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18.	Norma cometh	No1	rma vi	ene			•••	•••		ıd۰
19.	Not yet gone ?	(T.T.E	в.в.)—	Non p	arti 7	fino <b>ra</b>	è al ca	mpo	•••	1d.
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78. Why so long wilt thou try our patience-C'e	st tro	þ fai <b>re</b>		
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- ... 2d.
- 29. {O Diana, who us beholdest—O Diane, sois nous propice O Latona's virgin daughter—Chaste fille de Latone 2d.

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36. Come, deck with flowers-Giovani liete	•••	 	ıd.
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38. Each voice now rejoices-Amanti, costanta		 	1 d.

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# PRINCESS ZARA

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### MADE IN ENGLAND

# ARGUMENT.

THE aged King Buonocore is about to resign the throne in favour of his beautiful daughter, Princess Zara, on her sixteenth birthday, and the Court is making preparations for the Coronation. The Queen Butterfly—disguised as an old woman—warns them of disaster, should the Princess come to the throne, but her warning goes unheeded.

The King, a senile humorist and anti-superstitionist, having expressed his contempt for witches and superstitions, the Witches, guided by Grewsom, foretell a dreadful retribution on him for his frivolous incredulity: misfortune will overtake him and his belongings. The Butterflies, however, grateful to Prince Florizel (in love with Zara) for having saved their Queen from the mob which jeered at her warning, resolve to watch over the Prince, and endeavour to mitigate and redress the evil. The Prince woos and wins the Princess, who is crowned with great rejoicing: when the crown is placed on her head she faints, amid general confusion.

Act II. shows the working of the Witches' curse: Zara has forgotten everything that happened before the Coronation, the King and Prince have been sent to the kitchens, to be cooks (for Zara thinks that they are intruders), half the household is under sentence of death, the King's Minister has been condemned to be boiled alive, Zara orders her father to be executed (unwittingly), and everyone is made to feel thoroughly miserable.

The King and Prince each successively petition the Queen, having learnt the solution of the spell from the Witches (who mistake them for White Spirits in their cook's dresses), but both fail; at last the Queen Butterfly restores Zara to her senses: Zara recognises her father, asks his pardon, and the spell is broken.

## CHARACTERS.

Singing parts.

KING BUONOCORE.

PRINCE FLORIZEL. PRINCESS ZARA (Daughter to Buonocore). QUEEN BUTTERFLY (Queen of the Fairies). VIOLETTA (Chief Maid of Honour). GREWSOM (A Witch). With dialogue only. BARON LOCOMO (The King's Minister). CAMILLO (Attendant on the Prince). FIRENZA (Maids of Honour). CARINA

TORTOISESHELL (A Butterfly).

CHORUS OF MAIDS OF HONOURS AND NOBLES. BUTTERFLY FAIRIES (chiefly Dancing; one small Chorus, *ad lib.*; or can be sung behind Scenes). WITCHES (Dance and dialogue only), GUARDS, HERALDS, and PAGES.

Scene.—Acr I. The Throne Room of King Buonocore's Palace. Acr II. The Gardens of the Palace.

### COSTUMES.

Fantastic, according to taste.

N.B.-KING and PRINCE. Cook's dresses in Act II.; conventional, with long white coats and aprons, caps, &c.

BUTTERFLIES should have white or cream-coloured accordion-pleated skirts, if possible, which give the appearance of butterflies when held by the hem with outstretched arms; the head-dress (easily managed with buckram or fine wire) should be either of silver, or shaped and coloured to represent various butterflies; butterfly patterns on skirts according to taste.

The QUEEN BUTTERFLY should have a golden head-dress to distinguish her; for first entrance wears large black cloak with butterfly outlined in gold or yellow braid, without golden head-dress.

Dances may be introduced ad lib., where indicated.

The parts of the King, BARON, and GREWSOM may be taken by grown-up people, with advantage.



Time of representation  $1\frac{3}{4}$  hours (about).

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# PRINCESS ZARA.

### ACT I.

Scene.—The Throne Room. VIOLETTA, FIRENZA, CARINA, with Maids of Honour, Nobles, and Heralds, discovered in groups, rehearsing details of Coronation ceremony. Throne at back (c.).



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### Enter King Buonocore and Locome (R.), the latter with papers.

- King Buonocore (c.)—Then I am to understand that the arrangements for my daughter's coronation are complete, Baron?
- Locomo (L)--Yes, Sire, and will shake the faith of the staunchest believer in superstition.
- King Buonocore (rubbing his hands).—Good! Read me the programme.
- Locomo. —Your Majesty, these fifty pages of foolscap simply say (if you subtract the literary ornaments, which (with pride) I added myself) that a Royal Banquet is ordered for Friday, May 13th. Thirteen tables, with thirteen covers at each, the room decorated with cracked mirrors and cross-eved waiters.
- King Buonocore. Excellent ! And the guests know they will eat with crossed hands ?
- Locomo. —It was expressly stated in the invitations, and the favoured guests have been practising it all the morning, with great discomfort.
- King Buonocore.—It is a good joke, is it not, Locomo ? (chuckling.)
- Locomo.—So your Majesty says. Your Majesty's approval elevates the meanest of jests into a resplendent coruscation of pyrotechnic jocularity.

King Buonocore (frowning.)-You don't insinuate-

Locomo .- No, Sire, but-if I may presume-(bows).

- King Buonocore.—Do not presume too far (warningly).
- Locomo.—Well, Sire, if I may presume to presume as far as that point at which legitimate presumption ends, I would suggest that the banquet will prove a somewhat—er—hungry affair ?
- King Buonocore.—Nonsense ! What more can they want? Spilled salt and claret ought to satisfy anyone. My only fear is that the guests will fail to appreciate my efforts to amuse and instruct.

- Locomo.—The point of your Majesty's humour 15, perhaps, above the average comprehension.
- King Buonocore flattered) .- Yes, it is a bit subtle.
- Locomo.—And sometimes so fine as to be almost invisible. It is, if I may say so, like a mosquito; the victims do not see it, they only feel its effects: even my humble self.—
- King Buonocore (sharply). -What! you quarrel with my jests?
- Locomo.—No, Sire, not now, for they and I are fast friends; we have grown grey together. It is your modern, newer humour that sometimes —er—jars.
- King Buonocore.--Ha! that reminds me. When is a door not a door? (Locomo squirms.) Ah! but I see that you know it. (Crosses to L., hurt and disappointed.)
- Locomo (crossing to R.<sup>1</sup>.—As your Majesty pleases : I can feign ignorance once more.
- King Buonocore.-Don't trouble now; some time, when others are present, it may be convenient.
- Locomo.—Is your Majesty wise in this crusade against the cherished superstitions of a hundred generatons? It brings disaster, as I know to my cost. (Rubbing his head.) That bump, Sire.

King Buonocore (feeling bump) .- Yes ?

- Locomo.-In obedience to commands I walked under a ladder last week, and was rewarded with a loose tile on my head.
- King Buonocore.—Which found such congenial company that it has stayed there ever since! (Pats Locomo on the head approvingly: Locomo winces.)
- Locomo .--- Your Majesty is vastly amusing.
- King Buonocore.—And you are a superstitious old donkey. Out of my sight, you obsolete old faddist! (Exit Locomo hurriedly, R.) I have no patience with these antiquated cranks!



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Enter Witch Grewsom (R.). Enter Witches (R. & L.) riding on brooms. They form a semi-circle.











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Enter Prince Fiorizel, with Camillo (L.).

Prince Florizel .-- Did you escort the old woman safely out of the palace, Camillo ?

Camillo .- Yes, your Royal Highness.

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- Prince Florizel.-I fear she would have fared badly if I had not intervened. What do you think of my prospects? (admires himself).
- Camillo.-Your Royal Highness is irresistible ; your Royal Highness always was.
- Prince Florizel .- No reminiscences, on an occasion like this. Zara! Lovely Princess! What a name, and yet how difficult to rhyme! Listen, and I will read you an ode composed in her honour.
- Camillo (nervously) .- If you please, your Royal Highness, I d-d-don't feel very well.

Witches and Grewsom dance off, R.

Prince Florizel.-Nonsense, stand still, and bear it like a man. (Reads.)

Most musical the melody when lovely Zara sighs.

Her sunlit smile is like a fairy's whisper : Her cheeks are pink, but I forget the colour of her eves.

And no one's hair is better curled or crisper ! As blushing as the dawn, and timider than turtledove-

#### Enter Firenza (L.).

Firenza (interrupting)- Room for Her Royal Highness the Princess Zara !

Prince Florizel-What a disappointing interruption ! Just as I had managed to rhyme Zara with Ta-ra-ra !

(Excunt Prince and Camillo, R.) (Enter Violetta, Carina and Maids of Honour, L.)

### CHORUS. -- "STATELY, TALL, OF BEAUTY RARE."



17 fair, Comes our la - dy, gen- tle Princess Za Full of grace, di-vine-ly ra! D.t. {|n .f :1 | r' .,s|f .m :m .r [<sup>m</sup>].t :d' .s |l .t :d' .m' :d1 ł : 10 beau ". Comesour la dy, gen-tle Princess Za - ra t<sub>1</sub> | df.s:s.s| f.s:s.d' | d'.t:d'ty rare, ra! { | d d ld :-I : 1111 \* 50 - <del>.</del> 10 0 Comes our la - dy, gen- tle Princess |<sup>s</sup> d .r : d .d | d .r : d .s Full of grace, di-vine-ly fair, Za ra !  $\{ s_1, l_1 : d_{-,ta_1} | l_1, s_1 : s_1 \}$ ..f:m ls : €. 3 -1 1 4 1 May the kind - ly fai- ries pour, From their o- ver flow-ing store, Bless-ings on the gen- tle Prin-cess f.G. []1 .t :r' .,d'|t .d' :1 | t .d' :m' .d' | ] .,d:d .s, |1, .t, :d .m :d' s l d' .t \* 00 . May the kind - ly fai-ries pour, From their o - ver-flow-ing store, Bless-ings on the gen- tle Prin-cess [1] .1 :1 .1 |1 .se :1 il.s :d'.s |l .s :s r s .,d:d .d 11, .s, :s, .d Bless-ings on the gen- tle Prin-cess May the kind - ly fai-ries pour, From their o - ver-flow-ing store, {|d .r :f .,m | r .m :d | f .m :s .m | f .f :<sup>m</sup>t<sub>i</sub>  $[d_{1},s_{1}:s_{1},s_{1}]$   $[f_{1},s_{1}:s_{1},s_{1}]$ p3 -> . blessings on the gen-tle Princess Za . Za ra. ra ! :f : .m .,l<sub>1</sub>:l<sub>1</sub> .l<sub>1</sub> |t<sub>1</sub> .d :r .m :d r : \$111 17 2 2 . . blessings on the gen-tle Princess Za - ra l<sub>1</sub> .,l<sub>1</sub>:l<sub>1</sub> .l<sub>1</sub> |l<sub>1</sub> .l<sub>1</sub> :l<sub>1</sub> .d d .t<sub>1</sub> :d Za ra, - ra ! de 1 :r : : 224 8 N N N N -0 blessings on the gen-tle Princess Za ra ! Za ra, :f I {|s, :  $fe_1 ., fe_1 : fe_1 . fe_1 | fe_1 . fe_1 : fe_1 . fe_1 | f_1$ :m, : 80 rall. 10 h. 32 8303. (At the last line enter Princess Zara, L.; all curtsey.)











(If a Dance is wanted for Princess Zara, the Refrain may be repeated.)

Violetta.—We beg to offer to your Royal Highness our humble congratulations.

Princess Zara (modestly).—I thank you all for your kind words, and hope to prove myself worthy of the great honour my father, the King, has done me. I am young to be a queen, but I shall have you round me, you, Violetta, and you, Carina and you, Firenza—to advise me on difficult questions of State policy—for we are going to be a very, very happy family.

- Carina.--It only remains for your Royal Highness to choose some handsome prince to share your throne.
- Princess Zara (smiling).-I think you may safely leave that to me. And that reminds me, Carina,

Prince Florizel awaits an interview; inform him that the Princess Zara desires his presence. (*Exit Carina*, R.) Ah! my heart ! How it thumps ! I wonder whether I am old enough to understand what that means ?



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private opinion—of course I don't want to talk scandal—at least, I don't want the credit of itFirenza.—Let us make fun of him (all laugh). Hush ! Here he comes (all suddenly look very demure). Re-enter Carina, with Prince Florizel (R.). The girls make a solemn curtsey.

(In the following number, some of the lines of the Chorus (in Verses 2 & 3) may be taken by individuals, each passing before the Prince as she sings her line. Prince Florizel turns from one to the other, yetting desperate towards the end.)









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- Prince Florizel.—Ladies, I am your most humble servant !
- Chorus (drawling).--Sir, we are your most humble servants !
- Prince Florizel.—You honour me greatly, but, considering the number of words you use, you manage to convey very little information.
- Violetta (innocently).-- Oh, what is it that you wish to know?
- Prince Florizel.—Perhaps I was a little obscure : 1 wish to see the Princess Zara.
- Violetta .- Oh, you wanted to see the Princess ?

Together.

- Firenza.--Of course, how very stupid of us not to understand !
- Carina.—Don't you see the gentleman has come on very important business ?

Enter Zara (L.). She bows to Prince Florizel, and motions to Chorus.

- Princess Zara (to Chorus) .- You may leave us.
  - All cough significantly, and exeunt (L.) to music ("Light/y tripping," &c.). Princess Zara and Prince Florizel are left alone.
- Prince Florizel .-- You desired my presence, Princess ?
- Princess Zara.—Yes, if you choose to put it in that way. (Pause.) Must you be going?
- Prince Florizel .--- I was thinking of that day-----
- Princess Zara.-When we met in the wood?
- Prince Florizel.-When I lost myself ----

- Princess Zara.—And I lost my bracelet. Ah? And you helped me to find it.
- Prince Florizel .- We hunted everywhere, didn't we?
- Princess Zara .--- Yes, and put our heads ever so close together, did'nt we ?
- Prince Florizel.—But we never found it, did we? Of course not, it was in my pocket all the time ! Why, I have it still !
- Princess Zara.—Then I may take it that I am at liberty to ask you your intentions?
- Prince Florizel.—How clever you are, to guess that ! The fact is, that it is my intention to seek your father to-morrow morning, to ask for your hand in marriage.
- Princess Zara (significantly).-To-morrow? It may be too late, to-morrow.
- Prince Florizel .--- Ha, a rival !
- Princess Zara (shyly).—I don't quite mean that, but—er—to-day is—er—to-day, is it not?
- Prince Florizel (puzzled).—I suppose it is, unless it is Leap year, which your remark seems to suggest.
- Princess Zara.—You don't understand : to-day, 1 am a Princess, you are a Prince ; to-morrow, you will be still a Prince, but I shall be a Queen !
- Prince Florizel (tenderly).—But, to-day—you are still a Princess?
- Princess Zara.-But to-morrow things may be altogether different.



No. 8. DUET (ZARA AND PRINCE) .- "NOW, IF YOU LOVE ME AS YOU SAY."

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- Enter Queen Butterfly (L.) still wearing cloak over butterfly dress. Queen Butterfly.—Bless the dear Prince for rescuing me from that infuriated mob ! He shall soon Poor fragile little fairies that variable weather tries our of
  - me from that infuriated mob ! He shall soon reap the reward of his gallantry. (*Throws off* cloak.) My faithful Butterflies, I know, will help me to circumvent these dreadful witches.

Poor fragile little fairies that we are ! This variable weather tries our constitutions very sorely, to say nothing of omnivorous naturalists lying in ambush. (Waves wand.)



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- Queen Butterfly.—Now, children, attention! There is a storm coming. (Butterflies fidget uneasily.) Don't be alarmed, it is not that kind of storm; but there is trouble ahead, and this lovely balmy day will soon turn to a biting frost. (Butterflies fidget.) How uneasy you are to-day! It is the thunder in the air, I suppose. The witches are on the prowl again, hunting for some fresh victim to add to their unique collection (Butterflies shiver). Don't wriggle about so; you're not silkworms now, you know. But we can watch carefully, save the Prince, and catch this wicked old Grewsom in our net, so to speak, and pin her to the ground.
- Tortoiseshell.—Oh, please--your Majesty, dont use such uncomfortable metaphors as nets and pins ! they seem to suggest ammonia, ugh ! (all shiver.)
- Queen Butterfly.—Really, children, if you're so nervous as all that, you had better be put in a glass-case at once.

Tortoiseshell .-- Oh, p-p-please, don't talk so cruelly.

Queen Butterfly.—Nonsense ! Do your duty, and keep watch over the Prince. I depend on you thoroughly, that is, weather permitting.

Tortoiseshell.— You may depend on us, rain cr shine ! (Exeunt Queen and Butterflies, R.)





Processional March for Coronation Ceremony. During the March, enter (L.) Nobles, Heralds, Guards Pages, Maids of Honour; Camillo and Locomo; Prince Florizel, King Buonocore.



























At last line, all kneel, grouped in a circle round the throne, facing towards Princess Zara on the throne. Stage darkened. Enter Grewsom and Witches in front of circle : (L.L.E.) they bow mockingly. Princess Zara alone is aware of their presence.



Stage light. All rise; Princess Zara comes forward from throne.





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General Dance during the above : the King signals to Pages, who bring forward crown for Princess Zara; he is seen to place crown on Princess Zara's head. Loud gong or thunder; Princess Zara screams and faints. CURTAIN quick. (a)

When the curtain is raised for Tableau, stage is cleared: Princess Zara has fainted in the arms of the Prince (right centre); Grewsom is seen in a corner, gloating over the cowering King; at the back grouped on and round the throne, are Queen Butterfly and other Butterflies. (b)



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## ACT II.

SCENE.—The Gardens of the Royal Palace. Princess Zara discovered asleep on a couch, in the centre of stage, surrounded by Violetta and the Maids of Honour, some sitting, some kneeling and leaning towards the couch for support; all show signs of great weariness, and yawn from time to time, as if unable to keep awake. (A chair Front left.)





(Enter Carina and Firenza, L.U.E. in conversation, they walk to the front of the stage.)

- Carina (L.c. impetuously).—I declare, I won't put up with this nagging any longer ! (loudly) Perhaps this is her idea of a "Happy Family !"
- Chorus.-Hush !
- Firenza (L. turning towards them).—Oh, so she's asleep at last, is she ? Thank goodness for that ! I'm simply worried to death ! (sits in chair.)
- Carina.—The Queen has been perfectly unbearable since her Coronation; she could not have changed more suddenly, not even if she had been a man !
- Firenza.—Or become more savage : there's half the Royal Household already waiting to have their heads chopped off. Goodness knows whose turn it will be next !
- Carina.—We shall have no crowd left to enjoy the executions, at this rate of progress.
- Firenza.—She doesn't seem to remember anything about anybody; think of the poor King ! disgraced, and sent to the kitchens ! Fancy a King having to cook his own dinners !
- Carina.—That's not the worst of it, either : the Queen has sent the Prince to join him, and help him wash up.

(Princess Zara moves as if about to wake, humming a few bars of "Life is short.")

- Firenza.—Hush! the Queen is going to wake. (Firenza and Carina go up stage. Princess Zara opens her eyes, slowly, looks vacantly about her; then suddenly and very sharply to the Chorus.)
- Princess Zara.—What are you staring at? Turn your heads the other way at once, unless you prefer to do without them altogether ! Do you hear? Wake up, stand up! (shaking one of the Muids of Honour who has fallen askep.)
  - (All rise and turn away. Princess Zara rises from couch and comes forward.)
- Princess Zara (aside).—Oh, this crown ! It seems to be glued to my head ! (trying to recollect) I don't—quite—understand : let me try to remember. I am Princess Zara—No, I was made Queen,—and—then—(with sudden vehemence) Why do you stand like that, idiots ? Are you afraid to look us in the face, cowards ? What abominable manners you have !

(Chorus turn again, and face Princess Zara.)

Princess Zara (to herself).—Poor girls ! How crued they must think me ! But, somehow, I don't think it is all my fault.

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No. 13. Song (PRINCESS ZARA) WITH CHORUS.-"" A FEW HOURS SINCE.



(At end of Song, Princess Zara sinks on to couch, exhausted.)

Princess Zara (to herself).—Let me try again : I am Zara,—I was made Queen, and was crowned (shudders). And then—then—we had luncheon, and—(suddenly starting up from couch, violently.) Come here, you ! What is your name ! (to Firenza.) Firenza (coming forward, trembling).—F-f-f-f-firenza, your Majesty !

Princess Zara.—Don't wobble in that ridiculous fashion, as if I were going to eat you: go and find the Cook who made that omelette, and have his head cut off at sunset.

Firenza.—M—m—may it please your M—m—ajesty, the executioner is already engaged six d--d-deep to-day.

Princess Zara.—How dare he be engaged, when 1 want him particularly? Off with his head ! And give the Cook our compliments, and we will do him the honour to execute him ourself. (Flings herself into chair, L.)

(Exit Firenza, R.)

Chorus (in horror).-O-o-oh!

- Princess Zara (turning sharply on them).—Now, then, crybabies, what's the matter with you? Remove that couch. I'll soon show you what it is to be a Queen, ha, ha! (Two or three try unsuccessfully to move the couch : Princess Zara turns furiously on the others.) Now, then, do you see me slaving? Don't stand there like lumps of coal!
  - (The others rush to the couch, and drag it in opposite directions.)
- Princess Zara.—Not the whole crowd of you, boobies ! Put it there—No, there !

(Couch is moved to back of stage, R.)

Princess Zara.—Where is—Baron Lo-co-motive, or whatever his name is?

- Carina (weeping).—Your Majesty desired that he should be kept at an even temperature of 212 degrees.
- Princess Zara (gleefully).—Ah, yes, he was to be boiled alive : is it done?
- Carina.—Er—er—Your Majesty, they have tried to carry out your instructions, but it is so difficult to boil him *alive*: he fainted right off at 200 degrees.
- Princess Zara. -Off with the stoker's head! We will be obeyed. Do you hear?

(Carina rushes off bewildered, L.)

Ha, ha ! (laughs aloud.)

Silence, stupid !

Violetta.-I s-s-said n-n-nothing.

Princess Zara .-- Don't argue !

- Violetta.—Perhaps Your Majesty had better rest awhile: the cares of state have overwrought our Gracious Queen.
- Princess Zara (sharply).—Don't call me gracious, when you know perfectly well that I am nothing of the kind. (Then, in gentler tones.) Now leave me alone, all of you, I—am—tired.



Enter Butterfly Fairies (R.U.E.).













Enter (R.), very cautiously, King Buonocore and Prince Florizel, dressed as cooks, with white aprons and caps, long white coats, &c. King Buonocore carries a frying-pan, Prince Florizel carries a saucepan.

















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- King Buonocore (pulling himself together).--I feel better after that; what a mercy we escaped from that horrible din! They were shouting like mad after us.
- Prince Florizel.—Take heart, your Majesty, perhaps your daughter has received by now the omelette you made for her. That touching sign of

parental devotion will surely soften her heart, even though it break her jaw.

King Buonocore.—As a maiden effort I am rather proud of that omelette. Er—er— (nervously) isn't it getting dark a bit ? I can smell ghosts, or witches, or something.
- Prince Florizel.-Why,- I thought you did not believe in that kind of nonsense !
- King Buonocore.—It's no nonsense, my boy! see what scepticism has brought me to ! I am converted now. Ugh ! It really is getting much darker, you know.
- Prince Florizel.—I can feel a cold clammy breathing down my neck.
  - (They grope about and run into one another : frying-pan and saucepan drop with a loud clatter. Thunder heard, as if in answer.)

King Buonocore (shivering).—What a curious echo?

Prince Florizel.—Let us try again. (They pick up pan and saucepan, and drop them again. Thunder heard once more.) Enter suddenly, front of stage, Grewsom (L.).

Prince Florizel and King Buonocore at back of stage (R.)-P-p-please, I didn't. (Cover their heads with their aprons.) Grewsom (seeing them). — Hail, mighty Spirits : (Bows low.) Hither, sisters ! hasten, for the White Spirits command us ! (Crosses to n.)

Enter Witches, R. and L.

Witches .- Who calls ?

- Grewson.—The White Ghosts call you! (Kin, Buonocore and Prince Florizel come forward. All make a deep obeisance to them.)
- King Buonocore (aside to Prince Florizel).-It is all right, I do believe they take us for ghosts !

Grewsom.-Ye are one of us, my lord ?

King Buonocore.-We are two of you,-that is, we are two of us; it depends on what you are.

Grewson.—We are witches, black and grey only; not beautiful and white like my noble lords ! (Thunder heard; King Buonocore and Prince Florizel shiver.) Listen ! Isn't that lovely?

#### Witches.-He! he! he! SONG (GREWSOM) .--- "WE RIDE ON A BROOM." No. 16. (In the time of a slow Polka.) Non Allegro. VOICE. 1. We ride on a broom, thro' the mid-night gloom-Wher-2. sly as an owl, do we stalk and prowl, Α. Lah is B. Doh is D. ||1 :m .m |1 :m .m |1 11 : | : :m .t l L : 11 Non Allegro. PIANO. ev-er we've a will, we can con-struct a way, Our est de-light grand is a that we keep, searching for a vic-tim that's dis-sect - a - ble, The hours when all ١ď .d' :t .1 |d'.d':t .1 lt .se :m 11 :1 .t Id' :t Ŀ :m .1 ) night. fog-gy dark With the moon behind the clouds se-cure-ly tucked a - way : pro-per folk sleep, May be not ex-act-ly what you call re-spect-a - ble; Is .1 :f Im .s 11 .s :f .m |s .f :m .r :s m .d :d ł



Grewsom,-I am here. Who calls ?





- Grewsom.—Have ye heard the glorious news? The King is disgraced !
- King Buonocore.—I had er—heard of it; but it did not strike me as particularly humorous.
- Grewsom.—The muddle-headed old sceptic ! But he won't trouble us much longer.
- Witches .--- He ! he ! he !
- King Buonocore (assuming gaiety).—He ! he ! he ! f suspect he has had enough of us supernaturals to last him a very long time.
- Grewsom.-Not so very long, either. Her Majesty ate an omelette for lunch (significantly).
- Prince Florizel (joyfully, to King).— Then we are saved !
- Grewsom.-And she is mad with rage.
- King Buonocore.—Then we are lost !
- Grewsom.—I am making up a pic-nic party to see the execution.
- King Buonocore and Prince Florizel (alarmed).— Execution? Whose?

Grewsom .- Why the King's, of course !

Witches .- He! he! he!

(King Buonocore and Prince Florizel support one another.)

- King Buonocore.-Do I understand you to mean that Princess Zara has dared to condemn her father to death !
- Grewsom.—That's the funny part of it : she sent the King her compliments, and promised to do him the honour of cutting off his head herself. Our profession is avenged !
- Prince Florizel (aside, to King).—I do believe this witch is at the bottom of it all. Let me settle with her. (Aloud, to Grewsom, casually) This is great news, indeed ! I suppose there is no fear of his escaping ?
- Grewsom.—None whatever; that is, not unless the Queen asks her father's forgiveness on her knees, and we are taking good care she doesn't do that. You'll come to our pic-nic?
- King Buonocore.--Thanks, but I shall be attending er--officially.
- Grewsom.-Come, long life to the King-till this evening !

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Prince Florizel.—But we have the key of the situation now. Here comes Zara. (Soothing and coaxing him.) You must try to get her to apologise; but humour her a bit at first, and don't make her angry; royalties are rather touchy, you know.





- King Buonocore and Prince Florizel (falling flat on their faces, L.).-We are Your Majesty's most humble and devoted servants!
- Princess Zara (R.C., to herself) .- What an extremely handsome young man! (Aloud, to Violetta) What is that ridiculous old fogey doing here? King Buonocore fumes, Prince Florizel pacifies him
- Violetta (R.).-If you p-1-ease, your Majesty, that is-
- -Silence, chatterbox! Who asked you Princess Zara.to say anything ? (To the King) What are you doing here?
- King Buonocore.-Yes, what am I doing here ?
- Princess Zara (to Violetta) .- What does this absurd creature want?
- King Buonocore (aghast) .- " Creature !" (Prince Florizel warns him.)
- Violetta.-P-p-lease, your Majesty. I do not dare to be quite sure : but I th-i-ink that it is his M—m—majesty the K—k—k—k—k— Prince Florizel (interrupting).—The C—c—c—c>ok! King Buonocore.—Yes, his Majesty the K—k— Prince Florizel.—The Cook! (then aside to the King).

- Take care, you are spoiling it all.
- Princess Zara (ignoring the King).—Inform his Majesty the Cook that he has our permission to retire to his own kingdom, down the kitchen stairs.
- King Buonocore (furiously). But-bless me ! I am not going to be ordered about like a common servant! (rushing towards Princess Zara). Look here, my child, stop this tomfoolery ; you know perfectly well who I am !
- Princess Zara (to Violetta) .- What does the fellow want?
- King Buonocore (blazing).—This is really too much ! I will tell you who and what I am, young woman ! I am your father, his Majesty the King! (Strikes attitude.)
- Princess Zara (carelessly).-Only a madman, after all! Search him for bombs or petitions. Away with him to the scullery !
- Guards seize King Buonocore and hustle him off (L.) protesting loudly, followed by Violetta.) Princess Zara (to Prince Florizel) .- Your presence
- here is wholly unnecessary.

- Prince Florizel (bowing low).-- I have the honour to be your Majesty's most humble and obedient servant
- Princess Zara .- Of course you are, menial! You are a cook ! a common, plain cook ! Prince Florizel.—Plain, perhaps, your Majesty, for
- I am but a beginner; but no ordinary cook, I assure vou.
- Princess Zara (aside) What strange fascination is this that compels me to tolerate his company ? (Aloud) I have seen your face before have I not ? (Prince delighted.) Were you the impertment fop who dared to embrace me at the Coronation ?
- Prince Florizel.-Madam, I desire to offer my most humble apologies to you for my clumsiness.
- Princess Zara (graciously).-Spoken like a prince, indeed !
- Prince Florizel.-Here, on my knees (kneels), I swear a life-long devotion to her Majesty Queen Zara! (Kisses her hand, and retains it.)
- Princess Zara (aside).—Ought I to let him? How handsome he is! Is there anyone looking? (Aloud) I - accept - your - dutiful - homage. (Withdraws her hand.)
- Prince Florizel (aside) .- Now for it! (Aloud) Beautiful, gracious Queen, I can conceal it no longer : I-I-love you !
- Princess Zara (aside).—Oh, he must be a real prince ! Aloud) Er—all my subjects love me, I hope. (She swings her hand awkwardly, he catches it, and rises.)
- Prince Florizel.-Beautiful Queen, gentle as a fawn, timid as a doe-
- Princess Zara (aside).-Dough! Is he only a cook, after all ? (Draws away from him.) Prince Florizel.—I have loved you ever so long !
- Princess Zara .- Since this afternoon, in fact
- Prince Florizel.-No, ever since that day in the wood-you remember? (Zara shakes her head puzzled) When I was-
- Princess Zara (laughing at him).-Gathering mushrooms for your master's breakfast !
- Prince Florizel.-No! Helping you to find your bracelet !
- Princess Zara .- Bracelet ? I don't remember that I ever lost one.
- Prime Florizel (aside).—Happy thought! I can make her a present of it. (Taking bracelet from pocket: See what I offer your Majesty!
- Princess Zara aside).-That settles it! He must be a prince, and a very rich one. (Aloud, admiring bracelet) What a lovely bracelet ! will think? Control of the second s
- had it made on purpose. (Aside) I wonder whether she would think me very mean if she knew it was her own once.
  - (Prince Florizel and Princess Zara retire to a corner of the stage, R. They busy themselves putting on bracelet ; enter Chorus, L., on tip-toe.)



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- (Princess Zara turns, and seeing that she is discovered, pushes Prince Florizel from her and rushes across to the other side of the stage, Front L.)
- Princess Zara.—Off with his head ! Wretches ! Will you stand by quietly and see your Queen thus insulted ? This—Cook has dared to address

words of love and affection to our Royal self! (Guards seize Prince Florizel.) Off with his head, idiots, or I shall go mad !

(She breaks through the srowd, to the back of the stage, and flings herself on to the couch, **R**.)



- (Execut all L. except Princess Zara and Firenza, followed by guards with Prince Florizel.)
- (Princess Zara watches the procession go out, and kisses her hand to the Prince, unknown to him.
- **Princess** Zara (whimpering).—Poor young man ! But the majesty of the throne must be preserved. He must die! At any cost, I must be di-didignified ! \*

(Exit, sobbing, R.)

- \* (If it be desired to shorten the Dialogue, a cut may be made from here to \* below, col. 2, in which case exit Firenza with Chorus.)
- Firenza (R., alone, looking off stage L.).—There goes another handsome masculine head to the executioner. And here comes one more, apparently just returning.

(Enter Baron Locomo, L.L.E., with face very red, and clothes shrunken about him.)

- Firenza (R.C.).—Dear, dear Baron! (Tries to fall on his neck.)
- Baron Locomo (L.C., recoiling with scream).—Don't touch me ! (Crawls into chair.)
- Firenza.—How did you escape? I thought you were comfortably settled in the cauldron.
- Baron Locomo.—So I was, quite comfortably, thank you ! What a mercy the stoker was called away suddenly !
- Firenza (caressing and soothing him).—There, there, cheer up, and let us try to forget all about it.
- Baron Locomo.—No amount of forgetting will give me back my complexion !
- Firenza.—Why, the new one's lovely. A little fresh, perhaps, but that's nothing. What can you have done to vex her Majesty so?
- Baron Locomo.—I can't think : I merely said I was ready to go through fire and water in her service, meaning, of course, that I should be happy to direct our foreign policy from the snug seclusion of a comfortable arm-chair, when she gave me an instant opportunity of proving my devotion.
- Firenza.—It was very inconsiderate of her! But, there, don't fret, I shall always love you, whatever colour you are.
- Baron Locomo (spoken. Firenza soothes him at appropriate pauses).—

A-h-h ! I see it still ! The monster cauldron and the stoker all Agog with speculating grin: then I, Poor victim, fettered hand and foot, thrown in Like beefsteak pudding! Stir, and stir, and stir, Then bump, and bump, and bump; with torture racked, I seemed to see around me ghoulish hordes, The rightful tenants of my iron pris'n, A-peering at me from the cauldron's edge, And mocking me with slimy, bilious laughter, As who should say, "What ho! It's our turn now!" It was as if in some menagerie, Aquarium or kitchen-garden I were Set, surrounded by an audience Unsympathetic, yet appreciative.

There sat the lobster, with his tail a-wag,

There pirouetted, in an ecstasy,

The egg; potatoes, too, did jib at me

A bleary, earthy eye, and winked the while. There laughed aloud, with satisfaction wriggling, The scaly eel; the beans grinned broad and broader!

Anon I heard, in stony-hearted tones, One say, "And is the old fool not yet done ?" And "Turn him over, this side's nicely brown." The clanking of the oven doors did chill My heart like penny-steamer's whistle, or Misguided female's after-dinner song. Now stealthily, tho' all too swift, the grim Thermometer arose by slow degrees, Insinuating and insidious; The water, warming to its ghastly work, Grew more exuberant and boisterous, The hissing waves leapt up to brand my cheek, Their bubbling, jagging, crackling, cackling tongues Did lap and lick my seared, scarrèd flesh,

Until so fierce and scalding grew the heat, That not a microbe stayed to share my suff'rings, But turned their myriad tails, and fied. The cowards ! (Faints.)

Firenza (shrieking)—Ah ! he has fainted ! (Tries to resuscitate him.)

Baron Locomo (recovering).---Where am I?

Firenza.—Hush, dear; you've been very ill, and the doctor says you must not talk. But here comes the Queen (raises him). If she sees us we shall get into hot water.

Baron Locomo (agonised).-No, no ! For pity's sake, not again !

(Exeunt hurriedly, L.)

(Enter Princess Zara, still weeping, R.)

- Princess Zara.-It's no use, I can't be dignified though I've tried ever so hard! (Sits in chair, L.)
  - \* Oh, what is the good of my being a Queen, if I can't love whom I choose ! (Buries her free in her hands and dozes.)

(Enter Queen Rutterfly, R.)





- (Spoken.) Poor King, poor Prince! What a mess they have made of it! But that is so like a man; he spoils anything he can lay hands on. This situation requires a woman's diplomacy. (Wakes Princess Zara.)
- *Princess Zara (starting).*—Who dares to disturb me? Off with her head, this instant !
- Queen Butterfly.—Hush, my pretty one, you mustn't talk like that to me. I'm not a common mortal.
- Princess Zara changing her manner).—No? Who are you, then?
- Queen Butterfly.—The Fairy Queen Butterfly, and a friend of the poor young man whom you sent to the kitchens this morning.
- Princess Zara (indignantly).—But he pretended he was a prince, and presumed to claim equality with me !
- Queen Butterfly.-Naturally, my dear ; why, you had accepted him in marriage.
- Princess Zara.—Had I? But that must have been ages ago; I had forgotten all about it.
- Queen Butterfly.—A very common complaint among engaged couples, my dear.
- Princess Zara.—Besides, I have fallen in love with someone else now; and (with a whimper) he is to die this evening !
- Queen Butterfly.—Bless me, what a very short engagement! You have not kept him long in suspense. No wonder people talk

Princess Zara.-What do they say ?

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- Queen Butterfly.-They call you spiteful, undutiful, and so on.
- Princess Zara (jumping up from chair).-Oh, they do, do they? Off with their heads!
- Queen Butterfly.—There you go again; I shan't help you if you flare up like that. (Moves as if to go. Zara takes a step towards her and detains her.)
- Princess Zara.-Can you help me ? Will you help me ?
- Queen Butterfly.--I will; I will restore to you the Prince you loved long ago, and your last new lover. Will that be enough for you?
- Princess Zara.—Would not that be more than enough? Could I have the last one only?
- Queen Butterfly.—That is, the one who is to die this evening?
- Princess Zara (imploring).-Oh, no, don't let him die! Save him!
- Queen Butterfly.-Why, you are as illogical as a grown-up woman. Who condemned him?
- Princess Zara.-Oh, of course, I forgot; I did. So it is too late now, isn't it?
- Queen Butterfly.—You wicked girl! I have a good mind to leave you to yourself.
- Princess Zara.—Oh, don't! I am not really wicked; something seems to drive me to it.
- Queen Butterfly (taking Zara's hand).—Well, well, we shall see. Now, you take a nap, and sleep soundly, like a good little girl, and then perhaps it will come out all right. (Leads Princess Zara to couch, and passes her hand over her eyes; Princess Zara falls asleep.)





(During Chorus and the following, enter Butterflies, L., summoned by Queen Butterfly, and dance round Princess Zara: then they rouse her, and lead her to the centre of the stage, gently force her to her knees, and make her remove her crown, and replace it on her head. Then they lead her back to the couch, and leave her sleeping, as before. Princess Zara, of course, moves as if walking in her sleep.)









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- Princess Zara (gradually waking) .- What does it all mean? Am I really awake, or are the Fairies only making fun of me?
  - (Queen Butterfly leads King Buonocore in, L., whispers to him, and exit, L. King Buonocore walks to front of stage, dejected, as if in deep thought.)
- Princess Zara (rushing to him).—Father ! repulses her gently.)\* the
- King Buonocore (aside).—So she recognises me at last ! But I must be distant with her. (Aloud) I beg your Majesty will not disturb me : I am trying to make up my mind as to what costume I shall wear at the ceremony. I suppose I shall have to go in white.

Princess Zara. - A ceremony? In white? A wedding? King Buonocore.-Something more final than a wedding—an execution. Princess Zara.—Horrible ! Whose ?

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King Buonocore.—My own, of course. Princess Zara.—O.—oh! (horrified.)

Enter Firenza, R.

Firenza.-If you please, your Majesty, your faithful subjects are standing in rows, waiting to be executed, and are getting impatient.

- Princess Zara (distracted).-Oh, er-ask them towait. (Exit Firenza, R.)
- Princess Zara.-But why should you want to go to your own execution ?
- King Buonocore .- Have you forgotten the very polite message you sent me this afternoon ? Princess Zara.-I
- King Buonocore.-Yes, "Your compliments, and you would do me the honour," &c.
- Princess Zara (a light dawning on her).-You-you made that omelette?
- King Buonocore.--I cannot tell a lie-- I did !
- Princess Zara (sobbing).-Oh, how wicked I have been ! Oh, father, I didn't know it was you, really I didn't ! You are not angry ? King Buoncore.—A little upset, that's all. Princess Zara.—There were extenuating circum-
- stances, were there not? It was so tough !
- King Buonocore (apologetically).-No one regrets it more than I, madam. And now, farewell, it will soon be sunset, and I have—er some letters to write before you do me er-the-erhonour to -er -er -\* Princess Zara (wildly).--No, no, no, father ! Hear
- what I have to say !

Song (PRINCESS ZARA) .-. "O FATHER, DEAR."

(Princess Zara, R.C., King Buonocore, L., appearing to ignore her.)



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- Princess Zara (taking off crown, which moves easily, and holding it out to King Buonocore).—Why, I do declare, it comes off quite easily !
- King Buonocore.-Yes, Zara, the spell is broken, and my foolish jesting is atoned for; I will never make another joke as long as I live!
- Princess Zara.—Then, dearest father, I shall not have suffered in vain ! (They rise. Thunder heard; Princess Zara alarmed.)
- King Buonocore.—Do not be alarmed, my child, it is only the witches. We can laugh at them now.
  - (Enter Grewsom and Witches, R. King Buonocore stands between them and Princess Zara.



Grewsom. - Are you coming to join our pic-nic ?

Witches .- He ! he ! he !

(Enter Queen Butterfly and Tortoiseshell, L.U.E., the latter carrying the King's robes. Princess Zara runs to Queen Butterfly, who brings her down to centre of stage.)



Queen Butterfly.—Not so fast! You will be disappointed, I fear; for the King is himself again. (Takes crown from Princess Zara and places it on King's head, and takes robe from Tortoiseshell and places it on his shoulders.)— And, now, you pestilent fiends, begone !

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FINALE.—"JOY! JOY! THE SPELL IS ENDED."

Enter the other Butterflies (L.), and all except Prince Florizel. They drive out the Witches. Princess Zara welcomes her Maids of Honour with joyful signs of recognition.











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Act II. (Scene i.) shows the arrival of the Prince of Arcadee at the cottage of the dwarfs, and the breaking of the spells that hold Little Snow-White in her long slumber. In the last Scene all ends well at the Court of Arcadee. The kind dwarfs appear as the Fairies' bodyguard, and everyone is happy except the eruel Queen, who is deposed by her subjects in favour of Little Snow-White.

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The Scene opens in the garden of the palace, on the morning of King Pepin's fourteenth birthday. After receiving the warm congratulations of his subjects, Pepin, at the instigation of the Gipsy, Leila, exchanges his robes for the jacket of the Jester, Plom Plom. While each is playing the other's part, a band of robbers enter and carry off the Jester (mistaking him for the King) and the Princess Ellaline.

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There are seven principal characters, three girls and four boys, and two-part choruses for Pippins, Maids of Honour, Morning Maidens, Gipsy Maidens, Courtiers, Bandits, Soldiers, &c., affording a good scope for large schools.

> Time taken, about one hour and a half. ORCHESTRAL PARTS CAN BE HIRED.

Price (A) 2s. 6d.; (B) 9d.

Book of Words, 12s. 6d. per 100.

# PRINCE FERDINAND.

AN OPERETTA FOR SCHOOLS AND CLASSES.

H. J. ASHCROFT.

R. D. METCALFE and A. KENNEDY.

ARGUMENT (Condensed).—The Fairy Tale of "Prince Ferdinand and the Enchanted Sword" is original. The Prince, weary with longing for an unidentified love, hopes that in his dreams the object of his affection may be revealed to him. By the benign influence of Titania, his dreams centre on the playmate of his boyhood— Princess Helena.

Titania, by exercise of her magic powers, brings the Princess from her distant nome. Ferdinand awakes and sees the vision of Helena, and the secret of his

mysterious love is solved. He would embrace Helena, and in a song hopes that they may never more be parted, but Titania interposes, and reminds him that a prize to be duly valued must be attained after much toil and strife. Helena vanishes, and Titania tells Ferdinand he must seek his bride in her own country, binting that dangers await him, which may, however, be overcome by the potent aid of the Enchanted Sword with which she arms him.

He pursues his journey and falls into the clutches of Hecate, a malevolent witch. In the final scene Ferdinand, inspired by the magic power of Cabalo, severs the witch's bonds-her evil spell having been weakened by some of Titania's followers-and is free.

There are eight singing parts and five speaking parts. Choruses in two parts. There are opportunities to introduce skipping, dancing, and figure making.

The suggestions given for dresses can be effectively and inexpensively carried out. costumes can be adopted if desired. More elaborate

Time taken, about two hours. Price (A) 2s.; (B) 9d. Book of Words, 12s. 6d. per 100.

### PRINCESS SNOWFLAKE: OR, THE FATE OF THE FAIRY NICOLETTA.

A SHORT FAIRY OPERETTA FOR CHILDREN.

#### **ISA J. POSTGATE.** HERBERT W. WAREING. ACT I.

ARGUMENT .- One of the duties of the Frost Fairies is to protect all fir trees at the Christmas season: at this time of the year many fir trees are plucked up by mortals, who use them as Christmas trees. To obviate this calamity the Fairies change the fir trees for seven days into supernatural beings like themselves, and when the Christmas season is past they restore them to their forest forms. The fairy Nicoletta was once a fir tree; to avoid annihilation she had some years ago (with the other fir trees) been made a Fairy in the usual way for seven days. On the expiration of these seven days, however, she had, by special permission, been allowed to remain as a Fairy, instead of being changed back to a fir tree.

Nicoletta wishes once more to become a fir tree. The Fairies point out that to change her to a fir tree now, of all times in the year, would simply mean her destruction; she would inevitably be seized by the mortals, and converted into a Christmas tree. Nicoletta, however, longs to become a Christmas tree, so that she may confer happiness. After much remonstrance the Princess consents to work the transformation, and Nicoletta drinks from a phial given her by Princess Snowflake and becomes again a fir tree.

#### ACT II.

The scene is now changed to the Ball Room in Thrushcross Grange. A Christmas tree is there, brilliantly lighted up and decorated : this Christmas tree is the fir tree into which Nicoletta has been changed. Princess Snowflake now appears upon the scene, and after asking Nicoletta (as the Spirit of the Christmas tree) if she is happy, and receiving an affirmative reply, she sings a song and departs. The children next come on, and there is a scene of much merriment. After their departure Snowflake again appears and sings a farewell to the Christmas tree, which the Fairies supplement by a Chorus praising the unselfishness and self-sacrifice of Nicoletta.

Note.-It is almost unnecessary to point out that the same performers who play the Fairies can take the parts of the children, if required.

There are five principal singing parts, and the choruses are for unison only.

Time taken, about half-an-hour. Price (A) 1s.; (B) 6d. Book of Words, 10s. per 100.

# PRINCESS ZARA.

AN ORIGINAL OPERETTA FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

#### CLAUDE AVELING. ARTHUR SOMERVELL.

ABRIDGED ARGUMENT .- The aged King Buonocore is about to resign the throne in favour of his daughter, Zara. Butterfly, Queen of the Fairies, warns the Court of disaster should the Princess come to the throne, but her warning goes unheeded. The King, a scalle humorist and anti-superstitionist, having expressed his contempt for witches and superstitions, the Witches foretell a dreadful retribution on him for his incredulity.

Act II. shows the working of the Witches' curse: Zara has forgotten everything that happened before the coronation, the King, her father, and the Prince, her lover, have been sent to the kitchen to be cooks, for Zara thinks they are intruders, and half the household is under sentence of death. In the end Butterfly restores Zara to her senses. Zara recognises her father, asks his pardon, and the spell is broken.

There are six solo singing parts, and five characters have dialogue only. There are choruses in two parts for Maids of Honour and Nobles, Butterfly Fairies, &c.

Time taken, about one hour and three-quarters.

ORCHESTRAL PARTS CAN BE HIRED. Price (A) 2s.: (B) 9d.

Book of Words, 15s. per 100.

### PUNCH AND JUDY.

A COMIC OPERETTA FOR CHILDREN.

BERNARD PAGE.

**ARTHUR RICHARDS.** 

ARGUMENT.-Punch has slain many victims, and Judy (his wife) is in hourly dread of becoming another. The shades of the murdered haunt Punch as Marionettes, and one of them (the Clown) is the ghost of a former admirer of Judy, whom she still loves dearly, but cannot marry till she dies. In a fit of anger Punch kills Judy, and the Marionettes vow revenge. Part II. witnesses the haunting and death of Punch by the hand of Jack Ketch, and the union of the Clown with Judy, amid universal rejoicings.

SCENE-Interior of Marionette Show. Curtains will do. but an out-door setting is preferable.

There are three solo parts (Punch, Judy, and Clown). with two-part choruses of Marionettes and three (short) speaking parts.

Time taken, about thirty-five minutes.

Price (A) 1s. 6d.; (B) 6d.

Book of Words, 12s. 6d. per 100.

# PUSS-IN-BOOTS.

A HUMOROUS OPERETTA FOR BOYS.

- LOUIS B. TISDALE. G. F. HUNTLEY. CHABACTERS
  - RUPERT The Miller's three sons. RANDOLPH REUBEN PUSS-IN-BOOTS. THE KING. THE COURT CHAMBERLAIN. THE OGRE. THE OGRE'S SECRETARY. FIRST MILLER. SECOND MILLER. THIRD MILLER. MILLERS, COURTIERS, ATTENDANTS, &c. SCENE I.-Exterior of the Old Mill. Scene II.—The Ogre's Castle.

ARGUMENT.—This operetta is a new version of the familiar story of Puss-in-Boots. The old miller had just died and left the substantial part of his fortune to

his youngest son Reuben, while his other two sons have to content themselves with a cat and a donkey respectively. Rupert, with the cat, turns out to have much the best of the bargain, for the cat is the noted Puss-in-Boots, who is determined to improve his master's prospects in every way and at any cost.

His first step is to dub Rupert a marquis, and then to introduce him to the King, who accepts Puss-in-Boots' explanation of his master's position, and promises to visit the so-called Marquis of Carabas at his castle, much to the discomfiture of Rupert, who is compelled to hold his tongue by the irrepressible Puss-in-Boots.

The scene changes to the Ogre's Castle, where the Private Secretary is lamenting his hard life, but is cheered by the thought that he will soon be giving up his post and leaving the castle for good.

Puss-in-Boots enters, ostensibly to apply for the vacant post, but in reality to find out for himself all about the Ogre and his castle. After a short scene with the Ogre, the latter, who has power during one hour a day to assume any shape he pleases, changes himself into a mouse, and is immediately pounced upon by Puss-in-Boots.

The Castle Ogre thus becomes the Castle Carabas, and a grand entertainment is given in honour of the King, who is so pleased with everything and everybody that he makes Rupert a real marquis, ennobles his two brothers, and all ends in a happy manner.

The music includes an instrumental introduction, a march, and an interlude. There are solos and duets for six principal characters, with unison and two-part choruses.

Time taken, about one hour and a half. ORCHESTRAL PARTS CAN BE HIRED. Price (A) 28.; (B) 9d.

Book of Words, 12s. 6d. per 100.

# QUEEN MAB AND THE KOBOLDS.

AN ORIGINAL OPERETTA FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

SHAPCOTT WENSLEY.

CHAS. BRAUN.

ARGUMENT.—Scene I. is in the Castle of Pooka, King of the Kobolds, a race of mischievous fairies or gnomes, akin to the Brownies or Pixies of folklore. They have captured several of the attendant fairies of Queen Mab, who are discovered lamenting their sorry plight. One of them, however, relates in a song that their whereabouts and condition are known, and that Queen Mab and her guards will soon set them at liberty. Pooka enters, accompanied by his Jester and others, and finds much merriment in the discomfort of his captives. Eventually Kobold Castle is stormed and, at the command of the Queen, Pooka and a number of his panic-stricken courtiers are led out to be conveyed as prisoners to Fairyland.

Scene II. is in the Palace of Queen Mab, and opens with a pageant of fairies, who are assembled to do homage to their sovereign. Mab enters, accompanied by her courtiers, and commands that Pooka and the Kobold prisoners be brought in for trial. His late victims give their evidence in song, and Pooka is allowed to plead his own case. The fairies interceding, the Kobolds are forgiven on their promising never again to molest a fairy, and in the world of mortals teasing only the bad-tempered. All ends happily, the glow-worms get their lamps atrim, and to the music of the crickets' castanets, a fairy dance, in which the Kobolds take part, marks the good understanding between Pooka and Mab.

The music is not difficult, and the choruses are in two parts.

Time taken, about an hour and twenty minutes. ORCHESTRAL PARTS CAN BE HIRED. Price (A) 28.; (B) 9d. Book of Words, 128. 6d. per 100.

# RED RIDING-HOOD'S RECEPTION.

EDWARD OXENFORD

#### THOMAS FACER.

THE heroine of this work, having inherited her grandmother's money, plays the hostess, and among her guests invites a number of well-known characters.

Each one favours the company with a song, and in addition to easy **two-part** choruses there are a Spanish Dance and a Skipping-rope Dance.

Time taken, about one hour and a half, but the piece may be shortened by omitting some of the characters.

ORCHESTRAL PARTS CAN BE HIRED. Price (A) 2s. 6d.; (B) 9d.

Book of Words, 10s. per 100.

# RIP VAN WINKLE.

SYDNEY HARROWING. T. MASKELL HARDY.

An arrangement of episodes from Washington Irving's "Rip van Winkle" story. One soprano and two mezzosoprano soloists are required. The choruses are nearly all in two parts. The Prefatory Notes contain full and explicit directions concerning costumes, dances, and other factors in performance.

Time taken, nearly two hours.

Staff Notation, 1s. 6d.; (B) 6d.

ORCHESTRAL PARTS CAN BE HIRED.

# SANTA CLAUS AND HIS COMRADES.

#### LOUIS B. TISDALE. E. OUSELEY GILBERT.

ARGUMENT.—The first scene opens in the home of Santa Claus and his comrades. Great preparations are being made for the annual visit to the children, whom they love so well. Santa Claus, jovial and merry, appears, and in a descriptive song, explains what he is about to do. But he cannot carry out his plans without the help of his faithful coadjutors. He summons his private secretary, Inky, who brings into his master's presence all the comrades of Santa Claus. They each offer some special kind of toy or Christmas present, and, amidst the good wishes of all, Santa Claus departs upon his mission.

The second scene is the children's playroom. A number of children on the point of going to bed, are speculating upon what Santa Claus will bring them. One of the boys proposes that they should keep awake, but they are all too sleepy; so after hanging their stockings up in an adjoining room, they all go off to bed. Then Inky stealthily creeps in, followed by Santa Claus. The latter fears that on this night he will be discovered. After a duet, they both go off to perform their allotted tasks. Jack, the wakeful boy, enters, and is so delighted at having caught Santa Claus, that he runs away to wake the others. Santa Claus enjoys the joke, and to show that he bears the children no ill-will, summons all his comrades to join in an extempore meriment with them.

There are thirteen singing parts and one speaking part, and numerous easy **two-part** choruses for Santa Claus' comrades and the children.

Time taken, about one hour and a half.

ORCHESTRAL PARTS CAN BE HIRED.

Price (A) 2s.; (B) 8d.

Book of Words, 12s. 6d. per 100.

# SING A SONG OF SIXPENCE.

A SHORT OPERETTA FOR CHILDREN.

#### SYDNEY HARDCASTLE. M. E. WINCHESTER.

This little piece, which occupies about twenty minutes in performance, is intended for either the drawing-room or school-room, and may be performed with or without costumes and accessories.

ORCHESTRAL PARTS CAN BE HIRED.

#### Price (A) 6d.

# THE BABES IN THE WOOD.

A COMIC OPERETTA.

#### G. JACOBL SHAPCOTT WENSLEY.

THIS is a fairy version of the old story, the only mortals included being the two "Babes" and their wicked uncle.

A portion of the dialogue is provided with incidental music. There are eight principal singing parts and choruses for Fairies (two-part) and little Robins (unison).

CHARACTERS.	Compass of Music.
Doris Roland } the Babes	$\begin{cases} D & \text{to } F^1 \\ D & F^1 \end{cases}$
Roland )	
The Baron, their Uncle	С# ~ F#' Ер ~ Ер'
The Fairy Queen	Е <b>р -</b> Ері
Blacky Browny Wicked Sprites	{ E • F <b>‡</b> ' E • E'
Cock Robin	С≝ ≁ Е!
Mrs. Robin, his wife	Е <sup>т</sup> ″ Е!

ORCHESTRAL PARTS CAN BE HIRED.

Price (A) 2s.; (B) 9d.

Book of Words, 15s. per 100.

# THE BEE QUEEN.

AN OPERETTA FOR JUNIOR CLASSES.

P. H. CRIB. (Author of "King Bulbous.")

A. MOFFAT.

ABGUMENT.---A party of Bees, hoping to put an end to the yearly strife between rival Queens, have taken prisoner the little Princess Perdita whom they found lost in the wood, and have set her on their Throne. She is able to converse with the Bees owing to the discovery of Bumble, one of the Bees, that "Three poppy buds upon a single stalk Enable boys and girls with bees to talk."

All are happy under her rule except Huzzy, who thinks that she has a right to the Throne. While the Princess is out for her daily walk, strongly guarded, she drops her Poppy Spray, which is found by her brother, Prince Peto, who is searching the woods for his lost sister. He meets Huzzy outside the Bees' nest and hears from her of his sister's captivity. Huzzy offers to help in the escape of the Princess. The Prince disguises himself in the cap and wings of Dreamy, a Drone, who is lying asleep, and enters the Bees' nest. He persuades Bumble to allow him to return the Spray to the Queen outside the nest. She is brought out, and receives back the Spray to the joy of all the Bees. Huzzy accuses Dreamy of having lost his cap and wings, a serious offence against Bee-law. Prompted by Huzzy the

Queen condemns him to be stung. The Bees, except Huzzy, hand their stings to the Queen to carry out the punishment. Prince Peto throws off his disguise, and the Bees being weaponless, can offer no resistance to the Princess's escape. Huzzy, as the only Bee possess-ing a sting, proclaims herself Queen, and Perdita, in placing the crown on her head, exhorts her to rule with iustice.

> The Choruses are in unison throughout. Price (A) 1s.: (B) 6d.

# THE COURT CARD.

A MUSICAL SKETCH FOR JUNIOR CLASSES.

MADGE HART-DAVIS. CHARLES HART-DAVIS. DRAMATIS PERSONÆ.

THE KING OF HEARTS THE QUEEN OF HEARTS

THE ACE (their daughter) THE KNAVE OF HEARTS

#### COURTIERS.

JACE ) JILL SIMPLE SIMON OLD MOTHER HUBBARD TOM, TOM, THE PIPER'S SON )

LITTLE BOY BLUE ) LITTLE BO-PEEP LITTLE JACK HORNER

MARY, MARY, QUITE CONTRARY | THE BABES IN THE WOOD

Herald, Maids of Honour, Pages, Cooks, Jailors, Executioner.

This is a version of the old story of the Knave of Hearts who stole the tarts. The scenery and dresses may be extremely simple, though both can, of course, he elaborated to any extent. The music is very simple and includes many nursery rhymes arranged. The choruses are in unison throughout.

Price (A) 1s. 6d.; (B) 6d.

# THE COURT OF QUEEN SUMMERGOLD.

A FAIRY OPERETTA FOR CHILDREN.

ISA J. POSTGATE.

H. W. WAREING.

ABGUMENT .-- Queen Summergold holds her Court; the Summer Fairies have gathered to meet her; the Queen announces the fact that she is expecting the return of her four emissaries, Snowflake, Zephyr, Raindrop, and Sunbeam. The Fairies have been sent out a year ago, and the Queen proposes to confer a signal mark of favour on that one of the four whose good deeds shall have appeared to shine most conspicuously. The Envoys appear and each one recounts her adventures during the past year. Originally the Queen had intended to raise to the rank of Princess that Fairy whose services seemed to merit most praise; on hearing, however, their adventures, she is so much struck with the excellence of their work that she raises all four to the dignity of Princesses. A joyous chorus concludes the piece.

There are five principal singing parts and one speaking part.

The choruses are for unison only. A gavotte (No. 10) is provided for dancing.

ORCHESTRAL PARTS CAN BE HIRED.

Price (A) 1s.; (B) 6d.

Book of Words, 10s. per 100.

### THE DAISY CHAIN. Words and Music by HAMILTON CLARKE.

SUMMARY OF ABGUMENT.—The annual ceremony on the First of May of the Installation of the Queen of the Daisy Chain has been instituted by the schoolmaster of the village (Mr. Gustavus Thorpe) for the purpose of rewarding the most accomplished and popular of the scholars in the girls' school. The celebration of this event affords opportunity for an interesting display, and the author has woven into it a very ingenious and amusing plot, in which some of the most interesting characters are the Schoolmaster and Schoolmistress, a Ladies' Volunteer Ambulance Corps, commanded by Surgeon-Captain Amanda Chuckles. In all there are five singing parts and six speaking parts, and choruscs in **two parts** of schoolboys and girls. The scene is laid in the playground of the school.

Time taken, about one hour.

Price (A) 2s. 6d.; (B) 9d. Book of Words, 12s. 6d. per 100.

# THE ENCHANTED ISLAND.

AN ORIGINAL OPERETTA FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

#### SHAPCOTT WENSLEY. PERCY E. FLETCHER.

ARGUMENT.—"Before the discovery of America the Canarians considered the strange fruits, &c., washed to their shores as coming from the Enchanted Island of St. Borondon, which, according to certain legends, was stuated toward the West, in an unknown part of the ocean, buried, as was supposed, in eternal mists" (Humboldt).

The Scene of this Operetta is laid in this Enchanted Island, and in the opening numbers we see the Fairies of the Waves, Winds, and Flowers at their revels. They are interrupted by the entrance of Pixie, who introduces herself in a song as the "Spirit of Mischief," and then proceeds to tell of her adventures amongst She has carried a Sailor Boy, whom she mortals. found sleeping upon a ship beyond the mists, from the deck to the Island. This causes much dismay, as, should foot of mortal touch the shore all enchantment While they are expressing their concern, ceases. Jacky, the little sailor, approaches, and the Fairies become invisible. He cannot understand what has become invisible. He cannot understand what has happened, and sings longingly of his home, with sad reflections on the possibility of his becoming part of a cannibal banquet. Soft, reassuring voices are heard, after which the Fairy Queens appear, and finally all the Fairies trooping in, join in a graceful dance before the bewildered boy. He is still, however, anxious to go home. At one point he amazes the fairies by munching a biscuit, but the travelled Pixie explains in a song the difference in this respect between Fairies and Mortals. Suddenly it is discovered that the enchanted mists have vanished, and that ships of various nations are approaching the shore. Amongst these Jacky joyfully recognises his good ship "Nancy Jane." To console the frightened Fairies, Jacky fixes a small Union Jack in the bank, assuring them that his country's flag will afford them a better protection than that hitherto given by the mists. A farewell song by the Fairies, a promise from Jacky to come again, and all ends happily on the Enchanted Island.

The Operetta is in one Act and one Scene. The choruses are nearly all in two parts.

Some of the dialogue is provided with incidental music. The music, however, may be omitted if preferred.

Time taken, about one hour.

ORCHESTRAL PARTS CAN BE HIRED.

Price (A) 2s.; (B) 9d.

Book of Words, 15s. per 100,

# THE ENCHANTED PALACE. SHAPCOTT WENSLEY. ARTHUR SOMERVELL.

ARGUMENT.—"The Enchanted Palace" is a new version of a story that has cheered and charmed the childhood of many generations, the evergreen legend of "The Sleeping Beauty."

It is the seventeenth birthday of the beautiful Princess Grystal, and the opening of Act I. discloses her fairy guardians in an apartment of the palace. Their endeavours to fill her life with perfect happiness have been to an extent thwarted by a powerful but malicious fairy, who now appears, and with triumph proclams that the Princess is to die at noon. The Fairy of Life, unable to wholly undo the mischief of her potent adversary, undertakes to throw a spell over the entire palace by which the Princess and all about her shall fall into a profound slumber for a hundred years. During this long interval the sleepers are to be protected by an enchanted thicket and remain motionless as figures of marble. At the expiration of the century the spell is to be broken by the arrival of a Prince.

The fairies vanish, and without change of scenery the preparations for the royal festivities proceed. Much amusement should be created by the humorons characters: the three pillars of the State—viz., the Wise Man, the Poet, and the Jester; also by the Chancellor, and the impecunious King, who, in acknowledgment of his subjects' loyalty, presents them, through his minister, with a new and beautiful scheme of taxation which shall include them all. At the stroke of noon, while a dance is in progress, the Fairy enchantment falls upon the palace. The dance is arrested, and all the figures upon the stage become instantly fixed and motionless. This tableau closes the First Act.

Act II. reveals the outside of the thicket a hundred years afterwards, and the arrival of Prince Emerald, who learns the story of the sleeping Frincess from the fairies, who appear as village maidens.

The removal of the thicket presents the still and silent scene as in the tableau closing Act I. The Prince enters as the century is on the point of expiring, and just in time to frustrate the evil Fairy, who is waiting the moment to turn palace and people into dust 1 He takes the hand of Princess Crystal and the spell is broken, the dance being resumed where it had been stopped a hundred years before. Prince Emerald's story, which is received with huge merriment, leads to much complication and bewilderment, and gives scope to the humorous characters; but, being eventually confirmed, all ends in happiness.

There are eight singing parts (all with moderate range) and three speaking parts. The choruses are nearly all in two parts.

Time taken, seventy minutes. ORCHESTBAL PARTS CAN BE HIRED. Price (A) 28.; (B) 8d. Book of Words, 12s. 6d. per 100.

# THE FAIRY SLIPPER

(The Story of Cinderella).

A CHILDREN'S OPERA IN THREE TABLEAUX.

### The Music composed by E. CUTHBERT NUNN

THE old story of Cinderella is unfolded. There are seven singing characters—viz., the Prince, the Baron, the Lord Chamberlain, the Fairy Godmother, and the Baron's Daughters—Betsibel, Dorinda, and Cinderella. The choruses are in **two parts** and there are several dances. The work affords ample scope for scenic display and acting. All the parts can be performed by girls.

Time taken, about one hour and a quarter.

ORCHESTRAL PARTS CAN BE HIRED.

Price (A) 2s.; (B) 8d. Book of Words, 12s. 6d. per 100.

### THE FROLICSOME HOURS. MUSICAL FANTASY IN TWO ACTS.

#### ALICE C. GATES. THOMAS F. DUNHILL. Scene: An old-fashioned Schoolroom.

ARGUMENT.—Act I.—Dame Brown, who finds the heat rather trying, is taking a nap, while her pupils are singing to themselves. They sing of the dullness of the schoolroom, and of their longing for playtime. Dame Brown awakes, and, after hearing their lesson, prepares to leave them awhile, first drawing their attention to the Grandfather Clock, observing that Father Time is a model of punctuality to all children, and, were there discontent or laziness in the clock, order would vanish. When she has departed the children conceive the idea of calling for Father Time to come and give them holidays. He suddenly appears, and promises the little scholars their liberty, then throws down the clock he carries, and vanishes. Thereupon the twelve Fairies of the Hours run out of the Grandfather Clock.

In Act II. the children find all play and no work wearisome. They vainly try to amuse themselves, and at last, after a more violent quarrel than usual, they recall Father Time and entreat him to restore the old order of things.

There is no part-singing and the music is easy. Time taken, about an hour.

Price (A) 1s. 6d.; (B) 6d.

### THE HOURS.

AN OPERETTA FOR FEMALE VOICES. SHAPCOTT WENSLEY. J. L. ROECKEL.

ARGUMENT.--It is an out-door Scene with foliage and a raised bank at the back. The rising curtain discloses Old Time standing upon the bank, with Dawn partly visible on his left, and Night in the act of departing on his right. Old Time complains of fatigue, and seeing that all things are apparently in working order, descends from his place for the purpose of having "forty winks." Thereupon everything goes wrong. Dawn, Noon, Evening, and Night all appear at once, and each summoning her attendant hours, claims to be Queen and leader of the Day. Finally Old Time re-appears and sternly puts all in order once more.

"The Hours" gives opportunity for many effective tableaux. The music includes a short overture, a "graceful dance," which can be omitted if no dancing is available, solos for four principal characters, and choruses in two parts.

The work is frequently performed as a cantata with recitation, without scenery or dresses.

Time taken, about forty-five minutes. ORCHESTRAL PARTS CAN BE HIRED. Price (A) 25.; (B) 9d. Book of Words, 105. per 100.

### THE IDEA.

#### HUMOROUS OPERETTA FOR CHILDREN IN TWO ACTS. FRITZ B. HART. GUSTAY YON HOLST.

ARGUMENT.—The Prime Minister has become possessed of a wonderful idea, through which he hopes to bring happiness to the people of his country. But when this idea is applied it results in discontent and the wildest confusion. The populace rise up in revolt, but they are pacified by the promise to revert to the old state of things, and the assurance that the Prime Minister will never, never have another idea.

There are solos and concerted numbers for six principal characters (three girls and three boys). The choruses are in unison throughout. The scenery for both acts is the same.

> Time taken, about an hour. ORCHESTRAL PARTS CAN BE HIRED. Price (A) 1s.; (B) 6d. Book of Words, 12s. 6d. per 100.

### THE KNAVE OF HEARTS. KATHERINE and ALICE GREY. ARTHUR SOMERYELL.

The Play is founded on the well-known Nursery Rhyme. CHARACTERS REPRESENTED.

UNALLOTIONS MELT

TEN, NINE, EIGHT, AND ACE OF HEARTS.  $\left. \begin{array}{c} \text{Bo-PEEP.} \\ \text{Fairy Queen.} \\ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ \text{St} \\ 2 \\ \text{ND} \\ 3 \\ \text{RD} \\ 4 \\ \text{Th} \end{array} \right\} \text{Fairies.}$ 

Courtiers and Fairies.

The staging of the play presents no great difficulties, and the dresses consist mainly of pasteboard to represent a pack of cards. Very effective tableaux are therefore possible. Suggestions are given in the preface. The choruses are in two parts.

Time taken, nearly two hours.

ORCHESTRAL PARTS CAN BE HIRED.

Price (A) 2s.; (B) 8d.

# THE MAGICIAN.

A HUMOROUS OPERETTA FOR CHILDREN.

LOUIS B. TISDALE.

A. L. YINGOE.

ARGUMENT. — The scene opens in the village of Toppledowndale on the first of May, many years ago.

As the curtain rises the chorus children dance on to the refrain of a song in praise of May Day. The children, among whom is a boy who treats everything from a humorous point of view, and another who is very discontented, are in doubt how to spend the day. At last a pienic is decided upon. Bob, a discontented boy, hates pienics, and goes off by himself. Then Jack runs in with the news that a Magician is about to appear in the village. All the children decide that it will be a pleasant finish to the day if they go to the entertainment at the Town Hall in the expring, and they start off for their pienic in the best of spirits. Bob returns, carrying a picturesque hat and cloak which he has found. These are the property of the Magician. Bob resolves to impersonate the great man, and he and Dick go into the village for that purpose. The Magician now enters, and is in great distress at the loss of his garments. The children troop in and are accused of the theft. They are very angry, and are about to drive him from the place, when he mesmerises them, and as they stand transfixed, sings a mocking song. He removes the spell and they plead to him for mercy. He relents, and they go off to find the lost property. Bob and Dick return, having had a miserable day. The hat and cloak are restored, and everybody is invited to the Town Hall in the evening.

There are nine principal parts and five smaller ones, and choruses in two parts.

Time taken, about forty-five minutes. ORCHESTRAL PARTS CAN BE HIRED.

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### THE MISSING DUKE. Words and Music by HAMILTON CLARKE.

ABGUMENT.—The plot deals with the mysterious disappearance of the Grand Duke of Hofflichsbichstein, who wishes to ascertain personally the state of loyalty of his subjects. Under various disguises he mixes freely amongst all classes of his people, and successfully accomplishes his object.

There are eight principal characters and choruses for Peasants, Soldiers, Sailors, Bandits, &c. The two latter can be taken by the same set of boys if desired. The music is not difficult, and the choruses are in **two parts** only. The work is as suitable for adults as it is for children.

PRINCIPAL CHARACTERS. THE BURGOMASTER. AN INNKEEPER. A CAPTAIN. A SEBGEANT. A MYSTERIOUS MAN. (One A PEDLAR. person.) THE GRAND DUKE OF HOFFLICHSBICHSTEIN LISETTE (Burgomaster's daughter). ANNETTE (her friend). Time taken, about eighty minutes. ORCHESTRAL PARTS CAN BE HIRED. Price (A) 2s. 6d.; (B) 9d. Book of Words, 12s, 6d, per 100.

## THE OLD YEAR'S VISION.

AN OPERETTA OR CANTATA FOR SCHOOLS AND CLASSES.

### HETTIE M. HAWKINS. PERCY E. FLETCHER. CHARACTERS.

OLD YEAR (Contraito). TIME (Speaking only). SPRING (Soprano). SPRIN

NEW YEAR, a little child (*Mute*). Attendants upon Old Year, New Year, and the Seasons.

The work may be staged as an Operetta with costume, or given without costume or movement as a Cantata with Recitation. It may also be given as a series of tableaux with musical illustrations and recitation. For this, effective tableaux can be formed of the following situations: — Old Year's death-bed; The Coming of Spring; The Approach of Summer; Autumn's Welcome; Winter's Awakening; The Advent of New Year.

For stage performance the attendants upon Old Year may be fairly numerous and sing all the Choruses; they should be dressed in sombre draperies. New Year's attendants should be all little children in light robes. The Seasons may be attended by their different months, or may have larger bodies of attendants appropriately attired.

A Dance is introduced which may be taken partly as a Solo Dance for Autumn, with reapers attendant upon her joining in; it may, however, be omitted if desired. Choruses in two parts.

> ORCHESTRAL PARTS CAN BE HIRED. Price (A) 1s. 6d.; (B) 6d.

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# THE RIVAL FLOWERS.

AN OPERETTA FOR GIRLS.

#### SHAPCOTT WENSLEY. KA

KATE BOUNDY.

ARGUMENT.—" The Rival Flowers" is a short Floral Operetta, giving opportunities for tasteful grouping and pretty tableaux. The performers represent various flowers, and if dressed appropriately the effect is very picturesque.

The Wild Flowers feel slighted by those of the Garden, especially by the Rose, and decide to select a leader of their own. They remain sullen and apart when the Garden Flowers enter. Then follow bickerings and irritation, until the Rose, acting as peacemaker, subdues the Daisy, who has been chief of the rebels. Concord is restored, and in the song "The Mission of the Flowers" the Rose shows how each may do her part toward filling the world with happiness and beauty. A final chorus seals the new friendship.

> Time taken, about thirty-five minutes. Price (A) 1s. 6d.; (B) 6d. Book of Words, 12s. 6d. per 100.

# THE SILVER PENNY.

AN OPERETTA FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.

### LOUIS B. TISDALE. J. L. ROECKEL.

ARGUMENT.—It is a holiday and the children, fresh from school, are making arrangements for enjoying it to the best advantage. To them enters Will Dalton, "the unhappy boy," who declines all their invitations to join in the general gladness and mirth, and is left behind to brood over his misery in a song, "I'm the saddest of boys," after which he falls off to sleep. The Fairy Contentment and her attendant fays discover him and sing a lullaby over him. The Fairy wears round her neck a Silver Penny, which brings peace and contentment to its wearer. This she hangs round the sleeping boy's neck, and he is eventually transformed into one of the happiest of boys.

There are principal parts for four girls and three boys with easy **two-part** choruses for fairies and school children.

Time taken, about fifty minutes.

ORCHESTRAL PARTS CAN BE HIRED.

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### THE SNOW QUEEN.

AN OPERETTA FOR CHILDREN'S VOICES.

Mrs. GEORGE MARTYN. CHARLES BRAUN.

ARGUMENT.—Gerda and Kaye are playfellows, but the latter, through the spells of the Snow Queen and her attendant Spirits, is carried away from his native town and imprisoned in an ice fortress, where even his heart is in danger of being frozen.

Gerda mourns him as dead, till assured by the Flower Fairies that he still lives, when she wanders northward in search of him.

A Witch in Finland speeds her on her way, and after many dangers she reaches the Snow Queen's palace, and finds Kaye. Her warm tears thaw his cold heart and dissolve the spell that binds him, and together they return to sunshine and happiness.

Three scenes are represented. The music includes easy solos for four of the principal characters, two dances, and several easy choruses in one and two parts. A speaking part (the Frost Genius) gives scope for humorous acting. All the parts can be taken by girls.

Time taken, about forty-five minutes. Price (A) 1s.; (B) 6d.

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A JUVENILE SCHOOL OPERETTA; OR, MUSICAL

SKETCH FOR YOUNG CHILDREN.

#### GUS ELLERTON. PERCY E. FLETCHER.

THIS Operetta is designed for performance at School Festivals, Concerts, and other entertainments. The various incidents are brought forward by a girl, Mollie, who wishes to show her numerous toys to her friends; but, after showing the Noah's Ark, Baby Doll, Tin Soldiers, and Jumping Jack, her nurse appears on the scene and quickly orders her off to bed.

There are six principal parts and choruses in **unison**, with an optional second soprano part in the final for any number of boys and girls. The music is bright, taking, and easy.

Time taken, about thirty-five minutes.

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R. G. WADDINGTON.

# THE TRAGEDY OF COCK ROBIN.

SHORT ACTION PIECE FOR JUNIOR CLASSES.

Composed by T. ARTHUR BURTON.

THE Music is mostly in unison. There are many short solos for various characters.

Price (A) 8d.; (B) 3d.

# THE WAXWORK CARNIVAL.

A HUMOROUS OPERETTA FOR SCHOOLS AND CLASSES.

#### BERNARD PAGE. ARTHUR RICHARDS.

ARGUMENT.—Julius Cæsar and Mary, Queen of Scots, are engaged, and arrange with the Waxworks to be married and hold high carnival in their room. Unfortunately, some fifteen hundred years previously, Julius Cæsar had plighted troth with the proud English Queen, Boadicea, who, hearing of his faithlessness, stops the ceremony by announcing an action for breach of promise. This rouses the indignation of the Chorus, who in the second part give vent to their woes; Julius Cæsar comforts them by the assurance that Henry VIII. has looked favourably on Boadicea, and it is highly probable some agreement may be made. Eventually two marriages take place instead of one, and Henry and Boadicea, Julius Cæsar and Mary are united amid great rejoicings, which, however, are brought to an abrupt close by the clock announcing daybreak, and the Waxworks go to sleep as the curtain falls.

There are songs and duets for the four principal characters, and choruses in two parts.

Time taken, about forty-five minutes.

ORCHESTRAL PARTS CAN BE HIRED.

Price (A) 2s.; (B) 8d.

Book of Words, 12s. 6d. per 100.

# THE WITCH OF THE WOOD.

AN OPERETTA FOR CHILDREN.

### MRS. WILLOUGHBY WALLACE.

#### JOHN W. IVIMEY.

ARGUMENT.—Rose and Robin, in search of adventures, have played truant and wandered into the Woods of Wynne. They encounter a Witch, who informs them that the Wood is enchanted and that all children who are found there after sunset are compelled to remain her prisoners until they can devise some means of making her laugh: moreover, she has the power of transforming them into Animals or Birds. The children are consoled by the appearance on the scene of the Fairies, Rosalia and Robina, who promise to help them and who summon to their aid the Dwarf, Mr. Wiseman, who lives in the oak tree. He dresses the children up as Cats, and they sing a Comical Duet with an Unfortunate Finale, at which the Witch laughs, for, as Mr. Wiseman says, she is sure to laugh at anyone's misfortunes. Rose, Robin, and all the other children in the Wood are thus set free.

There are Duets for Rose and Robin; Solos for Rosalia, Robina, and the Dwarf; and Choruses for Fairies, Bats, Roses, and Will-o'-the-Wisps.

Time taken, about an hour and twenty minutes.

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# WHIMLAND.

AN OPERETTA FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

S. P. WADDINGTON.

ABGUMENT.-The children of the village of Konkord ABGUMENT.—The children of the village of Konkord are visited by the Fairy Patience, who is so pleased by a song she has heard them sing that she promises to help them in any emergency. She then leaves them, and Watto and Thomo, two emissaries of Dooaz Ulike, King of Whimland, enter, and endeavour to persuade the children to leave their village and go to Whimland. which is represented as being a country where everyone is allowed to do as he pleases. A child known as "Satisfied Susie" saves her companions from temptation, but is so uneasy at the thought that Watto and Thomo are in the village that she summons the Fairy Patience, to obtain her assistance in driving them away. The Fairy consents, but Watto contrives to steal her magic wand, without which she is powerless. With the aid of the wand, Watto summons several dissatisfied children, and, by means of artful promises, despatches them to Whimland. He has, however, temporarily placed the wand against the trunk of a tree, where it is found by Fairy Patience, who thus re-enters into possession of her magical powers. Watto suspects Thomo of having stolen the wand, and schemes to recover it. Thomo has also a scheme for obtaining the wand from Watto, but both schemes are interrupted by Fairy Patience's reappearance with the true wand. which she uses to bring the dissatisfied children back from Whimland. They have been so miserable there that Fairy Patience refrains from punishing them further. Watto and Thomo are also forgiven, and the curtain falls on general rejoicing.

Children are likely to enjoy the dialogue. The music is full of melody, and will interest both young singers and musicians. The choruses are nearly all in two parts.

Time taken, about an hour and a half.

ORCHESTRAL PARTS CAN BE HIRED.

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### YE OLDE ENGLYSHE

### PASTYMES.

#### By Rev. F. W. GALPIN.

The reproduction of old English dances and rustic sports by the children of Hatfield Broad Oak, Essex, has created so general an interest that it has been thought desirable to publish a description of the performance in detail for the benefit of any who may wish to provide a similar entertainment. The Incidental Music consists of a selection of Songs, Dances, and Interludes of the period represented, with pianoforte accompaniments specially written by Mr. Hamilton Clarke.

Full directions with illustrations are given as to Costumes, &c., and the Sports include the following: a Jig for the Merry Milkmaids, a Tucket for the Hunting Horns, Shepherds' Musick, Musick for the Maypole, Morris Dance, Sport at the Popinjay, Tilting at the Quintain, the Quarterstaff, Casting the Dart, Ring Nail, &c.

ORCHESTRAL PARTS CAN BE HIRED.

#### Price (A) 1s. 6d.

Book of Words, 7s. 6d. per 100.

The following works (marked t), although not provided with connecting dialogue, can be effectively performed in costume.

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in packets of 25 copies at the advertised rates per 100. Single copies, 3d. each. Books of Words of the Operettas, 6d. each.

### A DAY IN SUMMER.

A JUVENILE CANTATA, SPECIALLY FOR THE USE OF Schools and Classes, or JUVENILE ENTERTAINMENTS.

ANTONY TEMPLEMORE. J. H. ADAMS. ABGUMENT.-In this Cantata there is nothing of a dramatic character attempted, the idea being simply to describe by means of bright, tuneful solos, a duet, and two-part choruses, the pleasures of the country in Summer-time.

> Time taken, about forty minutes. Price (A) 1s. 6d.; (B) 6d. Book of Words, 7s. 6d. per 100.

#### **† ALL THE YEAR ROUND.** SUITABLE FOR SCHOOL USE. CHARLES KARLYLE and | AMY BRIAND. } **GUSTAY ERNEST.**

This work contains recitations for the four Seasons, which, it is suggested, may be given by several persons, each representing a different Season, with attendants in appropriate costume. There are six **two-part** choruses, which are well within the capabilities of the upper part of a good school. Accompaniments are provided for several of the longer recitations, and a Harvest Dance, arranged as a dust for the pianoforte, is also included. Price (Staff Notation) 1s. 6d.; (B) 9d. Book of Words, 7s. 6d. per 100.

## A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

A CANTATA FOR SCHOOLS. SHAPCOTT WENSLEY. T. FACER. "A MERBY CHRISTMAS" is a brief epitome of some of

the pastimes and pleasures in which young people, and oftentimes older ones also, find such keen delight at the festive season.

The Cantata opens with a general praise of Christmas Then follow allusions to the pleasant reunions time. and the merry round games familiar to all. The number entitled "The Rival Dances" sets forth the respective allurements of "The Waltz," "The Polka," and the everyreen "Old Sir Roger de Coverley." A jocund carol by some singers "outside in the snow" prompts the kindly feelings ever associated with the Seeson, and all ends merrily to the sound of the Christmas bells. The aim has been to provide a school cantata which shall combine brevity and brightness. Easy choruses in two parts.

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### A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM Selected and Arranged by

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This fairy play provides almost unique opportunities for the employment of music, and many composers have for the employment of music, and many composers have from time to time endeavoured to embody Shakespeare's ideas in musical form. The present edition contains musical settings of the following numbers :—"Over hill, over dale," "You spotted snakes," "Through the forest," "The ousel cock," "Up and down," "Now the hungry lion roars," "Through the house," "Trip away." These can be incorporated with Mendelssohn's music to the play.

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# **†AROUND THE WINTER FIRE.**

#### SHAPCOTT WENSLEY. A. R. GAUL.

THE introduction of Nursery Rhymes may cause some who glance through "Around the Winter Fire' to suppose that it is only suitable for children. This would, however, be quite an erroneous conclusion, the cantata being intended to meet the requirements of Senior Girls' Classes as well as to provide for more youthful singers.

The scene is a country house in winter. The beisterous weather without but enhances the cheer within, where a group of all ages are comfortably seated "around the winter fire." They desire to pass the time with songs, but are met by the various excuses "music left at home," "nervousness," &c. It is then suggested that they shall each sing a few lines in turn. to be followed by a chorus, somewhat after the manner of the musical pastime known in the West of England as a "Dutch Chorus." The Nursery Rhymes are introduced in order that the well-known words may make the choruses appear spontaneous.

Choruses in two and three parts.

SHAPCOTT WENSLEY.

Price (Staff Notation) 2s.; (B) 9d.

Book of Words, 10s. per 100.

# A WOODLAND DREAM.

J. A. MOONIE.

ARGUMENT.---Mabel, wandering in the woods, is allured from the path by a butterfly, which, having led her in pursuit as far as an enchanted oak tree, suddenly changes to the Queen of the Fairies. Stepping into the hollow trunk they descend to the radiant home of the Fairy, and are greeted by the Fays. The Queen explains that, hurt by the apathy of mortals, she has brought Mabel to be taught that Fairies will not be slighted. Mabel's song explaining why the modern schoolgirl is inclined to ignore Fairies causes great indignation. At a signal from the Queen the Gnomes rush to secure their prisoner, when suddenly all the lights are extinguished. Mabel, who has been asleep under the oak tree, is awakened by the friends who

have come in quest of her. There are three solo voices required, two sopranos and a contralto (or mezzo-soprano). Choruses in two parts.

ORCHESTRAL PARTS CAN BE HIRED.

#### Price (A) 2s.; (B) 9d.

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# **† BUTTERCUPS AND DAISIES.**

A PASTORAL CANTATA FOR CHILDREN.

#### EDWARD OXENFORD. EATON FANING.

THIS Cantata is descriptive of a day's outing in the meadows, a treat dear to every child; and endeavours to convey the manner in which the sunny hours are spent. There is an introductory Overture arranged as a pianoforte duet, solos for three characters, and five choruses for s. A. Performed in character, it would take about forty minutes. Choruses mostly in two parts.

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# **†** CAPTAIN REECE.

NAUTICAL BALLAD FOR SOLI AND CHORUS OF BOYS. W. S. GILBERT. T. A. BURTON.

SCENE.-Suggesting the deck of a ship. When the ourtain rises, Captain Reece and one of the officers are discovered upon the bridge, on the lock-out, using telescopes. The Boatswain and Crew are on deck, the former in front directing operations with his whistle, which he uses after every solo as a signal for the Chorus to begin.

The following are Cantatas (for Boys' Voices) also with words by W. S. GILBERT and music by T. ARTHUR BURTON.

THE MARTINET (SEQUEL TO CAPTAIN REECE), AND

THE YARN OF THE NANCY BELL. For particulars of these see page 46 of "Classified Catalogue of School Music." Price (A) 1s.; (B) 6d.

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#### + CHRISTMAS SCENES. CLIFTON BINGHAM. FREDERIC H. COWEN.

THIS Cantata, occupying about half-an-hour, will be found a suitable piece for performance in costume at Prize Distributions, &c. Such popular characters as Father Christmas, Santa Claus, Carol Singers, &c., are introduced, and in addition to solos for these, there are several attractive choruses in two parts.

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### HO-HO OF THE GOLDEN BELT. JOHN GODFREY SAXE. HERBERT W. WAREING.

ARGUMENT.—This particular "Story of China," by the American poet John GODFREY SAXE, deals with the marriage of Min-Ne (eldest daughter of wise Wang-Ke) to one Ho-Ho.

Although surrounded by a host of admirers such as Opulent Tin, Lofty Long, Eloquent Tung, Musical Sing and others, Min-Ne makes a most unexpected choice, her selection being Ho-Ho, second cousin ("multiplied by a hundred dozen ") of the Emperor.

Now Ho-Ho, although "high in station," and allowed by the Emperor the honour of wearing a Golden Belt, bears none too good a character: six wives has he already married, and each of these has he "sent to heaven ! "

Some anxiety is therefore naturally felt as to what may be the fate of Min-Ne, and the misgivings in the minds of her friends prove to be well founded, for in the fourteenth week after his marriage Ho-Ho attempts to murder Min-Ne with a "special cup of poisoned tea."

This attempt fails, but he makes another and more effective one: he goes and gets a savage dog, and after starving him, locks him up in an iron bin. Ho-Ho then gives the key of the bin to poor Min-Ne with the impressive adjuration:

"Love, there 's something you mus'n't see

In the chest beneath the orange tree."

There is now a pause. Then come the words :

"Poor mangled Min-Ne! with her latest breath, She told her father the cause of her death.'

The Emperor also hears of the tragedy, and inflicts condign punishment not only on Ho-Ho (whom he condemns to end his life "by the terrible dog that killed his wife "), but upon Ho-Ho's brothers and slaves also.

"And that 's the way that Justice dealt

With wicked Ho-Ho of the Golden Belt!"

The choruses are in two parts.

Price (A) 1s.; (B) 6d.

# + HUMPTY DUMPTY.

LEWIS CARROLL. H. WALFORD DAVIES. A SHORT Cantata for Children consisting of a prelude. four short settings of the old Nursery Rhyme and part of the famous scene between Alice and Humpty Dumpty (from "Alice through the looking-glass ")

The only stage accessory needed is a short section of wall-which may be carried in just before Humpty Dumpty enters, or, if desired, may be erected beforehand.

The pianoforte part is important. Every variety of with a tendency to caricature in all Humpty's utterances. Broadly speaking, the devices of sudden forte, sudden piano, and crisp staccato are to be associated with all his remarks, while a smooth legato and a generally tranquil style should be associated with those of Alice.

Price (Staff Notation) 1s. 6d.; (B) 9d.

#### + JACK HORNER'S RIDE. JOSEPH W. C. HATHAWAY. H. A. L. RUDD.

THIS Cantata can be performed without action, and without special costume. A little dressing-up and slight actions, however, will greatly add to the effectiveness of the performance and will cause the children to put more spirit into their efforts.

CHARACTERS.

The fine lady with rings on her fingers and bells on her toes.

Mr. John Horner.

The Corner Trio.

The Drummer. Chorus of Children.

The choruses are in two parts.

Time taken, about forty-five minutes. ORCHESTRAL PARTS CAN BE HIRED.

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# MERRY GAMES FOR CHILDREN. AN ACTION CANTATA. C. J. BERLYN.

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An April Day. A May Game. Snow-balling.

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### MICE IN COUNCIL. W. MCNAUGHT.

SHAPCOTT WENSLEY. This is a short Cantata designed for concert use, although it would lend itself to presentation in the style of an action song. The music (for two-part chorus, three principal and two other soloists) is continuous.

ARGUMENT .- The Mice are in despair at the ravages of the Cat. Their parliament assembles and the Speaker takes the chair. Twiddle-Dee, Ministerial Leader, makes a speech in which he deplores the situation, and offers the brilliant suggestion that a bell be fixed to the Cat's tail to give due warning of her approach. (Hear, hear. Great enthusiasm.) Twiddle-Dum, Leader of the Opposition, points out that there is a flaw. (Cries of "No, no," "sit down." Considerable disturbance, which subsides after a severe admonishment from the Speaker.) He asks the momentous question, "Who'll bell the Cat?" The Mice look at one another in perplexity and utter an invocation to the world of mouse for the hero to step forth. The adjournment is proposed, seconded, and quickly carried. As the Mice are leaving a noise is heard, and with a squeak they scuttle away in all directions. But poor old Twiddle-Dee is seen no more.

Time of performance, about eighteen minutes. ORCHESTRAL PARTS CAN BE HIRED.

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### OLD MAY-DAY. SHAPCOTT WENSLEY, F. CUNNINGHAM WOODS.

"OLD MAY-DAY" is designed to awaken some of the echoes of bygone days. New conditions of life have tended to change many of the pastimes which once charmed the rural population of Merrie England, and the alteration of the calendar in the last century made it more difficult to obtain the necessary flowers, by placing May-day nearly a fortnight earlier.

In the May-day nearly a fortnight earlier. In "Old May-Day" we get the young men and maidens bringing in the branches of may at dawn; the milkmaids with their shining pails; the Maybells; the dance round the May-pole; the Morris dancers with Maid Marion; the "clean sweeps"; the hobby horses; Jack-in-the-green, and many of the features of the May-day in olden times.

A soprano is required for the principal part, and there are choruses in two and three parts.

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### ORPHEUS.

### W. WORDSWORTH. GEORGE RATHBONE.

THE Poem to which this music is set is one of the many instances of Wordsworth's singular power of seeing beauty, poetry, and moral inwardness in common things.

A blind fiddler in Oxford Street, London, attracts and fascinates a motley crowd by the simple force of melody. He is, then, a modern Orpheus. The older one charmed trees, the modern one uplifts errand boys, lamplighters, and idlers. The legendary one descended into nether regions, the real one gives his hearers a foretaste of heaven. Incidentally, the touching charity of the poor to the poorer is brought out.

Choruses in unison and two parts. There are no solos.

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### + SONS OF THE EMPIRE. M. B. WHITING. T. FACER.

THIS Cantata may be sung by groups of children dressed to represent "Sons of the Empire" described in the songs. In Part I., only two groups will be needed:—Soldiers and Sailors. In Part II. there are four groups: — Australians, Canadians, Indians and South Africans. The Finale gives an opportunity for the whole of the various sections to be massed together under the Union Jack.

In schools and classes where the scheme would be too elaborate, the Cantata could be sung without any attempt at spectacle or special dressing.

Easy choruses in two parts.

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# THE CHILDREN'S SUMMER-DAY.

A SONG-CYCLE FOR YOUNG CHILDREN.

#### By MYLES B. FOSTER.

Time to get up !

A Thanksgiving for Fruit and Flowers. A Romp round the Garden (Pianoforte solo). School Time: The Willow and its lesson. A child's grace before meals, by Herrick. A Country Ramble. Mother's story. Marching off to bed (Pianoforte solo).

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### THE CHILDREN'S WINTER-DAY

A Song-Cycle for Young Children. By MYLES B. FOSTER.

GETTING up by candle light. Falling snowflakes. The garden slide. Dinner-Time (A grace by Herrick). The snow battle. Bacing home (Pianoforte solo). The cosy tea-table. A Carol. To Bed.

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# THE COUNTRY MOUSE.

THIS is a Short Cantata for Juniors with three unison choruses and two solos. The pianoforte part is full of interest, and the vocal music is easy.

The fable of "The Country Mouse and the Town Mouse" is intended to show that what are known as the good things of the world may be obtained at too great a cost; that dainty fare does not always bring enjoyment, nor luxuries happiness.

> Time taken, about ten minutes. Price (A) 1s.; (B) 4d. Book of Words, 7s. 6d. per 100.

### THE FROGS AND THE OX. SHAPCOTT WENSLEY. SIR FREDERICK BRIDGE.

PREFACE.—The writer has not scrupled to make such trifling alterations as were thought desirable to render the little story more suitable for the purpose in view, or to introduce allusions likely to make the meaning more clear to the young singers for whom they are intended. Thus Æsop could not have described the old frog as pumping himself up "like a Dunlop tyre," but the simile will enable even a schoolboy to understand just what happened, and possibly Æsop would have used it had he been living now.

Easy choruses in two parts. The short solos can be sung as unison choruses.

ORCHESTRAL PARTS CAN BE HIRED.

Time taken, about fifteen minutes.

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