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**BOENE**—A rocky sea shore on the coast of Cornwall. Rocks L., As the curtain rises groups of Pitates are discovered, some string sloping down to L. C. of slage. Under these rocks is a cavern, the extrance to which is seen at first entrance J. A natural arch of road occupies the R. C. of the stage. In the distance is a calm is a convert is seen of the stage. In the distance is a calm is a convert is seen of the stage. In the distance is a calm is a convert is seen of the stage. In the distance is a calm is a convert is seen of the stage. In the distance is a calm is a convert is seen of the stage. In the distance is a calm is a convert is lying at anchor.

#### OPENING CHORUS OF PIRATES, & SOLO-Samuel. No. 1.

















(FREDERIC rises and comes forward with Pirate King, une onters scuttling a Cunarder or cutting out a White Star never shipped from R. U. E.) a handspike.

a handspike. FRED. Yes, I have done my best for you. And why? Is was KING. Yes, Frederic, from to-day you rank as a full-blown FRED. Yes, I have done my best for you. And why? Is was member of our band. ALL. Hurrah! FREDERIC. My friends, I thank you all, from my heart, for an error. No matter, the mistake was ours, not yours, and I was your kindly wishes. Would that I could repay them as they in honor bound by it.

SAMUEL. An error? What error? FRED. I may not tell you. It would relieve upon my wellwerve! KING. What do you mean? FRED. To-day I am out of my indentures, and to-day I leave leved Ruth. you for ever.

#### (RUTH comes down C.)

ALL Leave us? BUTH. Nay, dear master, my mind has long been gnawed by FRED. For ever! Krss. But this is quite unaccountable. A keener hand at the cankering tooth of myster . Better have it out at once.





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RUTH. (Kneeling at his feet.) Oh pardon, Frederic! pardon! FRED. Rise, sweet one; I have long pardoned you. (RUTH rises.)

RUTH. The two words were so much alike!

FRED. They still are, though years have rolled over their FRED. Yes, but it has got about, and what is the consequence bleads! (RUTH goes up with SAMUEL.) But this afternoon my Every one we capture says he's an orphan. The last three ships friends, for such is my sense of duty that once out of my inden- we know is not the case. tures I shall feel myself bound to devote myself, beart and soul, to your extermination.

ALL. Poor lad! poor lad! (All weep.)

KING. Well, Frederic, if you conscientionaly feel that it is after twelve o'clock I wouldn't. your duty to destroy us, we cannot blame you for acting on that delicate a situation? conviction. Always act in accordance with the dictates of your conscience, my boy, and chance the consequence

SAMUEL. Besides, we can offer you but little temptation to remain with us. We don't seem to make piracy pay. I'm sure I don't know why, but we don't.

FRED. I know why, but, alas! I mustn't tell you: it wouldn't what is to become of her? be right.

& KING. Why not, my boy? It's only half-past eleven, and you are one of us until the clock strikes twelve.

SAM. True, and until then you are bound to protect our in- at sea since I was eight years old, and yours is the only womat. . face I have seen during that time. I think it is a sweet face. erests.

ALL Hear! hear!

never attacking a weaker party than yourselves, and when you women, it is just possible I may be mistaken. attack a stronger party you invariably get thrashed. KING. There is some truth in that.

FRED. Then, again, you make a point of never molesting an

orphan. SAM. Of course: we are orphans ourselves, and know what it is.

FRED. Yes, but it has got about, and what is the consequence > obligation ceases. Individually, I love you all with affection we took proved to be manned entirely by orphans, and so we unspeakable; but collectively, I look upon you with a disgust had to let 'em go. One would think that Great Britain's mer-that amounts to absolute detestation. Oh pity me, my beloved cantile navy was recruited solely from her orphan asylums, which (Crosses R.)

SAM. But, hang it all! you wouldn't have us absolutely merciless ?

There's my difficulty. Until twelve o'clock I would; FRED. Was ever a man placed in so

#### (RUTH comes down C.)

RUTH. And Ruth, your own Ruth, whom you love so well and who has won her middle-aged way into your boyish heart-

KING. Oh, he will take you with him. FRED. Well, Ruth, I feel some little difficulty about you. It is true that I admire you very much, but I have been constanuy

RUTH. It is-oh, it is!

FRED. Well, then, it is my duty as a pirate to tell you that FRED. I say I think it is—that is my impression. But as I you are too tender-hearted. For instance, you make a point of have never had an opportunity of comparing 700 with other

Knig. True,

Fam. What a terrible thing it would be if were to marry

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KING. Oh, Ruth is very well—very well indeed. SAM. Yes, there are the remains of a fine woman about Ruth. FRED. Do you really think so? Then I will not be so selfish let our deaths be as swift and painless as you can conveniently to take her from you. In justice to her and in consideration make them. for you I will leave her behind. (*Hands* RUTH to KING.) FRED. I will. By the love I have for you, I swear it. Would KING. No, Frederic, this must not be. We are rough men, that you could render this extermination unnecessary by accoun-

who lead a rough life, but we are not so utterly heartless as to deprive these of thy love. I think I am right in saying that there is not one here who would deprive these of this inestimable treasure for all the world holds dear.

ALL. (Loudly.) Not one! KING. No, I thought there wasn't. Keep thy love, Frederic

panying me back to civilization!

KING. No, Frederic, it cannot be. I don't think much of our profession, but, contrasted with respectability, it is compar-atively honest. No, Frederic; I shall live and die a pirate king.

















After Song, the KING, SAMUEL, and all the Pirates, except FRED-ERIC and RUTH, go off R. and R. U. E. FREDERIC comes a fine woman. down C., followed by RUTH.)

RUTH. Oh take me with you! I cannot live if I am left behind.

FRED. Ruth, I will be quite candid with you. You are very dear to me, as you know, but I must be circumspect. You see, you are considerably older than I: a lad of twenty-one usually looks for a wife of seventeen.

RUIH. A wife of seventeen! You will find me a wife of a (Chorus of girls heard in the extreme distance, "Climbing own ousand! rocky mountaine," etc. Ses entrance of girls.) tl.ousand!

FRED. No, but I shall find you a wife of forty-seven, and FRED. No, but I shall find you a wife of forty-seven, and FRED. Hark ! surely I hear voices. Who has ventured to that is quite enough now. Ruth, tell me candidly and without approach our all but inaccessible lair? Can it be custom-house? reserve: compared with other women, how are you?

RUTH. I will answer you truthfully, master: I have a slight

rold, but otherwise I am quite well. FRED. I am sorry for your cold, but I was referring rather to your personal appearance. Compared with other women, are all that's marvellous, a bevy of beautiful maidens RUTH. (Aside.) Lost! lost! The should bee surrows of the should bee surrows of the should be and too the should be and the should be and the should be and the should be and too the should be and the sho

FRED. Ah, but lately?

RUTH. Oh no; years and years ago. FRED. But what do you think yourself?

RUTH. It is a delicate question to answer, but I think I am

FRED. That is your candid opinion? RUTH. Yes: I should be deceiving you if I told you other wise.

FRED. Thank you, Ruth, I believe you, for I am sure you would not practise on my inexperience. I wish to do the right thing, and if—I say, if—you are really a fine woman, your age shall be no obstacle to our union. (Shakes hands with her.)

No, it does not sound like custom-house.

RUTH. (Aside.) Confusion! It is the voices of young girls!

FRED. (Climbing rocky arch R. C. and looking off L.) By

FRED. How lovely, how surpassingly lovely, is the plainest of them! What grace! what delicacy! what refinement! and Ruth-Ruth told me she was beautiful!

#### No. 4. RECITATIVE & DUET—Ruth & Frederic.



























(At the end he renounces her, and she goes off R. in despair.)









(Hides in case as they enter from R. and L., climbing over the rocks at L. of the stage and through arched rock R.)











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KATE. What a picturesque spot! I wonder where we are ? EDITH. And I wonder where pape is? We have left him ever so far behind.

KATE. Who are only human beings down to the waist-

EDITH. And who can't be said, strictly, to set fost anywhere.

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KATE. But how thoroughly delightful it is to be so entirely Suppose we take off our shoes and stockings and paddle? alone! Why, in all probability we are the first human beings who ever set foot on this enchanting spot.

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EDITH. We are quite alone, and the sea is as smooth as glass

ALL. Yes, yes the very thing !

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(FREDERIC and MABRI turn to see that the girls are listening; detected, they continue their chatter, forte.)



(During this the girls continue their chatter, pianissimo, as before, but listening intently all the time.)

























No. 12. RECITATIVE-Mabel, Major-General, Samuel, & Chorus.

GENERAL. Yes, I am Major-General! GENERAL. And it is a glorious ALL. You are! Hurrah for the Major-General! All. It is! Hurrah for

GENERAL. And it is a glorious thing to be a Major-General! ALL. It is! Hurrah for the Major-General!

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GENERAL. And now that I've introduced myself, I should KING. Wall, yes; that's the idea. tike to have some idea of what's going on.

KATE. Oh, papa ! we-

SAMUEL. Permit me; I'll explain it in two words: we prepose to marry your daughters.

GENERAL Dear me!

GIRLS. Against our wills, papa-against our wills! GENERAL. Oh, but you mustn't do that. May I ask-this

is a picturesque uniform, but I'm not familiar with it-what are you ?

KING. We are all single gentlemen. GENERAL. Yes, I gathered that. Anything else?

KING. No, nothing else.

EDITH. Papa, don't believe them. They are presented in any you, that you over known what is is to be an append. mous Pirates of Penzance! GENERAL. The Pirates of Penzance? I have often heard repeating the word "orphan." As I understand you understand me.

of them.

MABEL. Yes, all except this gentleman (indicating FRED-ERIC), who was a pirate once, but who is out of his indentures to-day.

GENERAL. But wait a bit. I object to pirates as sons-inlaw.

we waive that point; we do not press it, we look over it.

GENERAL. (Aside.) Hah! an idea! (Aloud.) And do you mean to say that you would deliberately rob me of these the sole remaining props of my old age, and leave me to go through the remainder of life unfriended, unprotected, and alone?

GENERAL. Tell me, have you ever known what it is to be an orphan?

ALL THE PIRATES. (Disgusted.) Oh, dash it all!

KING. Here we are again !

GENERAL. I ask you, Have you ever known what it is to be an orphan?

KING. (Sighing.) Often.

GENERAL. Yes, orphan. Have you ever known what it is to be one?

King. I sav. often.

ALL. (Disgusted.) Often! often! often! (Turning away.)

GENERAL. I don't think we quite understand one another. EDITH. Papa, don't believe them. They are pirates—the I ask you, Have you ever known what it is to be an orphan? famous Pirates of Penzance! and you say "Orphan." As I understand you, you are merely

KING. I didn't repeat the word "often.

GENERAL. Pardon me; you did indeed.

KING. I only repeated it once. GENERAL. True, but you repeated it.

KING. But not often.

W. GENERAL. Stop! I think I see where we are getting com-KING. We object to major-generals as fathers-in-law. But fused. When you said "orphan" did you mean "orphan," a person who has lost his parents, or "often," frequently ?

KING. Oh, I beg your pardon! I see you mean frequently. GENERAL. Ah, you said "often " frequently.

KING. No, only once.

GENERAL. Exactly, you said "often, frequently," only once.

## Finale—Act I.

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**GENERAL.** Yes, I am Major-General! ALL. You are! Hurrah for the Major-General! GENERAL. And it is a glorious thing to be a Major-General! ALL. It is! Hurrah for the Major-General!

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SONG-Major-General & Chorus.






























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ALL THE PIRATES. (Disgusted.) Oh, dash it all!

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(GIRLS and GENERAL go up rocks L. Group while Pirates in-dulge in a wild dance of delight on stage R. and R. C. The GENERAL produces a British flag, and the PIHATE KING (on arched rock R. C.) produces a black flag with skull and cross-bones. Picture.)

IND OF ANT I.

# ACT II.

SCENE.—A ruined chapel by meanlight. Aisles C., R., and L., | GENERAL STANLEY discovered seated R. C. pensively, surround st divided by pillars and arches; ruined Gothis windows at back. | by his daughters.





















### (FRED enters R. U. E. and down C.)

**MABEL** Oh, Frederic, cannot you reconcile it with your con- **MABEL** Oh, Frederic, cannot you reconcile it with your con- **MABEL** I will try, dear Mabel, but why does he sit, night after night, in this draught yold ruin?

GENERAL. Why do I sit here? To escape from the pirates' clutches I described myself as an orphan, and I am no orphan. I came here to humble myself before the tombs of my ancestors, and to implore their pardon for the disgrace I have brought upon them.

FRED. But you forget, sir. You only bought the property a year ago, and the stucco on your baronial castle is scarcely dry.

GENERAL. Frederic, in this chapel are ancestors; you cannot deny that. I don't know whose ancestors they were, but I know whose ancestors they are, and I shudder to think that their descendant by purchase (if I may so describe myself) should

have brought disgrace upon what I nave no acoust was an the stained escutcheon.

FRED. Be comforted. Had you not acted as you did, these reckless men would assuredly have called in the nearest clergyman, and have married your large family on the spot.

GENERAL. I thank you for your proffered solace, but it is unavailing. At what time does your expedition march against these scoundrels?

FRED. At eleven, and before midnight I hope to have atoned for my involuntary association with these pestilent scourges by sweeping them from the face of the earth.-And then, my Mabel, you will be mine!

GENERAL. Are your devoted followers at hand?

FRED. They are; they only wait my orders.

(Enter Police, marching in single file from L., 2d E., and file in line, facing audience.)

#### RECITATIVE-Frederic & Major-General. No. 2.














































(MARRI tears hereoff from FRED, and exits R., followed by her sisters, consoling her. The GENERAL and others follow the Police of L. FREDERIC remains alone.)











































## (Al. throw themselves back on seats, exhausted with laughing.)

FRED. Upon my word, this is most curious,

Most absurdly whimsical. Five and a quarter!

No one would think it to look at me. You are glad now, I'll be bound, that you spared us.

RITH. You would never have forgiven yourself when you discovered that you had killed two of your comrades.

FRED. My comrades?

No. 6.

King. I'm afraid you don't appreciate the delicacy of your You were apprenticed to usposition.

Until I reached my twenty-first year. FRED.

KING. No, until you reached your twenty-first birthday (producing document), and, going by birthdays, you are as yet only five and a quarter.

FRED. You don't mean to say you are going to hold me to that?

KING. No, we merely remind you of the fact, and leave the rest to your sense of duty.

FRED. (Wildly.) Don't put it on that footing. As I was merciful to you just now, be merciful to me. I implore you not to insist on the letter of your bond just as the cup of happiness

is at my lips. RUTH. We insist on nothing. We content ourselves with

pointing out to you your duty. FRED. Well, you have appealed to my sense of duty, and my duty is only too clear. I abhor your infamous calling, I shudder

at the thought that I have ever been mixed up with it, but due, is before all. At any cost, I will do my duty.

KING. Bravely spoken! Come, you are one of us once more. FRED. Lead on, I follow! (Suddenly.) Oh, horrer!

KING and RUTH. What is the matter?

FRED. Ought I to tell you? No! no! I cannot do it; and yet, as one of your band-

KING. Speak out, I charge you, by that sense of come tiousness to which we have never yet appealed in vain.

FRED. General Stanley, the father of my Mabel-KING and RUTH. Yes! yes!

FRED. He escaped from you on the pies that he was as orphan?

KING. He did.

FRED. It breaks my heart to betray the honored tather of the girl I adore, but as your apprentice I have no alternative It is my duty to tell you that General Stanley is no orphan. KING and RUTH. What?

FRED. More than that, he never was one!

KING. Am I to understand that to save his contemptible life he dared to practise on our credulous simplicity? (FRED nods as he weeps.) Our revenge shall be swift and terrible. We will go and collect our band and attack Tremorden Castle this

very night. FRED. But-

KING. Not a word! he is doomed!

## TRIO—Ruth, Frederic, & King.













## (Roomt King and RUTH. FRED throws himsolf on a stone L. (1 in blank despeir. Enter MAREL)























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MAREL. Sergeant, approach. Young Frederic was to have ted you to death and glory.

ALL. That is not a pleasant way of putting it.

MABEL. No matter. He will not so lead you, for he has allied himself once more with his old associates.

ALL. He has acted shamefully! MABEL. You speak falsely; you know nothing about it. He has acted nobly !

his sense of duty has endeared him to me tenfold; but if it was thought of that before we joined the force. his duty to constitute himself my foe, it is likewise my duty to regard him in that light. He has done his duty; I will du wine. Go ye and do yours. (Exit MABEL R. I. E.)

ALL. Very well. SERGEANT. This is perplexing.

ALL. We cannot understand it at all.

SERGEANT. Still, if he is actuated by a sense of duty-

ALL. That makes a difference, of course. At the same time. we repeat we cannot understand it.

SERGEANT. No matter. Our course is clear; we must do our best to capture these pirates alone. It is most distressing to All. He has acted nobly ! MABEL. Dearly as I loved him before, his heroic sacrifice to prived of that liberty which is so dear to all, but we should have

ALL. We should.

SERGEANT. It is too late now. ALL. It is.









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(Police conseal themselves in aisle L. As they do so the Pirates, & Now C. They enter sautiously, and come down stage on biplos. 3 with RUTH and FREDERIC, are seen appearing at ruined win- The KING is laden with burglarious wels and pistole, etc. )

## No 12. SOLO – Samuel, & Chorus of Pirates.



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