

ROCHESTER ORCHESTRA

The final concert in the Rochester Orchestra's season will be given on April 8th, in Convention Hall. Clarence Whitehill, the famous baritone, will be soloist. This is the concert which was scheduled for February, but was postponed because of the fuel administrator's order.

There is particular interest in Mr. Whitehill's engagement, his first here. The great beauty of his voice and the skill with which it is used has won him a distinguished place in this country and Europe in opera and concert. The orchestral program will include Beethoven's fifth symphony, the "Tannhauser" overture, and a symphonic suite, "Americana," by Victor Kolar, assistant conductor and first violinist of the New York Symphony Orchestra and a composer whose works have been played with success by that and other orchestras. He himself led Mr. Damrosch's men when they gave his symphony twice last season.

The suite is meant to represent the four different sections of this country. The first movement illustrates the North; the second the West, with its pulsating life and energy, not merely as "wild and woolly," as the composer remarked; the third, the South, and the fourth, the East, with an Irish jig in 6/8 time "to stand for the large Irish element in this part of the United States.

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Australian Wool Romance.

built up much of the colonial prosperity justly celebrated, has a most romantic history. Its real hero was a certain Capt. John Macarthur, a soldier of the crown, whose father had fought with Prince Charlie at Culloden. Settling in New South Wales soon after Governor Phillip arrived there, he saw the possibilities for growing fine wool and by the luckiest accident was able in 1791 to import five merino ewes and three rams from Cape Colony. They had been presented to the Dutch government there by the king of Spain from the famed Escorial flock. These, judiciously added to by Macarthur, were the beginnings of the vast Australian sheep industry of today. The first shipment of colonial wool was 245 pounds, in 1797, and now the export runs into hundreds of millions.

The Story Hour

No one can imagine the delight which such hours occasion unless in their own childhood they have had some older one who understood them and has taken the time and the interest to carry them on. It is a wonderful thing, the teaching of literature and story. Make companions of your children. Do not look upon the hours they must spend in the house with you as times of torture for you and for themselves, but as hours of opportunity for their development, when it is well worth while that other things be put aside that you may get closer together in that comradeship which should exist between all mothers and their little brood, but which, somehow, frequently does not exist in this day and generation.

One Way to Handle Mules.

A general order issued forbids the crossing of American army mules. As might have been expected, the muleteers have protested. They say the mule will not work without the aid of profanity. But there is a tradition in the Southwest that the most famous engineer of the old plains days was a deaf-mute. He had a way with mules which was little short of marvelous. He always got his goods through to destination, never lost a mule through desertion or had to call in the aid of the profane. This citizen had a wand which worked wonders with his animals. It consisted of a long stick with a sharp nail in the end of it.—Toledo Blade.

Requires Genius to Teach Music. Knowledge of the imitative art is developed daily by experience and comparison with the life they prefigure; knowledge of literature by the creative habit of speech. Music can be developed only from experience in the art of music itself. It is an absolute addition to life. But from its manifold nature, its intangibility, the irregularity of musical endowment and above all from the sparsity of musical experience in the normal life of the young, music requires a certain genius to teach it well, and in our schools the problem is not yet seriously attempted.—Manchester Guardian.

Practice of Oiling the Body. For thousands of years the oiling of the body has been valued in Oriental countries, as a most helpful hygienic measure. The passage in the Epistle of St. James: "Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord," does not refer to the mere making of the sign of a cross on the forehead, with a finger dipped in oil, but to the custom of oiling the whole body. This was usually done after a warm bath. Costly oils mixed with perfumes were used for this purpose by the rich.

A Lot About the Sun. "Sun" is among the words contained in the latest lexicon edition of the Oxford English Dictionary. Eleven closely printed columns are devoted to it. It is quite interesting to find that Coleridge's famous phrase, "Place in the sun" originated with Pascal, who used it to illustrate the beginning of irony. Yet another well-known phrase "On which the sun never sets" was apparently first used in connection with the Spanish empire 300 years ago. Its first application to the British empire was made in the pages of Punch.—Christian Science Monitor.

Seek to Avoid Weariness. It is not wise to work beyond the first sign of weariness unless driven by the spur of necessity. The woman who is not tied to hours can easily work out a plan that will allow her to avoid weariness; others have to do the best they can, as a matter of course. But this is certain—time must be found to repair the loss of nerve force and bodily strength even if one must give up a devoted pleasure. To go from the weariness of toll to the weariness of amusement is an added burden on body and brain, one that must be paid for in the long run.

Looks Reasonable. Church—"They say drinking coffee will keep people awake. Do you believe it?" Gotham—"Most assuredly I do. That's the reason they serve it at a dinner just before the speeches."

Natural Result. "What did the man say when he finally got rid of the bee in his bonnet?" "He said he was stung."

Mother to Her Daughter.

For so many years I thought, in the long stormy winter nights I watched over you, cherished you. With my tears and prayers to God I obtained your life when death stood many a time at your bedside, waiting for mother to give you up. Never did I give you up. You were my pride, you were my light in the dark life of my struggle against poverty. And you gave up mother so easily! You left your home with no regret! You left your mother to her tears! Oh, where are you now? Are you happy, are you warm, are you fed? If I could only embrace you once more, feel you near my wounded heart! Other people have the pleasure to hear you talk, to hear you laugh, to hear you sing. Are you still singing, my little daughter, or was your voice forgotten under the heavy burden of the new life?—Elizabeth Hasenowitz in the Atlantic.

Galluses Vindicated.

After blaming everything from grape seeds to patent flour for appendicitis, the medical sharks have finally landed on the trousers belt. They say appendicitis never became prevalent until the belt came into general use. For many years the humble suspender has been held up to scorn. Men if their architecture refused to lend itself to belts, were forced to harbor suspenders as they did a secret sorrow. All sorts of subtleties were invented, such as invisible suspenders, camouflage beneath the overgarment. For, he it known, there is none so wretched as the man whose sky line is not adapted to belts, trying to maintain the status quo ante, and look unconcerned at the same time. Now one may wear suspenders and look the world in the face.—Wichita Beacon.

The Bridge of Sighs.

The Bridge of Sighs is not without reason called by Howells "a pathetic symbol," and its greatest interest is perhaps from that much-worn line of Byron's, "I stood in Venice on the Bridge of Sighs." It is a commonplace structure, which connects the ducal palace with the canal, or the public prison, and spans the canal known as the Rio della Paglia. It was not built until the end of the sixteenth century, and no romantic episode of political imprisonment and punishment (except that of Antonio Foscarini) occurs in Venetian history later than that period. None but commonplace criminals ever crossed it when taken out of the prisons to suffer death. Hence its significant name, given by the people from that opulence of compassion which enables the Italians to pity even rascality in difficulties.

Increase of Days.

Due to astronomical causes which cannot be explained briefly, the sun does not always cross the meridian exactly at noon, local time, but is sometimes several minutes fast, and at other times is several minutes slow. At those seasons when it is gaining, the little additions which are made alike at both ends of the day will be most apparent at sunset, whereas the addition will be more noticeable at dawn if the sun is falling behind. Between June 21 and December 21, when the days are growing shorter, the subtraction at both ends is alike. But it is most apparent at dawn if the sun is gaining time and at sunset if the sun is falling back.

Kruger as Solomon.

That very canny person, President Kruger, was once called upon, as King Solomon before him, to pass judgment in a matter of ownership. The case was that of two brothers, who had been left a farm and could not agree as to the division which had to be made. They agreed that, rather than take the matter to the courts, they would let President Kruger decide. President Kruger appears to have hesitated about as little as King Solomon did. He instructed the elder brother to make what he considered a fair division, and then he gave first choice to the younger brother. A solution like Solomon's, both masterly and simple.

Strange Trades.

Some curious trades may be found in the vocation situations column of our daily paper. "Consol Operators" are not, as you might think, something on the stock exchange; they operate in leather on a boot bench. A "Commons Hanger"—which sounds wildly anarchistic—is merely an artist in wall papering. A "Budget Trimmer" is an expert in finance, but works in the conchmaking trade. But what shall we say to the demand for a "Kaiser Molder"? One would think that, like the "Vienna Hand," this particular subdivision of bakery had ceased.—London Chronicle.

Tea's Growth in Popularity.

The cultivation of tea, started in Japan twelve hundred years ago, has become one of the principal industries of the nation today. More than one million households are engaged in its industry, with annual yield of one hundred million pounds. In 1915, 51,750,000 pounds, or 47.2 per cent of the total production of the country, including Formosa, were exported to the United States, amounting to nearly \$3,000,000 in value.

Had a Kick Coming.

Dusty Bones—What's been giving him meaning about? He's been sitting all day long. Roaming Waldo—He's sore because he got the third degree yesterday and didn't get any class pin.

New Building For K. of C. And Y.M.C.A. At Kodak Park.

The first building in the country to be used jointly by the Young Men's Christian Association and the Knights of Columbus is located at the School of Aerial Photography at Kodak Park. The building is situated on the east side of Charlotte Boulevard opposite the athletic field. It is 100 feet long and 40 feet wide.

It is expected to be entirely completed this week and Knights of Columbus and Y. M. C. A., secretaries are planning to start their work among the men at once. A moving picture machine will be installed, and some of the moving picture theaters have already offered feature films each week. In addition, three other theaters have offered vaudeville acts for the entertainment of the soldiers.

Funeral of Rev. James M. Bustin

Corning, April 4.—Over 200 priests gathered from all parts of the country, attended the funeral here Wednesday, April 3rd, of Rev. James M. Bustin, Bishop Phos. F. Hickey, of the Rochester diocese, was among those in attendance.

Solemn requiem high mass was celebrated by the Rev. D. J. Bustin, of Mt. Vernon, a brother of the deceased. The Rev. D. L. Sullivan, of Greensburg, Pa., deacon and Rev. D. Joseph Bustin, of Waterville, N. Y., a cousin of the dead priest, sub-deacon and Rev. John A. Conway of Corning, as master of ceremonies.

Several thousand persons marched in the procession to St. Mary's Cemetery.

Knights of Columbus

Assessor Joseph Fritsch, Jr., addressed a meeting of the Alhambra Tuesday evening last, at their rooms Cox Bldg., and announced that he had been made chairman of the Catholic Church Committee of Rochester by the War Service Committee engaged in the formation of the permanent War service Corps.

Mr. Fritsch urged all members of the Alhambra and the Knights of Columbus to volunteer for work with the new corps in any capacity in which they can be used. He suggested that not only the knights themselves offer to devote their time to the work but that they urge their wives and sisters to come forward and join in the new permanent organization.

In the Army are 2,500 Catholic Foresters.

The New York Apostolate of priests gave 46 missions to Catholics and non-Catholics last year.

The Santa Clara University of the Jesuits, in California, is a reserve officers' camp.

In the Archdiocese of Philadelphia the net contributions for the year 1918 for the Propagation of the Faith, amounted to \$91,531.19.

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Daily Thought.

It may happen that I shall find solace in that which brings sorrow to you; and that which to you speaks of gladness may be fraught with affliction for me. But no matter—into your grief I will enter all that I say of beauty and comfort, and into my joy there will pass all that was great in your sadness.—Maeterlinck.

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Bright Eton Boys.

The schoolboy "howler" is quite commonly amusing, but its very frequent use is apt to make it something of a bore. It is doubtful, however, if a more representative collection of the which he had inadvertently placed himself upon the face of a tremendous of his own experience, by the vicar of Eton. First there was the hair which had turned white during the darkness.

Neatness Appealed to Him.

Nanny and her two little daughters, Maggie and Bessie, were spending a few days at the home of little Fred. Maggie had beautiful short curly hair, that would not stay in place, and usually looked as though it had never been combed, while Bessie's hair was straight as a string, combed back smooth, and braided. There was a circus in town and mamma asked Fred which one of his little cousins he was going to take to the circus. He looked at them both thoughtfully, then finally said: "I will take the one that combs her hair."

For the Traveler.

It is a good plan to secure a telephone book before returning home from any place, especially if you have done much business or made new friends. One is obtained easily for a few cents at the hotel, and is invaluable for quick reference to verify addresses, firm names, etc. One from Bermuda, for instance, has become useful to one traveler to insure accuracy in names and localities, and is always ready to supply information often obtainable in no other way at short notice.

Tea Plant Purposely Dwarfed.

In its wild state the tea plant grows to a height of from ten to twenty feet. In cultivating it its size is kept down to about three feet for convenience in picking. The tea of Japan is mostly of the green variety. Considerable black tea is exported, but is grown mainly on the island of Formosa. The seed is usually planted in terraces that extend from the bases of hills to their very crests, like giant steps that conform with the general contour of the hillsides. During picking time one may see large groups of tea-pickers (mostly women) gradually working their way downward from the top of a hill.

Destructive Grasshopper.

The average grasshopper weighs one-third of an ounce and is capable each day of consuming its own weight of corn or wheat or other crops. Thus it would appear that the number of these insects eaten by nestling birds would be able to destroy 174,897 tons of crops worth, at an average of \$10 a ton, \$17,489.

Millionaires.

Even though you are poor in pocket you may be rich in heart. Love, as well as the stock exchange, has its millionaires. But the difference to be noted is that the millionaire of the heart is the one who gives the most love, not the one who receives most. Spiritual wealth shall come by giving.

Soldiers' Superstition.

Cavalrymen have a superstition of their own. A mounted man firmly believes that he will come through the deadliest charge unscathed if he carries on his person the tooth of a war horse, the only condition being that the horse itself has, at some time, been through a charge unhurt.

Can't Be Done.

If there should be found a way to inoculate the milkman's voice with this new anesthetic, milkmen, sleep might not drop so many stitches in her pleasing occupation of knitting with the raveled sleeves of care.—Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

When the Hair Turns White.

Most people have seen the cheeks become pale with terror, but few have seen the hair turn white from the same cause, and the possibility of such a

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