Women's Page

BY A WOMAN



MARIA MALIBRAN

This is the story of a singer who possessed a charming personality, a lovely voice, and charitable sympathetic nature.

Her father, Manuel Garcia, was a Spaniard a singer and teacher by profession.

Maria was born in Paris in the year 1808, the eldest child of her parents. Her father began early to cultivate her voice and she soon showed that she had wonderful powers.

Her parents moved to England when she was nine years where she was surrounded by friends who loved her.

When she was seventeen she made her debut in London and had a very successful season.

In 1825 she went with her father to America as primo donna of an opero company that her father had formed.

She was enthusiastically received everywhere she went.

All of her roles became perfect creations in her hands.

In 1826 she married a French merchant, Eugene Malibran, but the marriage was not a happy one, and she was divorced from him, and married DeBeriot the celebrated violinist.

When she returned to Europe her career was prosperous and brilliant during the few remaining years of her life.

She was a good horsewoman, but one day she was thrown when she was leaping a hurdle and though she made light of it she was never well again. In September 1836 she attended a musical festival at Manchester, England, and contrary to the advice of her physician she took part in the performance. She went home ill with fever and at the early age of twenty eight years she died.

Madame Malibran was surely one of the world great singers and her dramatic talent was scarceley less remarkable. Her voice was a rich contralto of great volume and purity and it was brought to almost perfection by the severe traning of her father.

She loved to sing the sublime music of Handel and she sang the operatic airs with wonderful effect. She was very intellectual and composed songs and nocturnes and wrote several romances.

There were few women more beloved than she for her sweetness of temper and her generosity.

A pretty story is told of a little boy in Paris, very music loving and very poor. He had composed a song which his sick mother thought very fine.

One day as he was passing the Opera House he saw that Madame Malibran was to sing. How he longed to hear her, but he had no money to go.

At last he summoned up courage and went to the hotel where she was staying. When he asked to see the great singer, her maid was about to refuse him but Madam Malibran heard and asked him to come in.

He came in clasping in his hands, his little song. "O beautiful lady if you will only sing it for me" he asked.

Madame Malibran took the song and gave him a ticket to the Opera that night. How delighted he was and how he and his mother darned and brushed up his shabby little suit.

What a wonderful place the Opera House was: the lights and the colors! was there ever such a place?

And then the lovely singer appeared amidst the applause of the people and he heard the beautiful music.

How thrilled he was!

But more wonderful still. After the performance was over and the audience were calling for Madame Malibran, she came out and sang his little song.

Again and again she had to sing it to the enthusiastic crowd. The next day people of the street where the little boy lived were surprised to see a fine carriage stop in front of his house and the lovely diva go in carrying food and delicacies for the family.

She had her little admirer put to school and he became a fine musician and one of her most faithful useful friends.

HAY FEVER

There are so many sufferers from hay fever that fall the most beautiful of our seasons, is dreaded by those who fear a return of the dread visitor. As it is apt to occur at the same time the Doctors are inclined to think of it as a nervous disease.

They find that the pollen from golden rod is not the cause of the disease.

Rag weed is the chief offender now, and it is up to the friends and neighbors of the victim to see that the weeds are cut down. But these simple remedies are good and helpful. Before starting the days routine, clear your nostrils and throat well, using a little liquid oil up the nostrils after this is done, and gargle the throat thoroughly Eat plenty of nourishing food and above all keep from depression. Breathe deeply whenever you think of it during the day. I believe that such treatment will help very much.

LA MODE

The New Derby

So far there is no dimuniton of color on the Paris hats for autumn. One of them, a neat affair with a moderate brim, is in a gray-brown which will be an autumn shade. It is trimmed simply but effectively with a band and small, stand-up bow of black satin ribbon twisted with a grosgrain ribbon in brilliant nasturtium.

Foreshadowing Autumn

In the autumn a number of new materials will burst into glory. They include dull silk weaves for street costumes, rough crepe in thy patterns, a crepe faille, and a material like serge but lighter weight. They include also some new satins for formal occasions; crepe satin, as well as a satin with a dull finish. And soft taffeta is still with us.

Dark Shoes

The autumn trend in Paris is toward shoes of rather somber colors. Since dark stockings, and even black ones, are to be with us before long, the shoe becomes more clever than ever in cut but darker in shade and less adorned with tricky vamps, pipings and other decorations.

RECIPES

Oyster Stew

2 cups milk
2 cups water
1 slice onion
2 stalks celery
2 sprigs parsley
Bit of hay leaf
4 teaspoons cracker crumbs
1 pint oysters
3 teaspoons butter
Dash paprika
Salt

Scald milk and water with onion, celery, parsley and bay leaf twenty minutes; remove celery, onion and bay leaf and add crackers. Heat the cleaned oysters in their own liquid until the edges curl. Add to milk and season with butter, paprika and salt. Serve immediately. Yield, five servings.

Corn Meal Muffins

1 1-2 cups bread flour
1-2 cup cornmeal
4 teaspoons baking powder
1-2 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons sugar
1 egg
1-3 cup evaporated milk
2-3 cup water
2 tablespoons melted butter.

Sift flour, then measure. Resift with other dry ingredients into mixing bowl. Beat egg, add milk diluted with the water, and butter. Stir liquid quickly into dry ingredients. Pour batter instantly into oiled muffin tins. Bake in a hot oven (425 degrees Fahrenheit) fifteen to twenty miuntes. This batter may be baked in corn stick pans. Yield, twelve muffins.

Orange Custard

5 eggs
1-2 cup sugar
1-4 teaspoon salt
2 cups boilng water
2 cups evaporated milk
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 large oranges

Mix the slightly beaten eggs, sugar and salt thoroughly. Add water and the evaporated milk. Stir until sugar is dissolved. Stirring constantly, cook in a double boiler until a coating forms on the spoon. Remove from fire at once, add flavoring. Chill thoroughly and serve over sliced oranges. Yield, six large servings.

Moss Rose Legend

According to German tradition, the legend of the moss rose is as follows: "Once upon a time an angel, having a mission of love to suffering humanity, came down on earth. He was much grieved at all the sin and misery he saw and at all the evil things he heard. Being tired, he sought a place to rest, but as it fared with his master, so it fared with him, there was no room for him, and no one would give him shelter. At last he lay down under the shade of a rose and slept until the rising sun awoke him. Before winging his flight heavenward he addressed the rose and said that, as it had given him shelter which man denied, it should receive an enduring token of his love, and so, leaf by leaf, and twig by twig, the soft moss grew around the stem, and there it is today, a cradle in which the new-born rose may lie, a proof of God's power and love."

Electric Pipeless Organ

Capt. Richard Ranger of transoceanic radiophotograph fame invented the electric pipeless organ. It is both pipeless and reedless and responds to a series of electrical switches, tone generators and amplifiers when its standard pipe organ keys are played by an organist. The sounds are generated in groups, each group consisting of a series of alternators in simple ratio, controlled by one motor. Each tone is amplified and transmitted to the speaker when the corresponding musical key is depressed.

Fire Insurance Beginning

Fire insurance may be said to date from the Great Fire of London, in 1666. Several companies were formed during the remainder of the Seventeenth century and at the beginning of the Eighteenth century, some of which still exist. In the United States, the first fire insurance company to be established was the Philadelphia Contributionship, which was organized on April 13, 1752. This company was patterned in many respects after the Hand-in-Hand of London, which was established toward the close of the Seventeenth century.

Mother Knew

One day Ted accompanied his mother and little sister to a downtown store and a salesman started a conversation.

"How old is your sister," he asked?

"I don't know," Ted replied, and turning to his mother, said:

"Mother, do you know how old sister is?"

She did.

OIL TURNS $500 TO MILLION FOR GIRLS

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San Francisco.—Old Dame Fortune has her sentimental moments.

She bestowed a $500,000 dowry on a bride of less than two months, it has developed here—and just to keep things even, poured another half million into the lap of a married sister.

The two lucky women are Mrs. Louise W. Dessauer, who became the wife of a local stock broker recently, and Mrs. Cora Nathan Michaels, both of this city.

Ten years ago upon the death of their father, Louis D. Nathan, a promoter, they inherited an estate considered virtually worthless. It was a quarter interest in 160 acres of bleak land in a corner of Kings county, appraised at $500.

The same legacy is now valued at $1,000,000.

The estimate was made in the court of Superior Judge Thomas F. Graham when W. D. Kelley, trust officer for the Wells Fargo Bank and Union Trust company, presented an accounting of the Nathan estate.

The property is located in the Kettleman Hills oil district, a development barely dreamed of in Nathan's day.

Kelley told the court a half interest in the 160 acres was recently leased to a large oil company for $8,000,000, and should bring the two sisters royalty rights approximating $1,000,000.

Mrs. Dessauer, in their summer home at Belvidere following the honeymoon, laughingly intimated that the "wedding present" was highly appreciated.

American Museum Gets Relics of Bronze Age

More than 300 objects, many of them over five thousand years old, are on exhibition in the University of Pennsylvania museum. The finds, the majority of which date from the early Bronze age, were uncovered at Tepe Gawra, Mesopotamia.

Some of the earliest pottery ever excavated in the Near East, a small copper frying pan, a cylinder seal of a goat done in a decidedly expressionistic manner, an alabaster animal figurine, reminiscent of early Chinese jade work, and an exquisitely painted clay chalice of about 3000 B. C., are included.

In addition there are numerous other animal figurines and amulets, a complete cosmetic set of the period, a mold for casting bronze objects and a stone palette for mixing paints.

The unusual nature of some of the finds, together with the fact that they are remarkably well preserved, makes the collection of particular interest, according to Dr. Ephraim A. Speiser. "Both the seal of the goat and another stamped seal of about 3570 B. C., the latter which portrays an ibex, show a sense of design that might almost be called modernistic," Doctor Speiser stated, "while the frying pan constitutes a particularly valuable discovery because it still retains its original handle, a very unusual occurrence.

"Particular interest is attached also to the pottery, for it precedes the bronze work in age, and points to a time in the history of Tepe Gawra when a state of comparative leisure existed. This leisure subsequently was driven out by the advent of metal, for the coming of bronze accelerated the mode of living, and the painted pottery gave way to things of a more utilitarian nature."

Authority on Spelling of Geographical Names

The federal department which is the final authority on the spelling of geographical names is the United States Geographic board. As far as is practicable, the United States Post Office department accepts the decisions of this board in all its official spellings. In the case of Pittsburgh, Pa., the board was first asked to pass on the correct spelling in 1891, at which time it decided in favor of the spelling "Pittsburg." This decision, however, met with a great deal of opposition among citizens generally in Pittsburgh, and in 1911 the board consented to reconsider the case. One of the deciding factors in the final decision was the "original seal of the Borough of Pittsburgh," which was struck in 1794, and which was brought forward as evidence. The Geographic board's final decision in 1911 reversed the original decision and established Pittsburgh as the official spelling of the name of this city.

Teacher (much exasperated by one pupil)—"Look here, are you the teacher in this class?"

Pupil—"No, sir, I'm not.

"Then why do you keep talking like a numskull"

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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HENRY JOHNSON

late of said county, deceased. All persons having claims against said deceased's estate are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned on or before the 1st day of March, 1932, otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefit of said deceased's personal estate.

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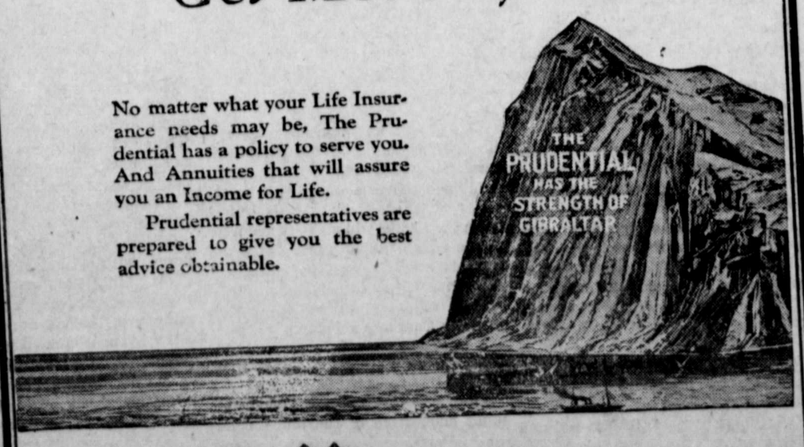
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