

ficance, and connect "Flora" with "Floralia," and suggest the festival is a survival of a May Day custom, while "Furry" has been suggested as a corruption of "foray," and the festival as one commemorating an ancient victory of Cornishmen over the Romans or Saxons. The origin is delightfully vague, and this adds interest to what Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins will have to say on the subject.

**ALTHOUGH** Grieg claimed Scottish descent, he was none the less an ardent Scandinavian, and without a rival as a representative Norwegian composer. Almost all his themes suggest that if they are not actual folk-tunes, they are at least inspired by an intimate knowledge and love of the music of his race. There are few listeners to radio that do not know some of his music, and on Monday many broadcasting stations will commemorate his passing on September 4, 1907. Possessed of a personality of great charm, he carried about with him an air of true dignity quite unlike the aggressiveness of many successful men of small stature. His harmonic schemes have aroused interminable criticism, and his constructions have been designated illogical, but melody which beats repetition and tunefulness mattered more than logic to Grieg. Of the composers he is one of the best loved, and 4YA is to honour his memory in an hour of his better-known compositions.

**ON** September 9, 2YA is to relay a running description of the finals of the amateur boxing championships, and it is interesting to note that this sport is better controlled in this country than anywhere else in the world. The Boxing Council has dual control of both professional and amateur boxing, a position which creates the envy of governing bodies elsewhere. No boxing association may be formed without the approval of the Governor-General-in-Council, and no contestant is permitted to appear without a license from the council, which license may be revoked

for any ungentlemanly or unseemly behaviour. Further, the definition of "amateur" is the strictest in the world, and boxing in New Zealand is one of the few sports where there is no reinstatement clause in the rules.

**FOR** 20 years the secretary of the New Zealand Boxing Council was Mr. W. G. Atack, of Christchurch, and to him much of the credit of placing boxing on its high plane is due. During the last ten years Dr. P. F. McEvedy has been chairman and Mr. G. P. Aldridge has undertaken the duties of secretary with immense success. There has been only one change round the council table, Mr. H. H. Stirling replacing Mr. J. W. Heenan, who resigned. This is surely an enviable record.

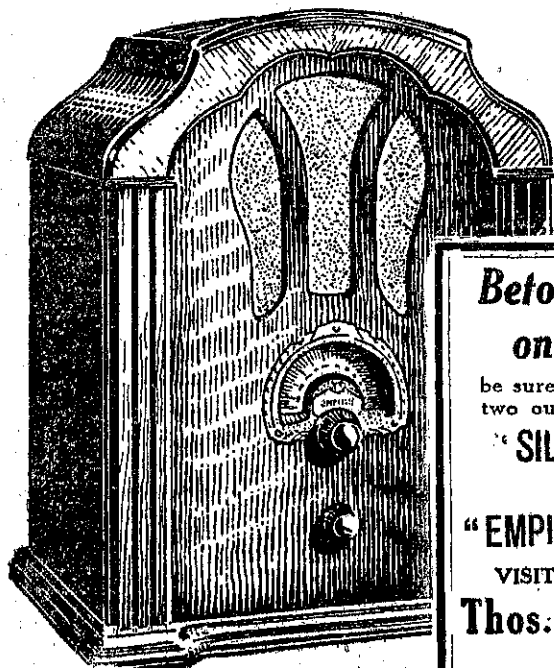
**CONSTERNATION** was caused in the shop and dwelling of Mr. J. Parker, news agent, at Denman, New South Wales, recently, when a cow, bellowing furiously, rushed into the shop. Its arrival coincided with a wireless broadcast of the bellowing of a calf. After being driven from the shop the excited animal rushed into the backyard, and, going up two steps into the kitchen, rushed madly about the room in a vain search for the calf. Crockery and kitchen utensils were knocked from a table. It was ascertained later that the animal's calf had been sold that morning at the local cattle sales.

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