

Where the Piano Got Its Start.

Just 200 years ago there lived, at the court of Prince Ferdinand de Medici, a Paduan harpsichord maker, by name Bartolomeo Cristofori, a man of great inventive genius. After innumerable experiments he solved the problem, a long standing puzzle to the musical instrument makers of the period, how to make a satisfactorily working "keyed psaltery," and by the method he invented of overcoming the difficulties inherent to the task, produced an instrument which was the undoubted ancestor of the pianoforte of today. For the piano is, in essential, a dulcimer with a fitted keyboard; it is not simply a modification of the old harpsichord. The latter, it is true, did possess a keyboard, but the depression of its keys caused a "plucking," harp-like action on the strings and not the striking of a hammer, with controlled rebound, the peculiar character of the newer instrument. From 1709—the date when Cristofori made his four "keyed psalteries"—the piano, at first slow, but afterward by leaps and bounds, went on increasing and increasing in popularity, until now its manufacture has become a great industry.

A Beneficial Institution.

The New York Legal Aid society, of which Arthur Von Briesen, a wealthy lawyer with a lucrative practice, is president, is wholly supported from contributions from the purses of wealthy men interested in the work, and it has accomplished a marvelous amount of good. "A poor man or woman," said Mr. Von Briesen recently, "may have honestly learned by hard labor an amount of money. Payment is refused. A lawyer is consulted and if the sum is not promptly obtained the cost of redress in most cases exceeds the sum due. Thousands of such cases occur in New York yearly. Right then and there an anarchist at heart is made. We take such cases up, accept a retainer of 10 cents to help our client's self-respect and collect the money. That represents the total charge, and even that is not always exacted. To date we have collected over \$865,000 for 115,000 individuals, who otherwise would have been unjustly deprived of that vast amount of money."

Lies are always in a hurry, but the truth contentedly awaits its turn.

Brooklyn, N. Y., Nov. 15th.—A medical authority says: "In many families throughout the world Garfield Tea often takes the place of the family physician. For practically everyone suffers at times from disorders of stomach, liver, kidneys or bowels. Certainly, from no other medicine can such good results be obtained. This herb remedy makes people well, thus greatly increasing their capacity for enjoying life; it is good for young and old."

May Stand on Car Platform.

In the district court, Boston, Judge H. W. Bragg decided the other day that a man who stands on the platform of a railroad car could not be forced inside and dismissed a complaint against the defendant in such action brought by a railroad company, who alleged that defendant, by refusing to enter the car when ordered so to do by a servant of the company, and who persisted in such refusal until force was employed, thereby committed a breach of the peace.

Silver Chains in Style.

Silver is once more in vogue for jewelry of the simplest sort. In Paris just now women are wearing very long fine chains in silver—hardly more than a hair in thickness—and suspending from them single unset gems. Sometimes this gem is a ruby, sometimes a diamond—emeralds, matrix turquoises are also seen. But the most popular is, of course, the sapphire, this being a sapphire season, so far as both colors and jewels are concerned.

Germany Kicks on Foreign Students.

Germany is beginning to object to the number of foreign students in her universities and technical schools. The latter have protested that something must be done to keep foreigners out, as out of 11,311 students in technical high schools in 1900, 2,017, or more than a sixth, were foreigners and of these 896 were Russians.

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KILLING TO CURE PATIENT.

The Old-Time Method of Bleeding People to Death.

All kinds of cures for rheumatism, from barking to vibration, are now being exploited. This disease, judging from the amount of space devoted to it in the public prints, is getting to be more and more a common complaint. "Tip" seems to fairly revel in new and weird cures for the affliction, and the patent medicine advertisements set forth a tempting list of remedies. Probably the reason that people with rheumatism did not talk so much about it in the old days was for fear the doctor would be called in. One has only to look over an old medical book to realize that a visit from a doctor a hundred years ago was no joke. Here is a book on "The Practice of Physic," printed in Edinburgh in 1784—a hundred and seventeen years ago. It is written by the foremost doctor of his time, William Cullen, professor in the University of Edinburgh, "First Physician to His Majesty in Scotland," and member of all the learned societies. In its day "Cullen's First Lines" was the greatest medical text book in the English language. Now this is what Dr. Cullen would have done to "Tip," or any other seeker after a cure for rheumatism. The learned doctor says: "The cure requires in the first place an antiphlogistic (inflammation-checking) regime, and particularly a total abstinence from animal food and from all fermented or spirituous liquors; substituting a vegetable or milk diet. Blood-letting is the chief remedy in acute rheumatism. The blood ought to be drawn in large quantity and the bleeding to be repeated in proportion to the frequency, fullness and hardness of the pulse and the violence of the pain. For the most part large and repeated bleedings during the first days of the disease seem to be necessary." In addition to these general bleedings the doctor recommends local bleedings wherever there appears any "swelling or redness."—New York Press.

HYGIENIC BATHING.

Public Swimming Pool Dangerous to Public Health.

The dangers of the public swimming pool should not be forgotten by those suddenly interested in the subject of cleanliness among the poor of the cities. The proper methods of bathing are four: (1) By the bath in ocean water at the seashore. For only a very few of the entire people, and for but one-fourth of the year is this possible. Such bathing, like many other kinds of bathing, is not for cleansing the body. (2) By the bath tub with pure water, possible only for the well-to-do, and a limited number in public bath houses. (3) By the spray or rain bath, the sole method advisable in public baths, and especially if supported by the benevolent, by the state, or by city appropriations. (4) By means of sponge or towel at home, even with only a few gallons of water. This method should be encouraged by hygienists, physicians and all those who would discriminatingly help forward the cause of the public health. The free swimming bath for the vast majority of our people is impossible to provide if the water shall be pure, and it is impossible to keep the water pure when it is provided. We leave out of the count the not-to-be-sneered-at fact that unless the bathing is done unclothed, soap and cleanliness are not thought of, and, even at best, modesty, that hardly-won virtue, is not encouraged in public bathing. The only incontestable fact is that the public swimming pool is a danger to, not a promoter of, the public health. The newspapers, the politicians and the selfishly charitable are right in their efforts to encourage cleanliness, but the mere desire to do good nowadays does not prevent the flail result from showing wasted effort, and, not infrequently, positive evil. Science should ballast our sentimentalism, and nowhere more carefully than in socialistic experiment and fervors.—Philadelphia American Medicine.

King of Denmark's Palace.

Fredensborg is the largest of the King of Denmark's palaces. It has an imposing exterior, and is surrounded by wonderful avenues of limes, but is extremely simple in its interior arrangements. The bedrooms are small and furnished in the plainest style, and there are hardly any dressing rooms or wardrobes. A very wonderful view may be had from the palace roof, which is made entirely of copper. This metal is much used in Copenhagen; some of the steeples have copper steps by which they can be ascended. Rosenborg has a handsomer exterior than Fredensborg, and is full of beautiful artistic objects, including, it is said, the finest Venetian glass in the world.

Serum for Snake Bite.

Dr. Calmette, the director of the Pasteur Institute at Lille, is the discoverer of a curative serum for snake bite. He was severely bitten recently by a poisonous reptile, and at once gave himself an injection of his cure. His hand swelled badly and acute fever set in, but during the same day he was well enough to attend a meeting of the general committee of his department and to make an argument in favor of a grant of money to a sanitarium which he has founded at Lille. On the following day he was perfectly well, having thus afforded in his own person, albeit unwillingly, a convincing proof of the efficacy of his remedy.

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Berlin's Child Exchange.

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