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The Banjeurine, and What it Has Accomplished.

About the year 1885, Stewart introduced a banjo, having large rim and short neck, viz.—12½ inch rim, 10 inch neck, with extension fingerboard, which was taken up at once by the well-known musical team, Messrs. William A. Huntley and John H. Lee. Mr. Huntley using the new style banjo, christened banjeurine, for solo parts, the accompaniment being played by Mr. Lee, on one of Stewart's Six String Banjos. Lee being an expert harmonist, as well as a master of the banjo, was much attracted by this combination of musical instruments, and wrote out a strongly worded testimonial addressed to Stewart, in which he expressed himself as believing the new style of banjo or banjeurine would prove the greatest innovation yet produced in banjo playing. With these instructions, the gentlemen named made a great success.

Mr. T. Armstrong, of Philadelphia, in the mean time organized the *American Banjo Club*, composed of Stewart Banjeurines and Banjos, introducing the Piccolo Banjo, tuned an octave above the regular banjo, in C. Soon afterwards the "Bass" Banjo, tuned an octave below the ordinary banjo, was introduced into this club, and the combination of sixteen performers became a success from the start.

Mr. Armstrong began composing and arranging music for "banjo clubs," which at first was published with only four parts, viz.: banjeurine (leading part), first and second banjos, and piccolo banjo. Afterwards, the number of parts was increased, adding guitar, bass banjo and mandolin.

It is not to be supposed that such an innovation as the *Banjeurine*, was to be allowed to rest long with the inventor without imitation, and before very long many other manufacturers began to put on the market their own make of banjeurine; imitation proving the surest flattery and complimentary to the originator.

Gradually the banjeurine, on account of being shorter between the frets, and handier to manipulate, began to be more popular than the banjo of the old style, or we might call it "Orthodox Banjo." A new field was opened to the banjo, and the new orchestral combinations showed that the instrument possessed the germs of very great possibilities yet to be developed.

The origination of the banjeurine and its name belongs to Stewart. The introduction of the instrument belongs to William A. Huntley. The formation of the banjo club, with the banjeurine for leading parts, belongs and should be credited to Thomas J. Armstrong. The banjo club which already developed into quite large proportions, all of the recognized clubs using banjeurines, tuned a fourth above the regular banjos, for the leading parts in the club musical arrangements. Concerts have been given in Philadelphia, with music rendered upon as many as *one hundred and thirty instruments*, banjeurines, banjos, mandolins and guitars, under the efficient conduct of Thomas J. Armstrong; and others under the management of Paul Eno. (For fuller data, see book "The Banjo," published by Stewart.)

The original banjeurine with the large rim and short neck, even with the aid of the extension fingerboard, was more or less trouble for some to handle to advantage, owing to the inconvenience occasioned in getting the higher notes, and too, the large size of the head rendered it more subject to being affected by atmospheric changes; hence, as time wore on, improvements in the shape and dimensions of the banjeurine were made; and the Stewart "Solo Banjeurine," having an eleven inch rim, and twelve inch neck, and Stewart's *Banjo-Banjeurine* having a ten inch rim and fourteen inch neck, were introduced and met with great favor. The latter named instrument having a fingerboard of fifteen and one-half inches contains twenty-two frets (three octaves), and has already been imitated by more than one manufacturer as a model solo banjo.

This instrument being a little longer between the nut and the bridge, necessarily causes a greater strain on its strings, but the tone is louder and more brilliant than the older banjeurines; and it is coming into much use for solo playing, with piano accompaniment, on account of its having three octaves of frets.

In the matter of publishing banjo club music up to date, piano parts have not been included with the same. Few clubs care to use a piano in their organization, so the following plan of arranging has been adopted as a standard; comprising parts for seven instruments: banjeurine (or leading part), first and second banjos, piccolo banjo, bass banjo, guitar and mandolin.

In this arrangement, the mandolin part, or the bass banjo, or piccolo part, may be dispensed with, if desired; but the music cannot be rendered without the banjeurine, which plays the leading part. Any of the parts may also be doubled if desired; in fact, it is quite customary to have two or more banjeurines to play the leading part in a club. As the clubs reach nearer to perfection, the *bass banjo* becomes an indispensable instrument, and many of the leading clubs have purchased a Stewart Bass Banjo.

The time is now near at hand when piano parts will become a necessary addition to the banjo club arrangements, and these piano parts will be so arranged that they will harmonize with the full club arrangement, or with any one, two, or more of the instruments. In this way the banjo club will get a fresh impetus, as two or three performers, with, say, banjeurine, banjo and mandolin, can, with the assistance of a piano, start a club, which can be increased in numbers from time to time.

It is, of course, understood that the piano parts for the club must harmonize with the banjeurine part. Hence, when music is written intended to be played on banjeurine, an ordinary banjo piano part will not answer, as the keys would not harmonize; the banjeurine being pitched a fourth higher than the banjo.

The piano parts, mostly written for banjo solos, are in the "C" pitch, where the piano parts to accompany banjeurine must be a fourth higher in pitch or key. This want once being supplied, the mandolin part will be written on one stave, containing part for both first and second mandolins, and this part or parts can

be used also as a mandolin solo or duet, with piano accompaniment, which will render the club arrangement applicable to several uses, and the sale of the music thereby increased.

The subject is most too great to be treated upon in full in this brief article, but sufficient is given to make plain, that the banjo club will become more popular and its music in much greater demand as time goes on.

The "Good Old Times" and Now.

"The Classic Banjoist," some years ago, would tune up his guitar, and play a few home-made variations on "The Mocking Bird," or "Yankee Doodle," and think it all very "classical," indeed—but classics had little sympathy with the Minstrel Company or Variety Show, and at that time there was little use in making a pretense that the banjo was a legitimate musical instrument. But things are different now, and the world progresses (at least, an inch to the hundred miles), and the banjo has become a recognized high class musical instrument, and a few years more, after prejudice has died out, it will have become as "classical" as the violin or harp.

"The world was not made in a day," and we must not expect too much from this generation.

There was a time when the banjo was associated purely with the black face and minstrelsy. Not because it was a negro instrument, but because the imitation negro company used it first, and it naturally became associated therewith. Its use was then limited to a few rollicking "break downs," comic songs, and occasionally a march, a polka, or perhaps a waltz, and one or two melodies with variations. Anything a little more difficult or further advanced was considered "classical."

We aim not to cast aspersions upon any of the bygone generation of banjoists; they all did as well as was possible at the time, and thank them we must, for the progress being made at this later day, for the start they gave the instrument upon which is based the foundation of its greater progress.

The banjo is still used, to some extent, as an accompaniment to comic songs—for that matter, so is the piano—and the orchestra composed of violins, and other "legitimate" instruments. But all of these instruments, as well as the banjo, are capable of a higher grade of music, and this is being demonstrated so far as the banjo is concerned, more and more every day.

A. A. Farland, without doubt the greatest living high class banjo player to-day, has devoted the major portion of his time and attention to the development of the chaste and classical side of banjo music. To him, more than to any other, the banjo owes the position it to-day occupies in the musical world. The dignity of the *artist* is transferred to the instrument in his hands, and to an audience musically gifted, this effect is at once manifest.

Mr. Farland, however, who is able to render upon the banjo anything written or composed for older instruments, selects for his repertoire only such works as are by nature adapted to the instrument of his

choice, and in doing this displays a very fine power of discernment. With a banjo only, he entertains an audience for an entire evening, and often without the assistance of an accompanist. At the same time, he never descends to trashy selections, but remains within the higher sphere of true music. In this we believe that Farland stands alone.

There are thousands of persons in this country today, who do not know, as yet, what a really fine instrument they have in the banjo; and this knowledge must come to the musical masses, gradually and by degrees; a few more good teachers, more or less valuable books will not produce this result, and the actual demonstration of a man, like Farland, is absolutely necessary, with the instrument.

Therefore, Farland should be hailed with enthusiasm by every teacher and player in the country who has the interest of the instrument at heart. He should be welcomed to every new locality, and the teachers should join hands in aiding him to arrange for "recitals" in their localities.

Whenever he plays, a fresh impetus is given to banjo music, and the instrument is lifted from an obscure position and elevated to a higher sphere. Now, it is through *intelligence* and the development of this principle that *progress* is made possible. If the world were made up of animals on a level with that brute creation, we could have no interest in musical matters, nor progress would be possible. But wherever the higher intelligent principle is cultivated, the result is a higher plane of thought, an increased intelligence, and a higher grade of civilization. This applies to the banjo, equally as to anything else.

Therefore do not let the work cease for one moment, but let us continue to assist in making known all the good qualities of the musical banjo.

Miss Bessie Campbell.

An Australian Young Lady writes in an interesting manner of her Banjoistic Experiences.

Burwood, Sydney, N. S. W., Australia.

MR. STEWART,

DEAR SIR:—Being a great reader of your *Journal* of the past and present, and having read a great deal of interesting correspondence therein, I now take the liberty of writing and sending you my life with the banjo in Australia, trusting that at some future date you will find space in your columns for it.

When in London in 1884 (I was then quite a little girl), I took a great fancy to the banjo. My parents, thinking it a passing whim, and knowing comparatively little of the instrument, bought me one at a shop in Cheapside, a real old English wooden rim, twelve string, etc., etc. I was quite delighted with it, and at once wanted to take lessons, which I did from Mr. J. Daniels. I only had nine lessons when we started on our homeward journey to Australia. I could just tune, and play two "Breakdowns." But oh! how my poor soul was snubbed everywhere I went; no one would even look at it, much less listen to my breakdowns. Not even my most intimate friends would tolerate it; but I didn't care; I practiced away at it all I knew (not much I must confess), and was quite content.

On arriving in Sydney, matters grew worse. They didn't know anything about the banjo here then, and I had a terrible time of it. They called it that thing "the fying pan," and all sorts of abominable names; but still I plodded on, like a blind girl groping in the dark. With me it was a case of try, try again.

Here came a gleam of sunshine. My brother, who was greatly interested in the instrument, one day suggested to my father that I should take lessons from Mr. Hosea Easton, who was then playing at one of the leading theatres in Sydney. I was so glad that "America's great Banjo King, with his talking banjo." Needless to say, I was quite delighted with this idea, and at once took lessons from Mr. Easton. I got on like the proverbial "house on fire." But here again there was another fall. We could get no music in Sydney, and as for or out of America, that was quite out of the question; as by the time it arrived here, most likely Mr. Easton would have learned in either Victoria or South Australia, so I mostly learned "by ear." The only tuition book I had was that of

H. L. Ellis. Needless to say, Mr. Easton made me use a five-string instrument. I got a few little banjos at one of our warehouses here, and as I worked away, I soon became a very fair amateur. I ought to mention here, that I had only had three months' tuition when Mr. Easton left for one of the other colonies; but before he went away, I was most anxious to play at a concert. It was a social affair called the "Olive." They used to have about one hour's concert, and finish up with a dance; it was held in the Petersham Town Hall. I was then about thirteen, and was to play the "Champion Polka." Of course, Mr. Easton thought I was a good player, and so he asked me to have his small "Stewart" for the occasion, but alas! the head met with an accident the day before the event. Mr. Easton informed me that a lady kindly put her "foot" through it, coming down in the bus. He was using his other two banjos, and would have lent me one, only they were too big for me to hold, so he went to a lot of trouble to borrow one at a music warehouse for me. I believe it was a very good instrument, but you know "bad workmen always quarrel with their tools," and I made a sad failure at my first appearance. I played (or rather tried to play), without any accompaniment whatever, but alas! I kept on playing the first six bars over and over again; then my chair and all the people went round and round, and I wasn't quite sure whether I was on my head or heels. I could not stop playing, and I could not get on to the next piece, and I was just glued to the spot. At last, with a great effort, I struck a chord and simply "bolted" for my life. When the dance came off, I did not feel at all inclined to join in, but I had to. I had lots of partners who told me that I was "great," and that I was "very pretty in my pink silk frock, and it was quite a picture, etc." When I mentioned the solo they said, "Oh, never mind about that, who would expect you to get any music out of that thing." This annoyed me very much. I cried all that night and all the next day. I thought how I had worked, and how I was now being laughed at. Then dad told me that I was never to go on the platform again; he went on to say that "he never felt such a fool in all his life."

Still I worked on; I guess I practiced more than ever. I used to play very nicely for my friends, but it was no use; I never tried again.

However, in 1889, a friend of ours organized a concert in the church school-room, Croydon, and wished me to play for her. I gained consent to once more try my luck; this time with a piano accompanist. I chose the "Park Concert" March (I guess my readers will smile) for my first piece, and "The Bells" for the second part of the program. I was not quite as nervous, and played fairly well; I received quite an ovation. From this, my sister took to playing the piano with me, and we got on splendidly, playing at one or two small concerts, musicals, at home, etc., etc.

In 1890 I went over to Victoria for a trip, but did not take my banjo. However, in the palace where I stayed, there happened to be a banjolele, and on hearing that could play, he soon brought out his banjo, "Such a Think how." It was so different from the one that he gave me the full use of his 20 guinea instrument while I was in Melbourne. He was terribly English, and couldn't play to save his life, but he thought I was wonderful, and got up a big musical concert at the palace, so all his friends were there to play. Naturally, I was made a great fuss of, and the great cry was, "I never heard a banjo like that before."

In a few weeks I returned to Sydney, and noticed in the daily paper an advertisement something like this: "Walter J. Stent, teacher and importer of the American banjo. Come and hear the Stewart." As I was in the habit of going everywhere that there was a banjo to be heard, off I went to Mr. Stent's studio. We had a talk about the banjo, and he played the "Such a Think how." Naturally, I was charmed, and soon discovered how little I knew about the banjo. He kindly lent me some music, and asked me to call again, which I did at my earliest opportunity; when I got the music home, I could do nothing with it, and I wrote to Mr. Stent. This time he asked me to play something, and kindly listened to "Bonaparte's Grand March," thanked me and said, "I did Mr. Easton great credit." But I often wondered how he sat still and listened, but he did. He informed me of the different systems of banjo playing, and

enlightened me about America, the "home of the banjo." Told me how it was that I could not play the American music, and gave me some very useful information. He also gave me an insight into the American system. I asked him his terms, and went home and told dad all about it, and that I wanted to take some more lessons on the banjo, and the course of a couple of weeks I was taking lessons from Mr. Stent. Then I improved in earnest; with a teacher like Mr. Stent no pupil could fail.

In 1892 I played at a grand concert in the Burwood School of Arts, in aid of the poor of the district, my solo being W. A. Huntley's "Rippling Streamlet." Very soon some more lessons on the banjo, and the local paper said: "A novelty, but nevertheless appreciative and acceptable, was introduced on the program, when Miss Bessie Campbell made her debut to a Burwood audience, and kept the audience electrified as it were, while she dilated on some homely and familiar airs on the banjo. We are glad at any time to welcome any new musician and vocalist worthy of note into our Western suburb circle of musical 'Stars,' and the genuine and warm approbation accorded to this young lady at the conclusion of the last air, must have raised a blizzard of praise for her; and the audience had had their way, another encore would have been forth-coming, but as faster time was beginning to look black, Miss Campbell simply bowed in acquiescence to the compliment. Burwood has long been a fine school for her checks; and that of its violinists, and now it has received into its fold a banjolele."

The first concert at which I played for Mr. Stent was at the Centenary Hall, York St., Sydney. The concert was in aid of the Seamen's Mission. The "American Banjo Concert" was also taking part. At the conclusion of my solo, (one of Armstrong's pieces) there was a round of applause, and as I was leaving the platform, the chairman rose and said: "This is the despised instrument; it is now in our drawing rooms, on our parlour tables, and in the hands of the aristocracy. It seems strange that he should have said this, and that he should have picked me out for this little speech; but at the same time I thought it very appropriate, as I had had such a hard struggle. Nevertheless came as a great surprise, as I had never seen the gentleman before." How did he know that I had been the despised?

At Mr. Stent's first annual concert, I had the pleasure of playing Armstrong's "Queen of the Sea" Waltz, in the advice of the daily paper said, "I showed to advantage as a soloist."

But now, of course, I have a splendid time of it, as I am not alone in the world with my banjo; it is quite the other way round. I have plenty of company and have to work hard so as to be able to compete with my friends in the American Banjo Club. I was the first lady member admitted, and am proud of it. I have always been a most successful Club from start to finish.

Of course, after all this I gained more confidence, and now I have before me as I write, about forty programs of entertainments at which I have taken part, and the end of which has been playing the banjo. I have not included in the expense of programs, and looking back as I now do, I must confess that I have had a most enjoyable as well as a most anxious time of it.

Some of the concerts we attend are most amusing. My sister and myself were asked to go with a musical party of friends to the Rydalmere Hospital for Insane, some few months ago. We journeyed from Burwood to Parramatta, some seven miles by train; a conveyance was in attendance at the station, and we drove to the hospital in a motor. On our arrival we were locked in as is customary. There were about four hundred patients, men and women; then there were the nurses and attendants. Our little concert went on very smoothly until my banjo solo, the end of which I had just finished, and out it came. "That's good, ain't it? encore! encore!" I replied. One of the young ladies of our party was to play a violin solo, but she seemed afraid to venture; however, I persuaded her to do so, and all the remainder of the program went well enough, until her violin came to the end of the program. I then voice called out louder than ever, "That's not much, is it?" I did feel for the poor girl because everyone laughed, and she looked so confused, and her solo went for nothing. At the conclusion of our concert,

which was a very good one, as most of the performers were University students, the superintendent entertained us at supper, after which we had a very pleasant drive home by moonlight; but I can't say I care much about lunatic entertainments. Occasionally, my friends ask me to play at the Walker Convalescent Hospital, where they have a magnificent concert hall. It is about two hours drive from our house, but it is a most enjoyable outing on a moonlight night. They drive up to our door on a four horse drag, and drive us to and from the hospital. Then the matrons and nurses always gathered us at supper, and the banjo seems an especial favorite out there. I am fond of visiting the hospitals with my instrument, as it seems to afford great amusement, and enliven a few hours for the sick. I never refuse if I can possibly help it. I occasionally sing a negro song accompanied; this I like very much.

Last year, I again played a solo at Mr. Stent's second annual concert. We chose "Columbian Galop" (Ross) and was again successful. Following this, I was asked to play at the Burwood Electorate Cricket Club concert. When sending in the name of playing the banjo, the manager of the club wrote: "The Electorate Galop," under which the club had printed "specially composed for the occasion," and on making my appearance on the platform I was greeted with great enthusiasm. The concert was held in the Burwood School of Arts, and the hall was packed. The local paper described my item as "the gem of the evening."

And so I have journeyed on the road to success, until we come to Mr. W. J. Stent's third annual banjo, guitar and mandolin concert, which eventuated on Thursday, August 27th, 1896, in which the American Banjo Club (leader W. J. Stent) played the following: "Martaneaux Overture; Imperial Mazurka; Dandy Shy; Darkey's Awakening; Washington Post; Capiti's Reel; and the Runaway Mainstem." Mr. Stent himself played the guitar (by special request) "22nd Regiment March" (Burr) for which he received a double encore, playing Hall's "Blue Ribbon March," and the "Darkey's Dream," which fairly charmed the audience. "Echoes from de Camp" fell to my lot. I objected to play any of my banjearine solo, and I expected a good deal of friends present at the concert. I had set my heart on playing either "Imperial Mazurka," or the "Dandy Shy Quickstep," but alas; they were already chosen by the club. So I was to play my first banjearine solo, and make my debut on the stage. At last, when Mr. Stent's third concert was held at the Gaiety Theatre, Sydney. It was the first time I had been on a stage, and I naturally thought I would be very "shaky" but such was not the case.

I am fairly enchanted with your latest banjearine, it is just what I needed, the faintest touch of steel heard all over the theatre; one feels as if they could go on playing it all night. However, I played my solo (Mr. Stent kindly accompanied me) and was very successful. In the following morning's Herald my leading city paper) they put it thus: "W. J. Stent Campbell, who was accompanied by W. J. Stent, brought down the house with her banjearine solo, 'Echoes from de Camp' and responded to the applause with a vivacious interpretation of the 'Mill Dam Galop.' This was what was overheard in the gallery. 'That girl can play!' was the cry. It was indeed a pretty sight when the curtain rose, with the Stars and Stripes as a background, with the letters A. B. C. emblazoned in silver, and the ladies and gentlemen of the American Banjo Club were seen and heard to great advantage, as the variety of instruments had a most charming effect, and each item was a regular furor. In short, the whole entertainment was pronounced a "tremendous success" by a packed house.

Shortly after this, Mr. Stent kindly came to my studio to play a banjo accompaniment to my banjearine solo the "Dandy Shy," at the local School of Arts, seven miles from the city. The audience was rather cold, but they warmed up during the manipulation of the Dandy Shy, and an encore was demanded. The local paper said, "We responded to a well deserved encore." It was afterwards told that the banjearine solo was the only light spot on the program, rather rough on the professionals who came from Sydney to assist.

And now I have no less than six or eight letters a week to answer in reference to concerts great and

small. One I received a few days ago asked me to favor them with an exhibition of my talent on the banjo in the local School of Arts; another writes for my valuable and much needed assistance.

So you see how I have made my way along with my banjo. I don't think any beginner could despair, no matter how nervous he or she may feel at the start. Still, I am not yet satisfied, no, not until I am able to master several of those high class pieces arranged for the banjo by Mr. Farland.

The American mail-ordered yesterday, and I have just received from Mr. Stent, copies of the "Spanish Dance," "Gipsy Rondo" and "Popper's Tarantelle," arranged for the banjo by Mr. A. A. Farland. This is the height of my ambition to be able to play some, if only a few of the high class music played by Mr. Farland.

It must indeed be a great treat to hear such a musician as Mr. Farland on the banjo. Those who have the chance of hearing and knowing him, ought indeed to consider themselves as lucky. It is my great wish to hear him. I now consider I have some work to do, and I look to it as a duty to my banjearine.

Still there is a great deal in the old saying (and I must here confess I greatly believe in it), "a fine feather makes fine birds," but with us it is a case of a "fine instrument makes a fine player," and there is nothing to be said of a "Syracuse" banjearine.

Trusting I have not trespassed on your valuable time, and thanking you in anticipation, believe me,

Yours sincerely,

BESSIE CAMPBELL.

A Morsel of Ancient History.

Illustrating "Those Good Old Times."

The banjo, if not a very ancient instrument, certainly had a very humble beginning, if we are to judge from the class of literature bearing upon it; dating back a generation or so. A short time since Mr. Dandridge Engle, of New York, furnished me with an apparently old and rather unique book, printed in England, but as the cover was lacking we are unable to give the precise date of its advent, though judging from the appearance of the work, or what was left of it, we judge it to have appeared in the 40's or 50's. It appears to have been written by one C. H. Hild, at that time a teacher, located at No. 9 Vauxhall Place, South Lambeth. The fact that the tuning of the banjo was then given in "C and G," with the notation corresponding, and that the banjo is recommended with a neck twenty-four inches long, renders the work quite interesting, and for that reason we give our readers the benefit of its author's valuable advice.

It is quite funny too, to note that such a work should have been produced in Great Britain years ago, and now, in the present age the same people have taken up with the old and obsolete "closed back banjo," which they designate as "zither banjo." The closed back, or box banjo, may be said to have been a failure in this country years ago, but with the addition of *wire strings* it has been put forward in England as something new and original.

The articles from the book in question here follow:

INTRODUCTION.

"Never perhaps in modern times, has any musical instrument attained a more sudden popularity than the banjo; this, in the first instance, must only be attributed to the interest attached to its nationality, and from its being so peculiarly characteristic of the able race with whom it appears so intimately connected. The instrument for 'discussing sweet sound' as the violin, or guitar, to their refined and enlightened brethren of colder and more cultivated climes. We have had a Pagnini, Ole Bull, Thirwell, etc. etc. on the violin; and no doubt our merry darlings have also possessed their Sambo's, Cassar's, Jumbo's, etc., equally esteemed in their way for proficiency and superior performances on their ever favorite, never tiring banjo; and there has not been wanting examples in this country, sufficient to convey, to no small extent, an idea of what degree of proficiency may be attained on this primitive looking, unpresenting instrument.

The negro melodies in themselves, though in some instances wild, are for the most part flowing and all delightfully harmonious, to which the measured and

peculiar accompaniment of the banjo adds a characteristic charm which no other musical instrument could effect. Those who imagine that from its very simplicity, the banjo is only to be played upon by such as have what is termed an ear for music, so as to be able readily to catch a tune after hearing it once or frequently, and then fingering it out from memory, will upon carefully pursuing the instructions laid down in this little work be thoroughly convinced that the idea is entirely erroneous, and from the very clear manner in which every necessary for beginners to acquire is pointed out and explained, it will be seen, that by common assiduity a considerable progress is to be made in a very few days.

The author is well aware that this is the first work of the kind ever offered, nevertheless from the great success he has attained in teaching by this system, feels himself fully warranted in whatever he has advanced on its merits.

DESCRIPTION OF THE BANJO.

"The banjo has now become so greatly known in this country, that at first a description of it may be thought perfectly superfluous, but as it is intended to give some advice in the selection of one, a slight description cannot be altogether out of place. The shape of the banjo is apt to remind you of the guitar, but upon inspection it will be found materially to differ from that instrument.

The body of the banjo is round, and composed of a wooden hoop, the back and the belly of vellum. The neck or fingerboard is different to that of the guitar, which has the fingerboard extending several inches along the belly of the instrument, while in the banjo it reaches no farther than the edge of the hoop where the neck commences. It is also entirely without frets. In connection with the fingerboard of the banjo, a pole runs through to the opposite side of the hoop, which serves as a support for the great strain caused by the power necessary to draw the strings to a proper tension, and prevent the vellum from warping the body. It possesses a tail-piece similar to that of the violoncello, for five strings, and also a bridge which rests upon the centre of the top vellum.

The neck is straight but tapering towards the extremity; the head similar to that of the guitar. It has, however, but four pegs, the fifth or octave, being lower down at the side or under the fingerboard.

RULES TO BE OBSERVED IN SELECTING A BANJO.

"In making choice of a banjo, it is necessary to select one, the hoop or body of which should be composed of ash, about ten or eleven inches in diameter (in every respect the most convenient size). The parchment should be perfectly free from flaws, thoroughly even and transparent, and so tightly strained that neither back nor belly of the instrument can drag, or bulge in any way. The neck or fingerboard, must be made of ash, ebony, or any well seasoned wood of sufficient strength to withstand continual strain from the strings; the length is best about two feet independent of the head, which if patent is preferable, as then the strings keep longer in tune. The bridge should not be higher than that of a violin, but much longer, and not quite so much arched. The octave string ought to spring from the fingerboard, at a distance of about fifteen inches from the hoop."

A. Baur.

Our friend, Albert Baur, Justice of the Peace, at Brookville, Pennsylvania, met with a serious accident on November 28th last.

He was on his way home, after dark; it being very slippery, raining, and freezing, he slipped and fell, when, as he went to his own door, breaking his left arm above the elbow, the fracture extending into the joint. It proved to be a serious thing, but at last accounts Mr. Baur was doing well, and his physician thinks that in a few months he will recover the use of his arm.

Without counting the pain and inconvenience, it is a serious thing for Mr. Baur, who is a fine banjo quartette practicing in some public concerts, and his banjo playing has now received a set back.

Such is life.

"Old Timers."

Brought up to Date.

There was a man in our town,
(He was so wondrous wise;
He thought he'd make a banjoer
On which there "were no flies."
But when he saw them settle down,
Contented on the head,
He put a patent net piece on,
And then the flies dropped dead.

Taffy was a Welshman; was a brick,
Taffy had a mandolin, on wh ch the strings were thick.
He picked them and he plucked them, until all the neighbors fled;
And then I took the mandolin, and "busted" in the head.

Behind the Age in Music.

The Philadelphia *Inquirer*, December 13th, last, in reporting a concert of the University of Pennsylvania in Glee Banjo and Mandolin Club, got off the following:—

"The work of the banjo club was of a different order and yet excellent in its way. This instrument has come to be so linked with burnt cork artists, and men and an interlocutor, that it is difficult to think of it in the hands of white men clothed in apparel of a sombre color and in fine linen. But there was music in the arrangement of the overture to 'Raymonde,' and a lightness in the 'Medley' which set the feet to beating time and earned enthusiastic applause."

The writer of above is clearly behind his age. Will the *Inquirer* please inform the public how many burnt cork minstrels play the banjo, these days, and how the use of a banjo compares with the violin, as to numbers, in the various Minstrel Companies? To print such an article as the above, where it is stated that "it is difficult to think of the banjo in the hands of white men," is a display of crude ignorance for a Philadelphia paper to make. Then, too, "the overture, to Raymonde," is another mistake. It must have been that the writer was absent, enjoying one of Raymonde's excursions at the close of the concert he attempted to report. Truly may it be said that there are a few people who can not distinguish a banjo from a tambourine.

Don't Outrage Your Banjo's Feelings.

We were once present at the home of a lady who produced her fine Stewart, requesting us to play. It was a "sight."

No wonder some people suppose there is no music in a banjo.

The head of this instrument was *slabby*. It was also spotted with fly dirt. The tail piece pressed upon the head of the strings, four were entirely false; one had a knot, and the second string was about half again as thick as the third.

"This banjo sounded *rank*," and had a "rotten" look. Not only had its good tone disappeared, but it was so badly false in the "positions," that a man must have assumed a very embarrassing position to have attempted a rendition of Farland's arrangement of the *Gypsy Rondo* upon such an instrument. And yet, this same banjo had left our manufactory but seven months previously, a perfect musical instrument, or nearly so. And yet its owner never for one moment supposed that she had committed an outrage upon banjodom, in subjecting the instrument to such brutal indignities as had placed it in its present embarrassing position. How would the owner of such an instrument feel with a knot-hole run in her eye? How could she sing, with a set of false teeth rammed down her throat, nearly up to the hilt?

Of course, this is not a medical and surgical journal, but a banjo deserves decent treatment, and when doctors disagree, we feel compelled to stand up for the injured innocent.

Some persons are entirely unfit to possess a decent banjo; and if they owned such, they would soon knock the decency out of it. Hence the use for "store tubs." What must any one think of a good

banjo, turned into a poor one, by such outrageous neglect as we have mentioned?

Those who really desire to elevate the banjo, should present their instruments, as nearly as possible, in GOOD PLAYING CONDITION.

Fred. Stuber.

Young Fred. Stuber, the phenomenal boy banjist, son of the well-known photographer, of South Bethlehem, Pa., was recently engaged at Stewart's Banjo Exhibit in the Philadelphia Bourse, playing afternoon and evening, with the assistance of T. J. Armstrong and M. R. Heller at times.

The rapid execution of Master Stuber elicited much comment and proved a revelation to thousands hearing him. Stuber will no doubt make his mark among the banjo players in the near future. His remarkable performances at the Bourse Exhibition have done much to create enthusiasm in Philadelphia, and among a class of people who heretofore had not dreamt of the possibilities that existed in a banjo.

The publisher of the *Journal* wishes here to convey his thanks to C. J. Heppner and Co., the Chestnut Street piano house, for the use of an excellent PEARL PIANO, and to their representative, Mr. Howard Githens for his assistance at the piano during the last few afternoons and evenings of the concerts. To Mr. Armstrong also, at the piano and Six String Banjo, and for his able assistance, we feel much indebted.

The Journal and Postage Rates.

The *Journal* has at no time asked for admission through the mails at newspaper rates, viz.: *one cent per pound*, demanding such postal notes an outrage. The *Journal* is published mainly as an advertising medium and as a medium of direct communication between the manufacturer and publisher, its proprietor, and the public in general. True, there are many such advertising journals, perhaps not nearly so good, that pass through the mails at the expense of the taxpayer, but we have never shaped our course from the actions or doings of any one else. For the present, at least, we prefer to keep the *Journal* as it is, and it certainly does meet the requirements, and has perhaps a much larger paid subscription list than any publication of its class. It has never been before the public for more than fourteen years, and was the first in the field.

Concerning postal rates, and the unfairness in the rates on such printed matter, the *Public Ledger*, of December 9th last, contained the following:—

"A revision of the rates on second-class matter seems to be a necessary preliminary to the introduction of numerous postal conveniences enjoyed abroad. The President calls attention to the fact that second-class matter constitutes more than two thirds of the total that was carried last year and the revenue derived from it was less than one third of the total expense. The President points out that if certain second-class matter paid only the cost of its handling the postal deficit would be obliterated; that there would be a surplus which might be used to give the people still better mail facilities or cheaper rates of postage."

What is needed is ONE CENT LETTER POSTAGE and compel the periodicals to pay a fair rate.

A FEW

Gutteral Sounds from the "Partition de Cartee"

THE CADAVA HAS A DISGRUNTLE IN THE SHAPE OF WHISTLING WIND, WAFTING A CADENZA THROUGH PARTIE'S WHISKERS

WIT BY THE KING'S JESTER. THE TRUTH IN A NOT SHELL

Although editor Partee, of the "Cadenza," may not be endowed with that mighty faith which causes mountains to be removed, he nevertheless appears to be in possession of a *gall* that could shake the little mouse to sneeze and wag its tail, should it take upon itself to emerge from the fabled mountain when said mountain labored to bring the mouse forth.

The "assistant editor" has put his wits to work, and lo! a novel scheme for the raising of \$50.00, with which to set in motion a proposed Grand Banjo Convention, has been hatched.

But it does not *ruish*. In fact, the gait of the proposed "convention" seems to lag.

"Air Cadenzas," indeed, based upon visionary schemes, do not seem to catch the breeze at this time of the year.

The convention appears to be a noble and manly effort, the fewest being plementous, but the willing laborers too few.

Another local syndicate, we fear, may have to be formed for the purpose.

The Cadenza, doubtless, *means* well, but it is said that Hades is paved with such intentions.

Stewart has, for some years, been open to these attacks, but somehow or other, the shots appear to fall wide of the mark.

We have had beautiful expressions of esteem from such mighty sheets as the "*Banjo Herald*," a rather comic expression, which managed to exist for two issues, and then joined and merged into "Gatcomb's Musical Gazette," without, however, causing any apparent increase in the dimensions of the *Gazette*.

Then we had a certain *Elite Banjo*, mandolin and guitar periodical, which dragged out a weary existence of two or three numbers, the major portion of its contents having been devoted to the extermination of STEWART AND HIS BANJOS, and with the same kind of stuff that fell to the lot of the former aspirants for glory in the "banjo world."

Then a couple of beauties came out on the other side of the "big pond," each containing a certain vein of English wit, and these laid out to KNOCK STEWART "HIGHER THAN A KITE."

One, a specially selected periodical, made its initial bow under the cognomen of the "Jo," (should have been "The Jo-ke") and was duly dutiful "The Red Headed Joe," by reason of the delightful burnishing of its covers. It soon apologized for and admitted its mistake, by swinging around to a new title, and, as *Elite Troubadour*, was its next appellation. So to say and flatter Troubadour having taken its bearings, now gushes forth on its appropriate mission, to cure, or to kill.

In the meantime, that very original little sheet, the *Cadanza*, began to get its work in, first without music then with, and is trying hard at present to set the river.

When it comes to this sheet, we must take care what we say. It is *great*; it shows a wonderful and almost transcendent power of "hindsight"—far surpassing its foresight.

In its conduct, the editor displays a grasp upon the Queen's English, equalled only by one, O. H. Albrecht, sole proprietor of *Albrecht's Musical Enterprise*, a periodical of "enterprise," which is issued occasionally, and which takes a whack at Stewart when it can't find anything else as interesting to write about.

The publisher of the *Journal* takes them all in good part; they don't mean as badly as they say, or if they do, even a "BANJO KING" is entitled to his jesters, and without such, life might be dull and dreary. Some of the funny fables in the *Troubadour* were spoken of in our last issue, as "clown jokes," for such they appeared here; but we had not given sufficient time to the article in question, to perceive that the reference to "the banjo king" implied therein, the article was intended as a witty joke by the king's jester.

A few years ago the field was dull and insipid, for Stewart was the only one having a banjo periodical publication. Now, it is becoming attractive and spicy, because the imitators have become thicker, and it is not so lonesome.

So let the wind continue to howl, and make soft and plaintive music, playing "cadenzas" through Partee's whiskers, and the great editor will have found, for the first time, something to write about that is more inspiring than his "book," designed to be used in connection with Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, or Chamber's Encyclopedia.

For full particulars be sure to read Partee's *Cadanza*, Gatcomb's *Musical Gazette*, Albrecht's *Musical Enterprise*, and the *Elite Banjo*, and the *Troubadour*, and the *Banjo World* (of England).

And bear in mind that all of Partee's original stories have given notice of copyright, and must not be whipsawed abroad.

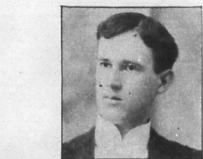
Remember too, that Fairbanks, of Boston, once issued a "challenge" to the world, for \$50 with a

pain in the side, and yet, the son still "rises and sets," But we still live in hopes of seeing the *Troubadour* prove that the moon is made of cottage cheese, and that the old green cheese story was simply a fake. The ancient "CLOSED BACK BANJO," took the cheese box, and the "ZITHER JO," took what was left.

"Gaily the Troubadour plays his guitar,"
(Gently wags his head from near and afar,
Putting laboriously his fragrant cigar,
Sings sweet Cadenzas through Cirice's Bazar.
The moonlight wags shadows at play in the yard,
The great men seize pen and get to work hard;
They at "Taffy" play, and humorous wax—
For to fill up their papers is sometimes a tax,
"Oh!" groans Carice, "my paper's a jewel,
For postage I'll not pay a cent—
But of subscribers, I don't get renewal,
So I must write up Stewart, or be bent."
Then the "Jo-Jo," the "World," "Cadenza," and all,
Sharpen their wits by grind their gall.
For these sheets are "first-class,"
Or are nothing at all.

Aileen Alana, plays the piano,
And Bolsover Gillos is no more.
Of banjo papers we once had but one,
Now we have nearly a score.
Just wait a minute (Stewart isn't in it);
With such mighty men galore,
When it comes to Parlee (who the duce is he?)
Standing out there by the door?
This is Edith Albrecht, of guitar factory fame,
Al hough to confess, one may long look in vain,
For the walls of his factory down in the lane,
But however this may be,
You may all cut a figger,
If in the wood pile, there isn't a nigger.

Alfred A. Farland



This most advanced and remarkable banjo player can be addressed at his home and studio 124 West 35th St., New York City. He is at times travelling and giving concerts and recitals on the road, but his permanent address is above.

Music in This Number.

"Practical Fingering for the Banjo," by Geo. W. Gregory, has been completed, and hence will not be found in this issue. The work is being revised previous to its issue in book form, which will be about March 1st.

Jacob's Guitar Fingering is continued as usual.

Owing to the amount of work on hand by Paul Eno, he has been unable to furnish continuation of his Mandolin Book in time for this number, but he contributes a piece for banjo, The Colored Band Patrol, in place of it.

For guitar, we present Contortionist Dance, by Frey; for mandolin and guitar, Phi Delta Theta Waltz, by Melly; Winnifred Waltz, for banjo and piano, a prime favorite, by the late John H. Lee, is also given, and we commend it to all banjists who are in contact with a good thing when they come in contact with it.

The Amphion March by Stewart, and Dreams of Darkie Land, by Heller, are given. These pieces may be had for full club of seven parts, or for banjeurine and piano.

Most of the book numbers of *Journal*, including No. 91, are out of print, and we cannot furnish complete lists of book numbers.

Music "On Selection."

Correspondents are notified that music sent by mail cannot be exchanged. When music is sent "on approval," or subject to return, it can only be done BY EXPRESS, the music to be packed in a flat box designed for that purpose, and what is returned must be sent in this box, with express charges prepaid. Those who are known to be responsible can order music in this way, "on selection," but the order must be for a sufficient quantity to merit the trouble of giving the order attention. It frequently occurs that young and inexperienced banjo clubs will attempt to pass opinion upon a publication, and after giving a piece one or more trials, conclude it is not good. Afterwards they hear the same selection properly rendered by some other organization, and wish they had learned it. Music such as Armstrong's, Eno's and a few others, that is written in parts for a club, must be properly rendered, and to do this necessitates some practice. Music that can be played properly at the first trial by amateur clubs, is hardly worth having. What we want, is better clubs, and better players. Organizations can never advance by playing only an easy grade of music, and when this is attempted the members soon lose interest in the work. On the other hand there is little use in a club's working at pieces far beyond their ability or comprehension; but those who will not practice need not expect to progress. You'll never "get there" if you don't try for it.

A young man once wished to adopt a profession; he had tried several vocations and been dissatisfied with each and all of them. Finally, friends persuaded him to try the law. "Study law," said one, "you are cut out for a great example in jurisprudence." So the young man finally decided to become a lawyer. He entered upon a course of legal studies, and showed much pluck by sticking to it like a leech for the period of two long weeks. Then he decided to give it up.

Said he, "The law is not what it is cracked up to be; I'm sorry I learnt it."

We suppose, as history fails to record what he became of the young man, that he concluded to go upon the stage.

Will Have to "Wake Up."

There are some banjo teachers, here and there, who complain that business is bad, and the banjo is going to the "bow-wow." Now, it would be a blessed good thing if a few more of such would get out of the business and give place to live men.

It is no uncommon thing to receive a letter containing such a clause as the following:—"Please send me a specimen copy of the *Journal*, if you still publish same." Or another like this, "I have not seen the *Journal* for some time; let me know if you still publish it?"

These are the kind of teachers that drop asleep by the wayside and lose track of all that goes on in the "banjo world."

In the meantime, other wide awake and up to date teachers gradually take the places of the slow and easy old timers, and the next thing we hear of is "Another Richmond in the Field."

Old time banjo methods of carrying on business will not meet the requirements of the present time, any more than the old fashioned tail dip will take the place of the modern electric light.

Correspondents

Would save time, and get better attention by enclosing remittances for small orders in their letters. There are so many thoughtless persons who do not consider what an annoying and costly thing it is to keep track of small and petty accounts on the books, that we are obliged to remind them, as above.

Bills will not be sent out for small orders, and subscriptions to the *Journal* must be paid for in advance. To avoid waste of time, please bear this in mind.

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Correspondents are requested not to send us manuscript music for inspection, unless stamps for return of same are enclosed. We cannot find time to look over even a small percentage of the MS. music sent us. We do not desire music for publication, as we have already more than we can use for some time to come.

We have very little, if any, idle time upon our hands now-a-days.



The *Journal* office received a flying visit from Messrs. Larsing, Shattuck and Babl, of the Boston Ideal Club, on the day following Christmas, the club having appeared in Philadelphia, at the Y. M. C. A. Hall on Christmas night. The boys were looking healthy and well, and appeared to be enjoying life notwithstanding the "Hard Times." They will return this way on a spring tour. This club is a great favorite with Quaker City audiences and can always depend upon a hearty welcome.

W. R. LEE, of Melbourne, Australia, is a most entertaining and welcome correspondent. In a letter from his home, under date of Nov. 4, last, says:—"Yesterday (election day in America) was a great day in Melbourne, as the great Cup was ran for, and it would have pleased you to have been here and seen the sight. The weather was perfection, and when I tell that it was estimated that 80,000 people were present, you can form an opinion as to what it was like. I am pleased to tell you that I was more successful than usual, as I picked the winning double for a few hundred, and will have plenty of time to keep up my practice; and tell Mr. Farland that he will be induced to come here, he will have to look to his laurels or I may cut him out."

"The *Journal* arrived safely, yesterday, and Midwood's handiwork is excellent. All subscribers here are delighted with it, and also for the excellent information it contains. By the time this reaches you, you shall be over in Tasmania to spend a few weeks with friend Tom. It is a charming place (Tasmania) at this time of the year, and hundreds of Melbourne people go there to spend the Christmas holidays and to escape the hot weather."

WILL W. MILLER, Granville, N. Y., writes:—"Please find enclosed 40 cents in stamps, for four copies of the *Journal*. It is a very fine paper, worth twice the subscription price."

GEORGE STANNARD, the Trenton banjo teacher, has several clubs under his charge, three in Trenton, N. J., two in Bordentown, and one in Lawrenceville.

All Mr. Stannard's clubs are making good progress, and the banjo in his hands finds an able champion.

At Trenton Mr. Stannard has a banjo club composed of ladies, and the instruments in their hands, are very attractive musically. We need more clubs of this character, as the banjo is well suited for ladies.

J. J. MORA, the enterprising teacher of Passaic, N. J., writes:—"Possibly you would like to know how the *Special Thoroughbred Banjo* has turned out, which I purchased from you several months ago. In regard to same, I can say without exaggeration, that it is absolutely without an equal in the world. In my experience which extends over a period of ten years, I have seen and examined every make of banjo in the market, and have as yet to find one that can compare with the Stewart in POWER and QUALITY of TONE, WORKMANSHIP, BEAUTY of FINISH and DURABILITY."

H. LEE MEADER, Harvard University, writes:—"The *Solo Banjo*, I ordered for my use in the Harvard Banjo Club, arrived safe. After a thorough test, I take pleasure in saying that, like all your other instruments which I have used, this new one gives perfect satisfaction. It has a clear, brilliant tone."

P. A. DAY, Springfield, Mo., writes:—"I received the *Journal*, and notice our club is mentioned. We have engagements to play the balance of the month at a number of concerts and entertainments to be

given. The new club pieces take well, and the boys are all pleased with the outlook for work this winter. *The banjo has struck a boom here."*

D. A. CURTIN, Pittsfield, Mass., writing under date of Nov. 21st last says:—"I received the \$60.00 special *Thoroughbred Banjo*, through D. E. Evans, O. K., and to say that I am highly pleased only half expresses my satisfaction."

It is the loudest, sweetest and most brilliant toned instrument I have ever heard, and is as clear and musical at the twenty-second fret as it was at the first. The elaborate finish and exquisite musical qualities combined make the instrument the embodiment of perfection throughout. I expect to use it at an entertainment on Thanksgiving Eve, and I must say I am very grateful to you for the kind attention given my order, and the despatch in filling it. Wishing you further success in the sale of your banjos, etc."

W. F. OLT, Butte, Montana, writes under date of Nov. 18th:—"The two SPECIAL THOROUGHBREDS Banjos, with monograms, ordered through Mr. Howard, our music dealer, were received in good order, tried and proved to be all right. I am perfectly well satisfied and pleased with the instruments."

H. FOUNTAIN, Secretary of the Auckland Banjo, Mandolin and Guitar Club, of New Zealand, writes:—"The above club requests me to thank you for the care you have taken in selecting music, strings, etc., for them. The music has been much admired and highly spoken of in the city papers, and we use no other banjos than your make, which we consider the nearest approach to perfection we have seen."

"Thinking club has met with the greatest success since its inauguration last year, and there is no doubt it has come to stay, the first two concerts being given to packed houses, in the Opera House, and the public are looking forward to the third."

BILLIE C. LAURENCE, Vevay, Indiana, writes:—"I bought of you a year back in 1878, a *Model*, and a *Lady Stewart* Banjo, and am using them yet and they are right in the swim."

MRS. M. M. F. PORTER, Newport, R. I., writes:—"I received the BANJO BANJAEURINE, in fine condition this morning. To say that I am pleased with it would be putting it in mild form. The style and finish of it is excellent, and the tone is loud and as clear as a bell, I have played upon it continually since its arrival, and find it comparatively easy to render such compositions as Farland's arrangements of "Hayden's Gypsy Rondo" and "My Old Kentucky Home," etc."

"I thank you for sending me such a fine instrument and wishing you great success."

We are in receipt of a very good photograph of Mr. C. S. Craig, of Home City, Ohio, representing that gentleman and his Stewart Banjo. He writes as follows:—"I make bold to suggest that in some future number of the *Journal* you give a resume of the recent banjo music that has appeared, as you have done before. It is very difficult to select music from a catalogue. A short time ago I sent for a piece with a picturesque French name, and when I got it, I'm blest if it wasn't the old fashioned *St. Denis*; hence this wall."

I send you an amateur photograph as I was said to look last summer, with my U. F. No. 2 Banjo. (I felt better than I looked.)"

ORSON P. FRETWELL, Cedar City, Utah, writes:—"I am proud to tell you that I have all my *Journals* from No. 61, up to No. 96, all in good order, and it gives me pleasure to read them over, and go over the music once in a while, and you bet I would not part with them. I am also very anxious to get the new ones. I have no need to tell you of the improvement in the *Journal* from No. 61 to No. 96, you know that. Wishing you success."

EDWARD G. BAUM, the Buffalo teacher and player, has issued a very neat circular for the winter season. We are glad to note the enterprise of such teachers.

FRANK SOMMER, the New York City teacher, sends forth his circulars for this season, and shows that he is up to the times.

FREDRIE STUEBER, son of the South Bethlehem, Pa. photographer, is at his banjo practice constantly. He is a great young player.

HERBERT HARNEY, Bound Brook, N. J., writes:—"I received information in one of your *Journals*, which I consider is worth to me about \$20.00. I read everything they contain, and my judgment is, that any one who knows only enough to tune a banjo, and does not subscribe, is making a serious mistake."

I thank you for Farland's picture, it is the nearest of the kind I have seen."

THE PHILADELPHIA BOURSE FREE PROMENADE CONCERTS on Wednesday evenings, have been attended by large audiences. The Stewart Banjo Exhibit attracted much attention, but more so the performances at this display, when the Novelty Banjo Trio appeared. Messrs T. J. Armstrong, with the six string Banjo, M. Rudy Heller, with five string Banjo, and M. B. Kattay, with the solo banjo, made some excellent music, and to many persons such banjo music proved to be a revelation.

CHARLES D. CLOONAN, Rondout N. Y., writes:—"You will find enclosed in stamps for a banjo, brought for the Little Wonder Piccolo Banjo, that I purchased of you three years ago. I have found the Piccolo Banjo really a wonder, I handled a good many banjos before and since, but I have never seen anything to compare with your Little Wonder, Piccolo Banjo, as it gives the best of satisfaction, and it is really deserving of the worthy title, LITTLE WONDER."

There are still very many persons who have not heard any good banjo playing—in fact, the banjo as a musical instrument is still regarded as a new thing. Philadelphia, with its numerous clubs, is doing good work in this direction, and the free entertainments, given on Wednesday evening at the BOURSE BUILDING have been a good thing in this way. The banjo performances at the STEWART BANJO EXHIBIT, by Stewart, Armstrong, Heller, Kattay and others, have proven a revelation to the masses in attendance.

CHIC KEHOE, writing from St. Louis, Mo., under date of December 5, says:—"All sorts of publications for the banjo, have come under my notice, but for quantity and quality of matter—both literary and musical, I have, as yet, failed to find the equal of Stewart's Banjo and Guitar *Journal*."

The following item of interest, from the London *Truth*, under date of December 5, says:—"The Jo" is not as "ordinary" as it might be.

"Miss Maude Evans is putting a banjo into the market which we can thoroughly recommend to lovers of the good old ordinary. We do not remember ever having met with an ordinary having a better tone or with more good qualities than the 'Maude Evans' ordinary."

Well may the poet sing:—"Of all the ordinaries we may ever see, This most extraordinary ordinary Is the most ordin'—at—ice."

CHAS. C. GAY, Karner, N. Y., writes:—"Please find enclosed stamp, for which send me that sixteen page (Got one yet?) book (comic). I have bought one of your *American Princess* Banjos lately, and am well pleased with same. I heard a gentleman remark that there was no music in a banjo—that there was only *Tone*, etc."

I brought out that (Little Girl) *American Princess*, and played him a march, and he was surprised, and that man kept me playing every night for a week. He said he never knew that there was so much music in a banjo. Your *Journal* converted me in regard to banjos. I am of the opinion that your banjos are what the banjo student wants. I am satisfied with mine, and will recommend them to all my friends."

As Mr. Gay says, the people are surprised when they hear a good banjo for the first time. There are some of the "Old School" and some of the "New School" of tubs down in the back wood's district, that many persons don't know what a modern banjo is. Some people don't know yet that the war was over in 1865.

A. O. CARVELL, Montreal, Canada, writes:—"Journal No. 97 is worth 50 cents of any man's money alone. The Drexel Institute March and the Ashland Two-Step are fine and are not hard."

F. M. TENNEY, of Aurora, Ill., writes as follows:—The letter being received just after my last issue had gone to press. "I Enclosed find 50 cents in stamps, for which please credit me in advance for the *Journal*, and begin my subscription with the current number."

Mr. C. B. Richey of this city recently formed a banjo club, composed of three banjos, one mandolin and one guitar. It will probably interest you to know that all three banjos are STEWARTS, (two of them *Special Thoroughbreds* and the other a *Champion*). The club is made up as follows:—

Mr. C. B. Richey, banjeurine; F. M. Tenney, first banjo; W. R. Rolfe, second banjo; Otto Grobe, mandolin and Allen Tenney, guitar. Work in the club is progressing satisfactorily. In the past year Mr. Richey has devoted his attention mainly to the guitar and mandolin, but more recently he has made the banjo his principal study, with good results. A Farland concert under his direction was given here last spring.

I cannot say too much in praise of the *Special Thoroughbred* Banjo which I bought of you this fall. I am more than pleased and delighted with it, and am satisfied that it is the best banjo in the world."

R. C. MARKEE and family, consisting of wife and ten sons, have a concert company, at Quincy, Ill.

We were amused to see in the *Cadence*, that editor Parthe thought nothing was in Stewart's *Journal* worth reading.

Perhaps he overlooks his own masterpiece, which appeared in No. 93, containing an attempted reply to A. Burr.

Some of the articles like the works of John H. Lee, Geo. W. Gregory, Walter Jacobs, Thomas J. Armstrong, P. W. Newton and others, don't count. It is funny, however, that he should have forgotten his own great work.

The pupils of Frank Z. Maffey, of Indianapolis, Ind., gave a banjo and guitar recital, in that city, on the evening of Dec. 16, last.

N. E. BUCKLEY, of Plainfield, N. J., writes:—"I received my *Thoroughbred Banjo* all O. K. yesterday, and am more than pleased with it. I consider it one of the finest banjos I have ever handled, and as I have been using the best from all makers down here for the last ten years, you may imagine my pleasure in this last purchase. Thanking you for your kindness in answering my many questions and promptness in sending banjo, I remain, etc., etc."

WM. L. BOARDMAN, banjo and guitar teacher, of Spokane, Washington, sends a very well executed cabinet photograph of himself, with Stewart Banjo and guitar, for which we tender our best thanks.

R. J. HAMILTON, in the *Chicago Chronicle*, of December 13th, said:—"Many people labor under the delusion that an air cannot be played on the banjo. As a matter of fact the most difficult music can be played on it and played well, too, if the same amount of practice is given to it that would be given on any other instrument to produce the same result. I have heard performers play some of Liszt's music on the banjo and do well. Of course, like all other instruments its powers are limited, but they are not nearly so small as is generally believed. There is no doubt the time will come when it will be better understood and become a social force. Indeed it can be truthfully said to be that now."

Some of our moonshine banjo periodicals are trying to boost their circulation by attacking the *Journal*, and we hope they may succeed, as their appearances denote that they have small circulation. Having long borne the heat and burden of the day, we have grown tough and can stand the funny sayings of sheets like the *Troubadour* and *The Banjo World*, and as Parthe says, the *Cadence* is nothing if not amusing.

MR. HEWARD, the well-known Canadian teacher, sends us the following clipping from the *Montreal Metropolitan*, of November 14th.

"The Zingari Banjo and Guitar Club, under the direction of Mr. Meredith Heward, has been heard several times in public this season, and has surprised everyone with the excellence of its performance. It was, in fact, considered by many the best organization of its kind in the Dominion."

The Zingari Banjo Club, of Montreal, has been up to date, this season, filling many engagements. The club has doubled in members since last season.

The *Montreal Gazette*, says:—"Mr. Heward brought down the house with his magnificent banjo playing."

An attempt has recently been made in this country to enact a copyright law that will make it a crime, punishable with imprisonment, to perform a piece of copyrighted music or to sing a copyrighted song in public. As most composers and publishers are only too glad to have their productions rendered in public and thus advertised, such a law would seem to be a farce, but the "Silly Season" is on again with some of our congressmen. Now if such a copyright would shut the mouths of some of the whistlers in the streets, there might be some sense in it.

THE BANJO, GUITAR AND MANDOLIN CLUB is progressing. With the proper piano parts for our banjo club selections, the club, (as well as the banjeurine for solo work) will receive a new impetus.

Our article on the banjeurine, in this number, will give a clearer idea of the work proposed. Our \$30.00 "Solo Banjeurine" and "Banjo Banjeurine" are the most popular instruments for club work, but we also make some very handsome instruments of this kind at higher prices, which are "things of beauty, if not joys for ever," and to close the circuit we have a \$15.00 Solo Banjeurine, styled "The Amateur," to match our \$15.00 Banjo. All who desire to "club" may "club," and before long the world may grow to be a gigantic banjo club.

Go on, thou clubber, and club.

OUR NEW STEWART \$30.00 three octave, 22 fret banjos are making a decided hit. They are in two sizes, 10½ and 11 inch rims, 19 and 19½ inch neck.

This banjo is stamped the "20th CENTURY. It has not so much work put in, in construction, as the *SPECIAL THOROUGHBREDS*, and is \$10.00 cheaper in price.

The banjo is 'booming along."

Have you heard Heller's catchy banjo club hit, *Dreams of Darkey Land*? If not lend your ear to it. It goes great and sounds huge. At the Bourse Concerts in Philadelphia during the fall and winter this piece struck the popular taste. For club, 7 parts, \$1.40. For club and piano, \$1.60. Piano part separate, 25 cents. Stewart, publisher.

T. J. ARMSTRONG has written some of the most beautiful banjo club music, and has several new ones in the incubator; with *piano parts* to be added to all his popular club pieces previously issued, the clubs will have a good time.

Among Mr. Armstrong's most successful club musical selections are *Cupid's Realm*, *Overture*, *Love and Beauty Waltzes*, *Queen of the Sea Waltzes*, *Normandie March*. Of these, we think the most attractive is *Cupid's Realm*. It goes finely with only three instruments, banjeurine, first banjo and guitar; but if all the parts are used, of course it is even better. There is not ONE of Armstrong's musical compositions or arrangements for BANJO,

MANDOLIN and GUITAR CLUB, that is not a No. 1, in every respect. Its harmony is correct, and the parts are well adapted to the instruments. Any of the parts, from the principal, or banjeurine, down to the bass, or up to the piccolo, can be purchased separately, if desired.

Armstrong's two books, one called "Banjo Orchestra Music," or hints to arrangers, the other, "Divided Accompaniment," priced, 50 cents, each, should be in the hands of every banjo club man in America. We are offering you these books for a limited period at 25 cents, each, in order to extend the sale and use of our club music. Speaking of "Divided Accompaniment," reminds us of *The Imperial Mazurka* of Armstrong's; it is a dandy. HAS EIGHT parts, on account of the accompaniment being "divided," but will work all right with five, six or seven parts.

It is a hummer.

MRS. PARTINGTON smiled when she read Parthe's masterpiece in the *Cadence*, and said that "poets are born, and not made." Then she hunted around for a copy of *The Musical Enterprise*, in order to compare the facial expressions of the two papers, but she couldn't find the *Enterprise*. Possibly *The Wind* blew it away. If it don't get back, advertise for it in *The Troubadour*.

"The Fine Old Maiden Lally" is said to have been the only *Classical Poem* ever written; but brother Gatscomb, it is said, didn't like the long metre stanzas, heard through a short distance telephone, and hence called upon Parthe to "put up" something to beat it, and if not, to "shut up" shop.

Oh! those jolly fellows in "The Banjo World"; how they do enjoy joking and poking fun at one another. But Fairbanks used to do just that way—he ran a wheel in his skull, and has been at wheels ever since.

But Parthe's first and only scientific work is still around, and its going to stay, along with Webster. We don't want to lose it. Who said it wasn't good? Price, only 50 cents per copy."

CLINTON JORDAN, of Boston, Mass., writing under date of December 14th, says:—"The last number of *Journal* is all right. My old chum, F. Wilbur Hill, is making out first-class in New York. It is a running fight between Hill and I, as to who owns the better Stewart Banjo."

Farland wouldn't hesitate about playing my *Special Thoroughbred*, as I always keep the strings in perfect shape, that is, perfectly true. I have all the pupils I can take care of at present, and am posting them in everything pertaining to Stewart.

During the big Food Fair in Boston, I played on several of the nights during the month of Jan. and made a success of my solos, which I owe wholly to my Stewart Banjo."

F. WILBUR HILL, a short time ago, sold one of his *Special Thoroughbred* Banjos to Mr. Jordan, of Boston. Mr. Hill has two or three new Stewart Banjos, eleven inch rim, and twenty inch neck, with twenty-two frets. They were made to his order. Hill did some fine work when in Philadelphia, and he is one of the great players of the day.

ERASTUS OSGOOD writes:—"I think the last number of the *Journal* the most valuable you ever issued."

THOMAS E. GLYN, the noted banjost, was in town recently, at the Auditorium Theatre. He has exchanged his 11½ inch *Thoroughbred* Banjo for another 12 inch, and is now using two 12 inch banjos. Glyn is a strong player, and has a powerful, wonderful agility of fingering; his *Yankee Doodle* with variations is exceptionally fine.

J. ARTHUR FAIRIE, Montreal, Canada, writes:—"You may remember that I purchased through your Canadian agents, about this time last year, one of your celebrated *Thoroughbred* Banjos. I wish to tell you how much I like it. I have never seen a banjo I like better. I am a member of our University (McGill) Banjo Club, and your banjo is by far the best instrument in it, both in appearance and tone."

It looks as though the publisher of "The Banjo World," of London, had made arrangements to "tear out" poor Pattee. In a recent circular, we notice that Cammeyer advertises himself as the author of a work imparting the secret of producing the Correct Tone from the Zither-Banjo.

We did not know this great secret could be bought. It will be an awful thing if any one can learn it for a price, and what will become of Pattee's works? The new zither-banjo "tooter" is said to be the only perfect work of its kind. But it is hard to forget that the same party deliberately stole our publication by Armstrong, Love and Beauty Waltzes, and reprinted it and others under "fake" titles, without giving the composer credit.

The humbug was vented in No. 84 of this Journal, under the caption, "The Aun and the Lion's Skin."

We notice also the same publisher announces himself as inventor of the Closed Back Banjo—If this is so, he must be older than Henry Dobson of New York. Then again, we notice an important paragraph to the effect that these "jo-jos" are manufactured under the immediate supervision of Cammeyer himself. Now, mind you, it is not his son or his kindred, who does this, but he himself.

Oh! the old "closed back,"
The dear old zither 'jo;
When first we knew thee,
'Twas many years ago.
Then they called thee
By another name,
More fitting to thy size and weight;
But, no matter, "a rose," 'tis said, by any other
name would smell as sweet.
The old Dobson closed backer
Has changed its strings, its pegs, its frets,
its resuscitation-day, has dawned at last.
Cammeyer the prophet,
(Who's no false prophet),
Has given up shoemaking and sold his last;
And now on wire strings he'll play,
(As long as they sell, he'll surely stay).
The British Isle, the noble lord,
May not again have a chance to board,
So slick a craft the closed back 'jo.
Not called a gourd—by jove!
No! No!

Since our last number was issued, the city has been favored with many banjo concerts. We have had the Yale, the University of Pennsylvania, and other college clubs, the Boston Ideals, and the Drexel Institute, the Hamilton, the Manheim and other clubs playing special concerts.

Philadelphia is a lively city for banjo clubs. The Trio at the Bourse Exhibition, for several weeks, on Wednesday evenings, at STEWART'S BANJO EXHIBIT, proved a revelation.

WILLIAM V. BURKE, New York, writes:—"Enclosed please find check for \$1.00 in payment for two years' subscription to the Journal, beginning with No. 94, having overlooked sending the amount, which is very small considering the news, music, etc.; that is, like old wine, it improves with age. Some times I go over old copies of the Journal, and never seem to tire of the musical compositions contained in them."

MESSRS BROOKS, DENTON and OSSMAN, of 670 SIXTH AVE., NEW YORK, in a NEAT CIRCULAR, respectfully present their compliments to their former patrons, and to those desiring musical entertainment for themselves and their guests during the coming season; and beg leave to say that their books are now open for future engagements.

The repertoire is most extensive, and includes music appropriate for tea, receptions, dinners, musical, informal dances, and social gatherings of every description.

Their innumerable re-engagements are proof of the thorough satisfaction given in the past; while the abundant testimonials sent them both here and abroad, evidence the popularity of their banjo entertainments.

C. A. GEORGE, of the PRINCETON UNIVERSITY BANJO CLUB, made us a pleasant visit recently, and

was profuse in praise of the banjo-banjarines and bass banjos, the club of eighteen men were using. This club not long ago adopted the bass banjo, and had a good man on that end of the line; the club, also, have given up the old style twelve and a half inch banjarine, and are fully equipped with the smaller size "banjo banjarines," and the music is taking well. They are in thorough practice, and doing wonderfully good work to the credit of Princeton.

W. H. WHITCOMB, Poyntette, Wis., writes:—"Your card received this A. M., in reply to mine, asking where my December Journal was. Now you are a curious man. You are willing to send me \$100 worth of banjos to look at, but you won't send me to cents worth of Journal, unless I first send money enough to pay for a year in advance. Well, it is all right, or would be, if you only sent me the usual notice, but by you did, I did not receive it. However, let by-gones be by-gones, and let the Journal come as usual."

"Remember I have had the Journal ever since you began it, and I want it for life, and I may send for it from the hereafter, if not too late."

One of the most strikingly amusing items that appeared in Henning's *Elite* banjo or musical Journal, a few years ago, which took no notice of at the time, was a curious story about a certain guitar piece, to be sold at \$1.00 per copy, until a limited number of copies had been disposed of, after which the plates were to have been destroyed. (A somewhat ancient and abused advertising gag, by which nobody was likely to be taken in.)

Then there was the Henning prophecy, in which he had a somewhat peculiar vision of Nebuchadnezzar, in which a large hand seemed to be tracing characters upon the wall, one of which read something like this:—"The old style banjo must go;—must go;—must go." Henning had eaten or drunk something that did not agree with him, or whether he was all cuffed with worms we do not know, but it now appears clearly that his hind sight had been mistaken for fore-sight, because the "old style banjo" has not gone yet, and it has been several years since the prophet saw the alleged hand-writing upon the wall.

Perhaps our readers may think strange that we should, at this late date, refer to such visionary crack brained nonsense, but it was necessary to give the forecaster time in which to work out his plans. Now that we have new and charming papers in the field, that did not exist during the run of the *Elite* conglomeration, it has become necessary to mention a few of these items, in order that our readers may not be in the dark as to what, how, when and where, these curious coincidences took place.

Such historical personages, we believe, as "Old Joe Sweeney," "Old Bob Ridley," et al., were held in the *Elite* as the lights of the old style banjo, which was supposed to have been on the move towards getting off the earth.

These vagabonds, however, amounted to little, and the world goes on just the same as it did before; even Pattee's Cadenza, has not changed the course of the tide and the sun and moon continue to shine as of old.

"Must go, must go," cried the poor old fellow;
As it plucked the strings of the dear old 'jo;
"You've lived too long, you're getting old,
If you don't get out, you'll soon be bald
As the head on the same old 'jo by 'jo"
Thus sang the crow to the old Banjo,
And echo answered, "ho! ho! ho!"
"How did you know?"
"Who told you so?"
Just then an imp from another corner
(Who resembled closely, "Little Jack Horner")
Seized the refrain on a sither 'jo,
"He believes it 'cause I told him so."

One of TOM MIDWOOD's most striking pen sketches received lately came just before Christmas, representing Tom in the act of extending his hand across the sea towards S. S. S., as a holiday and New Year's greeting. The sketch is novel and full of excellence.

A program coming with the above shows that Tom and Master Teddy Midwood rendered banjo duets

at a concert in aid of a local charity, in Holbart, on Nov. 21, at Templeance Hall. The Adelphi Parade March was played.

E. L. BAILEY, Akron, Ohio, writes:—"I received the \$50.00 Special Thoroughbred Banjo, (eleven inch rim) some three weeks ago, but have been so busy, I could not let you hear from me as soon as I expected. I have handled a great many S. S. Stewart Banjos, but this one beats them all. The carrying power is wonderful, and as clear as a bell from the first position to the twenty-second. You may look for another order before long."

GEORGE CARE, Scranton, Penna., under date of December 22d, wrote:—"I played at Wilkes-Barre, at the Concordia Club, on December 14th. There were over 200 in the audience. I had a pleasant reception, was received very cordially by the audience. The *Elite's* Dream affected the house as much as a funeral sermon."

Miss Gertrude Saxe gave a banjo recital, at Elfton, Pa., on the evening of December 14th. She rendered *The Voyage, Normandie March, Love and Beauty Waltzes*, by Armstrong; *Glorious Waltz*, by Glynn; *Darkies Patrol*, by Lansing; *Sounds from the Cotton Fields*, by Jennings; and a number of others, with encores."

DANIEL ACKER, the Wilkes-Barre, Pa., teacher, was in Philadelphia, during the Christmas holidays. The Bourse, during the CARNIVAL, was visited, and Mr. Acker remarked the rapid fingering of the phenomenal young banjost, Master FRED STUBER, who was occupied at Stewart's Exhibit.

GATTY JONES, of St. Louis, Mo., banjost, writes:—"Please let me know what you will let me have a Three Octave Banjarine for, the one you catalogue at \$30.00. I have never used anything but the S. S. Stewart Banjo, and I think you might let me have one at the price you would sell it for, because no dealer here keeps them, except the *second* grade, and they ask double the price. Money is very scarce with me, having been blown away in the cyclone here last May, and I am just getting on my feet again."

F. W. BAILEY, Waltham, Mass., writes:—"I have been away for three months, and have not done any teaching, so did not miss the Journal, but as I have commenced again, I feel as though I must have it, so put me on your list from the time my subscription expired; I will enclose 50 cents for same. What is your lowest cash price for a SPECIAL THOROUGHBRED Banjo, and are they all the same length necks? I was playing the banjo-banjarine, that I got of you, last night, with a banjo, guitar and harp, and could be easily heard above them. They all pronounced it the best instrument they ever heard, and they were good musicians too, so I consider it quite a card. It is little, but Oh! My!"

MISS W. M. SANDERSON, Fort Plain, N. Y., writes:—"THE TONY CONCERT BANJO, ordered of you for Christmas, reached me in due time, and is all satisfactory; it suits me in every respect. When taken in G, it has a very brilliant tone, and I think it will make some of my pupils that have bought store banjos, sick of their bargains. It will be a good advertisement for you in this town."

THE DREXEL INSTITUTE BANJO CLUB, under the direction of T. J. ARMSTRONG, have worked hard and achieved much success this season. The "benefit" at the Chestnut Street Theatre, and their own concerts in the Institute Auditorium, were prominent banjo features. The banjo is fast creeping along the route of tonal respectability, and musical lethargism.

OSCAR M. GUVILL, Fargo, North Dakota, writes:—"I have one of your three octave BANJO BANJARINES, which I purchased through C. R. Sione, of this city, last spring, and I will say I have never yet seen anything in the shape of a banjo, that equals it in volume and sweetness of tone."

WALTZ. PHI DELTA THETA.

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MANDOLIN AND GUITAR.

By WARREN MEILY.

Arr. by E.H. FREY.

Mandolin.

Guitar.

p

cres.

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AMPHION MARCH.

(FOR BANJO CLUB.)

BANJEAURINE.

S.S. STEWART.

Arr. by THOS J. ARMSTRONG.

"Bass to B"

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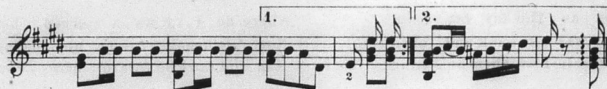
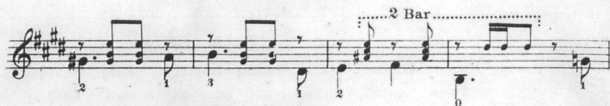
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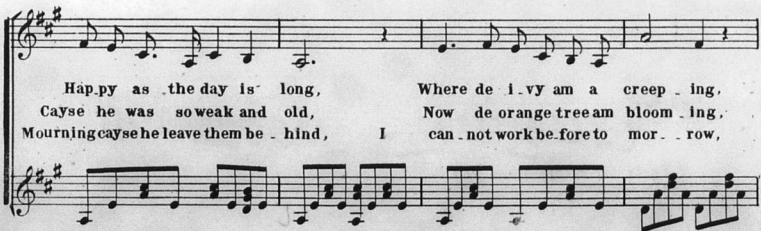
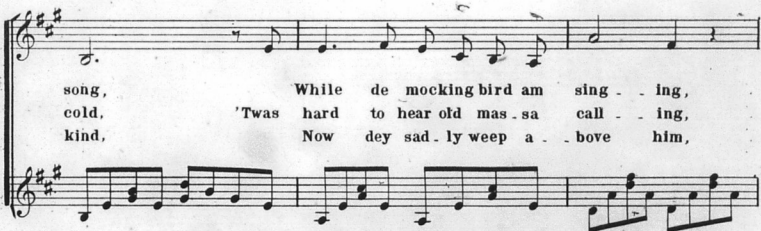
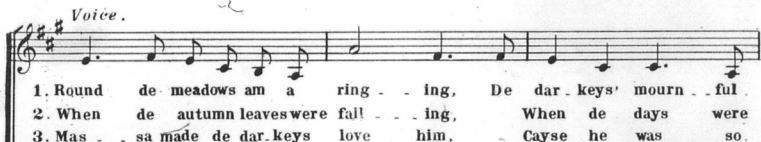
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7 Parts for Banjo Club..75¢
Piano Accompt.25¢

MASSA'S IN DE COLD GROUND.

By S.C.FOSTER.



O'er de grassy mound, Dere old mas - sa am a
 On de sand-y shore, Now de sum-mer days are
 Cayse de tear drop flow, I try to drive a-way my

sleep - ing, Sleeping in de cold, cold ground.
 com - ing, Mas-sa neb-ber calls no more.
 sor - row, Pick-in' on de ole ban - jo.

CHORUS.

Down in de corn-field, Hear dat mourn-ful sound;

All de darkeys am a weep-ing, Massa's in de cold, cold ground.

Massa's in the cold, cold, ground.

To Geo. L. Lansing.

DREAMS OF DARKIE LAND.

(As played by the Boston Ideal Banjo Club.)

BANJEURINE. (Leading Part.)

4th. to B.

M. RUDY HELLER.

Intro.

f *cres*

mf *cres* > >

f

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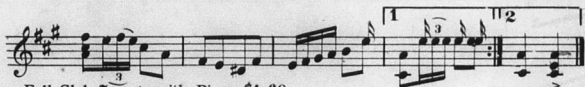
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cres *f* Bar 2.

mf

Fine.

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CONTORTIONIST DANCE.

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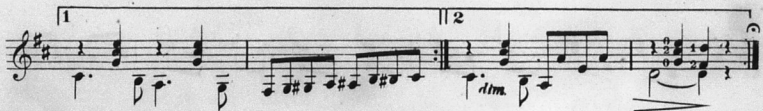
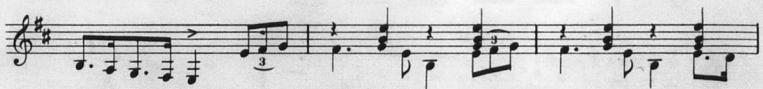
GUITAR.

By E. H. FREY.

Moderato.



Bass solo p.



Contortionist Dance.

Bass to B.

Musical score for Banjo, Bass to B. The score consists of ten staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The notation includes various musical symbols such as treble clef, key signature, time signature, dynamics (*pp*, *p - mf*, *f*), articulation (accents, slurs), and repeat signs. The score includes a variety of rhythmic patterns, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. There are also some markings like "2 bar.", "3 x", "1.", "2.", "4", and "(2)" indicating specific measures or repetitions.

Musical score for a single melodic line in G major, 2/4 time. The score consists of ten staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 2/4 time signature. The melody is written in a single line. The second staff includes first and second endings, with the first ending leading back to an earlier section and the second ending concluding the phrase. The third staff features a series of eighth-note chords, with some notes marked with an 'x' below them. The fourth staff is marked *mf* (mezzo-forte). The fifth staff has notes marked with an 'x' below them. The sixth staff is marked *p* (piano). The seventh staff is marked *pp* (pianissimo). The eighth staff continues the melodic line. The ninth staff features a series of eighth-note chords. The tenth staff concludes the piece with a double bar line.

To Miss Winnifred Berry, N.Y. City.

WINNIFRED WALTZ.

Composed for Banjo by
JOHN H. LEE.

With Piano Accompt. by
THOS. J. ARMSTRONG.

TUNE BANJO IN "C" AND "G."

Introduction

BANJO.

PIANO.

The first system of musical notation consists of three staves. The top staff is a single melodic line in treble clef, starting with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It features a series of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some beamed together. The middle and bottom staves are piano accompaniment, with the middle staff in treble clef and the bottom staff in bass clef. They provide harmonic support with chords and single notes.

The second system continues the piece. The top staff includes fingerings (1, 2, 3, 4) and dynamic markings like *mf* (mezzo-forte). Above the staff, there are markings for measures 6* and 5* with dotted lines, and measure 3* at the end. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and single notes.

The third system concludes the piece. The top staff features markings for measures 4* and 7* with dotted lines, and measures 3* and 5* at the end. It includes a *dim.* (diminuendo) marking and a *D.C.al Fine.* instruction. The piano accompaniment also includes a *dim.* marking and a *D.C.al Fine.* instruction. The system ends with a final chord in both the melody and piano parts.

TRIO.

2*

1*

3*

2*

3*

2*

1.

2.

6*

6*

D.C.al Fine.

D.C.al Fine.

DAN. POLK, the well-known banjoist, was in Philadelphia, recently, playing with his partner, at the Lyric Theatre. We had a pleasant call from Mr. Polk, and the pleasure of introducing him to Master Stuber at the Bourse Exhibition. Mr. Polk favored us with two selections from his repertoire at the exhibit, assisted by Mr. Armstrong at the piano, which was much appreciated.

FRANK S. MORROW, the well-known banjo teacher of Harrisburg, Pa., was in town recently, accompanied by Harry Wilhelm. Morrow is an excellent banjoist, also guitarist and mandolinist.

J. B. RANDOLPH, Baldwin, La., writes:—"I am using one of your THOROUGHBRED Banjos. I fell in love with it, and am delighted with it. I am not a banjo teacher by profession, but I just teach in the academy here, along with my literary work."

FRED. STUBER was much impressed with *La Premier March*, for banjo and piano, by Eno; *The Marie March*, by Lee, and with *The Arena Polka*, by Stewart. Young Stuber certainly plays them well.

CHARLES F. VERELST, Jacksonville, Fla., writing to Geo. W. Gregory, New York, says:—"I have played the banjo for many years, but I have never before met with such a meritorious treatise as your *Practical Fingering*, as found in Nos. 87-97 of Stewart's Banjo and Guitar Journal. I have taken the liberty of writing you to express my sincere thanks for the many benefits which I have derived from same, and ask if you would kindly inform me when I may look for the publication of your next work, entitled, *Technical Studies and Foundation Exercises for the Banjo*, to which you have referred in No. 87 of above-mentioned Journal."

MALCOLM SHACKLEFORD has been teaching at Aubrey Park, N. J., for some time past, with great success. He was on the road for the holidays, with a college club, making a good hit.

WILL N. MILLER, of Manchester, Vt., writes:—"I heard and played on a THOROUGHBRED a few days ago. When I picked up my banjo, I was so sick of it I put it in a pawn shop, just to get it out of my sight. I hope soon to have a Stewart THOROUGHBRED."

C. S. MATTHEWSON, the popular San Antonio, Texas, teacher, reports that business is good. He states that P. C. Matthewson is his only son, and that Matthews is an apted son, and they are both talented, and have been trained in the way they should go. These young men will teach the banjo, and good luck to them.

We know of no work ever produced for the banjo that can equal that of George W. Gregory, the New York teacher, entitled *Practical Fingering for the Banjo*. It has occupied some ten issues of the Journal, and having been revised, will appear in a neat volume, at a popular price, about March 1st. Many students are looking forward to this work with more or less impatience.

JOHN T. WHITAKER, Philadelphia, writes:—"I see that there is a new horse (banjo) entered the field; it is called *rotter*, but I am afraid that feeding it on *acorns* will not agree with it, and if it should, at last, reach the home stretch, it will find the THOROUGHBRED a few places ahead, as is always the case with banjos that have no pedigree. With best wishes, I remain, etc."

R. W. MOSES, Allegheny, Pa., reports that he was highly pleased with the performances of the University of Pennsylvania Banjo Club, and that the bass banjo added wonderfully to the musical effect.

PAUL ENO, the well-known Philadelphia teacher, reports as follows:—"The trip of the University of Pennsylvania Banjo, Mandolin and Guitar Clubs was very successful, and from the reception the banjo club

received each night, the popularity of this instrument was very apparent, fully demonstrated." Leaving Philadelphia via Reading Railroad, Monday A. M., arriving 9 o'clock, our engagements took us to Wilkes-Barre, Pa., December 28th; Scranton, Pa., December 29th; Williamsport, Pa., December 30th; Altoona, Pa., December 31st; Greensburg, Pa., January 1st; Pottsville, January 2nd (we played in Allegheny, but stopped in Pottsville). There were fifty-four in the clubs, which just filled the two Pullman cars, and a more congenial gathering you never saw. All the members were very much interested in their work, and when rehearsals were called, which was nearly every day, we had good attendance.

We returned to Philadelphia, Sunday, January 3rd, at 5:30 P. M. On December 29th, the Central Branch Y. M. C. A. Banjo and Glee Clubs gave their holiday concert. I, of course, was not able to attend, being in Scranton, but from accounts, it was a brilliant success musically, but the audience was not quite as large as expected.

The Manheim Banjo and Glee Clubs hold their mid-winter subscription concert on January 9th. We have twenty-two players in banjo club, and their work has been very gratifying indeed, and I predict the finest concert the club has given, will take place this week.

On February 18th, the Hamilton Banjo Club will hold their concert at Horticultural Hall, which promises to be their most brilliant affair. This is the largest amateur organization in the country, and I have experienced no difficulty whatever in directing such a large number of players, quite the reverse.

The effects are obtained easier, and better tone is produced, as it is not necessary to force the instruments any time for *fortissimo* passages, and in picking the strings lightly, and near the fingerboard, a more delicate quality of tone is gotten, as well as a beautiful *pianissimo* effect.

Of course, practice is absolutely necessary to play in unison, but with the interest and ambition in the player, hard practice is a pleasure, and the results are surprising. All of the clubs have increased their membership, and I am glad to see it.

The Powelton Banjo Club, and Carteret Banjo Club of Camden, N. J., will give their concerts before Lent."

E. PRITCHARD, the New York teacher, writes:—"I have moved to the west side, as most of my pupils reside there, and several of their friends, who object to the east side, are anxious to take instruction.

Kindly change my card in the Journal, to No. 924 Sixth Avenue.

I intend to use the usual greeting, which goes with the day of the immortal turkey, and sincerely hope that the present year will be both happy and prosperous for yourself and family."

JOHN C. FOLWELL, the Camden, N. J., teacher and club leader, reports business very good. He heartily approves of getting out piano parts for banjo club music, to accompany banjaeune.

T. L. SNYDER, of St. Paul, Minn., has sent us a fine photograph of St. Paul Elks' Banjo Club, for which we tender our best thanks. The club comprises ten members, with banjaeunes, banjos, piccolo banjo, violin, flute and guitars.

THE PENN CHARTER SCHOOL Banjo, Mandolin and Guitar Club, has been organized, with Thomas J. Armstrong as teacher.

F. W. GRANT, Pub. Co., of Dover, N. H., announce new banjo music in this issue: *Regimental Review March*, and *Darkest Sensation*. See cards.

B. V. KERSHNER, Towanda, Pa., writes:—"The Journal, No. 97, at hand. I cannot express my delight with pen and paper. Gregory's Practical Fingering for the banjo, is something that in value, is worth many times the subscription price. I see that many of our students are still coming in, and the popularity of your banjos. By the way, I have in my possession a \$60 Orchestra Banjo, a \$50 Universal Favorite, and an American Princess, and at an early

date will own a *Special Thoroughbred*, and piccolo for my boy. He is three years and ten months old, and has started the banjo already. For the past eight years I have used your instruments exclusively, and in that time have never seen nor heard any, that could be classed a rival. The tone is always loud, clear, and round, and finish can be had to suit all tastes. If you could make such guitars as such a success, what a kindness you will have done to all musicians and lovers of music."

E. L. BAILEY, of Akron, Ohio, announces his newest publication, *Exotic Beach March*, in this issue. See card.

W. H. TRANDALE advertises his latest music for banjo and guitar in this issue. The reader is referred to his card.

ALBERT LYLES, Dewsbury, England, reports business in teaching, as good. Mr. Lyles is one of the hardest workers for the banjo on the other side of the "Big Pond."

JOSEPH J. MARA, the well-known teacher, of Passaic, N. J., will have a Farland Banjo Concert in that place, on Thursday evening, March 11th. That he will make a complete success of the concert we have little doubt. Two prizes are to be competed for in ticket selling for this concert: a Stewart Banjo-Banjaeune, and a Stewart "Amateur" Banjo, with fancy finish. The two who succeed in placing the largest number of tickets will carry off the prizes, and we hope they will all work hard to sell seats and give brother Farland a rousing reception. It is to the interest of all lovers of the banjo, and especially to teachers, to assist in bringing as large audiences as possible to hear the banjo in the hands of Farland. Keep the good work on the move, and in a few years you will all live to see the banjo head and front of all the instruments. This will also help the mandolin and guitar, and nothing can be lost by mutual assistance.

W. F. OLT, Butte, Montana, writes:—"A good teacher, I think, could get big business here, in this city of 50,000 inhabitants. Butte is a first-class mining town."

Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Turner are hustling banjo, mandolin and guitar teaching in Dayton, Ohio. We have had the pleasure of receiving a handsome photograph of the Turner Studio, for which we tender thanks.

W. J. STENT, the Sydney, Australia, teacher, writer and performer, writes very encouragingly of the banjo business in his section. It is summer time about this time, and hence not much is being done in stringed music, but during the season, Mr. Stent has been busy. We hope that every season, as time goes on, will become more prosperous than the former. Mr. Stent's Amateur Banjo Club is to be augmented in members, and brought up to high-water mark, and concerts given every year.

EDWARD J. HENDERSON the banjo, mandolin and guitar teacher, formerly of New Orleans, La., is now located in Pittsburgh, Pa., where he removed some three or four months ago. Mr. Henderson reports that he is instructing a large class of pupils, including two of the leading clubs, namely the Hot Tamale Club and Western Pennsylvania College Banjo Club. He also has classes in two of the nearby towns, and has charge of banjo, mandolin and guitar department of Duquesne Conservatory of Music.

We wish him continued success.

C. BURGE, Emporia, Kansas, writes:—"The solo banjaeune ordered from you has been received, and has proven all any would desire in an instrument of that kind. It is very brilliant in tone, and is admired by every one who hears it, and is entirely satisfactory in every way."

MISS EDITH SMOOR, the well-known lady banjulist and teacher, is at her home at Bayonne, N. J.



*A. I. ANDERSON, is teaching mandolin, also the banjo and guitar, at the conservatory, at Mankato, Minn.

He wrote recently—"The people in the west seem to be too busy to study music. In the east the people seem to have more respect for the mandolin, banjo and guitar. It is strange that a city of 12,000 should not have a banjo or guitar club. I believe that if I get a club started, Mankato will be all right."

The people generally take to banjo clubs wherever they are heard. Where such clubs are not popular it is only that they have not been given a proper chance.

H. V. TRUITT, Chicago Junction, Ohio, writes:—"I received the mandolin O. K., on the 4th inst. Thanks for your promptness. I can say I am fully satisfied. I could not have done better by the same money."

The "Journal" is a daisy."

There are being made so many cheaply constructed gaudy and flimsy mandolins, nowadays, and at the lowest standard of cheap labor prices, that observers are led to wonder how long the craze for such articles is going to last.

It is true that not many of these instruments hold together very long, and it looks as though the fate of the once well known "38 bracket pawnshop banjo," would fall to the lot of these mandolins. Let our readers observe the next two years, and see how this forecast turns out.

WARD F. BRIGGS, Wilmerding, Penna., writes:—"The guitar got here all right, and the party it was for, was very well pleased with it, and I must say it is the best instrument I ever saw for the money."

The above relates to the STEWART CONCERT GUITAR.

F. M. PLANKOW, Indianapolis, Ind., writes:—"We had Valentine Aht here, December 2nd. He is a wonderful performer on the mandolin, his rendition of Andante, from Mendelssohn's Concerto, was simply superb. The only thing that I did not like about the evening's work, was the mandolin that he used. He played an aluminum mandolin and the tone was simply rotten (is the best way I can express it), everybody noticed it, and spoke about it, and some did not know whether it was the fault of Aht, or the mandolin. I do not see why such an artist as Aht, would play such an instrument."

E. BROCKETT, Auckland, New Zealand, writes:—"Through Mr. Partridge, I have been able to see your *Journal*, which I consider a splendid idea, keeping banjists, guitarists and mandolinists up to date with the newest music, more especially in a place like this, where music for these instruments is very scarce."

WILLIAM C. STAHL, St. Joseph, Mo., sends us a nice photograph of himself and associate performer, Charles C. Bertholdt, for which we tender thanks.

The first concert of the Y. M. C. A. Mandolin Club was given in St. Joseph, some time during December, the exact date the program fails to state. Mr. Stahl states that this club contains 20 members, 12 mandolins, 7 guitars and 1 banjo. The club has been under Mr. Stahl's tuition for some months. Mr. Bertholdt made a hit with his mandolin playing at this concert.

"Love's Old Sweet Song," for mandolin and guitar arranged by Apt, is published in sheet music form, 40 cents.

We have issued a new edition of Frey's "VISIONS OF THE PAST" for mandolin, guitar and piano, with piano accompaniment, price 75 cents, (banjo accompaniment separate 30 cents.)

JACOB'S GUITAR FINGERING is continued in this number. It grows in popular favor, and in due time we hope to see it issued in book form, like Gregory's Practical Banjo Fingering.

VALENTINE AHT, the mandolinist, reports business very good at his Pittsburgh studio.

Every guitarist should have a copy of NEWTON'S SCHOOL OF HARMONY FOR THE GUITAR; Price \$1.00, S. S. Stewart, publisher.

WALTER JACOBS, of Boston, reports himself busily engaged on a mandolin collection, to be called "Jacob's Easy Mandolin Collection," for one and two mandolins with guitar, or piano and banjo accompaniment.

The selections will be principally from popular melodies and operatic airs. He has also made arrangements of "Don't be Cross" for one or two mandolins and guitar, also for one and two banjos, and *recal*, with banjo or guitar accompaniment, and with one cello, flute and piano parts.

For particulars address him as per card.

ARLING SHAEFFER, of Chicago, is pushing on with his guitar, mandolin and harp work and the contest on his books, for prizes, as announced in a recent issue, promises to be a lively one.

The Brokaw Music Co., of St. Joseph, Mo., announce new music free to mandolin clubs that send card or program. See ad. in another column.

E. H. FREY, Lima, O., writes:—"The two mandolins you sent me, came O. K., to hand. I am well pleased with them; considering the price, they are far superior to others I have had."

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This is a great favorite.

For banjo and piano (piano in G)	\$ 75
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" banjo club, seven parts	1.50
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" banjeaurine, banj. and piano95
" guitar solo, arranged by Walter Jacobs50

N. B.—The piano part in C goes with the arrangement for club, where the banjeaurine plays leading part; if the parts are desired to be used for "banjo and piano" without banjeaurine, the piano part in G must be used. There are two separate and distinct piano parts, one in G, for banjo, the other in C, for banjeaurine or club.

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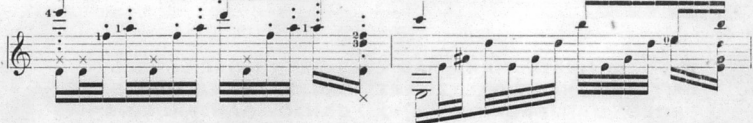
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