

The Royal Tramp.

BARON BHARLAND'S DEATH ON A PIANO STOOL AFTER A WONDROUS BURST OF MELODY.

I cannot tell you the name he was ald, known by here, for others bear it still, and it were better that it were forgotten.

He was the natural son of the late King of Wurtemburg, and his mother was the only woman that the King ever truly loved, but royalty has its slavery more galling at times than the fetters of the lowest bondman, and reasons of state compelled a lofier alliance for his Majesty.

The boy, who had been given by courtesy title of the Baron Bharland, grew up, surrounded by every advant-age that wealth and favor could insure him. As his tastes began to form them selves, he developed a passion for music, which was fostered and aided by all that celebrated masters could impart.

Introduced under such favorable auspilles, the young musician might have enjoyed a brilliant career, but upon the establishment of the North German Federation the King of Wurtemburg found his power and income much curtailed, care and anxiety finally brought on a fatal illness, and the King after years of poverty in Paris, passed away, leaving the young natural son wholly unprovided for.

Karl came to America soon after and at once secured a splendid position among the piano masters of New York. His pupils were from the Wealthiest and oldest families and his fees were princely. But soon his fatal weakness began to develop-a love for drink and debauchery.

Constantly falling into new trouble and disgrace, repeatedly disappointing his wealthy pupils, and neglecting all social and professional duties, he soon began to loose caste and was compelled to content himself with a poorer class of patrons.

These, too, he neglected, disap-pointed and disgusted, and falling lower and lower in the social scale, he was reduced to the lowest and most disreputable professional work, and even in the meanest position his dissolute habits were constantly bringing him into disgrace, although when seated before the piano, even in his most sottish state, his genius would assert itself, and he still charmed his hearers with his brilliant music, while his slovenly disreputable appearance disgusted

dent too true. The love of his art struggling through the debasing effects of debauchery had impelled him once more before he died to pour out his soul in one last burst of harmony.--George Kyle in the New York Her-

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How to Take Care of a Piano.

With proper care and attention a good piano should last a family a life time, says Charles H. Steinway, the piano manufacturer, in the January Ladtes' Home Journal. If this is not given it. the piano will in time become harsh and "tin-panny," and afford little satisfaction or delight to edge. He wouldnt't kill one deer in five its owner. Ordinary practice, whether years alone. No matter if he is a good by a child or a grown-up person, will shot and has had experience in search-not injure a piano in any way. It is ing for other game, he ought by all not necessary to be a professional piano player, and to know exactly with what force to strike the keys in order to keep the instrument in good con-dition. Of course, it will not be hunter will need a good rifle to begin improved by thumping the case, or by with. As to his general outfit beyond striking the keys with any hard sub- that I become more thoroughly constance. Neither does this remark ap- vinced the longer I hunt deer that it ply to schools and institutions where ought to be as light and simple as possiplaying is taught and the instrument is ble. Expensive equipment in great used continuously for ten or twelve hours every day. In the latter case the felt portions will wear out sooner than if it was used in a private family. The matter of tuning should not be necessary to change in bad weather. An old heavy pair of shoes is needed trusted to any other than an experienced person. Incapable tuners very often work irreparable injury to the most perfect and costly instruments. During the first year a new piano should be tuned every three or four months

HOW TO HUNT DEER.

SENATOR KENNA, OF WEST VIR-GINIA, TELLS ALL ABOUT IT.

The Noble Game Still Wanders Along the Mountains, from Hampshire County to Cumberland Gap-Good Advice for the Inexperienced,

"Deer can be hunted in the mountains of my State all along the Alleghany range from Hampshire county to Cum-berland Gap, "said United States Sena-tor John E. Kenna, of West Virginia, at his handsome home in Washington, to a reporter. As the Senator spoke his eyes wandered to a large painting of two fine dogs hanging upon the parlor wall opposite to the easy chair in which he settled himself for a talk. He is one of the most ardent and experienced hunters in West Virginia. Every year he leaves the haunts of politics and public for a time and traverses the rugged country where deer and other game worthy of a true sportsman's rifle are found in greatest number. He is one of the authorities upon hunting in Washington, and has on hand a stock of stories of the chase which never seems to

fail "The season lasts from September 15 to December 15, and by law dog hunting is entirely prohibited. The only way permissible to follow the game is by what is known as still hunting, or pursuing it without the aid of dogs. In my opinion there is more sport hunting deer in that way anyhow. When dogs are used to scent for them the gunner has to sit all day on a stand which they are likely to pass. He musn't make a noise for fear the deer may hear him and be turned away. Half the time he doesn't know whether the dogs have a trail or not, and so he has a cheerless time of it waiting to get a shot. In still hunting, now, the gunner is on the move. He searches for the deer as best he can, and tries to get within range for a shot as soon as he detects one. At this time the does and fawns are usually found hiding in flats and brushes along the Alleghanies and their foothills, while the bucks are higher up in more exposed places.

"If an inexperienced hunter wants to start out after deer it will not be worth while for him to go at all if he intends to rely upon his own skill and knowlmeans to take some one along with him who is skilled in hunting deer. In our country such men can be found, and year especially to use in hunting. It is better to have two suits in case it should An old heavy pair of shoes is needed also. A pocket knife is the best kind to carry for hunting, because it answers all purposes."

The Senator reached into his trousers pocket and pulled out a heavy knife with a stout horn handle. One of its blades was three inches long, broad, at least. After that it will only be keen, and of the finest metal. The necessary to have it tuned at longer other two were smaller and less formidable in appearance. "That's the kind of knife I use," he continued. "I've had this one out only three times, but I always carry some such instrument. The large blade is first rate for dressing and fixing up a deer, while the smaller ones can be used for ordinary purposes, Accommodations for hunters can generally be had in houses convenient to the grounds. In order to provide for anything which may turn up, however, it is better to take along two good blankets, or, better still, a heavy comfort, Enough light oilcloth for use when it becomes necessary to sleep on the ground is also a good thing. Where hunters go into a regular camp it is usual to carry hay for a bed on the earth in order to keep out dampness. "To make a bed the hay can be stirred up, dried before a fire, and spread out with the oilcloth stretched over it and the blankets next. A hunter can then lie down and sleep as comfortably as in his own home. It is usual to take horses on a trip, and they can carry a large quantity of hay packed into a small space. The glamour and false ideas about hunting which get into the heads of some people are upset by experience. The notion that to have a rough time is to have a good one may be well enough for some things, but if a man is hungry he wants the best he can get to eat, and he likes to sleep on an easy couch no matter how tired he may be, "The manner of finding deer is the hard part of hunting. It depends entirely upon the locality, and the first thing is to know the haunts of the game. The only certain means is by tracking when snow is on the ground. The deer is harder to approach than the fox. I've hunted both, and regard that statement as proved. The deer's sense of smell is refined and his hearing intensely acute. If the wind is blowing from the hunter toward him he is sure to find the pursuer out. He is looking for the man as It would be a fitting cap stone to the much as the man is looking for him. A monument of his life if, by some strange great point in still hunting is to see all ahead of you, and make sure that nothing ahead sees you. The hunter must be the moving object. The deer usually resort to wild and inaccessible places, and in such localities a hunter will have the best luck. Where there are rough crags and projections there is a good chance to hide, and creep up on the game. "One way to get a shot at a deer is to watch near a salt lick. The best time for hunting by that means is in hot and dry weather, for then the deer seem to need salt more than under any other conditions. Night is the best time for the game to come out. Most licks are natural, as, for instance, places where cattle are salted in the mountains. Sul-

phur water often contains a small proportion of salt. Sometimes where salt is placed for cattle year after year the ground becomes saturated with it. It is usual to make a fire near the lick, so that the gunner can see his game, and the watchers lay in wait near by, so that the wind will blow toward them. Deer are not scared at a blaze, because they see such things in the mountains.

"The common American red deer is the variety found in West Virginia. The same kind is also seen in the swamps of Mississippi and Florida. Now, I have noticed a wide difference in the weight of deer in the extreme South and our own country, as told by hunters of the two sections. Senator Hampton informed me some time ago that he killed one in his own section weighing 200 pounds. I could hardly realize it. I found, 'however, that the deer was weighed as it stood on its feet. That is the custom farther south, but in my State we dress the deer, so as to get rid of all superfluous weight before testing him on the scale. We do so in order to attain the greatest convenience in carrying the game about.

"I can see," continued the Senator reflectively, "that the number of deer has been remarkably reduced in the last 10 years I even noticed the difference on my recent hunt. It is safe to say that there are not half so many to be found now as 10 years ago. Civilization and constant hunting are driving them out of existence. The means of approach to the deer country are now very improved, and as a consequence the game is being killed off. More or less timbering has been done also, and in this way many deer haunts have been broken up. In the white pine region especially the woods have been thinned so much that deer can no longer find a home in them. They have been forced into the wild ranges, which have so far resisted encroachment. "The best places to look for deer now

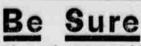
are thinly populated regions, such as Webster, Nicholas, and Greenbrier counties in our State. In Pendleton, Hampshire, Hardie, Randolph, and Pocahoutas good hunting can still be had. The mountains abound also in pheasants and squirrels. The streams were once full of trout, but there are not so many now.

NEWS FOR FISHERMEN.

A Clever Contrivance to Beguile the Innocent Minnow Into Acting as Balt.

Many a time what promised to be a fine day's fishing has been spoiled by a long and tedious hunt for the proper kind of bait with which to angle. A pair of boot heels sticking up through the grass by the side of a brook and one ong rumbling growl of profanity issuing seemingly from under the earth is a familiar indication to a large number of people who have "been there" themelves that some ardent and irritable fisherman is lying there on his face, trying to keep out of sight of the timid minnows he wants to scoop up out of the stream at one dash, 523d then be off.

But the little minnows are in no hurry. They dart away at the sight of his unfamiliar scoop net and lie under the farther bank wriggling their little tails tantalizingly. Now the fisherman wishes he had taken time by the forecck and secured his bait on the day before he was to start on his expedition. He reviles his procrastination as the minutes slip by and the hot sun beats on his back, and he resolves never to do it again. But this does not mollify the



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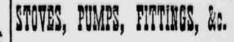
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"Do you not recognize that man?" asked the friend.

"No indeed." replied Mr Shermer "Why should 1?"

"Because it is Karl —, the natur-al son of the King of Wurtemburg." "My God!" exclaimed Shermer, in

in a tone of horror, for he had known Karl in his best and brightest days.

That evening the clerks at Shermer's place were surprised to see a filthy, besotted vagabond shuffle into the store and with a vacant, dreamy look in his eyes walk toward a grand piano that stood near the door.

"We have nothing for you," said a clerk, sharply, to the disreputable looking creature.

"I don't want any money," said the tramp, in a thick, husky voice. "I only want to sit down before a piano."

request of the squalid intruder, and from pure curosity allowed the outcast to have his way.

"God bless you," said the vagrant, and with a weary sigh he seated himself before the splended instrument and with fingers stiffened by want of practice, but with the expression and soul of a true artist, began the opening strains of the moonlight sonata of Beethoven.

Clerks, customers and workmen, every one in the establishment dropped their occupation and talk to listen to the tender, soulful tones that rolled forth from beneath the hands of the besotted outcast.

At last the sonata was finished and the wretched creature raised his head piano. .So long and silent he sat there that at last one of the salesmen, thinking the man had dropped asleep, stepped up to the bowed figure and shook him gently by the arm. As he did so the head fell back and displayed a face all white and rigid, from which the wide open eyes stared fixedly. Karl was dead!

intervals.

Dampness is the most dangerous enemy the piano has to contend against, and for this reason the climate must be considered. If the instrument is placed in a damp room, or left open in a draught of air, the result will be that the strings, tuning-pins. and the various metal parts will become coated with rust, and the cloth used in the construction of the keys and action, becomes swollen. It is positively painful to play on such a piano.

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turn of the whirligig of time, Prince Bismarck should again be landed in the premiership of Germany; yet it is by no means beyond the range of posupon his hands and bent over the sibilities that this very thing should come to pass. The people of Germany are becoming restive, and there is an undercurrent that is daily grow-ing which sets strongly in favor of once more placing the helm of the ship of state in the hands of the Iron Chancellor. That a crisis is imminent Is foreseen by all, and the aged statesman may yet triumph over his enemies This is no fancy sketch, but an inci- by once more being called to the head of the government.

minnows in the least, and the scene generally ends by the angler going off furious, with only a few miserable little fellows in his can.

An ingenious inventor has come to the relief of fishermen lately by producing a minnow trap that is hard to beat. First of all it is wholly composed of transparent, colorless glass, and is in shape much like a big cartridge with a pointed bullet in it. It is about two and one-half feet long, and as big around as a man's leg above the knee. It is hollow, of course, and what would be the flat end of a cartridge is punched in like the bottom of a glass bottle, and there is a small round hole in the apex of the cone thus made. The other and the pointed end of the trap is fitted with a little sliding door. This big glass cartridge is intended to be set on its side in the bottom of a brook where minnows abound. The cautious ones soon become accustomed to it, and the reckless fellows don't see it till they bump their noses against it. Some nice bait is put inside the trap, and the minnows soon find their way into it through the punched in end. The little door at

the other end is shut, of course. The minnows are unable to find their way out, because they follow the sides of the trap, and this leads into the cul de sac at the flat end, all around the bottom of the cone. They are easily poured ont, however, with the water in the trap by holding the thing up, pointed end down, and opening the little slide door. Wire is twisted around the outside of the trap, and forms a handle by which it is conveniently carried, and the wire also protects the glass from injury.

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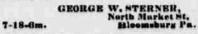
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