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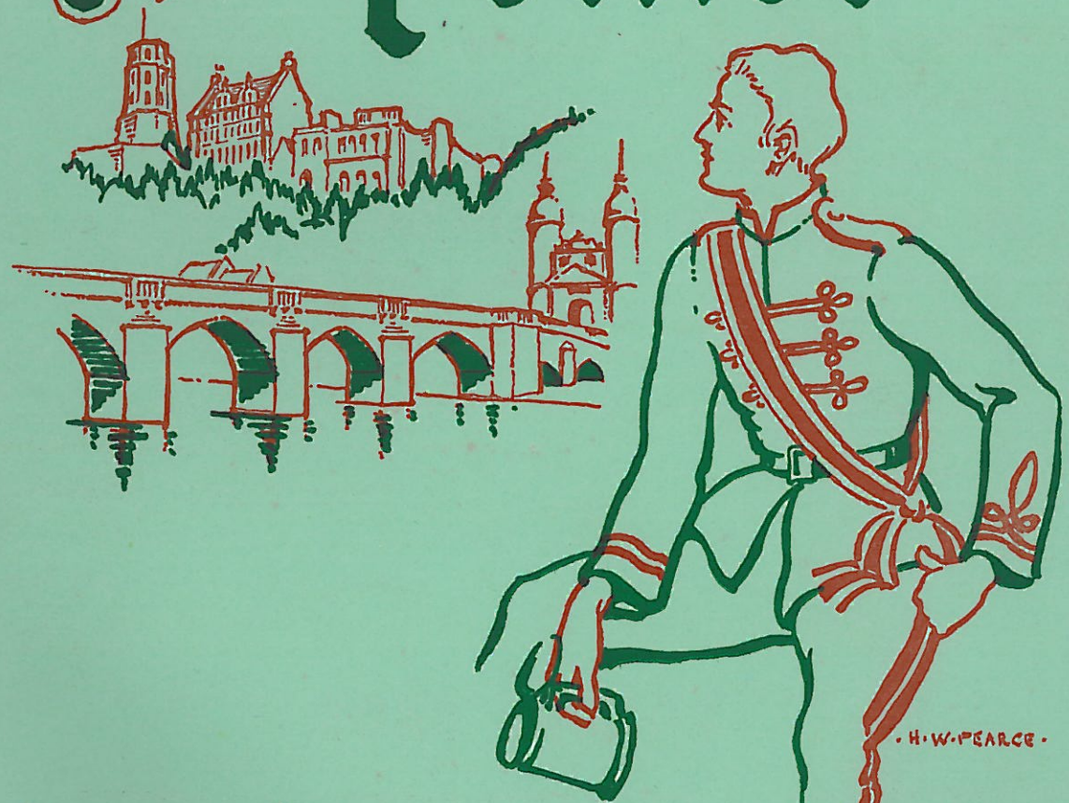

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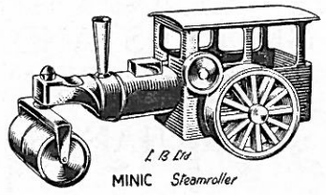

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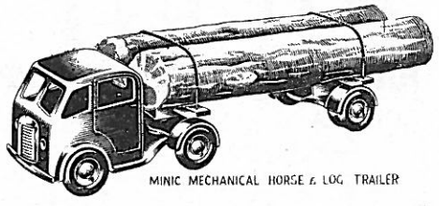

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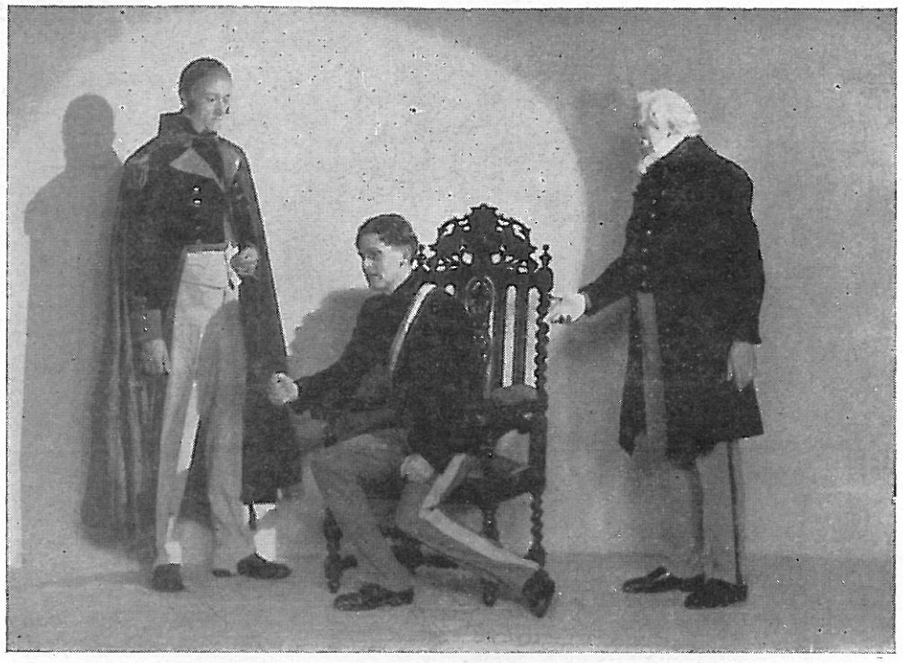

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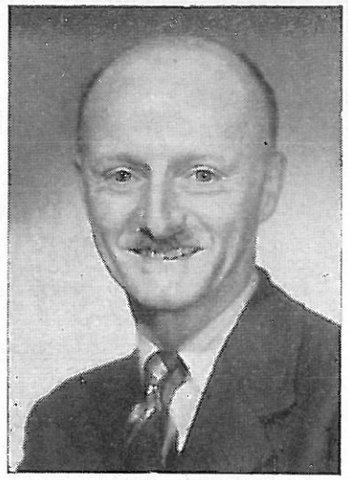

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Synopsis

IN the Spring of 1860, the young Prince Karl Franz, heir to the throne of Karlsberg, is temporarily freed from the restricting formalities of Court life to enter the University at Heidelberg. Accompanied by his old tutor, Dr. Engel, the Prince, with his personal valet Lutz, together with Hubert in attendance, are installed at the Inn of the Three Golden Apples.

Here, in the beer garden on the banks of the river Necka the students foregather each evening to drink, sing and extol the charms of Kathie, niece of the landlord, Ruder. The Prince enters the riotous escapades of student life and even more readily falls a victim to the captivating Kathie.

In the midst of this happy scene, the Princess Margaret, to whom the Prince is betrothed, appears at the Inn, having received a summons to attend the Palace where the health of the aged King is causing much anxiety. The departure of the Princess and her mother the Grand Duchess is followed by the appearance of Von Mark, the Prime Minister, demanding the Prince's immediate return to the Court.

The scene now reverts from gaiety to extreme despondency and the hastily planned flight of the Prince and Kathie to Paris is abandoned to the persistent demands of the Prime Minister.

An interval of two years finds Karl Franz, now King, contemplating his approaching marriage to the Princess Margaret. He realises this step will forever remove any hope of a return to the carefree happiness of student life. During these reflections he is presented with a vision of his old associates and so vivid is this experience that the Prince resolves to return to Heidelberg, its student life and particularly to renew his early association with Kathie. This move is anticipated by the Princess, who arrives before him and convinces Kathie of her own love for the Prince. A period of misfortune has overtaken the Inn, which no longer enjoys the patronage of the students and we find landlord Ruder selling out in favour of his former waitress Gretchen. This leaves Kathie homeless and at the suggestion of the Princess, she accepts the offer of marriage proposed by her cousin Rudolf.

When Karl Franz arrives at the Inn he is received by his old associates with the restrained respect befitting the reception of their King and in this conventional atmosphere he becomes aware of the responsibility of his calling and departs for the Palace where the ceremonial marriage to the devoted Princess Margaret is happily contracted.

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PROLOGUE

Antechamber in the Palace of Karlsberg. Spring 1860

1. Opening Quartette (LACKEYS) .. .. "By our bearing so sedate . . ."
2. Duet (PRINCE and ENGEL) .. .. "Golden Days" .. "Down where the Neckar flows"

ACT ONE

Garden of the Inn of the Three Golden Apples at the University of Heidelberg

3. Chorus of Girls .. .. "Garlands bright . . ."

3A. Nicholas' Pipe (Flute solo)

4. Entrance of Students and Kathie .. .. "To the Inn we're marching"
5. Chorus of Students and concerted number "Drinking Song" "Drink! Drink! Drink!" "Where is the maid . . ."

5A. Reprise .. .. "Drinking Song" .. "Drink! Drink! Let the toast start . . ."

5B. Exit of Students .. .. "To the Inn we're marching"

6. Entrance of Prince and Engel .. .. "Heidelberg, beloved vision"

6A. Unaccompanied Male Chorus .. "Gaudeamus" .. .. "Gaudeamus Igitur . . ."

6B. Reprise (ENGEL) .. .. .. "Golden Days" .. "Golden days in the sunshine . ."

7. Duet (KATHIE and PRINCE) .. "Deep in My Heart, Dear" .. "Of love I often hear . . ."
8. Finale .. .. "Come, Sir, will you join our Noble Saxon Corps . . ."

8A. Concerted Number .. .. .. "Serenade" .. .. "Overhead the moon is beaming"

INTERVAL (Seven minutes)

ACT TWO

Sitting Room of Prince Karl at the Inn. Four months later

9. Opening Chorus .. .. "Farmer Jacob lay a-snoring . ."
10. Concerted Number .. .. .. "Student Life" .. .. "Student life is gay . . ."
11. Flute Solo
12. Finale (PRINCE, ENGEL and KATHIE) .. .. "Thoughts will come back to me"

INTERVAL (Seven minutes)

ACT THREE

A Room of State in the Royal Palace of Karlsberg. Two years later

13. Opening and Ballet
14. Duet (PRINCESS and TARNITZ) and Chorus "Just we two" .. "Just we two, if they knew . . ."
15. Ensemble and Gavotte .. .. "The Flag that flies above us . ."
16. Finale (PRINCE) .. .. "What memories, sweet rose"

16A. Serenade Intermezzo

INTERVAL (Five minutes)

ACT FOUR

Same as Act One. The next day

17. Opening Chorus .. .. "Let us sing a song . . ."
18. Finale .. .. "To the Inn we're marching . ."

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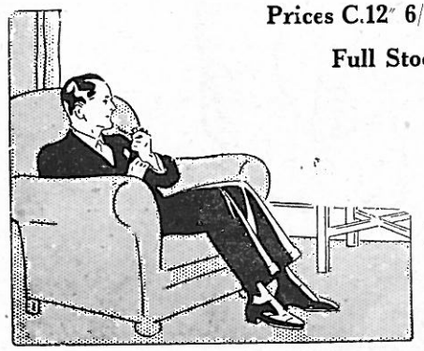

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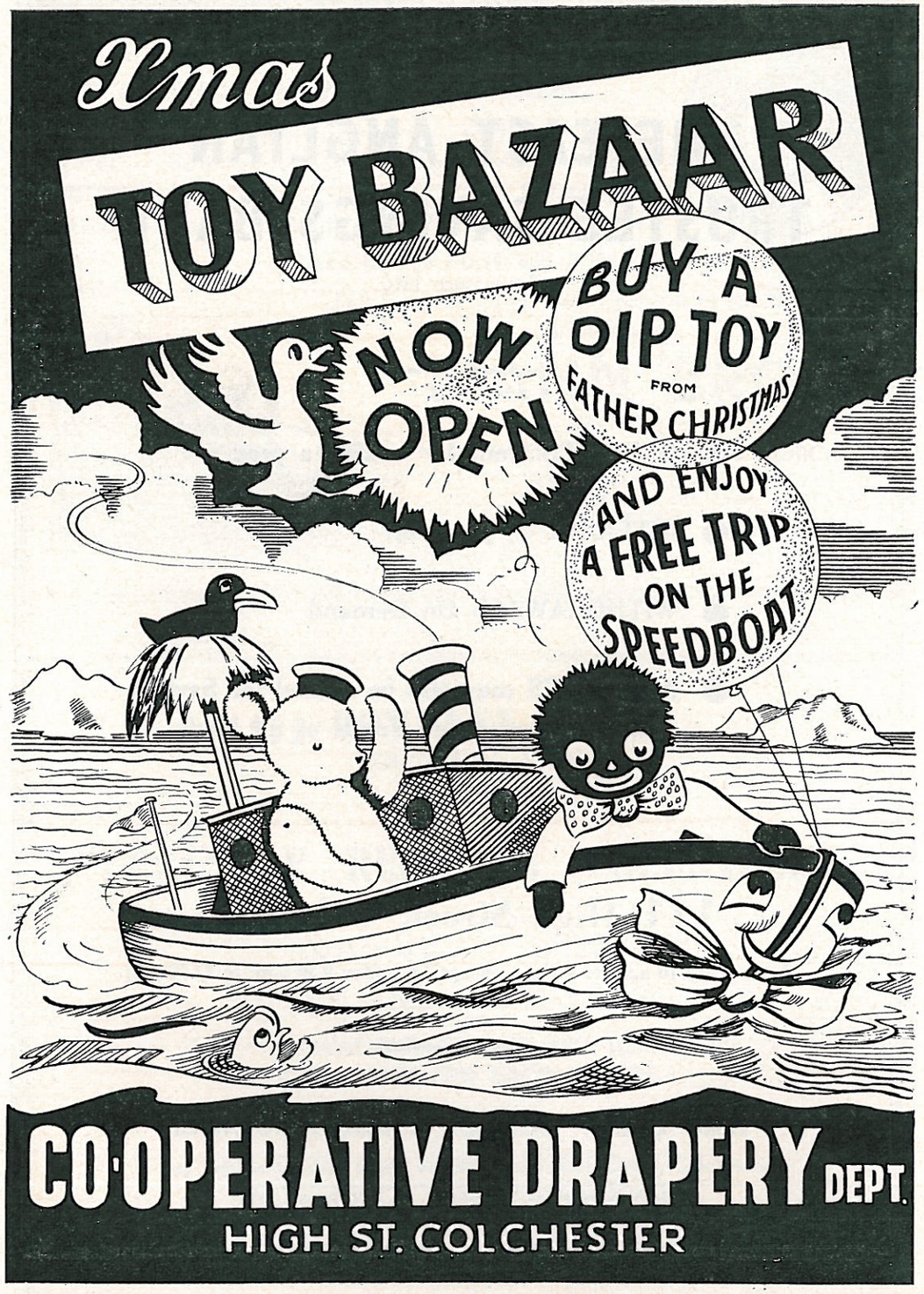

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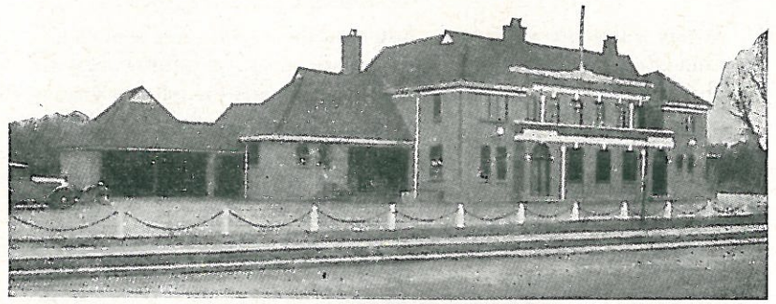

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