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CHARACTERS

(in order as they speak)

Darrell Davis, a camera man from Hollywood	Tenor lead
Galooski, prime minister of Eurolania	Speaking part
Belladonna, a lady-in-waiting	Speaking part
Montmerency, king of Eurolania	Baritone
Queen Florinda, his wife	Alto
Rose, his elder daughter	Soprano lead
Daisy, his younger daughter	Mezzo
Prince Karl, his son	. Baritone
Count Sergius von Popova, a conspirator	Bass
Demetrius Doodledorf, his right-hand man	Baritone
Trombonius Tootletop, his left-hand man	Baritone
Percival McPipp, a moving picture director	Baritone
Mrs Priscilla McPipp, his wife	Mezzo
Pamela McPipp, his daughter	Soprano

Courtiers, nobles, soldiers, peasants, tourists, etc.

SCENE

Garden of King Montmerency's palace on the banks of the Danube River.

TIME

Summer, during the annual Rose Festival in Eurolania

ACT I. Morning

ACT II. Evening

THE STORY

The little kingdom of Eurolania lies somewhere in Europe on the banks of the beautiful blue Danube. But on the morning of our story the kingdom is feeling more blue than beautiful, for the simple reason that the royal treasury is exhausted, and so is the patience of the royal army, which has not been paid for so long that it is likely to sit down at any minute. Count Sergius von Popova, a low-down villain if ever there was one, is plotting to take advantage of the general unrest and start a revolution, assisted by two equally low-down rascals called Demetrius Doodledorf and Trombonius Tootletop.

For the time being, however, the attention of the populace is distracted by the annual Rose Festival which is being held throughout the kingdom. Among the many visitors attracted to the scene are Darrell Davis, a news photographer with motion picture experience, and Percival McPipp, who readily admits that he is one of the greatest moving picture directors who ever came out of Hollywood, and who is accompanied by Mrs. Priscilla McPipp and their daughter Pamela.

The presence of so great a motion picture director causes more than a passing flutter in the breasts of King Montmerency's loyal Eurolanians, including even the king's own wife Florinda, and his children, Rose, Daisy, and Karl, all of whom besiege McPipp with requests to be given employment in the movies. McPipp, who is impressed with the beauty of the palace as well as the picturesqueness of the costumes, has an inspired idea. He will pay King Montmerency a million dollors for the use of the whole kingdom, people and palace and all, and will produce a romantic drama dealing with the love affairs of a prince and princess in a European court! Since this is central Europe, the story will of course include a revolution, which will be enacted with the royal army as the supers in the play.

Darrell's moving picture camera has not arrived yet, but King Montmerency and McPipp agree to hold a general rehearsal in the evening, so as to practice the business of having the mob storm the gates of the palace, firing blank cartridges and throwing supposed bombs and clamoring in typical mob fashion. McPipp assures the king that two or three good rehearsals will be all they need, after which they can proceed with the actual photography.

Everybody is delighted with the turn events have taken, but no one more so than von Popova, because he sees a chance to change the mock revolution into a real one by putting real bullets in the guns and real dynamite in the bombs, thus wiping out the king and court at one fell stroke, and enabling him to seize the reins of government. He plots and plans with Demetrius and Trombonius to meet him in the center of the garden, take the bombs he hands them, and dash them at the very feet of King Montmerency and his family.

But fortunately for all concerned, Darrell and Karl overhear the plot in time to foil it by a clever trick, thus catching all three villains in the act, and saving the lives of king and courtiers alike. Darrell is rewarded with the hand of the king's daughter, Rose, while Karl gains a similar prize in the person of Pamela McPipp. Popova is suitably punished for his crime, and preparations go gaily forward for a joyful combination of riches and romance in Eurolania.

ROSE OF THE DANUBE

OVERTURE

Geoffry F. Morgan

Arthur A. Penn

No. 1



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SCENE: Garden of the palace of KING MONTMERENCY. At the upper R. is an arched doorway leading into the palace. At L. and back is an arbor or trellis covered with roses in full bloom. There is a stone bench up stage at C. long enough to seat three people. The time is about noon. Lights full up. Rise of curtain discloses Chorus grouped about stage, together with BELLADONNA and GALOOSKI. The girls are making garlands of roses.

Opening Chorus

No. 2

Roses



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Entire group forms picture or tableau at close of number, holding the pose as DARRELL DAVIS dashes in from L., carrying large camera.

DARRELL Cheerfully Just a minute, folks; just a minute! Hold it. Eyes this way. All smile! Aiming camera and focussing it. That's fine; hold it. Snaps picture. All right; as you were. CHORUS relaxes.

GALOOSKI Haughtily Who are you, sir, and what do you want here?

DARRELL Surprised What? You don't know me? Here, take a slant at this. Flicks card from vest pocket and hands it. "Darrell Davis, with the Hot Shot News-Picture Service." 'We take the views to make the news.'

BELLADONNA Haughtily What are you doing in Eurolania?

DARRELL I'm covering the Rose Festival for the newspapers of the United States, and that group I just collected will be an eyeful.

GALOOSKI A newspaper photographer, in fact?

DARRELL Heartily Yes, sir, a news-hound from away back, that's me. Now then, who are you?

GALOOSKI I am the prime minister, Galooski, and a loyal subject of his imperial majesty, King Montmerency of Eurolania.

ALL Hurrah!

DARRELL Heartily I'm pleased to meet you. Turning to BELLADONNA Is this Mrs. Galooski?

GALOOSKI Shocked No, no! This lady's name is Belladonna.

DARRELL Belladonna?

GALOOSKI Belladonna. Her parents found the name on a medicine bottle.

DARRELL Gosh! It's a lucky thing they weren't taking sarsparilla! And what's her job?

GALOOSKI She is lady-in-waiting for the queen.

DARRELL Well, I'm a gentleman in waiting for the whole royal family.

BELLADONNA To take a picture of them?

DARRELL Positively. "We take the views to make the news."

BELLADONNA You'll have to wait.

GALOOSKI Our gracious monarchs will condescend to give you audience soon, no doubt.

DARRELL That'll be great!

BELLADONNA Haughtily Did you say you came from America?

DARRELL Heartily Yes, ma'am; right from the garden spot of the universe, _ Los Angeles.

GALOOSKI That's a part of California isn't it?

DARRELL The folks who live there claim it's the biggest part. And while we're waiting, would you like to hear about the climate in California?

ALL Loudly No!

DARRELL Brightly No?

ALL Emphatically NO!

DARRELL Quite undiscouraged Very well, then! I'll tell you all about it.

GALOOSKI Please don't trouble yourself.

DARRELL It's no trouble; it's a pleasure. You know we have only two kinds of climate in California.

BELLADONNA What are they?

DARRELL It's always either perfect, or else it's very unusual!

No. 3

Climate DARRELL AND CHORUS











All remain on stage at close of number.

GALOOSKI I wonder you don't take moving pictures, as well as the ordinary kind.

Pointing to DARRELL'S camera.

DARRELL I do, but my movie camera won't be here until tomorrow.

BELLADONNA Why not?

DARRELL It was delayed at the customs house by the Spanish.

GALOOSKI Easily Ah yes; that's an old Spanish custom.

DARRELL But I hope to get some dandy features for the news reel when it does come.

BELLADONNA There is plenty of time; the Rose Festival always lasts a week or more.

DARRELL Yes, and I guess the country will be here longer than that.

GALOOSKI Gravely I hope so, I am sure.

DARRELL Surprised What do you mean; you hope so?

GALOOSKI The government is very short of money.

DARRELL Brightly Well, I know just how the government feels!

BELLADONNA There is a good deal of distress among the people.

GOLOOSKI Some of our bonds are in default.

BELLADONNA Mortgages are being foreclosed.

GALOOSKI And yet the taxes keep on getting higher every year.

DARRELL Say, are you talking about your country, or mine?

GALOOSKI We are talking of Eurolania.

DARRELL It surely sounds familiar!

BELLADONNA Pointing off R. But look! Here comes our noble monarch, Montmerency, accompanied by her gracious majesty the Queen, Florinda, and their three lovely and accomplished children.

DARRELL Preparing camera What a chance for a snapshot!

GALOOSKI To the CHORUS Come, loyal citizens of Eurolania; our royal family approaches; let us give them all a royal welcome.

Hurrah! Hurrah!

KING, QUEEN, ROSE, DAISY, KARL AND CHORUS

No. 4

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KING, QUEEN, ROSE, DAISY and KARL enter during this number, and all remain on at close.





















KING Looking round him very cheerfully That's very good, my subjects, very good. You don't sing well, but you do sing loud.

GALOOSKI Your kindness overwhelms us, your excellency.

Of course, I don't want to find fault, but if I might make a suggestion, there ought to be a little more grace and beauty about the way you wave your hands on that "Hurrah". Just watch me, and I'll show you what I mean. With a flourish of hand over his head. Hurrah! Hurrah! Get the idea? All right; let's try it once. Directs movement of CHORUS.

KING

ALL Imitating KING'S gestures and tone Hurrah! Hurrah!

KING Gratified That's much better. Turning to GALOOSKI. And now, who

is this visitor?

GALOOSKI Indicating DARRELL with a gesture This, your majesty, is —

DARRELL Interrupting briskly My name is Davis — Darrell Davis, camera man

for the Hot Shot News Service Company; "We take the views to make the

news." Are you the king?

KING Shocked Oh, don't say "king." Say "monarch."

DARRELL But it means just the same.

KING I know it does, but it sounds so much better.

DARRELL Indicating the others And is this the royal family?

KING Cheerfully Absolutely. Just let me run over the list again in case you

didn't get the names. Pointing to each in turn. My wife, Florinda.

DARRELL makes low bow.

QUEEN Welcome to Eurolania, my man!

KING My daughter, Rose. She bows to DARRELL.

DARRELL Rose of the Danube?

ROSE Yes.

DARRELL Gosh! Everybody must be jealous of the Danube!

KING Continuing My younger daughter, Daisy, and my son, Karl.

DARRELL Shaking hands You both look the part.

KARL How so?

DARRELL Cordially You look like a prince, and she looks like a daisy!

GALOOSKI Your excellency, this young man desires to take a picture of your royal

family.

KING Cheerfully Now that's a bright idea. How would you like us to stand?

QUEEN Interrupting Monte, my love, you haven't got your crown on.

KING Oh well, that doesn't matter.

DARRELL Oh yes it does, your highness. Over in America they wouldn't believe you

really were a king if you didn't wear a crown.

KING Annoyed All right then. We can get it, but it means going back to the

palace again.

DARRELL Let me go with you, and save a double trip.

KING Now that's another bright idea. We'll all go. And by the way, that gives

us a good excuse to practice that "Hurrah" business just once more, and see if we can't get it just exactly right. Come, my loyal and devoted sub-

jects, let's see you do your stuff!

Reprise

Hurrah! Hurrah!

No.4a

CHORUS

During music all principals leave stage R. then chorus R. and L. so that the very last "Hurrah" is sung behind the scenes.



ENTER POPOVA, DEMETRIUS and TROMBONIUS, very stealthily, from L.

POPOVA Pointing R. with scorn Listen to those fools, cheering for their royal

family! They are dancing on the edge of a volcano.

DEMETRIUS Dully Who? The royal family?

POPOVA Fiercely No, blockhead; the people. But something must be done to

overthrow the tyrants.

TROMBONIUS Stupidly Who? The people?

POPOVA Disgusted No, idiot; the royal family. They are despots.

DEMETRIUS More dully than before What makes them desperate?

POPOVA Indignantly I didn't say desperate; I said despot!

TROMBONIUS Stupidly What's the difference?

POPOVA Montmerency is a despot, and I am desperate.

DEMETRIUS Looking blank I thought he was a king, and you were a count.

POPOVA Savagely The time will come when he will be no king.

TROMBONIUS Brightening up Maybe the time will come when you'll be no account.

POPOVA Turning on him so suddenly that he jumps That's right! The time will come when tyrants shall be overthrown; when Montmerency shall be exiled, and we revolutionists shall seize the reins of government. We Sergius Heinrich

Dominic Sylvester Snicklefritz von Popova have sworn it.

DEMETRIUS Looking around Where are they?

POPOVA Puzzled Where are who?

TROMBONIUS All those fellows you were talking about?

POPOVA Exploding Blockhead! I tell you I have sworn to overthrow the govern-

ment and make myself dictator.

DEMETRIUS Blankly You'll be a dictator?

POPOVA Confidently Yes, I'm just the type.

TROMBONIUS Shaking head It's no use; I can't take dictation.

DEMETRIUS And I can't type.

POPOVA Craftily Listen to me. This is the week of the Rose Festival. The people

are making merry, and the soldiers are off their guard.

TROMBONIUS All of them?

POPOVA All twenty-eight of them. Once let us take them by surprise, and we will

storm the palace, banish the royal family, and take the throne.

DEMETRIUS Where shall we take it?

POPOVA Silence now. Not a word. Beware!

TROMBONIUS Be where?

POPOVA Beware.

DEMETRIUS Here? Pointing R.

TROMBONIUS Or there? Pointing L.

POPOVA Desperately Anywhere! Remember; we are conspirators.

Conspirators

No. 5

SERGIUS, DEMETRIUS AND TROMBONIUS







EXEUNT all to L. at close.

ENTER ROSE and DARRELL, arm in arm, from R.

DARRELL As they ENTER Talk about feature pictures; that group is going to be a knockout.

ROSE I do hope father's crown will show up well.

DARRELL Don't worry; it'll stand out like a wart on a pickle.

ROSE Where did you learn to be a photographer?

DARRELL In Hollywood.

ROSE Interested What? In the moving picture studios?

DARRELL Yes, indeed. I've worked in almost every one of them.

ROSE They say the girls in Hollywood are the loveliest in the world.

DARRELL That's what I used to think, until today.

ROSE Have you met many of the famous directors?

DARRELL Most of them, but the man I knew best was Percival McPipp.

ROSE Who is he?

DARRELL Surprised What? You never heard of Percival McPipp? He makes all the

great spectacles, with mobs, and all that kind of thing. I've seen him use a

hundred thousand people in one picture.

ROSE It must cost an awful lot of money.

DARRELL Easily What does he care? It doesn't belong to him!

ROSE It must be wonderful to make great feature pictures.

DARRELL Yes, but I'd rather be working over here. That's artificial beauty, and this

is natural.

ROSE You mean the roses?

DARRELL Yes, and the people with their gay costumes and their songs and dances.

ROSE I'm not so sure that they'll be gay much longer.

DARRELL Why not?

ROSE There is a lot of unrest among the people.

DARRELL Easily Oh well, nothing is likely to happen during the carnival, I hope.

ROSE No, but that only lasts a week.

DARRELL Lots of things can happen in a week.

ROSE Pleasant things, or unpleasant?

DARRELL As far as I'm concerned, they'll all be pleasant. Honestly, I'm crazy about

Eurolania.

ROSE It's just a little country.

DARRELL Yes, but it's on the Danube River.

ROSE It doesn't compare with Vienna, for example.

DARRELL Well, very few places can do that, of course. It's pretty hard to beat the

glamor of old Vienna.

ROSE And don't forget the Viennese music, too.

DARRELL You can't forget it if you've ever heard it.

ROSE I always think the waltz is the queen of the dances.

DARRELL And I always think Strauss is the king of the waltz!

Duet

King of the Waltz

No.6

ROSE AND DARRELL













At close of number both remain on stage as KING enters from R. wearing crown.

DARRELL Cheerfully Greetings, your majesty. You see we're making hay while the sun shines.

KING Fretfully Well, if you expect me to spring some gag about the sun shining while I'm reigning, you're mistaken. In the first place, that joke is old enough to vote, and in the second, I'm much too worried to try to be funny.

ROSE Sweetly But, father, you're much more funny when you don't try.

DARRELL You must have something on your mind besides your crown.

KING Indeed I have. Von Popova keeps dunning me to pay those bonds.

ROSE There's nothing quite so worrying as money matters.

KING It isn't money that matters; it's lack of money.

DARRELL Isn't that the truth?

KING We're having a dreadful time over finances. The standing army hasn't been paid for so long that it's liable to sit down any minute.

ROSE Good gracious!

DARRELL You'll have to give them some setting-up exercises.

KING If only somebody would set me up, I wouldn't care so much about the army.

Looking off L. Oh dear, here come some more tourists; seeing the sights,
I suppose.

ROSE Well, you're a sight, father, let them see you.

ENTER McPIPP, MRS. McPIPP and PAMELA from L.

McPIPP Coming forward Pardon me, but can you tell me — suddenly recognizing DARRELL. What? Can it be? Yes, it is — my dear friend Darrel Davis! Rushes forward, grasps both DARRELL'S hands and shakes them effusively.

DARRELL Cheerfully Well, as I exist and inhale, if it isn't Percival McPipp!

McPIPP With wildly extravagant and exaggerated manner The great McPipp himself, appearing in person! My dear boy, this is a surprise. Introducing family. You know Mrs. McPipp, of course. And this is Pamela. My own sweet angel child, Pamela. The fairest flower—

MRS McPIPP Interrupting Yes, yes, father, we know. To DARRELL. How do you do?

McPIPP Looking at KING and ROSE. And this gentleman?

DARRELL This is his majesty, King Montmerency, the monarch of Eurolania.

McPIPP Always exaggerated and temperamental. What? Is it possible that I have the supreme and distinguished honor of meeting the illustrious potentate of Eurolania? Rushing forward and grasping KING'S hand. Sir, I am overwhelmed, astounded, speechless, motionless, amazed!

KING Don't worry. Nobody would notice it.

McPIPP To think that I should have the honor of meeting royalty in person!

DARRELL But what are you doing in Eurolania?

McPIPP Resting, my boy, resting, and enjoying the Rose Festival. You know I've just completed a super-super special feature picture.

KING What is it?

McPIPP "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

ROSE I think we've seen that show already.

McPIPP With extravagant gestures. Oh, yes, but not the way I make it! Wait till you see the cabin; ninety feet high and three hundred and forty-two feet long. We used a dozen Elizas crossing twenty miles of ice.

DARRELL How many blood-hounds?

McPIPP Impressively. Thirty seven thousand!

KING It must have been a super-super special feature.

McPIPP Yes, but it wore me out. It was a colossal undertaking. I used up nine "yes-men" on the job.

ROSE No wonder you need a vacation.

DARRELL I should say the "yes-men" needed one.

KING What will you use for your next picture?

McPIPP "Robinson Crusoe." We shall have seven savages.

ROSE I thought there was only one in "Robinson Crusoe."

McPIPP Yes, that was Friday, but we're going to have a savage for every day in

the week!

KING There's certainly nothing small about Hollywood!

McPIPP It's even bigger than you realize.

In A Moving Picture Show

McPIPP, DARRELL, KING, ROSE, PAMELA AND Mrs.McPIPP





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EXEUNT all to R. at close.

After a pause, QUEEN and DAISY enter from upper R.

DAISY I wonder where father is going with all those people.

QUEEN No doubt he's asked them all to lunch.

DAISY Good gracious; and we've only just finished washing up the breakfast dishes.

QUEEN That's just like a man; always inviting extra people to dinner, without ever thinking about the extra work.

DAISY It was bad enough before the hired girl left us.

QUEEN Oh, of course, I wouldn't think twice about it if we had a lot of servants as we used to have.

DAISY What made them all quit?

OUEEN They got tired of waiting for their wages.

DAISY I don't see why we couldn't pay them. The people still pay taxes.

QUEEN Yes, but it takes all they pay to satisfy that wretched Count von Popova. You see he bought up all the bonds the government issued ten years ago, and it takes every cent we get to pay the interest.

DAISY Is that the way he got such a hold over father?

QUEEN Yes. He owns the government bonds, and the minute we fail to pay the principal and interest, he threatens to start a revolution.

DAISY But he's got heaps of money already.

QUEEN Yes, and heaps of servants.

DAISY I wish he had to do as much housework as we do; that's what I wish.

QUEEN I wouldn't care so much about the other things, if only he had to wash the dishes.

DAISY Yes; that's the worst of all!

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Duet

Dishes in the Sink

QUEEN AND DAISY







Both remain on at close, as KARL enters with a rush from R.

KARL Oh mother, have you heard the news?

QUEEN Don't say your father has invited some more people to dinner?

KARL No, no, it isn't that at all! But did you see the man that he was taking home just now?

DAISY Well, what about him?

KARL That's Percival McPipp!

QUEEN Percival Mcwho?

KARL McPipp. Percival McPipp, the great motion picture director.

DAISY Excited Oh Karl, not Percival McPipp, who directed "Passion's Playground"?

KARL That's just exactly who it is.

DAISY He's the greatest director in the world, mother.

QUEEN Perhaps. But why are you two so excited about him?

KARL Don't you see? He must be hunting for new talent. He may give us all jobs in Hollywood.

DAISY Excited Think of it! We may be moving picture stars!

QUEEN Doubtfully Nonsense.

KARL You can't tell. We might be just the type he's looking for.

DAISY Come on. Let's hunt him up and find out. It can't do any harm to ask, anyhow.

KARL Of course not. Come on, mother; let's not waste any time. Going R.

QUEEN Yielding Well, of course I have seen much homelier people than myself in

the movies!

They hurry out quickly, up R.

Pause. ENTER MRS. McPIPP and PAMELA from palace.

PAMELA King Montmerency is a charming man.

MRS, McPIPP Yes, and he has a charming family.

PAMELA Rose and Daisy are delightful.

MRS, McPIPP I was thinking about Prince Karl.

PAMELA Innocently Is he? I hadn't noticed.

MRS. McPIPP Then it's time you did. A girl like you doesn't often get a chance to talk

to a real prince.

PAMELA Smiling Oh mother! It isn't very likely that I'll ever marry a title.

MRS. McPIPP You never can tell. Look at some of the nit-wits who have!

PAMELA Considering Oh well, that's different.

MRS, McPIPP Think what a sensation it would cause when we got back to Hollywood!

Laughing and talking heard off R. Enter McPIPP with KING, followed in turn by KARL, QUEEN, DAISY, GALOOSKI and BELLADONNA, while SERGIUS, DEMETRIUS and TROMBONIUS enter from L., followed by whole CHORUS from R. and L. all talking and gesturing in excited fashion. There is a confused noise of conversation.

Clapping his hands Come, come, my loyal subjects; calm yourselves. I

can't hear myself think. Crowd becomes quiet.

KARL Maybe there's a reason!

QUEEN Go on Montmerency, ask him.

DAISY Yes, go on, father, ask him.

KING First of all, I want to make an introduction. To Crowd. Citizens of Eurolania, allow me to present Nature's greatest gift to the moving picture

business, Percival McPipp.

ALL Hurrah. McPIPP bows and waves

KING Sharply I don't want to criticize, but you are falling down on that "Hurrah"

business again. Watch me. Business as before. "Hurrah! Hurrah!" Now, try it

once more.

ALL Hurrah!

KING That's better.

McPIPP I thank you one and all for this reception. I'm glad to find that genius is

recognized in Eurolania just as it is in Hollywood. And now, what was it

that you wished to ask me?

KING Listen, brother, listen!

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KING

Quintette

Put Me in the Movies

McPIPP, KING, QUEEN, KARL, DAISY AND CHORUS







All remain on stage at close of number.

McPIPP Suddenly clapping hand to forehead Your excellency, I have a great idea!

KING That's fine.

McPIPP Gesturing extravagantly It's more than an idea — it's an inspiration.

KING That's better.

McPIPP With wild enthusiasm What a wonderful opportunity this would be to make a romantic super super special feature picture.

ALL What?

McPIPP Certainly. What star director would not give his megaphone to get a setting and a background such as this?

KING You don't say so!

McPIPP I do. It's priceless. With great enthusiasm. I'll tell you what I'll do. I'll hire your whole population, king and queen and royal family and soldiers and peasants and all, and stage a mammoth feature picture right here, in this garden, with this palace for a background, and these people for actors.

KING How much would you pay?

McPIPP Easily Let's say a million dollars.

KING By all means let's say it. That certainly is a bright idea. But what about a plot?

McPIPP My movies never have a plot. We work it out as we go along. Don't worry about plot. We'll make it typically European; plenty of uniforms and fine clothes; some drums and guns and bands of music playing, a lovely princess, and a handsome hero and a few conspirators that plot against the throne.

KING That's great. We've got 'em all right here.

McPIPP Yes, and more than that, we've got young Darrell Davis for a camera man.

DAISY But he hasn't any movie camera.

McPIPP Never mind, it will be here tomorrow, so we can spend this evening in rehearsing. We'll need a mob scene, of course, and some blank cartridges, and a few smoke bombs, and the more people the better. To the Crowd. Yes, my friends, your request is granted, and before another day you'll one and all be in the movies!

He's Putting Us All in the Movies

ENSEMBLE

No.9a





Clear stage at close of number, both principals and chorus going to R. and L. as convenient.

ENTER ROSE and DARRELL from R.

ROSE Won't it be wonderful to be in the movies?

DARRELL You'll be the leading lady.

ROSE I wish you were going to be the leading man.

DARRELL I am.

ROSE Are you?

DARRELL Yes, but not in the movies.

ROSE You have a lot of confidence.

DARRELL I have to, if I want to take the views to make the news.

ROSE The Danube ought to make a lovely background.

DARRELL Yes, and the rose of the Danube ought to make a lovely foreground.

ROSE Roses, you mean?

DARRELL As far as I'm concerned, there's only one!

Duet

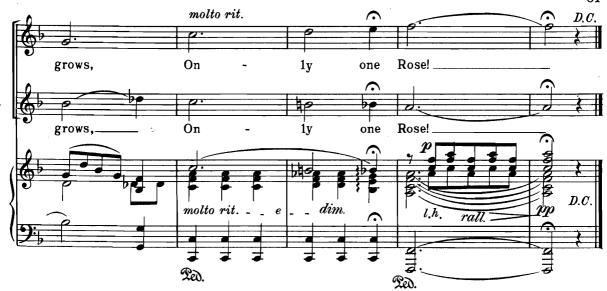
Only One Rose

No.10

ROSE AND DARRELL







EXEUNT both R.at close.

ENTER from L. POPOVA, DEMETRIUS and TROMBONIUS, stealthily.

POPOVA So now the king has taken to play-acting for a change.

DEMETRIUS Well, he had to get some change somehow.

TROMBONIUS I could give him two cents for a five.

POPOVA Don't worry; we'll give him more change than that. He's going to get the surprise of his life.

DEMETRIUS What are you going to do?

TROMBONIUS Scare him to death?

POPOVA Fiercely Silence! Now listen to me. The people are going to stage a make believe revolution here this evening.

DEMETRIUS I know. The mob will attack the palace.

TROMBONIUS The army will pretend to mutiny.

DEMETRIUS The people will pretend to throw some bombs.

TROMBONIUS The soldiers will pretend to shoot.

POPOVA Fiercely Pretend! They'll do it.

DEMETRIUS Trembling Oh, for goodness sake!

TROMBONIUS Trembling Oh, for ever more!

POPOVA Stop that shivering and listen to me! This moving picture nonsense gives us just the chance we want. All we need to do is to put some real bullets in the guns, and some real dynamite in the bombs, and then lie low. We'll supply the powder

and shot, and they'll do all the rest.

DEMETRIUS But suppose they find out who did it?

TROMBONIUS They might be mad at us.

POPOVA Fool! Who will there be to find out when once the deed is done? Looking off to R. and L. Silence. Here they come. They mingle with the crowd which enters as the music starts.

ENTER from R. and L. as convenient, all principals, together with all Chorus. McPIPP comes down C. with KING, other principals to R. and L. and CHORUS grouped behind, all cheering loudly.

We'll Make A Super Super Special















68 ACT II

The time is evening of the same day. No change of scenery or costume is needed, but principals may change to evening dress or more elaborate costume if desired. Rise of curtain discloses entire cast and Chorus grouped on stage. KING, QUEEN and McPIPP are seated on bench up center; DARRELL, ROSE, DAISY, GALOOSKI and BELLADONNA at their R.; KARL, PAMELA, and MRS. McPIPP at their L., with POPOVA, DEMETRIUS and TROMBONIUS. Chorus sitting and standing in groups. Special steps and dances are desirable during opening number.

Opening Chorus

Moonlight On the Danube

ENSEMBLE





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At close of Number Chorus EXEUNTS to R. and L.; KING, MRS. McPIPP, QUEEN, McPIPP, DARRELL, ROSE and DAISY EXEUNT R.; KARL, PAMELA, BELLADONNA, DEMETRIUS and TROMBONIUS EXEUNT L. GALOOSKI starts towards R., but POPOVA catches him by sleeve and detains him.

GALOOSKI Haughtily What is your pleasure, Count von Popova?

POPOVA Irritated Pleasure? You don't give me any pleasure; you give me a pain!

GALOOSKI What is there to worry you?

POPOVA The greatest source of worry in the world- money!

GALOOSKI Are you talking about those government bonds?

POPOVA What else should I be talking about? A million crowns worth of them, and both the principal and interest are in default.

GALOOSKI But we can't balance the budget.

POPOVA Indignantly Just because the budget has lost its balance, is that any reason why I should lose mine?

GALOOSKI But you won't lose it, now that the great McPipp has offered us a million dollars for our moving picture rights.

POPOVA Scornfully How do I know he'll ever pay it?

GALOOSKI Why not?

POPOVA How do we know he's got it?

GALOOSKI He told us all about it.

POPOVA His story may be as exaggerated as Uncle Thomas's cabin.

GALOOSKI He says he's cabled for the money.

POPOVA He'd better hurry, or my patience will be exhausted.

GALOOSKI Meanwhile, the royal treasury is also exhausted.

POPOVA This is no time for idle words. Mark you, and mark you well; unless the king pays off those bonds at once, he may go walking down the road hunting a new job.

GALOOSKI Going R. Well, I will see what can be done.

POPOVA

If I decide to force my just demands upon the king, you will see what can be done! EXIT GALOOSKI R. And now to find Demetrius and Trombonius.

Savagely. I have to talk to both of them together, because they are so dumb it takes both of them to understand what either one can hear! EXIT haughtily to L.

ENTER KARL, PAMELA and MRS. McPIPP from R., laughing and talking as they come.

KARL Laughing It's very kind of you to say so, Mrs. McPipp, but I find it difficult to

PAMELA What do you find it difficult to believe?

KARL Your good mother says there is no reason why I should not be as famous on the screen as _______ Name foremost young leading man.

PAMELA Why not? He isn't very bright!

KARL Oh come now; is that nice?

PAMELA Confused What I meant to say was: When you think what stupid people do become stars, I don't see why you shouldn't have a chance.

MRS McPIPP Horrified Pamela! Is that the way to talk to a prince?

PAMELA More confused No, no, you don't understand. What I mean is that some of the biggest stars are really much dumber than you are!

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KARL Laughing That's a lucky break for me.

MRS.McPIPP Severely I should say that Pamela has made a break, but not a lucky one.

Looking off R. Here come your father and Percival now; let's change the subject.

ENTER McPIPP, QUEEN and KING, from R.

McPIPP With extravagant tones and gestures The secret of success in moving pic-

tures, Montmerency -- you don't mind my calling you Montmerency, do you?

KING Easily Oh, call me Monte.

McPIPP Cheerfully All right, Monte, I will.

QUEEN Smiling And you may call our son Karlo.

McPIPP Karlo?

KING Cheerfully That's one of our most reliable family jokes. He's Karlo and I'm

Monte. See? Montecarlo! That's what I call a fast one! All laugh.

McPIPP Resuming the conversation As I was saying, Monte, what you need in the mov-

ing picture business is the right types.

KING The right types?

McPIPP Yes.

KING Delighted with himself Well, that's what you need in the printing business, too

Ha, ha, ha! That's what I call another fast one.

QUEEN Reprovingly Montmerency! To McPIPP Please tell us about the types,

Mr. McPipp.

McPIPP Warming to the subject The great essential is that the players shall look

the part. The king must look like a king.

KING Feeling his head Is my crown on straight?

McPIPP Then the lovers must be young and handsome.

PAMELA Oh father; spare our blushes!

McPIPP And above all, the villains must be villainous.

KING We've got the very man for you. Sergius von Popova.

McPIPP Good. Now what about music? There's nothing like good music to give

the right atmosphere to the story.

QUEEN The worst of it is that the royal band all went on strike last week because they

couldn't get their wages.

McPIPP What about a symphony orchestra?

KARL We haven't got one.

McPIPP Surprised What? No symphony orchestra?

QUEEN Montmerency doesn't care for highbrow music.

KING Of course I like some kinds of music. I'm not so strong for symphonies and so-

natas, but I'm certainly strong for the popular stuff. Just play me a typical

topical tune, and I'm always glad to listen.

Typical Topical Tune

No. 13









All remain on stage at close.

McPIPP Cordially. Don't let me rush you, Monte, but the rehearsal is called for eight o'clock, and we'll have to hurry.

QUEEN Have you arranged for all the characters you need?

McPIPP Not quite, and there are still some important sequences to be worked out.

KARL What are they?

McPIPP The two big items will be the attack on the royal palace, and the assassination of the royal family.

KARL Gosh!

McPIPP It will be most effective; the mob howling round the palace gates; the mutinous soldiers firing on the guards, and finally the throwing of the bombs and the wrecking of the whole place.

KING Nervously I hope this isn't going to be too true to be good!

McPIPP Heartily Not a bit of it. We'll fake the explosions and the smoke. It'll be most effective, and just the sort of thing to please the audience. Most people think that revolutions are the leading industry in the Balkans anyhow.

QUEEN Come, Monte, we'd better run over to the palace and see that all arrangements are complete.

KING You'd better come with us, Percival. We don't want overlook anything.

McPIPP As he goes R. Don't worry. Nothing gets away from me. Warming to the subject. I wish you could have seen my production of "Ivanhoe." We even sent to England for the bows and arrows! EXEUNT R. with KING, followed by QUEEN and MRS. McPIPP, leaving KARL and PAMELA on stage.

KARL Laughing Your father certainly does like to make a spectacle of a picture.

PAMELA All I hope is he doesn't make a spectacle of himself.

KARL No matter if he does; I guess all movie directors act like that.

PAMELA Speaking of acting, I hope our romance comes out all right.

KARL It isn't acting with me; it's the real thing.

PAMELA Quickly I meant the story father is to make.

KARL Our romance will be bigger and better than his.

PAMELA I'm not so sure. There seems to be some danger that the revolution may become a real one, and we may have to escape.

KARL I really don't care what happens, just so it happens to both of us. I'm fond of travel, anyway!

Duet

Though You Wander Away

No. 14

KARL AND PAMELA









At close of number they embrace and strike a pose as DARRELL ENTERS briskly from R., carrying his camera and followed by ROSE and DAISY.

DARRELL Just a minute, folks, just a minute. Aiming camera. Hold it, hold it! Snaps picture. That's great. We'll call it: "Crown prince of Eurolania embraces the opportunity."

DAISY Smiling It will be a picture no artist can paint.

DARRELL Don't try to paint it; photograph it. We take the views to make the news.

KARL Protesting I don't see how my picture can be news.

PAMELA Any picture of a prince is news in America.

ROSE It must be a wonderful country.

DAISY Is Hollywood the capital of America?

DARRELL No_but a lot of the capital of America is in Hollywood.

KARL Yes, and a lot of the interest, too.

DAISY That's what father would call a fast one. All laugh

ROSE Just wait till Eurolania gets started, and Hollywood will have to look out.

DARRELL You mustn't think that Hollywood is all we have in the United States.

DAISY What else is there?

DARRELL There's Washington, and Mount Vernon, and Valley Forge, and Bunker Hill, and Plymouth Rock, and Independence Hall, and Lexington and Concord, and a whole lot more besides.

PAMELA Smiling "Oh say can you see, by the dawn's early light..."

DARRELL Warmly There's a banner that's spangled with stars!

Give Me A Banner

No. 15

DARRELL AND CHORUS

Entire Chorus ENTERS from R. and L. as music starts, or a special group in costumes of red, white, and blue, carrying flags and executing a drill.







CHORUS EXEUNTS at close of number. All principals remain on stage.

ROSE I only wish our people here in Eurolania had as much patriotism as that.

KARL They will have, just as soon as father can pay his bills.

DAISY It won't be long now, with everybody working in the movies.

PAMELA Ruefully Yes_everybody but myself.

DAISY Why not you?

PAMELA I don't see how I can. This is a European romance, with native song and dance and costume, and I don't have any of them.

ROSE You may not have the song and dance, but we can easily get you the costume.

DAISY Why, certainly. Come over to the palace right now, and we'll hunt up something Eurolanian.

ROSE Truly we will. The three girls go R.

PAMELA Laughing Good gracious. I shall be truly Eurolanian! That sounds like a Swiss yodel! All three girls laugh and EXEUNT to R. N. B. PAMELA changes costume immediately

DARRELL Laughing Don't we have fun?

KARL All I hope is that we can keep on having it.

DARRELL Why not?

KARL There are a lot of rumors going around about this fellow Count von Popova.

DARRELL He's the villain who holds the mortgage on the old homestead, isn't he?

KARL Just about. He bought up all the government bonds, and just because he owns the bonds, he wants to own the government.

DARRELL We'll have to keep an eye on him. We don't want anybody getting rough while the Rose Festival is going on.

KARL You're dead right. It's better to be safe a thousand times than to be sorry once.

DARRELL Speaking of playing safe, let's tag along after the girls. They may need some help.

KARL That's what I call combining business with pleasure! They hurry out R.

ENTER KING, QUEEN and BELLADONNA from R.

KING Mopping his forehead. Well, I don't want to be unkind, but Percival Mc-Pipp is just a shade exhausting. I know just how a rag feels when it gets caught in the wringer.

QUEEN He certainly loves his work.

KING Almost as much as he loves himself.

QUEEN That seems impossible.

KING He's been telling me about the time he made a picture of the Christian

martyrs being thrown to the lions.

QUEEN What about it?

KING He said he had so many lions there weren't enough Christians to go around!

QUEEN Oh well, our picture tonight will be very different from that sort of thing.

KING I hope so! To BELLADONNA. Belladonna, what part are you to play in

this romantic drama?

BELLADONNA Flustered Your majesty, I did not know I was to have the honor.

KING Why certainly. You'll give a lot of weight to the production. And we ought

to have Galooski, too.

QUEEN Where is he?

KING Goodness knows. You never can find him when you want him. He might as

well be a policeman!

BELLADONNA Very respectfully I think he went to call on Count von Popova, your excel-

lency.

KING All right. Suppose you go and call on Galooski, and tell him to stick a-

round the rehearsal this evening. We may need him.

BELLADONNA Curtseying I will, your excellency.

BELLADONNA EXITS to L. as McPIPP and MRS. McPIPP hurry in from R.

McPIPP Effusively Well, Monte, my dear fellow, I hope you are feeling rested.

KING Oh, I'm doing as well as could be expected.

MRS. McPIPP I suppose you sometimes wish you could get away from the affairs of state,

King Montmerency.

KING Indeed I do; further off than this!

McPIPP How far?

KING There's one place where I've always wanted to go, and that's Lake Tang-

anyika.

MRS, McPIPP Good gracious! Why?

KING I don't know why, exactly, but it seems so quiet and peaceful. Tangany-

ika? There's something in the way it sounds.

McPIPP But what's it like?

KING I haven't the slightest idea, but I've always thought it ought to be like

this.

Quartette Tanganyika

No. 16

KING, QUEEN, MR. AND MRS. McPIPP









* NOTE:- Full Chorus enters from wings, R. and L., at beginning of this Repeat Refrain. They remain on, grouped around and up-stage for 2nd Refrain and repeat, then exeunt with the rest at close of mumber. 26702-136



EXEUNT all to R. at close, as BELLADONNA and GALOOSKI ENTER from L.

BELLADONNA Looking about I left them standing here, but they must have gone.

GALOOSKI Worried It's just as well. I have more important things to think about.

BELLADONNA More important than being in the movies?

GALOOSKI Yes.

BELLADONNA Fluttered I don't see how it could be. Getting out powder puff and mirror.

Just think, I may become moving picture queen! Looks in mirror and dabs face.

GALOOSKI Disgusted What? At your age?

BELLADONNA Haughtily I'm proud of my age.

GALOOSKI Well you've got plenty to be proud of!

BELLADONNA Besides, age on a stage doesn't have anything to do with it. Look at Sarah Bernhardt!

GALOOSKI That's different. She had brains.

BELLADONNA Indignant Oh, I know what it is; you're jealous, that's all.

GALOOSKI Not jealous; worried!

BELLADONNA About Count von Popova?

GALOOSKI Yes, and his gang. He's got Demetrius Doodledorf and Trombonius Tootletop eating out of his hand.

BELLADONNA Well, I hope they bite out a big piece. That would serve him right.

GALOOSKI The trouble is they serve him, but they don't serve him right.

BELLADONNA What do you think they'll do?

GALOOSKI We'll have to watch them and find out.

BELLADONNA Severely King Montmerency is too easy with the Count. I'd like to talk to Popova myself. I'd soon make him watch his step!

GALOOSKI No doubt of that. Let's go and look for him right now. Going L.

BELLADONNA Going L. When I get through with him, you can take up what's left of him with a little gasoline on a rag!

EXEUNT both quickly to L. Pause. ENTER ROSE, PAMELA, KARL and DAR-RELL from R. PAMELA is wearing striking royal or peasant costume, rich and colorful.

KARL With enthusiasm Talk about costume; what's the matter with that?

DARRELL You look like a leading lady.

PAMELA Smiling What is this? A peasant or a princess?

KARL It doesn't matter. You look like a princess, anyhow.

ROSE I just know this picture will be wonderful.

KARL It ought to be; (to PAMELA) your father is a wonderful director.

DARRELL That's right! Strauss may be king of the waltz, but Percival McPipp is

the king of the movies!

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Quartette

King of the Screen

No. 17

ROSE, DARRELL, PAMELA AND KARL















The number is followed by a dance, at the close of which ROSE and PAMELA dance off R., leaving KARL and DARRELL on stage.

KARL Too bad you can't make any moving pictures yet.

DARRELL Not until tomorrow. But any picture of that sister of yours would be a moving picture.

KARL Thanks for the compliment.

DARRELL How about the elderly conspirator.

KARL Von Popova?

DARRELL Seen anything of him yet?

KARL Only at a distance, but he's acting very strangely, and I'm sure he's up to mischief.

DARRELL I don't believe those two birds with him are up to anything 28702-136

KARL Not by themselves, but they are just clay in von Popova's hands.

DARRELL With sudden start Look! Pointing off L. Here they come now, all

three of them!

KARL Here's our chance to get a line on them.

DARRELL You can tell by looking at them that they're framing something.

KARL Lowering his voice Let's hang around and see if we can overhear the

conversation.

DARRELL Retreating up stage with KARL Boy, that's a bright idea. We'll hide be-

hind this trellis, and find out what it's all about.

KARL Stepping behind trellis and pulling DARRELL after him. Look out; here they come! They both remain hidden behind trellis, woodwing, arbor, cor

ner of projecting wall, or other convenient place.

No.17a Instrumental Interlude ENTRANCE OF DEMETRIUS, POPOVA AND TROMBONIUS

ENTER DEMETRIUS POPOVA and TROMBONIUS stealthily, all wearing long black cloaks, with black hats or caps, and carrying black masks in their hands, single file, from L.





POPOVA

Silence, all of you. Remember this must be secret.

DEMETRIUS Is there any danger that the secret will leak out?

TROMBONIUS No, because the plot is beginning to thicken.

POPOVA Fiercely Silence, fools. We have talked long enough. The time has come to act.

DEMETRIUS I've always wanted to be a movie actor.

POPOVA Not that kind of acting, idiot!

TROMBONIUS What kind, then?

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POPOVA I mean that we must strike a blow. Now listen, and I'll give you full in-

structions. This fellow McPipp plans a moving picture of a revolution. I am to play the part of the conspirator, and you are to be my right-hand men.

DEMETRIUS But we're both left-handed.

POPOVA Disgusted Silence.

TROMBONIUS I didn't say anything.

POPOVA Now listen closely. You are to wear these cloaks and masks, and do the

dirty work. I shall appear and hand you each a bomb and when I give

the signal you will throw it.

DEMETRIUS Where?

POPOVA Right where the King and Queen are standing.

TROMBONIUS But it might explode.

POPOVA Fiercely That's just the point. It will explode, for I shall fill it full of

dynamite.

DEMETRIUS and TROMBONIUS Scared D-d-dynamite?

POPOVA Enough to kill a thousand men. I have put real dynamite in the bombs, and

real bullets in the guns. Thus the comedy becomes tragedy, and the government is eventherwood.

ernment is overthrown.

TROMBONIUS If we get too close to that bomb, we may be overthrown too.

POPOVA Meaningly If you are, it will be the last time I ever ask you to do any-

thing for me!

TROMBONIUS That's mighty kind of you.

POPOVA We must be careful, and take no chances. Pay attention. Demetrius, you

must stand over there. Pointing R. Trombonius, you stand there. Pointing L. Wait till I come in, and then come quickly here to meet me. Indicates C. of stage, at footlights. I will hand you the bombs, and you will hide

them underneath your cloaks.

DEMETRIUS Suppose somebody sees us?

POPOVA You'll wear your masks. Come, put them on right now, and get accustomed

to them. DEMETRIUS and TROMBONIUS put on masks and pull hats or caps

down on foreheads.

DEMETRIUS Putting on mask I can't see anything.

POPOVA You never could.

TROMBONIUS Putting on mask I don't know anything.

POPOVA You never did. The time has come to free Eurolania from the yoke. We

must resist all tyrants to the death. We have been exploited and oppres-

sed for years. And yet the people won't do a thing.

TROMBONIUS No wonder the blue Danube's blue!

No.18 That Is Why the Danube's Blue

POPOVA, DEMETRIUS AND TROMBONIUS









EXEUNT all three to L. stealthily, at close of number.

DARRELL Coming forward from hiding place. Well, what do you know about that?

KARL Walking down C. with him. Real bullets in the guns!

DARRELL And real dynamite in the bombs!

KARL Excited What shall we do? Shall we follow them, or shall we go and warn the King?

DARRELL Earnestly Don't get rattled. We can't prove anything yet. The big thing is to catch them in the act.

KARL I always knew the Count was a villain, but I never thought he'd stoop to anything like this.

DARRELL He won't get the chance, if I have anything to say about it.

KARL How can we stop him?

DARRELL Look out. Here comes everybody! Let's beat it out of here and figure out a plan. Come on; let's go!

EXEUNT DARRELL and KARL hurriedly to L., N.B. DARRELL and KARL immediately change costumes with DEMETRIUS and TROMBONIUS, including cloaks, hats, and masks.

Reprise Hurrah! Hurrah!

No. 18a



*ENTER McPIPP and KING from R., followed by MRS. McPIPP and QUEEN, and ROSE, DAISY and PAMELA. GALOOSKI and BELLADONNA enter from L. CHORUS from R. and L. KING and QUEEN seat themselves on bench up C. with all other principals grouped to R. and L. as convenient. All sing heartily, ending with loud cheer and wave of arms as before.

KING

Looking about him with approval That's very good, my loyal and devoted subjects, very good. I don't want to boast, but this is the first time that "Hurrah" business has been done exactly right. It just shows what a little coaching will do.

QUEEN

And now, Mr. McPipp, are you all ready for the rehearsal?

McPIPP

Cordially All ready, your majesty, if everybody will be quiet. And before we're through, we'll make your little capital the Hollywood of Eurolania!

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Quartet and Chorus

Hollywood

KING QUEEN, MR. AND MRS. McPIPP WITH THE FULL CHORUS

No.19









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KING And now for the great rehearsal.

QUEEN Tell us your plans, Mr. Pipp.

McPIPP Walking about and gesturing as he speaks Our story deals with a lovely little

kingdom in the Balkans, on the Danube River.

QUEEN Smiling Just such a country as Eurolania, in fact.

McPIPP Exactly. The king has two lovely daughters,

KING Smirking You flatter me.

McPIPP Continuing Who both take after their mother

KING Crestfallen Oh!

McPIPP Continuing Then there is a handsome young prince from a neighbouring

country who wants to marry the eldest daughter.

ROSE Why doesn't he?

McPIPP Because her father wants her to marry an ugly old man with a million dol-

lars and a terrible cough.

ROSE I know; fathers are like that.

KING Not always. I do insist on the million dollars, but I don't insist on the terri-

ble cough.

QUEEN Well, tell us what happens.

McPIPP Certain conspirators want to seize the government, so when the king is una-

ble to pay the wages of the army, they rouse the soldiers to mutiny and attack the palace, and that is the scene I want to rehearse this evening — the mob scene.

KING Brightly Well, you've got quite a mob here to work with.

McPIPP Pleased Just so, and now I'll tell them just what I want them to do. Ad-

dressing the crowd. Just suppose that you have all been roused to rage and fury. You first begin to growl and murmur, and then you shout and

yell. The thing to say is "rhubarb".

KING Astonished Rhubarb!

McPIPP With enthusiasm Absolutely! Rhubarb. It's the greatest mob word in the

language. To CHORUS. Try it once. Say rhubarb.

ALL As McPIPP directs them Rhubarb.

McPIPP No, not like that. Spread it out. Take each syllable slowly, like this: Rhu ----

barb. Now try it, first high and then low.

ALL Very loudly and very slowly Rhu—barb.

McPIPP That's better. Once more.

ALL Bawling long and loud Rhu—barb. Prolong each tone.

McPIPP Splendid. Now we'll divide in groups. Pointing. This group begins. Then this one. Then you people in the middle. While McPIPP is speaking, DARRELL

ENTERS down R. and KARL down L. Both men are wearing exact costumes formerly worn by DEMETRIUS and TROMBONIUS, including hats, cloaks and masks,

with same shoes and stockings and trousers.

N.B. On no account let the audience suspect that DARRELL and KARL have

changed clothes with DEMETRIUS and TROMBONIUS.

McPIPP

Continuing his instructions without noticing DARRELL and KARL. Now then, shake your fists and bawl as loudly as you can. Run your voices up and down the scale; up on "rhu" and down on "barb".

ALL

Shaking fists above heads and bawling at the top of their voices in a confused Chorus. Rhu—barb! Rhu—barb! As the shouting gradually subsides, POPOVA ENTERS from L., thrusts his way through crowd, and beckons to KARL and DARRELL, who meet him at C. of footlights. He carries a black bomb in each hand.

POPOVA

Handing a bomb to each as he speaks. Here, take these, and see that you make good use of them.

KARL

Grabbing bomb and shouting You bet we'll take them! The crowd instantly becomes quiet and attentive.

DARRELL

Grabbing bomb and shouting And we'll take you too, you dirty crook.

KARL

Hotly But first we'll get rid of the bombs! Throws his bomb off L. where it explodes with a loud report. All scream.

DARRELL

Indignantly And then we'll get rid of you! Throws his bomb off R. where it explodes with equal_noise. All scream. KARL and DARRELL tear off masks, and then_seize POPOVA and struggle with him.

McPIPP

Astounded What's this, what's this? What's going on here?

KARL.

Pointing to POPOVA. This bird had a bomb, and it's just gone off.

DARRELL

In fact, he had two of them, and they've both gone off!

KING

Startled A bomb? To soldiers or guards. Grab hold of him, some of you boys. Several guards seize POPOVA. Now then, will someone kindly explain the cause of this disturbance? What does all this mean?

DARRELL

Cheerfully It means, your excellency, that little Poppy here tried to plant a bomb under you, and Karl and I took a hand and foiled the plot.

ALL

Loudly Hurrah!

POPOVA

Looking bewildered But, I don't understand. What are you doing in these clothes.

DARRELL

That's easily explained. We traded even with Demetrius and Trombonius, your right and left hand man.

POPOVA

But where are they?

DARRELL

Here they come right now.

Some of the soldiers, guards, or other members of the CHORUS push DEMETRI-US and TROMBONIUS on stage from R. and L. They are dressed only in shirts and underwear, with socks and garters, or they may wear barrels if preferred, with bare legs showing beneath.

KING

Cheerfully Well, it looks as if the plot wasn't the only thing we had to foil. Perhaps we ought to wrap these boys in a little tinfoil! To POPOVA. But to think that we should catch you in the act like this! Well it seems too good to be true.

The Plot is Foiled

















And now all that remains is to reward the heroes and punish the villains. ToKING GALOOSKI. What do you think we'd better do with Poppy, Galooski?

GALOOSKI Severely The punishment should be very lingering and very horrible.

KING Thoughtfully Very lingering, and very horrible. Let me see. Suddenly Ι have it! We'll make him marry Belladonna.

Falling on his knees and shuddering Oh, no, your majesty. Anything but that! **POPOVA** Anything but that!

KING Oh, rhubarb! Don't be such a coward. Here, take him, Belladonna, and see what you can do to make him behave himself.

BELLADONNA Walking forward and grabbing POPOVA Indeed I will, your excellency, and if I ever catch him making trouble again, I'll knock him right out of his senses.

KING Oh well, he won't have very far to go. To KARL and DARRELL. It seems to me we ought to hand you boys a few bouquets for all you've done.

DARRELL Taking ROSE by the hand as KARL takes PAMELA Well, of course the others can take the bouquets if they want them, your excellency, but just one Rose will be enough for me!

Ensemble Finale

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