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# SOME VIOLIN SECRETS

A CHAT WITH A COLLECTOR OF RARE FIDDLES.

The Wood For a Fine Instrument Comes From Various Parts of th. World, and Is Chosen For Its Resonant Qualities-The Great Secret In Violin Making Is the Composition of the Varnish.

"How do you account for the extraordinary prices which old violins by famous makers fetch to-day?" an interviewer put the question recently to a famous collector-who has gathered together many valuable instruments-apropos of the fact that Kubelik recently completed the purchase of the famous "Emperor" Stradivarius violin, pronounced by Joachim to be the finest instrument he had ever seen, and which is stated to be worth \$50,000. "Is it because," the reporter continued, "materials used by the old

makers are unobtainable now?" was the reply; "it is easy enough to get good materials, but it is not so easy to discover the secrets of the art of violin-making possessed, for instance, by Antonio Stradivari, the famous violin-maker of Cremona. The materials with which he made violins cost him but a few shillings; but, whereas makers to-day turn out violins by the hundreds, he spent months upon one instrument, and even then it is an historic fact that he sent a lot of violins to England to be sold at \$25 a piece, and they had to be returned because they could not be disposed of.

"Stradivari knew how to select properly seasoned wood in the first place. Three kinds of wood are used in making the violin-maple for the back, the split-wood sides, and the neck; spruce pine for the top; and ebony finger-beard, the tail piece or string-holder, and the pegs. The fine maple-wood is usually bought in Bomia. It is very hard wood, and difwork. This maple-wood should be both resisting and elastic, in order to send back the vibrations produced by the top. And for the op a spruce pine is chosen, which must be at the same time very firm and little resinous; for the top must produce the greatest number of vi-

tops come from Switzerland. "Then, of course, much depends on the shape of the instrument, and the beauty of a Stradivarius is that it is built on a model which can be made to speak in all tones. Mere age does not make a violin perfect. If it was clumsily and badly made in the beginning there is no magic in time that will remedy these defects. All the old instruments—that is, the genuine ones, for there are hundreds of fakes ones, for there are hundreds of takes which are passed off as old makes are built on lines which have certainly been successfully copied, but which fail to reach the tone of the old violing simply because of some little defect in the wood or the varnish.

"The violin to-day is practically the arms instrument as it was three hun-

same instrument as it was three hundred years ago, and this in spite of the fact that every violin-maker has at some time in his career been polsessed by an ambition to improve on the violin as it stands. I have seen at least five hundred specimens of these experimental designs, and some of them are the craziest notions that ever hatched in the human brain. I have seen a violin shaped like a triangle, violins with a set of strings under the ordinary set, violins with strings inside as well as outside, violins with a metal comb inside such as you see in a musical-box, violins with double posts, violins with flat tops, violins without any openings, and others with openings of strange shapes. There is no end to these wild imaginings; but the violin of the twentieth century remains in principle the same as that of the Italian

"But the real secret of the wonderful tone of ancient violins lies in the varnish. The varnishing is, perhaps, the most delicate part of violin-building. The varnish must possess a great warmth of tone, a fine transparency, and great solidity. It must be neither too dry nor too soft. It should have a beautiful, warm, amber color approaching the purple orange, and must be free from the shrill tint of the factory instruments. It is, to a great extent, the varnish that gives to the old Italian violins their great value. These possess a richness of tone compared to the orange-red cf the most beautiful paintings of the primitive painters of the Italian and Flemish schools. Besides its beauty, the varnish contributes to the sonorousness, astonishing as this statement

"Every violin-maker who is worthy of the name is sure he has a supremely good varnish, and every man guards his own secret. But somehow they do not seem to be able to find out the secret of the varnish used by the violin-makers of centuries ago.

"But it must not be overlooked that much depends on the bow. It was a Frenchman—Tuort—who was to the bow what Stradivari was to the violin. Those old bowse were made of snakewood, ironwood, and several other varieties. Bows become tempered— 'educated' with time and use, so that a man's bow becomes almost as pre-cious to him as his fiddle itself."

A Barrel of Balzac Letters. The French Academy has received ss collection of letters written by Balzac. The story of his acquisition handwriting interested the collector. He had recognized the great novelletter for a napoleon. The cobr then informed the count that he

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of the Academy's Balzac Letters, appeal can hardly be put off till Oc-

### Amazrng Things the

and two women, remain unidentified. London. In the year 2011 such rail- pound.

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statement issued by Vice-president (which will also be the motive force more flexible than paper and ten millions had fallen into the water. Horn, of the New York, New Haven of all the world's machinery) gener-, times as durable, at a cost of five The vessel sailed several hours before skillings. In a hundred years' time it cleared the swarm of moths. evening, the assertion is made that But the traveller of the future, says the cost will probably be reduced to

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as easy to move a sideboard as it is "combined in different portions." Be today to lift a drawing-room chair. fore long it will be an easy matter Future Holds. The baby of the twenty-first century to convert a truck load of iron bars will be rocked in a steel cradle; his into as many bars of virgin gold.

CLOUDS OF MOTHS.

but answering elephones and tele- remote an antiquity as the lumbering would suffice for all the contents of graph queries rom all parts of the coach of Tudor days, which took a the Encyclopaedia Britannica. And Stanley, which has arrived here. The way trains as survive will be driven Already Mr. Edison can produce a officers of the Stanley said that the New Haven, Conn., July 11-In a at incredible speeds by electricity pound weight of these nickel leaves, air was full of the pest, and that

Dr. Alexander Graham Bell left More amazing still, this American Baddeck on Saturday for Montreal confirmation is given of the earlier fly through the air, swifter than any wizard sounds the death knell of gold where he will meet F. W. Baldwin, official statement to the effect that swallow, at a speed of two hundred as a precious metal. "Gold," he now on his way from France. While

