



Her Chance. He—I don't know what to give up during Lent. She—You can give up enough to buy me a new spring outfit.

### TOOK YEARS TO PRODUCE THE PIANO

Interesting Story of Its Development From the Spinnet and Harpsichord.

### FIRST MENTION OF PIANO

The Earliest Appearance of the New Name Was in a Play Bill of the Covent Garden Theater in London, May 16, 1767.

Portland Oregonian: The pianoforte today forms part of the furnishings of nearly all our homes. It is a necessary feature of the White House music room, and in every palace over this wide world, not less so in the farm house of this generation, and in the homes of all grades of men in the great cities of each continent. It adapts itself to the performance of the concert artist, but not less to the jingle of the dance and to the familiar melody of the hymn tune, which draws together the family in the winter Sabbath evening.

From time to time we hear of "time wasted," of "better learn to cook than to play the piano," nevertheless the number of its students ever grows, and somehow or other time is found both for the piano and for the cooking school. Does it often occur to us that it has taken civilized men just 500 years to produce the modern piano?

Each generation, in turn, has kept alive the history of the instrument up to its date. It is rather a laborious than a difficult matter, therefore, to mark the many stages of its development.

Even to this day one may see and try the clavichord and harpsichord on which Handel played the "well-tempered klavier" for which Father Bach composed his preludes and fugues; the spinnet used by Marie Antoinette and her maids of honor in old Versailles; the harpsichord made for Frederick the Great, the first examples of the "piano a forte" used by Mozart and Beethoven.

Contrast in Instruments. Nothing is more impressive to the musician than the contrast between the admirable and often intricate music of those great masters of the piano of today, and the rudimentary instruments on which their fugues and gigue, pastorals, suites and sonatas were performed—genius triumphing over obstacles.

It may be possible to set out in simple language some idea of the stages which have led up to the pianoforte of today. The first stringed instrument played by the striking on keys of which record remains is the clavichord of 1404. It was a "light" box in which the strings, of equal length, thirty-nine in number, covering three octaves in all, were stretched over a bridge obliquely set, which controlled the pitch of the note. The keys moved levers upward, in which pegs or quills were fixed, to strike or grate against the strings. In the original form there was provided a means of "fretting" or scratching the strings by the bow. But about the year 1700 the fretting was discarded and independent pairs of strings substituted, and for this "well tempered klavier" the preludes and fugues of Johann Sebastian Bach were written.

## IN THE SHADOW OF SHAME

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### CHAPTER XXXIV.

In March Mrs. Dumbarton was back in town, but not to the house or to the district which was fraught with such terrible associations and memories for her, for Quinton Quave, having volunteered to find her a new dwelling, he had by lucky chance found a quaint, delightful house in Kensington to let, which he had immediately taken for her.

And here, in this house, which welcomed her by its brightness, its air of old-fashioned solidity, its promise of comfort and security, George Bostock for the first time since his accident, as he entered the room where she awaited him, she arose nervously, and advanced with outstretched hands, her eyes meeting his, her heart too full for utterance of what she felt.

For some seconds she could only look at him in silence, noting that his figure was thinner than before, that a scar marked the right temple, that his cheeks were more hollow, but his large gray eyes under their heavy arched brows were not less luminous and were now filled with a purpose deeper, and with a light of hope they had not previously known.

He was telling her in a voice he strove to steady and command, how glad he was they had met again after what he seemed to her a long absence, and all the darkness it had held for both, when she suddenly interrupted him, for she could keep no longer silent.

"How can I thank you? What words of mine can tell you how I feel for what you have done for me, for the sacrifice you would have made for me?"

It was now his turn to remain mute, but only for a second; the opportunity he desired was given him, and he rapidly replied:

"I wish if you can, your love; it is the one thing I have hoped for and desired."

Very calmly, her eyes still seeking his, she said:

"It is yours already."

"Mine?" he exclaimed in delight, and he took her in his arms as if he would snatch her from all further pain and shelter her from care.

While the short afternoon of that spring day died, they two emptied their hearts to each other, and she, who she never knew nor suspected, how from the first day he saw her a fresh interest had come into his lonely life, and out of this interest had sprung a love that was to him as a revelation; told her of the pride he had felt in her success, of the happiness he had found in her friendship, of the grief he had known because he was unable to claim her as his own.

She listened with wondering delight, her long face with its irregular features brightened, and despite the gray streaked hair loosely massed above the broad intellectual forehead, she assumed an air of youth that seemed to take ten years from her age. And then in turn she told him how dear his friendship had been to her, how anxious she had been to see him, how she longed to see the living should learn the truth, she spoke of the evening Valerius had called to tell her that he, George Bostock, had confessed, and how she would not credit his self-accusation, but had been so much as possible, while he wished to sacrifice his good name.

And so understanding, loving and confiding in each other, they with solid foundations for happiness, began a new life, brighter than either of had known before.

How long you have been, I thought you were never coming to tell me. What has mother said?" Veronica exclaimed in nervous impatience, as he drew near.

"She says we must be engaged for twelve months before we may marry," she said. "Oh, Quinton, can I hardly believe it can you?" she said, her trembling voice ready to break into tears of laughter.

"What, dearest?" "That we are engaged." "We haven't entered into our engagement yet, you know. That always begins with a kiss."

"Must ours?" she asked, pouting prettily, even while she raised her flushed face to his.

A second later she cried out: "Ah, you have taken three kisses!" "Yes," he answered laughingly—"that's for luck."

## MISS BULL RECOVERS

FEARFUL DECLINE OF STRENGTH COMPLETELY ARRESTED.

Medical Skill Had Almost Exhausted Itself in Vain Attempts to Relieve Her—A Remarkable Result.

The recovery of Miss Gertrude L. Bull is of great interest to the medical world. A very bad cough followed a severe attack of pneumonia. It seemed impossible to break it up or to restore her strength, which had been sadly undermined. In spite of the best efforts of the doctors and the use of several advertised modes of treatment her condition daily grew more serious. She finally discontinued all medicine and gave herself up to despair.

"What was your condition at this time?" she was asked. "My stomach was so weak I could not keep food down. I suffered from constant nausea. My kidneys were in terrible condition. My feet and ankles were swollen so badly that it pained me even to stand on them. I was very bilious. My heart was in bad shape so I could not go up and down stairs or stand any exertion or sleep in a natural position."

"It seems a wonder that you should ever have recovered. How did it happen?" "You may well call it a marvel, but Dr. Williams' Pink Pills wrought it. None of my friends thought I could live many months longer. My parents had no hope. Just then a pamphlet advertising Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People was thrown in our door. It was a great event for me. These pills saved me from the grave. Within a week from the time I began to take them I felt better, and in three months I was entirely well. I cannot praise Dr. Williams' Pink Pills too highly and I dearly hope that my experience may bring good to some other sufferers."

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Where John Doe Lives. Houston Chronicle: "This John Doe must be terrible bad feller," mused Maw Toptoad. "He's a-lus in trouble. I see Le's been indicted again out in Oregon. I wonder where he lives when he's at home?" "I expect he lives in Brigg," chuckled Paw Hoptoad. "The place where so many people are hung."

What the Dentist Says. Toledo, Ohio, March 27th.—(Special.)—Harry T. Lewis, the well known dentist of 607 Summit street, this city, is telling of his remarkable cure of Kidney Disease by using Dodd's Kidney Pills. "I was flat on my back and must say I had almost given up all hope of ever getting any help," says Dr. Lewis. "My kidneys had troubled me for years. The pains in my back were severe and I had to get up several times at night. I tried different medicines but kept on getting worse till I was laid up."

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Little to Change. Washington Star: "De small boy," said Uncle Eben, "thinks his father is de bes' man alive, an' de father thinks his small boy is de smallest' chile alive, an' de's both mighty l'ible to change deir opinions inside o' de nex' fifteen or twenty years."

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1st. WITH BOILING WATER. Add boiling water, and let it boil THREE MINUTES ONLY. Add a little cold water and set aside five minutes to settle. Serve promptly. 2d. WITH COLD WATER. Add your cold water to the paste and bring it to a boil. Then set aside, add a little cold water, and in five minutes it's ready to serve. 3. Don't let it stand more than ten minutes before serving. Don't use a strainer before.

TWO WAYS TO SETTLE COFFEE. 1st. With Eggs. Use part of the white of an egg, mixing it with the ground LION COFFEE before boiling. 2d. With Cold Water instead of eggs. After boiling add a dash of cold water, and set aside for eight or ten minutes, then serve through a strainer.

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'Tis Lent. The devil put his stock of sins secretly on his shelves. 'Tis Lent," he said, "my silly grins, 'And when that sober time begins, 'Folks think of things themselves."

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THE POSTAL UNITED STATES OF THE WORLD. "The Post Office; Its Facts and Its Possibilities," by R. R. Bowker, in the American Monthly Review of Reviews for March: For it is the practical and peaceful post that has realized, in one respect the dream of a United States of the World. In October, 1874, a postal conference at Berne established an international postal union, including the united states of Europe, our own country, and Egypt, with a central office at Berne, and with provision for a three-yearly conference. In June, 1878, the postal treaty of Paris established a new postal union, under the name of the Universal Postal Union, to which almost every country in the world except China has now given its adhesion. All these countries send representatives to the postal congress—a world parliament, of which the next session will be held in April of this year at Rome. Under this system an international rate of 5 cents for a letter, the equivalent of 2 1/2 pence in England, 20 pfennige in Germany, 25 centimes in France, Italy, etc., and 2 cents for a postal card, or 1 penny in England, 8 pfennige in Germany, and 10 centimes in France, has been established throughout the world, and in fact a penny post, or two cent rate for domestic letters, and a one-cent or half penny rate for domestic postage has also been established in most postal countries. A not less remarkable generalization is found in the adoption of green for the one cent or half penny stamp, and blue for the five cent or 2 1/2 pence foreign rate stamp.

Educating the Negro. Philadelphia Ledger: No higher service to his own race and to the nation could be performed than that to which Booker T. Washington is devoting himself. He is not only winning his own people over to his doctrine that "there should be a more vital and practical connection between the negro's educated brain and his opportunity of earning his daily living," but he is impressing upon the minds and hearts of the white people of this country their responsibility and duty in the premises, for their own protection and welfare of the country. In one sense the negro must work out his own problem, but the solution will be hastened or retarded according as the nation at large helps the negro forward in the direction in which he should go.