The Lure of the Opera

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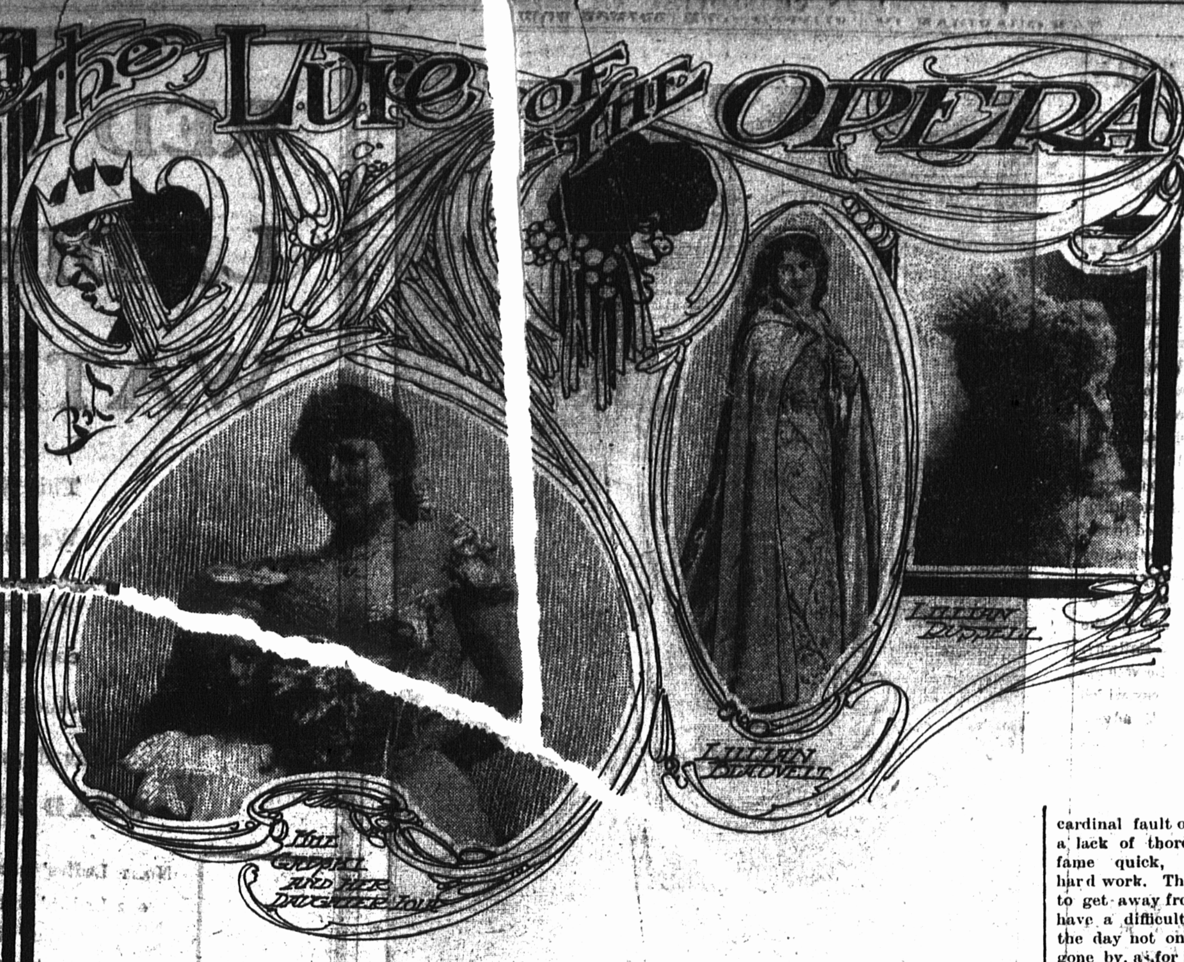
MME GERSTER AND HER DAUGHTER

LILLIAN NORDICA

LILLIAN RUSSELL

If a census were taken to ascertain the ambitions of the women of America it is safe to predict that the result would show that the pet wish of a large majority of the feminine subjects, if they could have their chosen desire, would be to win the fame and riches would come to the successful opera singer. Certainly no other field of artistic endeavor has anything like so potent a fascination. That a girl, unless she be wealthy, must suffer endless privations and disappointments ere she can win a position of prominence and profit in the vocal world does not seem to in the least deter the young women under the spell of such a career.

Undoubtedly the growing enthusiasm of the women for an operatic career is due in part to what might be termed the "American invasion" of the grand opera stage. Until a comparatively short time ago it was almost unheard of for an American-born singer to attain a position of the first eminence in grand opera, but of late years quite a number of Yankee women have gained this distinction. Indeed, two of the "four great sopranos" of the age claim allegiance to the Star-spangled Banner.

Another cause of the all-pervading lure of opera is found in the almost fabulous salaries paid to the successful singers of the present day. Even in this era of rich rewards for skilled feminine workers payments ranging from $1,200 to $2,500 a night constitute the very acme of prizes. Morover, there is reason to expect even better things in future, since for more than a third of a century the trend of operatic salaries has been steadily and continuously upward.

Years ago Farinelli is said to have enjoyed an annual income of $30,000—a fancy figure for the time in which he lived. The profits of Catalani ran up to $100,000 in a single season, Malibran was paid $95,000 for 85 performances, and for the 95 concerts which Jenny Lind gave under the management of P. T. Barnum she was paid the sum of $208,675. Next came Rubini, who on one occasion made a profit of $11,500 at a single concert and finally Adelina Patti, who yet stands pre-eminent as an example of the wealth-winning power of song. Early in her career the famous singer made a contract for a series of concerts at the rate of $1,400 each.

While it is only within recent years that American singers have won recognition as peers of the foremost vocalists abroad, even the earlier operatic stars of the republic won fame and fortune—usually, however, after a prelude of privations and hardships. Prominent among the pioneers who won success in the face of adverse circumstances were Clara Louise Kellogg, Minnie Hauk and Annie Louise Cary. The greatest price for success was, however, paid by the peerless Emma Abbott, the daughter of a poor music teacher, who paid for her schooling by giving guitar lessons, and later, poorly clad and suffering from hunger, walked from her home in Illinois to New York City in the hope of obtaining a position, only to be disappointed when she reached the Metropolis.

Other American opera singers won their spurs at the foot of the ladder. Lillian Nordica was born in Maine, and at the outset of her career appeared with a tableaux company for $5 an evening. Emma Nevada was born in Nevada City, Col., and sang in public when but three years of age. Sybil Sanderson, a native of California, was fortunate in the possession of sufficient means to secure her musical education. Emma Eames—born in China, but brought to Boston when a child—sang in church choirs when seeking a foothold in her chosen profession. Madame Albani, a French—Canadian, started as a member of a cathedral choir, and Ella Russell sang for years in small concerts at Cleveland, O., ere her phenomenal ability was recognized.

Opera singers and managers generally admit that the opportunities for newcomers in this field are now greater than ever before. Not only is the number of important opera companies increasing, but each organization is employing a larger number of singers than was formerly their wont. The road to opera, alike to the pathway to success in the theatrical profession, is full of intrigue, but in nine cases out of ten merit, backed by hard work, will win out in the end.

However, the girl who cannot go over seas for her training to enter upon her career has no reason to feel discouraged. Positions in church choirs are excellent stepping stones to advancement, and there are other gateways to success in this field. According to the world's greatest opera singers and teachers the cardinal fault of present day aspirants is a lack of thoroughness—a desire to get fame quick, by a short cut, without hard work. The opera singer who wishes to get away from hard work is likely to have a difficult time of it. The stars of the day not only worked hard in years gone by, as, for instance, Mme. Sembrich, who worked seven or eight hours a day studying the violin and composition, but they continue to work hard in order to care for their health and keep in perfect voice

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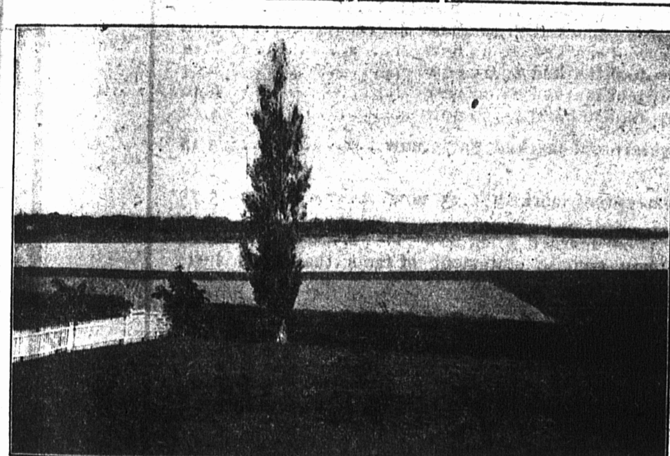
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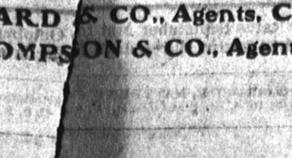

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OF INTERST IN VICTORIA.

Walter Jones, the well-known athlete, was here Thursday.

Arthur B. Reid, Tryon, is spending a week at the Beacon.

Miss Olive Baxter who has been spending a few weeks at the Beacon returned to her home in Summerside yesterday

It was observed on the eve of Sept 2nd that the stars accompanied by a couple of meteors took the place of the Harvesters (Moon) a most curious sight.

A very successful ice cream social was given by the W. M.S. of Victoria at Hampton ...lain Hall Tuesday evening the sum of $22.00 being realized.

(Rev.) Mrs. C. P. Cumming leaves Monday on a visit to her old home in Quebec She will be accompanied by Mrs. French and Master Robert Stanley Cumming.

On the 13th inst a very interesting event took place at the Hotel Orient when the pupils of Victoria school assembled for the purpose of bidding farewell to their most popular and highly esteemed teacher H. B. MacLean. When it became known that he was about to take his departure and make his abode in Guelph, Ontario, they reversed the usual order of things i.e., instead of teacher on leaving, going around and saying "good bye" to them, they came en masse to the Hotel for the final hand shake and valedictory. An address expressing the deepest and most sincere regret on account of the term having been prematurely brought to a close was read by Master M. MacIntosh followed by the presentation of a handsome shaving mirror. Mr. MacLean although taken entirely by surprise, responded very effectively in his usual eloquent style concluding by saying "that the Victoria teachers should never have any reason to feel 'left (handed).'" Friends wish Mac every success in his new undertaking.

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PEARY WILL TRY AGAIN.

New York, Sept. 14—Commander R. E. Peary, the Arctic explorer, announce tonight that a contract had been signed for a new Actic ship which he is to use in another attempt to reach the North Pole and that he expects to start north next summer.

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THE MARKETS.

The abundance and variety of vegetables and fruits etc., at the market yesterday made quite a show.

The season's vegetables and the prices are: carrots per bch. 5c, beets, 5c per bch, parsnips per bch, 5c; turnips per bus, 20c, potatoes per bus. 25c. squash from 10 to 25c each, tomatoes per pk 15c, corn per doz. 14c, onions per lb. 5c, cauliflower, 5-15c. cabbage, 3c ech, celery 5c, cucumber 1-4c each.

In fruits, plums, green gages and damsons were quite plentiful selling at 8-9c per qt Apples in different varieties bring 10-12c. per pk.

Some blueberries are yet in the market and bring 6c per qt.

Butter per lb is about the same at 21-23c, and eggs per doz. 16-18c Honey sells at 25c per lb.

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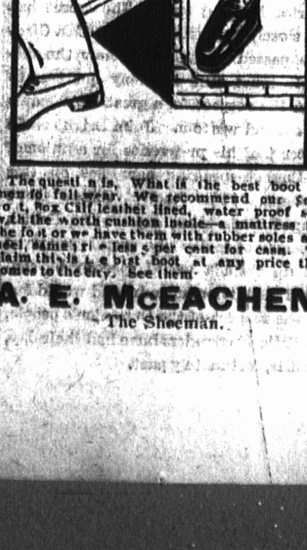

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