

MUSIC FOR THE DYING.

Unique Use of Inventor Edison's Wonderful Phonograph in the Sick Room.

A Mother's Last Words Preserved and the Very Tone of Her Voice.

The Suffering of a Dying Woman Alleviated by the Soothing Music of the Masters.

On Sunday afternoon Mrs. Elizabeth D. Read, wife of Judge John A. Read, died at her residence, 518 Third street, after a painful illness of two years, says the San Francisco Examiner.

Mrs. Read was passionately fond of music, and after the doctors had pronounced her malady incurable her son, William D. Read, conceived the idea of bringing to her bedside the harmonies in which she delighted.

The phonograph exactly reproduced the tones of the instruments, and the hollow glass bulbs at the end of the connecting tube were placed to the dying woman's ears.

When the music began to lose its soothing effect by reason of repetition Mr. Read induced the members of the First Regiment band, of the Army Brass Quintette and of Blum's band in this city to play into the instrument, so that the best harmonies might be heard by the mother on her bed of pain.

It was the desire of the family to preserve the tones of the mother's voice after she was gone; so she was induced to talk into the receiver of the instrument. The wax cylinders recorded not only every word, but every tone and modulation of her voice.

In an interview yesterday with William D. Read, the dead woman's son, he said that the thought that he could hear his mother's voice whenever he desired in large measure assuaged the grief he felt at her death.

AFTER THE CIRCUS.

Jim and Hanner Criticise the Performers Animals and Peanuts.

From Time: The shades of night were slowly falling, the holy peace of a mid summer evening was in the winds and fields, when they slowly wandered down the green lanes a young couple hand in hand.

Their steps were less elastic than when they traversed the same road in the early morning. His paper collar was limp and discolored, his linen coat less starched and the polish long since gone from his boots.

Her white gown was somewhat bedraggled, her curls lengthened out considerably and her whole aspect of that one who had borne the heat and dust of an August day.

But they were happy. Two or three cups were all there were left of the \$1.00 he had when he left home, but he wasn't thinking of that when he asked:

"How'd you like the circus, anyhow, Hanner?"

"Oh, it was splendid."

"Think so?"

"Yes, indeed."

"And you went?"

"Awful glad."

"Then I am glad I take ye. I don't mind layin' out money for a girl long as she enjoys what I lay it out for. What'd you like best?"

"Laf Jim, I don't know. It was all so good."

"I tell ye, that feller tossin' up all them butcher knives wasn't slow."

"Wasn't that splendid?"

"And that derned fool of a clown! He like to or killed me—the derned eejit!"

"Hee, hee, hee!"

"I thought I should split when he tried to ride 'round the ring on that jackass!"

"Laf Jim! Wasn't that funny?"

"I tell ye it beat the Dutch. How'd you like to be them lady riders?"

"I think it'd be splendid."

"Purty good lem' make that was I got ye, wasn't it?"

"Oh, it was real nice, Jim."

"Int I've eat better peanuts than them was."

"They was a little wormy."

"I know it, and I told the feller so if he'd come 'round agin. I tell ye you've got to look out or them city chaps'll cheat you out of your eyes. How'd you like them candy kisses?"

"I think it'd be splendid."

"I'd a notion to get pop'mint drops instead, but I'm glad now I didn't. Wasn't that elephant a buster?"

"I never see his beat."

"But I've seen lions that'd knock that one all hollow. Them cussed little monkeys wikked me."

"Hee, hee, hee!"

"I'd just like to have one o' them for my own."

"I don't think them banners are fit to eat, do you?"

"I'd rather have coco'nut."

"Well, I should smile. But I've allers wanted to sample one o' them banners, an' I'd thought I'd do it to-day, while you was with me. Next time we'll get a cokernut. You like that fan 'gout ye?"

"I think it's lovely."

"Them circus peddlers know how to charge—askin' fifteen cents for a fan you can get for ten at the stores. Still, five ain't nothin' to me when I'm to a circus. Here we air to your gate. Good-by."

"Good-by, an' I'm much 'bliged."

"Don't mention it. Good-by."

"Good-by."

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