

Memories On Parade

THE BIG FIGHT

He was playing at the time at Manchester in Vaughan Williams's "Hugh the Drover," conducted by Sargent. Frederick Collier was the original in the part of "John the Butcher" in the work.

During the piece he had to fight the tenor, "Hugh the Drover." It was a ticklish business, but they had both been well coached by a professional bare-knuckle English fighter.

The first "Hugh the Drover" was John Davis, who was good with his fists, but the fight always went off without anyone being hurt.

The next tenor who took the part, however, was a Yorkshireman, Walter Widdop, who was excitable. The fight always went three rounds.

"The first round was quite all right," said Frederick Collier, "but in the second round I noticed his eyes beginning to bulge. To my horror, he cracked me on the nose and blood spurted all over the place."

There was then terrific applause from the audience.

"John the Butcher," said Frederick Collier, "was supposed to go down before 'Hugh the Drover,' but at this stage he threw 'Hugh the Drover' out of the ring."

The audience cheered.

But after that "John the Butcher" had to lie down to it, and the tenor had to get on with the singing.

The critic, writing about the professional fight next night in the Free Trades Hall at Manchester, said he had seen a better fight at the opera the night before!

Sopranos at the Mike

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soldiers as one of the kindest people at Walton-on-Thames Hospital. She spent some time in Sydney at 2CW where, amongst other sessions, she was responsible for introducing the "Mother and Son" broadcast.

Margot—Miss J. Mullins—whose voice is heard from 2ZB every morning—is an ex-pupil of Nelson Girls' College and Wellington Girls' College. She has specialised in voice production and dramatic work.

JILL of 4ZB—Miss Annas Gale off duty—is one of the most popular full-time announcers in New Zealand to-day. Her musical training was extensive. Member of a well-known Christchurch family, she received early tuition at Sacred Heart College and later "finished" under Alfred Bunz. She has sung many grand opera roles under the auspices of the Christchurch Operatic Society. Probably her most notable professional achievement was "gate-crashing" one of Australia's toughest studios and holding the job for three years. While in Australia she was a star pupil at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music.

READERS will wonder why the writer has not added the names of "Aunt Daisy," Sylvia and Miss Dorothy Wood to this modest list. Those outstanding radio personalities are no longer actually members of the CBS staff. Their sessions are given under contract. They are, so to speak, "engaged artists."

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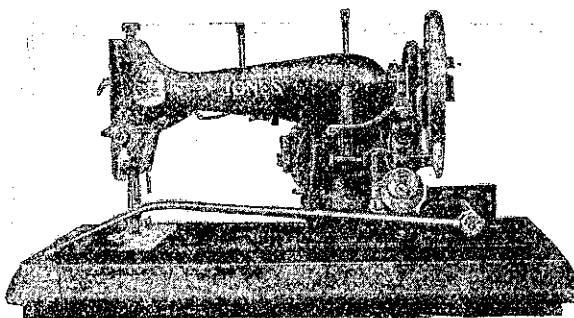
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