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SOME TYPES OF NEGRO SONGS

Ragtime Music Is Only a Creation of Recent Years.

Not at All Characteristic of the Race—Melodies That Are All But Forgotten.

"Did it ever occur to you that we have had in this country during a little more than a half-century, three distinct types of negro songs?"

The speaker was a retired minstrel performer of the old school, who has been spending a few days in Washington, says the Star.

"Perhaps it would be more correct to say two, for the so-called 'coon' or 'ragtime' songs are far from typical of the American negro," he continued. "The first that I would speak of are the ante-bellum melodies of the type composed by Stephen C. Foster, 'Old Black Joe,' 'Down on the Swannee River,' 'Massa's in the Cold, Cold Ground,' 'Off for Charleston So Early in the Morning,' 'Old Uncle Ned' and 'Down Mobile' are of the class to which I refer. They are songs that depict to a considerable degree the conditions of the southern negro in the days before the war, or suggest some of his feelings during that period. The melodies of not a few of those songs are, of course, familiar to the present generation. Foster's melo-

dies will never die—not because of the sentiments expressed therein, but because of the simplicity of their tune-fulness. There is nothing complex about them.

"But particularly do I desire to speak of the second type of negro songs, which are practically forgotten, and which are almost absolutely unknown to the young men and women who were born since 1880. They are the songs that were inspired by the conditions obtaining during the reconstruction period, and which met a hearty response up to about the year 1890. Who of us older fellows won't recall with pleasure Ned Harrigan's old words and melody of the late lamented Dave Brahman?"

Of six years now passed away, When they tied us up in bondage long ago, 'Twas in 'ol' Virginny state, It were dere we separate, And it filled our hearts with agony and woe.

"There was a negro song of the period that went far toward building the national reputation that came to Harrigan & Hart. The people of the north during the reconstruction period were in a mood for such songs, and there was a multiplicity of them, just the same. There is a superabundance of 'ragtime' songs today. Why, who of the preceding generation doesn't remember the time when, with rapturous pleasure, he sat in the theater and listened to the old negro's plaint, the chorus of which was:

"Take me back to old Virginny, Dere's where de corn and de sweet peas grow, Dere's where de moon shine so bright In my childhood; Dere's poor old darkey's heart am long to go."

"The melodies and the words were turned out by song writers with rapidity, and many of them were good and had remarkable sales. As I said before, there was a demand for them during the decade or so years following the civil war. Another song that had a long run in the minstrel shows of that period, and was recited by bands and orchestras, was that in which an aged darkey was depicted as recalling former days on de plantation. I remember one verse, and I remember what a hit it made when it had its initial production in the 'first part' of our show. It went:

"In de evenin' by de moonlight, When dis darkey was de firsides, 'Till de hoe-ake it was done; After dat we clear de kitchen; 'Twas de only time we used to hab To hab a little fun, Uncle dabe would take de banjo down Which hang upon de wall, While de darkey was shinin' brightly all de time. How de 'ol' folks would enjoy it! Der would sit all night an listen As we sang in de evenin' by de moonlight."

Extracts from the Canadian Law Review.

Hon. Edward Blake, M.P., has subscribed one hundred guineas to the Irish Parliamentary fund.

Mr. W. H. Bartram, barrister, of London, has been informed that Colonial Secretary Chamberlain cannot interfere in his complaint of the action of Chief Justice Strong, of the Supreme Court, in the case of King vs. Love.

Mr. J. M. Gibson, attorney-general for Ontario, has introduced a bill amending the Jurors' Act, allowing counties to combine their assize and sessions and use the one jury; also to notify jurors six days before the date of the court in the event of no cases being on the docket that they need not attend.

A charming collection of poems by Hon. David Mills, minister of justice, has just been published in Ottawa. There are thirty-two pieces in the little volume, all of more or less merit. Some of them have a beauty and charm which strikingly reveal the fine mind and poetic genius of the author. One of David H. Mills' first lawsuits was a non-jury case, in which the opposing counsel was one of the best attorneys in New York state. Hill made a speech which lasted about three hours. It was such a speech as might be expected from a young lawyer, and it was very trying to the court. After he had finished his opponent arose and said: "May it please the court, I intend to follow the example of my young friend and, submit the case without argument." Hill lost the case.

A celebrated lawyer in Nova Scotia, who writes under the nom de plume of "Juvenis," is not a lawless scoundrel in dress, which has annoyed the members of the bar exceedingly. Entering the court room upon one occasion minus a necktie, the judge reproved him saying that the law required him to wear one. "Oh, yes, your honor, I know it," was the ready answer, "but it does not say where to wear it." As he spoke he pulled it out of his trousers pocket. The court was too busy repressing a smile to allude further to the matter.

DISASTROUS COLLISION!

On the Auburn Branch of the N. Y. Central.

Seven Trainmen Killed, Two Missing and a Number of Men Injured.

Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 25.—As the result of a collision on the Auburn branch of the New York Central seven miles west of Auburn, between west-bound passenger train No. 211 and a steam derrick late last night, seven trainmen are dead and two others missing. The following are the dead: Edward E. Vine, this city, baggage-man on the passenger.

Frank Hinds, fireman, of this city. John Heisman, engineer, of this city. Engineer Durand, of Syracuse. John Evans, member of derrick crew. Joe Shoemaker, fireman, of this city. Thomas Burke, of Syracuse, rigger of derrick.

INJURED. Samuel Schmuck, of Syracuse, with steam derrick, seriously hurt; is in Syracuse hospital.

It is said that two others are missing. As train No. 211, the west-bound passenger, was rounding a curve a few miles west of Auburn going at a fast clip, it met the steam derrick running "wild" from Canandaigua to Syracuse. There was

AN AWFUL CRASH,

followed by the sound of escaping steam and silence. Conductor George Kilip, of this city, of the passenger train, hastened forward. Scattered about was the wreckage of two engines which were so badly smashed that it was impossible to tell one from the other. From the head end of the train could be heard cries for help, and, assisted by passengers from his train, Conductor Kilip began the work of rescue.

Engineer Heisman and his fireman, and after an hour's work were taken out dead. The other dead men were removed from the heap of wreckage at various intervals and tenderly laid alongside the track to wait out from Rochester, Geneva and Syracuse.

HOW IT HAPPENED.

From all that could be learned in this city this morning, the westbound passenger train had the right of the track from Auburn, and had instructions to meet first No. 226, the eastbound passenger train, at that point. This was done and after the eastbound passenger train passed, the westbound passenger train again started for this city. They were late and were going at a fast rate of speed when the two trains came together. The point where the wreck occurred is on a high up-hill grade.

NO PASSENGERS HURT.

None of the passengers were injured. This is due possibly to the passenger train being so heavy that it plowed right through the derrick train, which consisted of only an engine, tender and caboose.

LUMBERMEN LIKELY TO SPREAD SMALLPOX.

Vigorous Protest From Health Authorities at Ottawa—A Windsor "Suspect."

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 25.—Dr. Bryce this morning received from the Ottawa health authorities a vigorous protest against what is said to be the chief cause of the continuance of smallpox at Ottawa—the permission of lumbermen to return home from camps where they have been exposed to the disease. There are 25 cases still in Ottawa, and when there is a general break-up of the camps there may be a hard fight in the capital. Dr. Bryce has sent Dr. Hodgetts up to the lumber camps to vigorously enforce quarantine, and see that no one is allowed to go out while in a condition to spread the disease.

One of Windsor, Feb. 25.—A suspected mild case of smallpox was discovered at the Sandhill Hotel, five miles from Windsor. The victim is a child, and is supposed to have caught the disease from a colored man who came from unknown parts a few days ago, to work for a farmer named Ouellette. That car, on which he was simply to spread the disease.

OUT OF HIS ELEMENT.

His wife could never understand how he could be so great. When he, in public, took command, Of thundering debate.

She said 'twas past believing that One e'er could be so great. Who was so unassuming in his ways, Receptions and at teas.

—Washington Star.

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Thos. E. Wood, 318 Seventeenth street, Sacramento, Cal.: "One 50 cent box of Pyramid Pile Cure permanently cured me of piles. For 30 years I suffered; underwent a frightful operation, nearly died, but failed to cure. I was unable to walk when I tried Pyramid Pile Cure. The first application relieved me. All druggists sell it. Quickly cures every form of piles. Book free by mail. Pyramid Drug Co., Marshall, Mich.

WESTERN ONTARIO

Live Items Cuffed for Busy People's Information.

Yesterday morning some person went into the Buckingham Hotel, Stratford, and stole a horse and a dog which was on the counter. It contained one or two dollars.

As a result of the Race-track fire and explosion inquest at Stratford, in which Fireman Turner lost an eye, Coroner Rankin has at last handed in his report, which information has been laid against the McCarthy Bros.

After several months' illness, J. F. C. Haldane, lawyer of Windsor, passed away at his residence there on Saturday morning. The deceased was one of the familiar figures in the streets, as owing to the loss of both legs, he was forced to go about on crutches. He was survived by two daughters.

The oldest citizen who has appeared at Osageo Hall, Toronto, for many years is Mr. Thomas Farrow, a retired farmer of this county. He is now 92 years of age and has lived in the city since he was 12 years old. He has an annual allowance of \$25. That, at least, is what Mr. Farrow, son, claims, of which he was simply to support him for the rest of his life.

THE METROPOLITAN COURSE.

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The Boston Journal says of George Grossmith, the renowned English entertainer, who comes to the New Grand on Tuesday, March 2, that he is one of the most unique and highest class entertainments imaginable.

THE FLAGGING ENERGIES REVIVED.—Constant application to business is a tax upon the energies, and if there be not relaxation, the result is nervousness and the stomach ceases to function properly. In this condition the body is unable to assimilate food properly, and the result is a recuperative of rare power, restoring the organs of healthful action, dispelling depression, and reviving the flagging energies.

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STRATHROY.

[J. D. Meeklen, Advertiser Agent.] Earnest Watch, of London, has accepted a position with T. B. Welch, druggist.

Misses E. M. Bentley and M. Heard will open up a new stock of millinery in Mrs. Auld's old stand, Front street.

A deputation of farmers, consisting of Thos. Bogue, of Adelaide, Wm. Tohill, of Kapler, and D. J. Donaldson, of Cambridge, were in Wallaceburg last week, interviewing the sugar company and the farmers in that vicinity.

Mr. A. P. Robinson, undertaker, Front street, has purchased the store he now occupies from James H. English.

The death of William Parker, the eldest son of Harvey Parker, of Adelaide, occurred Tuesday at the family residence. Death was due to consumption. Deceased was a student at the Strathroy Collegiate Institute for a number of years. The interment took place Friday morning in the Strathroy Cemetery, and was conducted by Rev. J. H. C. O. F. C. O. F.

Councillor Henry Owens, representing Strathroy Camp, No. 9, C. O. W. W., attended the annual convention of the C. O. W. W. at Woodstock last Friday.

George Macbeth, contractor, has received the contract for the erection of the new brick spanning factory, which is to be built by the Strathroy Canning and Preserving Company in Dresden this summer. The building will have 12 feet frontage, with two wings extending back 36 feet.

The Strathroy Minstrels will appear in the Lyceum shortly after Lent.

Mr. E. Wright spent Sunday at his home here.

MUSIC AND DRAMA.

"Put Me Off at Buffalo" at the New Grand.

Fisher & Carroll's "Put Me Off at Buffalo," which appeared at the New Grand last night, is well described as "a musical absurdity," with considerable more absurdity than music. Its chief purpose seems to be to allow Harry E. Fisher to show his ability to bark like a dog, an accomplishment which enables him to raise a laugh every time. The piece also serves as a rack on which are hung some very good specialties. Fisher is one of the funniest knock-about comedians seen here for some time, and to him was credited much of the laughter of the evening. Other funmakers were Joe J. Carroll as Chancey Pan; Charles Lohier, as Willie Newkirk, a tramp; Jack Sample, as Will E. Ketchum, a desperado; Joe Birnes, as Izzie Broke, a sports filled W. Jerome Mills, as Miss Carrington. The specialties included an amusing burlesque on the Florida sextet; a musical turn by Campbell and Dore; songs and dances by the McNulty sisters, and some clever trick violin playing by Miss Reta Curtis.

Marks Bros.' Return Engagement at the London.

Marks Bros.' Company opened their return engagement at the London Opera House under favorable auspices last night, the house being completely filled. The play presented was "A Woman Wronged." The audience evinced the liveliest satisfaction with it, and gave every evidence of being pleased with both the play and the specialties. Specially good work was done by Misses Marie Barborika and Lydia Hayden. The company's offering is "A Woman Wronged," a favorite drama, here. During the week three new plays will be put on by the company, while "A Woman Wronged" will also be repeated. A special price matinee will be given tomorrow, and tomorrow night a prize will be given away in the shape of a marriage license, transferable, and good for five years.

THE DEVIL'S AUCTION TONIGHT

One of the very best spectacles in production of the year will be the bill at the New Grand tonight, and should be greeted by a crowded house. In all, the twentieth edition of "Devil's Auction" promises to exceed by far any former presentation of this famous show piece, which is a strong statement when one considers that many new features and novelties offered since its initial production. To quote Manager Yale, it will be "the best ever."

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An editorial in The Medical Review, a journal published by and for physicians, and having the largest circulation of any strictly professional medical publication in the world, says (Dec. 1900, p. 1517): "Deafness is becoming increasingly common, and the frequent failure of local treatment makes it necessary that we look for systemic conditions which may play a part in the continuance of the trouble."

"At least three-fourths of the cases of deafness are due to catarrhal disease involving the eustachian tube. 'Simply cleansing diseased mucous surfaces, inflating the middle ear, injections, etc., will make no permanent impression so long as constitutional conditions remain unchanged. Careful attention to hygiene, may yield an amelioration of the trouble, but it is a very great affliction, hampering the individual in a business way and shorting out most enjoyment, even a slight improvement is well worth working for.'"

Stuart's Catarrh Tablets constitute the best, most reliable and economic internal remedy for catarrh of the nose, throat, and ears, as they do through the blood, they search out and attack the disease wherever it may lurk. That this medicine cures catarrhal deafness is attested by many worthy and reliable people.

Mr. C. R. Rembrandt, of Rochester, N. Y., says: "I have suffered much from catarrh of the head, throat and stomach. I used sprays, inhalers and powders for months at a time, with only slight relief, and had no hope of cure. I had not the means to make a change of climate, which seemed my only chance of cure. Last spring I read an account of some remarkable cures made by Stuart's Catarrh Tablets, and promptly bought a fifty-cent box from my druggist, and obtained such positive benefit from that one package that I continued to use them daily, until I now consider myself entirely free from the disgusting annoyance of catarrh; my head is clear, my digestion all I could ask, and my hearing, which had begun to fail as a result of the catarrh, has greatly improved, until I can hear as well as ever."

Mr. James W. Brown says: "I suffered from catarrhal deafness for years, and spent hundreds of dollars with specialists, without relief. Stuart's Catarrh Tablets completely cured my catarrh, and today I can hear as well as I ever could."

F. Mitchell Haves, the famous baritone, in a personal letter to a friend, said: "I am going back to my beloved profession of singing, and I am entirely cured of my catarrh, and my hearing is now as acute as ever. I used Stuart's Catarrh Tablets, and in three weeks they had done more for me than all the specialists to whom I paid thousands of dollars, and now I am entirely cured. Stuart's Catarrh Tablets are sold by all druggists at 50 cents a box. Try them and you will become their advocate and friend."

FOR CHILDREN—If your little boy or girl comes home from school or play with a sore throat, the first thing to do is to rub the throat and chest with Omega Oil. There isn't a bit of danger in using it freely, for there is no turpentine or ammonia in it. A whole barrelful of it would not burn or blister the tenderest skin. Children like to have their mothers rub it on them, because it smells so nice and is such a beautiful green color. It is a pure vegetable oil liniment, which does not evaporate, and you must keep rubbing it in until it is all taken up by the pores. Mothers ought to remember that "a stitch in time saves nine," and keep a bottle of Omega Oil in the house all the time. A bottle of it on the shelf is a necessity in every home. It is a protection and a safeguard, much the same as a lock on your door. You may not need it very often, but when you DO need it, you need it bad.

Your druggist sells Omega Oil or can get it for you at any wholesale druggist. The Omega Chemical Co., 257 Broadway, New York, will mail a bottle, prepaid, for 50c. in cash, money order or stamp.

MEAN TRICK ON SAM'S PART.

"I don't like a chile to be so sly and craftable as dat Sam Washington," said Mr. Jones, with some severity. "I'm glad he ain't any chile ob mine, I certainly am."

"What's Sam been doing now, honey?" inquired Mrs. Jones, without any great display of interest.

"It's what he ain't been doing," said her husband. "I was walking 'long de road and saw dat boy little way ahead, carrying two big pineapples, one under each arm. So I say to myself, 'Sam's been lucky, and I'll step up and 'gratulate him, and den mebbe he'll offer me part ob one.'"

"So when I gets close up behind him, I whispers in his ear, 'Sam, how much you take for one ob dose pineapples?'"

and dat boy Sam turn round and look at me, and—twat! Sam at all. 'Twas 'nother boy entirely."

"No, ma'am, I don't want any chile ob mine to be as sly as dat Sam!"

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