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# THE PRIMA DONNA

Peep Behind the Scenes of the Lyrics.

How the Leading Artistes of an Opera Company Go Through Their Daily Routine.

Curiosity keeps pace with the advancement of civilization. It seems to be a natural element carried along with the growth of enlightenment; it is contagious, and consequently the whole human race is afflicted one way or another. The spark, however, seems to be imbued more strongly on the feminine gender than the genus man. The stage has ever been a microcosm, within itself. Its mysteries have a fascination that is simply uncontrollable. Of the life of an opera singer the outside world knows really but little, but what little they do know is planted on fertile soil, and, needless to say, growing daily bigger and bigger, bearing a flower called in Latin "curiositas." Perhaps if the amateur song birds were aware of the toil allotted to the career of a professional prima donna (of the Boston Lyric Opera Company, for instance), there would not be so many operatic aspirants in the field or at home begging papa "to send them to Italy" to study, that they may become great prima donnas in the near future. Hard work is the chilling rock ahead that has been the means of killing many an ambition.

It is said that the duties of an opera singer are never finished; it is one unceasing round of labor day after day, without any stopping-off place for a long rest. In the morning she must be up with the lark for a long walk to keep her digestion in perfect order and her physical power strong and vigorous, so that the arduous task of singing an opera can be borne with vigor and strength, without the strain upon the system becoming evident by "pumping," as they say in operatic lore. After the matutinal peregrination a light breakfast comes in order; then a half-hour for the perusal of the morning paper to keep in touch with the topic of the times, and then two hours of vocal exercises, which must never be neglected, winding up with fifteen minutes' devotion to callisthenics; then comes the rehearsal, usually taking about four hours, followed by a light lunch; then a carriage drive, another walk, or the receiving of friends; a nap for an hour and dinner, a drive to the theater, ten minutes in the chair of Mons. Anatole Le Mouet, the Boston Lyric perquier, or hairdresser, and then to her dressing-room, where the maid has already laid out the costume which she is to wear for that night's performance. She looks it all over to see that it is all correct and then, with a sigh of regret—especially if tights are worn, for they are the common nuisances with prima donnas—commences to put them on. Her face makeup comes next in order. When she is about half through with this necessary attention, the scraping sound of the violins can be heard from beneath the stage, and the callboy yells out: "Fifteen minutes!" The time soon passes. The constant hum and flutter before the curtain announces the rapid assembling of the audience, and the laughter of the chorus girl around the wings tells only too plainly that 8 o'clock is drawing near. Three raps are suddenly heard on the stage; the orchestra has commenced the overture and like clockwork everyone is in their places, a smile of recognition passes around, the curtain goes up, the chorus is singing the opening song, and the prima donna stands ready, prepared for the night's ordeal—happy, full of ambition, and joyous. The music cue is sounded, she is on the stage, she hears the applause of welcome that greets her entrance, and with the "sound" she feels amply repaid for the trials and tribulations she has undergone during the day preparing for the night's performance.

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## TO FIGHT ANDRADE

Filibusters Sail From New York.

General Jose Velutini Says He Will Win Back His Confiscated Estate With the Sword

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—New York has for a month past unconsciously harbored an extensive filibustering plot, and did not discover its existence until it had been successfully carried out. It was planned and carried through by General Jose Antonio Velutini, formerly president of the Venezuelan Congress, who is now safe on his way to Trinidad with a large number of followers, 500 modern rifles, 100,000 rounds of ammunition and other munitions of war. He was formerly a close friend and adviser of President Andrade, but quarreled with him over some of the pernicious legislation which the President attempted to force through Congress.

Andrade denounced Velutini and the latter was forced to leave the country. He crossed the frontier before Andrade ordered his arrest and the imprisonment of a number of his friends and supporters. That action determined Velutini, and he came to New York with a plan to aid the revolution. He announced when he arrived that he was here for the purpose of having one of his children treated by medical specialists. He lived quietly, and while he was constantly engaged in work for the revolutionists, he attracted no attention. He secretly purchased large quantities of war material and shipped them by regular steamers to Trinidad. When he had made his purchases and shipments he quietly slipped away himself, and will reach Trinidad on Friday. He will be joined there by a larger force and will at once take the field against Andrade. The latter has declared him an exile and confiscated his property, but he says he will win it back at the point of the sword.

"I am told that you have a great many friends."  
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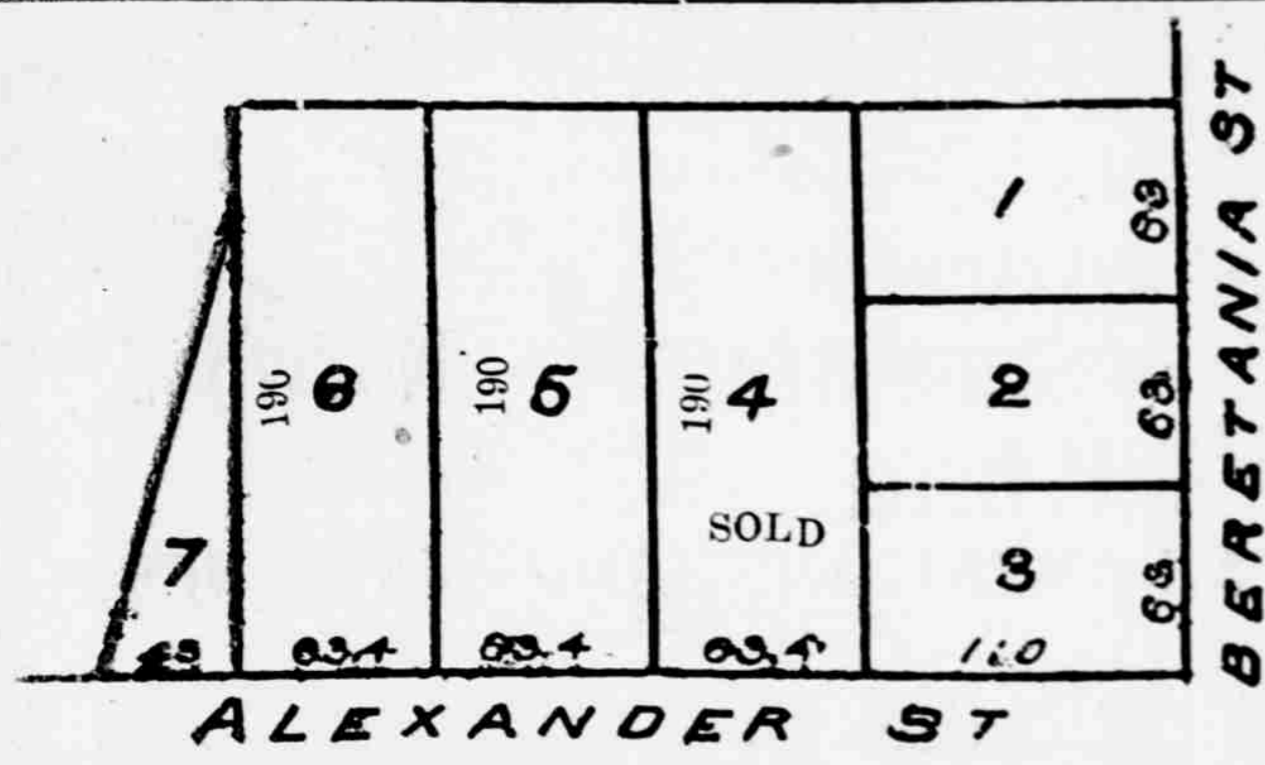
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