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## Music in the Home

### THE MUSICAL END JUSTIFIES THE MEANS

Our American cousins are always up to something original. These relatives of ours are usually equipped with the long chin-whiskers, a vest of Stars and Stripes, and a stove-pipe hat, never get in a rut for the want of devising a way to do things differently. The latest is that there is no harm in putting through a deal on the Sabbath if it is for the church.

A church committee down in a southern town were recently authorized to purchase a piano for the Sunday-school. Being very busy men and women it was difficult to choose a time for them all to meet at the music store to select the instrument. To make the purchase was a religious act, so why they asked, should not they arrange with the piano man to go to his store after one of the church services, make their choice and have done with it.

This they did. Of course it was a religious act to buy a piano. It was an equally religious act to pay for it. So the spokeswoman for the committee left with the dealer a cheque—but it was dated Monday.

### MUSIC RESTORED THIS SOLDIER'S MEMORY

Music for shattered minds is one of the imperative needs in army hospitals. In the general war hospitals to-day shell shock is one of the most common ailments and is described by army surgeons as hysteria carried to the tenth power. Utter loss of memory is one of the most frequent forms in which shell shock manifests itself and in helping the injured man to regain his faculties, music has been found the most powerful of all agencies employed. An army surgeon in the London General War Hospital, tells the following story which illustrates the part music plays in reconstruction work. "One patient who was brought in suffering from shell shock failed entirely to respond to any suggestions regarding his name, home or former occupation. Then we tried him on familiar army questions. Are we downhearted? but the 'No' failed to come. Can you sing? some one asked. 'You start me', he said. There were no singers present but we put 'The Long, Long Trail' on the phonograph and the man picked it up and sang it through after he had listened to the opening bars. We continued the test and found that his musical memory was restored six months before his memory of occupation in civilian days or incidents of his former life.

### STUDY OF MUSIC MAKES CHILDREN THINK BETTER

Educators, legislators must be told, and shown if necessary, that in schools where the music is good, there is good discipline and order, the children are more hopeful, more happy. Call it cause or effect it all goes together. They must see the social, moral and moral values of music. Superintendents and school boards must be made to see that the study of music employs the finest kind of thinking—creative and right thinking at the right time—concentration, pose—enabling the child to think better in all subjects. There are a large number of teachers instructing classes in music who have no right to teach it, having no inspiration or even interest to bring to it. They are forced to teach it by short sighted officials, to the inestimable loss to the community—unjust to teacher and pupil.

This movement will give music a standing as an educative factor that it has never had. We shall work out a program and put the study in its rightful place, overcoming conservatism.

### VARIETY IN MUSIC

Very few persons care exclusively for one style of music, even the ragtime enthusiast. At one time or another in the course of a day's or a week's experience the average man appreciates a certain amount of variety in the style of music to which he listens. This is a fact of significance to those who have the responsibility of making up programs for great masses of people. Not all ragtime; try a little of the

### SOME WOMEN COMPOSERS

With the development of contrapuntal music, women composers of higher position began to appear in the sixteenth century, they were to be found in many countries. Italy offered Maddalena Casulana, Vittoria Aleotti Francesca Caccini (daughters of the operatic pioneer) Cornelia Calogari Caterina Assandra and several others who composed motets, madrigals, and finally operas. France boasted of Clementine de Bourges, a really gifted composer. The unfortunate Mary, Queen of Scots, showed the influence of French models in some of her songs which were successful in their day. Maddalena Barona was a German composer of the same period. Another remarkably gifted woman was Bernadette de Lacerda, of Portugal, to whom Philip II wished to entrust the education of his children.

From that time to the present, the list of women composers is fairly continuous. The change from counterpoint to the harmonic style found the women ready to meet the new conditions. Francesca Caccini and others in Italy composing operas as well as madrigals. France, too, soon became a home of opera; and Elisabeth Claude de la Guerre won some success in this field, earning the respect of Louis XIV.

### MUSIC, NOT WHISKY, FOR LAUNCHING NEW SHIPS

The recent launching of a big boat was attended with due ceremony. All the traditions of the occasion were observed. But in speaking of the event to a friend, one who was present remarked, "it was committed to the water with music, not whiskey." At intervals the proceedings a band rendered music and then as the great vessel slipped gracefully into the water

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a specially chosen number was played. This is only another of the examples that are cropping up every day, everywhere, showing that not only is there music suitable for every occasion, but there is no occasion complete without music.

### VISITING PAYS

A teacher of piano who has been remarkably successful was asked by a friend how he managed to break through the crust of the usual routine and put some personality into his work. One of the means employed was what he termed "visiting." All his pupils came to the studio but every week he gave one lesson in some pupil's home. This enabled him to meet the parents, to observe the conditions under which each pupil practiced and in many ways to gain a first-hand impression of the lines along which each individual pupil can most effectively be appealed to.

These visits revealed many things. In one case the pupil was practicing day in and day out with the piano bench too high. In another the child sat at the proper height but had no rest for her feet. It is a bad custom to allow a child's feet to dangle unsupported all through practice each day. In several instances the piano was poorly placed for the light to shine over the pupil's shoulder. In others the piano was loaded down with photos in frames, vases, curios and other odds and ends like the ordinary mantel. Again in other homes the music was allowed to lie around in a slovenly fashion instead of being put away neatly in the music cabinet. In one or two instances the visiting teacher learned that a brother or sister or mother was capable of playing duets with the pupil. In another home the father played the violin very well for an amateur. These points were all noted. Where there were mistakes to be corrected a suggestion tactfully made solved the difficulty. And where it was found that other members of the family were musical that fact was kept in mind in the pupil's further studies. The experience of this teacher

shows clearly that for one who has the pupils come to his studio, an occasional lesson at the home pays.

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