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CANDY PRICES COMING DOWN

Amherst News: A local confectioner informed us yesterday that candy prices had dropped all the way from 8 to 15 cents per pound during the past few weeks, and this was only the beginning. The reason of course is that sugar has fallen almost half its original price and sugar is the main constituent of most candies. It takes some time however for the candy manufacturers to get their high priced sugar used up, and until this is gone, the cost to the consumer will not be reduced very much more. Another factor which is naturally influencing the makers to keep the price steady is that the Christmas season is about here with its usual heavy demand for sweets, and it would hardly be human nature to make a cut before advantage is taken of this abnormal seasonal demand. After New Year's, however, a substantial drop in the price of all confectionery is looked for.

A Series of Talks On Music

By Prof. C.C. Laugher, Mus. Bac. Sarnia, Ont.

III.—EARLY TRAINING IN MUSIC

All teachers are aware of the need for the best possible drill in life. The idea one often hears expressed is: since my child is only beginning his studies, any teacher will do. If such a man is about to build a house, shall we hear him say: since I am only laying a foundation, any kind of trashy material will do, but when I get to the roof I will engage the finest roof makers in the world.

Then we will agree that just as the husbandman carefully prepares the ground before he puts in the seed so does the teacher, for the teacher will confine himself to one thing at a time.

A true teacher will think more of his pupils' musical development than of the class he is likely to obtain, it is certainly up to the teacher to make it interesting not amusing.

The child who is destined for a musical instruction in early life is a compatible with the child's health and receptivity.

Children learn far more rapidly than adults, the child's power of absorption in music study between the ages of eight and twelve is simply enormous, between twelve and twenty it is less and still less between twenty and thirty and lamentably small between thirty and forty.

There are yet exceptional cases of astonishing development late in life to the enormous ambition and industry.

Someone separates a child's musical education thus: 20 per cent. teacher, 60 per cent mother controls the majority, if the mother exerts her majority, lucky will be the child.

It is plainly observed that to obtain dexterity of the hands and the mechanical side of the instrumental performance, one should start young and should certainly make the study of technique the most important.

Technic is like money in the bank, a good thing to draw on when you need it but it is unlike money in the bank in this respect, that you cannot exhaust it by drawing upon it freely and frequently.

During the period of practice the major and minor forms will be dealt with and it does seem strange that one should feel that the major and minor are opposite for they both present the same face, now more joyous, now more serious and a mere touch of the pen suffice to turn the one into the other.

An examiner once said to a candidate, you play very nicely, but why did you omit the two measures in the second line, also the middle section of the second page? Oh, said she, Pa cannot bear the minor parts and I always leave out those bits in order not to distress him when he is tired.

It is needless to add that this is wrong, for the major and minor must be heard in contrast. Major and minor—continent and discontent—joy and sorrow—light and shade. These things make variety in music and by them you may remember some one piece that stands out from all others.

Often some incident which happened in your young student life will have a lasting influence on you.

I remember reading of a little boy who's first attempt at instrumental music was with the bass drum, for when as a boy Haydn was studying in Hamburg it happened that his boy friends were invited to church in a grand procession, but the drummer was missing; one boy suggested Haydn, so he was lined up and we can assume that he acquitted himself finely.

In after years he often recalled that he never recalled a prouder moment than when scanty clad and half starved, he marched proudly among his boyish friends beating the bass drum.

Acquiring musical knowledge should be a pleasure, because it comes naturally and should help to cultivate and improve our attention.

TAKING THE EX-KAISER

Holland has a new trouble. Like other countries, it has adopted heavy income taxes, and the problem is to make the ex-Kaiser pay his share. It is reported that his income has been assessed at 1,000,000 guilders, which at normal exchange would equal \$600,000. But the ex-Kaiser apparently protested that his income varies on account of the fluctuations of exchange, and was allowed a delay, and promised a reassessment. If the ex-Kaiser saved \$6,000,000 a year from the wreck of the war, he did not do so badly, and the thrifty Dutch doubtless hope he will live many years to pay income taxes. Meantime many ex-soldiers have no incomes to pay taxes on, and are facing the winter with misgivings.

REVISION UP TO DATE

Courtland Bleeker, at a dinner in Bar Harbor, deplored the tendency toward the immodesty that persists in women's fashions.

“However,” he said, “and as he spoke he pointed to his own shirt, which was open at the neck, and so, ladies and gentlemen, I offer you the toast—

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