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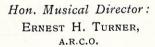
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Pooh-Bah: T. Gray,

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Pitti-Sing: "Oh, it's alive."

 ${\it Pooh\mbox{-}Bah}$: "Go away, little girls. Can't talk

to little girls like you. Go away,

there's dears."





Nanki-Poo: W. Hul ert Ford.

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Yum-Yum: Connie Kent. Pitti-Sing: Phyllis Baker.

Peep-Bo: May Heap.

Yum-Yum: "They've been reminding me that in a month you're to be beheaded."

Pitti-Sing: "Yes, we've been reminding her that you're to be beheaded."

Peep-Bo: "It's quite true you know, you are to be beheaded."

Nanki-Poo: "Now some bridegrooms would be distressed by this sort of thing."

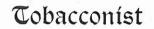




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		Ac	t 1.				
1.	CHORUS OF MEN			"If y	ou want	to know who v	ve are"
2.	Song and Chorus (Nanki-Poo)				" A	wand'ring min	strel I"
3.	Song (Pish-Tush and Chorus)			" Ou	r great N	Iikado, virtuou	s man"
4.	Song (Pooh-Bah, with Nanki-Poo	and Pis	h-Tush)		"	Young man, d	espair "
4a.	RECIT. (Nanki-Poo and Pooh-Bah)		"And	have I jo	ourney'd for a	month"
5.	CHORUS WITH SOLO (Ko-Ko)			" Behold	the Lor	d High Execut	ioner!"
5a.	Song (Ko-Ko, with Chorus of Me	n)		'	'As sem	e day it may h	appen"
6.	CHORUS OF GIRLS		•••	"	Comes a	train of little	ladies''
7.	TRIO (Yum-Yum, Peep-Bo, and P	itti-Sing,	, with Ch	orus of Gi	rls)	"Three little	maids"
8.	QUARTET AND CHORUS (Yum-Yum,	Peep-Bo	, Pitti-S	ing, and Po	oh-Bah)	"So please y	ou, sir ''
9.	DUET (Yum-Yum and Nanki-Poo)	·		"We	re you n	ot to Ko-Ko pl	ighted "
10.	TRIO (Ko-Ko, Pish-Tush, and Poo	h-Bah)		•••		"I am so	proud"
11.	Finale, Act I			" With as	spect ste	rn and gloomy	stride"
		Ac	t 2.				
1.	Solo (Pitti-Sing and Chorus of G	irls)		•••	"	Braid the rave	n hair"
2.	Song (Yum-Yum)		1		"	The sun, whos	e rays"
3.	Madrigal		3 7	" Bri	ghtly da	wns our weddir	ng day"
	(Yum-Yum, P.	itti-Sing,	, Nanki-l	Poo, and G			
4.	TRIO (Yum-Yum, Nanki-Poo, and	Ko-Ko)	•••	•••		Here's a how	-de-do "
5.	ENTRANCE OF MIKADO AND KATISH	Α	•••	•••	"Mi-ya	-sa-ma, Mi-ya-	·sa-ma "
6.	Song (Mikado and Chorus)	•••	•••	•••	"An	ore humane N	likado "
7.	TRIO AND CHORUS (Pitti-Sing, Ko-	Ko, Poo	h-Bah, a	nd Chorus)	"The criminal	l cried"
. 8.	GLEE (Pitti-Sing, Katisha, Ko-Ko	, Pooh-E	Bah, and	Mikado)	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	"See how the	Fates "
9.	DUET (Nanki-Poo and Ko-Ko,					bloom in the S h-Bah)	Spring "
10.	RECIT. AND SONG (Katisha)	•••	***		'	'Alone and ye	t alive"
11.	Song (Ko-Ko)	•••			"	On a tree by a	ı river"
12.	Duet (Katisha and Ko-Ko)		" T	here is bea	uty in th	e bellow of the	blast"
13.	Finale	•••	•••	"For he's	gone an	d married Yun	ı-Yum "

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The Operatic Society make their second bow—they trust that the good impression which they created last year will be enhanced, and that you will derive no less pleasure and entertainment from "The Mikado" than from "The Gondoliers." The players extend to you the same good wishes which they extend to Yum-Yum in the closing lines of the first act:

"May all good fortune prosper you, May you have health and riches too."

The Society again express their thanks to all those who by their willing help and co-operation have made work a pleasure.

The Colchester Amateur Operatic Society was founded in 1925, in which year it produced "The Gondoliers." New members are gladly welcome, as the management are always on the look-out for new talent. The subscription is a nominal one of 5s., and carries with it the privilege of prior booking.

A Foreword to "The Mikado."

Let us introduce the characters and—ladies first. Yum-Yum, a charming little school girl, who with her sisters, Pitti-Sing and Peep-Bo, are the "Three Little Maids" fresh from a ladies' seminary. Yum-Yum, ward and bride-elect of Ko-Ko, has conceived a romantic passion for Nanki-Poo, who, although reciprocating that passion, is suffering from the pressing attentions of a Court lady, by name Katisha. Need we dilate on the character of a lady with such a name! Suffice it to say she is of uncertain age, domineering personality, and by her own admission her charms are "an acquired taste." Nanki-Poo, no less a person than the Heir-Apparent to the Throne of Japan, has fled from Court to escape from the fascinations of this lady, and, musical by instinct, seeks employment as second trombone in the Titipu Brass Band. Doubtless his proficiency on this "delicately modulated instrument" first attracted Yum-Yum; but he is a versatile musician, as at his first appearance on the stage, disguised as a wandering minstrel, he sings a ravishing love song tempered with martial and nautical themes, at the same time accompanying himself on a native guitar. However, the stumbling block to Yum-Yum's happiness is her guardian Ko-Ko, a self-made man, small in stature, fussy by nature, a cheap ready-made tailor by trade, and Lord High Executioner of Titipu. Of quite a different cast is his friend Pooh-Bah, who combines in his august person, massive in mind as in body, immeasurable pride and all the high offices of State—to be precise, twenty-six in number. The remaining gentlemen on the stage are of noble birth, and any doubts which might arise from their appearance are dispelled by the opening lines of the opera "We are Gentlemen" of Japan." Amongst the lordly crowd Pish-Tush stands out prominently. "Our Great Mikado" is a remarkable Sovereign, an awe-inspiring personality and full of virtuous ideals, philanthropic and reforming. In spite of his appearance, his "nature is love and light," and he wishes only that each evil liver shall be

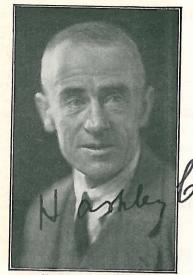
So much for the characters. And now for the play. Enough has been said to show that the romance of Nanki-Poo and Yum-Yum is an important theme, but not less diverting is the ingenious plot devised by Ko-Ko and Pooh-Bah to outwit the Mikado. Why tell you more of the plot, however! The story is plainly told, and its development should not be anticipated by us. Let the players do the rest.

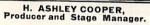
"The Actors are at hand; and by their show You shall know all that you are like to know."

"The Mikado" was first produced on March 14, 1885, and is the eighth of the Savoy operas. The scene is set in Japan, but apart from this the play has no particular connection with that country. It is a delightful phantasy, which Gilbert has peopled with logically impossible characters, and which Sullivan adorned with the daintiest of music. It has been popular since its first presentation, and that popularity is in no way on the wane.

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YUM-YUM					•••	" CONNIE KENT
PITTI-SING	· (Three Sisters—	-Wards of K	(o-Ko)	•••		" PHYLLIS BAKER
PEEP-BO						" MAY HEAP
KATISHA (An	Elderly Lady, in	love with N	anki-Po	00)		" José Scott

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Mikado: "I forget the punishment for compassing the death of the Heir-Apparent!"

Ko-Ko, Pooh-Bah, Pitti-Sing: "Punishment!"

Mikado: "Yes; something lingering, with boiling oil in it, I fancy. Something of that sort. I think boiling oil occurs in it, but I'm not sure. I know it's something humorous, but lingering, with either boiling oil or melted lead."



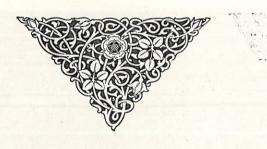
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Mikado: "However, cheer up; it'll be all right. I'll have it altered next session. Now let's see about your execution—will after luncheon suit you? Can you wait till then?"

Ko-Ko, Pooh-Bah, Pitti-Sing: "Oh, yes; we can wait till then!"

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Awaiting the sensation of a short, sharp shock."





Katisha: José Scott.

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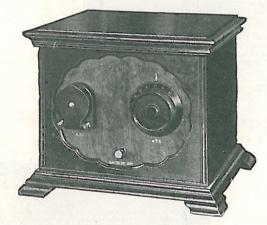
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