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## COVENT GARDEN

The London home of Grand Opera. The original Covent Garden Theatre was built in 1732, and burned in 1808. It was rebuilt in 1809, but again burned in 1856. The present structure was erected in 1858. In its various existences the theatre has been the scene of every description of production, and not until 1847 was it converted strictly into an opera house. During the period from 1810 to 1824 Sir Henry Bishop was connected with it and was the means of bringing about numerous musical productions, original and otherwise. In 1826 Weber composed "Oberon" especially for Covent Garden, where it received enthusiastic approval on the first night, but grew to be almost ignored. The theatre was the scene of Mile. Alboni's first appearance west of the Alps in 1847, and Adelina Patti in 1862 sang there on her first appearance in Europe.

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