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Excellent Performance of Puccini's Masterpiece at the Metropolitan

The San Carlo Opera Company, which has established a reputation both as a reliable and unique among the opera organizations of the country for giving an exceedingly high grade of opera at popular prices, opened a series of four performances at the Metropolitan Opera House last evening with a splendid presentation of Puccini's "La Tosca."

There was a fair-sized audience present, and it was appreciative of the fine work of the principals and the chorus; but in size it was decidedly short of what it should have been when the excellence of the performance, the orchestra and the stage settings are taken into consideration.

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is essentially a three-part work, and the roles of Tosca, Scarpia and Cavaradossi were well sung and convincingly acted by Miss Pitt and Signor Montanelli and Agostini, respectively. The director part of Scarpia was especially well done by Mr. Montanelli. His interpretation of the role is necessarily based upon that of Mr. Scotti, as must be the case with every interpretation of this sort, at least in the United States, for many years to come; but there were many touches of originality in it, some of them pleasing, others which might be questioned. Her Majesty sang a duet with a triumph in one of the most difficult parts in the baritone repertoire, especially when he knows that his work must be measured with that of a man who has made the role especially his own, and has virtually set the standard of Scarpia for the world.

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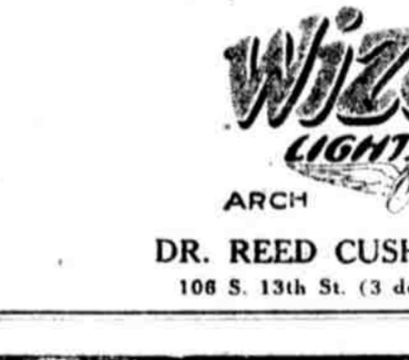
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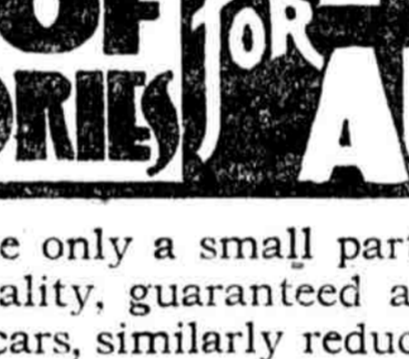
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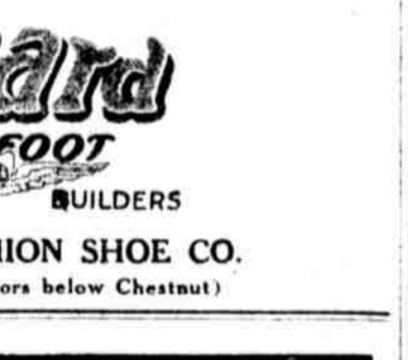
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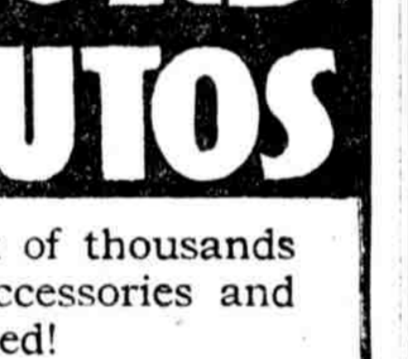
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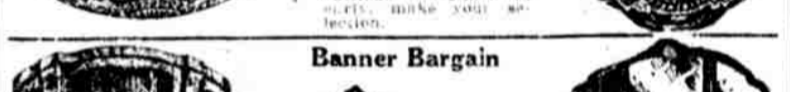
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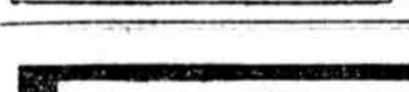
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