

SONGS FROM THE PASSING SHOW OF 1912 (cont'd)

“Carnegie”

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One scene involved Andrew Carnegie and characters meant to parody David Belasco and Teddy Roosevelt (renamed “The Strenuous Citizen”). The song they sing, “Carnegie” (also called “Handy Andy”...) plays on different ways to pronounce Carnegie’s name, his political ties, and his odd penchant for philanthropy: “I want to give all my cash away/So take it pray, don’t let it stay/I’ll send you a library P.D.Q./Or give a medal to you.” [Westover, p. 16]

Using a blue and red color scheme, the sheet music included a large inset of the singer associated with the number. The cover of “Carnegie” (sometimes called “Handy Andy” in the programs) even included Clarence Harvey in his Andrew Carnegie kilt-clad costume. [Westover, p. 125]