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IN THE GARDEN

Some poets and composers have made fortunes for everyone but themselves, while others have been smart enough to "clean up" while the getting was good. On the other hand, some musicians don't know whether to sell a song outright and pocket the cash or take a chance on royalties from future sales.

John Philip Sousa, the famous bandmaster, faced that situation twice, and must have resolved the conflict with a flip of a coin, because he sold his "Washington Post March" outright for \$35. Later he took a chance on publishing his equally well-known march, "Stars and Stripes Forever" on a royalty basis and pocketed more than \$300,000.

A few years ago an American band leader sued two popular composers for \$100,000, alleging plagiarism in connection with their popular song success, "Buttons and Bows." A Los Angeles Superior Court ruled that the basic melody of the song was in the public domain, thus depriving the band leader of a larger fortune than Bach, Beethoven and Brahms had amassed in their entire life-time.

That is a far cry from the troubles that beset a British songwriter, James Alexander Belfour Campbell Tyrie, in September of 1953. While his name may not be familiar to American audiences as it is to British theater-goers, people on both sides of the Atlantic sing his two famous songs with equal gusto, because the man with the five names composed "Show me the way to go home" and the perennial favorite "Let me call you sweetheart." That fateful September morning he was sentenced to a year in a hospital and put on three years probation for leaving a hotel without paying an \$8 bill that he owed. The magistrate actually ordered him to repay the hotel the money he had "swindled" from them. What happened to the cash that must have poured in from his song successes is anybody's guess!

There is additional irony in the fact that the first complete version of the national anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner," by Francis Scott Key, sold for \$25,000 in Baltimore recently, when it was purchased and turned over to the Maryland Historical Society as the centerpiece for a permanent memorial to the lawyer-poet. At that, it brought more than the original manuscript of Reginald Heber's famous missionary hymn, "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," which sold for a mere \$10.00, a sum reputed to be much larger than the special missionary offering it was written to inspire in May of 1819.

As for C. Austin Miles, he didn't know a good thing when he wrote it. After putting the finishing touches on his new gospel song back in 1912, he offered it to the Hall-Mack Publishing Company. The publishers took one look at the song, entitled "In The Garden," decided to take a big gamble, and gave the author- composer the magnificent sum of \$4 for it, which amounted to a dollar each for the three stanzas with an extra dollar thrown in for the chorus. By the time of the author's death at the age of seventy-eight, the song had been printed more than three million times, and recordings had topped the million mark. If he had only been as smart as Sousa and offered it for publication on a royalty basis, he would either have had it thrown back in his face or else would have made a fortune! It's almost a case of "heads I win, tails you lose."

Of the more than thirty thousand hymns and song tunes, "In The Garden" is, far and away the most popular. And he didn't die a pauper, because he served as music editor of the Robesoner Hall-Mack Company for more than forty-three years.

That was not the case with the Rev. Thomas O. Chisholm, of Vineland, New Jersey, author of the gospel song, "Great is thy faithfulness." The faithfulness of God was to him, almost in direct contrast, to the faithfulness of man! He was so hard pressed financially that he was even dropped from the Gideon's for "non-payment of dues." The poet and his wife were indeed in dire straits one night in 1914. In their prayers before going to bed, God of their lives, showed them His love to them. Unknown to the poet, the Gideon's had

A New Flavor

This happened to one of those little pests who sometimes go shopping with their mothers.

The youngster had begged until his indulgent parent had given him an ice cream cone. In the crowded elevator, the boy swiped his melting cone across the back of a woman's fur piece.

"Don't do that, Junior," his mother scolded. "You'll get fur in your ice cream." *Capper's Weekly.*

money to them. "It was an example of God's faithfulness," the pastor said upon receiving the unexpected, badly needed funds. In May of 1949 he wrote "I am nearly eighty-three years of age, but strength from above has been supplied together with the fulfillment of the promise 'My God will supply all your need.' Not only the supply of the need but the timing of help has signalized the tokens of His providential care."

Some would say that Rev. Mr. Chisholm was wealthier with a faith like that than those more fortunate authors and composers who have made fortunes only to waste them in riotous living and end out their days devoid of both money and the sustaining faith of a true believer.

OUR JUVENILE DELINQUENCY UP

The Department of Justice recently reported a nine per cent increase in juvenile delinquency in 1955. This was not entirely unexpected, although the rise is a large one.

We have mentioned on previous occasions that juvenile delinquency can usually be traced to parents. We hope that parents in this community will take note of the increasing rate of juvenile delinquency and do their best to see that the rate in our community does not rise.

The FBI reports an 11.4 per cent increase in police arrest of youngsters below the age of nineteen, although these statistics were based on cities, generally, and not on rural communities.

Although we are not of the opinion that the younger generation is going to the dogs, we do believe that parents should redouble their efforts to find constructive recreation programs for their children and that communities should likewise do all that is possible to provide outlets for the enthusiasm and energy of its youngsters.

AUTOMOBILE SALES MEN AT THE DOOR

In Flint, Michigan, automobiles are being sold by door-to-door salesmen. The plan was originated by a car-dealer in Flint, who uses two platoons of thirteen men each on week-day nights. An assistant sales manager goes along with the thirteen salesmen and stays in the middle of the road, so to speak, as the salesmen ring doorbells going down the street.

The assistant sales manager is on hand to appraise cars, and tell salesmen what they can allow for this or that model. If the homeowner bites, the salesman is ready to deliver a new car immediately, has the papers ready and can take the old car away in quick order.

The platoon system of automobile selling begins at about four o'clock in the afternoon and lasts until dark, or shortly thereafter. In this way, the salesman catch both husband and wife at home, after the breadwinner comes home from work and before they go out at night. The new sales method emphasizes

CAMP SOUTH TOE RIVER WILL OPEN SUNDAY, JULY 15

Handicapped Children From County Are Urged To Attend

The Easter Seal Society for crippled children would like to announce that Camp South Toe River, Mica-ville, N. C., will open July 15 and continue through August 12.

Emphasis will be on recreation and will include swimming, athletics, craft work, nature study, and campcraft. Physical therapy, and speech therapy will be provided for those children requiring it, on doctor's prescription.

Boys and girls from 8 to 16 years of age will be accepted if handicapped, and can meet certain basic requirements.

If interested, please contact Mrs. C. W. Ward, Marshall, N. C. Telephone Number 2942.

the lull in the automobile business at the moment.

MAY PREVENT DROWNING BY BEING CAUTIOUS

Vacation time is in full swing and, judging from the experience of other years, 3,500 lives will be lost by accidental drowning during these next few months. This represents only about half of the total number of people drowned each year but they are crowded into the three summer months.

The annual death toll in the United States from drowning grows larger each year. More than one-half of those dying in this manner are young persons under twenty-four years of age. The largest single age group of persons drowned is the group between fifteen and nineteen years.

Every vacationist should be careful this summer. A period of rest and relaxation from work is fine and necessary, but carelessness should not rob it of its pleasure. To venture too far in the surf or to take chances in a swift current means running the risk of drowning. Swimmers should be extremely careful.

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