SUPERSTITIOUS MUSICIANS.

The Producers of Sweet Sounds Have Some Funny | rejultees.

"Well, I believe in some signs," said jolly Charlie Warner, when asked whether he, in particular, and musicians in general, were superstitious. Professor Warner in his lifetime has been connected with all the famous musical organizations of this country. He played E flat cornet with Gilmore's band, was leading violin in various symphony orchestras, besides having had a long experience with circus and minstrel bands.

"If musicians are superstitious," said he. "It is because their dealings with the show people have made them so. Take, for instance, the man with a yellow clarionet. He couldn't get a job even with a barnstorming outlit. I remember when I was a member of horepaugh's circus appetite. The upper air resounds band, when Tony Franks was the leader, Alexander Fischer, now soloclarionetist at McVlcker's Chicago quick twitter of the swallow to the theater, was one of our men, and he hoarse "quonek quonek" of the elder joined with three yellow clarionets.

"The other members were very much alarmed at this doleful occurrence and importuned Fischer upon every occasion to get rid of those boxwood instruments. The circus performers 'got on' to the color of the clarionets, and came running to Leader The picture is more striking on ac-Franks with alarm pictured on their countenances.

"If the old man sees those clarionets,' said Franks, 'we'll all get above the verdant valleys, while far discharged;' and he told Fisher to either buy instruments of another ing some tall icebergs that are glistencolor or paint the ones he had black. ing in the sun like fantastic fairy pal-Alexander, however, did not have sees. money enough to make the requisite change and told the leader so.

"Driven almost to distraction, Franks sent and bought three handsome buffet clarionets and hid them in his music chest. He then told one of clarionets and drive them in the ring bank for stakes. The man did as he Alexander saw that night was his clarionets' mouthpieces and all being driven into mother earth by lusty blows from a twenty-pound sledge.

"Here, what are you doing with brawny circus attache paid no atten- gifts. tion to him, but kept on until nothing more could be seen of the three 'tuners' but their yellow bells. Fischer hastened to Franks with tears in his eyes, but was instantly mollified when Tony placed in his hands the new black clarionets.

"A yellow base viol is also considered the harbinger of bad luck. I recall one instance where a corpulent German engaged at a Louisville theater persisted in coming to work with bad to worse, but the obstinate bass player continually refused to make a change in the color of his instrument.

must be done with that yellow fiddle. dow into the street below, and he never came back.""

FAST STEAM LAUNCH.

A Thames Uleasure Boat Said to Be the Swiftest Smal Boat Affoat.

The Hibernia, a small boat which plies on the river Thames, England, is said by the New York Advertiser to and a trip in it is an experience. At like an ordinary boat, cutting her way erate impression in the form of shore waves. With a slight touch of the regulator she leaps forward, and as the speed increases she gradually sinks a little by the stern, rises a little by the head, until at a certain speed the bow rises clean out of the water. and the boat flies along at the top of it, throwing a double wall of spray, between which she flies at a speed of about twenty-nine miles an hour with the stream and twenty-six and a quarter miles against the stream.

may be gathered from the following statement of dimensions and engine power: The length of the boat is 48 feet 3 inches over all; breadth, 7 feet 8} inches: draught 1 foot 4} inches, and depth of propeller below the water line 2 feet 5 inches. The boiler barrel five-sixteenths inch thick, quintuple riveted in longitudinal The engines are two-cylinder, both high pressure, 74 inch diameter, stroke 6 inches, revolutions about 750 per minute up to 1,050 revolutions per minute when doing the highest out a different act! speed. The proteller has three blades of hammered double shear steel, with carefully prepared surface and knife edge, keyed in a wrought steel boss and accurately balanced. The engines are of small dimensions, except | not give you my daughter Emma. in the wearing and hard working parts, and here the dimensions are very large, and at first glance disproportionately strong.

Every detail has been most carefully designed, and carried out with equally careful workmanship and excellent finish. The boat was built chiefly for umpire work at regattas and coaching university crews, and has run over 3,300 miles without the touch of a spanner.

Plaintive.

"A buman life," said the sentimental young man, "is a poem-

o many of us are rejected manu-

SUMMER TIME IN GREENLAND. Prediction That The Accties Will Yet

Be a Place of Popular Resort. During the summer months the temperature usually ranges from 35 to 65 degrees, says a writer in Home and Country, and on some days the heat is such that one might be pardoned for believing t'at the burning rays shining down upon the traveler, are those of a tropical sun. The valleys are carpeted with a mantle of green, the grass in many places growing knee high, while dandelions, poppies, saxifrage, and other wild flowers are found in profusion and the air is full of insect life. Marine birds and garishly colored butterflies dart hither and thither, while the less pleasing mosquito amply demonstrates that arctic existence does not impair its fiendish persistency or rapacious with the confused voices of the feathered tribe, which range from the duck. Snow is only visible on the high elevations. Indeed, there is the "brawling brook," or "babbling brook," if you please, the leaping mountain torrent, and all the other accessories prescribed by poets and artists to complete a beautiful panorama. count of its boll contrasts. Forbidding black cliffs and lofty rock-ribbed mountains rear their stately heads far beyond, the green sea is softly caress-

To-day we travel to Bermuda or across the ocean to Switzerland in search of health or pleasure. Why not go to Greenland? It may be a rash prediction, but I feel confident that before many years have passed the the canvas men to take Fischer's yellow north will become a favored if not popular summer resort. Then the man of business, the student, the artwas directed, and the first thing that ist and their wives and daughters as well, instead of going for the summer to some place they are well acquainted; with, such as insipid watering places or the corresponding fashionable seaside resorts, will set sail for Greenmy clarionets? he yelled; but the land, the new Eldorado of nature's

POOR MARKSMANSHIP.

Firing in Both Army and Navy Less Accurate Than Formerly.

The training of navy artillerists has, deal of attention, and no end of powder and shot has been expended in der and shot has been expended in gown without question; but as he gown without question; but as he J. Francis, G. P. & T. A., Omaha. Neb. target practice designed to serve a grows a little older on the bench he is more telling purpose in actual war- as fussy about the fit of the garment a 'bull-fiddle' the color of a sunflower: the floating equipments of naval pow-Business at the house kept going from ers of to day ought to give good ac-ers of to day ought to give good accounts of themselves in point of spicuous even in this city of long ser-marksmanship if called into action, vice—the justices, at a few minutes though, according to Cassier's Maga- before noon, cross the hall to the "When the curtain went up one zine, it would be presumptuous to un- ante-room of the court. The transit Friday night there were but five peo- dertake to foreshadow possible re- of the justices is a matter of daily inple in the house, and the members of suits. If, on the other hand, past experithe orchestra decided that something ence counts for anything, there would the capitol. It is the signal for a raid After the show they began arguing in accuracy in naval gunnery, growing the door of the courtroom, where a again with the German, but he re- with successive improvements in naval doorkeeper sits, solemnly manipulating plied that it was all tam fool busi- architecture and naval armament. It the swinging door with a cord. Only This so exasperated the men was estimated some years ago from so many people are admitted to the that they threw the German and his data furnished by target practice at yellow bass from a second story win- sea, that a heavy gun must be dis- There are but a few rows of benches charged fifty times to make one outside the inclosure reserved for the were credited with killing a man by the courtroom is permitted. the discharge of the gun's weight in shot; in other words, three tons of 32pounder shot are required for the purpose. Actual service tests with architect, and the architect was glad modern high-power guns, however- to see them, for business was exguns weighing twelve tons-has, tremely dull. within the past ten or twelve years, be the fastest boat of its size afloat, shown that it took about sixteen tons of projectiles to accomplish the same tion. ordinary speed the Hibernia behaves, thing. It is interesting to note from what statistics are available that the shall be only too glad to do so, and I through the water and leaving a mod- introduction of rifled muskets into the armies has had a somewhat similar result. The old-time muskets, it satisfaction." is said, killed a man by firing at him his own weight in lead bullets, but the modern rifle in the hands of the average soldier, so it has been figured out. does not effect a fatality until it has discharged twice the man's weight in lead. Both here as well as in naval shooting, therefore, there has been All we expect is that when you have shown to be an important demand for greater skill and care. Whether this has been met in any measure, fu-Some idea of the power of this boat ture hostilities only will tell.

The Difficulty.

Dramatic Author - Mr. Manager may I venture to ask whether my three-act play has been accepted?

Manager-Well, you see, the three members of the reading committee is of steel, locomotive pattern, with have gone through it, and they have come to the conclusion that one act will have to be struck out.

Author-Oh! there is no difficulty about that; it is not so bad after all Manager-No. but unfortunately each of the members wants to strike

Le Vasn't Particular.

"Sir," remarked the rich father to the suitor, "after the investigations I have made into your character I can-"All right," answered the persist-

ent suitor, "than how about one of the others. - Fliegende Biaetter.

Lost Laurels. First Express Train Robber-Say, this here paper says detectives have

been sent out after us. pshaw! Now they'll get all the credit age he follows in position the youngfor the beautiful escape we made .- est of the married men, despite the Chicago Record.

A Delightful Change.

"Well, Jennie," said one actress to another, "how do you like your new tragic, comic, sentimental, as the case part?" "Oh, for goodness' sake," exclaimed Jennie, "don't let us talk thing." "Yes," sighed Miss Passeigh, "and shop." "All right," said the other, "let us talk shopping."-New York makes you appreciate the chance for Press.

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Those Worn on Official Occasions by Justices of the Supreme Court.

A justice pays as much for his robe of office as he would pay for a very handsome suit of clothing, says the Washington Star. There is a fixed not vary with the fluctuations in the duties on silk. One woman has made and her invariable price for one is the name of "tamarisk honey." except on inauguration day, the the president on the opening day of taste and highly nutritive. the court's session, he goes in the clothes he would wear at the breakhand man, in a frock coat, with none are by no means unapproachable. wears it at the inauguration of a president, but ordinarily he puts it on in the robing room in the morning and takes it off in the robing-room at dusk. He does not wear it even in the consulting-room, so there is very little wear and tear on it, and one robe will outlast several suits of clothine. According to the technical descrip-

bottom. It has a narrow hem around the bottom and a broad hem down the front. It is guaged at the top to a yoke, which is short on the shoulders and forms a deep scallop at the back. The flowing sleeves are a yard and a Helena. Spokane, Scattle and Tacoma. in recent years, been given a good quarter wide and reach to the wrist. fare should the occasion present it- as a young woman with her first ball self. It would seem, therefore, that dress. Having donned their robes seem to have been a notable decline -a very subdued, dignified raid-on courtroom, and the number is small. effective hit. The old smoothbores members of the bar. No crodwing of

An impossible House.

The man and his wife called on the

"We want you to build a house for us," said the man by way of introduc-

"Thanks," bowed the architect, "I

am quite sure that I can give entire

"Well, you ought to." remarked the lady, "we don't want much."

.. What kind of a house did you wish?" inquired the architect.

"We want a good plain one of about eight rooms," explained the man, and we will leave the design to you. finished it will suit my wife and myself. I mean on the inside; we are not so particular about the outside."

The architect heaved a deep sigh. "I'm very sorry," he said. "but you will have to go to some other architeet. We can't design an impossible house in this office."-Detroit Free

A Deep-Laid Scheme.

"Yours is a perplexing case," said the oculist. "You call red 'purple' and referred to Nile green as 'Turkey red.

"Yes," replied the visitor, with a contented smile. "I guess I was born that way."

"It's the most aggravated case of color-blindness I ever encountered in my professional experience.

"That's it. I want you to write me out a statement to that effect. Never mind what the fee is. You see, my wife has a lot of samples she wants matched, and she'll ask me to take the job some time next week, sure." And then the oculist had his

suspicions.-Washington Star.

Down-Trodden Bachelors of Corea. In Corea every unmarried man is seen sent out after us. considered a boy, though he should Second Robber, disgustedly—Oh, live to be 100. No matter what his

> "Early rising is a great thing," said the enthusiastic man; "a great

fact, perhaps, of having lived long

anough to be their father.

"Yes," responded the sluggard. "It

MANNA EATERS.

The Feople of Arabia and From Persia Make It From Tamicist Branches. In some of the Eastern countries. notably Arabia and Persia. a manna answering closely to that mentioned in the scriptures is still naturally proprice for the gown-a price which does duced in some considerable quantity, says Good Houseke ping. It comes from the tender branches of the tamaall the justices' gowns for forty years. risk, and is known to the Persians by \$100. Like the tailors who make a consists of tear-like drops, which exspecialty of outfits for officers of the | ude in consequence of the puncture of army and navy, she knows just what are an insect during the months of June the requirements of a justice's gown, and July, in the cool of the morning and all her customer has to be con- it is found solidified, and the congealed cerned about is its fit. The gown tears may be shaken from the limbs. must set well across the shoulders. That, in fact, is one of the methods of and it should reach from the neck to gathering manna. Herodotus alludes the heels; but it should not drag on to the same nutritious product, so the floor. I say floor, because, that there is no doubt it has been known in those regions from the earjustice does not wear his gown out liest ages. It is easy to see how it of doors. When he attends an might be produced in wonderful quanofficial dinner or reception at the tities without any special manifesta-White house, he wears the garb of tion of the supernatural. It is a everyday life; even when he calls on sweetish substance, pleasant to the

Some students of the bible have supposed the manna there mentioned to fast table. If you visited one of the have been a fungus growth; but while justices at his home of an evening, the explanation would be a natural you would find a pleasant, rather off- one, the modification which it would require is an unnecessary one. There of the solemnity of manner that cloaks are numerous interesting things, the justices when they are on the nevertheless, about the various kinds bench. The supreme court justices of fungi, which modern experimentation has decided to be edible; and not They are, in fact, considered very only that, but highly palatable and jolly after-dinner companions and nutritive. What country boy of an they are in great demand in social imaginative nature but has frolicked Washington. The justice wears his in mimic warfare with imaginary robe only when the supreme court, as foes, getting the smoke for his artila body, is participating in some official lery and infantry from the numerous ceremony. He may go gowned to a "puffballs" which a convenient pas-funeral, if it is an official funeral. He ture afforded, while his own lung power furnished the "crash and roar and cheer" for the inspiring contest! Yet science has demonstrated that those very puffballs were once good to sat in fact, capable of furnishing the most dainty nourishment.

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