

Chann No Likee Muchee De 'Melicans' Dances

By Fred Kendrick

The lure of the American dance has entered the sanctuaries of the Chinese homes, according to statements emanating from the habitation of Mercer's oriental representatives. The rhythmic sounds of the waltzes, one-steps, and fox trots hold quite as much fascination to the younger Chinese generation as they do to the modern youth of our country—it was gleaned from the ebullient conversation with the foreign Mercers.

"De young Chinese likee de dance of your America, but ve have no dance halls except in Shanghai," remarked dandy Steven Chann, replying to the curiosities of the interviewer. "De old folks dey don't tink much of dese practices, for China is much conservative. But dey let their children enjoy deusselves like de American child."

His "Roomie" Talks

The subject, becoming interesting to Mr. Chann's roommate, James Lo, another Eastern exponent, other comments were forthcoming. "China has for de long time had dances on de stage. But dese steps are done by one actor. Chinese like dese dances and many of dem go out to cheer de actors; but dat is as far as old-time dances went in de country. And deir dances were done by de same sex always. Never did de boy and girl dance together. De old folks no likee dis kind of exhibitions. But now your dances have come into deir restaurants and hotels, and de young folks have little by little taken up de habit of de disgust of de parents."

And then the speaker, his slick, black hair beaming in the light flowing from a vari-colored Chinese floor lamp, shuffled over and dug in his papers to bring out a clipping from a newspaper, showing the photographs of the dance of the Oriental stage.

Explains Picture

"Dis actor he impersonates de female and also dances as de male. See de colored costume he wears? Dey all wear dese clothes in China. All dances on de stage are done by one. Never can be seen two dancing together. Dis piece ve clipped from de Atlanta Constitution, and dat's de way most Chinese enjoy de dances."

But not satisfied with my information thus far accumulated from my foreign-tongued speakers and wishing to know their idea of the American steps, the question, "But what do you think of our dances?" was put to them. Although reluctant to respond to such a query, Mr. Chann piped out, "Yell, ve don't know how ve would like it. You see, ve don't know how to do your dance."

"Maybe you would like it if you knew how," came back the interviewer. "Yes, ve might like it. I tink dat de dance is all right for de beesness man

who has not much recreation. Dey need something like dat. But to others, I see no good in it."

No Likee Dance

"I don't tink I likee de dance velly much. I am ignorant of how to do all dese steps, but I can't see how I would like it. I have never been to de American dance hall. I don't tink I want to go. Your dance, waltzes, fox trots, and one-steps are already in our country. But dere are not so many public dance halls in China," came from Mr. Lo.

Thus, having gotten the opinion of the Mercer Chinese schoolmates on our chief musical pastime, my conversation ended with the wonder in my mind of just how these same neatly dressed foreigners would respond to the orchestral resonances of the American dance hall.

THETAS POPULAR

From a census taken on the campus of Shorter college, one learns that Phi Delta Theta is the most popular fraternity at that school. Other fraternities receiving ten votes or more are, in order of their popularity: A. T. O., S. A. E., K. A. and Pi Kappa Phi.

Says The Perioposce, college paper: "Despite the fact that the Phi Delta Thetas hold undisputed sway in the Shorter girls' hearts there are but two of these pins to be seen on the campus. (Theta chapters please note deficiency!) The most familiar pin seen is a diamond shaped one in varying sizes—from super extra large to almost absurdly small, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, of which there are five. "The Southern Gentlemen"—the Kappa Alpha, are well represented four times. Next comes the Pi Kappa Phi with three proud possessors. The A. T. O's, Kappa Sig's, Sigma Nu's, Sigma Chi's, Phi Delta Theta's and Sigma Phi's each have two pins more or less (mostly more) evident. The following combat singly in the great Fraternity "row"—S. P. E., Chi Psi, Phi Gamma, Delta Sigma Phi, and Chi Beta Sigma."

WITH THE MUSES

AEROPLANE

Up, up, up into the blue.
Whirling, sailing into the sky
No longer sacred to eagles.
Up, beyond range of the eye:

Who can say that man-made things
Tend to defuse man's thought,
Pull him away from the lovely
Beautiful things that Christ bought?

Is not the sky lovely?

One of God's most beautiful gifts:
Up, up into the cloud-dappled
Highway the airplane lifts.

So the man-made airplane soars
Up where no man has trod,
Up to the caves of the sky,
Up to the domain of God.

W. C. Good.

TWILIGHT MUSIC

In the golden twilight
When the sun sinks low,
I hear the evening's music
Softly come and go.

'Tis peace, to see a sunset
When the music is sweet and low,
And the Artist changes colors.
For the weary here below.

The music speaks of sorrow
That this world will ever know,
And the light has burned to darkness
Down here on the earth below.

And now the music is sweeter
From out that distant land,
The sky grows deep and deeper,
From the message of God's hand.

But lo, the music's ended
And the darkening shadows fall,
For the world has heard God's music
That flows beyond recall.

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Official Organ

Mr. Murphy made his proposed rating in an article published in a recent issue of the Quarterly, which is the official organ of the American Association of Schools and Departments of Journalism.

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