to get a soul. It was the only Shakespearean performance one could see twenty times (and twice in one day), yet wish to go on seeing it twenty times twenty.

A YOUNG IMPRESSIONIST.

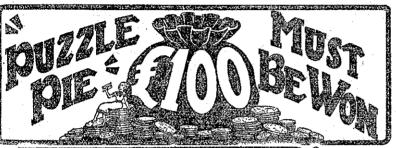
ON the banks of the Dnieper, in the neighbourhood of Kiev, a little boy of four, who was born on February 16, 1896, used to love to watch the numerous boats going up and down the river, amusing himself with the slightest details and attentive to the different noises of the traffic and the whistling of the engines. On his return home, the child would run to the piano and astonish his father by musically expressing his impressions, not fearing to

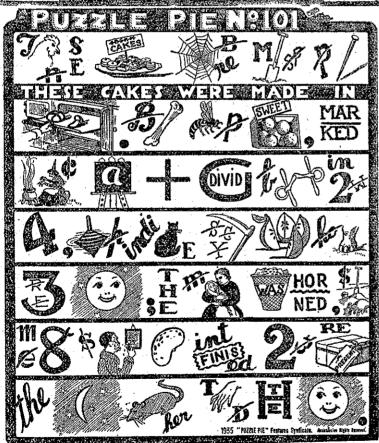
realise the discordant sounds and the polytonic effects realised by his impressionable brain. Without annoying



him to play fastidious exercises, his father, a reputed professor of music, understood that his son had an exceptional gift, and that it was necessary to guide, but not to thwart him. He applied himself not to spoil the beautiful sounds which pleased this remarkable nature, which, with prodigious rapidity, was destined to become a great artist, who is now applanded by the whole wide world of music. The little boy's name, Alexander Brailowsky, stands to-day among those of the great masters of the keyboard, thanks to a commonsense parent, opportunities, and the devoted interest of his great teacher, Leschetizky.

PAINTERS have gone back again and again to the primitive in search of a renewal of vitality. Why should not eaters do the same?—Mr. Robert Lynd.





RESULT OF "PUZZLE PIE" No. 99.

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

MR. J. H. McGREGOR, 123 Parade, Island Bay;
MR. R. BURTON, 48 Grafton Road, Roseneath;
MR. R. CANNON, 76 Wallace Street, Wellington;
MRS. J. CANNON, 76 Wallace Street, Wellington;
MISS IRIS MELVA, 6 Park Street, Thorndon;
MISS BETH MAPLESDEN, 11 Calabar Road, Rongotai;
MISS M. HEYWORTH, 56 Waitoa Road, Hataitai;
MISS J. HEYWORTH, 56 Waitoa Road, Hataitai.
Each will receive £9/7/6 and the prize money will be posted on Monday.

July 15.

Can You Solve This Simple Puzzle?

Don't miss this splendid one-week competition! It is just a short and easily-worded paragraph about "Hot cross buns," which appeared in a New Zealand newspiper some time ago and has now been put into puzzle form by our artist. The opening words "These cakes..." 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 or name and residential address, and post entry to:—

"PUZZLE PIE," No. 101R.

BOX 950, G.P.O., CHRISTCHURCH.

READ THUSE RULES CAREFULLY, All entries must be postmarked not later than TUESDAY, JULY 9.

The First Prize of £100 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 £100 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. Alternatives in single entries will be disqualfied Post Office addresses not accepted. Results will be published on Friday, July 19.

SOLUTION TO "PUZZLE PIE" NO. 99.

Paragraph from the "N.Z. Times," May 2, 1896.

"Sailors have an idea that rats will forsake a doomed vessel, and several curious instances, tolerably well authenticated, have been reported of the rats leaving a vessel which afterwards came to disaster."

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