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Violano-virtuoso

The Violano Virtuoso is a violin that plays automatically. Instead of a bow, it uses a rotating disk to rub against the strings.

THE MUSIC TRADE, CHICAGO.



Mills Violano

Greatest of All Self-Playing Instruments

This unique patent the famous Violano Virtuoso has distinguished the self-playing field as the most distinctive and exclusive instrument manufactured. The Violano is the only automatic instrument made that contains and plays a real melody, in its melody is made so full that the human musician can do and more. The piano accompanying the melody, produces a genuine orchestral effect that is the delight of music lovers everywhere. The Chief Music Executives regarding its manufacture, has honored the Mills Violano above all other musical instruments as being the one of the most perfect musical instruments of the world.



Mills New Electric Piano

Embodies the Very Latest Ideas in Piano Construction

This is a completely new automatic piano that is entirely different from all other automatic pianos. It is the only piano made that is directly operated by electricity. It has no pedals, requires no action. A new arrangement of strings in the sounding board gives perfect resonance and balance of tone. An arrangement of mechanism sets the notes range in so perfect that adds the convenience to play without being visible, no music manual is incorporated into that it is an entire piano in one playing in piano.

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Special Announcement to the Music Trade
To All Concerned in Manufacturing, Selling, or Showing Case Electrical Pianos.

NOTE: The special multiplex attachment provided on the above instruments (Self-Playing Violano and Piano) for substituting a genuine orchestra as a piano for the self-playing Violano and Piano, is being manufactured by the Mills Novelty Company, 1400 North La Salle Street, Chicago, Ill. The same attachment is also being manufactured by the Mills Novelty Company, 1400 North La Salle Street, Chicago, Ill. The same attachment is also being manufactured by the Mills Novelty Company, 1400 North La Salle Street, Chicago, Ill. The same attachment is also being manufactured by the Mills Novelty Company, 1400 North La Salle Street, Chicago, Ill.

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Manufacturers of Mills Violano Pianos, Mills Electric Pianos and Mills Novelty Violano



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Banjo

The Encore Automatic Banjo was marketed from 1897 until about 1907, largely by the American Automusic Company of New York City. This company, controlled by W. Scott O'Connor of the Connorized Music Co., also provided the music rolls for the instrument.

The photo shows an Encore Banjo machine made by David C. Ramey of Lynwood, IL. Dave is a noted restorer of coin operated music machines. Several years ago a garage full of Encore Banjos was discovered. Dave bought what was literally boxes and boxes of parts, as the machines had all but rotted to the floor. Dave then proceeded to replicate the Encore Banjo. Everything was made new. He has made close to thirty of these replicas.



Tanzbaer Automatic Accordion

16-note trigger operated roll mechanism, inlaid walnut case with label of "Treasure Sales Co., 1690 Boston Rd., N.Y."



Harp

This instrument was built for Wurlitzer by the J. W. Whitlock & Company of Rising Sun, Indiana. Pictured

