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s Conservatory Orchestra of sprightly music
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are framed in an orchestral structure of firmer
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high competence by Eugene Bigot and the
Paris Conservatory Orchestra. Lucette Des-
caves is a little harsh as the cooperating

...nist, but the recording is full and clear. Altogether the edition is the best on disks.

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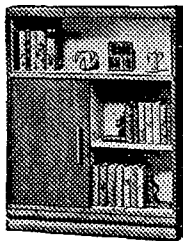
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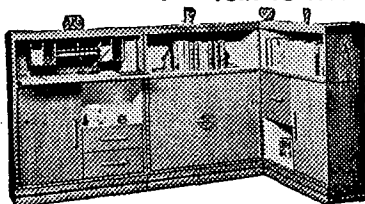
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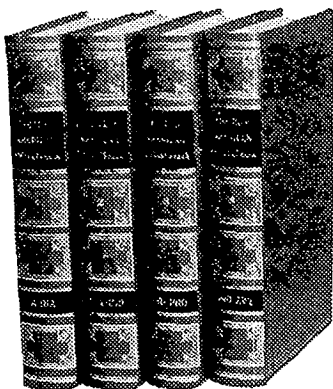
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