

**MUSIC AND MUSICIANS**  
(By Clarence Desdunes.)

**FUNDAMENTAL OF TECHNIC**

What is the fundamental of a perfect violin technic? A natural question of today. My answer is "Absolute pitch, first of all." Many a violinist plays a difficult passage, sounding every note; and yet it sounds out of tune. The first and second movements of the Beethoven concerto have no double-stops; yet they are extremely difficult to play. Why? Because they call for absolute pitch: they must be played in perfect time so that each tone stands out in all its fullness and clarity like a rock in the sea. And without a fundamental control of pitch such a master work will always be beyond the violinist's reach. Many a player has the facility; but without perfect intonation he can never at-



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tain the highest perfection. On the other hand, any one who can play a single phrase in absolute pitch, has the first and great essential.

Its control depends first of all on the ear, and a sensitive ear finds differences in shading; it bids the violinist play a trifle sharper, a trifle flatter, according to the general harmonic color of the accompaniment; it leads him to observe a difference, when the harmonic atmosphere demands it, between a C sharp in the key of E major and a D flat in the same key. Every player finds some phases of technic easy and others difficult. For instance, I have never had to work hard for quality of tone when I wish to get certain color effects, they come. I have no difficulty in expressing my feelings, my emotions in tone.

Next week: "The Problem of Technic."

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**HELPS FOR THE HOUSEWIFE**

Contributed by Fred D. Gamble, Chef de Cuisine, Chicago, Ill.

**Boiling**

Last week we took up the subject of oven roasting and this week we shall see what results we will get from boiling. First, we must bear in mind two things viz: that we must always put fresh meat on to boil in hot water and salt meat in cold or tepid water.

We put fresh meat on in hot water because by this method we harden the surface of the meat and seal the pores and thus prevent the juices from escaping. The water should be boiling hot to start and then allowed to reduce to a simmer. If allowed to continue at a high boiling point for very long it would cause the meat to be tough and undesirable. After the first few minutes therefore the temperature should be reduced to about 175 degrees F. The vessel used should be just large enough to hold meat and allow same to be just covered with liquid. Salt meat is sometimes soaked in cold water before cooking to extract some of the salt but whether or not this is done the meat should be put on in cold or tepid water and brought slowly to a boiling point, allowing same to boil for about five minutes and then reduce the temperature to about 175 degrees F. Salt meat requires a longer time to cook than fresh meat. If the meat is very salty and you have not previously soaked it, it would be well to change the water after reaching the boiling point but be sure the second water is boiling.

**Worth Knowing.**

Salt placed under baking pans in the oven will prevent contents from scorching on the bottom.

A pinch of soda stirred in milk that is to be boiled will prevent it from curdling.

By pressing down on the edge of a glass with your finger you can pour hot liquids into same without breaking.

**FRENCH MUSTARD DRESSING**

3 tablespoons mustard; 1 tablespoon of sugar; 1 egg. Mix to a paste and add one cup of boiling vinegar stirring at the same time until smooth.

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2. Give names of rulers of the following countries:  
Belgium, Italy, Spain, Liberia.

3. Tell what form of governments have the following countries: China, Japan, Turkey, Egypt.  
4. When was McKinley assassinated?  
5. Who was Fred Douglas?  
6. Where did Columbus land when he discovered America?  
7. Who was John Cabot?  
8. Give date of the death of Col. Theodore Roosevelt.  
9. How far is New York from San Francisco?  
10. Who founded Hampton School?  
Rules: Be as brief as possible. No answer will be accepted unless accompanied with coupon containing questions. All answers must be in the Monitor office not later than one week after date of issue on which same appear.

**DON'TS**

DON'T fail to Register so that you may be able to vote. To neglect this you will neglect your most important duty to yourself, race and nation.  
DON'T fail to learn the ward, or precinct in which you live. These are vital to intelligent voting.  
DON'T fail to learn the Constitution of the U. S. and your own state. This is essential to intelligent citizenship.

DON'T fail yourself, nor to persuade all those whom you know are of voting age to go to the polls on election day and cast your vote. This is your one big chance to help yourself, your race and your nation.

DON'T sell your vote. One's suffrage is his license to freedom and citizenship. To sell one, is to give away the other. You can not afford either.

DON'T let the ward politician decide your vote for you. Learn the issues at stake and the principles involved and make your own decision.

DON'T vote for or against the personality of the candidates. Vote for the issues on which they are running.

DON'T be fooled into voting the Democratic ticket. There is nothing either on or in it for the interest of the Colored people.

DON'T fail to have in your home a Colored newspaper or magazine. They are the only mirrors in which members of our group may look and have their true image reflected.

**BANKING CORPORATION HEARTILY SUPPORTED**

(By The Associated Negro Press.)  
LOUISVILLE, Ky., Oct. 14.—The First Standard Bank of this place has made what is believed to be a record among colored people in the United States. Its entire stock representing capital and surplus of \$110,000 has been sold in less than five months. In other words, colored people themselves have bought up the entire Capital stock within less than five months—not one dollar of stock having been sold to white persons. So far as available records show there is no other corporation among colored people that has ever approached this record. Wilson S. Lovett is business agent of The First Standard.

**ACQUITTED OF MURDER CHARGE IN FIVE MINUTES**

(By The Associated Negro Press.)  
NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Oct. 14.—Following deliberation of less than five minutes, a Newport News jury acquitted George Carr on a charge of murder in connection with the killing of Simon Wise Lewis, white seaman from Texas.

The affair took place at the colored man's home, and it was alleged by Carr that when he fired the fatal shot he was attempting to defend his home from a mob engaged in rioting. Evidence brought out the fact that Lewis had nothing to do with the riot and was merely walking along the avenue when he was killed.

**POLITICAL CAMPAIGN IN CUBA GROWING TORRID**

(By The Associated Negro Press.)  
HAVANA, Cuba, Oct. 14.—The political campaign of Cuba is beginning to wax warm. The leading presidential candidate, Zayas, has as his campaign manager Juan Gilberto Gomez, a citizen of color, and the Politico Comica, the leading humorous publication of the island, constantly caricatures Gomez in true rock-ribbed American southern fashion. Such demagogery, however, only serves to disgust the people of Cuba.

Primitive Ramirez Ros, a citizen or color, and a member of the present house of representatives, and one of the leading business men of Havana, will unquestionably be re-elected to Congress. He is the most popular candidate on the island.  
Congressman Ros has selected Howard University, Washington, for his eldest child, Senorita Regina Ra-

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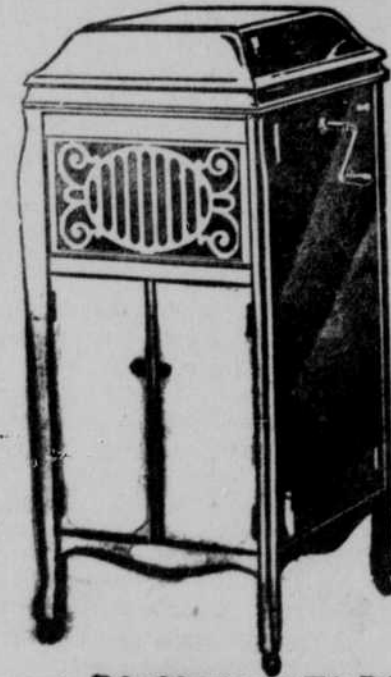
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