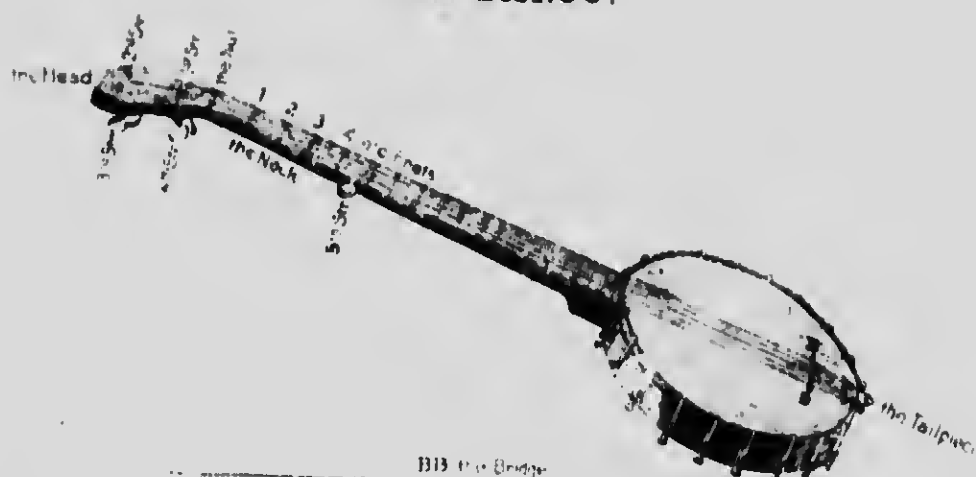


THE BANJO.

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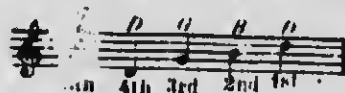


The Banjo has five strings, the first, second, third and fifth are made of gut, the fourth is made of silk, covered with fine wire.

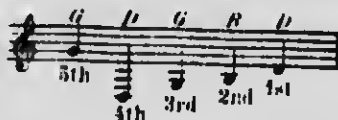
The five-stringed Banjo is used by all professional players.

ON TUNING.

The five open strings are named:—



They should sound like the following notes on the Piano:—



After a time the ear will become used to the intervals between the notes, it will then be only necessary to take the pitch of the fourth string from the piano or some other instrument and to tune the others in accordance.

The Left hand should encircle the neck of the instrument, the first finger and thumb should be just behind the first fret, the fingers curved and held over the strings ready for action.

The Right hand with the thumb and fingers extended, ready to pull the strings, should be placed over the Bridge; the inner part of the arm presses the Banjo firmly against the body.