

PROGRAM

H. M. S.

PINAFORE

: or :

The Lass That Loved a Sailor.

Comic Opera in Two Acts

By Gilbert and Sullivan.

Presented under the auspices of The Men's Club
Pine City, Minn., entirely by local talent

Stekl's Hall

Wed. eve, May 20, 8:15 p. m.

C. H. Sutherland, Conductor,
Prof. W. J. McAdam, Stage Manager.

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Cast of Characters

The Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph Porter, K. C. B.
Captain Corcoran, Commanding H. M. S. Pinafore
Ralph Rackstraw, Able Seaman
Dick Deadeye
Josephine, The Captain's Daughter
Little Butter Cup, A Portsmouth Bumboat Woman
Hebe, Sir Joseph's First Cousin

F. A. Berlin
L. B. McCleary
Dr. K. W. Knapp
John Curtis
Mrs. F. M. Smith
Mrs. K. W. Knapp
Miss Ida Carlson

SAILORS

Jos Carlson, Boatswain, A. W. Piper, Boatswain Mate, Messrs. Roy Carlson, Erick Larson,
Howard Folsom, Al. Jumer, Blaine Rowe, Geo. Stekl, Walter Lomar, W. J. Gottry, Robt.
Clark, Frank Gottry

SIR JOSEPH'S RELATIVES

Mesdames. Chas. Spickler, L. S. Leslon, Roy Carlson, A. W. Piper, Misses Esther Dosey,
Louise Wilcox, Carrie Stephan, Lydia Heyn, Mathilda Anderson, Ella Lisky, Hattie Wandel,
Vera Borchers, Margaret Specker, Ruth Gottry, Portia Huber, Edith Hamlin.

Scene—Quarter deck of H. M. S. Pinafore, off Portsmouth

Act 1—Noon

Act 2—Night

Pianist—Miss Elma Thomas. Orchestra, under direction of Mr. O. Sobotka

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SYNOPSIS

Captain Corcoran of H. M. S. Pinafore has a dearly beloved daughter, Josephine, whom he wishes to marry to Sir Joseph Porter, K. C. B. the British Admiralty's First Lord. Josephine, though a dutiful daughter loves Ralph Rackstraw, a sailor on the Pinafore.

ACT I.

The opening scene shows the sailors on the deck of the Pinafore singing about their work. Little butter cup, a bumboat woman, enters and her supply of candy, laces, etc, is eagerly bought by the sailors. She is strangely agitated at the mention of Ralph's name, who approaches and enters telling of his love which he thinks is unrequited. Dick Deadeye, a crusty old salt taunts Ralph for aspiring to a lady's favor, and his shipmates rebuke him. The Captain enters, much depressed in spirit and tells his trouble to Little Buttercup, who leaves as she sees Josephine approaching. Josephine promises her father never to reveal her love for the lowly sailor, whose name she does not tell, and to follow out his wishes. Sir Joseph and his crowd of relatives who follow him wherever he goes, board the ship. He relates his remarkable rise from office boy to ruler of the Navy. He also informs Captain Corcoran and the crew that a British seaman is everyone's equal (excepting his) and should be treated with courtesy and respect. Ralph, inspired by Sir Joseph's doctrine, tells Josephine of his love, who haughtily rejects him. Calling his messmates he tells them his fate and prepares to kill himself. Josephine, seeing this, forgets her promise to her father and confesses her love. They plan to elope at half past ten that very night. Deadeye tries to dissuade them but is driven off.

ACT II

Evening of same day. Captain Corcoran is much dejected as everything seems to be against him. Little Buttercup however remains true to him. He has long admired her, but intimates that owing to the disparity in their ranks, he can never be more than a friend to her. This angers her and she prophesies, in veiled language, a change for him, which puzzles him greatly. Sir Joseph appears on the scene, and tell the Captain of his failure to progress in his suit with Josephine. The Captain suggests that Josephine is dazzled by his (Sir Joseph's) rank and urges him to impress upon her that love levels all ranks. He does this and Josephine, applying the logic to her own and Ralph's case, determines to carry out the plan and marry Ralph. Dick Deadeye traitorously advises the Captain of the plan, who determined to block it, hides behind the mast, carrying the cat-o-nine-tails in his hand, with which to punish Ralph. They soon came stealing along and of course are stopped. Ralph exclaims that being an Englishmen, he's the equal of any man, and therefore fit to marry his daughter. In a rage, the Captain forgets himself and swears at Ralph. Sir Joseph is opposed to swearing and orders the Captain to his cabin. When he is told how it happened, Sir Joseph, thundering with rage, forgets his equality creed and orders Ralph to be loaded with chains and thrown in the dungeon. Little Buttercup interrupts with the strange confession that when she was young she took two babes to nurse, one of high rank, the other of low degree, and that she mixed them up without anyone discovering it. As a startling climax she says the high born babe was Ralph, the Captain, the other. Of course, Sir Joseph cannot marry the daughter of a common sailor so he gives Josephine to Ralph, to the latter's great joy. Hebe offers herself as Sir Joseph's wife, the Captain takes Buttercup, and a triple wedding is planned and it is believed they all lived happily ever afterward.

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