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Leo, the violinist, is heard in concerto movements and in tries with his brothers. He is described as exhibiting a resonant and sympathetic tone coupled with amazingly brilliant execution. The young artist, it is interesting to note, carries three violins, the insurance upon which amounts to \$\mathbb{L}5000\$. The most valuable of them all is perhaps a Betgzoni. presented to him by the Princess Guthmann of Russia. Another instrument was given him by his teacher, Leopold Auer. The third violin was purchased by Leo himself. Leo was the first Jewish artist to be honored by the Russian Royal family.

Jan, the pianist of the family, like his brothers was born in Odessa, and at 21 years of age is two years younger than Leo. Like his brothers also, he experienced that sudden intellectual development that made the Trio the asconishment of more matured performers. When only seven years of age he gave his first public performance- an interpretation of Chopin - with great success. Since then, he has studied under Leschetitsky, and has evolved such style and brilliant technique and phrasing as have gained him golden opinions. A celebrated London critic once dubbed him the "second Padereweski." His favourite composers are Chopin and Listz. The young pianist recently received news that as the result of a special intercession of the Grand Duke Constantine, uncle of the Czar, he had been granted military dispensation. It is hard to estimate the importance of this dispensation, for its refusal would have meant taking him away from his work altogether. The Grand Duke is a patron of the Cherniavskys, and the three brothers and Miss Allan were naturally delighted with the news.

Mischel, the cellist, is only 18. For his age he is singularly brilliant, and there is no doubt he is the possessor of a real gift for his instrument. It is recorded that he first asked for a 'cello at the age of 6 to the great amusement of his father, who declared that only vlever people could play the 'cello. Mischel, however, was not to be denied, and when his father at last presented him with a 'cello he sat down to practise assiduously. Soon he had made such progress that he was sent to study under the great Popper. He remained under Popper another year and then completed his training under Herbert Walenn of London. Today the young artist is highly regarded, and his work is always warmly appreciated, as is that of his two elder brothers. Taking them as a whole, the Maud Allan- Cherniavsky programmes promise to rank high in the catalogue of this season's music.

The world lost a promising musician when Maud Allan decided to become a dancer. At the time when she adopted her strangely new and impressive art, she was a pidmist with a brilliant record in Berlin and Leipzig Conservatoires such as as many a musician might envy. Justly enough, her people were proud of her, and they were not overpleased when she gave up the piano and winder a light in classical raiment. When she was studying in Germany the piano, she spent several months in Weimar as a student of Ferruccio Busoni; Busoni lived in Listz's house, which was not such a great distance from Goethe's own house in the Goetheplatz. and Miss Allan and a number of other students attended Busoni's cla ses every morning/. Two afternoons a weeks they had to appear in info mal concerts at the Tempel Herrenhaus, and at other imes had tea with the maestro or arranged picnics in the beautiful resorts around Weimar. Miss Allan spent several happy months in the old-world town and was, she declares, very sorry when she had to move on to Berlin to continue her studies.

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