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Wireless as a Hobby.

(By F. L. Southgate, Manager British Radio Institute.)

Since December 12th, 1901, when Signor Marconi raised an aerial by means of kites from Signal Hill, and received transatlantic messages from the high powered station at Poldhu, Cornwall to the present time, Wireless has exercised an ever-increasing fascination for young men. In the United States alone there are nearly 750,000 amateurs, who have constructed wireless sets, some of which have a range of over a thousand miles, and by means of which they are able to relay messages from the Atlantic to the Pacific. In the pioneer days, if an amateur was able to receive messages from a station fifty miles away, he considered he had a very efficient set; but in these days the amateur is not satisfied unless he can copy messages from the high powered stations at Nann, Germany, from the Eiffel Tower, Paris, and until he can hear Wireless telephonic conversations, and the musical concerts that are sent out by the larger Canadian and American cities. In the city of Pittsburgh alone, where the Westinghouse Electrical Co. have a Wireless Telegraphy Station, there are over sixty thousand amateurs. One of the greatest Electrical Experts in Newfoundland told the writer that whilst visiting a friend in Pittsburgh a few months ago, he mentioned to his host that he would have liked to hear an opera, which was being played at one of the theatres. The host, who happened to be a Wireless Amateur, simply walked to the door of the room, opened a portable receiving cabinet, switched on his valves, tuned in on a 325 meter wave, and the opera was heard with perfect modulation, by everyone present. The same concerts can be heard by any amateurs within a range of 500 miles, and on clear nights can be picked up over 1000 miles away. They are heard by all the up-to-date amateurs in Nova Scotia, and anybody with a good receiving set should be able to pick them up on clear nights in Newfoundland.

Melba's Wireless Concert.

The Daily Mail conducted a very interesting wireless experiment a short while ago. They obtained the use of the Wireless Telegraphy station at Chelmsford, near London, and arranged for Madame Melba, the world famous soprano, to give a wireless concert. Halls were engaged in all the principal cities in France and Germany, a small aerial erected over each, and by means of valves, the feeble electrical oscillations induced in those aerials from the transmitting station, were so amplified that they were perfectly audible throughout the hall. Even in Berlin, where one of the principal theatres had been engaged for the experiment, every note and tremor of that finimitable voice were heard as

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THE ROUTE-MAKER.
The route-maker sat in his office warm, with a lecturer's dates before him. And he heaved a sigh as he started in to work out a schedule for him: "Now what will I do with this chap," said he, "who preaches of doctrines sunny. To be sure he'll know, when his day is done he has honestly earned his money!"

He thumbed his tables and railroad guides and he cunningly planned and planned: "Now here's a train he can take," said he, "a local to Lecture Land. It will leave Last Night about one-fifteen and get into Fine and Dirty By way of the village of Sleepyville and connect with the seven-thirty."

"In two hours more I can dump him off at the village of Stand and Wait. Where till 4 p. m. he can watch the boys in the railroad yard shunt freight. Then he can climb on the old fourteen," and he grinned in his glee.

"And get there in time for his lecture date, but he'll lecture without his dinner." Now I hold no grudge against any one. I have followed the route man's chart. And though I have raged at the trips he planned, no malice is in my heart; I have suffered and hungered and cursed him, but a glad farewell I say him. Though he's doomed to the sulphurous realms below, I'll pray to the Lord to save him.

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A "Convention" Parliament.

After the flight of James II. to France, which practically ended his reign, William, Prince of Orange, nephew and son-in-law of James, called an assembly on January 22, 1689, known as the "Convention." It differed from a Parliament in nothing but the single fact that the writs by which the members were summoned were issued by one who was not yet king. The throne was at that time declared vacant, and great debates ensued on the settlement of affairs. Some proposed a regency; others that Mary, the wife of William and daughter of James, should be queen, while William held the title of "king" for her lifetime only. Both plans were pointedly rejected by William, however, who declared that he would go back to Holland rather than accept a position inferior to that of his wife. A document called the "Declaration of Right" was then drawn up and passed, which determined in favour of the Parliament all the points in dispute with the Stewards kings. William and Mary assented to it, and were declared jointly king and queen of England, the chief administration resting with him. The crown was settled first, on the children of Mary; then on those of her sister Anne; and these failing, on the children of William by any other wife. The son of James II. and his posterity were thus shut out entirely from the succession. The Earl of Halifax took the lead in offering the crown, which William, promising to observe all the laws of the land, accepted for his wife and himself. This terminated the long struggle between Sovereign and Parliament.

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Worthy the Occasion.

LEEDS WEDDING PRESENT.

The city of Leeds is giving Princess Mary a wedding present worthy of the occasion, says a message from the Lord Mayor to her Royal Highness. He adds that the infant urgently needs an infants' ward. If you will graciously approve, I will open on Monday morning, a Princess Mary Infants' Ward Fund. The ward will always bear the name of your Royal Highness and I hope later to have the honor of asking you to open it. Princess Mary replied at once that she had received the telegram with much gratification. Needless to say, her Royal Highness will gladly be associated with any work of charity which the city of Leeds is generously undertaking to assist in commemoration of her marriage.

Famous Prima Donna's Life Story.

TETRAZZINI'S AMUSING RECOLLECTIONS.

Mme. Tetrazzini, in "My Life of Song" (Gossett), gives an amusing account of an amusing life. The most interesting portion of the book is that in which the diva writes of the start of her wonderful career. Mme. Tetrazzini says that she was born for a musical life.

My father had just been informed of my arrival when he heard the measured tramp of marching feet coming from the street below. He ran to the open window, and saw an Italian military band in gay uniform passing the house. The band had just finished playing a popular march. My father recognized in the commanding officer one of his many military friends, and excitedly shouted down the news that a little girl had just been born to the family of Tetrazzini. The officer waved his baton in congratulation. They halted his men, formed them in a circle below our dwelling, and ordered them to play an appropriate little tune.

"Just Fancy." When the diva was in South America, she had to sing one night in a theatre which had a leaky roof over the stage. It was raining, and in consequence the stage was inches deep in water. Tetrazzini held her skirt to prevent spilling it, to the annoyance of an old lady in a stage box.

She frowned, and then ostentatiously turned herself away from me and faced the audience, saying, in effect, "Just fancy! A prima donna attempting to emulate a high-kicking ballet-girl!"

Madame walked across the stage and got as near the lady's box as she could. Then she put her own words into the libretto of "Lucia" (which was the opera she was singing), and sang:—

"Madam, you are shocked, very shocked; I know it, yes I do. But, do you know, the stage is soaking wet, and our dresses all are spilling? Yet to please you I am ready, perfectly ready, to let my dress drag through the wet and be completely ruined if you, dear madam, will promise to buy me a lovely new one."

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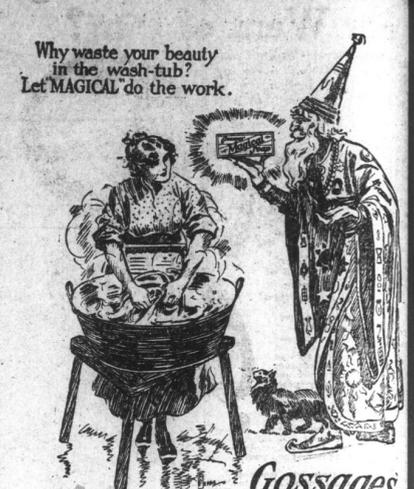
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