Kipling Lady will be here with more about Alice.

Tuesday.-Cousin Prudence and Maori Legend Lady have arranged an evening for you to-night with songs, violin solos, and stories, and we will have the pleasure of introducing them to Jumbo and Jumuna,

Wednesday.—Here comes the Snow Queen and a long line of Snowflakes in her trail, and they are going to tell and sing to you about the north-eastern countries of Europe. Tweedledum will have to wrap himself up well to tackle the Arctic storm winds.

Thursday.—Come along, children and Big Brother Jack, too. You are all invited to-night to "Tigger's Break-fast." Yes, Pooh and Christopher you'll all have. Be punctual, for it begins as the clock strikes five.

Friday.—Here come the Rongotai boys again to sing to you, with their leader, Uncle Noel.

Saturday.—Cousin Mary, who has lived in Japan, is coming this evening to tell us all a Japanese story.

Half-hours With the W.E.A.

The World Crisis-Some Longterm Trends

(By Mr. W. T. G. Airey, M.A.)

Wednesday, July 13.

Because of the rapid development of the power to produce, as against social, political organisation, industry and its adjuncts have tended to become masters of man instead of his servants -a great industrial god that broods menacingly over mankind, and that we dare not stop worshipping. This is best seen in that, for some forty or fifty years, instead of producing to satisfy recognised needs, the emphasis has all been on finding markets for goods and employment for men.

Industrialism has violently disturbed established economic and social relationships.

- (a) Growth of urban populations involving loss of contact of the mass of the people with the land and the means of production.
- (b) Impersonal dependence on wageemployment, which in turn depends on factors over which the employee has no control, e.g., drought in a distant country, a change of fashion, the invention of some new pro-\cess.
- Loss of personal relationship with employers—spirit of antagonism accentuated by the spirit of competitive individualism which companies growth of modern industrialism.

Socialism is the result of industrialism, aiming at economic democracy. In its various forms it has had influence on general trends of thought and action We are all Socialists, more or less."

Whatever our views on the remedies suggested, we must recognise that there is a problem in the economic-industrial sphere needing solution. Until it is solved there must be social discontent and a real failure in the output for social welfare and development.

Modern Ballroom Dancing

No. II The Quickstep

by W. E. Priestly

(A synopsis of a talk broadcast from 2YA.)

THE quickstep, or as it is sometimes scribing are the gentleman's, the lady's popular of our standard dances. A very except where specially mentioned. Robin are to come, too. What fun common mistake is to regard dancing to music with a syncopated beat jazz. Nothing is further from the truth or more liable to give a wrong impression. The term "jazz" is taken from one of the African negro dialects, meaning drunkenness or frenzy, and was first given to the attempts of some of the early American bands on account of their method of interpreting 4-4 or fox-

Abbreviations

THE following abbreviations are used in the text:---

> I-left foot. r-right foot.

-slow. –quick.

trot time. This "noise," for it was No. 2—The Industrial God. From 1YA, little eise, mainly consisted of sobbing saxophones, laughing trombones, jang-

ling bells, and any weird noise that the fertile brain of a negro instrumentalist could devise.

when it was least able to resist it-in the post-war period up to and including 1922. The world accepted the superficial gaiety and brightness of this form definitely a reaction, and as such it ward into the walk (S.). served its purpose.

The allied arts, music and dancing, were, however, not content, and though the uplifting or evolution has been slow. it has, nevertheless, been sure.

The successful dance bands of today are those which have realised that rhythm and melody are the essentials of modern dance music. Irrespective of its size numerically, a band to-day must be perfectly balanced. By that I mean certain instruments concentrate on the rhythm, or "time" of the music, while the others provide the melody. For instance, in a well balanced band the piano, drums, banjo, or guitar provide the rhythm, while the saxophones, violins, and brass instruments provide the melody. It is only by the successful blending of these essentials that a dance band can be successful.

ideal one for tango.

Quickstep is danced to foxtrot time, played about 54 bars per minute. The timing should be well marked with the emphasis on the first and third beats The foundation of this dance is a natural walking movement, stepping well closes left to R. out from the hips, the knees may be slightly relaxed, but not obviously bent I will now describe the walk and several of the basic turns and variations. In each case the movements I am de- R.

called the fast foxtrot, is the most movements are the exact counterpart,

The Walk.

ment from the hip, pushing your foot along the floor on to the heel first, then to the flat of the foot as the step is completed. Now the same with the other foot.

To avoid too many technicalities, if you make this a natural walking movement, with the exception of, instead of lifting and placing the feet, slide them smoothly and easily over the floor, heel first, you will have mastered the walk.

In doing this you take two beats of music to each walking step. Next in importance to being able to walk correctly is your ability to turn. In turning we have two basic turns, the natural and the reverse, the natural always commencing from a forward right foot and the reverse from a forward left. The natural turn is always used for turning a corner.

Natural Turn,

STEP forward on the R. (S.), commencing to turn to the R. (S.) Step This jazz was thrust upon the world to the side with the L. on the ball of the foot, still turning (Q.), close R. to L. (Q.). Step back on the L. on the ball of the foot, commencing to turn R. (S.). Very short step to side with R. (S.). of entertainment as a palliative. It was Draw L. to R. and brush straight for-

Reverse Turn.

STEP forward on the L., commencing to turn to the L. (S.). Step to side with R. on the ball of the foot and complete the half turn (S.). A long step back on the ball of the L. (S.). A long

The Tango

AN error occurred in the "back corte" of the tango description. This should be:

The back corte is taken when back to your line of dance. Step sack of the ball of the l. (s.). Step back on the ball of the l. (s.). Step back on the ball of the r (q.). Step to side with the l. (q.). Close r. to I. (s.).

This combination is not, however, the step back on the ball of the R., commencing to turn to the L. (S.). Close L. to R., pivoting to L. on the R. heel (S.). Forward on the L. into walk (S.). Note that while the gentleman is pivoting on the R. heel the lady steps to the side in front of the gentleman on the R., then

Quarter Turn.

STEP forward on the R., taking quarter turn to the a By saying a quar-(S.).

ter turn I mean 90 degrees. Step to the side with the L. on the ball of the foot (Q). Close right to left, still on the balls of the feet (Q.). Step back on the L. on the ball of the foot (S.). Step back on the ball of the R., commencing to turn to the L. (S.). Close L. to R., pivoting to L. on the R. heel (S.). Forward on L. into walk (S.), As the last part of this step is exactly the same as the latter part of the reverse turn, namely, a heel spin, the lady steps to the side with the R. and closes L. to R. as her partner spins on his heel,

Flat Charleston.

A DECIDED asset in dancing quickstep on a crowded ballroom floor is being able to mix a little flat ballroom Charleston with your longer walking movements. This Charleston is a hesi-STEP forward with a gliding move-tating or marking time step. Forward ment from the hip, pushing your on the R., taking two beats. Close L. to R. two beats. All the movements in Charleston are taken to the same time. Step to side with the L. and close R. to L. Forward R. and repeat. When you find you have plenty of room again step forward on the R. into the ordinary walk.

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