

**A FAMOUS DOUBLE BASS, 1648**

Made in Rotterdam, Holland, by Joseph Wrent, in 1648. Its authenticity is vouched for by E. Tubbs of New York City, and Paul F. Kissner of Portland, Oregon—both eminent authorities on such matters. Mr. Tubbs states that there are only two other basses by the same maker known to exist and they are both in the British Museum, London. About 39 years ago this bass was repaired by August Gemunder, himself an eminent bass maker. The double bass in question was the fourteenth made by Mr. Wrent. E. H. Straubel played this instrument for more than 30 years in the great Philharmonic Orchestra of New York. For a long time no one knew what it was, but finally Mr. Tubbs saw it and recognized the work at once. Mr. Kissner states that it is the finest double bass that he ever saw and places the value of it between \$1,000 and \$1,500. He says that with proper care it will last for 100 years yet. It is magnificent in tone and power. Awhile back Mr. Straubel was retired and pensioned by the manager of the Philharmonic Orchestra on account of long and distinguished service. He is now in his 79th year. On account of the esteem in which he held Mr. Turney the latter was enabled to secure this famous instrument and it is now in Chemawa, Oregon—one of the famous basses of the world.—WILLIE READY, Senior.

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**INJURIOUS INSECTS**

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The Cabbage Worm of the early spring garden is a familiar object, but you may not know that the innocent-looking little white butterfly hovering about the cabbage patch is laying eggs, which are soon to hatch and make the dreaded cabbage worms. You may find these cases during winter on the plants or under the stones. If you kill these pupae you have the satisfaction of knowing that you have prevented many cabbage worms that would have worked mischief the following year.

Birds are a great aid in the destruction of this pest. Paris green on young plants will also kill many larvæ. After the cabbage has headed it is very difficult to destroy the worm.

The Chinch Bug, attacking as it does such important crops as wheat, corn and grasses, is a well-known pest. It probably causes more money loss than any other garden or field enemy. In one year in the state of Illinois this bug caused a loss of four million dollars. Unfortunately we cannot prevent all of the damage done by chinch bugs, but we can diminish it somewhat by good, clean agriculture. Destroy winter quarters by burning dry grass and leaves in the fields, and in the fence rows.