

### The Virtues of the Violin.

In power, volume and variety of sound, the organ is justly entitled to be called the king of musical instruments. But in two important points it yields to the violin and to the other members of the violin tribe--the viola, the violoncello and the double bass. When some one asked Mozart to state what was requisite to constitute a good pianoforte player, he touched his fingers, his forehead and his breast, thereby indicating that the pianoforte player needs brain, feeling and dexterity of hand. Now, given the feeling, the piano is naturally so cold an instrument that even the most skillful performers on it find a difficulty in throwing all the feeling of which they are conscious into their playing. The violin, on the other hand, is a warm and sympathetic instrument, and readily responds to the mood of the performer. In other words, the connection between the performer and the instrument is more intimate in the case of the violin and its congeners than in that of any other instrument. Next, all other instruments lack the power of "singing." In this respect, the piano, the harp, the guitar, and its first cousin, the banjo, are notably deficient; since, rightly considered, they are merely instruments of percussion, and cannot even sustain the notes which they omit. The flute, the organ, and all other wind instruments, on the other hand, do possess this sostenente capacity. But they cannot, like the human voice, fill in, so to speak, the gaps in the gamut. But are there any gaps in the gamut? Most undoubtedly there are--enormous gaps. The octave at present in use among all civilized nations comprises but thirteen distinct sounds, all told. But in the scale constructed by scientists--Helmholtz and others--and hence called the Philosophical Scale or Gamut, the number of distinct sounds is seventeen; and even this gives but a very faint idea of the almost innumerable degree of tone, distinguishable by an acute ear, between, say middle C and its octave. Now, the human voice can render all these shades of sound, and so also can the violin tribe. The music produced on these instruments may, therefore, most aptly be termed "linked sweetness long drawn out."

The monument committee of the Pickett Association of Richmond, Va., have submitted a plan for the proposed monument to the late Gen. George E. Pickett in that city. The hexagonal design is recommended. The entire height of the shaft will be about eighteen feet, with six rustic columns and six bronze plates for inscriptions, one for Gen Pickett, one for each of the four brigades and one for the artillery.

The following curious sentence contains all the letters of the alphabet: "A quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog." It is good for use in the copy book, because the writer is thus able to practice on all the characters from a to z.

Nearly all of the United States Senators are large men, their average weight running close to 180 pounds.

The manner of bathing is considered a luxury and the public bath houses are the most used by people in moderate circumstances. These bath houses are to be found on every other block, and there are first, second and third class ones, so there is no excuse for uncleanliness in Paris. They are always very nicely kept, and the service is excellent. A bower of palms and flowers greets you as you enter, and the whole appearance of the place is inviting. In the first class establishments the waiting rooms and bath rooms are very handsome. You take your bath ticket at the door for a plain or bran bath with towels; a peignoir is always extra, and so is the lining of the tubs with a sheet. You can purchase soaps, combs and brushes, perfumery and all toilet articles at a counter in the waiting room. You are allowed a half hour in your bath room, and a bell rings in your room to warn you it is time to vacate when the regulation hour is reached. Of late years all apartment houses are being built with bath rooms, and no doubt the public bath houses will in time be entirely given over to the poorer classes.

Street car travel in Manila: The cars have three compartments; the middle one, having cushioned seats, is called first class, and the one at each end, which has no seats, is second class. They are open at all sides and are rough, clumsily constructed and poorly painted concerns, carrying a conductor and a driver, who keeps a police whistle between his teeth and blows it incessantly from one end of the line to the other. Two little Australian ponies pull each car and they go at a fair rate of speed.

Sometimes these ponies, which are not much larger than Joe Emmett's big dog, and are quite remarkably intelligent, take a notion to balk. Then the driver gets down, puts his whistle in his pocket and, with the assistance of the conductor, drags them along the track until they get ashamed of themselves and are ready to declare the strike off. The driver and conductor climb into the car again, the former resumes his shrill whistling and the car continues its journey. But, of course, none but the natives and very poor foreigners who have no social standing ever think of riding in a street car.

A little six year-old girl in Cincinnati named Emma Byers has a pair of eyes that are a wonder. In her right eye is a perfect form of a doll baby, handsomely dressed and with beautiful features. In her left eye is a miniature crescent. In spite of this her sight is excellent. The child is altogether very pretty, and the parents expect, in time, to make a fortune by exhibiting her.

The results of the survey and last census of India are that the area of the Peninsula of Hindostan is 1,382,624 square miles, and the population 253,891,821. Although immense tracts of country are annually cultivated, according to the most recent survey 10,000,000 acres of land, suitable for cultivation, have not as yet been plowed. At the same time, 120,000,000 of acres are returned as waste land. [Public Opinion.]

Criminal biology is new development of science, but one of eminent value. The New York Academy of Anthropology sends out the following questions: 1. What categories of criminals may we distinguish? And what are the fundamental characters, physical and psychical, which they display? 2. Is there a general biopathic constitution which predisposes its subject to the commission of crime? How does it originate, and what form does it assume? 3. What is the proper classification of human actions, based on the affections which give rise to them? What effect does the education of the moral nature have upon the passions, and indirectly upon crime? 4. Does the number of suicides stand in inverse ratio to the number of homicides? 5. Epilepsy and moral insanity in prisons and insane asylums. A number of other questions are followed by others under the title of criminal sociology. "We cannot too highly value the method of study of crime which begins with the study of the criminal himself."

Jesse Lisle of Cocke, Tennessee, is 110 years old, and has documents to prove it. In boyhood he worked on a farm. For forty-five years he was a Baptist preacher, but is now farming again. He is hale and hearty, does not wear spectacles, and will not turn over his property to his children for fear they will squander it. The last winter he cleared two acres of virgin forest without assistance. He says he remembers when his father came home from the revolutionary war, his feet bleeding from a long tramp and almost famished for food. [Pittsburg Gazette]

With regard to American cotton, the quantities are very badly distributed. In fact, Liverpool and Havre have now 300,000 bales from America less than they had at the same period a year ago. But the requirements are great and certainly more pressing than last year, consequently, by the first of August Europe ought to have not only these 300,000 bales, but, also, 300,000 bales more than had been shipped from the 21st of April to the 31st of August 1887. This being the case, it is said that it is probable the Americans will maintain their prices on the different markets, even if the news of the crops were favorable, as its first bales cannot appear in the market before September or October.

### Quaint and Curious.

The Congressional library building at Washington will cover 11,000 square feet, more than two and a half acres.

A petrified snake ten feet long, with horns, has been dug up at Guanada, Col. It will be sent to the Smithsonian institution.

An Illinois boy has two immense Cochin China roosters which he hitches to a small wagon and compels to draw him about.

A gas well was struck at Zenia, Ind., the other day which has a flow of 14,000,000 cubic feet. The flame is seventy five feet high.

Mr. Bland of Montgomery county, Ga., is in his 84th year. He cultivates his own farm, and moves about with the agility of one just nearing the

meridian of life.

There is an old gentleman living in Athens, Ga. who has a musket that his grandfather carried in the revolutionary war. It is an old fashioned gun with flint and steel.

A gentleman living at Buckingham Court House, Va., preserves a highly prized relic of Stonewall Jackson a sleeve that was cut from the Confederate leader's coat by his surgeons when he was shot.

The fastest record ever made between Sandy Hook, N. Y., and the Golden Gate, Cal., was achieved by the famous clipper Davy Crockett, whose time was eighty-four days. The distance is said by sea captains to be fully 17,000 miles.

The Vienna Journals announce as a fact, that a peasant who has just died at Bieltech, in Moravia, had attained the remarkable age of 142 years.

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### Legal Notices.

Georgia, ) Whereas R. J. Dyar  
Banks Co., ) administrator of  
Thos. P. House, late of said county, deceased, has applied to me in terms of the law for letters of dismission from said administration. This is therefore to cite and admonish all concerned, to show cause at the regular term of the court of Ordinary of said county to be held on the 1st Monday in Aug. next, why said discharge should not be granted. Given under my hand and official signature, April 27, 1888.  
3m T. F. Hill, Ordinary.

Georgia, Banks County.--J. H. Brooks, administrator of F. F. A. Ritch, deceased, has in due form applied to the undersigned for leave to sell the lands belonging to the estate of said deceased, and said application will be heard on the 1st Monday in July next; 4th day of June 1888.  
6 4t T. F. Hill, Ordinary.

### Notice to Debtors and Creditors.

All persons having demands against the estate of F. F. A. Ritch, late of Banks county, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment. June 2nd, 1888. J. H. Brooks, Administrator  
6 6w of F. F. A. Ritch, deceased.

Georgia, Banks County.--To all whom it may concern: W. P. Ray, guardian of A. C. Anderson, applies to me for letters of dismission from said guardianship, and I will pass upon his application on the 1st Monday in September next at my office in Homer, in said county. Given under my hand and official signature, May 31st, 1888.  
T. F. Hill, Ordinary.