16 RARE ITEMS FROM 1925-26
COLUMBIA GEMS OF THE TWENTIES
FRED RICH, EARL GRESH, PAUL ASH & OTHERS
The MANHATTAN DANCE MAKERS was evidently a house band for Columbia and the KNICKERBOCKERS was another name for the Ben Selvin Orchestra. Of the rest, all had achieved success and renown in their own right with one of them, FRANCIS CRAIG, to achieve further fame 23 years later when he wrote the hit song “NEAR YOU.”

While these items are truly representative of the Music of the Twenties, they have fallen into the “forgotten” category. Forgotten by all but a small number of old line collectors. Forgotten by the company that spawned them and in many instances, even the names of the great sidemen that played these numbers have been forgotten.

But here on this record, they have a re-birth and will again, I hope, be remembered. Hear again the carefree music that was once so much a part of the American scene.

— STEVE PROSPER