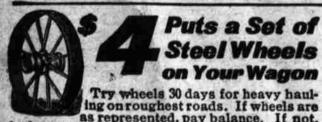


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ROM the desert I come to thee, On a stallion shod with fire; And the winds are left behind In the speed of my desire. Under thy window I stand, And the midnight hears my cry: I love thee, I love but thee! With a love that shall not die

Till the sun grows cold, And the stars are old, And leaves of the Judgment Book unfold!

Look from thy window and see My passion and my pain, I lie on the sands below, And I faint in thy disdain. Let the night-winds touch thy brow With the heat of my burning sigh,

And melt thee to hear the vow Of a love that shall not die Till the sun grows cold, And the stars are old, And leaves of the Judgment Book unfold!

My steps are nightly driven, By the fever in my breast, To hear from thy lattice breathed The word that shall give me rest. Open the door of thy heart, And open thy chamber door, And my kisses shall teach thy lips The love that shall fade no more Till the sun grows cold, And the stars are old, And leaves of the Judgment

Book unfold! -Bayard Taylor.

WHY I WANT A PHONOGRAPH.

The Joy and Comfort of Having the Best Music Always Waiting For One-Some Songs of Special Appeal.

By Mrs. Lindsay Patterson, Winston-Salem, N. C.

HE very next addition to the interest and happiness of this household in general and me in particular, will be either a telescope or phonograph, probably both, as it is well nigh impossible to decide which. At night when the heavens declare the glory of God and the firmanent showeth His handiwork, it does seem as if the telescope should come first; so that here and now one might go at will on a far journey to the outskirts of the universe, to the borderland of the mystery of sun and moon and stars which He ordained and pronounced good, when the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

Then if the day has been long and hard, nothing seems so good as a quiet hour in the library where the sweet singers of the world may come with their healing gifts of harmony to soothe and quiet life's turmoil. After all there is nothing like musicnothing to equal or take its place, so maybe the phonograph would better come first.

Can't you understand how good St. Adalbert of Hungary felt when as death drew nigh, he ordered that neither name nor good deeds be placed on his tombstone-they could wait in quietness and obscurity till judgment day should bring them to light. In their stead he directed that words and music of his favorite hymn be inscribed on the tomb so that even tho his lips were mute, inanimate marble should sound the glory of God through the centuries. And for a thousand years Hungarians have joined in that song of praise while his name and good deeds are written on their hearts. Certainly if it be possible that hymn is one I shall get for my phonograph.

Music is doubly music if it have history and meaning as well as melody. Then there are a number of other hymns that one wants because they are interwoven with the hopes and prayers of God's people through the long procession of the years. One I specially love:

"Art thou weary-art thou languid-Art thou sore distressed? Come to me; saith One, and coming-Be at rest."

It was written about the eighth century by Stephen of St. Sabbas, monastery, in Arabia, and curiously enough, showing how faith binds together all races and eliminates time, Carolina where is buried the grand- keep your toes still if the blessed

son of the South Carolina Middleton who signed the Declaration of Independence:

"If I ask Him to receive me Will He say me 'Nay?' Not till earth and not till heaven Pass away.".

Then there are the precious hymns of our childhood-"Rock of Ages," "Nearer My God to Thee," "Abide with me," and that triumphant shout of the saints "How Firm a Foundation."

Of course, one's choice would not be limited to them alone. They are for Sunday and Sunday moods. Music lovers have all the world and every emotion of the human heart to select from, and while the lists would vary as to some of the melodies, others are such universal favorites they would probably be in every collection. "La Paloma" is one. Certainly it would be in mine and when the phonograph started it I should shut my eyes and fancy myself a girl again back in Mexico, riding over that wonderful country and stopping at the square to hear the band play the familiar air. And then because there are two very different sides to Mexico, "The Dove" should be followed by the assassin's tune of "Deguello" or "No Quarter" that Santa Anna's band struck up at the last murderous charge of the Alamo—the fatal charge that left no messenger to tell the story of defeat and death. And there's another to go with it—a rollicking Irish one, "Garry Owen" that the band played when Custer's men started into the fatal fight of the Little Big Horn. One equally sinister, equally gay is "The World Turned Upside Down," played by the British band when their soldiers marched out at the surrender of Yorktown. My father used to whistle them and tell me their story. "Come Hither Ye Faithful" was another favorite of his. He said an English congregation in India was singing the first line when news came of the outbreak of the Indian mutiny, and the song was never finished.

And whatever our nationality, how Scotch we would all be in selecting songs. "Bonny Doon," "Annie Laurie," "Edinburgh Town," "Coming Through the Rye," "Campbells are Coming," the very names sing, don't they? And if you are Irish, as I am, who lived and suffered and sang at a you will get up and pace the floor over "Wearin' of the Green," and cry your eyes red over "Believe me if all those endearing young another verse of the hymn is used as charms;" and neither age, race, nor an inscription on a tomb in western previous conditions of servitude will