

A Peasant in the Palace

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on it. Haydn was the first great composer who identified himself with absolutely secular music, and gave it a status equal to that of sacred music.

Sir Hubert asserts that the change from the manner of the earlier masters goes so far that while the nominally secular music of his great predecessors frequently savoured of the forms of religious art, when he is nominally writing sacred music it is often cast in secular forms, and savours of the theatre.

Haydn was the pioneer of this change in music, and was the first man who achieved a glorification of the natural music which exists in the heart of the people, by carrying its essence and its most healthy and vigorous qualities into the province of high art.

The incessant labour of Haydn during his service with the Esterhazy household brought its reward in an ever-widening fame, first of all in Vienna, then in Germany, France, and England.

A German musician named Salomon, who had settled in London, persuaded Haydn to visit England, and in December, 1790, the composer landed at Dover for the first time. The English concerts were an electric success, everyone, from the King and Queen downward, vied with each other in honouring the Austrian musician, and as a result of this and a later visit to England, Haydn became a rich man. His life from now onward was one of ever-growing triumph.

His three oratorios crowned a life work, and "Papa Haydn" became a musical idol in more countries than his native Austria.

Toward his last days the occupation of Vienna by Napoleon broke his heart, and he passed away on May 31, 1809. Five days before the end he was carried to the piano, where he played three times his "Emperor's Hymn," that had then become the Austrian national anthem.

The peasant's sturdy patriotism was his to the last, and to Napoleon's credit be it said, a guard of honour was placed around Haydn's house during the occupation of the capital. A man of calm and gentle piety and innocent humour, Haydn knew his own worth. In appearance he was short and solidly built, with legs that were too small for his body. His face was pitted with smallpox, and his nose, which had been aqualine in his youth, was in his later years spoilt by the polypus, previously referred to. His jaw was big, and his under lip rather large and protruding. His eyes were dark grey, and they had a very pleasant expression. His whole face lighted up very pleasantly when he was talking—as might have been expected from his genial and kind disposition—and this must have been the chief attraction in a face and figure which was far from blessed with natural advantages. Such was Franz Joseph Haydn, frequently but not quite accurately described as the "Father of the Symphony and the Quartet," whose music we should not neglect to perform or re-hear in this the bi-centenary year of his birth.

"N.Z. Radio Times"

Review of May Issue

WE think radio enthusiasts will have no complaint to make about the May issue of the "Radio Times." The reception of the first issue showed us clearly that there was a very large field, and from what little criticism we have received it seemed that more technical matter was wanted. This criticism was not overlooked in the preparation of the May issue, with the result that an excellent paper has been produced, which should appeal to both amateur and advanced constructor. Here are some of the features.

A set for those who wish to build a simple battery receiver, utilising triode valves throughout. Charges have been laid against the modern valves, particularly the pentode, that they are glutinous for current, and also expensive. Bearing this in mind, we have designed the "Neutron Four." Whilst some will say it is out of date, yet we have introduced several new features which should make a very wide appeal. Balancing in these older types of sets has always been difficult, and practice has shown that the split primary method employed in the Hammarlund Roberts has been the best. We have, therefore, employed this method in this circuit, but have done away with the swinging coil type of regenerative, which has proved a little unsatisfactory when home-made differential condenser reaction is used.

A further point is the taking of the full voltage to all valves except the detector. The first valve is scientifically decoupled to prevent any instability, and full bias is then put on the three valves. By varying the bias on the r.f. valve, any degree of selectivity can be obtained, and operating the set just a very short distance from 2YA we were able to cut it out within three points.

The sensitivity of the set is good. Christchurch was brought in at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. We have introduced other novel features in this set and no one interested in construction should miss it.

The semi-technical articles include the first of a new series, "The A.B.C. of the New Sets." This series of articles is being prepared by a very competent radio engineer, and they deal in detail with the fundamentals of the a.c. set. There are no highly technical terms, but everything is explained simply, and parallels are drawn with the battery set. The diagrams are clear and explicit.

An excellent idea has been worked out to show those not acquainted with radio what the symbols in a radio set mean. A typical set is drawn, and around it are picture diagrams of the various components, with arrows leading to each. An explanatory article tells what each component does and briefly what happens to the signal in each component. This is an article the beginner in radio will find of utmost value.

Another semi-technical article is "What is New in Radio," the first of a series of accounts of new radio apparatus. This month we deal with the

twin triple valve, and readers should find it of considerable interest. It is complete with a diagram showing how this valve will be used in modern circuits.

"Readers' Problems" is a new department which should appeal to all and sundry. It is an enlargement of the "Q. and A." pages of the "Radio Record." In this publication it is not possible always to deal in detail with the problems raised, so we take the most interesting of our problems into the "Radio Times," there to expound them fully.

"The Radio Traders' Digest," which in the first issue, was separate, is now fully incorporated in the "Times." This section will be found to be of interest mainly to the dealer, but there are many points which will interest the general reader. For instance, there is our Service Section, whereby servicemen are invited to send in interesting cases they have met with in servicing. To get this page established we are offering a prize of 10/6 a month for the best case sent in. This month's problems contain a very interesting point which every enthusiastic reader should find of interest.

The general articles include an account of 2ZW, Wellington, an article by our special London representative, on the British Industries Fair, and the opinions of the trade on British preference. This article is full of fireworks, and contains some most interesting points.

The Radio Log.

The "Radio Log" section is slightly larger than last and contains a wealth of information. There is an interview with Mr. Keith Thow, the prominent Standard Telephones and Cables engineer, who installed three of the leading "A" class stations in Australia. Mr. Thow tells of the many difficulties which were encountered in erecting them and gives some details concerning the technical equipment installed. There is a complete list of N.Z. stations—brought up to date this time—and the usual New and Amended Q.R.A.'s, including the Australian VK's and N.Z. amateurs. We might remark that this is the last time the N.Z. amateurs will be amended, for as soon as the new lists are available, a complete list will be given.

The local secretaries of the DX Club have all contributed notes about their districts, and the result has been quite a new departure in the "Radio Log."

Then there is the monthly mail, with its usual kicks and ha'pence, and a complete list of stations heard in each district during the month.

There is also an account of the DX competition, with the revised conditions.

Altogether we think listeners will find this month's "Radio Log," which comprises 40 pages of interesting reading matter, to their liking. Those who have not seen the "Log," or who were unable to obtain a copy of the first one, should not fail to expend 8d. on the May issue.

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