of the proper leaving the class to infer that they were making understanding and use of his voice, because, railway speed in the art of singing! Is it a forsooth, it is called a "singing class," and wonder that such scholars afterward assume the "tunes" and "exercises" (even on two lines) pretensions of "singers," under the supposition are sung there. How "sung," we have already that they have been taught to sing, though unable shown in this article. As well might be expect to produce a single vocal sound that would not to acquire the grace and poetry of motion distress, by some blemish or impurity, an edu-through the use of military manual exercise, cated ear? Encased in a little knowledge of no- as the art of singing by these systems of humtation, and possessed, perhaps, of good natural buggery. to attack any melody not defended by a bristling signature, or a few accidentals, and also Bear this in your memories; that a person may mate connection with true knights-cantante.

Such are some of the ridiculous evils flowing from this species of frand that has been so long and extensively practiced on the public. Did and villages overstocked with "singing" schools. "singing" classes, "singing" teachers, and "rudiments," and "elements" of music. America has with such facilities for musical instruction, there are so few who neither know nor can do more in the way of music than to whine or grumble a part in a psalm tune? If this inquiry never has been made, it is time it were rigidly insti-

To impart a knowledge of notation requires only a little tact, and but little musical information. It is soon given and soon acquired. It can, moreover, be communicated at the same ment and consolation to mankind; every moment, with as much ease and effect, to a passion of the human heart has been vented in hundred persons as to one individual. What song. It is recorded by Plutarch, and others, wonder, then, that this species of instruction, that all the guests sang together at table, in the which would be of no account with the public, same strain, the praises of the divinity, a sacred were it not dishonestly termed "instruction in canticle before meat, and afterward for entersinging," finds a multitude of promulgators in a tainment; each one sang in turn, holding a country where so many are seeking an avenue branch of myrtle in his hand, which passed to wealth?

Vocal teaching, on the contrary, requires much edge of the physiology of the vocal organs, ties, their susceptibility to derangement from is an ignorant or an artful abuse of terms. In physical or mental causes, with the various maniit a mere passive or harmless fraud, but one vocal or other treatment to be adapted, even to most deeply injurious, puffing him up with false each individual case. It requires an intimate notions of his abilities, and confirming him in acquaintance with the best schools of vocal art those vocal deformities which it is the first step and discipline, whether Italian, English, Gerof a teacher of singing to overcome, having man, or French, and the practical ability to which his wealth melted away, until he had not often witnessed the practical fruits of these self-illustrate each in all its attainments. It de-wherewithal to buy his daily bread. The wostyled "singing classes." The scholars may be mands, moreover, sound judgment, refined and man he had loved discarded him. In the deepable to read an air from a book or blackboard, thoroughly disciplined taste, a knowledge of est distress he composed this charming song. after a considerable waste of time, but how do harmony, skill in accompanying, tact in com- A London publisher gave him one hundred dolthey read it? We should be sorry to inflict municating, a watchful attention, patience, and lars for it-a mere pittance for such a spendupon a tutored ear the experimental answer to general intelligence. What wonder, then, that thrift. He wrote other successful songs, but in this question. Though the combined power of with the existing state of public intelligence on a moment of weakness, depressed with poverty, the voices may present the sounds tolerably in the subject, so few persons are found willing he forged the name of his publisher; and, nottune, the individual tones are of every conceiva- and qualified for this pursuit! It is, moreover, withstanding most strenuous efforts in his beble quality, from the delicious nasal squeak to slow and progressive in its influence on the half were made by his friends, in which the pubthe roughest species of growl. And yet we learner, requiring years of diligent application. lisher joined, Foley Hall was sent to Newgate have heard the teacher confirm such an attempt He is, therefore, from this circumstance, the prison, where he died, broken-hearted, before

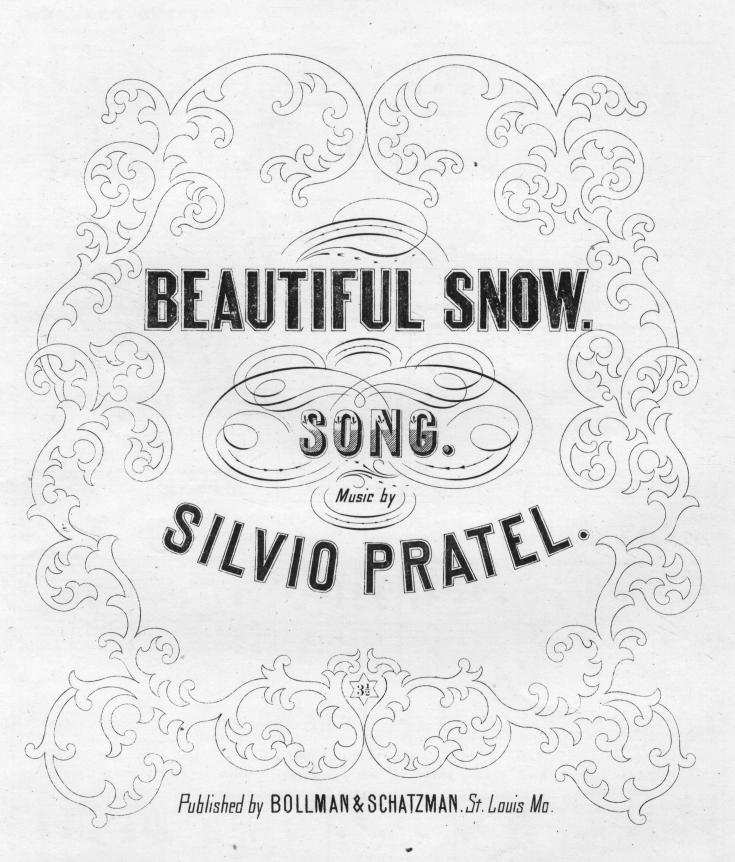
well!" "The Handel and Haydn Society of where, with a little time, he may acquire a little

To all who are thus deceived we say, in conclusion, "there is but one royal road to art." not be able to sing two notes in a manner fit to degree and note of a staff (provided it is not names,)-be able to give to each its proper pitch, and yet not understand the first letter of the alphabet of singing-the philosophy of a pure tone. Of what use, then, is notation, or the properly produce the sounds represented?-to spend year after year in singing do, re, mi, or one, two, three, and at last not be able to sing the easiest song to be listened to with pleasure by a cultivated ear?

ANCIENT MUSIC.

ONGS have at all times afforded amusefrom the last singer to the next. Every profession and trade had its song-the shepherds, the reapers, the millers, the weavers, the wool-carders, the nurses, and the lovers; and such was the love of music amongst these refined people and amusements .- Music in Nature

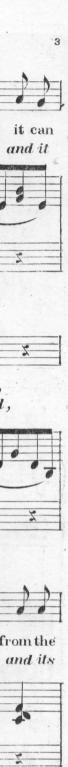
FOLEY HALL, the author of "Ever of thee I'm fondly dreaming," was a gentleman of wealth and great intellectual endowment. Admired and petted, he led a wild, heedless life, in TO MISS LOTTIE FRANKLIN.



BEAUTIFUL SNOW.

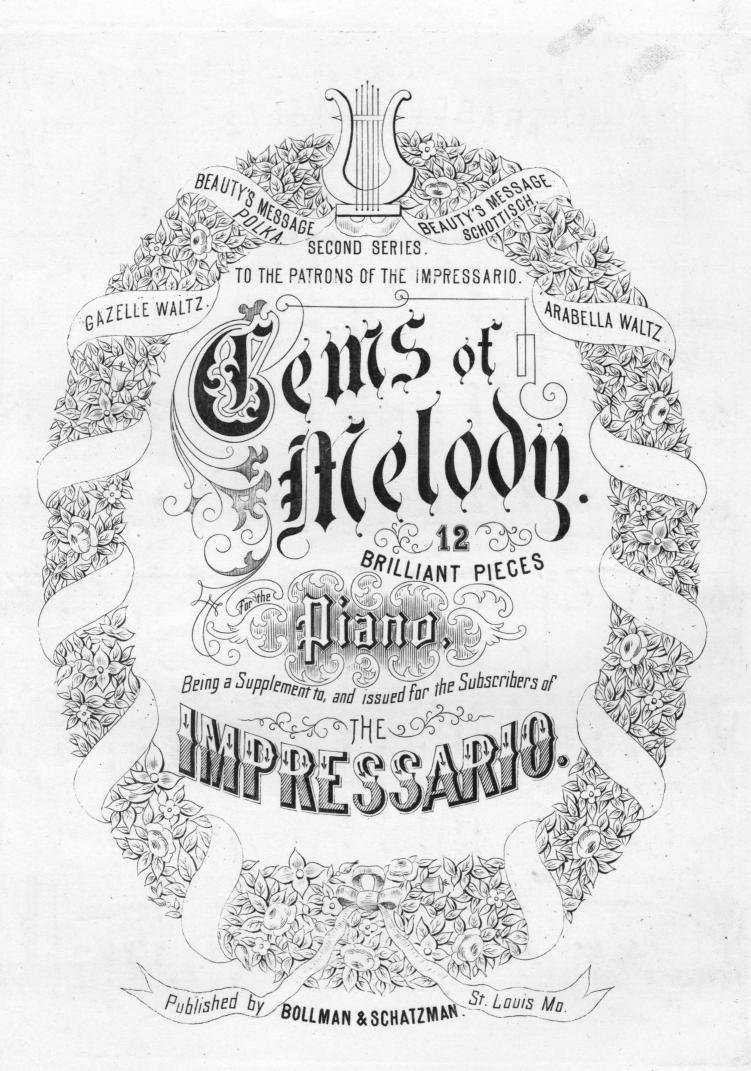
SILVIO PRATEL.











ARABELLA WALTZ

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MUSICAL MICE.

HE writer has elsewhere expressed his belief that among the Rodents is a good latent or undeveloped musical capacity. The squeal of the frightened rabbit is musical; while the whistle of the woodchuck enlivens its burrow with homely, merry little song. That our little cosmopolite, the Old World mouse, whom Linnæus, on account of its smallness among its fellows, named mus-musculus, has achieved some distinction in the musical line, almost everybody knows. Even his less graceful, big relative, the rat, has tried his hand at the pipes, and not wholly without success. And, among these little erratics, some have been known that might be called more comical than entertaining - certain eccentrics known as hiccoughing mice. But these and the above are all, wherever found, directly or indirectly, of the Old World race. A late friend of ours had a domestic mouse-" a singer, that is," as the old man said, " not much; but it would whistle a little-chirrup, you know." Now, it happened that one day our friend caught two wood mice, real natives-delicate, white footed things that looked too innocent to do anything else than step mincingly around in their delicate, whitesatin slippers. So they were put into the cage with the singing mouse. Whether, like some other folks, they had no appreciation of foreign airs, we have no means of answering; but alas! in spite of their silken ways, they at once set on my own side, I had long been her admirer upon and murdered the little musical mouse. My friend, Philip J. Ryall, Esq., in the spring and stronger; but we were forced to conceal it. of 1871, when at his Florida home, near St. Augustine, was disturbed at night by what he supposed to be the chirping of birds in the chimney. The mystery was cleared up in an joke which should convey an allusion to our atunexpected way. A very small mouse came up tachment; and I accordingly gave notice at from a crevice in the hearth, and, with singular court that I should bring forward a musical novting-room floor. Here it sat up on its hind feet whole world was on tip-toe; and, on the eveand looked around with the utmost confidence, ning appointed, I made my appearance, violin all the time singing in a low, soft, yet really in hand. I had previously robbed it of the two warbling style. This visit became a daily busi- middle strings, so that none but the E and G ness, until it paid the penalty of its temerity by remained; the first string being designed to play being captured. About a month after, this pro- the maiden's part, and the lowest the youth's. digy was entrusted to the custody of the writer. I began with a species of dialogue, in which I house-mouse." What was our astonishment at to transient bickerings and reconciliations be- the excessive work of the American campaign. recognizing, in the little stranger, a true Hesper- tween the lovers. Now my strings groaned, omys, and no house mouse at all! It was and then sighed; and anon, lisped, hesitated, one of the wood-mice, and among the smallest joked and joyed, till at last they sported with of its species. Every pains was taken to secure merry jubilee. Shortly both souls joined once more severe than those of European audiences. the comfort and well-being of my little guest. more in harmony, and the appeased lovers' And what an ample reward I reaped! For a quarrel led to a Pas de deux, which terminated considerable time she carrolled almost inces- in a brilliant coda. This brilliant fantasia of she rollicked in tiny song, her best performances to whom every scene referred, rewarded me by being usually at night. To me it was often a looks of delight, and full of sweetness; and the strange delight, when, having wrought into late princess was charmed into such amiable condehours, and the weary brain had become so need-scension, that she loaded me with encomiums, ful and yet so repellant of sleep, I lay down asking me whether, since I could produce so little cage I had set on a chair by my bedside. to gratify them by playing on one only. I after the first few phrases he was assailed by a To be sure, it has a low, very low, sweet voice. yielded instant assent. The idea tickled my storm of hisses and the curtain was dropped.

thing so sweetly merry, that I would listen on, hand, I composed a sonata for the G string, and on, until I would fall asleep in the lullaby which I entitled 'Napoleon;' and played before of my wingless and quadrupedal bob-o-link the court with so much effect, that a cantabile, The cage had a revolving cylinder or wheel, given by Cimarosa, fell without producing any such as tame squirrels have. In this it would impression upon the hearers. This is the genurun for many minutes at a time, singing at its ine and original cause of my predilection for the utmost strength. Although I have now been G string. People were afterwards importunate entertained by these pretty little melodies for a to hear more of this performance, and in this year, yet I would not dare redescribe them. way I became day by day a greater adept in I called these roles-one the wheel-song, becylinder; and the other the grand role. A remarkable fact in the latter is the scope of the little creature's musical powers. Her soft, clear voice falls an octave with all the precision possible; then, at its wind-up, it rises again into a very quick trill on C sharp and D.

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Paganini's Magical Use of the Bow.

DEING pressed to explain the manner in which he had acquired such proficiency in the use of this instrument, he replied: "I was playing at the Court of Lucca, to the Princess (Napoleon's favorite sister), and another fascinating creature who must be nameless, who, I flattered myself, felt a penchant for me, and was never absent from my performances; Our mutual fondness became gradually stronger greatly enhanced. One day I promised to surprise her at the next concert with a musical and gave up to listening to the songster, whose much with two strings, it would not be possible ter in Nice. He was to sing in "Lucia," but

But there was, with a singular weirdness, some- fancy; and, as the emperor's birth-day was at She had two especially notable performances. this mystery of handling the bow."-Music in

THE ROSAS IN EGYPT.

ARL ROSA writes to The Arcadian from Cairo, under date of January 11, to contradict the report that Madame Parepa-Rosa had not met with success in Egypt. He says:

" Madame Rosa has been even more successful than her friends predicted. She was received from the first with the greatest enthusiasm, and whenever she sings, the Vicerov, who very seldom comes to this theatre, is sure to be present. Madame Rosa has up to this time sung 'Puritani,' 'Norma,' 'The Huguenots 'and 'The Trovatore,' and is to appear to-night in 'Ruy Blas.' I am, in truth, at a loss to understand how such a rumor should have reached you, except that it is the coinage of some interested party who fears that Madame will return to America with fresh honors. The same article intimates that Madame Rosa succeeded better in the United States than anywhere else. This may be true financially, but not artistically. and by this means its strength and fervor were She succeeded better in America because there we were our own managers, and put our own money into the enterprise, confident that the American people would sustain any scheme undertaken liberally and in a straightforward manner, in the interest of art. The salaries paid at boldness, took position in the middle of the sit- elty, under the title of a Love Scene. The St. Petersburg, Cairo, London and Paris are much in advance of those obtained in America. Madame Rosa sung in London, where she arrived about the middle of last season, and her success was most emphatic. It was so marked that she had immediate offers from St. Petersburg, Paris and Cairo, and only accepted the latter place because her physician assured her Of course, it came introduced as a "singing- attempted to introduce movements analogous that the mild climate would be beneficial after

"I beg of you, therefore, to contradict the foolish rumor, and to believe me when I say that I consider the judgment of American audiences I will go farther and say that if an artist is accepted in the States, he need not fear to go anywhere else; and, on the contrary, that many arsantly, except when she slept. Day and night mine was greeted with loud applause. The lady, tists who have got a great position in Europe would not be tolerated in America."

> Brignoli has been cruelly received in Italy. The latest admonition came from a small thea-

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noted, if they simply keep us informed of their char-

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BEAUTIFUL SNOW—Song35 cts ARABELLA WALTZ......35 cts THE DETTINGEN TE DEUM.

UR subject is one of the masterpieces, one of the noblest works of the great Handel. This remarkable music was composed by King George II, at the village of Dettingen. in Bavaria, Germany. On this occasion the King's horse took the bit between his teeth, and had nearly carried his rider to the French camp before he was stopped. The King, concluding his legs were more trustworthy than his unruly steed, dismounted, lead the army sword in hand, and, after a severe contest, won the battle. It was the custom at this time to sing Te Deums Handel was called upon to compose one in honor of this last triumph. The composition was finished in due time, and a journal of that time makes the following note of its rehearsal: "Yesterday a Te Deum and Anthem, composed for his Majesty by Mr. Handel, was rehearsed before a splendid assembly at Whitehall Chapel, masterly and sublime, as well as new in their inexhaustible, but likewise rising to a higher degree of perfection." "Posterity has ratified this of the most valuable presents from its crowned thirty years, the hymn of St. Ambrose, and al- invitation, and while in the boat, on their way ways with new beauties, always with a fresh color." to the ship, she began, without notice, to sing cent music is not better known, it is difficult to most of them. 'You see, Madame,' said the say; but as Mr. Thomas and orchestra have the captain, 'the effect this favorite air has upon

SCHILLER'S ROBBERS.

E had finished the original sketch of it in 1778, but for fear of offence he kept He finished these in time, and with those ordisecure the appointment of surgeon to the regiment Augé, and through the means derived from this position, he was enabled to publish own expense, he having tried in vain to find a played in every line was so marked that it accord him genius. Yet many well-disposed persons were aggrieved at some of the exprescommon highwaymen. Poor Schiller was perserising above themselves. Complaints still con-

to. This personage expressed, in no choice terms, his disapprobation of the work, but offered, out of extraordinary goodness of heart, through Life," were pleasantly sung by the we may suppose, to aid Schiller in the revision Misses Van and Ruff. The orchestra executed of his play; but the author refused his aid so in admirable manner many of the choicest gems sharply as to necessitate his immediate departure of opera, while the untiring attention of Mr. and from the domain of the angry Duke. It is almost inconceivable that one so young should most delightful in our experience. have written a work of such great merit, for he was but twenty-two years of age when it was among the foremost writers of the drama.

MADAME CATALANT.

T is related of this artist, that she was once a wandering match-girl in the streets of Rome; and yet, in her after-career, she visited with spirit, and in excellent taste, the music every court of Europe, and was the recipient set to music five different times, in the space of be held on board his vessel. She accepted the Burney says: "The Te Deum was performed the air "Rule Britania." "Had a voice from at the commemoration of 1-84 with fourteen the great deep spoken the effect could not have remedied, we may safely pronounce them a credit trumpets, two pairs of common kettle-drums, been more instantaneous and sublime. The to the author. But what particularly struck us two pairs of double drums from the Tower, and sailors, not knowing whom they were rowing, was the excellent judgment displayed in the disone pair of double bass drums, made expressly were so astonished and enchanted into inacfor this occasion;" and he further declares the tivity, that with one accord they rested upon in the right place, and we doubt if a better diseffect to be "indescribable." Why this magnifi- their oars, while tears trembled in the eyes of position could have been made. in the world. I have been in many victorious America.

this." When they reached the ship the sailors entreated her to repeat the song, which she did in even a more powerful manner than before

MUSICALE.

HE residence of Mr. John Kieselhorst, I President of the Haydn Orchestra, of this city, was the scene of a most pleasant musical publisher who would undertake it. The work entertainment a few evenings since. There were attracted immediate attention. The ability dis- present, besides host and hostess, the Misses Van. Jacobs, Ruff, and Ella and Jennie Keatproved its author to be a man of no mean ing; and Messrs. Runyan, Lasar, Olshausen, ability, and some were even candid enough to Herwig, Driscoll, and Prof. Wm. Navo, conductor. A fine chorus was given from "Anna Bolena," the solo being creditably sustained by sions of the several characters, considering them Miss Jennie Van. Miss Julia Jacobs sang with dangerous to the heads of State. The Grison's great sweetness and expression a solo from magistrates, it appeared, were offended griev- "Robert le Diable," and Miss Van gave a pleasously at the manner in which their people were ant interpretation of Schubert's "Serenade." We spoken of, according to the Suabian adage, as have seldom heard a neater rendition than that of Mozart's "Trump and Spear." The solos by cuted on every hand; those of accorded worth Miss Ella Keating were given in quite a praisediscountenanced him because he was their rival; worthy manner. This lady possesses a light, and his inferiors, because their envious souls were rich, and sympathetic voice, and which will yet, filled with mortification at the sight of a man by care and judicious training, place her with our best local artists. Prof. Navo's "Ave Matinued, and at last the Grand Duke was appealed | ria" was next on the programme, and as a comacceptable. "Marie and Rizzio," and "When Mrs. Kieselhorst made the evening one of the

MUSICAL REHEARSAL.

TE had the pleasure, a few evenings of several orchestral compositions of Prof. Malplaced before them, bearing in mind the fact judgment," says Schælcher, in his admirable life heads. She was once invited by the captain of movement of the "Overture" is quite a pleasof Handel, and he further remarks: "Handel a ship cruising off Brighton to a brilliant fete, to ing production, as also the "Serenade" The "Marche Funebre" is evidently a work of merit:

Mr. Strakosch has purchased the exclutaken it in hand, we may rest assured its merits those brave men, when sung by the finest voice sive right of representing Verdi's "Aida" in

CURIOUS CRITICISMS.

HEN we read the critical sentences of the last century we are amazed at the inconceivable blindness which they seem to imply. Goldsmith, to take a case at random. was undoubtedly a man of fine taste; he tells us apropos of Waller's ode on the death of Cromwell, that our poetry was not then "quite harmonized; so that this, which would now be looked upon as a slovenly sort of versification. was in the times in which it was written a prodigy of harmony." In the same place, after praising the harmony of the "Rape of the Lock," he observes that the irregular measure at the opening of the Allegro and Penseroso "hurts our English ear." We can only wonder at the singular change of taste which induced our grandfathers to fancy that "harmony" of all things was their strong point, and that Pope's mechanical monotony was to the exquisite versification of Spencer and Milton as Greek sculpture to the work of some seif-taught mediæval to us appear almost self-evident truths is as obvious in a wider kind of criticism. When Voltaire called Shakspeare "a drunken savage," it was a mere outbreak of spleen; but Voltaire, in his sober words, and he is followed in this by Horace Walpole, speaks still more contempt uously of one of the two or three men who can be put beside Shakspeare. He marvels at the dullness of people who can admire anything so "stupidly extravagant and barbarous" as the Divina Commedia. These monstrous misunderstandings are to be explained by the natural incapacity of the subjects of one literary dynasty for judging of those of another. But the judgments of contemporaries on each other are not much more trustworthy. The long-continued contempt for Bunyan and Defoe was merely an expression of the ordinary feeling of the cultivated classes toward anything that was identified with Grubstreet; but it is curious to obsmith, while he sincerely believed that the powers of Mason were destined to immortality Nor, again, can we flatter ourselves that this which has now decayed. We may find bluncere conviction that Rogers and Moore were the truest poets among his contemporaries; that existing, poets; and that Wordsworth was noof Wordsworth and Southey uttered judgments at least equally hasty in the opposite direction. Many odd instances of the degree in which prejudice can blind a man of genuine taste are to be found in the writings of their disciple, De Byron at Missolonghi, being great admirers of intended to write something on that subject our-Quincey. To mention no other, he speaks of that author. The monasteries throughout selves at an early day, but this article covers the "Mr. Goethe" as an immoral and second-rate | Greece have responded generously to subscrip- whole ground so completely that it leaves us author, who owes his reputation chiefly to the tions for that purpose.

fact of his long life and his position at the Court of Weimar, with which we may compare Charles Lamb's decided preference for Mr. Marlowe's Dr. Faustus to Goethe's immortal Faust-Saturday Review

Hallucinations of Genius.

T is curious to note the number of men eminent in literature or prominent in history who have been the subjects of temporary or persistent hallucinations, or of whom, at all events, such an allegation has been made. Hyacinthe Langlois, an intimate friend of Talma, relates that that celebrated actor informed him that when he came upon the stage he was able, by force of will, to make his large and brilliant auditory disappear, and to substitute skeletons in their place. When his imagination had thus filled the theatre with these singular spectators, their reactive power on himself was such as often to give his personations a most powerful effect. Sir Thomas Browne, Jerome Cardag and Goethe also possessed, in various degrees, this remarkable faculty. In something of the same way, the mass of the people interhad passed a night in looking at Tartars and out Nast? Turks, Romans and Carthagenians; Malebranche heard the voice of Deity: Lord Herbert, of Cherbury, heard an agreeable noise in the heavens, which he accepted as a favorable the publication of a book; Pope and Byron saw each, on one occasion, a spectre. The music lessons at half a florin each. cases of Mohammed, Luther, Pascal, Ignatius will occur to the reader as being, probably, examples of hallucination determined by that most prolific source of illusions, strong religious through town faster than a walk. feeling. It is noteworthy, as bearing on the theory of hallucinations, that they are not always reproductions of past states of consciousness .- Home Fournal.

Miss Avonia Bonney is singing in the grand

The Power of a Sweet Voice.

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A Valuable Contribution to the Vienna Exposition.

HOMAS NAST has received the appoint-I ment of Commissioner to Vienna, and embarked for the Austrian Capital. What will pret the accounts that Socrates had warnings the Fournal of Civilization do for its weekly from his demon; Brutus saw his evil genius be- supply of pictorial blackguardism? The gifted fore Philippi; Cromwell was visited by a woman artist whose foul assaults upon everybody and of gigantic stature, who assured him he would everything which his unscrupulous employers vet be king. Napoleon believed in his star, at dislike have made him so notorious, may be a which General Rapp found him on one occasion | curiosity at the great Exposition; but who can gazing in rapture; Joan of Arc heard voices supply his place at home? America is prolific and had revelations; Lord Castlereagh saw, on in dirty talent of all sorts, but we scarcely think one occasion, a spectral child; Ben Johnson in- her able to duplicate Nast. And where will the formed Drummond of Hawthornden that he "civilization" of the aforesaid Fournal be with-

Kentucky sends a colored brass band to the

Anton Rubinstein, the great pianist, was at

of Boston, are warned not to walk too fast, as or sprains of the human body, that tries to twist

O Music! Thou who bringest the receditor man, as he stands upon the shore and longs to cross over! Art thou the evening breeze of this life, or the morning air of the future one?

We hear from Vienna of the deaths of Joseph theatre, at the age of seventy-eight; and of well known as the devoted friend and admirer

The Greeks propose a grand monument to on "The Homologation of the Ideal." We had nothing new to say .- Norristown Herald.

PITY an earnest clergyman who is wrestling with a congregation of cutaneous Christings; still more do I pity operatic singers, struggling against the giggling buzz of the boxes for at least the clergyman is heard in silence, whereas with singers insult is added to injury. It is the remains of the old contempt for "Her Majesty's servants." No one who really respects dramatic art will talk through a performance, however bad it may be. Indeed, no one who respects himself, or has any consideration for others, will be guilty of so gross a breach of etiquette. Yet many an opera has been spoiled for me by so-called ladies and gentlemen, the sound of whose conversation has been loud enough to be sometimes heard across the auditorium. Contrasting this conduct with the perfect decorum of pit and gallery, I have asked myself why the boxers came to the opera-why they did not remain at home and fulfill the laws of their being without detriment to the public The public really have rights that individuals are bound to respect, although the immunity acgainsay the fact. As the press has undertaken to hang the former class of offenders, why should ter? To give the numbers of the boxes in which loud talking takes place might produce benefi-cial results; if it failed, the publication of the names of offenders would certainly bring about reform. I make you a present of this suggestion, and trust that you will be more grateful for have dared to impugn. Besides talking, which may be called the slight direct, there is the slight oblique, which consists in turning one's back on artists. Now, there is no reason why people should be forced to listen to execrable singing. They can either go out, or, if in the proscenium men," conspicuously seated, turn their backs on artists who are human and really possess sensibilities, it seems to me that there is something rotten in our social code. I have seen this incivility visited upon Lucca by the very persons who were loudest in her praise. Think how deep must be their admiration! Put it to your-How would you like to receive the cold Do you not think it would modify your ardor as effectually as a gallon of ice-water poured down your spinal column? I do not know that you ever did sing a love-song, but being an editor you are a man, and being a man you are undoubtedly capble of appreciating and sympathizing with the dramatic situation.

SOCIETY'S CONSIDERATE TREATMENT OF ARTISTS.

We talk about the brutality of the lower classes, but is not that brutality worse which arrogates to itself refinement? Which is the most to blame? The car conductor who bullies goes through the performances I have dilated upon? I prefer the conductor. He does not abide with us always, but the genteel being pursues us from the opera to every reception in down to perform the sonata or fantasia that has burst into noisy conversation, as though, like singers, they were utterly incapable of opening ment to be found in his picture-adorned and their mouths without a piano forte accompanicibly furnished library. And yet another, a Vork Herald.

Kate Field on the Conversation—
alists of the Opera.

This phenomenon is so universal as to case to be phenomenal. I begin to believe it's his earlier one, poor L. E. L., to whom all the as natural as fungus. The hostes might pre-elegancies of life would seem to have been allvent its existence if she chose, but she does not choose. She smiles upon the brilliant conversationalists as well as upon the brilliant instrumentalist. She says "perfectly exquisite" to the latter, who inwardly writhes at the outrageous incivility of society. I am persuaded that music was invented for the purpose of setting tongues to wag.—N. Y. Tribune.

Authors and their Habits.

DGAR A. POE used to think over his subject until it was complete in his own mind before he took pen to write, and his manupearance the most off-hand of journalists, was ology of his articles over and over again, even after they had gone into the hands of the prin erasures and alterations, showing that the paragraphs, which flow as if dashed off on the spur the moment, were, in reality, constructed with the utmost pains.

Surroundings, circumstances and the hour have all been potential in their influence. Christopher North chose the night, and sat in his shirt sleeves, in a small study, at a table littered with papers, books and pictures around, writing rapidly with a quill pen, his thoughts kindling more and more as the hours went on.

Another of the fastidious was Lambe. He wrote very slowly, and every word was subjected to the severest criticism, and the one which expressed the nicest shade of meaning was fixed upon. Macaulay made a general plan on large sheets of paper, with lines far apart; until the whole was a marvel to see, and when change for the better, or illustration or amplification seemed impossible, copied in a fair hand for the printer. Dr. Channing, in preparing one sermon, actually wrote enough to make two or three, going on and on as his thoughts came rapidly, then cut out page after page, saving nothing but those portions which best expressed

Addison used to pace up and down the long hall at Holland House. Pope worked himself up into a high state of excitement. Milton craved the sweet help of music. He was wont to lie awake at night, seeing celestial sights ers wrote down for him. Tom Moore had a there, especially at sunset, which was his favorwest until it faded into the gray of twilight, his happiest thoughts came to him, and at the table he would stop and put them into rhyme. Another of the song-writers, Burns, composed while out walking or riding, and wrote when he came in, often revising several times. Even his letters were prepared from rough drafts.

Some of the most comical of Hood's things town; and when the pianist of the evening, at the urgent request of the smilling hostess, sits the urgent request of the smilling hostess, sits the racked with pain, wholly uninfluenced by the contract of the smilling hostess. cost him the bulk of a lifetime, straightway in- is said to have been so sensitive to his surroundnumerable genteel beings who, up to that mo- ings that he preferred to dress himself scrument, have been engulfed in gloomy silence, pulously, as for an evening party, before sitting

most a necessity, wrote in a homely, scantily furnished, hardly comfortable room, so carried

This absorption of self is characteristic of his office companions, as sitting at a rickety table, in a shaky chair, perfectly oblivious of the bring his hand down on the table with slaps of delight.—St. Louis Times.

BARRAS.

R. CHARLES M. BARRAS the dramatic author, died recently at Coscob, Haven road to reach home, and got off when the cars stopped at the Coscob bridge. On Sunday night he jumped off the cars carelessly, rocks below. Every effort was made to save his life, but the injuries were too severe. Mr. Barras may be called the most fortunate dramatic author who ever lived. He made a very matic author who ever lived. He made a very large fortune from one play—"The Black Crook"—which was the only one of consequence he has produced. The circumstances of the production are very curious. Mr Barras, in the spring of 1860, called upon Mr William Wheatley, then manager of Niblo's Garden Theatre, and offered him the play of "The Black Crook." Mr. Wheatley looked over it and de-cided not to produce it. In the meantime, however, the Academy of Music burned down, and Mr. Harry Palmer was left with a large ballet troupe on his hands, which he had engaged in Europe, and which he had intended bringing out at the Academy. Mr. Palmer went from one theatre to another, offering his ballet troupe, agers either could not make use of it, or did not trust the success of the venture. At length Mr. Palmer and Mr. Jarrett (who had formed a partnership) offered the troupe to Mr. William posed to engage in the speculation; but remembering the pigeon-holed play of "The Black Crook," he finally thought it might be utilized with the adjunct of ballet, and determined to bring it out. Mr. Barras made very profitable terms, insuring himself a benefit every two weeks of the run of the piece. As it was supposed the thing would "run" but a very short time this was consented to. It will be remembered what an enormous success the piece had. Mr. Barras received a handsome sum each night on condition he would forego the fortnightly benefit. In this manner, and by selling the right to

fortune, variously estimated at from two hun-The name alone of the play was the magnet, for after some time hardly a trace of the Mr. Barras was very poor, and eked out but a scanty livelihood by writing. He was about forty-seven years of age, and an Englishman,

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