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The appearance of the instrument newly devised by Bruno Wallenhaupt, is the same as that of the ordinary violin, says the Scientific American. In its body it is arranged an auxiliary vibrating device sounding sympathetically and in unison with the outside strings, when the latter are played on by the bow. Only those parts of the auxiliary vibrating device are sounded as are tuned in harmony with the corresponding main strings, when the latter are played on. The auxiliary vibrating device consists of twelve metallic strings, representing an octave of twelve half-tones tuned from G-B, or from G-F sharp, and these strings are stretched longitudinally within the body, and can be tuned to the required pitch from the bottom by a lever, the strings being sounded by means of a short thin stick passed either through the F holes or through openings in the sides of the body; the openings being, however, normally closed by small plugs, as shown in the illustration. A very important feature of the invention is the damping device, completely under the control of the player, and consisting of a transverse brush or dampening bar supported on a lever pivoted in the body and extending rearward through apertures in the top of the body and thence to be engaged at its upper end by a small block held on that spring. The block can be pressed by the player's chin to cause a swinging of the lever, so that the brush or dampening bar is moved in contact with all of the strings of the auxiliary vibrating device, thus stopping the sounds emanating from the latter. When the player lifts the chin, then the brush falls back to its normal position; that is, out of contact with the vibrating strings. The latter again sounds sympathetically as soon as the outside strings are played on by the bow. Instead of using strings for the auxiliary vibrating device, which can be employed, as shown in the smaller figure. When the instrument is played every tone, from the highest pitch to the lowest, will cause the corresponding auxiliary string, or strings of strings, to vibrate sympathetically, and, therefore, cause a prolongation and increase in volume of the tone played. All harmonics, natural or artificial, respond and prolong the sound produced by the bow passing over the main strings, but in succeeding chords it is advisable to apply the damper to prevent disharmony.

The new navy rifle is the invention of J. P. Lee, of Connecticut, and was recommended by the Small Arms Board after many experiments. By many the new gun is believed to be superior to the Krag-Jorgensen rifle which is now supplied to the army. The navy rifle is lighter, thus enabling the sailor to carry 50 more rounds of ammunition than the soldier, and gives a flatter trajectory. The rapid fire is very great, and the aimed shot being fired in three seconds. The total weight of the gun, with straps is 82 pounds, which enables the sailor to carry 200 rounds of ammunition. The barrel is 27 inches long, the trigger is at all times under control and there is no danger of accidental fire, while the magazine clip is the lightest in use. The fire is very accurate at 2,000 yards, while at 400 yards the rifle would pierce two or three men in a row. It would penetrate the body of a man at a distance of 6,000 yards. The barrel is made of nickel steel, which is now being used in armor plates. The results of the test of the new Lee gun have been so satisfactory that it is expected that the national guard may adopt it in some States.

Violated the National Flower.
By common, if not legal, consent the violet has become the national flower. For a long time, and most vicariously, have the claims of the golden rod, the aster, the maize blossom and other floral emblems been put forth, but nothing was settled. There was so many claimants, and each had such ardent advocates, that the situation seemed likely to remain debatable. But in the meantime, without any fuss or feathers, the violet was quietly and gradually coming to the front. It did not have poems and prologues written about it, the magazines did not go into rhetorical sessions in its behalf, nor did Congress hold an executive session concerning it. But everybody wore it. And they have kept on wearing it—men, women, children and pigs—until it is the commonest as well as the most beautiful flower in the garden. Its native modesty did not prevent its merits from being appreciated. It is the old story of the hare and the tortoise. While the hare has been busy blowing his own horn and having it blown for him the tortoise has slowly, manfully, but none the less surely and certainly been winning the race. —New York Evening Sun.

Why Tilden Never Married.
Tilden never married only because he never felt the need of a wife. His health was always so uncertain, his mind from youth upward was so constantly absorbed with large affairs, public or private, most of the time with both; his temperament was so purely nervous, and women were, so far as he could see, so unimportant to his success in any of the enterprises upon which he had developed, that marriage ever became the subject of no serious interest, as it does, for a time at least, with most men, whether they marry or not. In fact, he never knew any woman intimately enough so fall completely under the influence of sexual charms. He seemed to have been betrothed in early life to his country, and the Democratic party occupied with him the place of offspring until it was too late to have of having any other.—Bigelow's Life of Samuel J. Tilden.

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President Lincoln's Trip Through Baltimore.
President Lincoln's secret journey through Baltimore, on his way to the inauguration, was one of the most notable incidents in his life. The Pinkertons got up a story that he was in danger of assassination, and that, in fact, a conspiracy existed in Baltimore to take his life. The plot, as has been many times shown since the war, was purely imaginary. Colonel McClure in McClure's Magazine for June says:
I have several times heard Lincoln refer to this journey, and always with regret. Indeed, he seemed to regard it as one of the grave mistakes in his public career. He was fully convinced, as Colonel Lamont has stated it, that "he had fled from a danger purely imaginary, and he felt the shame and mortification natural to a brave man under such circumstances." Mrs. Lincoln and her suite passed through Baltimore on the 22d without any sign of turbulence. The fact that there was not even a curious crowd brought together when she passed through the city—which then required considerable time, as the cars were taken across Baltimore by horse-powered cars—was a relief to Lincoln in his belief. It is needless now to discuss the question of real or imaginary danger in Lincoln passing through Baltimore at noonday according to the original programme. It is enough to know that there were reasonable grounds for apprehension that an attempt might be made upon his life, even if there was not the organized band of assassins that the detectives believed to exist. His presence in the city would have called out an immense concourse of people, including thousands of thoroughly disloyal ruffians who would have been inspired to any measure of violence. He simply acted the part of a prudent man in his reluctant obedience to the unanimous decision of his friends in Harrisburg when he was suddenly sent back to Philadelphia to take the midnight train for Washington, and there was no good reason why he should have regretted it; but his naturally sensitive disposition made him always feel humiliated when it recurred to him.
He Reconsidered.
The popular citizen had made arrangements to go into business in another town, writes the Chicago Tribune. He had sold his property, packed his household goods, and everything was in readiness for his removal.
His friends got up a farewell dinner for him. The tables groaned, etc. The viands were sumptuous. The champagne was abundant, and after it began to circulate, there was a flood of oratory. The speeches were all to the effect that the loss the community was about to sustain was irreparable. The speakers dwelt upon the good qualities of their friend, his many excellent traits of character, his genial, companionable ways, and all took occasion to express their deep sense of personal bereavement on account of his contemplated removal. Then they sang:
"For he's a jolly good fellow
Whom nobody can deny."
Brimful of emotion, the recipient of all this rose to reply.
"Boys," he said unsteadily, "I didn't know what I was doing when I went into any scheme to leave this town. I didn't know how sorry my friends would be to see me go. The friendship of my friends is worth more to me than the few hundred dollars I might make by movin' away from here, and I'll be glad to stay here as long as I'm goin' to move I'm goin' to stay here in this town, fellers, and don't you forget it! Whoop!"
An hour later a dejected comrade of many men assisted in a comrade in a back stairway and dispersed without saying a word.

Produced Him.
He was a swish-looking little man, says Tild-Bits, but he had a loud voice, and evidently wanted every one to know what he said. He and a companion, who, he said to his credit, seemed ashamed of the company he was in, stood in the hotel rotunda one Saturday night. The little fellow was talking about Ireland, and he said many hard things concerning the country and the people.
A great big man stood by listening to the little fellow's vapors. He merely smiled, until the little fellow said in a very loud tone, "Show me an Irishman and I'll show you a coward." Then the big fellow slipped up and touching the little fellow on the shoulder said, in a heavy, bass voice, "What's that you said?"
"I said show me an Irishman and I'll show you a coward," said the little fellow, whose knees were shaking under him.
"Well, I'm an Irishman," said the big fellow.
"You are an Irishman? Well," and a smile of joy flitted over the little fellow's countenance as he saw a hole through which he could crawl; "I'm a coward."

Income Here and in England.
According to the latest English census, there are 250,000 persons in Great Britain receiving incomes of \$1,000 each, and 2,000,000 persons having incomes of \$500 a year. There are 123,000 families in the United Kingdom having incomes of \$3,000, and 3,000 families with incomes more than \$25,000. In the United States there are some 100,000 families, or about 2,000,000 persons, whose incomes are at least \$2,000 a year, and more than 10,000 families with incomes of over \$25,000. Considering the enormous population between the two countries, it is clear that the United States contains the greater number of rich people, and a more nearly equal distribution of wealth.

Lepers in the World.
According to Mullah, leprosy is far more prevalent in Europe than most people suppose. He says that there are now 3,000 lepers in Portugal; 1,770 in Norway; 4,000 in Russia, and about 2,000 all told in other European countries. In India there are 131,000, and in Canton, China not less than 10,000. He does not give figures for other countries and islands, but it is estimated that the leper population of the world is but little, if any, short of a million.

Turbines on Hoists.
Central station men whose plants are operated by water power will be interested to learn that turbine wheels are being tried instead of screws as the propelling power on small steamers at Dresden. Experiments made with one hoist, propelled first with a three-bladed screw and then with a turbine wheel, showed that a speed five per cent. greater could be obtained with ten per cent. less horsepower by using the wheel.—Electrical Review.

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