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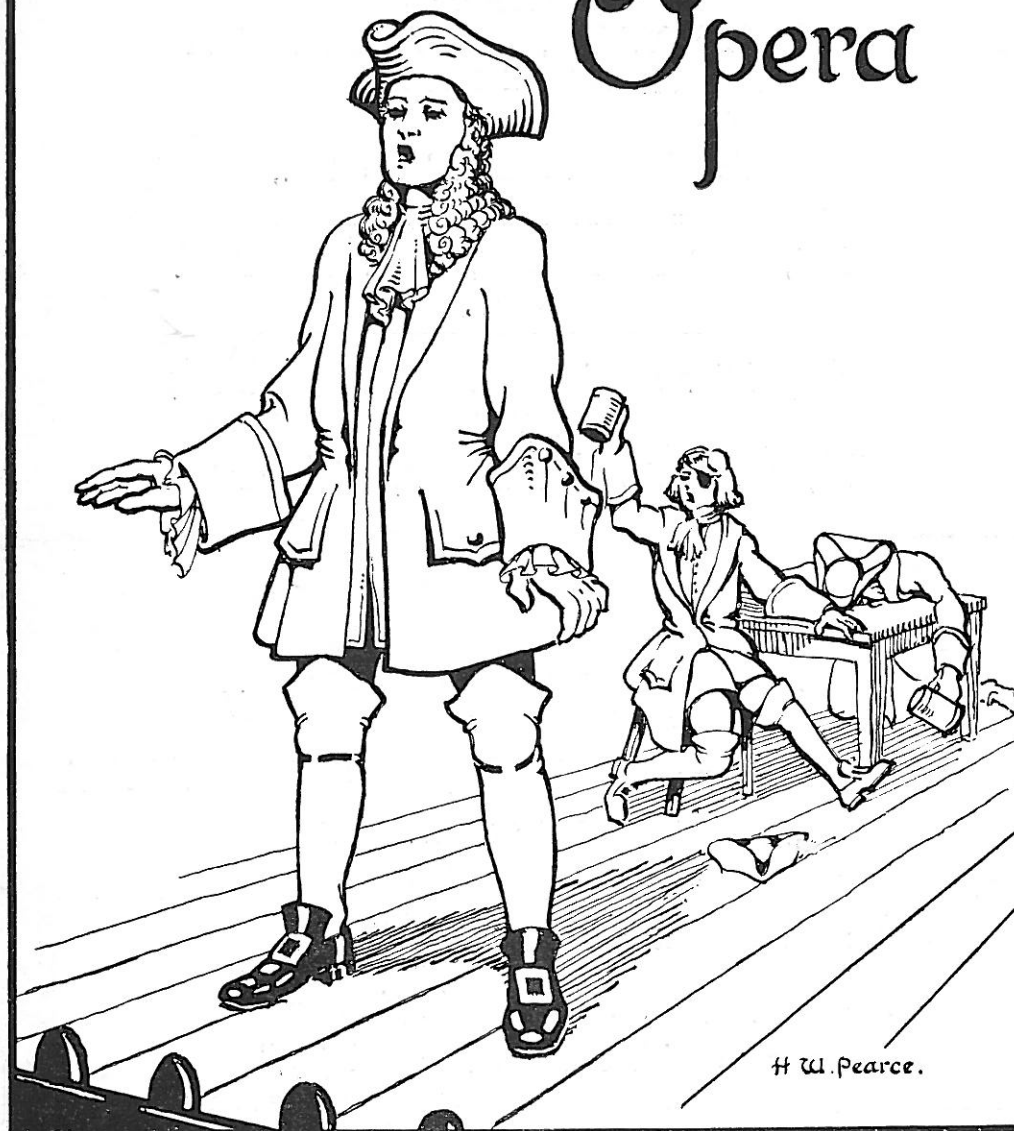
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
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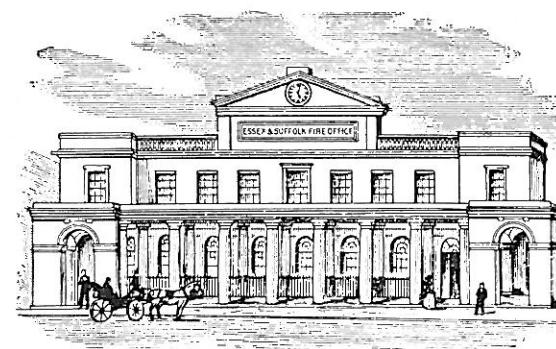
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# THE MUSICAL NUMBERS

## ACT I

1. Overture .. .. . ORCHESTRA
2. Thro' all the employments of life .. .. . PEACHUM
3. 'Tis woman that seduces all mankind .. .. . FILCH
4. If any wench Venus' girdle wear .. .. . MRS. PEACHUM
5. If love the virgin's heart invade .. .. . MRS. PEACHUM
6. A maid is like the golden ore .. .. . MRS. PEACHUM
7. Virgins are like the fair flower .. .. . POLLY
8. Our Polly is a sad slut .. .. . MR. AND MRS. PEACHUM
9. Can love be controlled by advice? .. .. . POLLY
10. O Polly, you might have toyed and kissed .. .. . MRS. PEACHUM AND POLLY
11. I like a ship in storms was tossed .. .. . POLLY
12. A fox may steal your hens, sir .. .. . PEACHUM
13. O ponder well .. .. . POLLY
14. The turtle thus with plaintive crying .. .. . POLLY
15. Pretty Polly, say .. .. . POLLY AND MACHEATH
16. My heart was so free .. .. . MACHEATH
17. Were I laid on Greenland's coast .. .. . POLLY AND MACHEATH
18. O what pain it is to part .. .. . POLLY AND MACHEATH

## ACT II

19. Fill every glass .. .. . FILCH AND CHORUS
20. Let us take the road .. .. . FILCH AND CHORUS
21. If the heart of a man .. .. . MACHEATH
22. Music to dialogue
23. Youth's the season .. .. . LADIES OF THE TOWN AND MACHEATH
24. Why, how now, Madam Flirt? .. .. . MOLLY BRAZEN AND MRS. VIXEN
25. Before the barn-door crowing .. .. . JENNY DIVER AND LADIES' CHORUS
26. At the tree I shall suffer .. .. . MACHEATH
27. Interlude

28. Newgate Prison
29. Man may escape from rope and gun .. .. . MACHEATH
30. Thus when a good housewife sees a rat .. .. . LUCY
31. Thus gamesters united in friendship are found .. .. . PEACHUM AND LOCKIT
32. You'll think ere many days ensue .. .. . LOCKIT
33. Thus when the swallow .. .. . POLLY
34. How happy could I be with either .. .. . MACHEATH
35. I'm bubbled, I'm bubbled .. .. . POLLY AND LUCY
36. Cease your funning .. .. . POLLY
37. No power on earth .. .. . POLLY, LUCY, PEACHUM, AND LOCKIT
38. Melodrama. (The escape of Macheath)

## ACT III

39. In a humour I was of late .. .. . TENOR SOLO, CHORUS, AND DANCE
40. The modes of the Court so common are grown .. .. . MACHEATH, FILCH, AND CHORUS
41. Incidental Music
42. In the days of my youth .. .. . DIANA TRAPES, PEACHUM, AND LOCKIT
43. Interlude
44. Entrance of Lucy
45. I'm like a skiff on the ocean tost .. .. . LUCY
46. Come, Sweet lass .. .. . LUCY
47. Hither, dear husband .. .. . POLLY AND LUCY
48. Which way shall I turn me? .. .. . MACHEATH
49. The charge is prepared .. .. . MACHEATH
50. Hornpipe. (Dance of Prisoners in Chains)
51. Macheath's soliloquy .. .. . MACHEATH
52. Would I might be hang'd .. .. . POLLY, LUCY, AND MACHEATH
53. Thus I stand like the Turk .. .. . MACHEATH AND CHORUS

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Act 1 - - PEACHUM'S HOUSE      Act 2 - - A TAVERN NEAR NEWGATE  
Act 3 - - A GAMING HOUSE

## The Cast.

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THE BEGGAR	..	..	..	..	..	..	HAROLD FIELDEN
MACHEATH	..	..	..	..	..	..	LEONARD PEASE
PEACHUM	..	..	..	..	..	..	MAURICE BOND
MRS. PEACHUM	..	..	..	..	..	..	DOROTHY ALDOUS
POLLY PEACHUM	..	..	..	..	..	..	PHYLLIS BAKER
FILCH	..	..	..	..	..	..	DONALD SCOTT
MAT OF THE MINT	..	..	..	..	..	..	LAURENCE MARSHALL
LOCKIT	..	..	..	..	..	..	JEAN COLYER
LUCY LOCKIT	..	..	..	..	..	..	WINIFRED FIELDEN
DIANA TRAPES	..	..	..	..	..	..	MARY NICHOLSON
JENNY DIVER	..	..	..	..	..	..	MONA GILDERS
MRS. COAXER	..	..	..	..	..	..	MOLLY GOLDSMITH
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MRS. VIXEN	..	..	..	..	..	..	ISABELLA MELVILLE
BETTY DOXY	..	..	..	..	..	..	EVA PALMER
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MOLLY BRAZEN	..	..	..	..	..	..	DOROTHY ORRIN
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