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SCHUBERT HEINE

IN connection with the 150th anniversary of Schubert's birth, it is interesting to recall that the great composer set to music six poems from Heinrich Heine's "Book of Songs," which appeared shortly before his death. These songs were made public after Schubert's death by his publisher, Haslinger, together with eight other songs under the title "Swan Songs."

Schubert turned Heine's formless, sharp lyric into an individual, easily performed, melodious song with a most impressive, tunefully accented accompaniment. The best known is the wonderful song "By the Sea," in which melodious beauty blends with characteristic declamation.

Apropos Heine, I was interested to note that the former Berlin literary scholar, Hugo Bieber, who has been living in New York for some years, has compiled a new selection of Heine's prose, verse, letters and literary essays under the title "Heinrich Heine's Jewish Manifesto." The purpose of this book is psychological, and it shows the great master day by day in the lurking places of his experiences and the workshop of his spirit. It shows how from one day to the next his brain was populated with new ideas and was forever changing. One day he was conservative, the next socialist.

Bieber's book shows in particular how Heine's mode of thinking and composing originated in a disturbed equilibrium and the desire to restore it to normal. He hated oppression in all its forms, and wrote like a prophet: "How badly Israel is protected! False friends tend it from outside, and within are its own guards, Stupidity and Fear."

No Bris for this "Son"
MEMBERS of the brighter set will certainly know on which side they are in an extraordinary case which is now being heard in the Palestine court.

Cahia Hegdus gave birth to a baby in a Tel Aviv nursing home last month. Doctor and nurses told her that she was the mother of a boy. The father made various purchases in preparation for a great celebration. Only three days later were the parents informed later were the parents informed that it wasn't a son but a daugh-

The damages claimed for this discrepancy is no less than £260.

Jack Benny-"Who Cares"

KNOWN to millions of radio listeners throughout the United States as the eternal buffoon, Jack Benny, whose real name is Benny Kubelsky, is celebrating this year the twentieth anniversary of his wedding to Mary Livingstone, his radio, postnow

Livingstone, his radio partner since 1934, who was orginally known as Sadye Marks.

First a comedian in Earl Carroll's "Vanities," his popularity, soon gained him the leading part, which he extended for two years. which he retained for two years until in 1932 he secured his first big job in radio on Ed Sullivan's broadcast. He opened this broad-cast with the words, "Ladies and gentlemen, this is Jack Benny talk-

gentlemen, this is Jack Benny talk-ing. There will be a slight pause while you say, 'Who cares?'" Since 1934 he has appeared weekly on the General Food "Jello" programme with his wife and their co-workers, who include Rochester, the negro characteractor and comedian. As part of Jack's race relations work, which he and Mary were delegated in 1941 to perform, the role he assigns to Rochester as his valet is that of a verbal sparring partner who puts him "on the spot" as much as the other players and never portrays the downtrodden Uncle Tom's Cabin negro type.

ROMANCE

Krieger 1

DURING World War I, I was present on one occasion when the German Marshal von Hindenburg bestowed the Golden Cross of Valour upon a Jewish soldier. soldier's name was Wolf Krieger. Hindenburg thought that the Jewish soldier was predestined to be a hero, because "Krieger" is a German word meaning "Warrior."

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However, the Marshal was

wrong.

The family name "Krieger" has nothing to do with "Krieg" (War). It is an occupational name and means "A Village Innkeeper."

In the olden days village taverns or inns used a "Krug" (a Beer Jug) as a business sign. In the course of time the establishment itself became known as a "Krug." The innkeeper was the Kruger, in Jewish Krieger.

The Jewish family names "Schenk" or "Schenker" mean the

same thing.

Most of the Jewish "Kriegers" originated in Russian Poland.

Another word for "Jug" or "Pit-cher" is the Jewish "Kann." There are Jewish family names like Kann, Kanner and Kannengiesser. But they have nothing to do with any village inns. "Kann," "Kan-ner" and "Kannengiesser" are all Levites. Their name is derived from the fact that it was their religious duty to minister to the Kohanim, by pouring water from a pitcher upon their hands prior to the famous ceremony of the "Bless-ing of the Priests" (Birchath Ko-



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