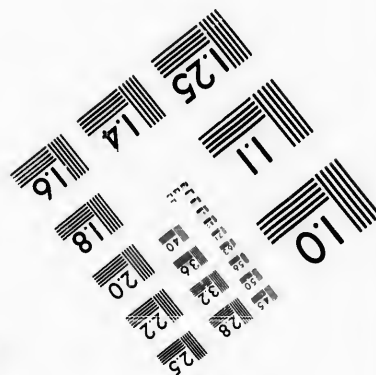
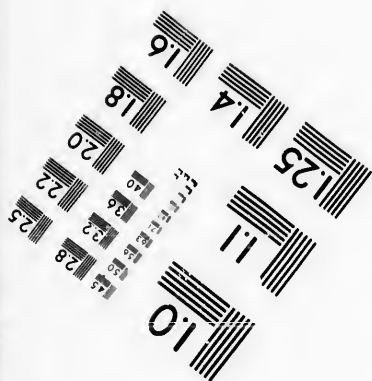
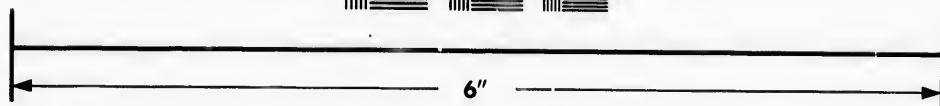
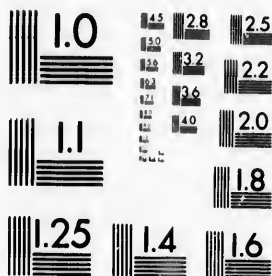


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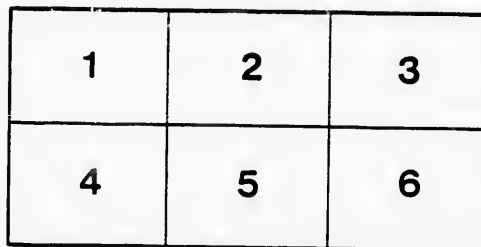
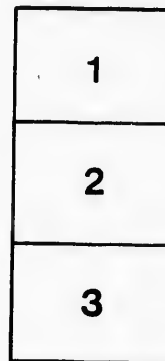
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Flossie—Well I'se dest as dood as new, but
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TOMMY'S BREAK.

(From Puck.)

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OVERTURE—Raymond.....	Thoma
RUSSIAN MAZURKA—La Czarine	Ganne
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WALTZ—Nisida.....	Strauss
OVERTURE—Ne Cheval de Bronze.....	Auber
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Oh, woman, lovely woman, thy charms are
ever great,
Thou dost keep the men all guessing some-
times at a lively rate.
How often hast thou caught them with thy
smile so fair to see,
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