

MUSIC'S AID TO MEMORY

Like Nothing Else, a Strain of Music Will Take One Back to Scenes of the Past.

Have you ever realized the power that music has to carry the memory back years and years until the illusion is so realistic that when your mind returns to its immediate surroundings you realize with a start it was only a day dream—that you were not actually and physically where your thoughts were? A few bars from one of the old songs carries you back to the old home. You see the fields, the river, the "old kirk" in the hazy distance. You almost feel the evening breeze on your cheek and hear the familiar sounds—the lowing of the kine and the bleating of the sheep. You're living again those dear old days just as vividly as you did long ago.

Or the strains of an old waltz remind you of your first dance years and years ago. You live over again the days before the dance when you were so busy getting everything ready—and then the great night arrived. You remember your entrance into the brilliant ballroom. You saw all those old friends whom you thought you had forgotten until now. Then the excitement and the pleasure and the wonderful dances—the people you met for the first time and the faces you saw for the last time. All this recalled by just a few bars of music.

This is one of the reasons why music has such a great hold on people—and why its charm never wears—why some music no matter how old, no matter how familiar or off heard, is always new. It is a necessity that there should be such music in every home, and thanks to the ingenuity that made possible the talking machine and the player-piano the musically untrained are not dependent upon their gifted and tutored friends for this blessing.—Exchange.

These Flattering Films. Next to an untouched photograph, the moving-picture screen is the greatest flatterer in the world. It doesn't flatter those who appear in the pictures so much as those who sit in front and watch them. Nobody can attend a moving-picture show without being reasonably confident that he has assimilated everything. It is not like the spoken drama, where one learns, on picking up the paper the next morning, that he missed just about half the subtleties in the performance and came near losing the big idea of the whole thing. Everything is right where all of us can get each detail without effort, and in grubbing those details we find great matters for self-congratulation.—Film Fun.

Hogs Have the "Flu." Huntington, W. Va.—Dr. D. M. Phillips, a veterinarian, has made the discovery that hogs get the "flu," too. He says that they are dying of pneumonia following influenza just like humans.

HAS GOOD WORD FOR CROW

Australian Writer Points Out Occasions When Bird Becomes a Real Benefactor to Mankind.

There are those who say that the crow deserves no mercy. There is no other pest eradicator, imported or otherwise, doing its bit so patriotically as the self-same crow. In Bannaland, Australia, says the Sydney Bulletin, the ravages of the sheep-maggot fly must make a loss of hundreds of thousands of pounds worth of jumbuck every year, about the only difference in one season being that the damage is probably greater than the last. Were it not for the bird whom no one has a good word for, the fly pest would soon duplicate itself with losses to sheep-owners increased accordingly. Every dead sheep or piece of offal in the bush is the depository of the eggs of unimaginable numbers of prospective sheep destroyers. Just about the time that the grubs are the size of a grain of rice, and a few days before they burrow into the soil, where they remain for about 15 days before coming forth, as a developed sheep-maggot fly, Brother Crow spies out the colony. Then he sends the glad tidings by wireless system, and all the family within range hurries to the banquet. When it is over a supply of grubs for the next meal has to be found elsewhere.

New Explosive.

The Oil, Paint and Drug Reporter mentions a new explosive being tested by the government which will save a considerable amount of glycerin. It is called nitrobyronel and is the product of Dr. Byron E. Eldred. It is claimed that it blows a chamber twice the size of that caused by T. N. T. (trinitrotoluol). In the manufacture of nitrobyronel neither nitroglycerin nor toluol is used. It is a hydrocarbon obtained by a by-product in coke-oven processes. It is estimated that 50,000,000 pounds of glycerin is used in American industrial concerns, and a big saving in this important material, now growing scarce, can be effected through the employment of nitrobyronel. If a shortage of glycerin should become imminent, the Oil, Paint and Drug Reporter believes that the government would promptly start in to manufacture nitrobyronel.

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MEAT PRODUCERS DID FULL DUTY

Increase in American Hogs Will Help to Meet World Fat Shortage.

FARMERS SAVE SITUATION.

Government Justified in Stimulation of Pork Production—Sevenfold Increase Over Pre-War Exports.

Through increased production and conservation we will be able this year to export seven times our pre-war average exports of pork products. With the heavy demands added in caring for the millions who have been freed from German oppression, the Department of Agriculture and the Food Administration are justified today in our every action of stimulation of hog production. In the coming year the greatest world shortage will be in fats, and pork will help to save this situation. The efficacy of the policy of stimulated production has built up in this country supplies which will enable us to supply a very large part of the fat deficiency of the world. In beef there must be a shortage in Europe, due largely to limited refrigerator ship capacity. All freezer ships available, however, will be filled by America, Argentina and Australia.

The contribution made by the producers of this country to the war program as applying particularly to animal food products is illustrated by the following:

Reports compiled by the U. S. Department of Agriculture indicate an increase in cattle of 10,238,000 head and 12,441,000 hogs. These figures were compiled to January 1 last. In this period there was a decrease in sheep of 819,000 head. The indications are that this decrease will show an increase, according to recent reports. Since January 1 unofficial information indicates an increase in hogs of not less than 8 per cent, and not more than 15 per cent, as compared with one year ago, with an increase in the average weight.

Following the request of the U. S. Food Administration for an increase in hog production for marketing in the fall of 1918 and the spring of 1919 the increase may yield not less than 1,600,000,000 pounds more of pork products than were available last year. Without this increase the shipping program arranged by Mr. Hoover regarding animal food products would have been impossible.

The dressed hog products during the three months ending September 30, 1917, amounted to 963,172,000 pounds, while for the corresponding months of 1918 the dressed hog products totaled 1,277,589,000, an increase of over 374,000,000 pounds for the quarter.

During the same period for 1917 the records of inspected slaughter of dressed beef showed 1,283,000,000 pounds as against 1,454,000,000 pounds for the three month period ending September 1, this year.

HAS FAD FOR COLLECTING

Anything Odd or Curious, San Francisco Man is Eager to Add to His Possessions.

"I met a man in San Francisco who goes in for collecting odd things on a large scale," said a traveler. "He has, to begin with, several ropes which have been used to hang celebrated criminals. In the same room are a number of menus obtained from hotels in various parts of the world. He places considerable value on several corks which have been pulled from the bottles of wine used on the tables of well-known persons, and a dozen book dedications are considered an important feature of the collection. Some of the autographs in the collection are highly prized because they required the expenditure of not a small sum of money and quite a little time. During his travels in foreign lands the collector picked up the thigh bone of a Syrian giant, a chameleon of Barbary, a great African lizard and a rose which was said to be 100 years old. He even turned his attention to beans, and has ten Chinese beans which are not familiar to the people of this country."

Gather Wisdom From Others.

It's dangerous policy to consider yourself above the other man's message. If you're so superior your fellows will never be content to let you sit in silence. Besides if you don't want to listen to what's going on you have no business there. Noise made by you will interfere with the hearing of those who do want to learn. You owe it to yourself and others to pay attention or at least make it possible for others to listen. Besides there are few people that can't learn from others. Don't be a prig. Remember any child can ask questions that will confound the wise. The ordinary speaker may have ideas that need the polish of a Gladstone. You are always a gainer when you get the other man's best. It may be a help to you some day.—Pennsylvania Grit.

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One Way Out.

Two bluejackets were in the wash-room washing clothes, preparatory to the weekly inspection. They were both regulars and had enlisted for four years. One of them had been in the service one year, and was rather tired of being on the station so long, and expressed his sentiments to that effect. The other, looking up at his discontented "buddie," said, "Well, if you don't like it, give three years' notice and quit the navy."

Wool of the Llama.

The wool of this curious animal is largely in use in Bolivia, where the traveler may see Indian women, sitting before their huts and spinning the wool, while they watch their flocks. These women use hand looms, on which they make blankets and shawls.

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