

The NEW



*Hand Polished Wound Strings for  
Tenor Banjo, Plectrum Banjo  
and Mandolin Banjo*

**TENOR BANJO**

- G or 3rd .....each 40 cents
- C or 4th .....each 40 cents
- Per set, including one of each and B&D  
 Ne Plus Ultra 1st and 2nd..... \$1.00

**PLECTRUM BANJO**

- G or 3rd .....each 50 cents
- C or 4th .....each 50 cents
- Per set, including one each plain steel  
 Ne Plus Ultra 1st, 2nd and 3rd..... \$1.20
- Per set, including one each Ne Plus Ultra  
 plain steel 1st and 2nd..... \$1.30

**MANDOLIN BANJO**

- Per set, including two each hand polished  
 3rd and 4th and two each B&D Ne  
 Plus Ultra 1st and 2nd..... \$2.00

**B&D Super Strings are also made for Guitar,  
Hawaiian Guitar, Plectrum Guitar, Auditorium  
Guitar, Spanish Guitar, Mandola and Mando-  
cello.**

**FITTED HEADS**

For Silver Bell Banjos, 11 inch, Rogers  
3 Star Brand—Best Grade, Each \$6.00 Net

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# BACON BANJOS



**DESIGN  
ORIGINALITY  
PERFORMANCE  
DEPENDABILITY  
PERFECTION**

**The Bacon Banjo Co., Inc.**

GROTON, CONN.

*(On the Thames River—Opposite New London)*



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OF  
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**N**EW LONDON, CONN., is one of the older cities blessed by a beautiful location on the Thames River and Long Island Sound.

Across the bridge from New London, which is half way between New York and Boston, is the Town of Groton, made famous in Revolutionary times as the place where Benedict Arnold betrayed his countrymen to his foes.

Groton, today with its cement Boston and New York Post Road highway—as its main street, (which is Thames Street), neatly kept lawns with cement walks, stately trees and many old quaint houses, has also become known as the Home of the Banjo.

This industry, started in 1920 by Mr. Fred. J. Bacon, has had a steady growth from its beginning. In 1922 Mr. D. L. Day joined Mr. Bacon and since that time, their united efforts have brought forth many new and startling improvements in the Banjo World. Today their products are known throughout the United States, Canada, England, Europe, South Africa and Australia.

Visitors are welcome and are always surprised at the wonderful esprit de corps which they find, or shall we say, spirit of harmony among the workers, skilled in the art who make the B&D "Silver Bell" Banjos.

The Factory, equipped with the latest machinery, all motor driven, to help the worker, is situated "On the Side of the Road," with a beautiful outlook on the Thames River and from one part you can see Long Island Sound, two miles away. With beautiful and healthy surroundings, Artisans skilled in the Art, working under ideal conditions—what else can be expected other than what is produced, Art and not Commercialism.

## THE BACON BANJO COMPANY INC.

GROTON, CONN.

*The only Factory making Highest Grade Banjos exclusively.*

## New Models "B & D Special" Banjos

These New Model Banjos are of the same quality and workmanship as all other Bacon Banjos.

No expense has been spared to make these the very best obtainable for the price.



### No. 1 B & D Special Banjo

	Price
Tenor or Plectrum	\$60.00

#### With KERATOL CASE

Fleece Lined	\$72.50
Velvet Lined	75.00
Plush Lined	77.50

Add \$2.50 to price of Tenor Banjo Cases for Plectrum and Five String Banjo Cases.

## New Models "B & D Special" Banjos

Necks, Rims, and Resonators are beautifully figured, fine grain Brazillian Walnut with handsomely shaded two-tone finish. Nickel plated metal parts, geared pegs and latest arm rest.



### No. 2 B & D Special Banjo

	Price
Tenor or Plectrum	\$75.00

#### With KERATOL CASE

Fleece Lined	\$87.50
Velvet Lined	90.00
Plush Lined	92.50

Add \$2.50 to price of Tenor Banjo Cases for Plectrum and Five String Banjo Cases.

## New Models "B & D Special" Banjos

B&D Super Strings, 23-inch scale. Reinforced neck with tool steel bar running full length. Guaranteed against warping. Patent Tone Amplifier Resonator. Beautiful Pearl Designs.



### No. 3 B & D Special Banjo

	Price
Tenor or Plectrum	\$100.00

#### With KERATOL CASE

Fleece Lined	\$112.50
Velvet Lined	115.00
Plush Lined	117.50

Add \$2.50 to price of Tenor Banjo Cases for Plectrum and Five String Banjo Cases.



*Style No. 1*

## B&D "Silver Bell" Banjos

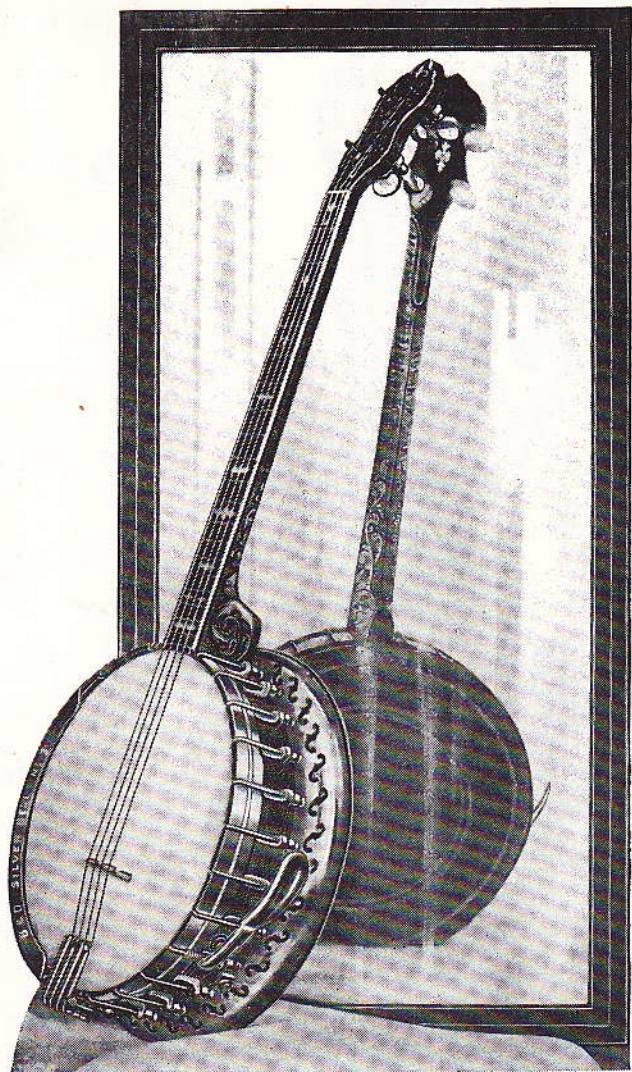
Reg. U. S. Pat. Of.

*Tenor and Plectrum*

B&D "Silver Bell" Banjos have the patented chamber top and the amplifier resonator back which gives these celebrated instruments a resonant tone quality of great carrying power.

The musician instantly recognizes its musical tone quality and it is with great pride we refer to the endorsements of some of the world's famous artists.

Fully equipped now with the new B&D Soft Pedal and other latest improvements.



*Style No. 3*

## B&D "Silver Bell" Banjo

Reg. U. S. Pat. Of.

*Made in Tenor, Plectrum and Regular  
(5-string) Banjos.*

All metal parts best quality gold plate and hand burnished. Heel of Neck beautifully hand carved. Gold-plated Gear Pegs with mother-of-pearl buttons. All wood parts—neck, rim and resonator, dark antique finish, handsomely polished. Hand engraved gold scroll design in center of resonator, new model, large size.

Details of Construction same as Style No. 1, B&D "Silver Bell" Banjo.



# INTRODUCING

*the latest*

B & D "Silver Bell"  
Creation

## The SULTANA

Trade Mark Reg. U. S. Pat. Of.

*New Large Resonator.*

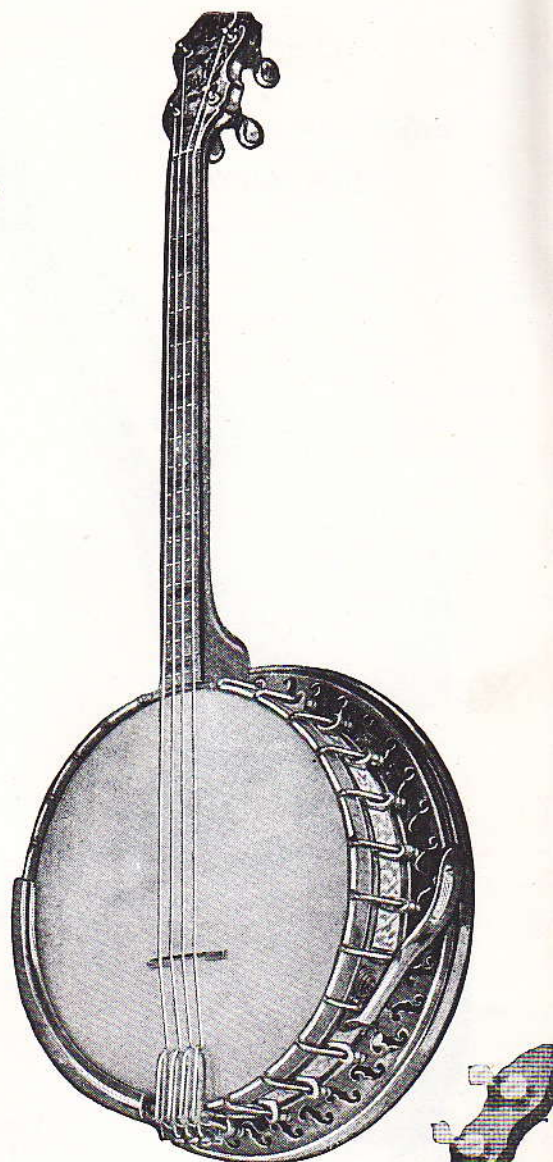
*B & D Soft Pedal.*

*Beautiful Color.*

*Pearloid Trim.*

*Original and Fancy  
Enamelled Designs  
in Colors.*

*An Artistic Creation  
of Banjocraft.*



### Prices

Style No. 1—"Sultana" .....	\$150.00
Style No. 3—"Sultana"—gold .....	260.00
Style No. 4—"Sultana"—gold and engraved .....	350.00

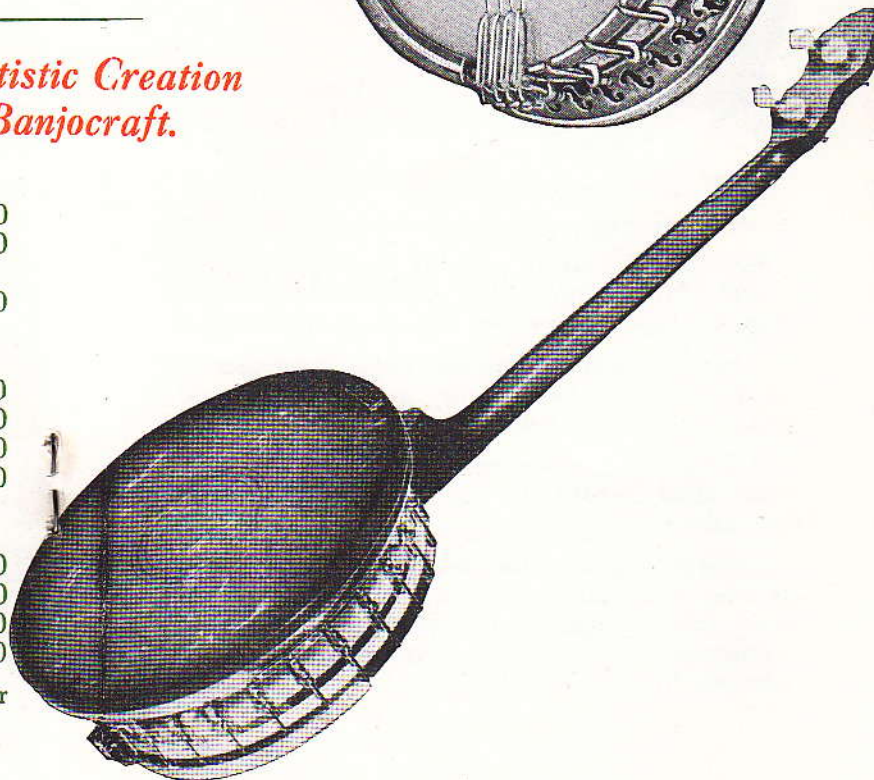
### Prices of Tenor Banjo Cases

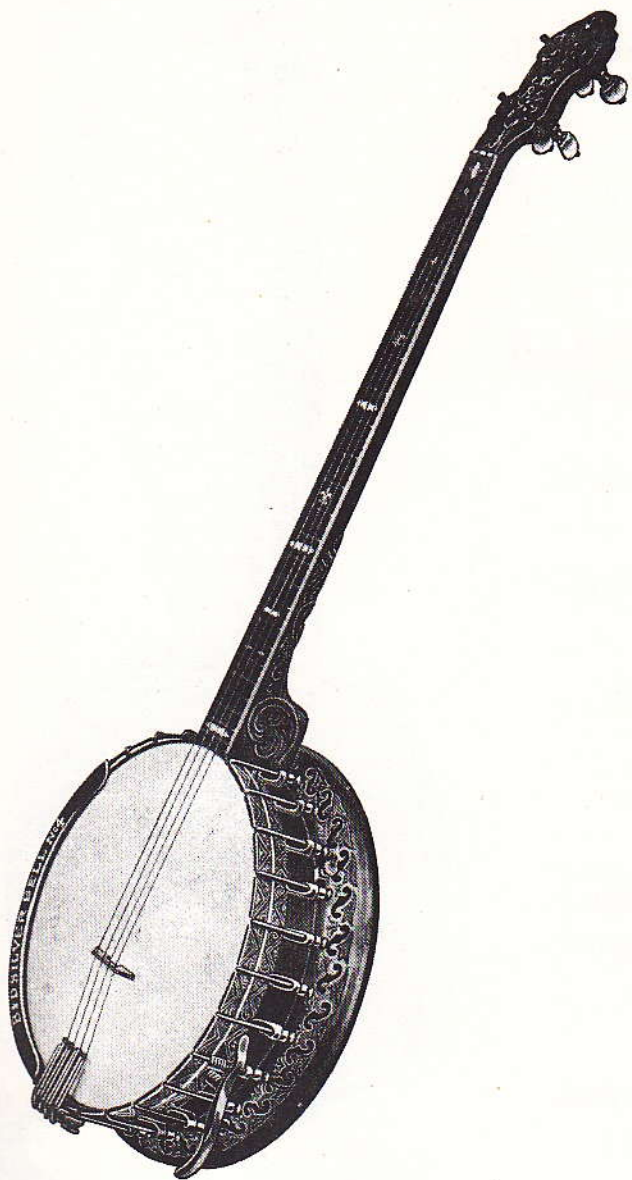
Tan Leather "Koverite" .....	\$50.00
Keratol "Koverite" .....	30.00
Keratol Plush Lined .....	17.50
Keratol Velvet Lined .....	15.00

### Prices of Plectrum Banjo Cases

Tan Leather "Koverite" .....	\$50.00
Keratol "Koverite" .....	32.50
Keratol Plush Lined .....	20.00
Keratol Velvet Lined .....	17.50

"Koverite" cases have the hookless center attached inside plush cover.





*Style No. 4*

*(Plectrum Banjo Shown)*

## B & D "Silver Bell" Banjo

*Made in Tenor, Plectrum and Regular (5-String) Banjos*

Same details of equipment and construction, as Style No. 3, best quality gold plated metal part, with these additions.

Top Hoop, spun metal top and resonator spun shell beautifully engraved designs, hand burnished.

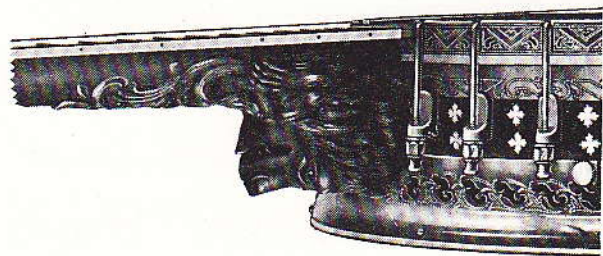
All gold plated Banjos, Styles No. 3, 4 and above, have the new model large size resonator, giving these B&D Silver Bell Banjos an additional benefit to their present standing of Highest Musical Quality.



## *B & D Ne Plus Ultra "Silver Bell"*

Reg. U. S. Pat. Off.

*Style No. 6  
Tenor Banjo*



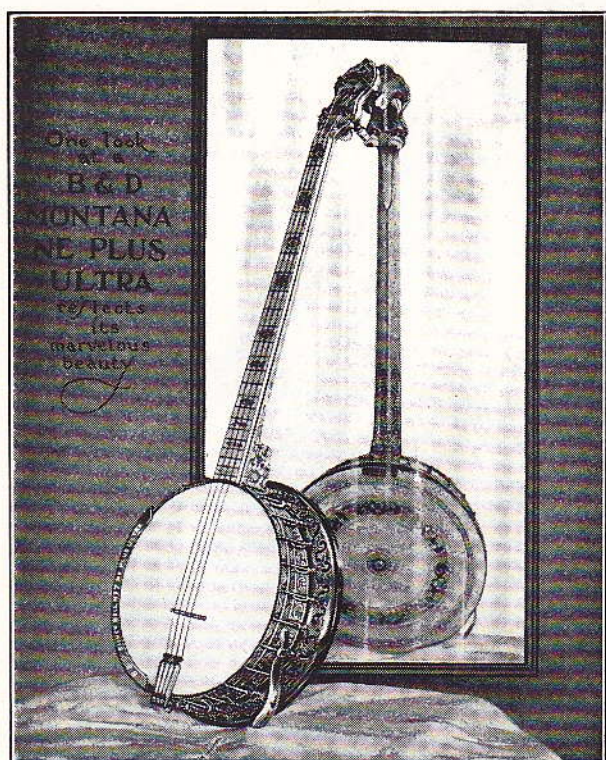
This beautiful banjo as you can observe is a high art achievement in banjo craftsmanship.

Solid ebony neck with lion's head heel carving, real elephant ivory inlay with engraved original designs, ebony rim pearl inlaid. Hand engraved metal parts, best quality gold plate. Complete with B&D Soft Pedal and fully equipped with latest improvements.

No. 6 B & D Ne Plus Ultra B & D  
"Silver Bell" Tenor Banjo .....\$450.00

No. 6 B & D Ne Plus Ultra B & D  
"Silver Bell" Plectrum Banjo..... 450.00

No. 6 B & D Ne Plus Ultra B & D  
"Silver Bell" Regular Banjo..... 450.00  
(5 string)



*Style No. 7 (Plectrum) "Montana Special"*  
**B & D "Silver Bell" Banjo**

Beautifully engraved and gold plated hand-burnished metal parts, fingerboard, front and back of peghead, rim and resonator enriched with original lavish decorative designs in black, brown and gold enamel on white pearl ivoroid background. One important detail of decoration is the sculptured carving of the lion's head on the neck of the banjo. A veritable art treasure and gem of banjo construction appealing to the connoisseur.

**Price of Style No. 7 "Montana Ne Plus Ultra" B & D "Silver Bell" Tenor, Plectrum (4-string) and Regular (5-string) Banjo .....\$500.00**

For Case Prices see page 8.

**Tenor and Plectrum Banjos**

No. 1 B&D Special .....	\$ 60.00
No. 2 B&D Special .....	75.00
No. 3 B&D Special .....	100.00
No. 1 B&D "Silver Bell" .....	140.00
No. 2 B&D "Silver Bell" .....	185.00
No. 3 B&D "Silver Bell" .....	250.00
No. 4 B&D "Silver Bell" .....	320.00
No. 5 B&D "Silver Bell" .....	400.00
No. 6 B&D "Ne Plus Ultra Silver Bell" .....	450.00
No. 8 B&D "Ne Plus Ultra Silver Bell" .....	750.00
No. 9 B&D "Ne Plus Ultra Silver Bell" .....	900.00

With either style No. 8 or No. 9 is included a tan leather case with zipper plush inside cover, value \$50.00.

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No. 1 "Montana" B&D "Silver Bell" .....	\$160.00
No. 3 "Montana" B&D "Silver Bell" .....	270.00
No. 4 "Montana" B&D "Silver Bell" .....	340.00
No. 7 "Montana" B&D "Silver Bell" .....	500.00

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No. 1 Roy Smeck Stage Model B&D "Silver Bell" .....	\$160.00
No. 3 Roy Smeck Stage Model B&D "Silver Bell" .....	270.00
No. 4 Roy Smeck Stage Model B&D "Silver Bell" .....	340.00

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No. 1 "Sultana" B&D "Silver Bell" .....	\$150.00
No. 3 "Sultana" B&D "Silver Bell" .....	260.00
No. 4 "Sultana" B&D "Silver Bell" .....	350.00
No. 7 "Sultana" B&D "Silver Bell" .....	500.00

**Bacon Uke Banjos**

No. 1—Mahogany neck and rim.....	\$ 27.00
No. 1A—Same as No. 1 with Amplifier Tone Chamber .....	35.00
No. 2A—Maple Neck, Rim and Tone Chamber .....	55.00
No. 3A—B&D "Silver Bell" .....	75.00



## Bacon Mandolin Banjos

- No. 1—B&D Special without  
Amplifier Tone Chamber ..... 40.00
- No. 1A—B&D Special with  
Amplifier Tone Chamber ..... 60.00
- No. 2—B&D Special ..... 75.00

For construction details see B&D Special  
Tenor Banjos on pages 3, 4 and 5.

- No. 1—B&D "Silver Bell" ..... 125.00

## Bacon Guitar Banjos

- Style "Peerless X" Special ..... \$ 85.00
- No. 1—B&D "Silver Bell" ..... 150.00

## Bacon Cello Banjo

- Price ..... \$150.00
- Keratol Case ..... 35.00

## B & D Webfoot Tenor and Plectrum Banjo Bridges



- No. 125—Ebony Top Tenor and  
Plectrum Banjo Bridge ..... 50c each  
1/2", 9/16" and 5/8" High.

## New B & D Ne Plus Ultra Tenor and Plectrum Banjo Bridge



*Separate ivory insert rest for each string.*

- No. 235—Ebony Top, ivory insert  
for Tenor Plectrum Banjo ..... \$1.00  
1/2", 9/16" and 5/8" High.

## B & D Super Strings



*A Quality String  
Strongest and Best Toned*

*Choice of Orchestra and  
Professional Players*

## MANDOLIN or MANDOLIN BANJO STRINGS

- E or 1st Plain Steel ..... 10c Each, 6 for \$ .50
- A or 2nd Plain Steel ..... 10c Each, 6 for .50
- D or 3rd Spun Steel ..... 20c Each, 3 for .50
- G or 4th Spun Steel ..... 20c Each, 3 for .50
- Complete Set (2 of each) ..... 1.20

## PLECTRUM BANJO STRINGS

- 1st or 5th Plain Steel ..... 15c Each, 4 for .50
- 2nd Plain Steel ..... 15c Each, 4 for .50
- 3rd Plain Steel ..... 15c Each, 4 for .50
- 3rd Spun Steel ..... 30c Each, 2 for .50
- 4th Spun Steel ..... 30c Each, 2 for .50
- Complete Set with Spun 3rd ..... .80
- Complete Set with Plain 3rd ..... .70

## TENOR BANJO STRINGS

- A or 1st ..... 10c Each, 6 for .50
- D or 2nd ..... 10c Each, 6 for .50
- G or 3rd ..... 20c Each, 3 for .50
- C or 4th ..... 20c Each, 3 for .50
- Complete Set ..... .60

Tenor Guitar Strings—Ball Ends—same prices as Tenor Banjo Strings.

B&D Super Strings are also made for Guitar, Hawaiian Guitar, Plectrum Guitar, Auditorium Guitar, Spanish Guitar, Mandola and Mandocello.