

Blind and Deaf, She Plays Piano

Kansas Wonder Girl Is in Class With Helen Keller and Willetta Huggins.

"FEELS" MUSIC WITH FEET

Baking Angel Food and Writing on Typewriter Among Her Other Accomplishments—Masters Difficult Classical Music.

Olathe, Kan.—After 25 years in the dim world of those who are sightless, deaf and dumb, Miss Helen May Martin is finding her way out. She has chosen the least "reasonable" method of expression imaginable for use so afflicted. It is music.

Before a large audience in the Methodist church here, Miss Martin played what is probably the first piano recital in the history of the world to have been given by a person with neither sight nor hearing. It cannot now be said that she is without speech for the articulators even unimpaired names accurately and understandingly.

The intricacy of the method by which a person whose senses are so perfectly limited to those of heat and cold, pain and taste enters a whole new world is not comprehensible to the normal person. Miss Martin possibly has been taught to place her fingers on certain of the piano keys and press them down by note, but that would not explain her ability to grasp rhythm, nor whatever the sense is that tells her when she is about to make a mistake in time to avert it. She has heard, and has never been able to recognize objects. For a few years after birth she was able to distinguish between light and darkness, but never more. For 20 years there has not even been that frayed on sight.

"Feels" Her Music. Miss Martin is able to "feel" her music best by placing the ball of her foot against the bottom of her upright piano. Her mother, Mrs. Helen May Martin, says:

At the church, however, she did not want to risk scarring the instrument she was using, so she got approximately the same result by holding her left foot under the "so" pedal.

Goetz's "March Pontifical," the "Don Giovanni" minuet of Mozart, Beethoven's "Fugue," "Meditation," Lang's equally familiar "Flower Song," the first two movements of Beethoven's "Moonlight" sonata, and Carle Jacobs Bon's "A Perfect Day" were the numbers used. The precision with which the young woman picked her notes out of completely blank space, struck them, and managed ritard, dynamics, and pedal were marvelous. All the pieces were taken deliberately, of course, but the discords that would have been evident had she learned entirely by rote were absent.

In the second movement of the sonata the rhythm is not simple, but neither was it too much for Miss Martin. At the end of her program, she repeated the "Flower Song" for an encore.

Experiments with the piano were begun a good many years ago by the young woman's mother, but only in the last few years have they been pressed. Never has there been available a teacher who understood both the methods used for the sightless and those for the deaf. Miss Andrea Granger, who sat on the platform with Miss Martin, is by a coincidence her first and latest teacher. When Miss Martin was a small girl, Miss Granger was with her for a short period, and now she is completing the work begun then.

Has Other Accomplishments. In addition to a repertoire of 30 piano pieces, Miss Martin has many of the accomplishments of the average girl. She reads Braille, and now learns her piano music by reading the notes in "point" for each hand separately.

Flores in Autumn. New York, fighting the flames, which gutted the Cayuga county court house building of classic beauty erected in 1838. The cupola, roof and courtroom were totally wrecked.

Finds Son After 20 Years. Ottawa, Ont., Canada.—Mrs. Louise F. Leauver of Boston found her son, Everett, now a member of the Canadian Mounted police, here after a twenty-year search in every large city in the United States and Canada. She saw his name in a newspaper.

Lightning is said to strike loney soil most frequently, then sandy soil, then clay, lastly chalk. Statistics show that loney soil is struck 22 times to one of chalk.

HERE IS THE WATCH C.



CHERISH WORLD WAR RELIC

Pillar From Altar of Church in Ruined Village of Belleau at National Headquarters.

One of the most treasured of the world's war relics being gathered at the American Legion's national headquarters, Indianapolis, Ind., is that just received from the battlefields of France. It is a pillar from the altar of a church which once stood in the ruined village of Belleau, adjacent to the famous world of that name, near Chateau Thierry.

The wooden pillar bears honorable scars. Those suffered when scores of German high-explosive shells crashed into the little church. One shell struck this altar, captured as a memento of the family watching from a low-angle home because of its superior position. The altar was destroyed by the watchman, but not only as a memento as a dog, but has the added quality of inspiring terror in a prowler.

Bear Cub Born in Park Zoo. Chisholm, Minn.—The Chisholm park zoo has a new arrival, a bear cub, born at the park, according to Superintendent Phillips. Few cubs born in captivity live long. Several years ago, a bear cub was born at the park, but was killed by the male bears. This time the cub was discovered in time to be lassoed and taken out of the bear pen. It is being raised on a bottle.

Buy Own Coffin. Spalding, Wash.—With the promise that he had only a few more days to live, Fred W. Miller, an aged and well-to-do businessman of Hillwood, bought his own coffin. It had a mahogany top and a mahogany base, and was lined with blue velvet. The coffin cost \$100, including the shipping of the coffin to his home.

Belieu Church Pillar. ment all but the pillar in halves, but when the masonry of the infirmary had driven back the enemy and recaptured the town, far beneath the mass of stone and mortar the altar was found intact.

Two Kinds of Profiteers. Mrs. Henrietta Starkey, Le Sueur, Minn., cited by Legion boys as most valuable.

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AIDS SICK AND WOUNDED MEN

Mrs. Maud Cudworth, Milwaukee, Wis., is known to Legion Boys Throughout the Mid-West.

Sick and wounded service men of the World War undergoing treatment in Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, Kansas and Missouri know or are going to know her. Her letters, cards, cigarettes and special articles that they desire. Under Mrs. Cudworth's supervision, the president of the national auxiliary committee of the Auxiliary, this work is being done in the middle western states over which she has direct control.

A Legion post of 1,000 men in Milwaukee adopted Mrs. Cudworth as Mother because she lost her only son during the World War.

Not Well Acquainted. Uncle Ben was a zealous member of the church. His brother, Uncle Billy, in Indianapolis, was yet unacquainted with the "guts," but was finally converted.

At the next service the preacher called on Uncle Billy to lead in prayer. Uncle Billy knew his deficiencies and remained silent. Again the preacher called and a third time, saying, "Brother Billy, please lead us in prayer."

"Pardon, call on Brother Ben." He's better acquainted with the Law than I is." Uncle Billy finally acquiesced.—New York Mail.

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HOW HE ESCAPED ARREST. Uniform of Italian Colonel Protected Foad Pasha From the Threatened Indignity.

In 1913 Pund I, the new king of Egypt, was an unsuccessful candidate for the Albanian throne after having been colonel of artillery in the Italian army. When he became Sultan of Egypt his role under the protectorate of England was not always easy to maintain.

One day a messenger of the British Resident asked him to sign an ordinance against the Egyptian nationalists. He refused. And the messenger of the Resident signaled to him with the words: "Enchaid was not always easy to maintain."

A few minutes later Pund came back in the uniform of an Italian colonel. He was not arrested.

Caffeine From Holly. One species of American Holly has been found to contain large amounts of caffeine, as much as one and a half per cent of the drug being obtained from dried leaves.

Comparison Urged. "Is that you, John?" asked Mrs. Dulworte over the telephone. "Yes," said that gentleman. "What's the nature of the touch?" "Is your fashionable stenographer there?" "Yes. What about her?" "Nothing. Just look her over and then see if you can't come home to your own wife in a cheerful frame of mind. I've just bought myself a new outfit."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Uncle Eben. "A quarelsome one," said Uncle Eben. "Finally, gits around to a place where he don't have no pleasant company at all, 'ceptin' none o' da's' trines to sell 'im sumpin'."

As You Look at it. Luck is merely a matter of temperament. Some men think they are lucky when they begin to pay alimony. Others think they are unlucky because they can't escape that obligation.

Highest Quality—Lowest Prices. Carrying On With the American Legion. Farmers gave 200 tires and the village gave a lot to the Elitzabethtown (Ind.) post of the Legion when it was started a community house.

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