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#### **NEW BANJO** PUBLICATIONS

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- 334 Farewell Gavotte, by Giese, Arranged for the banjo by Stewart, with piano accompaniment by Herbruger. E..... We can recommend this as a very fine gavotte in the style of Floweret Forget-me-not Gavotte, by the same composer.
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- 336 Excelsior Medley, arranged by T. J. Armstrong for four banjos, first and second banjos, piccolo, banjo and banjeaurine...... 1 00
- 337 Stewart's Favorite Quickstep, by Herbruger, for six banjos and guitar. A.. I oo 338 Lawn Polka, for two banjos, by John C. Folwell. A and E. ..... 10 Good teaching piece,
- 339 "Clog," for banjo and piano, by Folwell. · E. Not very difficult.
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  This is a very fine gavotte, and is published without entire or problems. without cutting or modifying. Be sure to get this edition and no other.
- 346 Merry War March, by Strauss. Arranged by A. Baur for BANJO ORCHESTRA, 1st and 2d banjos, banjeaurine, 9 inch tenor banjo, piccolo banjo, and bass banjo..... 00
- 347 Il Trovatore, selections, arranged by L. A. Burritt for Banjo and Piano. A very fine arrangement of this beautiful music. Something far beyond the ordinary run of banjo music.....I 00
- number 257 in our catalogue, which some time ago appeared in the *Journal*. This arrangement for banjo and piano is very pretty and effective. The banjo part is printed over the piano part in this edition. This may be classed as a remarkably fine production.
- 349 Waltz, The "Dawning Light," for the banjo and piano, by S. S. Stewart. E and B.

  This waltz is written especially for the banjo and piano, and the banjo part is not complete without the piano part. It is therefore not re-commended as a banjo solo without the piano part, but the banjo and piano parts are sepa-rately engraved and printed, and the waltz has a very fine lithographic title page.

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	D. C.					A.		 						
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- 351 Topeka Clog, for two banjos, by Ever-
- 352 Broncho Waltz, by Everest ..... 10 353 Moonlight Schottische, by Ever-
- 354 Ol Shepherd's Tennessee Reel. for the Banjo and Piano, by Thos. J. Arm-
- strong..... 355 "Minuit" (Midnight) Polka, by Walteufel, arranged for Two Banjos, by J. H. Lee..... 40
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- 357 "The Fantastics," Waltzes, by Zikoft. Arranged for the BANJO AND PIANO, by Baur, and published without abridgement. 1 00
- 358 La Gitana Waltzes, arranged (complete) for the Banjo and Piano, by J. H. Lee. 75 This is a very popular, and attractive set of waltzes. .
  - 359 The Bloom is on the Rye, for BANJO AND PIANO, arranged by J. H. Lee . . . This is an arrangement in instru mental form of this beautiful Scotch melody by Bishop,
  - 360 Th Flower Schottische, for the BANJO AND PIANO, by C. E. Mack ..... An easy and pretty piece for young players.
- 361 Near to Thee Waltzes, by Waldteufel, for the BANJO AND PIANO, arranged by J. H. Lee..... These waltzes are very popular and will be in demand for the banjo and piano.
- 362 Farewell Waltzes, by Lowthain, arranged for Banjo and Piano by J. H. Lee. These are very fine waltzes, by the composer of Myosotis Waltzes.
- 363 Kerry Dance, by Molloy, arranged for the Banjo and Piano, by F. O. Oehler.; This number doubtless will become a general favorite in the parlor.

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#### Waltz, "THE WAYFARER," By S. S. STEWART.

- For the banjo with piano accompaniment.... 60 For the guitar (solo)..... For two guitars..... banjo and tenor banjo or banjeaurine..... 1 00
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- The Rocky Point Schottische, by Wm. A. Huntley. Arranged for banjo orchestra by Stewart. Viz: First and second banjos, first and second piccolo banjos and first and second Banjeaurines. Price, six parts..... 50
- Stewart's Favorite Quickstep, comosed and arranged for banjo orchestra by E. Herbruger. Seven parts complete..........1 00 The parts comprise first and second banjos, first and second piccolo banjos, first and second banjeaurine and guitar.
- Excelsior Medley, arranged by Thomas J. Armstrong, and performed by the American Banjo Club. Complete for first and second banjos, piccolo banjo and banjeaurine. Price .... 1 00
- Morry War March, arranged by Baur.... 1 00 (See number 346 in catalogue.) Grand Inauguration March. (See num-
- ber 283 in our catalogue.) Price..... 75 Martaneaux Overture. (See number 75 203.) Price.....

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#### NEW BOOK.

## THE BANJO

A DISSERTATION.

#### By S. S. STEWART.

This volume should be in the hands of every Banjo-player and every student of the Banjo.

No Teacher can well afford to be without a copy of this volume on his table.

No one who intends to take up the Banjo should fail to secure and carefully read this book; for "much depends upon starting aright."

In all the Banjo Instruction Books before the public there is a lack of instruction in the things that every Banjoist should know. In fact, you cannot obtain any work on the Banjo which contains a course of musical instruction, and at the same time is a literary production. As THE COMPLETE AMERICAN Banjo School supplies the musical portion of instruction, so this book, THE BANJO, is intended to supply the literary portion.

It elucidates and explains the Banjo in its construction, and defends it as a musical instrument. It points out the way of mastering its technical points, and aims to make good players of the rising young Banjoists.

Its arguments in defence of the Banjo are the strongest and most invincible ever presented in print,

It aims to open a new field to the Banjoist of the day, and to show him how to progress aright in his musical studies.

This work is not written in the interest of any particular Banjo or Banjo Manufacturer whatsoever; --nor in the interests of any one or more performers; --but is written in the interests of the Banjo and in the interests of all performers alike.

The Banjo, as an instrument, has long needed a book of this kind; something that could be read with interest by those who know nothing about a Banjo; and at the same time, a book that gives valuable hints to those who are students. A work that is neatly gotten up, and as a volume is attractive for the centretable or for the book-shelves.

Teachers, by having a copy of this work on their tables, will have ever at hand a valuable assistant and ally in meeting the attacks and prejudices of those who are ignorant of the Banjo. It is a volume which cannot fail to command respect for the instrument and put to silence the objections of the musical bigot.

The book is issued in octavo, 112 pages, bound in cloth cover.

#### PRICE 50 CENTS PER COPY. Mailed on receipt of price

The work contains a new portrait of the author, together with several other portraits of Banjo-players.

We also have a few extra finely bound copies, stamped in gold, which may be had at ONE DOLLAP, per copy.

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#### TO THE STUDENT.

He who would become a master of the art of banjo playing must work to accomplish his object.

Before one can hope to accomplish anything he must first have the *desire* to accomplish it.

All who have the *desire* have not the necessary powers of application.

Desire generates thought;—thought concentrated, produces will;—the will, rightly directed, removes obstacles and achieves success.

In order to work for any desired object, — in order to work so as to render the accomplishment of the desired object even possible,—there must be an incentive, an incentive that will furnish or supply the necessary inspiration.

The mere hope of pecuniary gain alone will not prove such an incentive as will lead to success in art or music. "The laborer is worthy of his hire," but he who works for the hire alone will never become an

He who has not the *desire* to excel, cannot excel. He who desires to learn can learn.

Without the desire to acquire a knowledge of banjo playing,—or of playing upon any instrument,—there is little use in any one attempting such a task. Parents who desire their sons or daughters to learn music, should first seek to learn if they have a similar desire for themselves. One person cannot desire for another with success:

Dr. Marx says, in his valuable work, General Mu sical Instruction:

"It may be asserted in general, from hundreds of experiments and instances, and from the contemplation of the subject, that the disposition of each individual is equivalent, and is worth cultivation, in proportion to the pleasure felt by the individual in the art itself.

The pleasure in the art itself, not in the many subgratifications it may produce, and which may accompany an artistic life — not, therefore, the caprice of fashion, to learn music because others do not the vanity of being better educated, nor of gaining the highest prize by redoubled exertion; all these

pleasures abandon us, either before or soon after we have accomplished our object; they have been our reward, such as it was, but they were not the true pleasures of art, which in the real artist grow with his growth, and are immortal as the soul that—feels them."

#### THE BASS BANJO.

Those forming Banjo Quartetts, Quintetts, or Banjo Clubs of any description, should have a Bass Banjo, which gives depth and increased power and expression to the music.

Armstrong's American Banjo Club (eighteen members), of Philadelphia, and Everest's Phila. Banjo Club were the first to adopt the Bass Banjo. Other clubs are now adding them in place of guitars and a number of "second banjo" players.

To avoid useless correspondence, we would state that the Bass Banjo manufactured by Stewart for the use of Banjo Orchestras, and Banjo Clubs, answers to the following description.

The rim is 16 inches in diameter—3 inches in depth. It is made of maple wood, venered on outside and inside with rosewood in the best manner, and braced very strong. The need's substantially made of hard wood with ebony facing, and measures 18 inches from nut to hoop. The pegs are the old-fashioned standard guitar cog-wheel kind, which are the best for tuning the thick strings with which such an instrument must be strung. The instrument has 36 brackets. Brackets and hoop nickel-plated, it is well and substantially made, and finished and fitted with a good drum-head and strung with violincello strings.

The Bass Banjo is fretted with raised frets which renders it more easily played upon.

As very few of such banjos are manufactured, the price has been placed at a very low figure to accommodate clubs—\$20 net.

#### THERE IS NO BANJO LIKE THE STEWART.

This is proven by the popularity of the Stewart instruments all over the country. S. S. Stewart's Banjo manufactory comprises two entire four-story buildings, Nos. 221 & 223 Church St., Philadelphia, Pa. Call and see the fine Banjos.



Chicago, is reported as improving in health.

John H. Lee is located in National City, Cal.

G. L. Lansing and the Ideal Club, of Boston, gave a concert at Tremont Temple in that city, on December 11th. There were ninety-eight banjos in the Banjo Orchestra, and judging from various reports, the concert must have been a grand success.

A few years ago such a concert of banjos would have been an impossibility; and even to-day, the bringing of 98 banjo players together and having jood time and tune is no easy undertaking. The managers deserve much credit for their enterprise. Lack of space in this issue prevents a reprint of the various newspaper reports of this concert.

A correspondent in St. Louis sends us a card bearing the name of one Harry W. Tucker, as teacher of the banjo. The card also bears the information that he was "formerly with S. S. Stewart, of Philad'a." No such person was ever in our employ in any capacity whatever.

In music, as in everything else, much depends upon beginning raight. Although a good beginning may not guarantee a proportionally "good ending," may not guarantee a proportionally "good ending," not such a bed beginning actually compeled one to become for ever at sea in his musical ideas, yet a proper beginning in taking up the banjo is very essential to steady progress. After learning the names and value of notes, rests, etc., and the rudiments of music generally, the beginner on the banjo will find in our Rudimental Lessons, a portion of which is published in this number of the fournat, much that is needed in this number of start towards becoming a banjoist.

It may be very difficult to break a bundle of sticks if one attempts to break them all at once as a collective whole, but by taking them up one at a time, they may coasily be broken. So it is with the atudent of the still the

James Sanford, the well-known minstrel (of Sanford & Wilson) recently informed us that when England he had occasion to have a new head put on his hanjo. He took it to one of the London "American Banjo Makers," and when he got it back he found that the name, S. S. Siewart, had been removed, had removed the name of the manufacturer, he was informed that as he (the occhevy manufacturer) was informed that as he (the occhevy manufacturer) was now making such capital imitations of the Stewart' Banjo there was no use in leaving Stewart's name on his instruments.

This is a sample of the manner in which business in the banjo line is done in England. There are, however, a few of the same sort of persons in the banjo line in America, and it appears as though they found, here and there, a few uninitiated people to lend support to them.

The fact is, that Stewart's Universal Banjo Instructor, which sells for Ten Cents per copy, contains more instruction in banjo playing than any method or book yet published for three times its cost.

Stewart's Complete American Banjo School, part 1st, price \$2.00 per copy, has had, since its first issue, various additions made to it, until it is the very best instructor for the banjo before the public.

It is the work that English "Banjo Tutors" and many American courses of lessons are made up from.

Also, new book, "The Banjo," by Stewart, cloth cover, price 50 cents per copy. The only book of the kind in the country.

#### COMMISSION BUSINESS WITH A BIG B.

A music store recently ordered two copies of the Journal. A few days after receiving same the house returned them to the publisher with the information that the customer ordering them had gone away and left them on their hands.

This is doing business on commission with a big C.

#### MUSIC SENT BY MAIL CANNOT BE EXCHANGED.

A young man in the State of New York, who shall for the present be nameless, ordered recently of us, some music of our selection. He was informed by mail that we did not care to select music for customers, and had sent him our catalogue from which he could choose what he wanted.

He answered, saying that he wanted some few Jigs and Reels, something that were sure to take with an

audience.

As it depends so much upon how such music is played, we had our doubts about meeting the requirements of our customer, but, however, concluded to try. A collection of pieces were duly mailed him. He promptly returned all but two of them,—just as we thought would be the case,—keeping the castest pieces. It is well here to say that none but a very lew of the most expert players are competent to judge of the ments of a piece of banjo music—unless it is of the control of

We wrote the party, telling him that we did not send music "on approval," and that he was expected to pay for all that was sent him, as music sent by mail would not be exchanged. To this we received the

following choice reply:

"I suppose I may be allowed to judge what I want -may I not-without consulting you in the matter? Now you may send the bill—send new music, or send he old music, or or you can do just as you damned please about it. When I pay you for this deal I will not not be the property of the property of the property of any more business" (thanks for that, at any rate) "of any kind or description. You have got the worst case of big head I have ever seen."

We are certainly willing that our esteemed correspondent shall be allowed to "judge what he wants."
He may constitute himself a judge of anything he pleases, so long as he does not order us to send musics of our own selection, and then return it to us, saying that it is not what he wants. If he knows what he wants let him says owhen he orders and then we shall know what he thinks he knows what he wants. We, however, do not think that we are dealing with a bad case of "Big Head," in this instance, but, in fact, merely a case of abnormally developed ears. He will get over it file lives long enough.

Sam Payne, Banjo Teacher, of Lewisham, England, writes under date of November 9, 1888:

"I quite agree with my friend C. W. St. Cross in his remarks about the Journal having a large circulation here if it could be published in this country. We have often talked the matter over. You will be pleased to hear that I still stick to my Stewart Banjo."

## L. L. Barnum, of Yale College, writes: "Banjo arrived all right and I am much pleased with it. Please accept my thanks."

A pamphlet recently published in England, called "The Banjo," bearing the name of one William Temelett, as author, contains a statement to the effect that of all the banjos played upon by C. W. St. Cross, including the Stewart, "none came up to the 'Ajax,' either for sostenante passages, tremolo, thimble or guitat fingering."

In the copy of the pamphlet sent us by Mr. St. Cross, who is doubtless the real writer of the work, we find the following added with pen, under the name Stewart—"net in my MS." It seems that the manufacture of English banjos, who issued the book under his own name, as author, felt compelled to give himself or his banjos a quiet puff.

It is the old story of two heads being better than one, even if one is a cabbage-head. The cabbage-head employs some one to get up the MS. of a book (which contains nothing new to banjoists in America), and the cabbage-head adds a few words to give his

banjos a puff.

It is said that too many cooks spoil the broth. It may be the same in book manufacture—too many hands at one man's work.

So far as the words spoken of can be anything of an advertisement to the "Ajax" Banjo (whatever that may be), the alleged author of the pamphlet named is fully welcome to them. But in justice to ourselves and the Stewart Banjo, we must add the following clause from a recent letter from Mr. St. Cross:

"My own sketch in this book contained no mention of your name; it was against my special wish that your name appears there. Upon eceiving the—as I thought—proof, last week, I at necessaw that, against my exp-ess wish, your name had been inserted. I at once posted it tack, with instructions to strike out your nam, and was met with the reply that the matter was already stereotyped."

A little moral honesty would be a valuable addition to some of these banjo makers.

R. W. Payne, Banjo Instructor, Wabash, Indiana,

writes thus concerning the Journal.

"I just discovered by looking over my Journal,

"I just discovered by looking over my Journal,
that my subscription had run out. Please renew it,
commencing with the October number of this year.
Enclosed that yo cents for the same. I would not be
sider it the theme times do soft, as I consider it the best aid to teachers, of any musical paper
numblished."

#### Thomas O'Brien, Davenport, Iowa, says:

"I received the 13-inch rim orchestra hanje that I ordered on the 9th, all in good condition, and I find it to be an excellent banjo in every respect. The tone is good and brilliant. The pear inlayings and work-manship are fine, as is also the case sent with it. I am much obliged to you for your prompt attention to my order."

This is what Henry May, Green Bay, Wis., thinks about the *Journal*.

"Enclosed please find 50 cents for a year's subscription to the Journal. I think the Journal the best instructor for all lowing hanjoins, for I would be without it. There is one thing I feel sory about, of not possessing a Stewart Banjo. What I hear and read about them must be immense. I do not know of any Stewart Banjo in town, — is all the go here, of which I have one, but before this year's subscription closes I will have a Stewart Banjo. The I<sub>A</sub> inch head you sent me is first-class in every respect."

W. H. Crocker, of New York City writes as follows (address Nassau st.):

"I have your postal asking for a renewal of my subscription to the Banjo Journal. Most certainly

do I want the Journal for another year. I, would be very foolish for me to cease to take the Journal's olong as you continue to furnish \$25 worth of good music each year for 50 cents, so I endose the 50 cents herewith for a year's subscription, beginning with the city after five years' absence in the West. I have met some ear players since my return, but no one who plays ponce. I should like to meet some one who plays profe. I should like to meet some one who plays readily by note, in order that we may have one nighba week of anusement in playing the exect looking to forming a quartette for home amuse, ment."

Mrs. Dufour, of Washington, D. C., writes that she is leading an orchestra of banjos, now rehearsing at her house, of which Professor Collins is director.

W. A. Huntley, of Providence, is doing a large business in banjo instruction.

D. Emerson is still teaching in New York City with success.

A. W. Tyler, of Scranton, Pa., is very successful in his banjo teaching.

J. E. Henning, Ottawa, Kansas, writes:

"We received Mrs. Henning's banjo in good order. She is delighted with it, and "Le will now endeavor to do some practicing for next spason. We also received the new book, "The Barfo.' It is a credit to the author, and simply adds new laurels to his farreaching fame as the greatest living patrion and exponent of that wonderful but much abused American instrument. It will be read with pleasure and profit by all intelligent musicians, but more especially by all lovers of that grand instrument, the Banjo."

"Since receiving last number of the Journal have made a purchase through Julius Bauer's Music Company of your Banjeaurine Piccolo and Champion Banjos, and more than pleased with them. I have two banjos which were considered of a good make, which are lad aside adoptether for yours. I have which are lad aside adoptether for yours. I have the first opportunity I had of trying one of the Stewart's." JOHN W. SMITH,

47 South Ashland Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Al. Schilling, Chevenne, Wvo., writes:

"Your Journal for December is at hand, for which I have been anxiously waiting, as it is always a welcome guest at our house. The banjo music has arrived, which you sent me, and I am well pleased with it. We are once more without a music teacher (batho), as the last one was given eight days to lead; but he left. I do not think he is as subscriber to your Journal, as he thinks more of a drink than he does of himself."

E. M. Eastbrook, Bangor, Me., writes:

"I believe I never acknowledged the receipt of the Champion Banjo which you repaired for me. The tone has certainly been improved and I thank you for your trouble. I like all of my Stewart banjos very much, and have disposed of my other banjos with but one exception."

Gatty Jones, San Francisco, Cal., writes:

"Thank you very much for the beautiful banjo you have sent me. It is much mer in finish than I had expected, and I am sure it is equal in tone, but have not as yet had a chance of testing it, as the hoop is not down."

Eugene Newton, West Junius, N. Y., likes his "Thoroughbred" Banjo, and writes as follows;

"The banjo came all right and safe. I am greatly pleased with it. It is a 'thoroughbred' in every sense of the word. Please send me a copy of your new book, entitled 'The Banjo,' for which enclosed find

money order of fifty cents. I thank you very much for the favor done me; the 'Thoroughbred' just suits me and all who have seen it."

This is what E. M. S. Gould, of Bellefonte, Pa., writes about the Journal when renewing his subscrip-

"I think your Journal is just the thing and is really worth three times the price."

"I received the banjo I ordered, and am delighted with it. There is nothing can touch it for the money. The tone is splendid."

A. Q. FOWLER, Newburgh, N. Y.

"I feel it is due you to express my gratification at receiving one of your 'Universal Favorites' as a Christmas present from my wife. I was more surprised at finding such a superb tone and finish in the instrument than I was at receiving it,

H. A. RIMER, Mason City, Ill.

W. H. Plummer, of Gallup, New Mexico, writes: "The banjo I purchased of you is a 'daisy' in every particular, and can be heard at least half a mile."

Chas. O. Beam, of St. Catherines, Canada, writes: "The banjeatrine I got from you, arrived safely, and to say I am pleased with it would but faintly express my admiration; I am in love with it, its sweet-ness and volume of tone is wonderful, and every person that has seen and heard it have been captivated. Our little Banjo Club are using Stewart banjos, and have concluded that they are all that could be desired. in beauty of outline, finish and tone, I am positive they cannot be equalled."

Ed. F. Settle, Des Moines, Iowa, writes :

"The banjo you made for me is a beauty and everything I could wish. The tone is, if possible, superior to the finish and that is elegant, but it was the tone I wanted and I got it. The people here did not think such a tone could be produced upon a banjo and when they heard mine they were greatly surprised; and if I know of any wishing to get a good banjo I will cheerfully refer to you and do what I can to induce them to purchase from you."

Stewart often remarks that it is a trying thing to have to live in the world of business and the world of art at the same time. One conflicts with the other very

J. E. Green, of Ogdensburg, New York, writes:
"Enclosed please find fifty cents for your new book,
'The Banjo.' I am confident that such a book written by you cannot fail to be both interesting and instructive. I have a large class of banjo pupils in this city, principally ladies. We use your Banjo and Guitar Journal with pleasure."

John R. Conway, Montreal, Canada, renews his

subscription, and says:
"With your issue of date Oct. & Nov. I think my subscription to your Banjo and Guitar Journal expired. I am desirous of being still counted amongst your subscribers, and with that end in view, for the enclosed sum of one dollar count me with you for the next two years to come. As stated above, the last fournal received was under date of Oct. & Nov., 1888. The next one I will expect will be the Dec., 1888 & Jan., 1889."

" Please forward my Journal to Mahanoy City. I am playing your Wayfarer Waltz, Huntley's Sweet Pretty Waltz, with full orchestra, and with great success, with Barlow Bros. Minstrels. I would like to hear of some good March or Polka you can recom-

Thus writes Doc. Armstrong, Banjoist and Come-

Our new Waltz, the " Phantasmagoria," just issued. for banjo and piano, is not recommended for the min-strel or variety stage, but for the parlor soirce and drawing-room entertainment. It is not to be "plunked" or struck with thimble—but to be played gracefully. John H. Lee has organized a Banjo Club in National City, California. He may be addressed care of the Sixth Avenue Hotel, that city.

Eddie H. Frey, teacher of banjo and guitar, of Eddle H. Frey, teacher of panjo and guian, or Chillicothe, Ohio, has also a class at the Hillsboro, O., Conservatory of Music. His Ardmore Mazourka, for the banjo, which appeared in our August issue, is quite popular. We shall probably publish another piece by this composer in our next.

Wm. Sullivan has quite a large banjo class, in Montreal, Canada, among whom are some of the wealthiest and most influential ladies and gentlemen.

F. W. Willoughby, New Haven, Conn., is quite busy with his Elm City Banjo Club, and his teaching. He writes .

"The last banjo you made for me is a 'corker.' Austin is playing it with the Yale Club, and he wrote me from Chicago that it was speaking up like a little man.

S. S. Stewart's Chart of the Banjo Fingerboard, The Banjoist's Assistant; or Note Reading made easy, was published in the year 1880. It is a complete chart of the banjo fingerboard, printed on best white paper from engraved plate. Price 25 cents per copy.

Banjoists should remember that unless they keep their instruments in good condition they cannot ex-

Of course, nearly all will assert that they do keep their banjos in good condition, and exercise great care in handling them. But none can know better than the manfacturer that the majority of players do not take proper care of their banjos. When you see a performer with the head of his instrument all spotted and smeared with dirt, you may know that he is slovenly and careless. It is almost as easy to keep the head clean as it is to have it black, greasy and dirty-looking

The book, "The Banjo," will give fuller informa-tion upon the care of the banjo. Read it. Price 50c.

W. H. Sandland, Waterbury, Conn., writes under date of January 6th:

"The banjo you made me for my friend arrived safely and proved to be a beauty in regard to workman-ship and perfect tone in all positions. My friend wishes me to return thanks to you for turning out so fine an instrument for him.'

Benj. J. Burnell, New York, writes:

"I have sold several of your banjos lately to my scholars, all perfect satisfaction. Banjo admirers are finding out you make a musical instrument in the banjo. There are a great many fine-looking banjos and apparently well made, but they lack that wonderful tone and carrying power that is in your banjos. You have the secret for a fine banjo, the same as there is a secret in the making of a fine violin,"

Parties with whom we have no account running, must send the amount with order, when ordering books etc. A music dealer writes as follows:

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Upon reading in the "History of the Banjo," published by a banjo manufacturer in England, that J. E. Brewster was one of the "Lights of the Banjo World," our friend, Bolsover Gibbs, remarked that the "World" over the water must be very dimly illuminated. Then after a moment's reflection Bolsover, in one of his most humorous strains, observed. —"If Brewster is one of the lights, the other fellow must be the liver and pluck. There you have the 'pluck, liver and lights,' all in a nut-shell." Then after musing a moment he continuea: "And to make it complete, they have gall enough between them to start an ink factory."

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popular it is destined to be.

Mr. Myers will make a valuable addition to the teaching department of the "Banjo World."

Thomas J. Armstrong, the well-known teacher, has an engagement for his "American Banjo Club" to appear at the Academy of Music, this city, on the evening of January 25th.

D. C. Everest, our popular teacher, and leader of the "Philadelphia Banjo Club," has been kept very busy. The club has given a number of private entertainments.

Fred. O. Oehler, our well-known contributor, of Hoboken, N. J., called upon us recently while on a visit to his half-brother, Otto H. Albrecht, of this city. Mr. Oehler has a number of guitar and banjo pupils at his home in Hoboken,

### PART FIRST.

## RUDIMENTAL LESSONS IN BANJO PLAYING,

By S. S. STEWART.

### PREFATORY REMARKS.

The first thing necessary for the beginner to know, who starts upon the journey of acquiring a knowledge of Banjo playing, is how to tune and handle his instru-MENT. To properly acquire this knowledge, as a starting point, the assistance of a teacher is very necessary. An awkward manner of holding and handling the instrument may readily be acquired, without the guidance of a personal teacher, and such manners have then to be overcome before satisfactory progress can be made. The best instruction that can be given in books and published methods may be misapplied, and, indeed, is often misunderstood by the novice; and hence, although books of instruction are of the utmost value to the student who has made a start, and gone forward a certain distance in the way, they often prove of small value to the beginner who has not "had the banjo properly placed in his hands."

To explain, or teach, how to properly TUNE a banjo how to place its strings in tune and how to properly manipulate them—upon paper, and at the same time render the explanations comprehensive to the pupil, who, perhaps, has no knowledge of music and is entirely ignorant of any of its principles, is, indeed, difficult. But a well-arranged course of RUDIMENTAL INSTRUCTION, in the form of sheet publications or books, together with the assistance of a personal instructor, for even a very short time, can not but

bo of great assistance to the pupil.

"THE COMPLETE AMERICAN BANJO SCHOOL," by the writer, is perhaps the very best book for all students of the banjo. "THE BANJO," by the same author, will also be found of great value to those who desire to obtain a full general knowledge of the instrument, in its construction, uses and abuses. Likewise, there are many other valuable Works, Studies, Lessons, Charts, etc., which are of decided advantage to the banjo student; but, owing to a constantly increasing inquiry among many of the readers of the Journal, I have concluded to give in its columns a few RUDIMENTAL LESSONS for the use of the beginner who wishes to "begin at the beginning." By the "beginning" I mean the commencement of the study of the banio-that point at which a start is made in learning to play the banjo—such as its manner of tuning and fingering; the scale, etc., etc. In these RUDIMENTAL LESSONS I shall pass over the subject of the theory of music-the names and values of notes, rests, etc.; the sharps, flats and naturalstaking it for granted that the pupil who begins his banjo lessons has already made himself familiar with the Rudiments of Music. If he has not done so, he should lose no time in securing a book containing the Rudiments of Music, and mastering its details before beginning a course of Banjo lessons. Those who employ a Banjo Teacher to give them lessons by note will save time and money by learning the notes, etc., before beginning lessons with the teacher. Suitable books for this purpose can be obtained for half a dollar. It would therefore seem almost out of place to occupy space in these lessons with musical (preliminary) instruction, which may be found in books with which the country is flooded.

#### THE NAMES OF THE BANJO STRINGS.

The thinnest gut string of the Banjo is called B. It is also called the first string. The short string of the Banjo should be of the same thickness as the first string. The short string is called the fifth, or little "E" string. The second string, which comes next to the first, should be a little thicker than the first. It is often called the "G.2" (G sharp) string. The third string, called E, as generally used, is the same string that is used on the violin as the "E," or first string, and on the guitar as the same. The "Bass," or silver string, is wound upon silk (silver-plated wire spun over silk), and is manufactured purposely for the Banjo. This string is called the Bass, or A string.

It is important that a Banjo should be properly strung, with good strings, and neither too light nor too heavy. A string gauge for measuring or gauging the thickness of a string may be had of almost any dealer.

The following gauge numbers are about right for the proper stringing of a Banjo:—

1st and 5th stringsNo.	8.
2d string	10.
3d string	15.
4th, or Bass string No.	

This is about as thick as the strings should be for producing a good tone. Some performers use thinner strings, but the tone produced lacks sufficient body.

#### TUNING THE BANJO.

In the following lesson on tuning it is presupposed that the pupil has some knowledge of notes.

The five strings of the Banjo correspond, according to its musical notation, to the following notes:—



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The "thumb string," as it is sometimes called, or 5th

string, is usually written with two stems, or a double stem, thus:

cause the same note, E, may be produced upon each of the five Banjo strings, only at different positions; and when the E is to be made upon the 5th string, the double stem denotes it.

IN TUNING, it is well to begin with the 4th string, which may be timed to the note A<sub>i</sub> on Piano or Organ; or, with an A tuning fork or pipe. Only be careful not to get the string up far beyond the desired pitch, which is an agroro often fallen into by beginners, and indeed a very parlonable mistake, inasmuch as that the tones produced by the Banjo strings sound, in reality, an octave lower than the notes themselves indicate.

After the fourth string has been tuned, proceed to tune the third string to the note which is made by stopping the fourth string at the seventh fret. The fourth string, when stopped at the seventh fret, should produce the note E, fifth (that is five notes) higher than the open string, and this E is the note that the third string must produce when played open.

After tuning the third string in this manner, tune the second string to the note which is produced by stopping the third string at the fourth fret. After the second string has been tuned, tune the first string to the note which is produced on the second string at third fret. After the first string has been tuned, tune the fifth, or short string, to the note which is produced on the first string at the fifth fret. The fifth string should then sound an octave higher than the third string.

When the Banjo is in tune the four gut strings, when played "open," should produce the notes of the common chord; that is, the 1st, 3d, 5th and octave, thus:



and the fourth, or silver ( A ) string, should sound an octave lower than the note produced by stopping the second string at the first fret, thus:



It is well to state that the Banjo is generally tuned a minor third higher than the pitch here given. By a "minor third" is meant three notes. For instance, A, B, C—C natural is a minor third higher than A.

In playing the Banjo with the piano and with other instements, it is customary to tune as stated, about three notes higher than the musical notation indicates—and the reason this is done is to cause the strings to be drawn more tense, and thus cause the instrument to produce a louder and sharper tone, with more power. But it makes no difference whatever to what pitch the Banjo is tuned for practice, so far as acquiring a knowledge of the instrument is concerned, so long as the tuning of each of the strings is relative to the other. It therefore makes no material difference whether the pupil tunes his fourth, or A, string to A, B or C, so long as the remaining strings are tuned so as to correspond, or in proportion.

When the Banjo has been properly tuned, and the strings are in correspondence, the open strings, without using the A, or Silver string, will produce the first notes of the melody, "STAR SPANGLED BANNER," as per the following example:



By trying the strings in this way, the pubil soon accustoms his ear to the tones made by the open strings, and it doesn't take long for him to acquire the ability to tune his instrument without resorting to the tedious practice of stopping the strings at the different frets.

#### "THE NATURAL SCALE OF THE BANJO."

By SCALE is meant a graduated series of musical sounds. The NATURAL SCALE of the Banjo is the Scale of the Key which is most natural to the instrument; or, in other words, that which is most easy to play.

The fundamental note on the Banjo being A—the letter by which the  $A_{\gamma}$  or Bass string, is known—causes the scale beginning with that string to be called the Scale of  $A_{\gamma}$  or the Natural Scale of the Banjo.

The Scale of A Major, and its relative Scale of F# Minor, have the signature of three sharps.

#### SCALE.

On 4th String.	On 3d String.	On 2d String.	On First String.			
6 J J J J	0 2d f.	0 1st f.	0 2d f. 3d f. 5th f.	7th f. 9th f. 10th f.		
0 2d fret. 4th f. 5th f.						

In playing the scale, rest the little finger of the right hand upon the head of the Banjo, near the bridge. Pick the notes on 'Bass' string with the thumb; also those on the 3d string. Pick the 2d string with first finger. Pick the first string with second finger.

The note E, named upon the first string at 5th fret is, as been said, the same note as the fifth string produces, and in playing the scale it is customary to make use of the fifth string for this note, as in so doing the left hand is

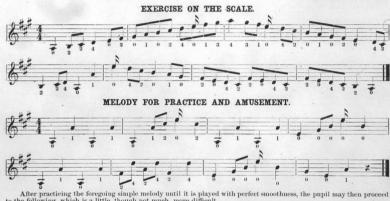
furnished with a good opportunity to make the shift to the 7th fret without causing any awkwardness or breaking of the time.

In practicing the scale, the pupil should exercise care in learning to finger the notes properly (the "stops") made by the fingers of left hand). The following Scale is written with the proper fingering for the left hand, plainly marked, which has been omitted in the first example, in order to avoid any confusion to the pupil.



The second finger, after making B on the Bass string. at second fret, is shifted to the fourth fret to make the C. In shifting, the hand must change its position naturally. The little finger then falls easily upon D, at the fifth fret. The hand must then go back to its first position until after the note D has been made on the first string at the third fret; and while E is being picked with the right-hand thumb, on the open "thumb string," the left hand should shift along the Banjo neck until the first finger falls upon the seventh fret, on the first string, where the note F# (the 13th note in this scale) is produced. The hand should remain in this position until the last note is made, the third finger falling quite naturally upon G#; and the little finger at A upon the 10th fret. When the pupil has acquired some dexterity in playing the scale thus, he should then practice it downwards, as well as upwards, until the hand and fingers fall naturally into position, and the notes can be played quite rapidly and in a rhythmatic manner, without mistakes. The following exercise will assist greatly in gaining this facility in executing the notes.

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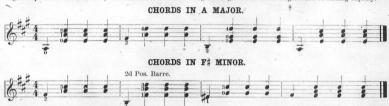


Note.—When the expressions "up" or "down" are used in the lessons, the terms should be understood to mean up and down musically (ascending and descending). When we go "up" the Kanjo fingerboard we mean that we ascend higher in the runsical scale.—not upwards toward the end of the neck, but really in the opposite direction, and eight excess. Sometimes when a pupil is told to shift upwards, belowed he nut, thinking that part of the neck the uppermost. But the term, taken musically, has the opposite meaning. At all events, what is often called "up" in nature, in reality "down," for the world keeps turning round in space.





In the first and fifth measures of above melody it will be noticed that F\$\mathbb{z}\_i\$ on the first string, at seventh fret, is
marked for the second finger instead of the first or the fourth finger. The hand slides along the meck until the second
finger stops at the seventh fret; there is no occasion for lifting the finger from off the fingerboard in sliding rapidly.



Each Major Key has its relative Minor Key. The Key of F# Minor being the relative Key to A Major, is written in the same signature, with three sharps.



The chords of the "second form" are somewhat different from those given in the first example. They are, however, the same in harmony, it being a matter of taste which is played.

The chords marked "2d Pos. Barré and 5th Pos. Barré are explained in the following

#### EXAMPLES.

CHORD OF B MINOR,
Used as the Subdominant Chord in the Key of F#
Minor.



The first finger is placed across the four strings at the 2d fret (forming a Barré"). The third finger is then placed on the 1st and 2d strings at 3d fret, producing D on 1st string and B on 2d string.

CHORD OF D MAJOR,
Used as the Subdominant Chord in the Key of A
Major.



The first finger is placed across the four strings at the fifth fret. The little finger makes F\$\mathbf{z}\$ on 1st string at 7th fret. The third finger makes D on 2d string at 6th fret.

Nors,—"2d Pos. Barré" simply means that the Barré Chord is made at the Second Fret, or Second Position. Bar, is an abbreviation for the word Barré. Pos, is an abbreviation for Position. If the first finger is on the 2d fret, it is called "second position" (marked 2 pos, or 2\*). If on 5th fret, it is called "second position" (marked 2 pos, or 2\*).

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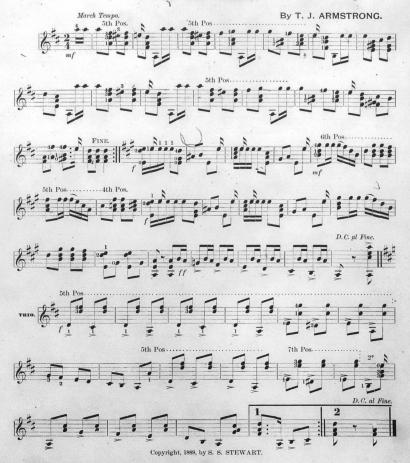
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