JOHN BANISTER.

An English Violinist Who Won Fame In the Seventeenth Century.

Public concerts owe their direct encouragement to John Banister, who had won fame by his playing on the violin and who succeeded the celebrated Baltzar as leader of Charles II.'s band of twenty-four violins. Pepys, in an entry in his diary for February, 1667, tells us the court gossip of the day—"how the king's viallin Banister is mad that the king hath a Frenchman come to be chief of some part of the king's musique."

Banister's concerts at the close of the year 1672 were advertised in the London Gazette as follows: "These are to give notice that at Mr. John Banister's house (now called the Musick School), over against the George tavern in White Fryers, the present Monday will be musick performed by excellent masters, beginning precisely at 4 of the clock in the afternoon, and every afternoon for the future precisely at the same hour."

Four years later on we read again: "At the Academy in Little Lincoln's Inn Fields will begin the first part of the Parley of Instruments, composed by Mr. John Banister." The admission was at this time as a rule a shilling, and these concerts seem to have been held pretty regularly down to within a short time of Banister's death, which took place in 1679.—Chambers' Journal.

BIRTH OF THE BUS.

This Class of Vehicle First Appeared In Paris In 1662.

The omnibus appeared in Paris in 1662 as a "carrosse a cinq sous" (coach for twopence halfpenny), by authority of Louis XIV., under the management of Pascal, the mystic and philosopher. Whether this eminent thinker originated the idea is not clear, but there is no doubt that his influence assisted in the establishment of the service under the auspices of a royal decree.

Later on these earliest omnibuses ceased to run owing to lack of support, and did not reappear in Paris until 1827, when Lafitte, the banker, who was among the largest proprietors, was credited with originating the revived service.

The new coaches started to ply in London on July 4, 1829, when the first one left Paddington for the Bank of England, and another ran from the bank to the Yorkshire Stingo, New road. These first British busses were known from the man who organized them as "Shillibeers," and the conductors of the first two are said to have been the sons of British naval officers. Three horses drew them, and they carried twenty-two passengers, all inside. —London Standard.

HATS OF STRAW.

China Gets the Credit For Having First Made Them.

The earliest makers of straw hats were unquestionably the Chinese. Their work was by no means rough in character, but plaited and sewn together with considerable skill, as may be seen today in the neighborhood of Canton.

In Europe hats were first made in Paris by a Swiss so early as 1404, and we find mentioned among the entries of an inventory of the effects of Sir John Fastolfe, 1459, "four strawen hattes," showing them to have been great rarities. Coryatt mentions them as worn in Provence, with a hundred seams, lined with silver and curiously worked.

Tuscany, with Leghorn as a center, took up the work early in the fifteenth century and has maintained it with considerable skill ever since. Bedfordshire, with Dunstable and Luton as centers, has been the headquarters of the industry in England ever since the early part of the seventeenth century. —London Mail.

A Story of Matt Carpenter.

Matt Carpenter, the famous Wisconsin senator, was pleading a case before the supreme court. Before he had got half through with his argument the judges had made up their minds that his case was without merit, and, moreover, that he was unprepared. When he finished his argument and counsel for the other side got up to reply, the judges whispered to each other, nodded and then the chief justice said, "I don't think it will be necessary to hear from you, sir." Carpenter's opponent was deaf, and he could only tell that the chief justice was addressing him. He turned to Carpenter for aid. "What did the chief justice say, Matt?" he whispered. "He said he'd rather give you the case than listen to you," Carpenter bawled in his ear.

The Wrong Department.

A prominent physician tells this story at the expense of the modern craze for specialization in the medical profession: A poor woman from the east side of New York went to a nearby dispensary to ask aid for her little son, who had had one of his fingers smashed by a baseball bat. At the first room where she applied she was told by a curt attendant that the boy could not be treated there.

"Wrong place," he explained. "This is the eye and ear department."

"Vere is der thumb und finger department?" inquired the woman simply.—Harper's Weekly.

Her Highest Compliment.

"What did you think of my speech?" asked the orator.

"It was beautiful," said the young woman. "It made me think of my commencement essay." — Washington Star.

It is too bad that there isn't some way for always having a girl baby just three years old in the family.—Atchison Globe.



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August and September are ostensibly the farmer's months at the Exposition, for it is at this season that the agriculture exhibits are the freshest and best. Products of the new crops are pouring into the booths from every state in the Union, and additions are constantly being made to the gorgeous display.

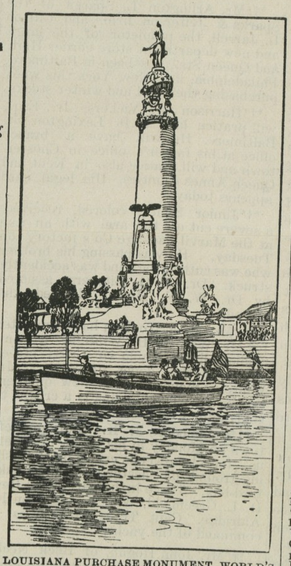
Headquarters for visiting farmers may be found in every state section of the great Agriculture Palace, but for their special convenience there has just been completed a Grange House, situated in the south end of the building. It is equipped with a reception room, ladies' retiring rooms and check rooms, where parcels may be left free of charge. Here will be kept a list of moderate priced rooms to aid visiting farmers and their families in procuring accommodations.

The largest building on the grounds is the Palace of Agriculture, covering twenty acres, while the Palace of Horticulture near by covers about a third as much space. These two immense structures are filled with exhibits of the farm, garden and orchard of the most extensive and elaborate character, every state in the Union and most of the principal countries of the world being represented.

Agriculture is given more prominence than any other department at the Exposition, the paramount importance of this great industry having been fully appreciated from the very beginning of the World's Fair movement.

About seventy acres of ground are covered by the agriculture and horticulture department at the Fair, large outdoor spaces being devoted to this industry. Outside there are growing crops, trees and flowers, an instructive six acre farm maintained by the United States Government Plant Industry, and gardens in all parts of the grounds.

There are more exhibits in the Agriculture building than in any other section of the Exposition. This building is considered by many people the most interesting part of the World's Fair. The exhibits in the palaces of Agriculture and Horticulture constitute a display vast enough and instructive



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