

in music are not exciting the interest they did a few years ago.

The rumor that Verdi is at work on an opera to be founded on "The Tempest" is evidently unauthentic. Maurel, who was named for the principal role, has heard nothing of the work. "It may be true," he said the other day, "but when a man is eighty-three years old it is not possible to make many predictions about his future work."

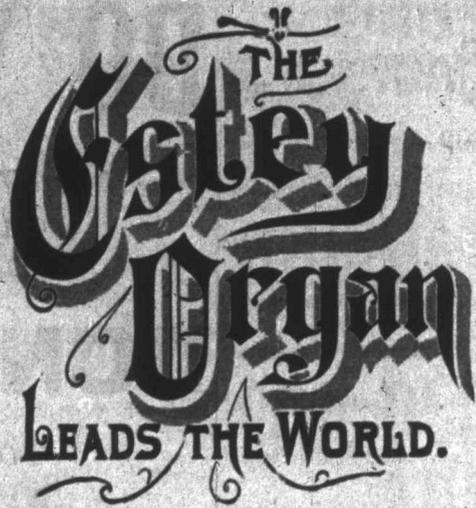
The new machinery for producing the motion of the Rhine daughters in Wagner's "Rheingold" is thus described: Each of the three singers stood in a sort of cornucopia, hung from pulleys and trolleys by nearly invisible wire ropes; each of these three appliances required for its manipulation, the aid of thirteen men, and every movement, up or down, to the front, or back, or side, was controlled by a separate rope; while one man of each thirteen acted as director, indicating each moment as called for by text or music.

The cantata "Daniel" will be given by the choir of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church next Wednesday evening. The principal parts will be taken by Mrs. McCandless, Miss Hutcheson, Messrs. Mitchell, W. Muir and J. G. Brown. Mr. G. J. Burnett will conduct the choir. In the second part of the programme, the Messiah solos may be changed, viz., "Thus saith the Lord" and "For He is Like a Refiner's Fire," in place of "For Behold Darkness" and "The People that Walked."

Miss Sharpe's pupils gave a recital at Institute hall, Wednesday evening.

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