SOMETHING ABOUT THE VIOLINS OF FAMOUS MAKERS.

How Amateurs Are Deceived by Dealers. Instruments Used by Some Experts.

If poor old Antonio Stradivarius could come to life again and see the thousands of violins now bearing his label, I feel once more to his grave with shame and mortification. The same could be said Amati, Bergonzi, Ruggieri. Stainer, any thing that's got any thing to do with Guadagnini, Gagliano, Maggini and the case all the lawyers jump up and many others.

For many years the manufacturers of jout."-Puck. common fiddles in Germany, which sell in the United States at from \$7 to in cfligy and thought they had the fun-\$20. have labeled them "Stradivarius," niest sort of a time, but he took them to sends forth branches above the sky. "Guarnerius," etc. Yet they must know that any one acquainted with the merits one of them \$100 or more, and their grins and value of the violins of these two resembled the gates of a graveyard as great makers would not buy them for they handed over the cash. such, and if they are made for farmers, sailors and cowboys, or for a class who never heard of either Stradivarius or Guanerius, the manufacturers must know that the labels of these two and other great makers do not help to sell them. Yet they continue to make them and paste in these labels ad libitum.

PITFALLS FOR AMATEUR BUYERS. This is not so serious a grievance, however, for the price asked generally indicates the character of the violin, but what is really in the way of one desiring to purchase a fine violin made by any of the Brescia, or Cremona, or even French, German or English makers, is the traffic in labels practiced so much today by European dealers, and were it not that we have in New York some fine judges of violins who do not go by labels, many artists and amateurs in this country and city would have fallen victims to the practices of the many dishonest dealers throughout Europe.

There are hundreds of violins in this city alone made probably by makers contemporaneous with the Cremona makers, who imitated their more skillful brethworld for which large-in fact, enormous of which is doubted by able and competent critics.

There are hundreds of fine violins throughout Europe and America which have a genuine Stradivarius or Guaneeither imitated or made up of other old violins by Italian makers.

There are thousands of fine old violins, Italian, French, German, Tyrolean, etc., both in Europe and America, which cannot possibly be identified as having been made by any particular maker, no matter how good the expert may be. If you want to hear "differences of opinion" borrow a violin and go to the scores of dealers and makers in this city and it will repay you, for unless it has a very prominent and marked characteristic of some maker you will most probably have no to reflect on their judgment, but simply to show the difficulty of placing or attributing the many old violins of today. FORGERIES IN FIDDLES.

I have seen and heard many of those nameless violins which were finer in tone, both as to power and quality, than many of the Amati, etc., really authenticated, and for which five times the price had been paid. I have seen old Italian violins, beautifully modeled, well made and of superb tone, labeled "Guarnerius Amati," and even "Stradivarius," and attributed to these makers ten or fifteen years after they were dead, and some as having been made by them several years before they were born. So the question naturally arises, how can one tell or who can tell a real "Strad" or a Guarnerius or an Amati or a Ruggieri or a Bergonzi or a Maggini or a Gagliano or a Sanctus and several other places in the neigh-Seraphino or a Montaguana or a Gasporo da Salo?

No one can tell a "Strad" if he has never seen one. Knowledge must be based on having seen not only one, but several, as all "Strads" are not alike. Indeed one must be familiar with all the great and authenticated "Strads" now extant to be an expert, for there are many resembling each other. There are no two over to the man, but the wife is quite as alike. The eye must be cultivated to expert as he is in fitting keys, patting know them, as an expert in painting new locks on trunks, putting on window knows a Corot, or a Daubigny, or a fastenings and attending to the count-Vibert, and so thoroughly versed in the less other details of household manageminute characteristics of the constituent | ment. parts of the violin as to detect a fine imitation from a real one, to say nothing of the colonial documents found in Salem the superb varnish used by the Cremona | Probate Court House recently, many of makers, the manufacture of which is yet | them being original warrants for witcha lost art, notwithstanding the many so called discoveries of its secret.

violins of the other great makers be an old vault. They included warrants known, identified and distinguished from for the arrest of Goody Courier and the really fine imitations of today and of Martha Courier for witcheraft. There the past. Therefore, to be familiar with were beside several petitions for the the works of the great makers in minute remuneration of those who had been detail one must travel, see and study the thrown into prison during the time when great violins of the world in the hands of collectors, artists and amateurs.

It may interest man "fiddlers" to know that Paganini placed on a noble stated, the most beautiful hands; the Enspecimen of a Joseph Charnerius and glish girls' are too plump and fleshy. now owned by the city of Genoa, to The hands of the American girls are whom he willed it. Soori plays on a copy of this violin by Vui tume, a noble instrument, for which, it is said, he has too broad. Next to the Irish girls, the refused \$2,000. The immortal Joachim daughters of Poland deserve the palm plays on a "Strad," or I should say on 'Strads," for he owns several of them.

Sarasate also plays on a "Strad," Wilhelmj plays on a Lupot and a "Strad," and I have also heard him play on a Gemunder. Mme. Norman-Neruda uses the famous "Strad" left to her by Ernst. -New York Herald.

Her Love.

"Emeline," he said earnestly, "is your love deep and founded upon the rocks?" "Yes, George, I think it is. You know I have always loved saddle rocks better than any other kind."-Epoch.

-The cost to the Pritish Government for the carriage of mails to America now amounts to \$200,000 per annum.

-Blacksmiths at Jenny Creek, W. Va., extracted enough iron from an ærolite that fell near there to make a set of horse-shoes.

-The soldiers of the Austrian army. Imitation "Strads" That Ought Not to it is said, are made to sleep on their Fool Anybody-Forging Fine Fiddles, right side, a sentry going round and turning them over if necessary. -We have heard of men engraving the Lord's Prayer on a five-cent piece,

but a New York poet has excelled this feat. He has written a poem "On a Lock sure the old gentleman would be sent of Washington's Hair." - Toledo Re-"Well, I can't see any fun in atof the several Guarneri, chief of whom tendin' court," said an observant old was Joseph (del Jesu), and likewise of lady, "Every time a witness gues to tell

> holler and the jedge rules the testimony - Some Missourians hung a neighbor court for slander and made it cost every

> - Faith in the Administration. - Vistter-"You say you sent this money to: your son in an unregistered letter; aren't ou afraid it will be lost?" Mrs. Imple "O, no indeed! I just put 'Money with care' on the envelope, and I know Mr. Wanamaker is honest."-Mansey's

Weekly. -They were in a private box, and she was both pretty and prettily dressed, cure for the following female diseases: But she was in a bad temper because she could not see the stage. "Why." said e, trying to mollify her, "did you not ring your opera glass?" "I did, but I an't use it." "Is it broken?" "No. but I forgot to put on my bracelets."-St. James' Gazette.

John W. McClelland, of Linganore, Frederick County, M4., has succeeded in arving a wagon out of a walnut block twenty-eight inches long and \$x10 square. He ent the run sing goar, tongue, Chains, single-trees, double-tree, stayhains, rubbers and whoels all comdere, and the whole works as any otherwagon and can not be taken apart. He says he values it at \$1,000.

-An old lady at Dalton, Ga., uses a parts is immediate. leather satchel as a work basket or reren, which are bought for and labeled as | ceptacle for her kutting, spools, thread, coming from the workshop of the great etc. This saichel when not in use is makers. There are also several so called hung upon a wall near the mantel. On "Strads" in this city and throughout the taking it down the other day she found from Jan. 18th to 18th. Those not able to coiled among the balls of yarn and knit- pay will be treated free. -sums have been given, the genuineness | ting needles a half-grown screent, which | Drs. Parrin's New Place of Pusiness. had found its way into the retreat for its winter siesta.

-"O, neren't your chrysanthemums ust too levely for any thing? How came you by so many varieties?" Inquired the rius or Amati top or back, and the rest is | neighbor as she leaned over the division fence. "A little system of exchange which I have did that. I give plants of syphilis, gleet, gonorrhoa stricture, spermmy varieties for plants of other varieties my varieties for plants of other varieties you see." "How many varieties did you have to start with?" "One, and a very and suce safully treate". Cures of private poor one."-Hartford Post.

-"I hope you will pardon my late arrival," said the young man, as he scated himself in the easiest chair. "I forgot culars sent free. (Parties writing will my umbrella and had to stand in a stair- | ; lease mention paper.) way until the shower was over." "That's one on you, Jennie," shouted Tommy in great glee. "I told you so. Of course he isid sense enough to go in when it two opinions alike. This is not intended | rained." And the silence, like a soft hat, was plainly felt.-Terre Haute Express.

-"Madam." said the conductor. "that dog will have to go into the baggagedog will have to go into the baggage- and 4 cents in stamps. We will then car, and that boy can't ride for half mail you the above list with an elegant fare." "But, sir." "Sorry, madam, package of olecgraphic and chromati but the company's rules are strict." Perhaps we can arrange it. Can't I pay full fare for Fido while Willie goes and sits in the baggage car. Fido's health is so delicate that I am afraid to have him out of my care."-Merchant Traveler.

-During a thunderstorm at Superior, Wis., lightning struck a tent belonging to a camping party on Wisconsin Point, completely demolishing it. A large party of young ladies were sleeping in a tent twelve feet away, and were rendered helpless for nearly an hour. Lightning also struck a lumber camp borhood. In the lumber camp it knocked a pipe out of a man's mouth and discharged a rifle which was near by.

-New York has a woman locksmith. She carries a kit of tools for doing the small jobs for which locksmiths are called in. Her husband has a shop, and they take turns in attending to the calls. Any big piece of work is turned

-Antiquarians will be interested in craft, of which the copies only were supposed to be in existence. In rearranging And in the same way only can the the old records the papers were found in the superstition of witchcraft was wide-

spread. -The "wild Irish" girls have, it is too long and narrow. The fingers of the German girl are too short and the paims so far as the heauty of the hand is concerned. The hands of the French, Itallan and Spanish girls may be called in different, though there are more beautiful hands to be seen in France and Italy than in Spain. The Parisiennes bestow great deal of pains on their hands, the consequence being that they are believed by superficial and inexperienced observers to have finer hands than the women of any other part of France or

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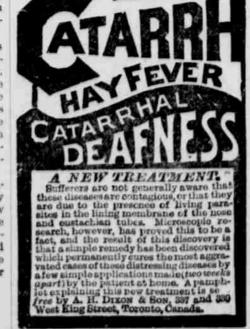
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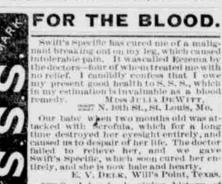
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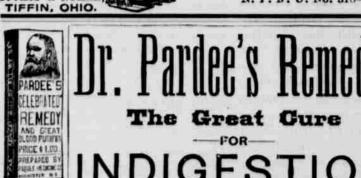
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