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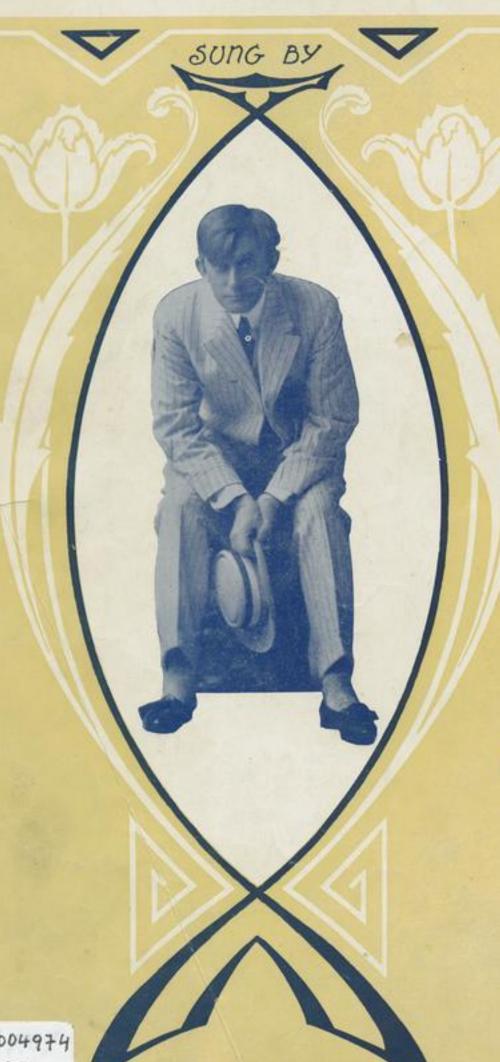
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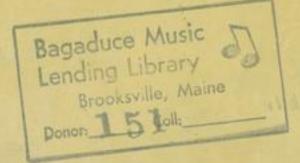
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## "SO WHAT'S THE USE"

#### EXTRA VERSES.

(1)

What's the use of women having such a funny way,
When they do say what they mean, they don't mean what they say:
What's the use of ladies saying "Do" if they mean "Don't?"
What's the use of man's strong will against a woman's "Won't?"
What's the use of sweethearts sayin' ten thousand times "Good-night,"
By the time they're thro' with that, it's nearly broad daylight;
What's the use of dreaming that your ma-in-law's been shot,
Only makes you mad when you wake up and find she's not!

#### Refrain.

Oh, what's the use of working out the "dope sheet"

Ev'ry day if ignorance is bliss?

Oh, what's the use of having figured out the winner,

Of the only race you miss?

When you are crazy all about a little girl,

And wonder if you ought to kiss,

If when you're hesitating,

And you're inwardly debating,

Someone else does whilst you're waiting—

What's the Use!

(2)

What's the use of fishing; if it rains, you just get wet, If it don't, mosquito bites are all the bites you get; What's the use of telling other people your affairs, You'll encourage them to start in boring you with theirs; What's the use of making speeches, foolish ones to warn. In one minute after, one more easy mark is born; Why consult the doctor for a little cough or sneeze, If, when he sends 'round the bill, it gives you heart disease.

#### Refrain.

Oh, what's the use of doctors looking at your tongue
If it's your stomach feels the ache?
Oh, what's the use of people buying "Teddy Bears,"
If they are just a "nature fake?"
Oh, what's the use to buy an auto, if your friend
Next month has got a later make,
For when it proudly tops
It's record speed, you meet the "cops,"
And when the road's all clear, it stops,
So what's the Use!

#### ENCORE CHORUSES.

(1)

I had a friend who said to me, "Come in my airship
And we'll fly around the sky,
For my machine has been smashed up a dozen times,
And this will be my final try!"
And so said I, "Perhaps a little later on
I hope to fly—yes, bye and bye;
Oh, why this fuss and flurry?"
We'll be angels, don't you worry,
But I'm not in any hurry—
What's the Use?"

(2)

Oh, what's the use, if rolling stones don't gather moss;
Oh, why did Bryan cross the foam?
In his own country, if the prophet's at a loss,
Why did he ever come back home?
Since Colonel Roosevelt's done so well till now as boss,
Say, how can TEDDY BEAR to roam?
If to retire's his aim,
And he's elected all the same,
Poor Mister Loeb will get the blame—
So what's the Use!

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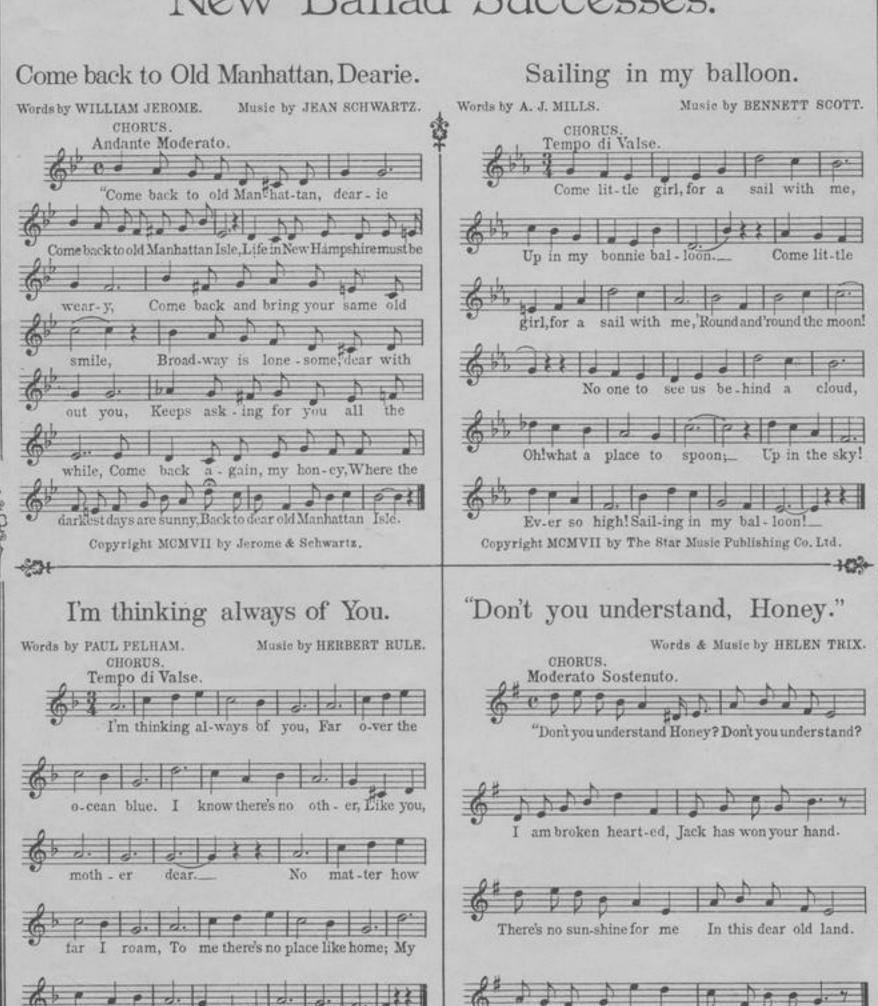
Oh, what's the use of bluffing fellows from Missouri
When they hold "four of a kind;"
Oh, what's the use of trying over there in Pittsburg,
Spotless characters to find?
Oh, what's the use of being honest in Chicago,
When you know the police are blind.
Altho' it does seem pretty
Tough, you needn't waste for pity
If they're worse in New York City—
What's the Use!

(4)

Oh, what's the use of people riding on a railroad
Where they never get a seat?
Oh, what's the use of that Peace Conference
Which makes you go and build a larger fleet?
Oh, what's the use of pumping "hot-air" into people
If they only get "cold feet."
To this I'm quite resigned,
If thirty millions I get fined
And never pay it, I won't mind—
Gee, what's the Use!

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