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## What Germany Thinks of the "Gibson"

The following article is translated from "Die Moderne Hausmusik," fächelt für alle deutschen Mandolin- und Gitarren-Vereine, Organ des Verbandes der deutschen Mandolin- und Gitarren-Vereine:

"Experiments for the improvement of the Mandolin are very numerous, and a long story could be told about that. Probably the best known form is the Italian Mandolin, but their dimensions vary very much. We have very valuable instruments, especially from the Italian masters, with rounded covers, large or long forms, but nevertheless there is always yet something to be desired. As very well known models we can also quote the French Mandolins. These are flat, in the form of pans. But also these instruments have many advantages, but they are far from the ideal Mandolin. Therefore, each novelty and improvement in this line is studied with interest, although a certain suspicion is present.

question of acoustics will appreciate the construction employed. It is a well-known requisite that the higher the bridge, the higher can be the pressure to be carried by it. The constructor of the 'Gibson' Mandolin, in appreciation of these facts, has chosen longer strings and the higher bridge. A higher tension of the strings is necessary to tune them properly, and if the instrument is strong enough, a greater sound capacity is created therewith. (The same effect can be had with any Mandolin in using stronger strings.) But as with the ordinary Mandolin the room for the sound is not larger, the tone becomes hard. The 'Gibson' Mandolin proves, regarding tone and sound, that it is a decided improvement in comparison with the older models. Especially the G string, the proof positive for any instrument denotes a decided improvement, a very full and beautifully moulded tone. But also the other strings show a marked improvement in richness of tone, which



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"For examination before us we have a few instruments known as the 'Gibson' Mandolins, manufactured by an American concern. Printed catalogues and descriptions accompany these Mandolins, which promise very much. The first thing to be noted with these instruments is their entire new form. Also the instruments are a good deal larger than the Italian models (full length about 67 cm.). The instrument body is flat, having the form of a pear. Furthermore, the rounded cover and bottoms are interesting, as well as the very high bridge. The whole construction indicates that the principles of the Violin have been followed. The cover and bottom are not of the same thickness, as heretofore, but same as with the Violin, of different thicknesses according to laws in its construction, i. e., where the bridge is located that thickness is heaviest, thinning out towards the border, or frame. Everybody having studied the

so far could not be noted with any other kind of Mandolins. The carrying capacity of these tones is remarkable.

"What is further to be commended is the even sounding of the tones in all the keys. The purity of tone is probably the most satisfactory so far produced, and without equal.

"In one word, the introduction of this Mandolin would certainly help our societies and clubs a good deal. Of course, the price is rather high, but there are many players who are willing to spend 80 Marks for a really good instrument.

"The Gibson Mandolin Agency has sent us a quantity of folders, and we shall be pleased to send them to interested parties."

## The "Gibson" Mandolin, Style "A"

Straight grain, graduated spruce top (sounding-board), golden orange finish; thoroughly air seasoned maple rim and back, dark mahogany finish; highly polished throughout; Mexican mahogany neck reinforced; veneered head-piece; ebony finger-board, with twenty ovoid, narrow frets; pearl position dots; ivoroid binding inlaid on outer upper edge of rim; ivoroid bound oblong sound-hole inlaid with fancy colored woods; elevated guard-plate or finger-rest with German silver clamp (patented July 4th, 1911. See cut, page 97); fine quality nickle machine-head; bone nut; "Gibson" extension German silver string-holder.

List price.....\$44.32 Net price.....\$25.00  
With canvas case No. 101.....Net 26.75  
With "Faultless" case No. 360.....Net 30.00  
With "Faultless" case No. 362.....Net 31.50  
With "Faultless" case No. 363.....Net 33.00



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## The "Gibson" Mandolin, Style "A-1"

Fine quality, straight grain, graduated spruce top (sounding-board), golden orange finish; thoroughly air-seasoned maple rim and back, dark mahogany finish; highly polished throughout; Mexican mahogany neck reinforced; veneered head-piece with "The Gibson" in pearl; ivoroid bound, ebony finger-board with twenty ovaled, narrow frets; pearl position dots; ivoroid bound oblong sound-hole, inlaid with two rings of fancy colored woods; ivoroid binding inlaid on outer upper edge of rim; elevated guard-plate, or finger-rest with German silver clamp (patented July 4th, 1911. See cut, page 97); fine quality nicked machine-head; bone nut; "Gibson" extension German silver string-holder.

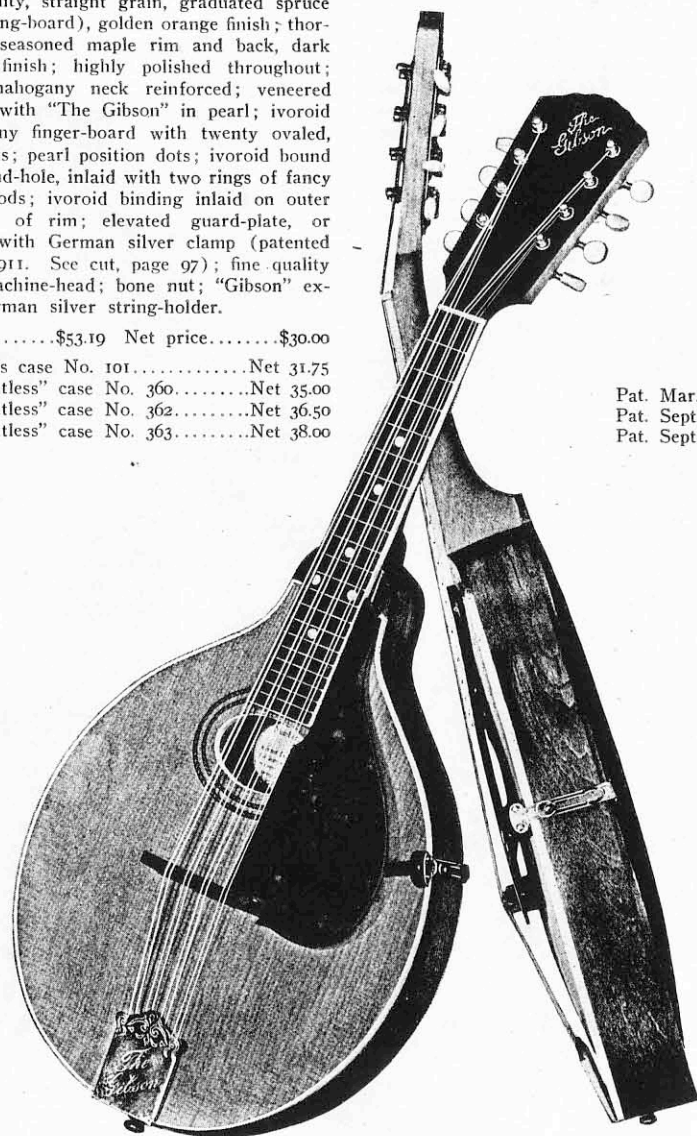
List price.....\$53.19 Net price.....\$30.00

With canvas case No. 101.....Net 31.75

With "Faultless" case No. 360.....Net 35.00

With "Faultless" case No. 362.....Net 36.50

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## The "Gibson" Mandolin, Style "A-3"

Carefully selected, straight grain, graduated spruce top (sounding-board), golden orange finish; thoroughly air-seasoned maple rim and back, dark mahogany finish; highly polished throughout; straight grain Mexican mahogany neck reinforced; head-piece veneered front and back, front inlaid with "The Gibson" in pearl and pearl ornament; ivoroid bound ebony finger-board, with twenty ovaled, narrow frets; pearl position dots inlaid on finger-board and position dots on upper edge of neck; ivoroid bound oblong sound-hole inlaid with two rings of fancy colored woods; top and back bound on outer edges of rim with ivoroid; elevated guard-plate or finger-rest with German silver clamp (patented July 4, 1911. See cut, page 97); best quality machine-head; bone nut; "Gibson" extension German silver string-holder.

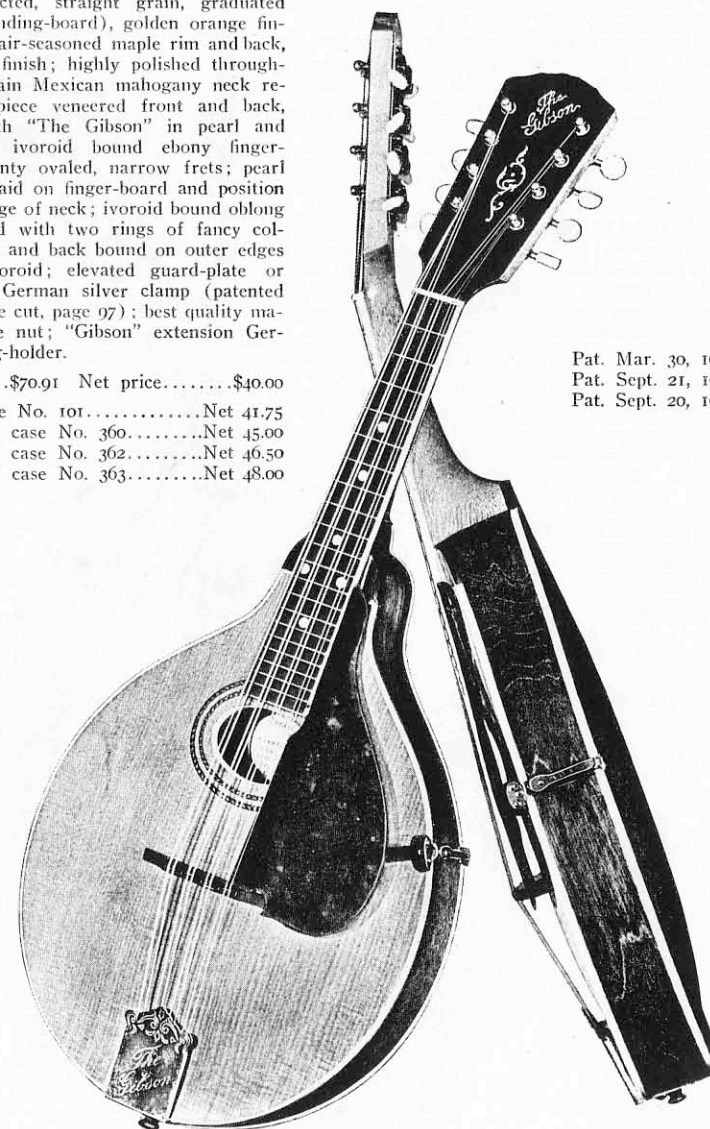
List price.....\$70.91 Net price.....\$40.00

With canvas case No. 101.....Net 41.75

With "Faultless" case No. 360.....Net 45.00

With "Faultless" case No. 362.....Net 46.50

With "Faultless" case No. 363.....Net 48.00



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## The "Gibson" Mandolin, Style "A-4"

Select straight grain, carefully graduated spruce top (sounding-board), finished in a shading of golden red to a beautiful dark mahogany; thoroughly air-seasoned maple rim and back, dark mahogany finish; highly polished throughout; straight grain Mexican mahogany neck reinforced; head-piece veneered front and back, front inlaid with "The Gibson" in pearl and Fleur-de-lis ornament; ivoroid bound ebony artist extension finger-board, with twenty-four ovaled, narrow frets extended into the ivoroid binding, thus retaining full width of the finger-board; pearl position dots inlaid on finger-board and position dots on upper edge of neck; ivoroid bound oblong sound-hole inlaid with two rings of fancy colored woods and ivoroid border; top and back bound on outer edges of rim with ivoroid; elevated guard-plate or finger-rest with German silver clamp (patented July 4, 1911. See page 97); finest quality nicked machine-head; buttons inlaid with German silver and pearl; bone nut; "Gibson" extension German silver string-holder.

List price .....\$88.65  
Net price ..... 50.00

With canvas case  
No. 101..Net 51.75

With "Faultless"  
case No. 360  
.....Net 55.00

With "Faultless"  
case No. 362  
.....Net 56.50

With "Faultless"  
case No. 363  
.....Net 58.00



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## The "Gibson" Mandolin, Style "F-2"

### Artist's Model

Best quality, carefully graduated select spruce top (sounding-board), of regular straight, narrow grain, finished in a shading of golden red to a beautiful dark mahogany; finest selected, thoroughly air-seasoned maple rim and back, dark mahogany finish; highly polished throughout; select straight grain Mexican mahogany neck reinforced; head-piece veneered front and back, front inlaid with "The Gibson" in pearl; ivoroid bound ebony artist extension finger-board with twenty-four ovaled, narrow frets extended into the ivoroid binding, thus retaining full width of the finger-board; pearl position dots inlaid on finger-board and position dots on upper side of neck; bone nut; ivoroid bound oblong sound-hole inlaid with two rings of fancy colored woods and ivoroid border; ivoroid binding on outer, upper edge of rim; elevated guard-plate or finger-rest with German silver clamp (patented July 4, 1911. See page 97); finest quality nicked machine-head; buttons inlaid with German silver and pearl; "Gibson" extension German silver string-holder.

List price ...\$132.98  
Net price .... 75.00

With canvas case  
No. 105..Net 76.75

With "Faultless"  
case No. 368.  
.....Net 80.00

With "Faultless"  
case No. 370  
.....Net 81.50

With "Faultless"  
case No. 371  
.....Net 83.00



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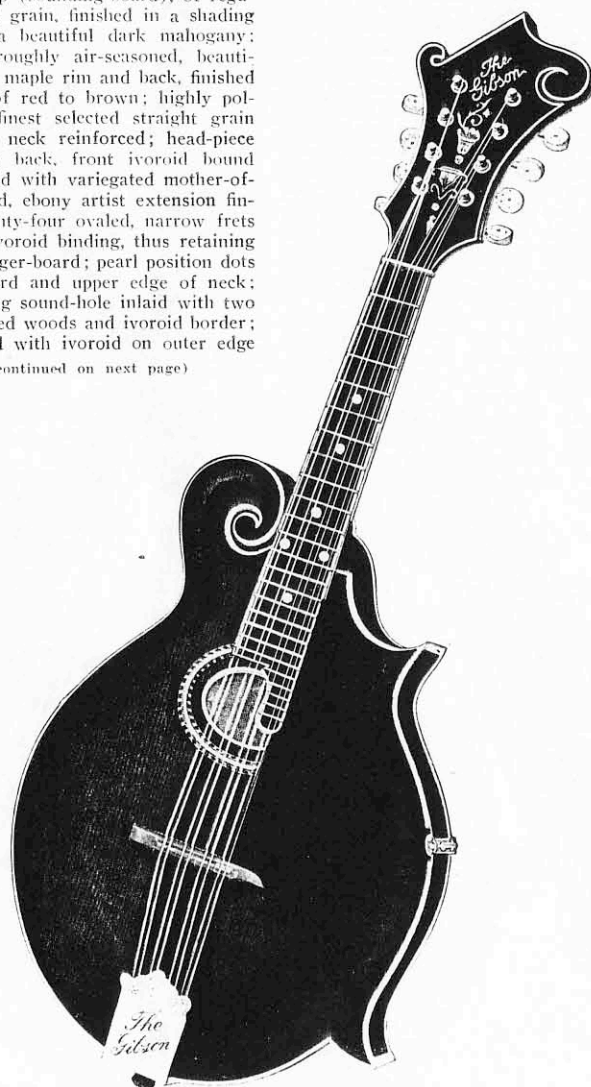


## The "Gibson" Mandolin, Style "F-4"

### Artist's Model

Finest quality, specially selected, scientifically graduated spruce top (sounding-board), of regular narrow, straight grain, finished in a shading of golden red to a beautiful dark mahogany; finest selected, thoroughly air-seasoned, beautifully figured flamed maple rim and back, finished in Violin shading of red to brown; highly polished throughout; finest selected straight grain Mexican mahogany neck reinforced; head-piece veneered front and back, front ivoroid bound and beautifully inlaid with variegated mother-of-pearl; ivoroid bound, ebony artist extension finger-board with twenty-four ovaled, narrow frets extended into the ivoroid binding, thus retaining full width of the finger-board; pearl position dots inlaid on finger-board and upper edge of neck; ivoroid bound oblong sound-hole inlaid with two rings of fancy colored woods and ivoroid border; top and back bound with ivoroid on outer edge

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of rim; elevated guard-plate or finger-rest with German silver clamp (patented July 4, 1911. See cut, page 97); finest quality machine-head, buttons inlaid with German silver and pearl; mother-of-pearl nut; "Gibson" extension German silver string-holder.

List price.....\$177.30 Net price.....\$100.00

With canvas case No. 105 .....Net 101.75

With "Faultless" case No. 368.....Net 105.00

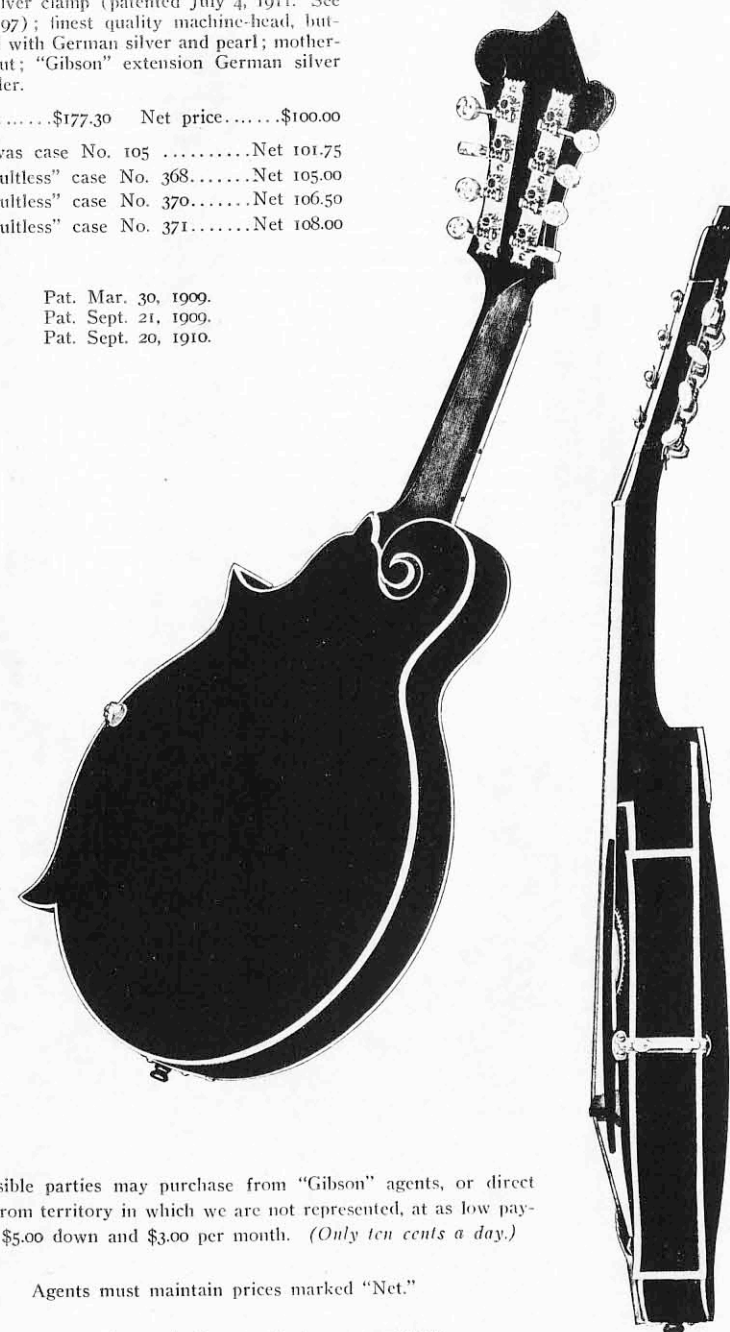
With "Faultless" case No. 370.....Net 106.50

With "Faultless" case No. 371.....Net 108.00

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## The "Gibson" Guitar, Style "L-1"

### Concert Size

Straight grain, graduated spruce top (sound-ing-board), golden orange finish; thoroughly air-seasoned maple rim and back, dark mahogany finish; highly polished throughout; straight grain Mexican mahogany neck reinforced; veneered head-piece; ivoroid bound ebony finger-board with 19 oveled, narrow frets; pearl position dots on finger-board and position dots on upper side of neck; ivoroid bound sound-hole inlaid with two rings of fancy colored woods; perpendicular bridge securing divided vertical string pressure; elevated finger-rest with two German silver clamps (patented July 4, 1911. See page 97); ivoroid binding inlaid on outer upper edge of rim; improved extension string-holder; bone nut; nickeled machine-head.

List price.....\$62.05 Net price.....\$35.00

With canvas case No. 135.....Net 37.00

With "Faultless" case No. 408.....Net 44.50

With "Faultless" case No. 410.....Net 46.00

With "Faultless" case No. 411.....Net 48.50

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Always state whether gut or wire strings are wanted.

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## Special Grand Concert Guitar, Style "O"

### Artist's Model

Carefully selected, straight grain, graduated spruce top (sounding-board), finished in a shading of golden red to a beautiful dark ma-hogany; select, thoroughly air-seasoned maple rim and back, dark mahogany finish; highly polished throughout; select straight grain Mexican mahogany neck reinforced; ivoroid bound veneered head-piece, handsomely inlaid with pearl ornament; ivoroid bound ebony extension finger-board with twenty-two oveled narrow frets extended into the ivoroid bind-ing, thus retaining full width of the finger-board; pearl position dots inlaid on finger-board and position dots on upper side of neck; ivoroid bound sound-hole inlaid with three rings of fancy colored woods, perpendicular bridge securing divided vertical string pres-sure; elevated finger-rest with German silver clamp. (Pat. July 4, 1911. See page 97.) Top and back bound with ivoroid on outer edge of rim; improved extension string-holder; bone nut; best quality nickeled ma-chine-head. Body joins neck at 15th fret in-stead of 12th fret, making the highest positions easily accessible. Width of sounding-board at bridge, sixteen inches.

List price .....\$150.72

Net price ..... 85.00

With canvas case

No. 141.....Net 89.50

With "Faultless" case No. 424

.....Net 96.25

With "Faultless" case No. 426

.....Net 97.50

With "Faultless" case No. 427

.....Net 100.75

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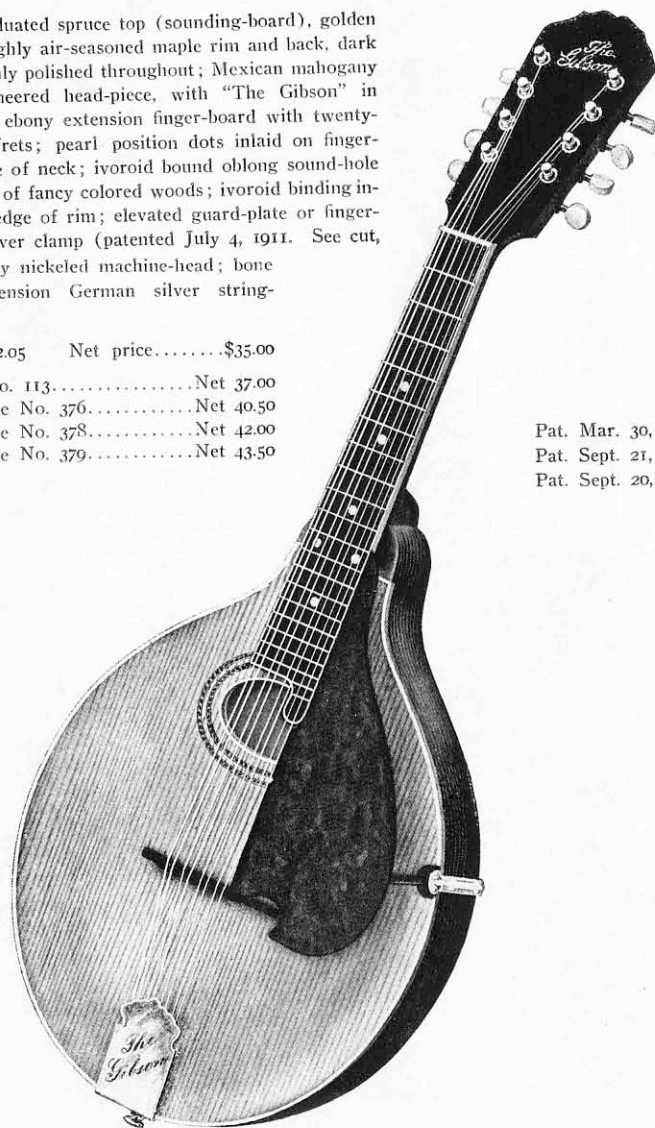


## The "Gibson" Mandola, Style "H-1"

Straight grain, graduated spruce top (sounding-board), golden orange finish; thoroughly air-seasoned maple rim and back, dark mahogany finish; highly polished throughout; Mexican mahogany neck reinforced; veneered head-piece, with "The Gibson" in pearl; ivoroid bound ebony extension finger-board with twenty-one ovaled, narrow frets; pearl position dots inlaid on finger-board and upper edge of neck; ivoroid bound oblong sound-hole inlaid with two rings of fancy colored woods; ivoroid binding inlaid on outer upper edge of rim; elevated guard-plate or finger-rest with German silver clamp (patented July 4, 1911. See cut, page 97); fine quality nicked machine-head; bone nut; "Gibson" extension German silver string-holder.

List price.....\$62.05      Net price.....\$35.00

With canvas case No. 113.....Net 37.00  
With "Faultless" case No. 376.....Net 40.50  
With "Faultless" case No. 378.....Net 42.00  
With "Faultless" case No. 379.....Net 43.50



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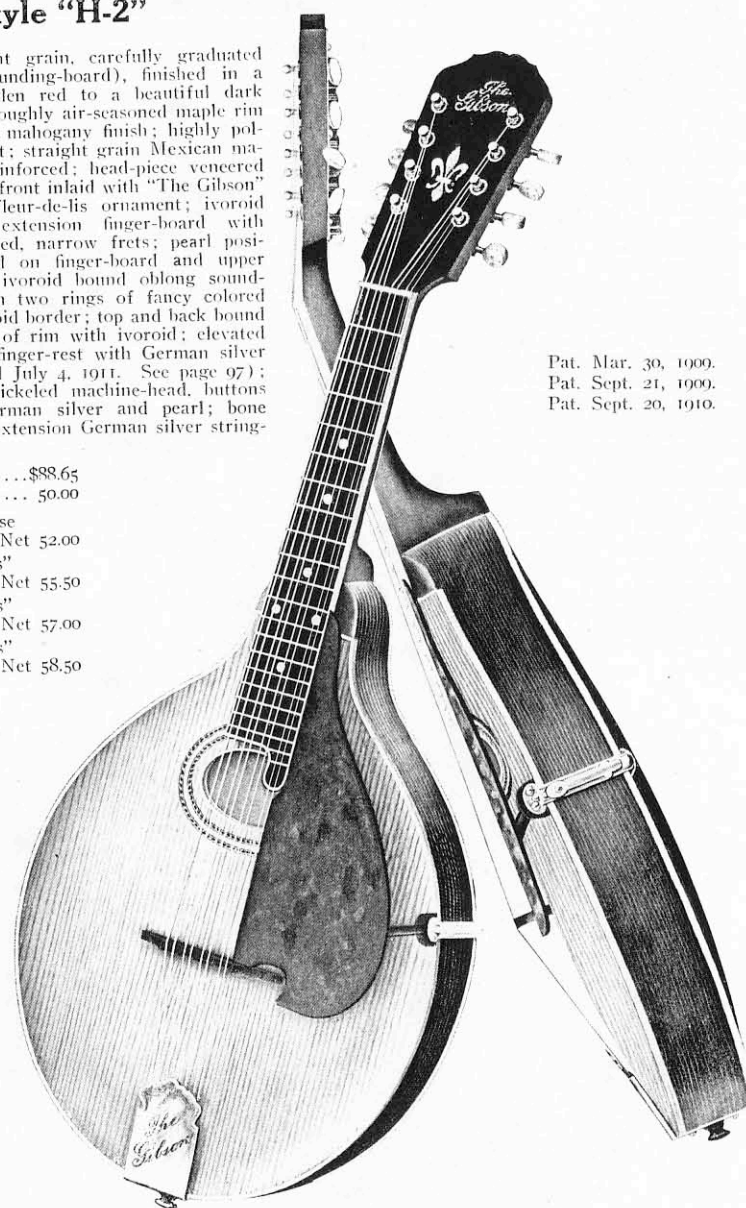
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## The "Gibson" Mandola, Style "H-2"

Select, straight grain, carefully graduated spruce top (sounding-board), finished in a shading of golden red to a beautiful dark mahogany; thoroughly air-seasoned maple rim and back; dark mahogany finish; highly polished throughout; straight grain Mexican mahogany neck reinforced; head-piece veneered front and back, front inlaid with "The Gibson" in pearl and Fleur-de-lis ornament; ivoroid bound ebony extension finger-board with twenty-one ovaled, narrow frets; pearl position dots inlaid on finger-board and upper edge of neck; ivoroid bound oblong sound-hole inlaid with two rings of fancy colored woods and ivoroid border; top and back bound on outer edges of rim with ivoroid; elevated guard-plate or finger-rest with German silver clamp (patented July 4, 1911. See page 97); finest quality nicked machine-head, buttons inlaid with German silver and pearl; bone nut; "Gibson" extension German silver string-holder.

List price .....\$88.65  
Net price .....50.00

With canvas case  
No. 113.....Net 52.00  
With "Faultless"  
case No. 376, Net 55.50  
With "Faultless"  
case No. 378, Net 57.00  
With "Faultless"  
case No. 379, Net 58.50



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## The "Gibson" Mandola, Style "H-4"

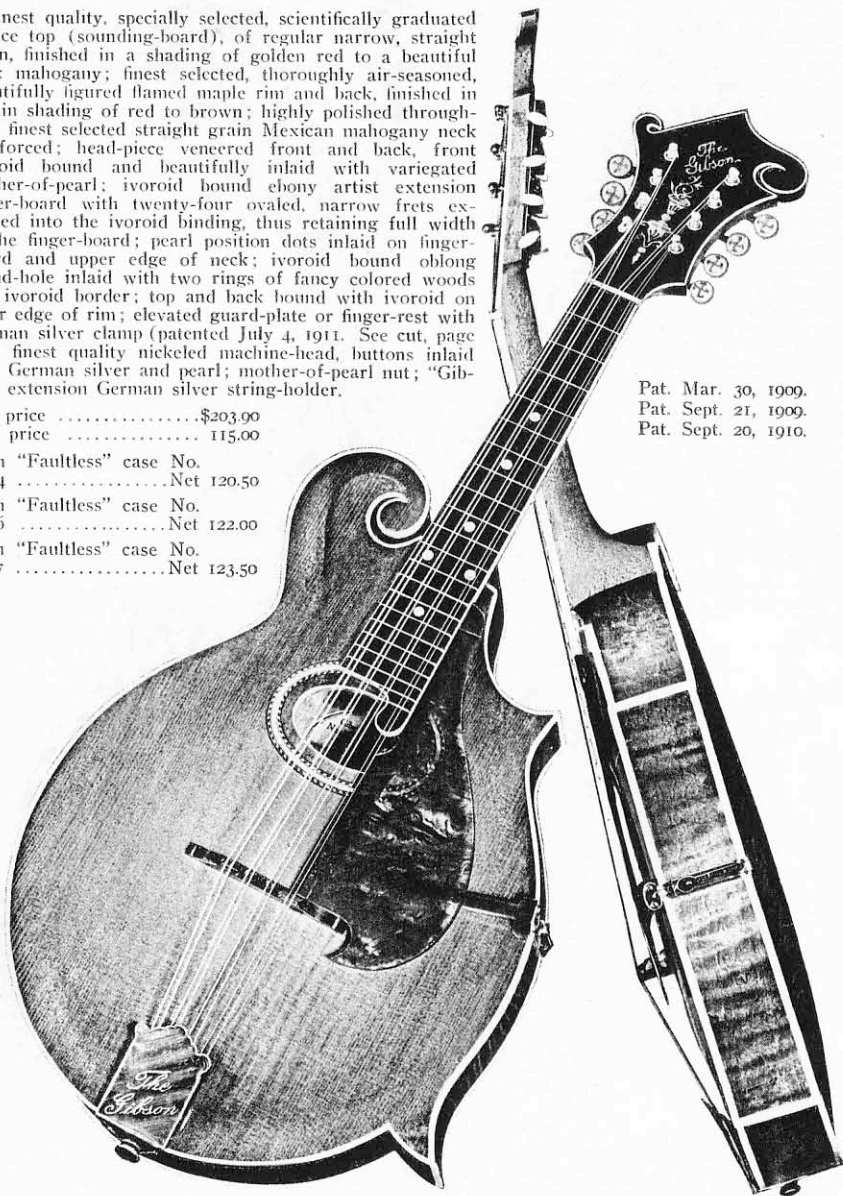
### Artist's Model

Finest quality, specially selected, scientifically graduated spruce top (sounding-board), of regular narrow, straight grain, finished in a shading of golden red to a beautiful dark mahogany; finest selected, thoroughly air-seasoned, beautifully figured flamed maple rim and back, finished in Violin shading of red to brown; highly polished throughout; finest selected straight grain Mexican mahogany neck reinforced; head-piece veneered front and back, front ivory bound and beautifully inlaid with variegated mother-of-pearl; ivory bound ebony artist extension finger-board with twenty-four ovaled, narrow frets extended into the ivory binding, thus retaining full width of the finger-board; pearl position dots inlaid on finger-board and upper edge of neck; ivory bound oblong sound-hole inlaid with two rings of fancy colored woods and ivory border; top and back bound with ivory on outer edge of rim; elevated guard-plate or finger-rest with German silver clamp (patented July 4, 1911. See cut, page 97); finest quality nicked machine-head, buttons inlaid with German silver and pearl; mother-of-pearl nut; "Gibson" extension German silver string-holder.

List price .....\$203.00  
Net price .....115.00

With "Faultless" case No.  
384 .....Net 120.50  
With "Faultless" case No.  
386 .....Net 122.00  
With "Faultless" case No.  
387 .....Net 123.50

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## The "Gibson" Mando-cello, Style "K-1"

Straight grain, graduated spruce top (sounding-board), golden orange finish, thoroughly air-seasoned maple rim and back, dark mahogany finish; highly polished throughout; Mexican mahogany neck reinforced; veneered head-piece, with "The Gibson" in pearl; ivory bound ebony extension finger-board with twenty-four ovaled, narrow frets; pearl position dots inlaid on finger-board and upper edge of neck; ivory bound oblong sound-hole inlaid with two rings of fancy colored woods; ivory binding inlaid on outer upper edge of rim; elevated guard-plate or finger-rest with German silver clamp (patented July 4, 1911. See cut, page 97); fine quality nicked machine-head; bone nut; "Gibson" extension German silver string-holder.

List price .....\$62.05      Net price .....\$35.00

With canvas case No. 121 .....Net 37.50  
With "Faultless" case No. 392 .....Net 44.50  
With "Faultless" case No. 394 .....Net 46.00  
With "Faultless" case No. 395 .....Net 48.50

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## The "Gibson" Mando-cello, Style "K-2"

Select, straight grain, carefully graduated spruce top (sounding-board), finished in a shading of golden red to a beautiful dark mahogany; thoroughly air-seasoned maple rim and back; dark mahogany finish; highly polished throughout; straight grain Mexican mahogany neck reinforced; head-piece veneered front and back, front inlaid with "The Gibson" in pearl and Fleur-de-lis ornament; ivoroid bound ebony extension finger-board with twenty-four ovaled, narrow frets; pearl position dots inlaid on finger-board and upper edge of neck; ivoroid bound oblong sound-hole inlaid with two rings of fancy colored woods and ivoroid border; top and back bound on outer edges of rim with ivoroid; elevated guard-plate or finger-rest with German silver clamp (patented July 4, 1911. See page 97); finest quality nicked machine-head, buttons inlaid with German silver and pearl; bone nut; "Gibson" extension German silver string-holder.

List price.....\$88.65 Net price.....\$50.00

With canvas case No. 121.....Net 52.50

With "Faultless" case No. 392.....Net 59.50

With "Faultless" case No. 394.....Net 61.00

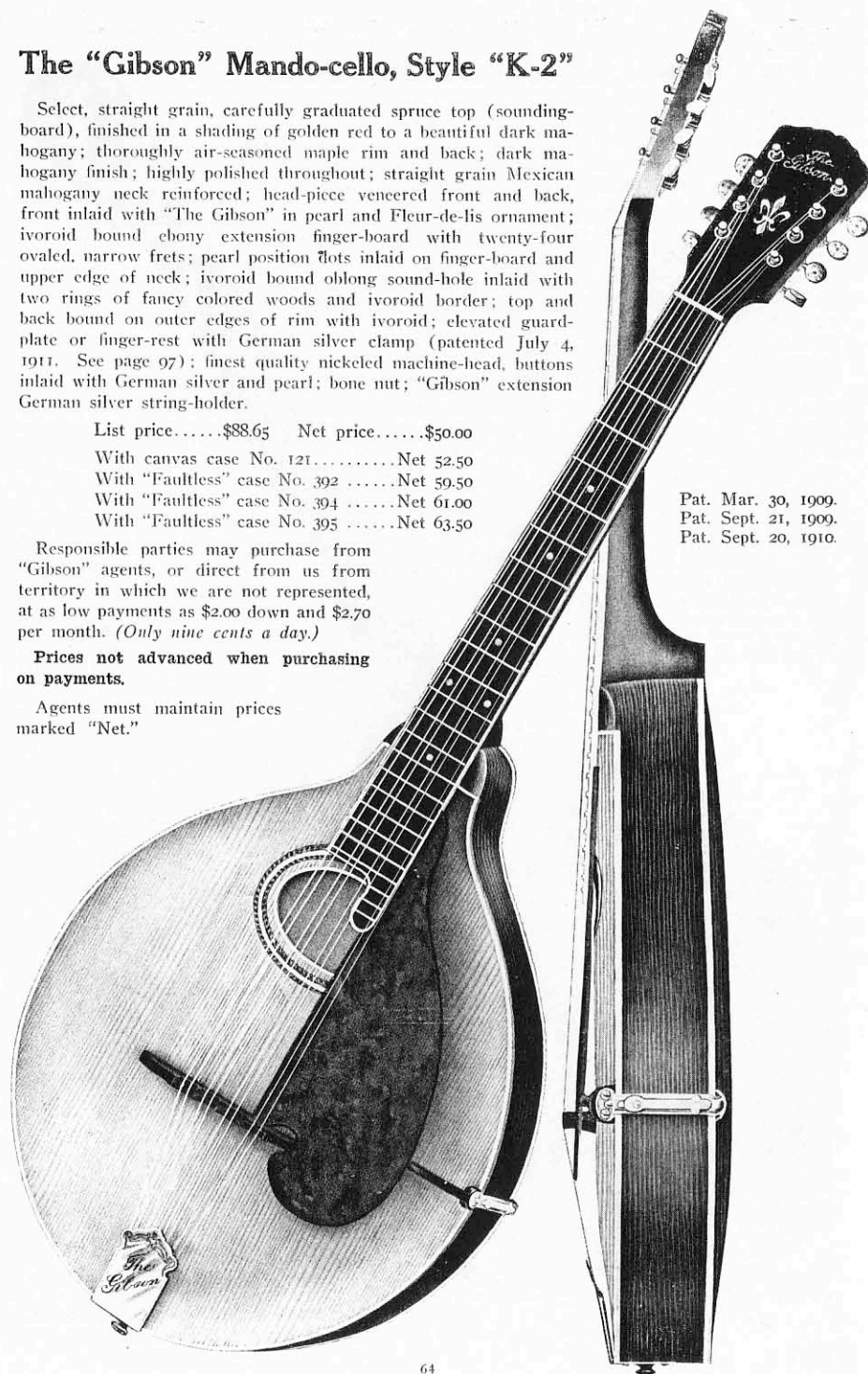
With "Faultless" case No. 395.....Net 63.50

Responsible parties may purchase from "Gibson" agents, or direct from us from territory in which we are not represented, at as low payments as \$2.00 down and \$2.70 per month. (Only nine cents a day.)

Prices not advanced when purchasing on payments.

Agents must maintain prices marked "Net."

Pat. Mar. 30, 1909.  
Pat. Sept. 21, 1909.  
Pat. Sept. 20, 1910.



## The "Gibson" Mando-cello, Style "K-4"

### Artist's Model

Finest quality, specially selected, scientifically graduated spruce top (sounding-board), of regular narrow straight grain, finished in a shading of golden red to a beautiful dark mahogany; finest selected, thoroughly air-seasoned, beautifully figured flamed maple rim and back, finished in Violin shading of red to brown; highly polished throughout; finest selected straight grain Mexican mahogany neck reinforced; head-piece veneered front and back, front ivoroid bound and beautifully inlaid with variegated mother-of-pearl; ivoroid bound ebony artist extension finger-board with twenty-four ovaled, narrow frets, extended into the ivoroid binding, thus retaining full width of the finger-board; pearl position dots inlaid on finger-board and upper edge of neck; ivoroid bound oblong sound-hole inlaid with two rings of fancy colored woods and ivoroid border; top and back bound with ivoroid on outer edge of rim; elevated guard-plate or finger-rest with German silver clamp (patented July 4, 1911. See cut, page 97); finest quality machine-head, buttons inlaid with German silver and pearl; mother-of-pearl nut; "Gibson" extension German silver string-holder.

List price .....\$221.63

Net price .....125.00

With "Faultless" case No. 400

.....Net 134.50

With "Faultless" case No. 402

.....Net 136.00

With "Faultless" case No. 403

.....Net 138.50

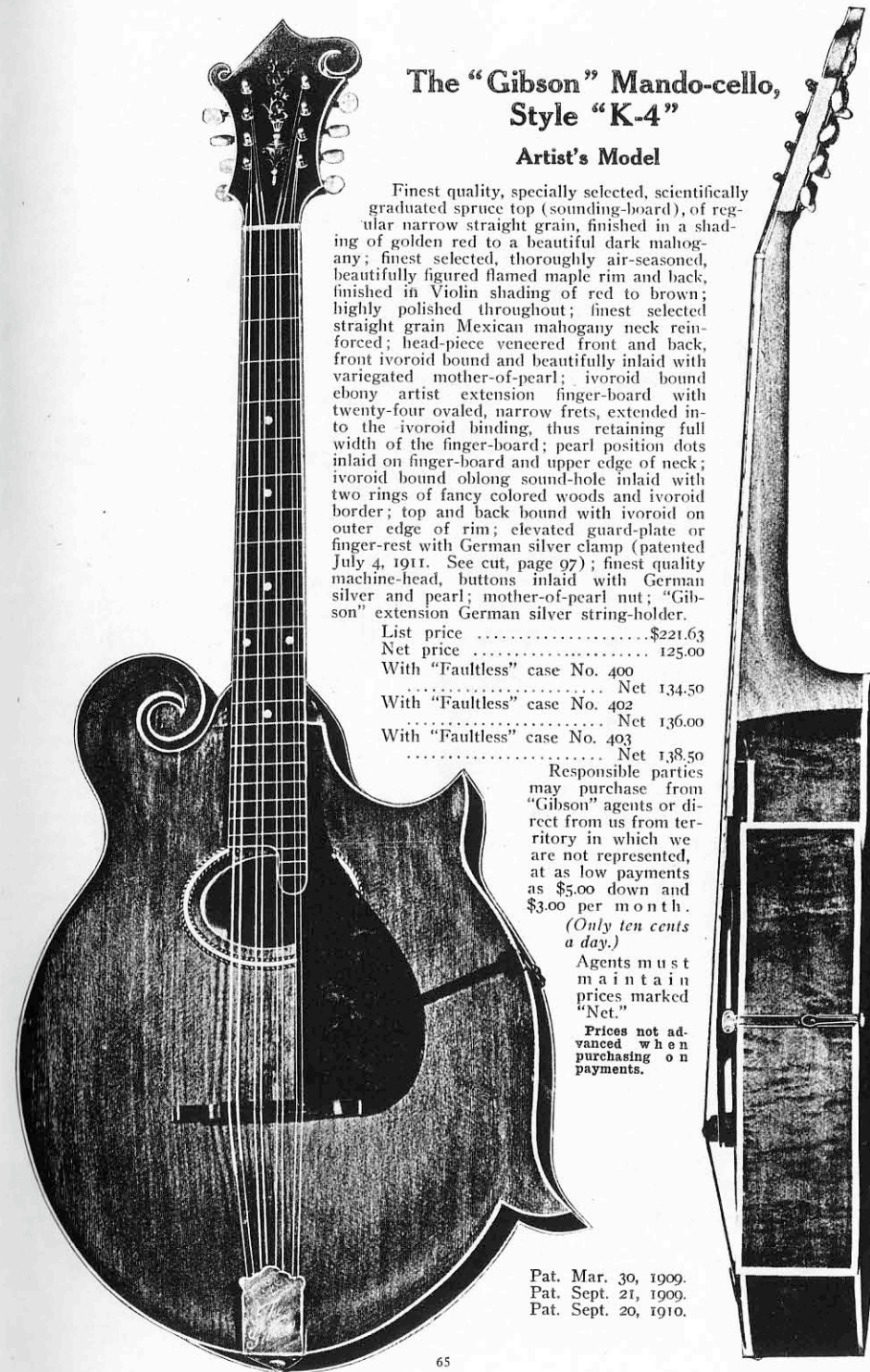
Responsible parties may purchase from "Gibson" agents or direct from us from territory in which we are not represented, at as low payments as \$5.00 down and \$3.00 per month.

(Only ten cents a day.)

Agents must maintain prices marked "Net."

Prices not advanced when purchasing on payments.

Pat. Mar. 30, 1909.  
Pat. Sept. 21, 1909.  
Pat. Sept. 20, 1910.







## The "Gibson" Mando-bass, Style "J"

STRAIGHT grain, graduated spruce top (sounding-board) finished in a shading of golden red to a beautiful dark mahogany; thoroughly air-seasoned maple rim and back, dark mahogany finish; highly polished throughout; Mexican mahogany, reinforced, non-warpable neck; veneered head-piece with "The Gibson" in pearl; solid ebony finger-board with seventeen ovaled, narrow frets; pearl position dots; round sound-hole; ivoroid bound, inlaid with two rings of fancy colored woods; ivoroid binding inlaid on outer upper edge of rim; elevated arm-rest; good quality machine-head; ebony nut; "Gibson" extension string-holder; maple bridge with adjustable ebony string saddles; vermilion end pin; steel rod, adjustable extension floor rest adaptable to either standing or sitting position.

Weight, sixteen pounds.

Weight, boxed for shipping, eighty-five pounds.

List price.....\$159.57 Net price.....\$90.00  
With water-proof bag..... 95.85

(No other case furnished as canvas is not sufficiently strong and leather is too heavy.)

Pat. Sept. 21, 1909.

Pat. July 19, 1910.

Responsible parties may purchase from "Gibson" agents, or direct from us from territory in which we are not represented, at as low payments as \$5.00 down and \$3.00 per month. (Only ten cents a day.)

NOTE.—Sounding-board furnished in a shading of golden red to a beautiful dark mahogany unless otherwise ordered.

Agents must maintain prices marked "Net."

Prices not advanced when purchasing on payments.

## The "Gibson" Mando-bass

### The Instrument That is So Much That All Praise Falls Behind It

#### The Pith and Marrow of the Argument

SMALL, yet the colossus of tonal power of any of the Mandolin or Guitar family. Compact, yet securing the gigantic compass of six octaves to the Mandolin family alone. Simple of execution, yet making possible an immensity of contrasting effects and versatility of tone coloring through widely diffused voicings that invest the Mandolin Orchestra with breadth of scope, depth of extent of classic undertaking and profoundness of possibilities heretofore impossible.

The String Quintet is completed, and that by a portable instrument, smaller, lighter, and more easily carried than the double bass of the Violin family.

The Mando-bass may be used in combination with four or more instruments.

Left-hand technic is like playing the lowest four strings of the six-string Guitar, namely—G, D, A, E—one finger governing a fret, four fingers governing a position, the same as the Guitar.

Universal Notation, or the reading of the treble clef, is employed so that no extra study of clef or finger-board is necessary for the Mando-bassist if formerly a Guitarist, and no extra study of clef or right-hand technic if formerly a player of any of the Mandolin family. As the strings of the Mando-bass are inverted in order of name to those of the Mandolin family, but still retain the same letters (in name), any player, then, of the Mandolin or Guitar family can quickly adapt himself to the Mando-bass.

Long tones are best sustained by a slow tremolo.

Both velocity and power are immediately at command of the pick or fingers.

As the scale is shorter than the double bass scale of the Violin family, agility and efficiency are easily secured.

Where, for commercial reasons, small stringed instrumentation only is possible, the biggest toned instruments make up in power that which is lacked in numbers.

#### MANDO-BASS ADDS 100 PER CENT TO THE CLUB

"Had my club meeting last night and as usual had a few visitors and all with me united in saying the Mando-bass adds one hundred per cent to the club. It is simply great and I can't praise it enough. My player is a good Guitarist and he had very little trouble in playing it, and is really doing fine work. I agree with all you say about Mando-bass, only you do not put it strong enough, and certainly every teacher who hasn't one in his club is way behind the times."

F. W. TOWLE,

Teacher of twenty years' experience and Soloist of Pasadena, Cal.



#### POSSESSES NEAT WORKMANSHIP

"It ('F-4' Mandolin) is certainly a beauty; as well as I thought I knew the ability of your production department, I did not expect quite as neat workmanship as the instrument possesses. Of course it will take a year or two for it to reach its pinnacle of tonal quality, but it is not very much inferior to my old ('Gibson') instrument even now."

GEO. LEHRITTER,

Teacher and Concert Mandolinist.





## Mandolin, Mandola, Mando-cello Tail-piece

**F**REQUENTLY when playing (particularly forte) the first or second strings will suddenly flat, and the performer must stop in the midst of his playing to tune, which is the most disconcerting and exasperating of concert experiences. The trouble may arise from various causes, but many times from raveling of string

at loop end which is now wholly prevented by the "half hitch" bearing on the winding itself so that the direct pull does not come on the loop alone, but is equalized, as will be noted upon examination of cut. "Two birds are killed with one stone" by this arrangement, as the equalization of tension is also a string saver.

### "Gibson" Picks

**A** perfect plectrum should not click nor snap when passing over the strings, neither should it stick nor grate, nor produce any harshness. To test a pick, muffle the strings with the left hand so that no tone is heard. It will be found that the long or pointed pick produces more clicking and snapping than the shorter and slightly oval pick.

A great deal has been said about the beveled edge pick. This is a step in the right direction, but some manufacturers who bevel only two edges, bevel the wrong edges at that, and no wonder the performer can see little or no advantage by using beveled picks. On the other hand, some performers hold the pick wrong, so that if the right edges were beveled, there would be no advantage to the player. We, therefore, believe the "Gibson" pick will fill a long-felt want, for all edges are beveled so that the pick is adapted to meet the demands of every performer.

The Gibson Pick No. 351, Invented by Wm. Place, Jr.

A new, tough, non-snapable, non-vibrant and consequently almost noiseless pick. Long-wearable, non-clickable, non-breakable, non-slipable, non-scratchable, nevertheless of the desirable solidity to get all the power there is. Right shape. Right size. Right thickness. Edges beveled.

Get used to it, for its tonal advantages are such as to cause the strongest endorsement from WM. PLACE, JR., Mandolin Virtuoso.

"The pick is the result of a great deal of very careful thought, and I can honestly say that if I could not have fibre plectrums to use, I would think seriously of giving up the Mandolin. This is a strong statement, but I really feel that way about the matter."

Mr. Place's playing excels in tonal clarity. "There's a reason."

### Machine-heads

**T**HE worm-screw and gear of all machine-heads on the new model "Gibson" instruments have been so carefully worked out and proportioned as to make precise, exact nicety of tuning easy. Hardened metal—not soft brass as commonly used—prevents wearing of the cogs, the exasperating cause of play and jumping sharp or flat when tuning, and, in fact, some times when playing. Moreover, the string drums or posts are made to so fit the gear wheels that they must be driven on. Therefore, loosening or rattling from sympathetic vibration and the like are impossible. This is a new machine-head that works gradually and smoothly, and is the best that money and skilled labor can secure; not in ornamentation, but in serviceableness. We advocate nothing is too good for the "Gibson." The so-

called dust-proof or covered machine-head is much cheaper, but is not as desirable when in actual service. The open gear permits each part to be easily oiled or repaired as necessity may require without having to remove the entire back plate.

**Quick Stringing.**—All string drums or posts around which strings are wound, are vertically set instead of horizontally set through slots sawed in the head as has been the custom with the Guitar and some foreign makes of Mandolins. Thus the greatest possible convenience in stringing and unstringing is secured, inasmuch as the string does not have to be put back and forth through the slot in head as per the present exasperating custom with the old-style Guitars, but may be instantaneously unwound and slipped off end of the string drum.

#### AS NEAR PERFECTION AS POSSIBLE

"I believe the entire line of 'Gibson' instruments to be as near perfection as possible. The combination of scale and excellence of tone, both as regards quality and quantity, put them entirely in a class by themselves. They are certainly creating a sensation among players in this city and vicinity."

L. DEWITT EFNER,  
Soloist and Teacher.

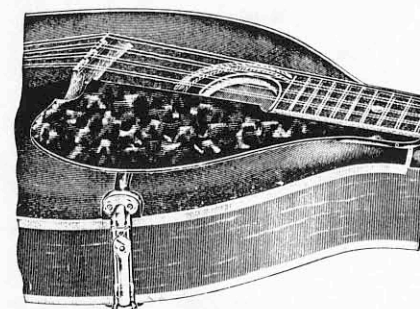
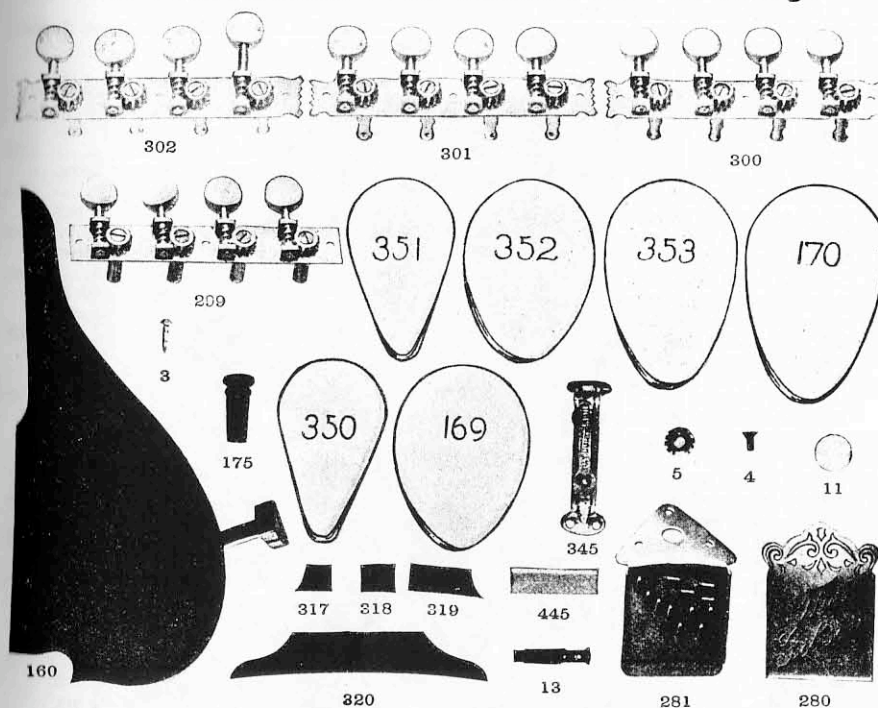
#### DELIGHTED WITH GUITAR

"I am delighted with the tone of the Guitar, and I really don't see how I got along without a 'Gibson.' I also find that the 'Gibson' is generally recognized as the best."

A. L. BEVIS,  
Teacher and Mandolin Orchestra Coach.



## Mandolin, Mandola and Mando-cello Furnishings



NOTE.—Elevated Finger-rest or Guard-plate not furnished for other than "Gibson" instruments.

### MANDOLIN FURNISHINGS

Cat. No.	Mandolin Bridge	
316	Mandolin bridge, ebony, complete....	\$0.50
317	First string saddle, ebony.....	.10
318	Second string saddle, ebony.....	.10
319	Third and fourth string saddle, ebony..	.15
320	Base of Mandolin bridge, ebony.....	.25
Cat. No.	Mandolin End Pin	
175	Genuine ebony with pearl dot in head, each .....	\$ 0.05

### Elevated Finger-rest or Guard-plate Mandolin

Cat. No.		
160	Celluloid-tortoise, with German silver clamp, lined with felt, to fit styles "A," "A-1" and "A-3," each .....	\$1.25
161	Celluloid-tortoise, with German silver clamp, lined with felt, to fit style "A-4," each .....	1.25
162	Celluloid-tortoise, with German silver clamp, lined with felt, to fit styles "F-2" and "F-4," each.....	1.25
345	Clamp, German silver, each .....	.25



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### Mandolin Patent Machine-heads

Cat. No.		
299	Nickeled brass, white celluloid buttons, per set	\$ 0.50
300	Nickeled brass, embossed plates, fancy string-drums, detachable cogs with screw fastenings, ivoroid buttons, per set	.80
301	Nickeled brass, embossed plates, fancy string-drums, detachable cogs with screw fastenings, ivoroid buttons, inlaid with pearl and German silver, per set	1.75
302	Nickeled brass, embossed plates, fancy string-drums, detachable cogs with screw fastenings, ivoroid buttons, inlaid with pearl and German silver, worms of irregular length, to fit styles "F-2" and "F-4" only; per set	2.00

### Mandolin Patent Machine-head Parts Mandolin

Cat. No.		
10	Button, white, each	\$ 0.05
11	Button, ivoroid, each	.05
12	Button, inlaid ivoroid, each	.15
5	Cog wheel, each	.05
4	Screw, 1/4-inch, flat head, machine	
3	Screw, 3/8-inch, nickel-plated, wood	
13	String-drum, each	.05

### Mandolin Nut

Cat. No.		
445	Bone, each	\$0.05
450	Pearl, each	.15

### Mandolin Picks

Cat. No.		
169	Tortoise-celluloid, polished, per doz. 30c; per gross	\$ 3.00
350	Tortoise-celluloid, polished, per doz. 30c; per gross	3.00
351	Fibre, Wm. Place, Jr., per doz. 25c; per gross	2.50
352	Fibre, per doz. 25c; per gross	2.50

## MANDOLA FURNISHINGS

(See cut, page 97)

### Mandola Bridge

Cat. No.		
M316	Mandola bridge, ebony, complete	\$0.50
M317	First string saddle, ebony	.10
M319	Second and third string saddle, ebony	.15
M318	Fourth string saddle, ebony	.10
M320	Base of Mandola bridge, ebony	.25

### Mandola End Pin

Cat. No.		
175	Genuine ebony, with pearl dot in head, each	\$ 0.05

### Elevated Finger-rest or Guard-plate Mandola

Cat. No.		
164	Celluloid-tortoise, with German silver clamp, lined with felt, to fit styles "H-1," "H-2" and "H-4," each	\$1.25
346	Clamp, German silver, each	.25

### Mandolin Strings (Silvered)

No order filled for less than one dozen Strings, or by the Set.

Cat. No.		
177	E, or first, silvered wire, per doz. 28c; per gross	\$ 2.70
178	A, or second, silvered wire, per doz. 28c; per gross	2.70
179	A, or second, spun on silvered wire, per doz. 50c; per gross	4.80
180	D, or third, spun on silvered wire, per doz. 54c; per gross	5.20
181	G, or fourth, spun on silvered wire, per doz. 66c; per gross	6.34
182	Set of (8) strings (2 each E and A silvered; D and G spun), per set, 30c; per doz. sets	2.88
182 1/2	Set of (8) strings silvered (2 each E plain; A, D, G spun), per set, 33c; per doz. sets	3.17

### Mandolin Strings (Copper)

Cat. No.		
183	E, or first, copper, plain, per doz. 36c; per gross	\$3.60
184	A, or second, copper, plain, per doz. 36c; per gross	3.60
188	A, or second, copper, spun, per doz. 50c; per gross	5.00
185	D, or third, copper, spun, per doz. 72c; per gross	6.92
186	G, or fourth, copper, spun, per doz. 80c; per gross	7.68
187	Set of (8) strings, copper (2 each E and A plain; D and G spun), per set, 38c; per doz. sets	3.66
187 1/2	Set of (8) strings, copper (2 each E plain; A, D, G copper, spun), per set, 40c; per doz. sets	3.84

### Mandolin Tail-piece

Cat. No.		
279	Tail-piece or string holder, complete	\$0.50
280	Tail-piece, top	.25
281	Tail-piece, base or lower part (with screws)	.35

### Mandola Patent Machine-heads

Cat. No.		
M300	Nickeled brass, embossed plates, fancy string-drums, detachable cogs with screw fastenings, ivoroid buttons, per set	\$0.80
M301	Nickeled brass, embossed plates, fancy string-drums, detachable cogs, with screw fastenings, ivoroid buttons, inlaid with pearl and German silver, per set	1.75
M302	Nickeled brass, embossed plates, fancy string-drums, detachable cogs, with screw fastenings, ivoroid buttons, inlaid with pearl and German silver, worms of irregular length, to fit style "H-4" only; per set	2.00

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"EVERY ONE A 'GIBSON'-ITE"  
JOPLIN-GIBSON MANDOLIN ORCHESTRA

"In all my experience of more than twenty-five years, I have never seen any Mandolins and Guitars for Mandolin Orchestra work that I could begin to compare with the 'Gibsons'. They have a clear, sweet, rich and powerful, far-reaching carrying tone, which blends beautifully, easy action, scale absolutely true in all positions and the most splendid finish and artistic appearance possible. The Gibson tenor Mandolins and guitars are made with the best quality materials and the most skillful workmanship. The Gibson Mandolins and guitars are made in the United States and are indispensable to every first-class Mandolin Orchestra." GEORGE F. GARCELON, Teacher, Soloist, Arranger, Composer, and Mandolin Orchestra Director.



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### Patent Machine-head Parts

Cat. No.		
11	Button, ivoroid, each	\$0.05
12	Button, inlaid ivoroid, each	.15
5	Cog wheel, each	.05
4	Screw, 1/4-inch, flat head, machine...	
3	Screw, 3/8-inch, nickel-plated, wood...	
13	String-drum, each	.05

### Mandola Nut

Cat. No.		
446	Bone, each	\$0.05

### Picks—Mandola

Cat. No.		
170	Tortoise-celluloid, polished, extra heavy, per doz. 40c; per gross.....	\$3.50
352	Fibre, per doz. 25c; per gross.....	2.50
353	Fibre, per doz. 25c; per gross.....	2.50

### Mandola Strings

(Silvered)

### For Tenor Tuning Only

No order filled for less than one dozen Strings, or by the Set.

Cat. No.

193	A, or first, silvered wire, per doz. 32c; per gross.....	\$ 2.88
194	A, or first, copper spun, per doz. 50c; per gross.....	4.80
195	D, or second, spun on silvered wire, per doz. 70c; per gross.....	7.00
196	G, or third, spun on silvered wire, per doz. 80c; per gross.....	7.68
197	C, or fourth, spun on silvered wire, per doz. \$1.10; per gross.....	12.00
198	Set of (8) strings (2 each A, or first, silvered; D, G, and C spun), per set, 50c; per doz. sets.....	4.80
198 1/2	Set of (8) strings, silvered (2 each A, D, G, C, spun), per set, 52c; per doz. sets.....	5.00

Cat. No.

### Mandola Tail-piece

M279	Tail-piece or string-holder, complete	\$ 0.50
M280	Tail-piece, top	.25
M281	Tail-piece, base or lower part (with screws)	.35

## MANDO-CELLO FURNISHINGS

(See page 97)

### Mando-cello Bridge

Cat. No.		
MC316	Mando-cello bridge, ebony, complete	\$0.60
MC317	First string saddle, ebony.....	.10
MC319	Second and third string saddle....	.15
MC318	Fourth string saddle, ebony.....	.10
MC320	Base of Mando-cello bridge, ebony	.35

### Mando-cello End Pin

Cat. No.		
175	Genuine ebony, with pearl dot in head, each	\$0.05

### Elevated Finger-rest or Guard-plate Mando-cello

Cat. No.		
166	Celluloid-tortoise, with German silver clamp, lined with felt, to fit styles "K-1," "K-2" and "K-4," each	\$1.50
347	Clamp, German silver, each.....	.25

### Mando-cello Patent Machine-heads

Cat. No.		
MC300	Nickel-plated brass, embossed plates, fancy string-drums, detachable cogs with screw fastenings, ivoroid buttons, per set	\$0.80

MC301

Nickel-plated brass, embossed plates, fancy string-drums, detachable cogs with screw fastenings, ivoroid buttons, inlaid with pearl and German silver, per set

\$1.75

MC302

Nickel-plated brass, embossed plates, fancy string-drums, detachable cogs with screw fastenings, ivoroid buttons, inlaid with pearl and German silver, worms of irregular length, to fit style "K-4" only; per set....

2.00

### Mando-cello Patent Machine-head Parts

Cat. No.		
11	Button, ivoroid, each	\$0.05
12	Button, inlaid ivoroid, each	.15
5	Cog wheel, each	.05
4	Screw, 1/4-inch, flat head, machine....	
3	Screw, 3/8-inch, nickel-plated, wood....	
13	String-drum, each	.05

Cat. No.

### Mando-cello Nut

447	Bone, each	\$0.05
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Cat. No.

### Picks—Mando-cello

Cat. No.		
170	Tortoise-celluloid, polished, extra heavy, per doz. 40c; per gross.....	\$3.50

Cat. No.

359	Fibre, per doz. 25c; per gross.....	\$2.50
363	Fibre, per doz. 25c; per gross.....	2.50

### Mando-cello Strings

(Silvered)

No order filled for less than one dozen Strings, or by the Set.

Cat. No.

203	A, or first, spun on silvered wire, per doz.	\$0.64
203 1/2	A, or first, compound, spun on silk and silvered wire, per doz.....	.90
204	D, or second, spun on silvered wire, per doz.	.76
205	G, or third, spun on silvered wire, per doz.	1.02

Cat. No.

206	C, or fourth, spun on silvered wire, per doz.	\$1.38
207	Set of (8) strings (2 each No. 203-204-205 and 206) per set, 64c; per doz. sets	6.92
207 1/2	Set of (8) strings (2 each No. 203 1/2-204-205 and 206), per set 68c; per doz. sets	7.35

Cat. No.

### Mando-cello Tail-piece

MC279	Tail-piece or string-holder, complete	\$ 0.50
MC280	Tail-piece, top	.25
MC281	Tail-piece, base or lower part (with screws)	.35

"I received the Mando-cello yesterday, and to give you my candid opinion, everybody thinks it is a beautiful instrument both in tone and appearance. To be frank, I never knew that it had such a beautiful tone. I expected to hear something of a more metallic sound."

GEO. J. TRINKAUS, Composer, and one of America's most noted arrangers for both Violin Orchestra and Mandolin Orchestra.

"The instruments used by our Orchestra are the 'Gibson.' Their true value is only learned by using them. They have a powerful tone, artistic design, true scale and are the result of perfect workmanship. There is utterly no comparison to be made with the 'Gibson.'"

GEORGE GIBBS,

Teacher and Conductor of the Gibson Mandolin Orchestra.



### "EVERY ONE A 'GIBSON'-ITE"

### THE GIBSON MANDOLIN ORCHESTRA

"Under separate cover I am sending you a photo of the 'Gibson Mandolin Orchestra' of Hanna City, Ill. (Remember, this is the Orchestra that I organized and 'Put' through the WITMARK CLASS and CLUB INSTRUCTOR within twelve lessons.)"

"Not a member of the Orchestra knew a thing about music on his instrument before I gave him his first lesson of the twelve."

C. C. CASTLE, Conductor, Teacher, and Soloist.

### NONE GIVE SUCH UNIVERSAL SATISFACTION

"The 'Gibson' Mandolins are winners. I have handled the very best for years, but never one that gives such universal satisfaction as the 'Gibson.'"

B. A. ROSE,  
Dealer, Teacher, and Club Coach.

### TONE RICH, ACTION EASY

"Your instrument not only shows beautiful workmanship, but it also possesses that rich quality of tone, perfect scale, and that which is coveted by most competent performers, 'easy action.'"

ERNEST K. KAAI, Hawaii,  
Teacher and Concert Soloist.





## GUITAR AND HARP-GUITAR FURNISHINGS

### Guitar and Harp-guitar Bridges

Cat. No.	
322	Bridge, maple, for concert and Grand Concert Guitars, each ..... \$0.25
324	Bridge, maple, for Harp-guitar, each. .50

### Guitar and Harp-guitar Bridge Pins

Cat. No.	
171	Guitar bridge pins (long), ebony, pearl dot in head, each 5c; per set of 6..... \$0.15
172	Guitar bridge pins (short, used in "Gibson" patented tail-piece), ebony, pearl dot in head, each 5c; per set of 6 .15
173	Harp-guitar bridge pins (short, used in "Gibson" patented tail-piece), each 5c; per set of 16..... .40

### Guitar and Harp-guitar End Pins

Cat. No.	
176	Genuine ebony with pearl dot in head, each ..... \$0.05

### Elevated Finger-rest Guitar

Cat. No.	
167L	Celluloid-tortoise, with two German silver clamps, lined with felt, to fit Concert Guitar, styles "L-1" and "L-3," each ..... \$1.75
167L-4	Celluloid-tortoise, with two German silver clamps, lined with felt, to fit Concert Guitar, style "L-4," each... 1.75
167O	Celluloid-tortoise, with German silver clamp, lined with felt, to fit Grand Concert Guitar, style "O," each ..... 1.75
348	Clamp, German silver, for all Concert and Grand Concert Guitars, each.... .25

### Elevated Finger-rest Harp-guitar

Cat. No.	
168	Celluloid-tortoise, with two German silver clamps, lined with felt, to fit style "U" Harp-guitar, each ..... \$2.00
349	Clamp, German silver, for Harp-guitar, each ..... .25

### Guitar and Harp-guitar Patent Machine-heads

Cat. No.	
310	Nickeled brass, embossed plates, ivory buttons, fancy string-drums, detachable cogs with screw fastenings (for vertical or Mandolin style of stringing only), per set ..... \$0.65
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215	B, or second, spun on silvered wire, per doz. 50c; per gross..... 4.80
214	G, or third, silvered wire, per doz. 28c; per gross ..... 2.70

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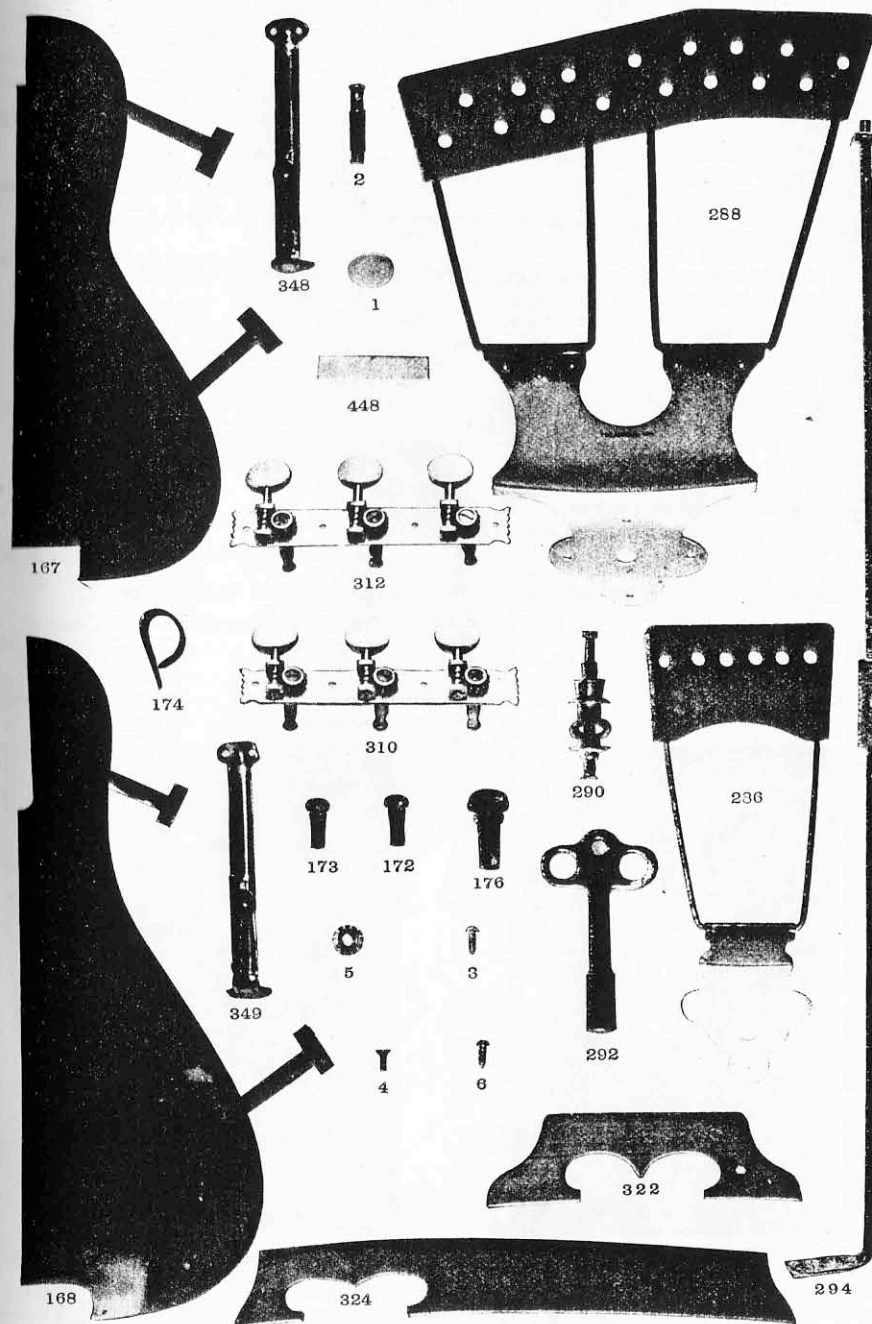
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247	A, or fifth, compound, copper spun on silk and wire, per doz.....	1.40
248	E, or sixth, compound, copper spun on silk and wire, per doz.....	1.80
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<b>Contra-bass Strings for Harp-guitar</b>		
250	G-sharp, silver wound (1st sub-bass), each .....	\$0.17
251	G, silver wound (2d sub-bass), each .....	.17
252	F-sharp, copper wound (3d sub-bass), each .....	.17
253	F, silver wound (4th sub-bass), each .....	.17
254	D-sharp, silver wound (5th sub-bass), each .....	.17
255	D, copper wound (6th sub-bass), each .....	.17
256	C-sharp, silver wound (7th sub-bass), each .....	.17
257	C, silver wound (8th sub-bass), each..	.17
258	B, copper wound (9th sub-bass), each .....	.17
259	A-sharp, silver wound (10th sub-bass), each .....	.17
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Cat. No.		
290	Nickeled, for Harp-guitar, each .....	\$0.20

## Straining Rod for Harp-guitar

Cat. No.		
294	Steel nickel plate, complete, each.....	\$1.25
294A	Upper part .....	
294B	Turnbuckle .....	
294C	Lower part .....	

## Tail-piece for Six-string Guitar

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Cat. No.		
288	Brass, nickel-plated, with ebony bridge pins, each .....	\$5.00

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Cat. No.		
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Cat. No.		
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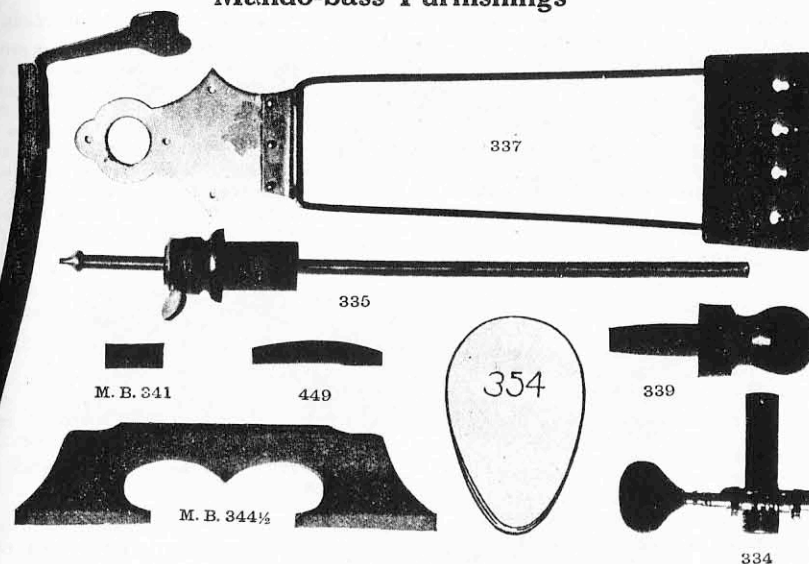


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3	Screws for Mando-bass arm rest .....	

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Cat. No.		
MB336	Maple base, ebony saddles, complete .....	\$0.80
MB341	First string saddle .....	.10
MB342	Second string saddle .....	.10
MB343	Third string saddle .....	.10
MB344	Fourth string saddle .....	.10
MB344 1/2	Maple base, or lower part .....	.40

### Mando-bass End Pin

Cat. No.		
339	East India Mahogany, each.....	\$0.15

### Mando-bass Extension Rod

Cat. No.		
335	Ebony, with adjustable steel rod, brass screw, adjustable in height, each .....	.90

### Mando-bass Machine-heads

Cat. No.		
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### Mando-bass Nut

Cat. No.		
449	Ebony, each .....	\$0.05

### Mando-bass Picks

Cat. No.		
354	Fibre, with Hartnett holder, per doz. 40c; per gross .....	\$3.50

Cat. No.		
355	Fibre, per doz. 25c; per gross.....	\$2.50
356	Sole Leather, each 5c; per doz.....	.40

### Mando-bass Strings

#### For 36-inch Scale

Cat. No.		
264	G, or first, spun on silvered wire, each, 18c; 1/2 doz., \$1.03; doz.....	\$1.95
265	D, or second, spun on silvered wire, each, 18c; 1/2 doz., \$1.03; doz.....	1.95
266	A, or third, spun on silvered wire, each 18c; 1/2 doz. \$1.03; doz.....	1.95
267 1/2	E, or fourth, double wound on silvered wire, each 30c; 1/2 doz., \$1.71; doz...	3.24
268	Set of (4) strings (No. 264, 265, 266 and 267 1/2) per set 84c; per 1/2 doz. sets \$4.75; per doz. sets .....	9.08

### Mando-bass Strings

#### For 42-inch Scale

Cat. No.		
269	G, or first, copper spun, each 20c; per 1/2 doz. \$1.14; per doz.....	\$2.16
270	D, or second, copper spun, each 20c; per 1/2 doz. \$1.14; per doz.....	2.16
271	A, or third, copper spun, each 25c; per 1/2 doz. \$1.42; per doz.....	2.70
272	E, or fourth, copper, double wound, each 35c; per 1/2 doz. \$2.00; per doz..	3.78
273	Set of (4) strings (1 each 269, 270, 271, 272), per set 95c; per 1/2 doz. sets \$5.42; per doz sets .....	10.25

### Mando-bass Tail-piece

Cat. No.		
337	Steel, nickel plated, with ebony end pin, each .....	\$2.25
6	Screws for Mando-bass Tail-piece..	



## Cases

**Canvas.**—Reinforced by extra strawboard, cotton flannel lined, leather bound, hand stitched, opens at end, strap and buckle, nicked trimmings, stitched heavy leather handle, case may be made water-proof by varnishing.

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### To Fit Mandolin Styles "A," "A-1," "A-3," "A-4"

Cat. No.		
101	Canvas, each	\$ 1.75
360	"Faultless," purple flannel lined, each	5.00
362	"Faultless," purple velvet lined, each	6.50
363	"Faultless," red plush lined, each	8.00

### To Fit Mandolin Styles "F-2," "F-4"

Cat. No.		
105	Canvas, each	\$1.75
368	"Faultless," purple flannel lined, each	5.00
370	"Faultless," purple velvet lined, each	6.50
371	"Faultless," red plush lined, each	8.00

### To Fit Mandola Styles "H-1," "H-2"

Cat. No.		
113	Canvas, each	\$ 2.00
376	"Faultless," purple flannel lined, each	5.50
378	"Faultless," purple velvet lined, each	7.00
379	"Faultless," red plush lined, each	8.50

### To Fit Mandola Style "H-4"

Cat. No.		
384	"Faultless," purple flannel lined, each	\$5.50
386	"Faultless," purple velvet lined, each	7.00
387	"Faultless," red plush lined, each	8.50

### To Fit Mando-cello Styles "K-1," "K-2"

Cat. No.		
121	Canvas, each	\$2.50
392	"Faultless," purple flannel lined, each	9.50
394	"Faultless," purple velvet lined, each	11.00
395	"Faultless," red plush lined, each	13.50

### To Fit Mando-cello Style "K-4"

Cat. No.		
400	"Faultless," purple flannel lined, each	\$9.50

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#### Cat. No.

402	"Faultless," purple velvet lined, each	\$11.00
403	"Faultless," red plush lined, each	13.50

### To Fit Concert Guitar Styles "L-1," "L-3"

#### Cat. No.

135	Canvas, each	\$2.00
408	"Faultless," purple flannel lined, each	9.50
410	"Faultless," purple velvet lined, each	11.00
411	"Faultless," red plush lined, each	13.50

### To Fit Grand Concert Guitar Style "L-4"

#### Cat. No.

139	Canvas, each	\$4.50
416	"Faultless," purple flannel lined, each	11.25
418	"Faultless," purple velvet lined, each	12.50
419	"Faultless," red plush lined, each	15.75

### To Fit Grand Concert Guitar Style "O"

#### Cat. No.

141	Canvas, each	\$4.50
424	"Faultless," purple flannel lined, each	11.25
426	"Faultless," purple velvet lined, each	12.50
427	"Faultless," red plush lined, each	15.75

### To Fit Harp-guitar Style "U"

#### Cat. No.

432	"Faultless," purple flannel lined, each	\$14.75
434	"Faultless," purple velvet lined, each	17.00
435	"Faultless," red plush lined, each	21.50

NOTE.—The Harp-guitar is too heavy for canvas case. No canvas case is made for this instrument.

### Mando-bass Bags

#### Cat. No.

158	Water-proof Bag, for 36-inch scale	\$5.85
159	Water-proof Bag, for 42-inch scale	5.85

## Important Suggestions

### The Standing Position

THERE is no vibration in the back or bowl of the bowl-back Mandolin and, therefore, no difference in tone production is experienced by holding the bowl tightly beneath the arm. The "Gibson," however, should be held at three points of contact, or in such a manner as to leave the back-board free and sensitive for vibration, for by the "Gibson" construction the back-board vibrates sympathetically on the slightest provocation and thus greatly reinforces the sounding-board and *does, therefore, produce tone.*

### Care of Instrument

Keep instrument within case, or stand instrument in an inside corner of room—never an

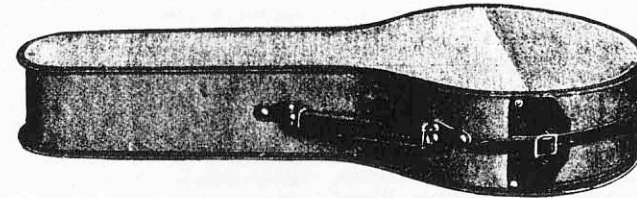
outside corner, nor near a window. To prevent glue and varnish from checking, do not expose instrument to extremes of heat, cold, or moisture. When laying instrument down, place face downward, which rests instrument on strings, thus protecting the finish and preventing dust from gathering in sound-hole.

### Concerning Strings

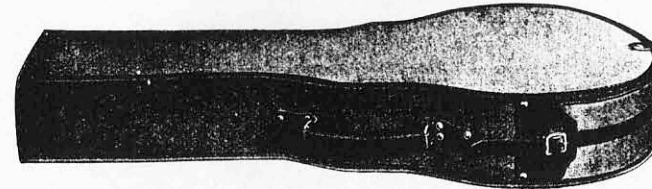
An old string is by quite a fraction of an inch smaller in diameter than a new one of the same kind and make originally. A string does not stretch out evenly, but rather, in its weakest parts. This makes the string vibrate irregularly and causes sharp or flat tones in certain positions, or

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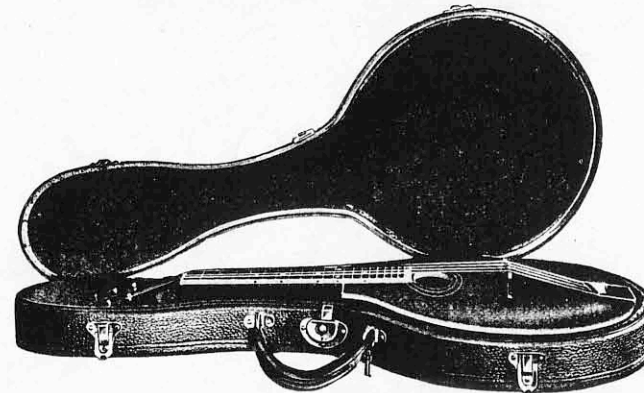
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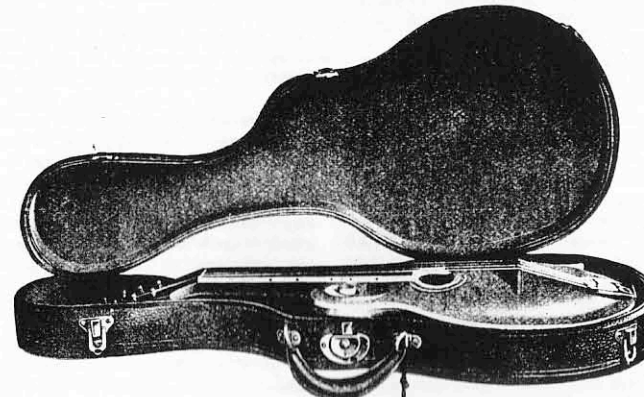
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