#### A PIANO TUNER TALKS.

SOME OF THE STRANGE THINGS EN-COUNTERED IN HIS TRADE.

to Play Haves with the Polts-Children Pake Capes Under the Strings-Finding Lest Pecketbook-Besults of a Man's

"Look out for that rat!" was the exclamation of a piano tuner to a reporter, a few days ago, as he stood watching him take a piano to pieces. The words had barely been said when a large, lean rat jumped out of the instrument and scampered across the room and out of an open door. While he was dexterously removing the rat's nest from inside the piano the reporter asked if rats were usually part and parcel of pianos. The tuner remarked that while probably two thirds of the instruments in residences were free from the rodents, the other third were infested with them, at least that had been his experience during twenty years of his life. Those in the country, especially in well to do farmers' houses, were generally inhabited by rats, and in dozens of cases fully half a bushel of small scraps of paper that had been carried there by the pests had been discovered. The paper and the nests were not so bid, but rats very frequently did the instrument much damage. Rats play have with the felts in the action, and he had repaired pianos where the felts had all been eaten away. Occasionally a hungry rat is discovered that shows fight, and the wielding of a broomstick, with the accompanying screaming by the women folk, is necessary to get rid of the animal.

Children oftentimes cause planos to get out of order, but while the trouble caused by them is usually quickly repaired there are times when they do more damage than rats. Left alone in the room with an open instrument the spirit of mischief comes over them, and a cane or a book is poked in under or among the strings. The owner returns to play on the piano, and then finds it at sixes and sevens. As everything was all right but a few minutes before the cause of the trouble can-Look out for that rat!" was the excla

everything was all right but a few min-utes before the cause of the trouble can-not be understood, and then there is bluster about the house. Should the piano be a new one the maker is blamed, the instrument is condemned, and a sharp letter is forwarded to the seller. The re-pairer with fear and trembling hastens to the scene, the trouble is found, and after be scene, the trouble is found, and after blogies, the whipping of the small boy he did the mischief, and the payment of e bill for repairs, the piano is left to its

Picking up a five cent piece lying on the action, the tuner said: "Here is something, too, I find as well as rats' nests and the work of children. To be sure money is not found frequently, especially in any considerable amount, but the finding of two fat pocketbooks and a ten dollar gold two fat pocketbooks and a ten dollar gold piece I will never forget. The gold had been placed in the piano for safe keeping by a young lady, and its hiding place forgotten, and my finding it, of course, made the owner happy. The bringing to light of one of the pocketbooks made me \$50 richer, that being a present from its loser. It had been missing for a year, and contained \$600. Detectives had been hunting for thieves who, it was supposed, had stolen the money. The discovery of the pocketbook brought back the recollection that it had been laid on the top lid of an upright plane, and that it had no doubt fallen in the inside, where I had

"Instead of getting a reward I came near being arrested, and perhaps sentenced to a term of imprisonment for finding the purse. Its contents were over \$200, and like the other one, having been carclessly left on top of the instrument, it fell inside. Being missed while I was in the house, and the owner of the money, a country justice, remembering where he had laid it, suspicion rested on me as the had laid it, suspicion rested on me as the one who had taken it. When I remarked the mysterious actions of the justice, his wife and two daughters, he told me of his loss and what he suspected, and threatened my arrest unless the money was immediately produced. It was a bad predicament to be in, and what to do puzzled me. The across my mind. I suggested me. The finding of the other pocketbook flashed across my mind. I suggested a search in the interior of the piano, and there it was found to my joy. The old man took it without as much as saying 'Thank you,' and to this day I think he holds the opinion that I hid it away in the piano."—Chicago Journal.

A Dude and His Trousers.

"Bagging at the knees is a matter, I confess, which has caused me more uneasiness than I can tell you. It has done more to turn my hair gray than anything else. But I do not have so much trouble now as I used to have. You know they are wearing trousers larger now than a couple of years ago. In fact today a well made pair has hardly a legitimate excuse for bagging unless they are worn constantly. I myself never wear a pair two days in succession. A little while ago, when we wore trousers almost skin tight, I thought I should have to go into an asylum. A pair worn half a day showed a decided inclination to expansion at that most critical point. I found myself attempting to ward off the evil. I tried every method I could hear of and every one I could invent, but they did little good. Finally I invented one of my own. I used to hang the trousers up by the bottoms, being particular to have them hang straight, and then I dampened the incipient bags. After that I attached a weight of some sort to the waist band, so as to bring the strain over the knees. The cloth in drying came back into shape and remained so.

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"Your tailor or your furnisher has no doubt tried to sell you the device known as 'pants stretcher.' Don't waste your money. I have tried every kind known, and they don't give satisfaction. They don't stretch the cloth evenly enough, nor is the cure permanent. That little scheme of my own is the best I ever found. Oh, yes; you may try it. I haven't patented it. But if you really want to know the best and most satisfactory way of removing bags from the face of your trousers let me whilsper it to you. Go to your tailor. For 15 cents or a quarter he will press them, and nothing works so well. But when you are on the top of Mount Washington the tailor is not there. Always hang your pantaloons up carefully. ways hang your pantaloons up carefully. I have known fellows who would go home, take off their coat and waistcoat, throw them into a chair, remove their trousers, dump them in a heap on top of the coat and vest, and then pile the shirt and underclothing on top of the trousers. This is all wrong. A man's underclothing is always a little damp, even in winter. The coat and waistcoast at the bottom, the trousers between them and the under-elothing, the pantaloons are certainly in a regular sweat box. There they are, all crumpled, creased and in a heap, and, of course, when the wearer comes to put them on in the morning he wonders what the deuce makes his trousers look so out of shape."—Boston Cor. New York World.

Profit in Public Enterprises.

E. R. Brady, who has been connected with various public enterprises in electricity, pungently remarked: "The average American citizen will let you rob him daily and hourly of a small amount of money, and permit you to rob all his fellow citizens in a great community at the same time, so that in the aggregate you have an enormous plunder when if you have an enormous plunder, when, if you were to take even a tithe of the amount out of his pocket annually or out of the public treasury he would want you hanged to the first lamp post. The street car lines take a penny more from every passenger than they are justly entitled to. Ferry boats are in the same class. The price per thousand for gas might be reduced.

"Every telephone subscriber could pay less for his telephone and leave still a large profit to the companies. Telegraph messages could be reduced, but in this hustling and active country no one wants to stop and consider those things. You pay your nickel of fare on the street car without ever so much as a thought that three cents fare would pay a good dividend on the original investment of most of the roads. You pay \$1.25 a thousand for gas, although you know in your inmost soul that all is a big price. It is in "Every telephone subscriber could pay

rapidly made, and since the people are all willing to pay these small larcenies, I don't know but that my original language, terming it robbery, is a little too strong. Perhaps the fact is that the American citizen is willing to pay pretty well for good accommodations of any kind."—New York Tribune.

Fallibility of Human Judgment.

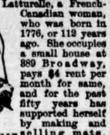
Yet, after all, isn't it rather a curious weakness in human beings to care for one another's opinions? Why should Jones mind what you or I think of him or say of him, when you and I are almost certain to be wrong? Nay, why should he mind what the majority think of him, when the majority are usually wrong? what the cultured minority think of him, when the cultured minority are seldom right? what an entire generation think of him, when the next generation may reverse the vardict?

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An accurate history of criticism, for example, would be a delightful buriesque upoh the fallibility of human judgment; only the historian should owe no fealty to what was current; he should stand so far apart from present human thought that all its most cherished conclusions should appear to him only shifting waves in an ocean of folly—should recognize that our moralities may be vices, our vices virtues, our orthodoxies follies, our rascals heroes, our orthodoxies follies, our Shakespeares and Goethes and Virgils and Dantes the puerile intelligences that their contemporaries mostly believed them to be.—Lippincott's Magazine.

AGED A HUNDRED AND TWELVE.

Living in the city of St. Paul, Mihn., today is Charlotte Latturelle, a French-Canadian woman, who was born in 1776, or 112 years ago. She occupies a small house at



CHARLOTTE LATTURELLE selling mats,
which business
she still continues. She came to St. Paul she still continues. She came to St. Paul in 1835, or fifty-three years ago, and describes the place at that time as an Indian village. Then not a house was visible. Large elm trees grew upon the bottoms near the river, while where the city now is were running streams, ravines, lakes, bubbling brooks, and a thick growth of trees and underbrush. Indian wigwams were the only evidences of life, and the whoops of the savages echoed through the forest. She has lived to see the place grow to a city of upward of 200,000 inhabitants, and yet she is more of a stranger now than she was in 1835. Her first husband was a musician—that is, a fiddler—who died years ago. Her second husband is now 85 years old, and is well off, residing in Oregon, but from some cause or other she will not live with him, but prefers to support herself. She was there at the first treaty with the Indians (1887), so one can form some

She was there at the first treaty with the Indians (1887), so one can form some idea of her great age. Her mother lived to the remarkable period of 120 years. Her hearing is quite defective.

Mrs. Latturelle is a tall woman, with a good head of hair, though white, with a prominent nose, a bright, penetrating eye, having never used glasses, and her vision is so keen she can see across the river. She has a quick, active inovement, stands erect, and when in conversation her face, though wrinkled, is very expressive. Her upper teeth are gone, and she has a few straggling lower ones. She had two sons in the Union army, but both are still living. She never had a dollar to do with, but has tugged and She had two sons in the Union army, but both are still living. She never had a dollar to do with, but has tugged and tolled, and is now tugging and tolling, waiting for the Ferryman to row her across the river into the better land. The portrait of Mrs. Latturelle is from a sketch from life by I. D. Larpenteur, Esq., of St. Paul.

The thirty-third annual convention of the German Roman Catholic Central Union of the United States, and the sec-ond German Catholic Diet recently held in Cincinnati were important religious gatherings. The former is chiefly a be-nevolent organization, and embraces 80, 000 members in 428 local assemblies nevolent organization, and embraces 80,000 members in 428 local assemblies, while the latter is composed of members of the clergy and laymen, who a year ago united for the purpose of fostering Catholic life and sentiment among the German-American Catholics. Upon this latter assembly about 400 members were in attendance, numbering among them prominent Catholic clergymen, such as vicars, abbots and bishops. The popehad sent his special apostolic all

cial apostolical blessing, and the well known leader of the center in the German reichstag, Dr. Windthorst, had sent a congratula-tory letter, in which he particularly emphasized the necessity for the Catholics of

AUGUST MAISER. regaining the full independence of the holy see from all influences and restrictions hindering the church from developing its full strength and movement. He singled out Italy as the country which showed itself the most inimical to the church and suggested the idea of periodical congresses of Catholics of the whole world.

Another important topic was furnished the assembly by the project of the so called Leo house, to be founded in New York for the benefit of Catholic immi-York for the benefit of Catholic immigrants, in honor of the pope's jubilee.

Interesting was also the parade which, on Sunday, the 2d, took place in connection with the double convention, and was participated in by at least 15,000 people. Particularly interesting in the parade were the Knights of St. George in their knightly armor, with a red cross upon their breasts. They vividly suggested the Crusaders of former centuries.

The principal speech of the occasion was made by Dr. August Kaiser, the president of the Diet, on Sept. 3, in which he reviewed the present state of the Catholic church with especial reference to the United States.

United States.

Fifty Dollars a Year for Dress.

It is by using careful judgment and forethought, and the power of making one's own clothes, that a young girl of very limited means can dress so nicely that she is a comfort to herself and a source of pride to her frands. I know one young girl, who also is a school teacher, and I don't believe she spends over \$50 a year for her clothes, but she makes them all herself, and takes good care of them, and at the same time studies her own style and the most economical mode of buying and making up of her clothes, and the result is that she far outshines many girls who spend thousands annually upon their dress.—Fashion Letter. Fifty Dollars a Year for Dress.

Stiff Necked Heathen. The Christian missions in Califordia keep up their work, but the Celestial is among the stiffest necked of the had headed heathens. He does not admire the new civilization whose blood he is endeavoring to suck, and so far there are less than 1,000 baptized Chinese Chris-tians among the tens of thousands of Ce-lestials in California.—California Letter.

"Ansethetic revelation" is the name which, according to Mr. Xenos Clark, has been applied to the sensation of recovery from the ansethetic effects of sulphuric ether. For one brief instant, just before the complete return of consciousness, the subject invariably has an intense percep-tion of what seems to him at the time the true explanation of the universe. - Arkan

A high, long and well defined nose and a broad face exhibits reasoning power.

DIGGER INDIANS:

CEREMONIES AT THE FUNERAL OF A MEDICINE MAN.

ful Religious Duty-The Indian Burial Ground - Shaking Haude with the Corper. "Preacher's" Sermon.

When all were gathered at the hut of mourning the services seemed to consist of a concert of wails, carried on principally by the women. The corpse, wrapped in a gray blanket, on a rude bier, was placed at a distance from the hut, and some of the "big men" of the tribe made a bundle of the personal effects of the deceased, and proceeded to burn his hut, his wagon and all his household furnishings. There seemed to be a great deal of altercation accompanying the performance of this wasteful religious duy. When the excitement was over the women went on walling, while the young bucks went off to have a good time, shooting at marks and performing various feats of strength. It is the custom of the Indians to bury their dead at sunset, and the funeral procession started from the Big Spring only in time to reach the burying ground at that time. There was no discernible order to the cortege as it passed along the road for six miles, group after group going by us in much the same fashion as in the morning. There was no separate conveyance for the corpse; it was put in the bottom of a wagon, even tipped up a little en one side to make room for the mahala, who squatted beside it, walling and swaying her body back and forth.

The Indian burial ground is a mound on the lower end of the valley called Big Meadows, on the north fork of the Feather river. It covers scarcely an acre of ground, and juts out abruptly into the When all were gathered at the hut of

Meadows, on the north fork of the Feather river. It covers scarcely an acre of ground, and juts out abruptly into the valley, with a background of wooded mountain, and before it green stretches of the meadow land, with its winding river. Here their dead have been buried ever since the first habitation of the country, and although the land is private property it will probably always be left to the undisturbed possession of the Indians.

BCENE AT THE GRAVE.

Here a very deep and long grave had been dug, much larger than would be made for a white man, for it was to contain not only the corpse, but all of the personal effects which had not been burned. He was a medicine man, and was considered worthy of a coffin, and when the funeral procession arrived at the grave a well made pine coffin, manufactured by a local carpenter, arrived from an opposite direction. The body was placed in it without removing the gray blanket covering the face. But the right hand was extricated from its covering and all the men passed by it in line and shook hands with the medicine man. Some gave the cold hand a hearty grip, but the touch at others was noticeably gingerly. Then the hand was covered again, and a young fellow dressed in a very stylish custom made suit of black took his place at the foot of the coffin, solemnly wound a small nickel plated alarm clock, set the alarm and placed it within the coffin at the dead man's feet. The lid was closed, and the women gathered around, rapping the coffin with their knuckles, passing their hands up and down over it, howling and moaning all the time.

The grave was lined with new rush

the time.

The grave was lined with new rush baskets, split up the sides and spread out flat, and upon this carpet the coffin, with much difficulty and many experiments, was safely deposited. Then the wails grew louder, and always the voices of the grew louder, and always the voices of the women were heard above the rest. It is impossible to describe that wailing. It was not concerted; every one seemed to be acting independently of the others; there was no attempt at tune, but every now and then the musical voice of a young girl, clear and high pitched, would lead in a sort of cadence, and the heavier voices joined in an incoherent dull cry. The women swayed their bodies from side to side, waving in the air little tufts of cedar which they tossed into the grave. But in all this there was very little sign of real emotion. The young girls would smile and simper and duck their heads if of real emotion. The young girls would smile and simper and duck their heads if they met the gaze of any of the white bystanders. Only one of the women shed any tears, and she was the eister of the medicine man, quite an old-woman, who stood at the head of the grave really cry-ing behind a big white handkerchief.

A COMICAL OBJECT. A COMICAL OBJECT.

There stood beside her an old buck, a most comical looking object, whose long locks were surmounted by a jaunty white straw hat, and whose bony figure was radiant in a red flannel miner's shirt and a pair of ragged gray trousers. He was "a kind of a preacher," one of the Indians said, and his loud vociferation and violent the contrary were the contrary where a pair of ragged gray trousers. He was "a kind of a preacher," one of the Indians said, and his loud vociferation and violent gestures were the only culogies which were to console the mourners and do honor to the virtues of the deceased. For he was the only medicine man in this part of California, and his death left the tribe unprotected against the ravages of rheumatism and consumption. We could not understand the Indian language; but a sturdy farmer's son by our side who has picked up some of their vocabulary translated for us what the preacher was saying: "Injin doctor gone now; all finjins die. Sick here, here, here (pointing to head, lungs and heart). Die, die, never get well. Baby sick, no medicine, no get any better, pretty soon die." Then the mahalas, with their papooses on their backs, wailed louder, and the babies joined in the cry, and tried in vain to fight away the flies with their little flets. The preacher talked on at intervals, describing the destitution of the tribe, and the skill and goodness of the departed doctor. Two blind mahalas stood on the edge of the grave, and every now and then had to be held back from slipping into the hole.

Finally the preacher laid the dead man's bow and arrows on the coffin. Then a roll of blankets was thrown in at the foot of the coffin, and two large fur robes. Some mistake was evidently made in the selection of articles, for a loud voice of vituperation broke out from the monotonous wailing, and a bed quilt, lined with turkey red calleo, was hurled by that fierce old mahala with the short skirts, over the heads of the crowd back to the pile from which it had been taken. The old boots, a leather hunting bag and a pair of spring scales were laid in, and then all was ready for the earth to be shoveled in. The orowd did not disperse until nearly nightfall, and as long as we could see in the twilight there were still treated the contract of the coffine of spring scales were laid in, and th until nearly nightfall, and as long as we could see in the twilight there were still several black figures standing like sentinels at the grave.—Cor. San Francisco

"Useful Household Articles." Persons who respond to an advertise ment that promises "twenty-five useful household articles for twenty-five cents" are receiving by return mail a literally pointed response—twenty-five needles.— Chicago Herald.

Patronized by All Classes.]
There never was a time when theatres were so generally patronized as now, but the attendance is of all classes. The majority only want to have eyes or ears mo-mentarily tickled. They don't care to have their minds fatigued by any exertion. Formerly the stage was the recreation of the cultured and intelligent, now it is the pastime of the masses.—Dion Boucicault.

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