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PRECURSORS OF THE PIANOFORTE.

Some Fine Old Instruments Which Lead Up to the Bistory of Plane Playing. Bernardus Boekelman, a well known

teacher of the pianoforte in this city, has recently become the possessor of two exceedingly interesting and curious instruments. both over 250 years old. They are a clarichord and a spinet, or, as the instrument was commonly called in England, a virginal. Historically the former is the more interesting of the two, and it was only by a lucky chance that Mr. Bockelman managed to buy it hat summer from the museum of the Brussels Conservatory of Music. It is an oblong about four feet long, sixteen or eighteen inches wide, and not more than five inches high, without legs or support of any kind. It has forty-four keys and only twenty-two double strings, some of the strings being depended on for three notes, some for two and some for only one.

The action consists of a simple lever, the key, one end extending forward of the strings to receive the pressure of the players' fingers, the other reaching under the strings. This end is armed with a bit of brass, called a "tangent," which is forced up against the string by the finger blow, simultaneously setting the string to vibrating and dividing Weeping Water off the portion which it was necessary should sound to produce the desired note. All the lower strings are called on for three notes, which proves that the instrument was made before the interval of a second was admitted in harmony. The clarichord, though the Cevery Tuesday evening of each week. All transfert brothers are respectively havited to attend. and his sons preferred it over the harpischord and even the pianoforte, which in their day was, of course, a crude instrument.

The virginal owned by Mr. Boekelman was made by Jean Ruckers, in Antwerp, in 1622. Ruckers was one of a family of spinet and harpischord makers famous for their skill, In this instrument the strings are plucked by tiny bits of stiff cole leather, placed in instruments that rested on the keys, and were forced upward by the pressure of the fingers, They were called "jacks," and Shakespeare in one of his sonnets speaks of them with envy nt being privileged to kiss the "tender in-ward" of the lady's hand, concluding with the reasonable advice:

Since sancy Jacks so happy are in this, Give them thy fingers, me thy lips to kim. - New York Tribune,

Writing for a Living. "The magazine has come to be the pathway that leads into literary society," said an yesterday, "but the pathway is a long and rough one and unless the prodder is amply provisioned before he begins his journey, he is allow to be starved out on the route. There is at be son in which there are more gener-1. Indicate a fide a than on the remuneration Formy work in meanings. There is a inspression that the well known coneum princily incomes by their People have heard so much about chatter a year which Mr. Howels gets for ween in Harper's, that they third all the ist, or an average, carn \$1.000 a year from the bind of work, and that much only by

"I assure you that any man, however

or estenes, is then poured in large specufulto the injoiners of one-quarter or one-half inch. In a few infantes this can be taken off as it is were a film. When a cost of the entire head or of the whole hemen figure is required, either a cast of the face is added to a mass of clay which is to be modeled to the required Total Assets, \$12,115,774 figure, or the whole figure is modeled from drawings prepared for that purpose. This is the work of the sculptor. When the clay from the head to the base, and the front is plaster is poured in. In complicated figures, say a "Lascoon," the statue is oiled and covered with gelatine, which is cut off in

> Conversation in Public Places. Look for a moment at conversation as we overhear it on the street, the horse and steam cars. Here we find ourselves involuntarily deciding who are those best acquainted with the laws of polite society and good breeding. Setting aside the cause of deafness, we are

often annoyed at the persistency with which people in near proximity to ourselves enpeople in near proximity to ourselves en-deaver, in conversation with their friends, to enlighten all the others as to their private affairs, business, poverty or wealth, friends, servants, and what not. This is due partly to home education in the matter of conver-sation, and partly to the largely increasing numbers of those who have acquired wealth suddenly and have had no advantages of garly education and culture, and who forget

SUNDAY AT SEA.

Mattsmouth

DIVINE WORSHIP ON BOARD ONE OF HER MAJESTY'S SHIPS.

The "Sit Down" Church for Clear Sky and Smooth Sea-The "Stand Up" Church for Rough Weather-Description of Both Methods of Worship.

We had two separate and distinct kinds of divine worship on board, especially adapted to the exigencies of the weather. One was know among us as "Sit Down" church; the other as "Stand Up" church. When the wind was fair and the sea smooth, when the sky was clear and the sun bright, when the surface of the ocean was reflecting from myriads of dimpling wavelets the brilliant hue and glancing beams of the firmament above, then Sunday at sea showed no very striking contrast to the day of rest ashore. The serv-ices of the church were prefaced by the service of the state known to us as "divisions," when a careful and searching inspection of ship and crew was carried on in grave and decorous silence by captain, commander and senior lieutenant.

"Divisions" over, the crew would disperse for a short time while the order to "rig church" was carried out. In a large frigate this was always done upon the main deck, the principal gun carrying deck, that is, of the ship, thoroughly protected from wind and rain by the upper deck above it. Here accommodation was provided for the men, some 500 in number, by placing capstan bars and planks across inverted "washdeck tubs," affording thus a kind of rough and ready form on which to sit. These were placed "athwartships," across the breadth of the deck, while chairs were arranged further aft for the senior and junior officers, who generally sat on opposite sides of the deck. The chaplain, who on board ship is known by a thousand more or less irreverent namespadre, sky pilot, etc.-is supplied with a portable apparatus as nearly akin to the reading desk of the shore as the wit of a ship's carpenter can devise. This is also 'rigged" in a commanding position between the officers and men.

All being reported ready to the commander, the order is given to "toll the bell," and forthwith the sentry begins to thump slowly and monotonously upon the ship's bell, the clapper of which is held in the hand and used as a hammer, instead of the bell itself being swung. The men are marched off to their places, the officers take their seats, the captain comes out of his cabin, the chaplain ent lifes of a leading periodical to the writer | ters his desk, and the familiar and solemn words of the service fall upon the ear, accompanied in this case by the muffled groaning of the ship as she sways before the pressure of the breeze. The responses are, as a rule, not loudly or distinctly made, but merely muttered; whereas, were all that congregation of men fully imbued with the spirit of prayer, a great and emphatic stream of supplication should ascend from that compact parish to the throne of Him who rules the raging of the sea. But when the time arrives for Praise, then, provided that the tune is well known and popular, the blue jackets break into a burst of song, often most harmonious, always admirable from the power and richness of the volume of sound, and in which many may be noted taking, with well trained accuracy, the tenor and even the alto parts. This is sometimes led by a small harmonium; sometimes, should the ship be large enough to possess one, by the ship's band. Then follows, as on shore, the sermon; but when at last the blessing has been given, and ere the more seriously inclined have risen from their knees, the loud imperative order comes from the lips of the commander, "Boatswain's mate, pipe down!" the shrill trill of that petty officer's whistle is instantly raised, in obedience to the mandate, and officers and men leave the main deck, which is speedily cleared of its Sunday paraphernalia,

This, however, was fine weather worship, when we all could meet in prayer without hindrance. But there came Sundays when the conditions were far otherwise-when the wind was shricking and whistling with fiendish uproar through spars and rigging; when the waves were roaring and hissing, striking with the force and thud of a steam hammer against the bows of the laboring ship, which herself added to the din by the indescribable means and growns and cracks by which she gave expression to her indignation at such pressive treatment. She would writhe and unfair treatment. She would writhe and wallow, would plunge and roll, would tremble and stop, and then make a still more furious rush forward, until all thought of divine worship in the usual form was out of the

These were the days of "Stand Up" church, and now the elaborate arrangements of the fine weather function were conspicuously absent. The main deck ports wers closed to deep out the hissing and angry sens, and the only light came from the hatchways above many of them closed by gratings. As stood, officers and men alike; and those who had experience of such things kept their eyes model to finished a mold is made from it as on a handy ringbolt or friendly breeching of in the former cases. If the model be a bust, a gun-anything, in fact, to which they a thin ridge of clay is laid along the figure onight cling should the motion of the ship become too violent even for well trained sea the depressions two or three inches deep. The stidge of clay is now removed, the edges of the plaster are oiled and the other half is done in a similar way. The two halves are likewise tied together with cords and the plaster is poured in. In complicated forms legs. Then the chaplain, no longer trusting his solemn tones with their demoniac uproar, lest they should wing their way upward and sections by means of a thin, sharp knife, each attain their goal. No sermon now, no hymns, pine serving as a mold for its own part of the new statue.—New York World.

attenuating their goal. No sermon now, no hymns, no litany, just the simple morning prayers, and the men are dismissed to find what and the men are dismissed to find what comfort they can on the close, musty, dark, wet decks.

A Theatrical Superstition. It is a superstition in the theatrical profession that the placard "No Free List" is the harbinger of bad business, as it generally happens that it is carely displayed excepting at establishments where the business is not good. It is contended that the mere fact that the houses are crowded deters "deadheads" from making applications for the courtesies of the establishment, and that consequently

LAUGHTER.

As leap the crystal waters from the hills, With nodding flowers along the margins cool, To make the summer fresh and beautiful, So laughter runs along our life, and trills The melodies we love, the sweet "good wills". That help the heart to work the golden rule.

The wise and good laugh most, and not the fool, Upon the empty heart no joy distills; Laughter is freedom, launch thyself away Fly o'er the waves, where gales are fresh and

For laughter is thy noblest self in play. As ripples of a stream that seeks the sea, Or billows breaking into rainbow spray, Thy heart's untrammeled art of melody.

—Dwight Williams in Home Journal.

People Who Die Unnecessarily. Many people die unnecessarily. Few people take proper care of themselves. Healthy people are prone to be careless, and so destroy their health. Youth and health place the individual in a sort of intoxication. The healthy young man is full of life, energy, ambition, hope, enthusiasm. He thinks he can do anything with his vigorous constitution, and he generally does about everything with it. He finds that a night of sound sleep recuperates him, and he imagines that this will always be the case. Instead of husbanding his forces, he wastes them. He is as extravagant with his he

may be with his money. He is living on his capital, and not on the returns from his in-

Men and women ought not to die as young as they do. Our science has taught us that the lower animals attain to a number of years five times as great as the number of years that bring them to maturity, barring, of course, accident and disease. Man reaches maturity at the age of 25. Five times 25-125. The natural life of man ought to be 125 years, according to physiological laws. Of course, he must live in a climate that does not offer too great a resistance.-Physician in Boston Herald.

Dudes and Their Dogs.

Another fad of our gilded youths is to go about the streets with enormous dogs, presumably of rare breeds and great value, trotting at their heels. The contrast between the magnificent caninity of the dogs and the puny pusillanimity of their owners is amusing. I was in one of our uptown cafes the other night and saw two slims enter, each with a great dog after him, one a St. Bernard and the other a mastiff. The dogs eyed each other with surly look. The masters glared with haughty rivalry in their eyes. Sud denly the canines tackled each other furiously. Everybody jumped out of the way, and the poor boys were afraid to separate the brutes. It was an interesting situation, only broken by a cynical barkeeper, who came out and dashed some red pepper over the interlocked heads of the dog duelists. It was good sport while it lasted, not the less on account of the helpless and miserable appearance of the dudes who owned the dogs. 'Tattler" in New York Star.

An Effective Police System.

The police authorities of Russia boast that they know the whereabouts and disposition of every citizen of the empire every night, and it is through the dvorniks that they go the most of their information. No more effective spy system could be organized. People must live in houses, and the law requires every house to have a dvornik. No one can be so employed who does not belong to the artel, and the police control the artel. The tenant is therefore completely at the mercy of his servant, who, if so disposed, can send him to Siberia on a charge of treason any time he likes and it requires little. son any time he likes, and it requires little more than a dvornik's testimony to obtain a "wolf's passport," as a sentence to exile is called.—William Eleroy Curtis in Chicago

Go into any regular savings bank, and on days when crowds of depositors are there you will see the best representatives of the ranks of labor. Go into one of the down town commercial banks, and you will see, not the day laborer or mechanic, but the manufacturer and the merchant, or their clerks. The first set of banks is patronized by those who save little by little, and don't have big piles of money. The second set is used by those who, whether they actually own large fortunes or not, do, for the time, have big sums passing through their hands. These two kinds of banks have distinct species of patrons, and seldom does any one bank have many customers of more than its own particular kind .-New York Sun.

Birds That Are Missing.

Ten species of North American birds are named by Mr. E. M. Hasbrouck as missing. Of these, two-the great auk and the Labrador duck-are believed to have become ex-tinct, while the following eight, through scarcity or diminutiveness, were "lost" with the taking of the first specimens, and are now being eagerly sought. The carbonated warbler, blue mountain warbler, small headed warbler, Cuvier's kinglet, Townsend's bunt-ing, Brewster's linnet, Bachman's warbler and the Cincinnati warbler. - Arkansaw Traveler.

Rather Costly Sport.

They were talking about bowling when Stormy Sinton Truss came up.
"Talk about bowling," said Stormy, "I
knew the time in New York when it cost me

\$50 every time I rolled a bail."

"How was that?" was asked.

"Why, I used bottles of champagne for pins," replied Stormy, and the crowd dropped

out of sight.-Cincinnati Enquirer,

The Grizzly as a Speeder.

I once chased a lean grizzly for several

miles, and it was all I could do to keep up with him upon a fleet horse, I man could not have run half as fast as he did. Indeed, I doubt if the fleetest pedestrian hunter could make his escape if pursued by an exasper-ated grizzly bear in any condition, unless he reached a tree or used his firearms effectu-ally.—Brig. Gen. R. B. Marcy in Outing.

Russia's Imperial Crown, The imperial crown of all the Russias is the finest ever worn by a sovereign. It is in the form of a bishop's miter, and carries on its crest a cross composed of five of the most of the establishment, and that consequently the sign is not necessary. It is doubtful if the display of the sign "Standing Room Only," is not generally a piece of folly, as often people would buy admission tickets if they thought there was a chance of a seaf who are deterred by this announcement, which is so sellem true.—New York Times.

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