THE LISTENER CROSSWORD

(Solution to No. 241)



Clues Across

- Vehement, but possibly, not evil?
- An avaricious person? Me Sir!!
 The horse's cry sounds like a quaker's negative.
 Three little ones fost their 13 down.
- Preceded initially by a sailor this number becomes ridiculous. If you suffer from this, counting 23 across

- If you suffer from this, counting 23 across may help.
 Threat—to cane me, perhaps?
 Puck promised Oberon to put one round the earth in forty minutes ("Midsummer Night's Dream").
 Hamlet couldn't make up his mind to take arms against a sea of them.
 Came to the point of perfection.
 We are frequently enjoined to "Listen in to our next" one.
 See 11 across.
 John Buchan wrote a book about thirtynine of these.

- nine of these.

 Day of judgment.

This breakfast food sounds like a collection of 22 across-es. First name of Popeye's girl friend. These vessels are said to make the most sound. "Sweet are the — of adversity ("As You

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Clues Down

painted

The Rokeby one was

Fifteenth letter to the Greeks.

She spoke only when spoken to.

This might describe the ways of a klepto

Blackleg over promises to pay results in

Severe in the hinder end of the ship.

Ear and toes are rose coloured.

Eric may be brilliant but

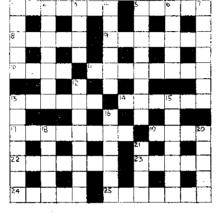
Velasquez.

transitory.

a flower.

See 9 across. Ordained.

Like It").



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ing to her hotel found that her mother had vanished; the explanation being that the mother had died of bubonic plague and the hotel staff was in the hush-hush conspiracy against the girl. Likewise the thriller from 4YA, "Cabin B-13" (one of the "Appointment with Fear" series), had a logical explanation, but while it lasted it was certainly chilling in its brief horror. The newly-wed girl comes aboard the liner with her husband, enters the ill-fated cabin, leaves it for a walk on deck, and returns to



find neither husband nor cabin. authorities suspect that she is insane. The suggestion of the macabre was well done, with the emphasis not on supernatural agency, but on the psychological angle. Of course the explanation was simple, if a plot by a husband to murder his wife for her money can be so described, but since a previous mention of the "Paris" incident has prepared the reader for such a denouement, and since suspense was maintained up till the last few words, the climax was fittingly

dramatic, and did not leave the listener with that sad "let-down" feeling which the final scenes of so many radio plays depressingly provide.

Soviet Music

FOR many years no music came to us from Soviet Russia, and musicians other countries were merely allowed to speculate what sort of music the post-Revolutionary composers were turning out behind the ramparts of distrust and suspicion. Now that the war has released a number of inhibitions both inside and outside Russia, we are having a spate of new compositions from that country, and are able to compare them with contemporary music in other countries. Take Shostakovich's "Three Fantastic Dances," included by Andersen Tyrer in his piano recital from 4YA. These were interesting, and easy to listen to, but neither typically Russian nor typically modern. Some sentimental strain in their makeup seems to prevent most of the Russians from going the whole distance with such moderns as, for instance, Bloch, whose Violin Sonata we heard during the same week. Judging merely by these two works one could say that Bloch writes for the mind of forty years hence, Shostakovich for the mind of forty years ago. But we will have to hear many more contemporary compositions from Russia, and hear them many times over, before hazarding a similar statement about the entire Soviet musical output.



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