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BIRTH OF THE WALTZ

THE DANCE HAD ITS ORIGIN EITHER IN FRANCE OR GERMANY.

Its Introduction Into England Caused a Great Scandal In That Country and For a Time Had Fashionable Society In an Uproar.

No exact date can be ascribed to the introduction of the waltz into England from France. In 1800 Gilray published a caricature of a couple waltzing, with the note that "this was intended for a quiz upon the then foreign dance, waltzing." Again in 1810 the same artist published another sketch, entitled "La Walse, Le Bon Genre," with the note, "The walse was at this time new in England and just coming into fashion."

The fame, or, rather, notoriety, of the new dance had, however, reached England some years previously. Dr. Burney had seen it danced in Paris in 1780 and was moved to write, "How uneasy an English mother would feel to see her daughter so unfamiliarly treated and still more to note the obliging manner in which the freedom is returned by the females."

Raikes in his journal declares that "no event ever produced so great a sensation in English society as the introduction of the German waltz," which he atttributes to Baron Neumann and others about the year 1811. He relates how the mornings, which had hitherto been dedicated to lounging in the park, were now absorbed at home in practicing the figures of a French quadrille or whirling a chair round the room to learn the step and measure of the German waltz.

It was danced at Almack's by a few very bold spirits, notably Lord Palmerston, Mme. de Lieven, Princess Esterhazy and Baron Neumann, and thus became a matter of exhibition, the whole company standing on benches to view the performance.

However, the antiwaltzing party took the alarm and cried it down. Mothers forbade it, and every ballroom became a scene of feud and contention. How profound was its unpopularity in certain quarters is proved by the pasquinades leveled against it. The famous seven lines commencing

"What! The girl I adore by another embraced!"

are commonly attributed to Byron, though they were published anonymously in 1812, and some authorities give Thomas Moore as the author. An impromptu purporting to be addressed by an indignant lover to his betrothed and her partner echoes Byron's feelings:

You've brushed the bloom from the peach,
From the rose its soft hue;
What you've touched you may take.
Pretty waltzer, adieu.

Another poet delivered himself of the following diatribe:

How arts improve in this inspiring age!
Peers mount the box, and horses tread the stage,
While waltzing females, with unblushing face,
Disdain to dance but in a man's embrace.

"The waltz, however," continues Raikes, "struggled successfully through all its difficulties. Flaurhault, who was 'la fleur du pois' in Paris, came over and with a host of others drove the prudes into their intrenchments. And when the Emperor Alexander was seen waltzing around the roof at Almack's, with his tight uniform and numerous decorations, they surrendered at discretion."

It is a moot point whether the waltz originated in France or Germany, whether it came from the French "La Volta" or the German national dance, the "Landler." According to French authorities, La Volta was simply the waltz a trois temps. Provence was its birthplace, and it was first introduced at the court of Henry II. at Fontainebleau in 1555 by the Comte de Saulte, who is said to have invented it, for many called it La Volta de Saulte, and the name is suitable both because of the etymology of the word and the character of the dance.

It enjoyed a great run throughout France and even penetrated to Scotland, where it met with furious opposition, one writer averring that its importation into France had been effected by the power of witches. Mary Stuart once exhibited her agility in this dance, but she was careful not to repeat the experiment, and this was about the last heard of it.

The case for Germany is that the first waltz tune appeared in 1670 in a popular song called "O du lieber Augustin." From Germany the dance made its way to Vienna and was introduced into the opera, while by and by it found its way to France, whence it came to England—"the insidious waltz, this imp of Germany, brought up in France."

The waltz when first danced in London was a slow movement a trois temps, and the early English waltz compositions were very poor. Strauss came to London in 1837 to play at Almack's, and his waltz music created a perfect furore. It killed the old trois temps waltz, and the deux temps usurped its place. Now that the fascination of the waltz is all powerful, it is difficult to realize the commotion its introduction caused.—London Globe.

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