

MISS FINN'S LETTER

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Generally better theater than we have found that they are. It was quite a feat finding the Opera Comique as it is carefully concealed in the narrow Rue Marivaux facing the tiny place Boileau.

of modern comic opera were the former directors, Ch. Favart (1710-92) and his wife. After a fire in 1887 the theatre was rebuilt by Louis Bernier and reopened in 1899. Generally the lighter operas are played here such as "Cavalleria Rusticana," "Carmen," "The King of Ys," and "Lohengrin."

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office just across from the Opera. Here mail is held for tourists and forwarded to those who have acquired the checks and are preparing to register. Bureaus are maintained for the payment of road tickets and accommodations, general information, a kodak developing service, printing service, etc.

The facade, approached by a broad flight of steps, is lavishly decorated with colored marble and sculptures. An outermost arch on each side of the "roode opening into the vestibule is fringed with sculptured groups. The side facades have projecting pavilions and are adorned with busts of the great men and women of their native towns. The Grand Staircase, with its white marble steps 13 ft. wide and its apex balustrade on a base of "rosso antico," is one of the most striking features of the building.

Another place of interest to most Americans is Montmartre. Here are most of the cabarets and night spots. These begin to be interesting about eleven o'clock. Montmartre says that "towards the middle of the 19th century the construction of large new thoroughfares through the N. slams the district into a more convenient, and the poorer artists, migrating to the cheap little streets of Montmartre, find it a more congenial vicinity. About 1855 the famous "cabaret artistique," "Le Chat Noir" (which still exists) is opened, and the advertisement which the serious workers retired. The monkey crowd to be seen in the cafes and "cabarets artistiques" of the Place Pigalle, etc. have now but shadowy connection with art letters, and are apt to include elements against which the tourist should be on his guard.

Just at present all the cabarets and cafes are interested in separating as much money as possible from the American visitors, by fair means or foul, mostly the latter. The exterior atmosphere of light advertising spectacles to be seen within. Tables are arranged around the sides of the dining room and the center space is left free for dancing. In order to hold a table at all it is necessary to order Champagne and, if a large party is together, it is wise to watch the number of bottles, for the favorite stunt is to slip an extra empty bottle into the pal now. Then, another trick is to bring out the check, deposit it on the table for a moment, and then, if it is not immediately picked up by the owner (who may or may not notice it), return the waiter walks off with it thinking you profusely forgot your generous tip. There isn't much that an American with a limited vocabulary of French words can do in a place like that. Another common thing happens frequently to single men come in to watch the fun. Several girls in evening dress are fitting about and dancing with any of the guests who are willing to take them on. They generally suggest that something be ordered to drink and when the man politely defers to their desire they pick out the most expensive thing on the list. Of course they receive a percentage from the establishment for their services. There are entertainers who stage special dances but they are generally pretty poor. Favors of all kinds are passed around frequently, adding of course to the bill of the evening. After midnight things begin to warm up and soon the place looks like a New Year's Eve party, with confetti and sparkling all over, dancing wearing colored tissue paper hats and carrying paper parasols and fans. The "23" is a terrible assembly of music, the only ambition of the so-called musicians. They attempt to play American music when the recognizable is almost impossible to dance to it for they cannot get the time correct. Their regular rendition of "Disc" is enough to make a real Southerner so mad.

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DANCING Saturday, January 5th AND Wednesday, January 10th UNATTENDED LADIES FREE Gentlemen 30c Ladies 20c (Tax included)

NOTICE TAXPAYERS OF TROY TOWNSHIP Beginning January 1, 1924, until February 1, 1924, I will be at the following places to collect taxes for the Township of Troy: At the First State Savings Bank, Birmingham, Thursdays, January 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th. Big Beaver, Tuesdays, January 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th. Troy Corners, Wednesdays, January 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd. Clawson, Fridays, January 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th. Town Hall, on February 1st only. All taxes paid to February 1, 1924, will be charged the regular one per cent for collection. After this date the four per cent penalty will be charged. Mail all checks to— LEWIS J. STUMPF Troy Township Treasurer, R. F. D. 5, Royal Oak, Mich.

Regular meeting of the Village Commission held Monday evening, December 31, 1923. Present: President McBride, Commission-ers: E. Clark, H. B. Smith, J. H. Bell, and Mrs. D. C. G. Groves. On account of it being New Year's Eve, the meeting adjourned until Wednesday evening, Jan. 2, 1924, at 8 o'clock. HAZEL E. CLARK, Village Clerk.

On New Year's Day, Mr. and Mrs. Renwick J. Bell had as their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Howard J. Bell, Misses Mary and Helen Bell, Misses Mildred and Mrs. Norman Bell and children, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Miller, all of Birmingham, and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel McGaffey of Pontiac.

JUST OUT New Victor Records for Dancing IRISH MELODIES—Medley Waltz The Troubadours SONGS OF YESTERDAY—Medley Fox Trot No. 1 The Troubadours Merry-makers No. 19177, 10 in. List price 75c

Little Jack Montgomery, Mascot, Honored By Teams Presented Miniature Gold Basketball Last Friday Night At Party 25 GUESTS PRESENT After the basketball game last Friday night, little Jack Montgomery, mascot of the basketball teams of '23 and '24, ably assisted by his mother, Mrs. Roy Montgomery of Hamilton avenue, gave a party for the Alumni of the '23 basketball teams and the present basketball teams. About 25 girls and boys were there. During the course of the evening, a light lunch of salad, cake, candy and coffee was served. The only decoration was a spring of mistletoe, but that was quite enough "to start things," according to rumor. After luncheon, a miniature gold basketball was presented to "Mr. Jackie Montgomery by the teams of '23 and '24, after which the "young gentleman" was duly presented by the team of '23 to the party of '24 as a good "old" and "aged" mascot. The "23" team had ended every one present agreed that Jackie was "some little entertainer."

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TAXES ARE DUE TAXES FOR BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP Will be Received, Reginning Tuesday, Dec. 11, 1923 At the BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP OFFICES Room 5, State Bank Bldg. NORTH WOODWARD AVE. Birmingham and each day thereafter excepting Saturday, January 5, 1924, (Sundays excepted). On Saturday, January 5, 1924, the Township Treasurer will be at the American Savings Bank, Pontiac, Mich., to receive taxes, for this one day only.

One per cent will be charged up to and including January 12, 1924, after which a penalty of four per cent will be collected. Statements of taxes will be sent upon request. People wishing to pay for Adams Road Paving in full, may do so, as the amount is small. No cash taken any day after 4:00 P. M., and all who can should pay by check. (Signed) Mabel A. Smith. Bloomfield Township Treasurer. Efficient laundry service—the kind that makes you smile with satisfaction. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday The Pontiac Laundry Co. The Soft Water Laundry 30-32-34 Patterson Street PHONE PONTIAC 347 or 1200