

MERRY-GO-ROUND STAGE - Royal Opera House  
at Rome modernized by introduction of revolving  
stage.

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Picture.:- If you listen to Rome on your radio set,  
you have probably heard operas transmitted from  
the--

--city's Royal Opera House. Well, it may interest  
you to know--

--that this theatre has one of the best equipped  
stages in the world. The--

--large circular platform having been laid, the  
scenes are gradually built up with care and  
thoroughness. These pictures show the first--

--use being made of the new stage to present  
Verdi's opera "Traviata". The first three scenes  
of the first act are simultaneously built, dressed  
and completed. Of course there are other revolving  
stages - several in London, but Italy claims this  
to be the most advanced type ever built for the  
adequate presentation of opera.

It does look rather like a merry-go-round,  
doesn't it ? Reminds me very much of the London  
Coliseum when I saw its great revolving stage at the  
opening night, many many years ago. Almost twenty-five  
I think. I was also--

--very young then, of course !, and frightfully impressed  
with its magnificence ! The method allows--

--less temporary scenic effects to be mounted and only  
a few seconds are necessary to change the--

--scene. Less opportunity for changing the scene by  
visiting the bar, though !