

SAVOY GRADUATE

The Late Charles Manners
Prominent in Youth and
Age

LIKE many famous singers since he made his name famous, the late Charles Manners graduated in Gilbert and Sullivan, joining D'Oyly Carte's company at the Savoy as a humble member of the chorus. His first important success was achieved in the part of "Private Willis" in "Iolanthe."

In 1887 he went from comic to seri-

ous opera, joining the Carl Rosa Company as principal bass, and two years later he was at Covent Garden, later again at Drury Lane.

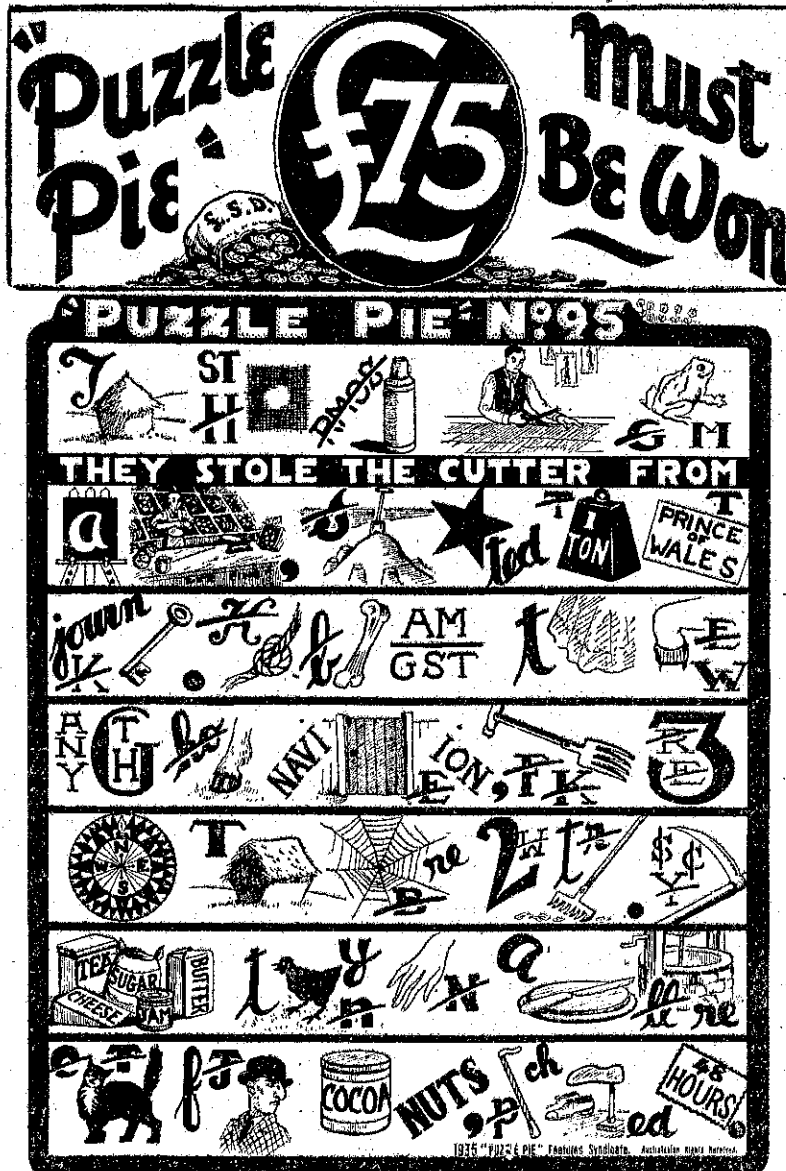
His failure to pass for the army (the examinations were stiff in those days) gave the operatic stage a stout supporter and able exponent, and his marriage in 1890, with Miss Fanny Moody, was an ideal domestic and artistic partnership. Both his own and the Cornish soprano's names became even more famous by being linked in the Moody-Manners Opera Company.

Mr. Manners' great ambition to establish a National English Opera, with headquarters in London, failed from no fault of his—he was unremitting in promoting its welfare. There is something very apt in the associa-

tion of the late Mr. Manners with Gilbert and Sullivan opera.

The man who actually created the part of Private Willis (of the Grenadier Guards) in "Iolanthe" 53 years ago became the most fervent apostle and practical exponent of grand opera in English with the last half-century. At the goodly age of 77 he has passed on, and there are thousands of adopted New Zealanders who owe their first experience of grand opera to this musical patriot.

THE first fact about the celebration of a birthday is that it is a way of affirming defiantly, and even dauntlessly, that it is a good thing to be alive.—Mr. G. K. Chesterton.



RESULT OF "PUZZLE PIE" NO. 93.

In this contest, two competitors succeeded in submitting correct solutions, and therefore share the PRIZE OF £75 IN CASH. Their names are—

MR. G. HOGARTH,
P.W.D. Camp, Uruti.

MR. E. L. SAPSFORD,
46 Linwood Avenue, Christchurch.

Each will receive £37/10/., and the prize money will be posted on Tuesday, June 4.

Can You
Solve This
Simple
Puzzle?

Don't miss this splendid one-week competition! It is just a short and easily-worded paragraph about "A Sea Adventure," which appeared in a New Zealand newspaper some time ago and has now been put into puzzle form by our artist. The opening words "They stole . . ." will tell you what it is all about—and for the rest, the wording is simple and the sense of the sentence will help you. Each picture or sign may mean part of a word, one, two or three words, but not more than three. Errors are calculated on the basis of the number of words wrong.

Solve the puzzle carefully and write your solution IN INK on one side of a sheet of paper. Add your name and residential address, and post the entry to:—

"PUZZLE PIE," No. 95,
BOX 950, G.P.O., CHRISTCHURCH

READ THESE RULES CAREFULLY

All entries must be postmarked not later than TUESDAY, MAY 28.

The First Prize of £75 will be awarded to the competitor whose solution of the paragraph is correct, or most nearly correct. In case of ties, the prize-money will be divided, but the full amount will be paid.

Sealed Solution and £75 Prize-money is deposited with "Truth" (N.Z.), Ltd. A postal-note for 1/- must accompany each initial entry and 6d. each additional entry. Stamps not accepted. Any number of attempts may be sent on plain paper. Alteratives in single entries will be disqualified. Post Office addresses not accepted. Results will be published on Friday, June 7.

SOLUTION TO "PUZZLE PIE" NO. 93.

"Paragraph from the 'Timaru Post,' May 3, 1919.

"There seems to be no check upon the carrying of firearms. They are produced almost daily in street brawls and almost nightly by footpads. If the practice of carrying arms be allowed to continue it will become a serious evil."

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