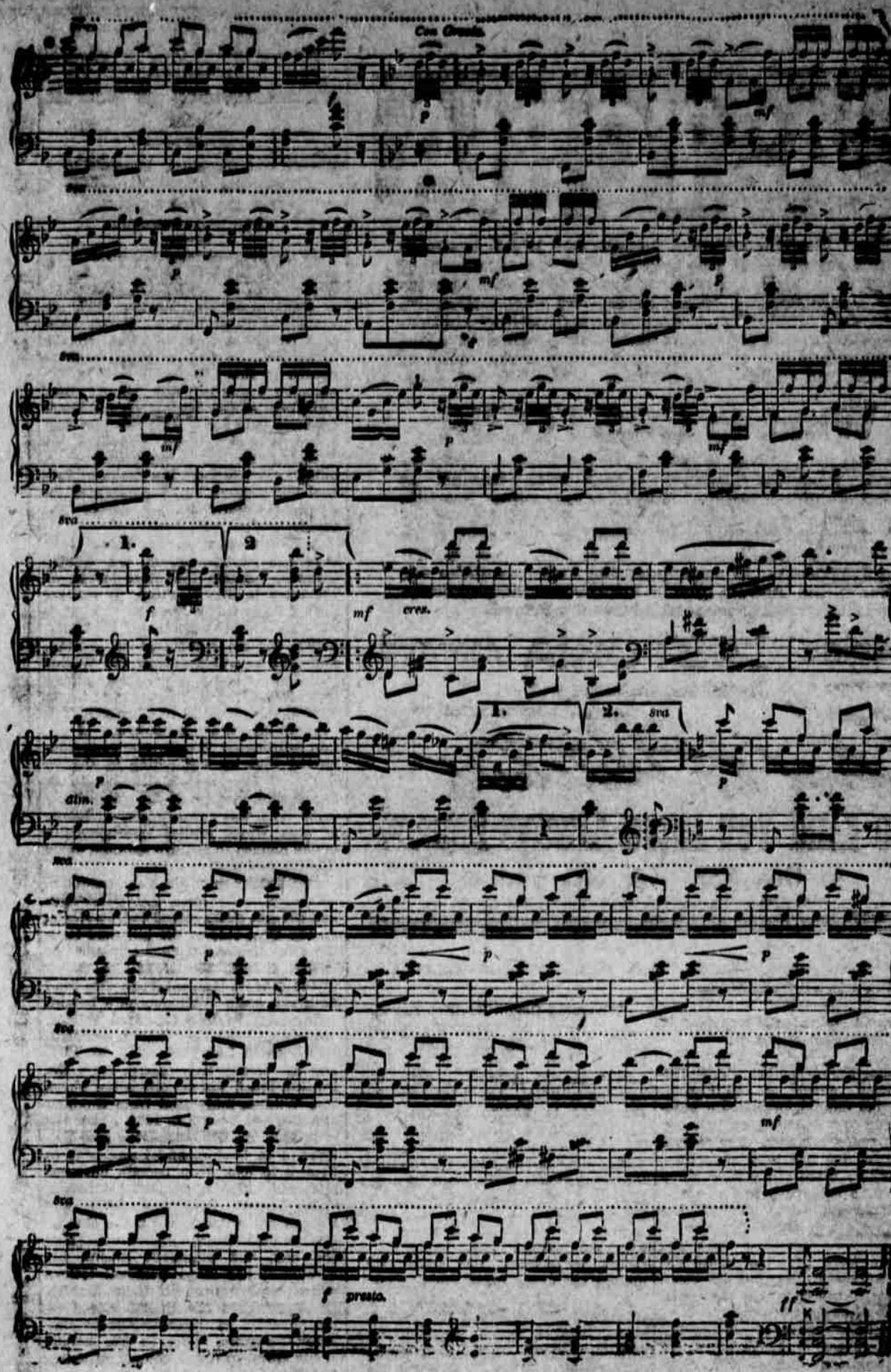


BIRDS ON THE WING.

POLKA RONDO.

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W. C. T. U. COLUMN

Devoted to the Interest of Christian and Temperance Work, Under the Supervision of Francis Willard W. C. T. U. and Directed by Mrs. Dr. Deagan to Whom all Communications for This Column Should be Sent.

Mrs. Viola D. Romans, National lecturer and legislative superintendent for Ohio W. C. T. U. is now engaged in visiting the annual conferences of the ecclesiastical bodies of the state, in an effort to secure their endorsement of the woman's bill which will be presented to the next legislature. Without exception, thus far, the desired support has been enthusiastically given, and the voice of the Church of Ohio will be joined to that of the reform organizations which demand a measure of political equality for women. —The Union Signal of Oct. 3, 1907.

Rev. and Mrs. H. E. Hollingshead of Cleveland, Ohio, will spend the winter in southern California, and Mrs. Hollingshead will be glad to take engagements to speak on the work of the department, Unfermented Wine at the Sacramento, or on Franchise.

Mrs. Florence D. Richard of Ohio National W. C. T. U. organizer, has been elected for the second time, a delegate to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church from the Central Conference of her state.

Blackford County, Ind., Union met in convention September 19 and 20. A grand gold medal contest was enjoyed by all. Mrs. Dunlap won the prize. Mrs. S. B. Perkins of Ohio was convention speaker.

John D. Rockefeller has given to the city of Cleveland his magnificent summer home in East Cleveland, comprising nearly 600 acres of wooded land, for use as a public park, together with an endowment fund of \$2,000,000. By the terms of the gift the sale or use of tobacco or liquor and dancing was to be forever barred within the grounds of Forest Hill, and no street railway line is to be permitted to enter the grounds.

Indiana Methodists have sustained their position on the temperance question by declining to elect Vice President Fairbanks a delegate to the next General Conference. The vice-president's defeat was due to the fact that he served cocktails at a dinner given in honor of President Roosevelt at Indianapolis last May. —The Union Signal of October 3, 1907.

Philadelphia, Pa., union at its first meeting of the season was honored by the presence of Mlle. Julie Merle d' Aubigne, who gave an interesting address on the work that is being done in France through the McCall Mission and the great need of temperance teaching in that country. Mlle. d' Aubigne is the daughter of Jean Henri d' Aubigne, author of "The History of the Reformation" in French. Her sister will visit New York, New England and Canada returning to Philadelphia about November 24 where she will remain for two weeks and will address several meetings. —The Union Signal of October 3rd, 1907.

We may well take pride in the record made by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Oklahoma during the battle for constitutional prohibition. The press of the country, religious and secular, is unanimous in the opinion that the victory is largely due to the women of the new state, inspired and led by Mrs. Abbie B. Hillerman, the intrepid president of our organization. Woman's name will be written high on the scroll of fame allotted to Oklahoma, despite the fact that the new constitution accords her no political privileges. —Union Signal.

After serving for twenty-five years as president of Union Number 3, Newark, N. J., Mrs. Sarah I. Blanchard resigned that office, to the sincere regret of her co-

workers, at the meeting which marked the union's thirty-fourth anniversary. A striking illustration of the amount of work accomplished by one local union may be found in this faithful president's summary of a quarter century of effort. Mrs. Blanchard told the members that in the past twenty-five years, 6,550 regular meetings have been held with 300 additional camp meetings; 1,200 business meetings were observed as well as 175 all day religious meetings. Nineteen thousand pledges have been signed, 4,500 have made special request for prayer and 17,000 have knelt at the altar for prayer. Mrs. Blanchard claims 1,400 converts to her faith, three of whom, she said, are preaching and a number of whom are holding positions of trust in Newark. Two thousand families have been visited, and during these visits fifteen individuals have been converted. Two thousand Bible readings have been given by Mrs. Blanchard, and 1,200 meals have been distributed to the needy under her direction. Lodgings have been given to 585, and \$1,000 in cash has been distributed for relief in destitute cases. There has been received and expended to promote the work of the union \$145,000. —The Union Signal of Oct. 3, 1907.

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The horse whisperers might be an unknown quantity in England and Ireland to-day, but there are not a few men who exercise a wonderful control with their voices over horses which, when the dominating influence is absent are apt to literally kick over the traces, says a writer in the London Stock Journal. In the thoroughbred stables of England and Ireland to-day there are not a few stablemen and jockeys who succeed in holding in check the vice in horses which in demonstrative manner show that they cannot tolerate the presence of the grooms or attendants.

The horse whisperer of to-day avoids all gesticulation, and trusts entirely to a combination of sounds or words. There is no bullying done, and the whisperer can face a mad horse with his hands behind his back and apparently at the mercy of the beast that has to come under the charm. One means of keeping renegade horses quiet in stables during the South African war was that employed by the yeomen, who sat in a ring of head-to-head horses singing as loudly as possible and riveting the ears and attention of the otherwise sprawling and hungry animals.

One of the first whisperers to acquire the power was Con Sullivan, who migrated in his youth from Killmallock, where he could trace his genealogy through a long line of snafes and become almost exclusively employed by Lord Doneraile.

So unaccountable and so magical was the power Sullivan instantly acquired over the most savage brute that his parish priest, who had excellent grounds for not believing him a saint, denounced him as a sorcerer. The whisper of this man made an indelible impression upon any horse, bringing the pupil to a degree of docility unobtainable in the ordinary course of discipline.

The race horse King Pepin, a famous racer, vicious, and reputed to have killed two grooms at the Curragh, once came under his charge. He was wanted to win a race at Malton, but when adding time came it found him in one of his unmanageable moods. He reared, plunged and lunged out fore and aft until he completely

cowed groom and jockey. It was at this crisis that some one recommended that he should be "whispered." As it was the only chance left of taming him in time for the start, his owner gladly availed himself of it, though warned that horses were sometimes thrown into a state of stupor by the process.

Sullivan was soon found, and he was delighted with the opportunity of "whispering" before so much "quitting" from all parts. "Show us the wild beast," he said, "and we'll soon tame him."

When he got within the circle—and a wide one it was—in which King Pepin was playing his antics, he walked up to him, approaching the horse from behind. He mumbled some words as he walked, which, though not quite audible, were as intelligible as a sermon in the unknown tongue, but they had a most magical effect on the horse, for he stood stock still. Sullivan then patted him on the neck, while he whispered a word or two in his ear, whereupon King Pepin went on his knees and incontinently lay down.

The whisperer then stretched himself on him at full length, took out a pouch containing a pipe and tobacco, flint and steel, struck a light and blew a cloud, as he lounged on the stomach of this high mettled colt with as much composure as if he were seated on a bench in his favorite tap room. After two or three puffs he got up, beckoned the nag to his legs, saddled him and walked off to the starting post, the horse following and fawning upon him like a dog. He won the race in a canter.

Your Second Best.

It is said that so many of us are content with our second best. We are always going to do better. We have vague ideas as to the great things we will do, but that is as far as we get.

Before you go to bed tonight think over your day. If you had it to live over again would you spend it just as you have done?

Most of us would not. Well, we still have tomorrow.

No matter how well you do anything, try to do it better. Don't be satisfied with anything, but the very best that you are capable of.

Remember that this is your chance. Don't lose your golden opportunity.

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"Are you going to settle anything on your daughter?" asked the young man with the cigarette and languid air. "Well, it rather looks like she marries you that she is going to settle something on me," replied the parent.

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