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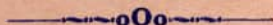


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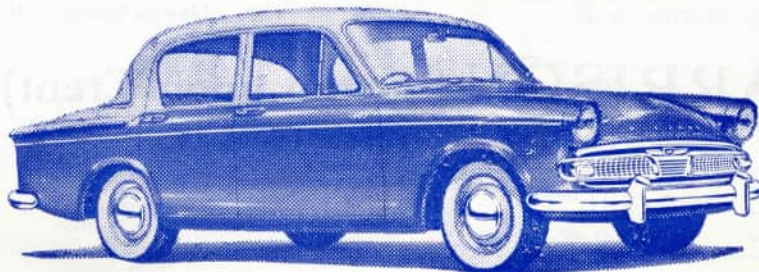
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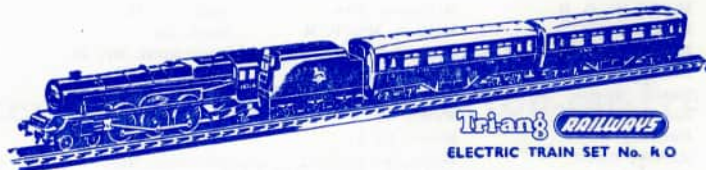
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The situation is further complicated by the arrival in Venice of the Duke and Duchess of Plaza Toro and their daughter Casilda, to whom the King was married by proxy at the tender age of six months. They too are naturally anxious to discover his whereabouts. However, until it can be decided which of the two gondoliers is the rightful ruler, it is arranged that they shall reign jointly, and the scene ends with their departure for Barataria.

ACT II.

Here at the court of Barataria, the two kings are in office, but being "republicans", certain re-organisations have been made, and the monarchy remodelled on republican principles, whereupon the two monarchs find that they have to do all their own work. The arrival of the girls from Venice relieves the monotony of court life, but the situation is only resolved by Inez, the true King's foster mother, who cared for him in infancy. She declares that neither of the gondoliers is the rightful heir, but Luiz, the suite to the Duke of Plaza Toro. Casilda, who is deeply in love with him is delighted. All parties being now happy and contented, the opera ends in a gay mood with song and dance.

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IN TWO ACTS

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RONALD SMITH

ACT I.

THE PIAZZETTA, VENICE

List and Learn	-	-	Chorus of Contadine (with Solos), Gondoliers, Antonio, Marco and Giuseppe
From the sunny Spanish shore	-	-	Duke, Duchess, Casilda and Luiz
In enterprise of martial kind	-	-	Duke of Plaza-Toro
O rapture, when alone together	-	-	Casilda and Luiz
There was a time	-	-	Casilda and Luiz
I stole the Prince	-	-	Don Alhambra, with Duke, Duchess, Casilda and Luiz
But, bless my heart	-	-	Casilda and Don Alhambra
Try we life-long	-	-	Duke, Duchess, Casilda, Luiz and Grand Inquisitor
Bridegroom and Bride	-	-	Chorus
When a merry maiden marries	-	-	Tessa
FINALE : Kind sir, you cannot have the heart	-	-	Gianetta
Then one of us	-	-	Marco, Giuseppe, Gianetta and Tessa

ACT II.

PAVILION IN THE PALACE OF BARATARIA

Of happiness the very pith	-	-	Chorus of Men with Marco and Giuseppe
Rising early in the morning	-	-	Giuseppe and Chorus
Take a pair of sparkling eyes	-	-	Marco
Here we are at the risk	-	-	Chorus of Girls
Dance a Cachucha	-	-	Chorus
There lived a king	-	-	Don Alhambra, with Marco and Giuseppe
In a contemplative fashion	-	-	Marco, Giuseppe, Gianetta and Tessa
With ducal pomp	-	-	Chorus of Men with Duke and Duchess
On the day when I was wedded	-	-	Duchess
To help unhappy commoners	-	-	Duke and Duchess
I am a courtier grave and serious	-	-	Duke, Duchess, Casilda, Marco and Giuseppe
FINALE : Here is a case unprecedented	-	-	Marco, Giuseppe, Casilda, Gianetta, Tessa, and Chorus

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