CHORAL UNION TO FEATURE HOFMANN

Virtuoso Will Appear In Ann Arbor Recital Monday, Dec. 14

Josef Hofmann will be heard for the fourth time in Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor, Monday evening, December 14. Mr. Hofmann, who electrified Europe at the age of nine and America at the age of ten, has been regarded during all the intervening years as one of the greatest interpreters and virtuosos of all times. He has been heard in the Choral Union and May Festival Series on three previous occasions: February 10, 1920; November 23, 1927; and May 25, 1929.

In Ann Arbor, as elsewhere, he has repeated his enormous successes on every succeeding occasion. He has been before the public as a virtuoso for more than half a century; and major critics of three continents still hail him now, at the top of his bent, as a greater pianist than ever before. W. J. Henderson, dean of New York music critics, commented after his New York recital that "It seemed incredible that Hofmann could play better than he ever did before, but that is just what he did."

For his Ann Arbor concert he has chosen the following program:

Theme and Variations in F minor ..... Haydn

Fury Over the Lost Penny ..... Beethoven

Faschingschwank Allegro ..... Schumann

Romance
Scherzo
Intermezzo
Finale

Barcarolle;
Nocturne in F sharp minor;
Grande Valse Brillante;
Scherzo in C sharp minor ..... Chopin

Tango ..... Albeniz-Godowsky
Prelude in A minor ..... Rachmaninoff
Berceuse ..... Hofmann
Campanella ..... Liszt

VIRTUOSO WILL PLAY

Josef Hofman

Josef Hofman, noted pianist, will give a recital in the Choral Union Concert Series, Monday evening, December 14, in Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor.

Happenings of Long Ago

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Taxes are ripe.

We noticed the smiling phiz of Charles Flinn of Cass City on our streets not long ago.

The pond is frozen over, and every day the boys take their lives in their hands and skate thereon.

Fishing through the ice was commenced but the fishbitten seem to make it very lively for the fishermen.

The Knights of Progressive Euchre held forth at the residence of John Baldwin on Monday evening last.

The fashion in two-cent stamps will change about January 1, next. The ground work of the new issue will be blue.

Mr. C. B. Boughner had another run-away, tipping the carriage over and smashing it somewhat, but no serious damage to the occupants except some slight bruises.

The friends of Elder Long of Franklin turned out one night last week and gave him a rousing donation at the residence of Mrs. T. Bigelow. A real jolly evening's social visit was enjoyed by all, and everything went along as smooth as a marriage bell.

An exquisite example of the new work in pottery, called "modeling in clay," is on exhibition at our stores and at the post office, executed by Mrs. O. B. Fuller, whose deft fingers seem to be particularly capable in this line. She will sell the pottery or give lessons in the art, and would like a large class in this most desirable accomplishment.

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Don't fail to see the big doll at the Episcopal church, Saturday, Dec. 9.

Ralph Coryell spent his Thanksgiving vacation at home. He is a student at M. A. C. at Lansing.

The telephone business is growing very rapidly both here and at Royal Oak. Manager Kelly who has both towns to care for is the busiest man in this bailiwick. With troubles, storms and inside ones, new subscribers clamoring to be installed, the life of our manager is not a bed of roses all the time.

John F. Peters' barn down on the old Woodward farm caught fire last Monday, and despite the fact that Mr. Gene Smith with his big 5-ton auto, took a load of eager fire-fighters down to the scene of conflagration, but, alas! Of no use, the barn was a total loss.

Miss Ethel Kennedy of our village is a very busy little lady. Besides having duties to perform at the Royal Oak telephone office, she has 12 pupils studying the mysteries of the violin at the Detroit Conservatory of Music. She is a very successful teacher, and her class is steadily growing. We are glad.

The Thanksgiving turkey being now satisfactorily disposed of, the next to do is Christmas taxes and New Year's.

O'Connell's West Side Grocery just goes to prove that our little city is stretching out. John O'Connell has on his premises in the front part of his work shop, finished off a nice room stocked full of choice groceries, and the store is liberally patronized by the near neighbors.

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FIVE YEARS AGO

Action is expected to be taken by the Birmingham Real Estate Board at its annual meeting this noon on the recent invitation of the village commission asking the board to investigate the telephone toll charges between Birmingham and Detroit and Pontiac, with a view to securing reductions.

Approximately $1,150 will have been realized on the Goodfellows annual newspaper sale when all returns are in, it was estimated yesterday by Fire Chief Vernon Griffith, chairman of the affair, who expressed genuine satisfaction with the result and issued his appreciation to all those who co-operated in making it a success.

All statements for the collection of 1931 state, county, township, school and special assessment taxes were sent out to Bloomfield Township property owners Tuesday and yesterday, and several early payments have already been received.

The Village Unemployment Relief Committee today is engaged in carrying out its recently formed policy of concentration on the distribution of clothing, rather than food, to the community's needy.

A campaign of personal solicitation, urging Birmingham and Bloomfield Township property owners to pay their winter taxes together with a survey to determine at what rate the School Board may reasonably expect collections to flow in, was launched today by a "Committee 100" composed of representatives of Birmingham service clubs and the Property Owners Division of the Birmingham Real Estate Board.

KROGER SALES RECORD SEVEN PER CENT GAIN

An increase of $1,182,818 in sales of the Kroger Grocery and Baking Company for the twelfth four-week period of 1936 over the identical period of 1935, was announced today at the general offices of the company here. This increase is equivalent to a gain of seven per cent.

Total sales for the four-week period of the current year ending November 28 reached $18,795,246, compared to $17,612,446 for the same four-week period of 1935. The company now has 4,215 stores in operation, compared to 4,282 a year ago, a decrease of two per cent.

Floyd Gibbons Adventurers' Club

Hello Everybody!

"The Door"

By FLOYD GIBBONS,
Famous Headline Hunter

GATHER around here and give an ear to a tale of terror from Julia Maleski—Mrs. Michael Maleski, that is, of West Newton, Pa. Julia, I'd say, went through a healthy dose of the worst kind of terror there is—the fear of a mother for the safety of her child. Read this story carefully, you mothers—for the thing that happened to Julia is a thing that could have happened to anyone. To you—or to your neighbors across the street. Look over Julia's yarn, and you may save yourself the same sort of agony some day.

Julia was cleaning up the house when the thing happened. It was a Friday morning in the middle of May, 1920. Her husband had gone to work, and her fifteen-month-old son, Stanley, was playing on the floor nearby while she started to straighten up the bedroom.

She began by taking all the toilet articles off the dresser and putting them on the bed. There was a pin cushion among those things she placed on the bed. Julia had good cause to remember that later.

Stanley Pushed the Door Shut.

When she had finished with that, Julia opened the windows wide and started to sweep. The baby toddled along behind her wherever she went. Half way through the sweeping, Julia noticed a coat that had fallen off a hanger in the closet, and went in to pick it up. She had barely gotten inside when BANG! went the closet door. Little Stanley, following her around, had pushed it shut.

"Now," says Julia, "that door—like nearly all closet doors—had a latch on it that could only be opened from the outside. The only way I could get out of it would be to get Stanley to turn the knob, and he was too small to reach it. I was helpless—and that was bad enough. But I was just beginning to be resigned to my predicament when I thought of my baby out there—alone—with no one to keep him out of trouble.

Terrifying Thoughts for a Mother.

"The windows were all open, and he had a habit of pulling a chair up to them and looking out. Suppose he should FALL out! Or, worse yet, suppose he should crawl up on the bed, get hold of my pin cushion and swallow a pin! There are a hundred and one ways a baby can get into trouble—especially my youngster. I had to watch him all the time.

"Then another terrifying thought occurred to me. Was my hall door closed or open. He might fall down the stairs and be killed—and I helpless to do anything about it."

Julia began looking around then, for some way out of that closet. It was dark in there, and the darkness added to her terror. SHE CALLED TO STANLEY—AND GOT NO ANSWER. THEN SHE BEGAN TO YELL.

Still no answer—not even the slightest sound to indicate that the baby was still alive. Maybe, she thought, something has happened to him already. He might even then be lying at the bottom of the stairs—or in the yard down below.

Through a Narrow Trap-Door.

"I was desperate," says Julia. "By that time, my eyes had gotten used to the dark, and I happened to look up. There, in the ceiling of the closet, I saw a square hole, covered with a small door. Then I remembered. It was the trap-door leading to the attic. Just a small opening about two feet square. If I could only get up there.

"I am stout, weighing a hundred and sixty pounds, and how I ever got through that opening, I don't honestly know. It took me a full half hour to crawl up on a shelf, push those boards up and squeeze my body through. But somehow I did it."

Yes, Julia got through that hole, urged on by terror and anxiety for the safety of her baby. And she doesn't think she could possibly have done it for any other reason in the world. But when she got into the attic, she was confronted with another problem. HOW WAS SHE GOING TO GET OUT?

That trap door in the closet was the only entrance to the attic. She crawled over the dusty rafters, looking in vain for some way out. There just wasn't any. Besides the regular entrance through the trap door, the only other opening leading into that top story of the house was a small window—smaller than the trap. Julia KNEW she couldn't get through that.

Shrieked for Help for a Half-Hour.

She couldn't even open it. It was nailed shut. She struggled with it for a while—then gave up and knocked the glass out with the heel of her shoe. Through the open window she started to call for help. But no one was round—so no one heard her.

For a half hour she stayed at that window, shrieking for aid. For a half hour she lived in a continual suspense—continual anxiety for the safety of her babe. What had happened to him by this time? It was a full hour since she had left him there in the bedroom.

At last, a little girl came along the street, and Julia got her attention. The little girl ran in to open the closet door, while Julia squeezed herself back through the trap door. It was easier this time, because she was going down—not up—and she made it in a jiffy. Then she burst out into the room looking for her baby.

And where was he? Well, he was sitting on the floor, just where she had left him, playing peacefully with a nice, harmless spool of thread.

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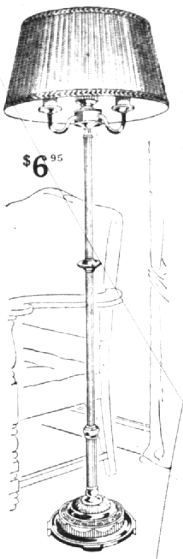

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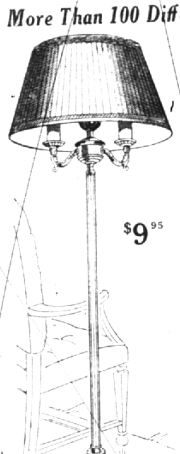

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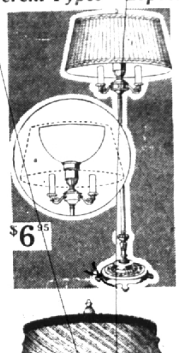

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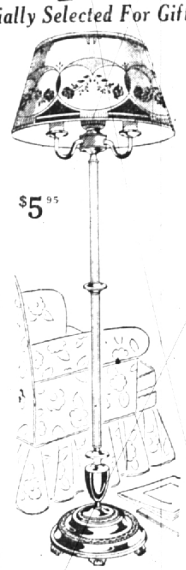

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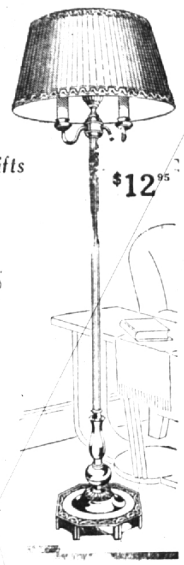

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At $6.95 Pictured on the right is a beautiful new, strictly modern table lamp with gleaming chrome trim.

At $1.19 A new attractive novelty type table lamp, with glazed pottery base and new parchment shade.

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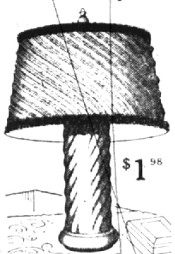

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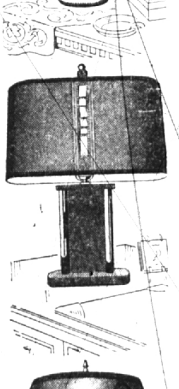

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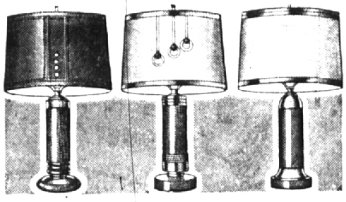

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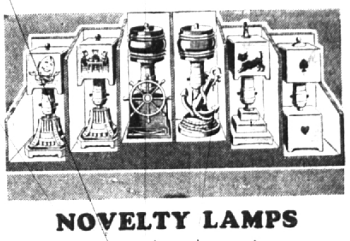

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Here's a group of novelty lamps that will merit your admiration for their unique design and smartness. Decorations take various forms and are delightfully colorful. Any one would make a smart gift.

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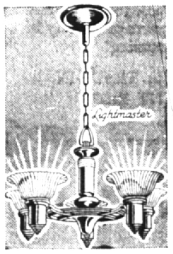

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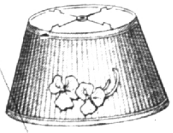

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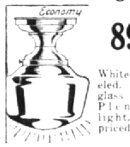

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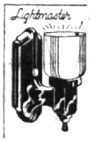

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