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COMPLETE SPECIFICATION.

**Improvements in Musical Instruments of the Mandoline Type.**

I, EWALD GLAESÉL, of 186<sup>b</sup> Plauenschestrasse, Markneukirchen, Saxony, in the Empire of Germany, do hereby declare the nature of this invention and in what manner the same is to be performed to be particularly described and ascertained in and by the following statement:—

5 This invention relates to a musical instrument which is strung and can be played like a mandoline.

The shape adopted for the bodies of mandolines hitherto is not suitable as the resonance is much impaired by the considerable curve in the back and the sound is only produced through the front of the body.

10 According to this invention the body of the instrument is made flat in the shape of a guitar, that is, with a flat back, which however, may be slightly curved, in order to impart a certain degree of stability to the body.

An instrument of the kind is illustrated in the accompanying drawing.

Fig. 1 is a plan, Fig. 2 a side view.

15 The body *a* is made flat. It may however be advantageously provided with a somewhat arched back *b* and front *c* in order to strengthen the body. The finger board *d* and the stringing arrangement are as is usual in mandolines.

Having now particularly described and ascertained the nature of my said invention and in what manner the same is to be performed, I declare that what I  
20 claim is:—

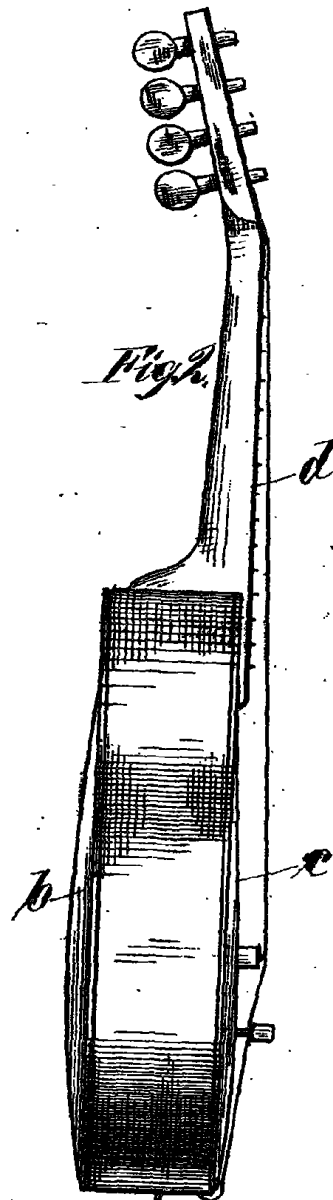
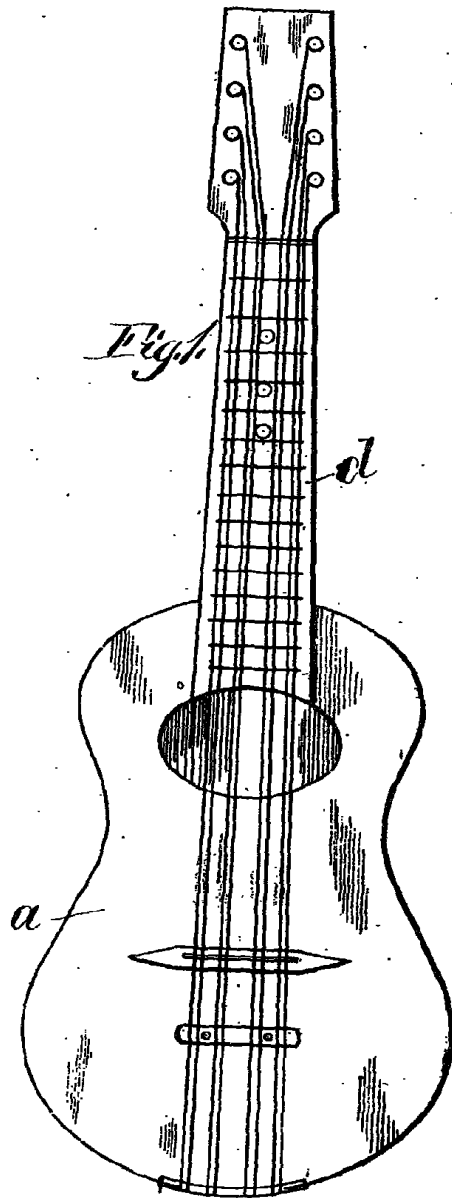
1. Musical instrument played and strung like a mandoline, the body of which is made flat in order to obtain greater strength of tone but may have a somewhat arched back or front substantially as described.

25 2. The improved musical instrument of the mandoline type having a body shaped like that of a guitar substantially as described with reference to the drawings.

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