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Wedding Music.

Wedding music—what ought it to be? Grave or gay, classical or modern, religious or secular?

The question is raised by the Musical World, in which a writer protests against the playing of inappropriate music at weddings and wedding receptions. "To give 'Haste to the Wedding' after the ceremony has taken place," says the writer, "is, to say the least of it, foolish, while 'Comin' Through the Rye,' 'The Minstrel Boy,' and 'Begone, Dull Care' are no less unsuitable."

Dr. Vincent, the well-known organist and editor of the Organist and Choirmaster, answers the question by saying that four things should characterize wedding music: It should be emotional, prayerful, jubilant, and martial.

"There is a great deal of conservatism in the choice of wedding music," said Dr. Vincent. "Many brides ask the organist to play the music played when their mothers were married. Occasionally one gets odd requests. I have been asked to play 'O, Rest in the Lord,' a favorite funeral hymn, while the bridal party was in the vestry. My own setting of 'Peace, Perfect Peace,' another funeral hymn, has also been played by request at weddings, with 'I Know that my Redeemer Liveth,' and 'Oh, for the Wings of a Dove!'"

Dr. Vincent finds it hard to account for such a selection of music nowadays, unless as a protest against the growing spirit of levity which marks the modern wedding.

"Even twenty years ago the wedding march was almost a frivolity," said Dr. Vincent. "Today an organist, would not be surprised if asked to provide a chorus for the bridesmaids. Why not? Look at the parts they take now, the rehearsals, and so on. It would not be difficult to train them to sing a chorus, and then add a part for the father, ejaculations by the friends, and even an interruption by the jealous rival in a minor key."

Dr. Vincent's ideal music for weddings is contained in the first part of his publication, 'Useful Voluntaries.' While the friends are waiting for the arrival of the bride the organist is advised to play Handel's hymeneal chorus, "Endless Pleasure, Endless Love," followed, if the wait be a long one, by Wagner's "Bridal Chorus" from "Lohengrin," a most effective selection, inasmuch as it is neither too loud nor too soft. Haydn's "Gracelul Consort" from "The Creation" is considered very appropriate for the interval while the bride and bridegroom are in the vestry. And, of course, Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" is played as soon as the bride reappears.—London Mail.

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Is this the seed merchant's fault? No, certainly not. The demand for cheap seeds is far greater than the demand for good, pure seed, and so long as the farmer demands cheap seed, that is what he will get, and he is disappointed in his crop almost every time. Good seeds cannot be produced and sold at a cheap price, and until seed buyers realize

this fact, conditions will remain the same. It has been clearly proven by numerous experiments that large seed will germinate better and produce a larger crop than ordinary seed, yet we see quite often farmers selling their best and keeping the poor to plant, or buying the poor because it is cheap, hoping to save money by so doing. Where can there be any gain in saving one or two dollars on the purchase of seed, then losing all, or nearly all, the crop? I know of one instance where certain grass seeds were bought for \$5.50 per bushel, and it was so mixed with dirt and foreign seeds that the good germinable seed cost over \$7 per bushel. How is this to be remedied? By having a better knowledge of the seeds we plant. From the standpoint of the trucker or market gardener more care should be exercised, because the crops grown are such that failure entails great loss.—[New Jersey Correspondent Rural New Yorker.

British Army Officers' Debts.

The Times of Natal published a few weeks ago a letter which is not very flattering to the commissioned ranks of the British Army. It seems that in consequence of the heavy losses of local tradesmen through giving credit to officers, an association has been formed to deal with the matter, and the committee of this body sends to the press the letter in question. It gives the following list of debts owing solely to members of the association, which may be practically looked upon as bad debts, as the creditors have been unable to get any satisfaction "either by written request, War Office intervention, or legal process":

Due to Maritzburg tailors and outfitters.....£836  
Due to Maritzburg jewellers..... 35  
Due to various Maritzburg tradesmen..... 196

Total.....£1,094

This is a tidy sum, considering that Maritzburg is by no means a large town. But the figures do not tell the whole truth, for the association say that they know of many creditors for large amounts who refuse to put down the figures, including livery stable keepers, hotel proprietors, and dentists. The unpaid dentists' accounts are said to amount to "hundreds of pounds," which indicates that the condition of army teeth must be as bad in the commissioned ranks as among the rank and file.—[Truth.

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