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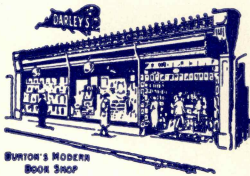
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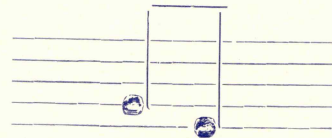
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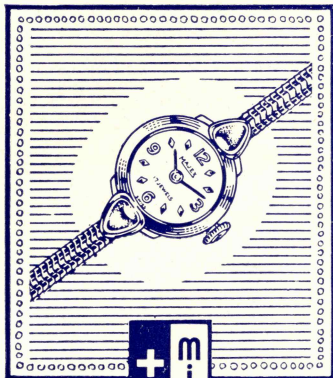
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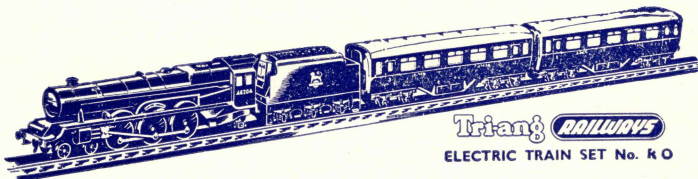
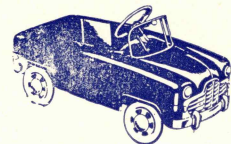
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Remembering Villon's boasts, Louis plans revenge. He offers Villon the rank of Grand Marshal, and with it the authority of king for one day, at the end of which time he will be hanged unless he can win for himself Katherine's love. Villon accepts the challenge and plans to rout the Burgundians and win the hand of Katherine.

Thibaut again fights a duel with Villon, and this time is killed. Katherine, as a reward, gives her hand to the new Grand Marshal, but Villon scorns deception and reveals his true identity. Katherine, shocked and disgusted, recoils from him and rejects his love.

So Villon continues his reign for a day. The Burgundian ultimatum is rejected and he, and his rabble, inflict a complete rout upon the invaders. Paris is saved, and all that remains for the Grand Marshal is to order his own execution under the terms of his agreement with Louis. But as the end draws near, Katherine, realising her true love for Villon, gives her heart and hand, not to a Grand Marshal, but to a Vagabond King.

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Love for Sale	-	-	-	-	-	Huguette and Chorus
Drinking Song	-	-	-	-	-	Tabarie and Male Chorus
Entrance of Villon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Song of the Vagabonds	-	-	-	-	-	Villon and Chorus
Some Day	-	-	-	-	-	Katherine
Melos	-	-	-	-	-	-
Archers Chorus	-	-	-	-	-	-
Melos	-	-	-	-	-	-
Only a Rose	-	-	-	-	-	Katherine and Villon
Fight Music and Finaletto, Act I	-	-	-	-	-	Entire Company

				ACT II		
	SCENE 1	—	THE COURT	THAT NIGHT		
	SCENE 2	—	THE COURT	NEXT MORNING		
Hunting	-	-	-	-	-	Noel and Ensemble
Melos	-	-	-	-	-	-
Melos	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reprise "Only a Rose"	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reprise "Love for Sale"	-	-	-	-	-	-
Melos	-	-	-	-	-	-
Finaletto, Act II	-	-	-	-	-	Entire Company
Entr'act	-	-	-	-	-	-

			ACT III	THE MASQUE		
Opening, "Nocturne"	-	-	-	-	-	Ensemble
Ballet (Tarantella)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reprise "Nocturne"	-	-	-	-	-	-
Serenade	-	-	-	-	-	Tabarie, Oliver, Lady Mary
Reprise "Nocturne" (Waltz)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Huguette Waltz	-	-	-	-	-	-
Melos	-	-	-	-	-	-
Love Me To-night (Duet)	-	-	-	-	-	Katherine and Villon
Melos	-	-	-	-	-	-
Melos "Love for Sale"	-	-	-	-	-	-
Finaletto, Act III	-	-	-	-	-	-
Entr'act	-	-	-	-	-	-

			ACT IV	THE GIBBET		
Opening—Church Music	-	-	-	-	-	-
Victory March	-	-	-	-	-	-
Melos	-	-	-	-	-	-
Finaletto, Act IV	-	-	-	-	-	-

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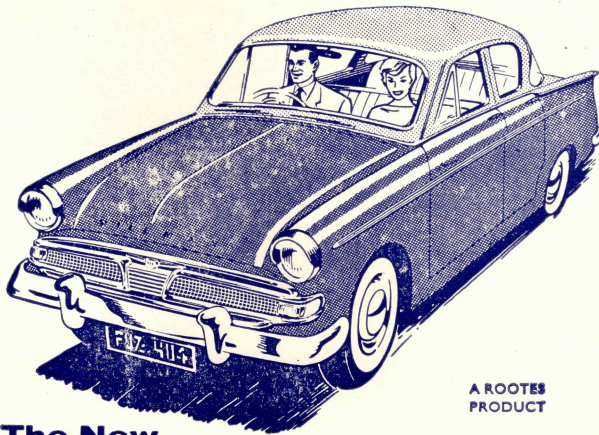
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