

three years' use their sound becomes unbearably metallic. Nor is sufficient regard paid to the hot and moist climate. Still, for want of better instruments, and because the French article has been well advertised, they continue to meet with ready sale at high prices. Last year a few pianos of Bohemian (Austrian) manufacture were introduced in Curitiba, the capital of the State of Parana, and have given great satisfaction. One of the best-selling pianos is the short square, called "Mignon," 175 centimeters long, 74 oc-

tave, which sold at the factory for 400 Austrian florins (about \$160 in United States currency). Pianos which are more popular and most in use cost at the factory about 300 florins (\$120). These instruments must be ornamentally and highly finished, have cast-steel frames and light mechanism, which, however, must be impervious to moisture.—United States Consular Report.

The Prefect of Minas Geraes has authorised a permanent exhibition of all the manufactured, agricultural and mining

products of that State, to be held in the State capital. Other countries will be also allowed to exhibit, and will be allotted space free of charge on which to erect their buildings. Although the date is not definitely fixed, the opening of this exhibition will probably take place in April, 1902.

**BRITISH GUIANA.**—The following articles will henceforth be admitted free of duty: (a) All railway and power plant, motors and their parts, controllers and their parts, rheostats and rails and their appendages for electric street lighting. (b) Any machinery, ironwork, or goods as may be approved by the Governor-in-Council, imported by the Mayor and Town Council of Georgetown or of New Amsterdam exclusively for their own use. Should, however, the Reciprocal Trade Convention between Great Britain and the United States of America, in respect to British Guiana, come into operation, the specific rates of duty at present in force on goods imported from countries not entitled to preferential treatment would be subject to an additional duty of 16½ per cent.; and if the goods should be imported from countries entitled to the benefit of the most-favored-nation treatment, preferential rates of duty would in that case be imposed on certain articles.

**BULGARIA.**—Iron stoves for Bulgaria are, says Handels Museum, mostly imported from Belgium, small quantities also from Great Britain and Germany. The latter which formerly almost had the monopoly of this trade, has been ousted by Belgium, which has known how to meet the taste of the buyers by its simple and most praiseworthy stoves. A St. Petersburg Journal calls attention to the direct purchases of agricultural implements and machinery abroad by the Zemstvo's. These agricultural associations appoint special representatives and send travellers abroad, who make wholesale purchases of machinery. It is, therefore, advisable that manufacturers should place themselves in direct communication with the Russian Zemstvo's. As to the Russian importation of tools, Germany supplies cheap and fairly good articles, whilst the best kinds are imported from Great Britain and France. Pitchforks, shovels and spades are imported in small quantities at present. German Consular reports draw attention to the competition of the Americans, who have already put new practical tools upon the market, which are well conditioned, evenly made and comparatively cheap. In Turkey also, America has appeared as a competitor; it supplies agricultural and household machinery; viz.: ploughs, meatmincing machines, small presses, etc., but above all tools; the latter are, as the German Consul at Constantinople writes, uniformly good and cheap, being manufactured, in accordance with American custom, with regard to the smallest detail for practical use. Besides the delivery is regular and reliable.

**GERMANY.**—In a recent German appropriation bill, provision has been made for subventions for 125 schools for the Ger-

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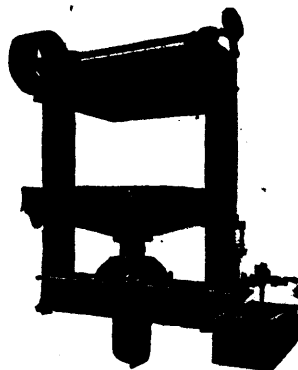
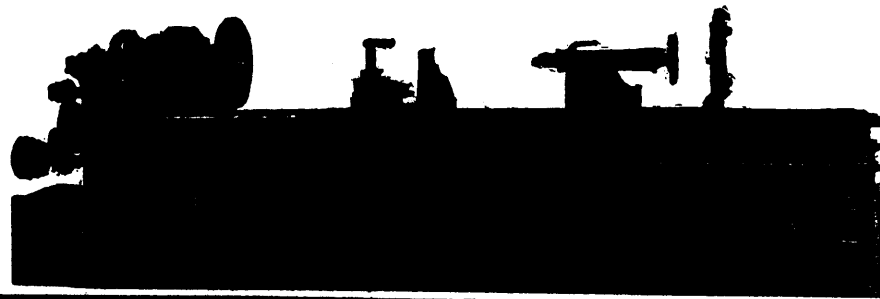
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