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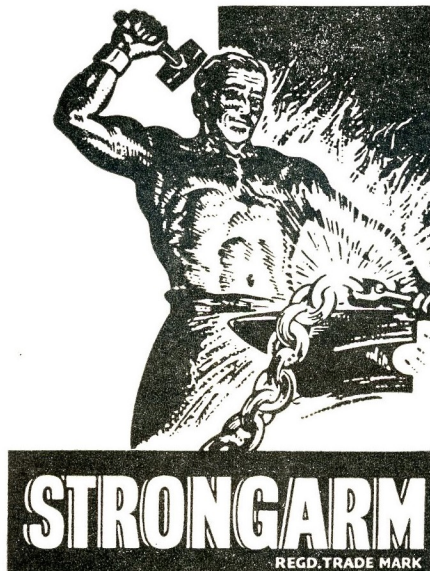
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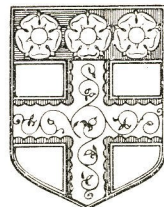
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The Duke of Plazatoro (a grandee of Spain)
Luiz (his attendant)
Don Alhambra del Bolero (The Grand Inquisitor)
Marco Palmieri	...	...	...	...
Guiseppe Palmieri	...	...	...	...
Antonio	} Venetian Gondoliers	...	...	...
Francesco		...	...	...
Giorgio		...	...	...
Anibale	...	...	...	...
The Duchess of Plazatoro	...	...	...	...
Casilda (her daughter)	...	...	...	...
Gianetta	} Contadine
Tessa	
Fiametta	
Vittoria	
Giulia
Inez (The King's foster mother)

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ACT 1 The Plazetta, Venice

ACT 2 Pavilion in the Palace of Baratar

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PROGRAMME OF MUSIC

OVERTURE

1. Chorus of Contadine	"List And Learn."
2. Entrance of Duke	"From The Sunny Spanish Shore."
3. Song (Duke)	...	...	...	...	...	"In Enterprise Of Martial Kind"
4. Recit. and Duet (Casilda & Luiz)	...	...	...	...	...	"Oh Rapture"
5. Duet (Casilda & Luiz)	...	...	...	...	...	"There Was A Time"
6. Song (Don Alhambra)	...	...	...	...	...	"I Stole The Prince"
7. Recit. (Casilda & Don Alhambra)	...	...	...	...	...	"But, Bless My Heart."
8. Quintette	...	...	...	...	...	"Try We Lifelong."
9. Chorus	...	...	...	...	...	"Bridegroom And Bride."
10. Solo (Tessa)	...	...	...	...	...	"When A Merry Maiden Marries."
11. Finale	...	...	...	...	...	"Kind Sir, You Cannot Have The Heart."

ACT 1

1. Chorus of Men	...	...	...	...	...	"Of Happiness The Very Pith."
2. Song (Guiseppe)	...	...	...	...	...	"Rising Early In The Morning."
3. Song (Marco)	...	...	...	...	...	"Take A Pair Of Sparkling Eyes."
4. Scena	...	...	...	...	...	"Here We Are At The Risk Of Our Lives."
5. Chorus	...	...	...	...	...	"Dance A Cachucha."
6. Song (Don Alhambra)	...	...	...	...	...	"There Lived A King."
7. Quartette	...	...	...	...	...	"In A Contemplative Fashion."
8. Chorus of Men	...	...	...	...	...	"With Ducal Pomp."
9. Song (Duchess)	...	...	...	...	...	"On The Day When I Was Wedded."
10. Recit. & Duet (Duke & Duchess)	...	...	...	...	...	"To Help Unhappy Commoners."
11. Gavotte	"I am A Courtier."
12. Quintette and Finale	"Here Is A Case Unprecedented."

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THE STORY

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The Duke, accompanied by the Duchess and Casilda, attended by his suite, one Luiz, comes to Venice to seek the Royal husband. Unfortunately, Casilda is already secretly in love with Luiz, but this does not alter the fact that she is married, and her romance must now come to an end.

But the exigencies of comic opera do not permit matters to end here, and complications have arisen. There is doubt as to the husbands whereabouts, for one Don Alhambra has caused the infant husband to be stolen and brought to Venice where he was placed in the care of a "highly respectable gondolier," and this foolish person had carelessly mixed up the infant with his own son, both being brought up in the humble calling of gondoliers.

Casilda is now in the unfortunate position of being married to one of two gondoliers, but nobody can tell which is which. Consternation prevails when this announcement is made, for the two gondoliers, Marco and Guiseppe, have just married two charming ladies, Gianetta and Tessa. Since the country is in a state of insurrection, it is essential that they should assume the reins of government at once, and, until it is ascertained which of them is King, Don Alhambra announces that they shall reign jointly.

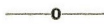
The Royal foster-mother is summoned and, to the consternation of all, and the relief of Casilda, announces that the King entrusted the Royal Prince to her care, his name is Luiz, and thus the matrimonial knots are disentangled.



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Encyclopaedia Gilbertia

Barataria	The Island kingdom.
Contadine	Country girls.
Contradicente	...	...	...	...	Contradicting.
Cachucha	...	...	...	...	Spanish dance.
Dolce farniente	...	...	...	...	The bliss of idleness.
Buon giorno	...	...	...	...	Good day.
Bon venuti	...	...	...	...	Welcome.
Servitori umilissimi	...	...	...	...	Your humble servants.
Signorigne	...	...	...	...	Ladies.
Carissimi	...	...	...	...	Dearest ones.
Eccellentissimi	...	...	...	...	Your Excellencies.
Per chi questi fiori	...	...	...	...	For whom these flowers.
Per voi, bei signori	...	...	...	...	For you, fine gentlemen
Poveri gondolieri	...	...	...	...	Poor gondoliers.
Signorina io t'amo	...	...	...	...	Madam, I love thee.
O Ciel	...	...	...	...	Oh Heaven.
Montere	A Spanish wine.
Xebeque	A three masted vessel.
Plazatoro	The place of the bull — the arena.

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