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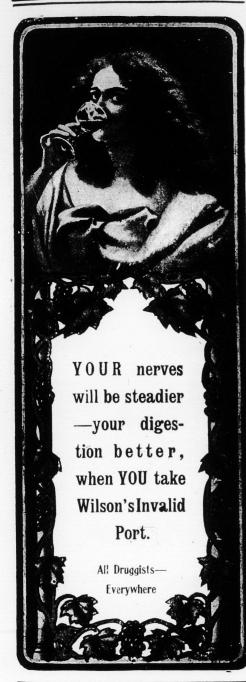
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present she is singing in Australia. Her next tour will be in India, where she will give some fifty concerts. I lish songs, which she has found from experience are always nopular.

Smoking is generally considered bad for singers, and probably it is. But Caruso smokes a dozen cigarettes a day and Scotti smokes twenty. Of the great Mario it is related that he smoked strong Havana cigars all day long, and that he got special permission to smoke in his dressingroom at the opera house, so that he might indulge the craving in the intervals of singing. Sims Reeves smoked persistently.

English journals nave a funny story anent W. S. Gilbert's incapacity to remember his new title when he went to London the other day to attend a dinner. By constant repetition of the words, "Sir William, Sir William," the title became fixed in his mind until his attention was distracted by some event in the street. On arriving at the house at which he was to dine, the composer of "The Mikado" gave his name to the footman as "Mr. Gilbert." "Sir William, I believe," prompty replied that functionary.

Perhaps the funniest thing in the musical world is the behavior of the Italians toward what they like best. That, unquestionably, is a loud, high note; it makes them frantic with delight. Liking it so much, one would think they must want to hear as much of it as possible; but no; almost invariably, as soon as the not? has been struck they break into frantic yells and completely drown it. It was so the other day in London at a charity concert. Caruso sang, and the Italians in the gallery were carried away, and shouted as he was holding a fortissimo high note, while the indignant English, as Alfred Kalisch remarks, shouted "Hush." The Italians, in other words, are as absurd as a child would be who showed his delight in a dish of ice cream by pouring a glass of vinegar over it after eating a spoon-

When Gilbert and Sullivan parted company all music-lovers had cause regret it deepi they separated has not heretofore been known offic but we know it now. Mr. W. S. Gilbert wrote recently to the Dublin Evening Herald to correct various errors regading himself contained in an article which appeared in that journal. He denies that he had prosecuted an organgrinder for annoyance, and then applied for permission to appear as his counsel. He denies that he had ever spoken rudely to a member of his company. As for his collaborator, the 'separation' was not between Gilbert and Sullivan,' but between myself and Mr. D'Oyly Carte. It arose from a question whether a sum £1,500 for refurnishing the front of the Savoy Theatre was properly included in the preliminary expenses of the production of 'The Gondo-liers.' I had no quarrel with Sir A. Sullivan, though a coolness existed between us for a time, in consequence of his declining to interfere in the difference between Mr. Carte and myself."

A sarcastic programme is the atest thing that comes from Engand. In view of the persistently Id summer in that country the Musical News has suggested the folowing as an ideal list of numbers Storm" (Lemmens); song, nothing else can.

Some years have passed since Albani was last heard on this continent, but she is still singing. At Water Music"; selection, Handel's Water Music"; The Rain it Raineth Every Day"; selection, Handel's Water Music"; The Rain it Raineth Every Day"; selection, Handel's Water Music"; The Rain it Raineth Every Day"; selection, Handel's Water Music "; The Rain it Raineth Every Day"; selection, Handel's Water Music "; The Rain it Raineth Every Day"; selection, Handel's Water Music "; The Rain it Raineth Every Day"; selection, Handel's Water Music "; The Rain it Raineth Every Day"; selection, Handel's "You Remember, Love, That Night in June? (Goring Thomas; song, "A Summer (Marzials); song, "Sure She is making a feature of old Eng- footed Snow" (Lie); song, "The Rainy Day" (Wadham-; part song, "Where Icicles Hang" (Simpson); Mendelssohn's Overture to "Midsummer Night's Dream"; old English song, "Summer is Icumen duet, "O Wert Thou in the Cauld Blast' '(Mendelssohn) and a grand fantasia, introducing "Home, Sweet Home" and airs from German's "Merrie England." The London Telegraph suggests as suitable additions, Schubert's "Der Wintertag" and the ch "s form "Pirates of Penzance," beginning "How beautifully blue the sky!"

> In an interview in the Echo de Paris, Mme. Adelina Patti, insisting upon the accuracy of her statement that she is sixty-four years of are (didn't she mean forty-six, said the polite interviewer) added: "You want to know, I suppose, how I managed to reach such an age without appearing too much damaged. Well, I have done nothing at all. Up to forty I stinted myself in nothing and ate and lived as I chose. After forty, however, I took to a comparatively strict way of living. Since then I have eaten no red meat, and have drunk only white wine and soda. When I feel weak, a glass of champagne picks me up. I never touch spirits or liquors. My diet consists of light food and white meat, chiefly sweetbreads, sheep's brains, fowl and vegetables. I alwa-sleep with the window wide open in summer and partly open in winter, so as not to get the cold air straight on my face. I never got to bed early hardly ever before half-past twelve or one. A severe hygiene and an elaborate toilet before bed are absolutely necessary to any woman who does not want to get fat. That is my only secret of health. Above all, I think it is necessary to take a bath before going to bed."

At a recent meeting in London of the association of musical competition festivals, the fact was brought out that in about sixty districts in all parts of the kingdom musical competition festivals are held, and that their number is steadily increasing. Musical tournaments were held centuries ago by troubadours and other minstrels, but these are different. An English journalist says that | equal. It has heavy these festivals "excite an amount of enthusiasm hardly to be generated in with draw center any other way, and beget results to correspond." According to Wagner, enthusiasm is the most essential of all nings for securing success in a musical undertaking; without it; for instance, the choruses in the last movement of Beethoven's ninth symphony cannot possibly be sung. Two leading musical experts of England have lately said things worth quoting with ref nce to these competition festivals. W. H. Hadow, one of the speakers at the meeting referred to, said it was a min ke to measure a nation's progress in matters artistic by the individual achievements of its greatest men. Everybody feels proud of these men, but it is not by them that we should be sayed, but by the degree of cultivation obtaining among the community at large. Of this degree of cultivation, Frederick Corder wrote the other day: "I have heard choirs of mill girls that made me wonder what was left for the archangels; I have heard choirs of rough men brought to the fine edge of a solo quartet of trombones; but that crowning glory of the North, the well-selected mix ed choir, carefully trained by some local conductor, can touch the heart an open-air concert: Fantasia, and compel the willing tear in a way

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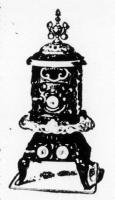


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