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#### ALUMINUM INSTRUMENTS.

Mandolins, Guitars, Banjos, Violins and Drums Made Out of the Metal.

Various musical instruments are made of aluminum, including mandolins, guitars, banjos and violins, and drums. The advantages claimed are resistance to climatic influences and superiority of tone. Some of the mando-, commonly at the courts of Europe. lins are made with the body, including the top, entirely of aluminum, others with the top of spruce, the neck of All kinds of Carpenter work done on wood, and the other fittings of the usual kind. Such a mandolin is sold aluminum mandolins range somewhat lower, says the New York Sun.

> Guitars with a spruce top and the back and sides of aluminum in a single piece are sold at from \$25 to \$200. Banios are made with aluminum rims, fitted with heads of the usual kind, and they are also made with aluminum heads. Such a banjo, with wire strings, could be played in the rain.

The aluminum violin that is now aluminum, while the neck and other fittings are of wood. All the aluminum instruments are handsome, and the aluminum violin, with its silver-gray body, and finger board and tailpiece Will of ebony, is of great beauty. It is a costly instrument. The makers of the aluminum mandolins and guitars with spruce to are now engaged upon a violin whose back and sides will be of aluminum in a single piece, the top of the instrument to be of spruce.

#### WOMEN IN UNIVERSITY LIFE. Germany, Austria and Russia Dis-

courage It.

One of the reports of the educational department of England has a special table devoted to the subject of the admission of women to university life, says the Chicago Tribune. Inquiries have been instituted as to the arrangements made for women students at 162 of the universities of the civilized nations in both hemispheres, and 139 replies were received. The questions members of the universities? Are they admitted on the same terms as men? Are they admitted to lectures? Are they admitted to examinations? Are

they eligible for university degrees? It is significant of the advanced liberalism of Scotland and Wales that their five universities have no answer but "Yes" to make, save as regards certain medical courses in the north country. Australia, India and Canada also answer: "Yes," and Toronto proudly says: "No advantage is granted to men which is not open to women." New Zealand gives practically the same reply. France, Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, Greece, Italy, and, of course, the United States have almost unbroken columns of "Yes." The great sinners of Europe are Germany, Austria and Rus-

#### MAKING READY FOR A RUN. A Lecomotive Is Almost as Carefully

Groomed as a Race Horse. "Running the Fast Express" is the title of an article by George Ethelbert Walsh in St. Nicholas. Mr. Walsh

The engineer comes down to his post of duty nearly an hour before his train is scheduled to leave. All night long in the round-house the engine has been carefully watched; a wiper has spent the whole night rubbing down the panting, snorting iron horse, until every rod and cylinder shines like gold or silver; the banked fire has been kept going, so that a little steam has been always in the boxes; and before he left at night the fireman put everything in perfect order inside the cab. The fireman appears first in the morning and inspects the work of the round-house men; and if any part is not satisfactory, he makes it so. The engineer makes his inspection after the fireman, and thoroughly and carefully examines every part. All the bearings are then oiled, and the oilcups are filled with oil. Next, the engine is run out of the round-house and tested. Fifteen minutes before the time to start, the engine is coupled to the train, and the steam and airbrakes are tested.

No race-horse was ever brought to his post better fitted for running the course than is the locomotive of the fast express. In addition to the tests already made, a mechanic goes from wheel to wheel, and upon every one strikes a sharp, resounding blow, to ascertain if the wheel and axle are sound. Nuts and bolts are examined. The engineer and fireman are held responsible for the perfect condition of the engine and cars before the start

#### COSTLY RUSSIAN SABLE.

Women the World Over Long to Possess This Royal Fur.

Ten thousand dollars seems a big price to pay for a secondband garment, but the members of the royal houses of Europe do not hesitate to spend this amount frequently to obtain one for winter wear. The first owners of the costly dress, says the Philadelphia Times, are endowed by nature with a precedence in the matter of wearing that no amount of money can overcome, and the millionaire or titled representative of a European monarchy must be content to purchase the garments after they have been worn for years. But the Russian sable is not much the animal may drag the fur through the mire and dirt, no one will consider it a dishonor to wear it. In Russia and many of the northern countries a sable coat or cloak is worn as a mark of distinction, and Svengali, in his expressed ambition to wear "ze big fur coat," undoubtedly referred to the fine Russian sable that is seen so

While the fashion in most furs changes year by year, sable invariably holds its own, and the possessor of a rich garment of this material can well feel the pride that comes from owning at from \$25 to \$200. The prices of all something not commonly worn. The demand for sable has never been so extensive here as in Europe, and very few understand the difference between Russian furs. At the court of Russia every member must have his sable furs for state occasions, and it is estimated that this equipment must cost each one not far from \$25,000. In Germany the maids of honor are compelled to have their garments trimmed with saupon the market is, in its body, all ble tails and clippings, while in the court dresses of several other European nations the sable figures in various

## NEW WRINKLES IN SHIPS.

Steel Yards and Masts-Vessels Without Royals.

A man not familiar with ships who saw the royal yard lying on South street wharf the other day, might have mistaken it for a mainyard, it looked so big. It was a new spar for an American wooden ship of 1,800 tons lying alongside the wharf, and was 47 feet long. The mainyard of the ship measured about 89 feet in length. The royal was of spruce, the main of Oregon pine. On a ship nowadays the lower yard would be of steel, says the New York Sun.

Ship masts were formerly made with the several parts each a solid stick. When big timber became scarce and more costly the lower masts were built up of a number of pieces of wood and banded with iron hoops. When ships began to be built of iron the lower asked were: Are women admitted as masts were made of iron and also the lower yards; and when the building of steel ships was begun, the lower masts and the lower yards were made of steel. There are ships now that carry steel yards up to and including their top-gallant yards.

There are built nowadays ships that carry no royals. The other yards are made longer, so that the ship spreads the same amount of canvas, which is, however, carried lower. With less weight aloft there is less leverage on the masts, and the ship stands up better. Fewer yards are required and less rigging. The low rig is in line with the common modern endeavor toward greater economy of operation.

#### KAFFIR BOY'S DARING FEAT. Kills a Venomous Black Snake for a Small Reward.

A road party, comprising the usual gang of Kaffirs, with a white man as superintendent, was employed on the construction of a road in the Tugela valley, Natal, about 30 or more years ago. In the course of their work they came on a huge stone which it was necessary to remove, but beneath it was the home of a large black mamba, well known to the neighboring inhabitants as being old, and therefore very venomous. The mamba is the most deadly of the South African snakes, and the superintendent anticipated some trouble over that rock. He offered a bribe for the snake's skin, and the gang "wowed" and sat down to "bema gwi" (take snuff). But a slim youth sauntered forward and amid the jeers and protestations of the rest declared himself equal to the task. He took from his neck what looked like a bit of shriveled stick, chewed it, swallowed some of it, spat out the rest on his hands and proceeded to rub his glistening brown body and limbs all over. Then taking up his stick and chanting a song of defiance, he advanced to the bowlder. There he roused the mamba, who in great fury at being disturbed bit him in the lip with great venom. The boy took no notice of the bite, but broke the snake's back with his stick, and, bringing him to his master, asked for the reward, obtaining which, he went back to his work, and the bite of the reptile had no effect on him whatever.

No bribe, not even that of a cow (better than any gold in the eyes of a Kaffir), would induce the native to disclose the secret of his antidote, which he said had been handed down in his family for generations. The snake was a very long one and so old that it had a mane. It is a well-known fact that certain of the Zulus have antidotes for the preserve as a secret within their own | Spring Valley, Minn. families.

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