

The Discontented Chair.

Oh, dear! I'm sick of having so many people sit in me! The boys get on my back and play horse; and then, when the girls undress their dolls, they stick them into my back, just as if I was an old pin-cushion. I don't believe any one in the world has such an awfully hard time!

Would you really be glad never to be any one sit in you again?" asked a voice right by the side of the chair; it was an old green leather chair that just spoke.

The chair was very much surprised to the voice so near it, and asked: "Who is talking to me?"

The voice answered: "I am a fairy. I have heard all you said, and feel so sorry for you that I am going to give you a present that will prevent any one going near you."

The next person sits down you will make a noise like a pistol, which frighten him away, so that you will never complain of being tired again."

"On lui fera une place," said Adam, and drank his wine, as it seemed to me, to Berlioz's success.

Tuesday morning, when Adam's servant entered his bedroom to bring him his coffee, he found Adam dead. It was he who had made for Berlioz the place he spoke of, and in his fainter Berlioz was elected.

To-day Berlioz is recognized in France as a composer just as he is here and everywhere; as conductor he will never be replaced. The nervous malady which he had, and the failure of his composition which morally killed him, increasing his nervous sensibility to a fearful degree, sharpened his sense of hearing to an extent which seems unattainable under ordinary circumstances.

"The two claronets," he cried out, "are not in tune together."

Stupefied, the claronets stared at him. Like a lion he jumped down and at the terrified musicians.

"Give me the A!" Of course the first clarinet did. "Now your turn!"

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