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ment, in which is contained my most earnest belief and stand in regard to this phase of music. Here it is. Modern ragtime has no rightful claim for existence. Why. I hape to be able to show conclusively to thinking persons why ragtime has no rightful claim for existence. On the face of it this stand in regard to ragtime may appear ridiculous, exaggerated and untennable, for the great prevalency of demand for this feature almost appears to give assumption that ragtime has its use and belongs in the activities of the world. I will show you before I am through "I hope, the use and place of ragtime and then see if this is what is wanted by true cultured people. But, like most questions, analyxation is necessary for a complete understanding of this subject in order that any definite conclusion may be reached; and this analyzation must have a wide

Musical Column

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School of Music

Ragtime-Musical Leprosy

I am going to start this article on

ragtime with a single definite state-

field. The secret of civilization is due to just one thing, and regardless of the varying philosophies of different ages or the different religious beliefs I hold this one thing to be one main cause of civilization, and that isthe hope and steadfast belief in a life hereafter. Without this hope life would have degenerated into mere animalism, instead of letting the ape and tiger die and arising to monumental spiritual heights through the God given soul of Man.

Now I want to take a survey of the past and it must necessarily be brief and fragmentary. Man's first step upon receiving mind was his desire to appease his crudely understood God, and this took form in various ways. One particular form was that his gods would be more pleased and his chance of a happy life in the next world was greater in proportion to the number of skulls of men he had killed and were added to his collection. But as the population of man increased and the invention of language was necessary, Man formed tribes, the first step in the social life of Man, and ceased his individual slaughterings, but took the same means of appeasing his gods by the extermination of neighboring tribes. And it was many centuries long after the tribles became colonies and colonies states and the states countries that these warfares came to have any different meaning, such as the development'Into the idea of National Honor Patriotism, Protection and Defense of Principle. Now it was enlightenment caused by necessitating circumstances that brought about the decrease in manslaughter, and it was enlightenment that finally brought out our more developed understand-Magazine and Books are recommend-as the savages slaughtered thru hopes of eternal life and gradually ceased his slaughtering thru the same hope so we have come to abhor war and all crimes of all nature thru the same

hope of a future life and by a greater and deeper knowledge and under standing of our creator. And so I be-lieve that in the same manner all phases of our present day civilization may be traced to the same principle that the hope of a future life had led tenment in all branches of life—mental, moral, physical. Now what is it that lives hereafter. The soul undoubtedly, for that is the real person , which is unseen and unknowable except thru the manifestations of his daily activities. Therefore, what is the real purpose of this life. Simply the education, training and development of the soul for its larger life in the next. The more of the life of the soul here, the greater possibilities of the life of the soul hereafter. Therefore-WHATEVER SERVES MAN TO THE DETRI-MENT OF THE SOUL HAS NO RIGHTFUL CLAIM FOR EXIST-ENCE. Enough more could be said to fill an entire newspaper on this much of our topic, but the foregoing must suffice to bring clearly to our minds the uselessness and degrading tendency of ragtime. Music, as art, is one of the most oowerful factories in the world for education, self-development, and civilization. Please take this for granted for in later articles I shall endeavor to show how. Music, as art, serves the soul exclusively ,as it appeals to and brings out every emotion and passion known to the soul. In thus serving the soul Music takes its place among all eternal values of God's sifts to man. It takes its place mong literature, science, painting, education, and religion, etc. But ragtime is God's gift of soul-development degraded into low, vulgar purposes. By ragtime I am including not only ragtime proper but also hesitations, fox trots, senseless twosteps and sentimental waltzes. This entire line when words are put to them express mostly the lowest of suggestive thoughts, a misrepresentation of the sacredness of love, or a sichish sluggish mess of sentimenta! dop. And this low stuff appeals to low minds and countenanced by people of pretence of culture. Is this what you want as National Folk SonCgs of America; and this what is being considered as fact in Europe. Compare "In the City Where No-body Cares," "Beets and Turnips Rag," "You Made Me What I Am To-day," with "Every Valley Shall Be Exaited," and the "Halleujah Exalted," and the "Halleujah Chorus" from the Messiah, and "Put So far as the theoretical side of ragtime writing is concerned, rag-time is correctly written, but it is the low state of a man's intelligence that low state of a man's intelligence that

continued next week. I know that this article will appeal to thinking people, but I beg each person who reads this to do just one thing — think, think, think — of why you were placed here, and if you can arrive at a same conclusion then the different phases of life, music included, will disclose their proper value to you for your own best good

Lloyd's Column

Another Boquet for the "Q." rode on the "Q" thru the sand hills

His longest trip yet, I guessed, As the train sped fast on its journey The scenery his fancy impressed. At length he became so excited

That I swear on this good word of mine,

He wrote on a postal, "Dear Mildred, These mountains are certainly fine!" F. B. T.

Ouch! There was a young lady named Banker,

Who slept while the ship lay at anchor.

She awoke and she pouted When the mate on deck shouted:

Now raise up the top sheet and spanker!' -Luke McLuke.

This tale on its face seems mendacious;

The mate was, perhaps, too loquacious,

But the boat was at anchor, And raising the spanker

Was perfectly proper, b'gracious. -Daily Drift by Doc Bixby. If the ship had been in western

Nebrasker The mate would not have had to

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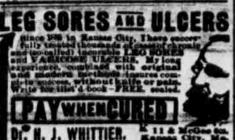
To raise up the sheet, For our winds can't be beat,
The sheet would have blown to the pasture.
The Original Optomist
J. S. Kroch, the Ogalalla traveling man, relates the following: "The efficiency of a building in Kansas City and who, as he passed the eighth story going down, called out Tr all right so far," repeating his call as he passed each

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peating his call as he passed each a sullen roar. And I gave that suit story.

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A Woman Lied to Him Two Alliance women, whose names we will not mention at this time, were in Omaha recently, standing on the street across from a new skyscraper hotel and looked up to see a man fall from the eighth story of the building, striking the sidewalk with a sickening crunch. They rushed across to pick up his mangled remains and were rendered speechless by seeing him rise to his feet and begin to brush the dust from his with questions as soon as they could speak, asking him how he happened to fall from an eighth story window. "Oh," said he, "a woman lied to me." 'A woman lied to you? What did she say?" they asked. "She told me,' 'said the now immaculate vic-tim, "that her husband was in Kansas City.

And This Was at Sidney

"Not many moons in the rear a certain married man in this village certain married man in this village received a severe jolt in the domestic machinery through an awkward blunder. It was at a special function and the man was ore than interested in a young woman who doesn't belong to him. The young woman is making a collection of ardent smiles and even carries some court plaster around to apply to bleeding hearts which became so from her killing looks, so she did not set the married gentleman back in his own orbit but quite the reverse. At a later hour the man slipped into a quiet retreat according to previous arrangement, and in the gloaming gathered the maiden's hand into his large warm clasp as a beginning to a real hand holding scene. A soft voice breathed gently, 'don't crush my flowers,' and his heart was congealed at the familiarity of the tones, which, except for the softness, belonged to the wife of his errant bosom. Now that household doesn't have to buy ice, for the atmosphere is down around forty as she wonders whose hand he thought he was holding, and he wonders who on Your Paint and Powder," from the devil her liquid tones were for.

prompts him to write that kind of Here is the way our old friend music. Oh, it isn't music. It is Walter Mason, sings of the mail or-Here is the way our old friend music. Oh, it ten't music. It is Walter Mason, sings of the mail or-primative tom-tom work; for music has design and purpose, while the only purpose of ragtime is rhythm, and this we found to be the first ele-ment of undeveloped music and used wertusively for frenzied savare bull; they said it was fine, and would sances. The rest of this must be surely last, till Gabriel tooteth the

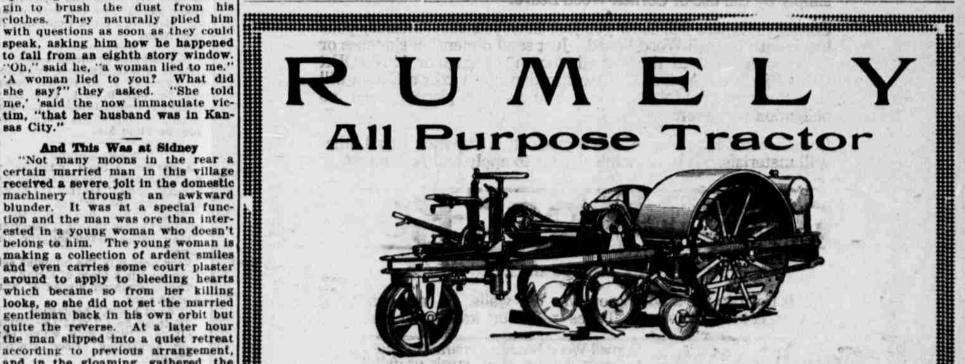
to a maiden small, ho found it handy to dress her doll." — Hastings Tri.-

"After this," warns Judge Ander-sen, "when a man who has had a mis-he discovered his mistake and a ked, cough, checks the cold and helps to hap with his car wants us to stop and the experts at the Oregon Agricul- break up an attack of grippe. It's help him, he must have a red light or tural college what he should do. some other stopping signal." For on night recently, while the Judge tint the field or put on some neat bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery. was coming from south of town, he rural design of wallpaper," was the Tested and tried for over 40 years. noticed a car stopped by the side of answer.

CORVALLIS. Ore. May 21-Dick ing seasons cause colds and grippe, and these spring colds are annoying Kiger, a tarmer, made a mistake and and dangerous and are likely to turn mixed wall plaster instead of a ferti- into a chronic summer cough. In lizer called "land plaster" with his such cases take a treatment of Dr. clover seed when he seeded a sixty- K'ag's New Discovery, a pleasant lax-

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