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ACT 1.—Pavilion attached to King Hildebrand's Palace.

ACT 2.—Gardens in Castle Adamant.

ACT 3.—Outer walls and Courtyard of Castle Adamant.

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Other refreshments will be served downstairs during the second interval.

Musical Numbers

ACT 1

OVERTURE

- 1 Chorus and Solo (Florian)—Search throughout the panorama
- 2 Song (Hildebrand & Chorus)-Now hearken to my strict command
- 3 Recitative and Song (Hilarion)—Today we meet
- 4 Chorus-From the distant panorama
- 5 Trio (Arac, Guron, Scynthius and Chorus)—We are warriors three
- 6 Song (Gama)—If you give me your attention
- 7 Finale—P'rhaps if you address the lady

ACT 2

- 8 Chorus of Girls and Solos (Lady Psyche, Melissa and Sacharissa) —
 Towards the empyrean heights
- 9 Chorus of Girls-Mighty maiden with a mission
- 10 Recitative and Aria (Princess)-Minerva! Oh hear me
- 10a Exeunt for Princess Ida and Girls-And thus to empyrean heights
- 11 Song (Blanche)—Come mighty Must!
- 12 Trio (Hilarion, Cyril and Florian) Gently, gently
- 13 Trio (Hilarion, Cyril and Florian)—I am a maiden
- 14 Quartet (Princess, Cyril, Hilarion and Florian)-
 - The world is but a broken toy
- 15 Song (Lady Psyche) with Hilarion, Cyril and Florian-
 - A lady fair of lineage high
- 16 Quintet (Psyche, Melissa, Hilarion, Cyril and Florian) -
 - The woman of the wisest wit
- 17 Duet (Melissa and Lady Blanche)—Now wouldn't you like
- 18 Chorus of Girls and Solos (Blanche and Cyril)-
 - Merrily ring the luncheon bell
- 19 Song (Cyril)—Would you know the kind of maid
- 20 Finale-Oh joy! Our chief is saved

ACT 3

- 21 Chorus and Solo (Melissa) Death to the invader
- 22 Song (Gama) with Chorus of Girls-Whene'er I spoke
- 23 Song (Princess)—I built upon a rock
- 24 Chorus of Ladies and Soldiers-When anger spreads his wing
- 25 Song (Arac) with Guron, Scynthius and Chorus-

This helmet I suppose

- 26 Chorus during the Fight—This is our duty
- 27 Finale—With Joy abiding

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He explains that the Princess is now Head of a University for women at Castle Adamant, where man is forbidden to set foot and the very mention of his name is a crime. The Prince immediately leaves with two companions to storm Castle Adamant where he hopes to win the Princess's heart, and King Gama is kept as a hostage.

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When Hilarion and his friends arrive they disguise themselves as women students in order to mix with the Girl Graduates, but their ruse is discovered when Cyril after drinking freely of the wine at luncheon sings, "Would you know the kind of maid sets my heart a flame?" and the young men are taken into custody.

Hilarion's father, King Hildebrand, arrives at Castle Adamant and declares that if the marriage contract is not kept and the Princess still refuses to marry his son he will make war on the University. The Princess is defiant and decides to defend Castle Adamant with her ladies, who arm themselves with battleaxes (they don't use rifles because they might go off).

At last the Princess agrees that the issue can be decided between her brothers and Hilarion with his two friends. Hilarion is the victor and Princess Ida resigns her post as Head of the University and gives him her hand.

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