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MUSICAL GLASSES

Mozart Composed For Them and
Gluck Played Upon Them.

INVENTED BY AN IRISHMAN.

Richard Pockrich, the Versatile Genius
Who Originated Them, Once Used
Their Melody to Charm Away the
Bailiffs Who Had Arrested Him.

Richard Pockrich, an Irishman who
lived in the eighteenth century, was
a true genius, a dreamer and an in-
ventor. He proposed metal pipes, pre-
dicted flying machines, advocated bog
drainage and vine planting in the En-
crad Isle, invented an instrument for
transfusing blood and was for some
years a brewer in Dublin.

It was in the domain of art that he
achieved his one real triumph, the one
by which he is known in contemporary
musical history, by which he became
known to general European civilization
during his lifetime and by which his
name will long survive. He invented
the musical glasses. These can be
heard today in vaudeville houses all
over the world and will probably sur-
vive as long as the musical art itself.
Most of our readers have heard them.
They are simply a set of tumbler or
goblet like glasses selected for tonal
quality to carry out a musical scale.
Pockrich seems to have been the first
man to be struck by the musical tone
in glass, and so he thought the thing
out and produced a scale on which he
could play any melody.

He exhibited his discovery in Dublin
and finally took it to England about
the year 1750, where it became the pos-
session of the hour. Nothing was talk-
ed of but the marvelous, simple, new
musical instrument. It seemed to the
ears of the jaded Londoners that the
heavenly art in all its elemental beauty
had returned to earth. Far from sus-
taining at so very simple an idea for mak-
ing melody, the cognoscenti of London
went into raptures over the musical
glasses. Gluck, the great composer,
who was in London, did not disdain
to play his immortal airs upon them.

"The opera houses more than in
any recent year," wrote Horace Wal-
pole to a friend. "The composer is
Gluck, a German. He is to have a
benefit, at which he is to play a set
of drinking glasses which he modu-
lates with water. I think I have heard
you speak of some such thing."

Not only did Gluck perform upon
Pockrich's new instrument, but Beetho-
ven, Mozart and other great musi-
cians in later years actually com-
posed music for it. Goldsmith refers
to it in "The Vicar of Wakefield." Not
long after the inventor visited London,
and Benjamin Franklin speaks of him
in a letter to a friend thus:

"You have doubtless heard the sweet
tone that is drawn from a drinking
glass by passing a wet finger round its
brim. One Mr. Pockrich, a gentleman
from Ireland, was the first who thought
of playing tunes formed of such tones.
He collected a number of glasses of
different sizes, fixed them near each
other on a table and tuned them by
putting into them water, more or less,
as each note required. The tones were
brought out by passing his fingers
round the brim."

There is a story of Pockrich, who
was making occasional tours to Eng-
land after the invention of the musical
glasses, that illustrates the surprising
effect of his own performance on them.
It is told by his friend Brookhill New-
burgh, a gentleman of wealth and po-
sition, who lived in Dublin at the time:

"Mr. Pockrich in his brewery near
Islandbridge, happening to be one day
seized by bailiffs, thus addressed them:
"Gentlemen, I am your prisoner, but
before I do myself the honor to attend
you give me leave as an humble per-
former in music to entertain you with
a tune."

"Sir," exclaimed one of the bailiffs,
"we came here to execute our warrant,
not to hear tunes."

"Gentlemen," says the captain, "I
submit to your authority, but in the
interim while you are only taking a
drink here, Jack (referring to his ser-
vant, bring a bottle of the finest Soda I
lately distilled—I say, gentlemen, be-
fore you take a drink I shall dispatch
my tune."

"In the meanwhile he flourishes a
piano on the glasses and afterward
displays his skill through all the phre-
nic turns and variations of 'The Black
Joke.' The monsters, charmed with
the magic of his sounds, for some time
stand and gaze. At length, recovering
from their trance, they thus address the
captain.

"Sir, upon your parole of honor to
keep the secret we give you your lib-
erty. 'Tis well playing upon glasses
is not more common; if it were I be-
lieve our trade would find little em-
ployment."

Another musical instrument that
Pockrich developed as no man had

ever dreamed of before was the drum.
He had dreamed of harmony even in
the drum. He planned an orchestra of
drums only. There were to be twenty
of them, varying in size and tone from
the smallest frolics to the basses, to be
played by one person standing with
the drums arranged about him in a
circle. Pockrich never succeeded in
producing true melody from a concert
of drums.

The musical glasses were the direct
cause of Pockrich's death. It was
while he was upon one of his musical
tours in England in the year 1759 that
the hotel in London in which he was
sleeping caught fire and he was burned
to death.—Joseph Lewis French in
New York Post.

IN THE WAKE OF THE MEASLES

The little son of Mrs. O. B. Pal-
mer, Little Rock, Ark., had the
measles. The result was a severe
cough which grew worse and he
could not sleep. She says: "One
bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar
Compound completely cured him
and he has never been bothered
since." Croup, whooping cough,
measles, cough all yield to Foley's
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genuine is in the yellow package al-
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The Work in Ohio.

State Master Laylin gives some in-
teresting figures concerning work in
his state. It says that Ohio is making
steady, substantial growth, forty-three
granges having been added during the
year—twenty-eight new ones, eight re-
organized, three Pomona and four ju-
veniles—and 4,799 new members were
gained, this being the greatest an-
nual gain in thirty-three years. A
large number of Ohio granges own
their halls. Quite a number were built
last year. More grange fairs were held
than in any previous year, and the de-
mand for grange speakers for places
was unprecedented. Many county fair
organizations provided halls for grange
exhibits and provided grange speakers
as attractions. The secretary's report
showed that the total receipts last
year were \$12,377.57, headed as fol-
lows: \$9,735.89 from membership dues
and initiation fees, \$2,601.63 from sun-
dry sources, \$238.71 from sale of sup-
plies and \$112 from sixth degree fees.
The expenditures totaled \$11,430.81,
of which \$1,549.30 was paid to the na-
tional grange for membership dues,
leaving a net surplus of \$947.76. The
treasurer reported the total resources
of the state grange as \$26,463.18, di-
vided thus: Bonds, \$14,000; mortgage
notes, \$8,500; cash, \$5,963.18. The su-
perintendent of juvenile granges re-
ported that Ohio now has fifteen of
these granges, four having been orga-
nized the past year. The juvenile mem-
bership totals about 300, and the chil-
dren are very loyal to their obligations
and take intense pride in the ritualis-
tic work.

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kidneys and bladder. Remember it
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No Quarter.

A farmer tells of an old Irishman in
his employ whom he once permitted to
make use of certain land for farming
purposes on condition that Pat should
give him one-fourth of the crop he
raised. At the harvesting of the crop
the farmer was amazed to find the
Irishman had not kept his part of the
agreement, for, while he hauled away
three wagon loads of produce, he had
not sent a single load to his master's
barn. The farmer called Pat's atten-
tion to the fact that he had taken the
entire crop, asking: "Now, how's that,
Pat? Wasn't I to receive a fourth of
the crop?" "You was, sir—you was,"
exclaimed the Irishman, "but there's
only three loads, sir—only three
loads."

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INITIATING THE CUB.

Stunts the New Boys In Some Banks
Have to Face.

Now, when a tyro goes to work in a
machine shop he is sent to the tool
room for a left handed monkey wrench.
A foundry wag will send the new boy
in search of "core holes." A printer's
devil is sent to the typefounders with a
wheelbarrow for a hair space. Hu-
morists in certain Kansas City banks
have a revised code, says the Times
of that city.

Here are six things the beginner
probably will be required to seek-at
drug stores, in stationery shops, even
at the county courthouse, where one
trustful youth went the other day to
inquire diligently for a "speed ball" to
assist him in his work:

There is the "speed ball," then, and
there is the "check stretcher," pre-
sumably used to increase the size of
checks that do not conform to the il-
lustrated cases; the "discount board," sup-
posed to be checked in a manner to
facilitate the handling of discounted
paper; the "clearing house key," in
search for which half a day easily may
be consumed, and for the red and
black lines that lie artistically on the
fair pages what could be more appro-
priate than "striped ink," and lest the
ink becomes too thick should not an
"ink strainer" be procured?
Ask the new boy.

THE FIRST ASTOR.

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tle village of Waldorf, in Germany, in
1763, just as France at the close of
the Seven Years' war was ceding
Canada to England. He sailed to our
side of the Atlantic in 1783, when
George III. in the treaty of Paris was
acknowledging our independence and
when the merchants of Montreal were
establishing the Northwest company.

He became a fur dealer, gradually
gained control of the trade south of
Lakes Huron and Superior, except
that which was in the hands of the
McKenzie company, and won a repu-
tation as a daring and resourceful op-
erator, which made his name known
in Montreal, St. Louis, London and
Canton.

He had a dozen vessels afloat, repre-
senting a capital of \$1,000,000, carry-
ing furs to England and China in
1800, and at the time that the pur-
chase of Louisiana in 1803 pushed our
boundary to the Rocky mountains he
was the wealthiest and most success-
ful merchant in the United States.—
North American Review.

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the fields as fertilizing material. The
rest of it is incinerated. The product
of the incinerating furnaces goes upon
the market. The iron is sold at public
auction, and the slag is disposed of.
The fine cinders go as a top dressing
on the promenades, other sizes as a
top dressing on roads, the largest into
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Lowe.

A Gormandizer.

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Queensberry made a bet of 1,000 guineas
that he would produce a man who
would eat more at a meal than any Sir
John Lubbock could find. The bet being
accepted, the time was appointed, but
his lordship not being able to attend
the exhibition he wrote to his agent to
know the result and presently received
the following note:

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particulars, but merely to acquaint
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