

## The Sunday Spotlight:

## Pick Them and Play Them

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Whether you want your music serious or popular, whether you want it old or new, there are some first-rate offerings on the market right now in albums and long-playing records.

No. 1 choice in the "classical" bracket is Columbia's "Six Brandenburg Concerti," as recorded by a chamber group and soloists directed by Fritz Reiner. In every respect, this is a superlative offering. I have not heard the three 12-inch albums, but the reproduction on the LP discs is completely good.

The musicians include Sylvia Marlowe, harpsichord; Leonard Rose, cello; Julius Baker, flute; Robert Bloom, oboe; William Vacchiano, trumpet, and others.

Another excellent new LP is a reissue of the Isaac Stern "Humoresque" album, in which Oscar Levant appears along with Franz Waxman's orchestra. While the or-

chestra are somewhat elaborate, they don't go too far. Among the selections are "Carmen Fantasy," "Zigenerweisen," and themes from "Tristan and Isolde."

Just as that set was aimed at the family trade, so is a new one by Eleanor Steber called "Songs at Eventide." Miss Steber's allegiance to the lyric line of such tunes as "Bird Songs at Eventide" and "When Day Is Done" reflects her familiar radio work.

Another collection of standard music is "Eight All-Time Hits" recorded by Andre Kostelanetz and his orchestra in his usual lush style. The album (or LP disc, as you prefer) includes "Just One of Those Things," "Frenesi," "I'll Follow My Secret Heart," and others.

Columbia has issued another set of "Crosby Classics," recorded in an in-between stage of his present manner here, with more than an echo of the period in which he made his first solo discs. The numbers include "Let's Put Out the Lights," "Did You Ever See a Dream Walking?," "Temptation," and "Sweet Georgia Brown."



## Uncle Ray's Corner

## Peacock's 'Tail' Is No Tail

Many persons speak of the beautiful "tail" of a peacock, but when they do so they are making a little mistake. The feathers which this bird displays are above the true tail. When they are lowered, they drop over the tail feathers, making a long train which looks like a tail even though it is not quite that.

The beautiful feathers make the fan of a peacock. When this fan is spread before our gaze, we see the most brilliant sight to be found among all the birds of the world.

India and Ceylon are two lands where peacocks exist in the wild state. They dwell in the jungles and sometimes are seen in large number. A British traveler reported "not less 1,200" within sight of a spot where he stood in a jungle.

The females, or peahens, lay their eggs on the ground. There are from eight to 12 eggs in each batch.

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At the age of about 3 years, a peacock has a full-grown fan, with green, blue, and reddish-brown feathers.

The bright-colored fan appears to be a great help to the peacock during the mating season. The bird—which has a body nearly the same size as a turkey gobbler—spreads his fan and struts in front of the peahens.

There are times when peacocks fight with one another. This fighting also has something to do with winning the favor of the hens.

Both peacocks and peahens are classed under the general name of "peafowl." They move about in small groups, usually three or four hens with a single peacock.

Many such groups get together in a certain section of the jungle. They eat grass, bulbs, insects, frogs, grain, and land snails.

Often peacocks and tigers live in the same part of a jungle. The reason is not quite clear, but it may be that the birds give warning to the tigers of the approach of hunters.

Burma and the island of Java are other places where wild peacocks are found. The Java birds are known for their blue and gold neck feathers.

In India peacocks are looked upon as holy birds. Large numbers of them are kept around temples in southern India, and they have become almost as tame as chickens in barnyard.

In Europe the feathers of a peacock are supposed to bring bad fortune. This is one of the cases where "superstitions" have been turned around.

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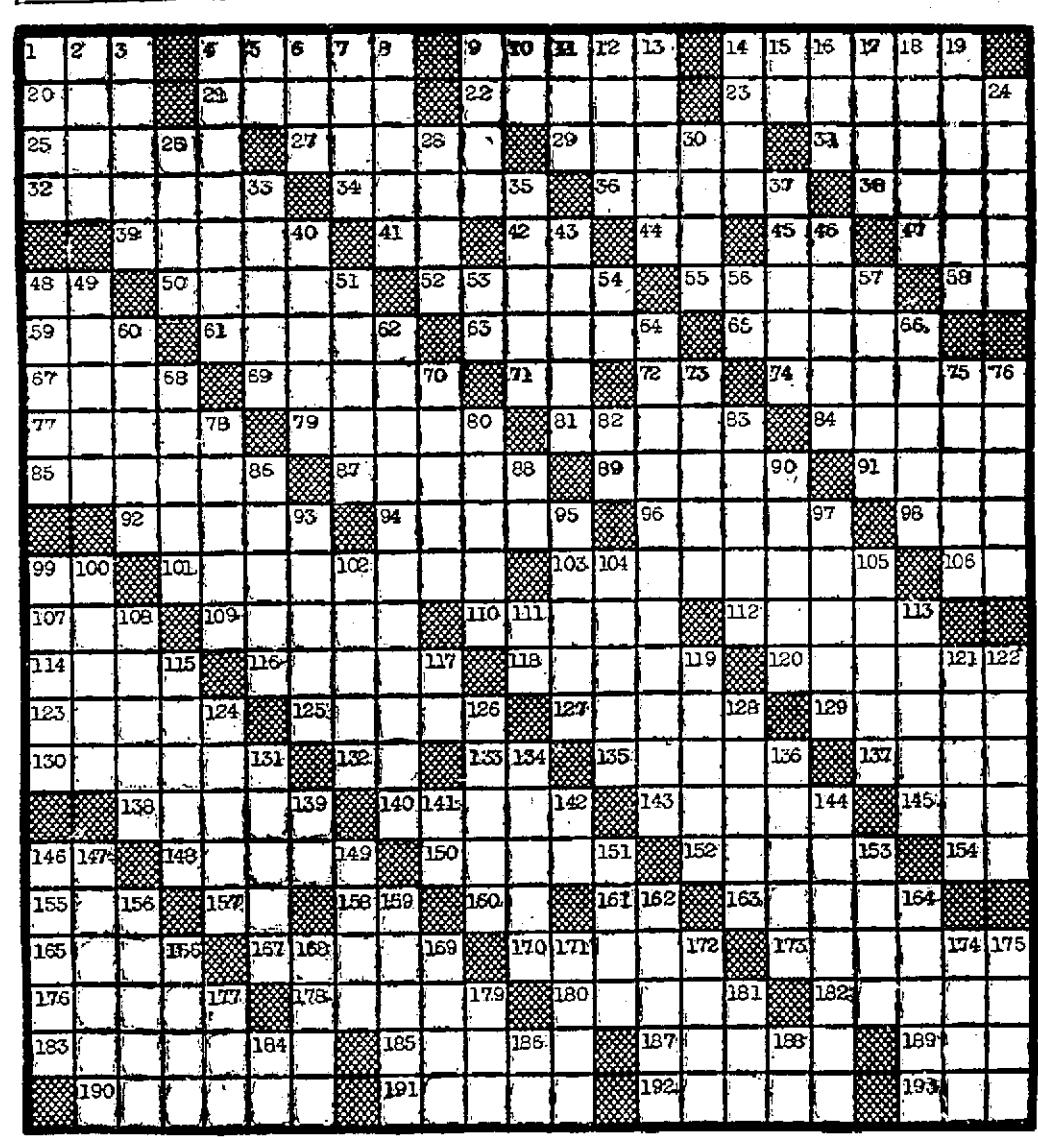
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## Sunday's Crossword Puzzle



## VERTICAL

## HORIZONTAL

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2. Sandal tree  
3. Where Arabs  
4. Moors defeated  
5. "Wise Men"  
6. Splinter  
7. A Chinese  
8. Unit of energy  
9. Cupid  
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