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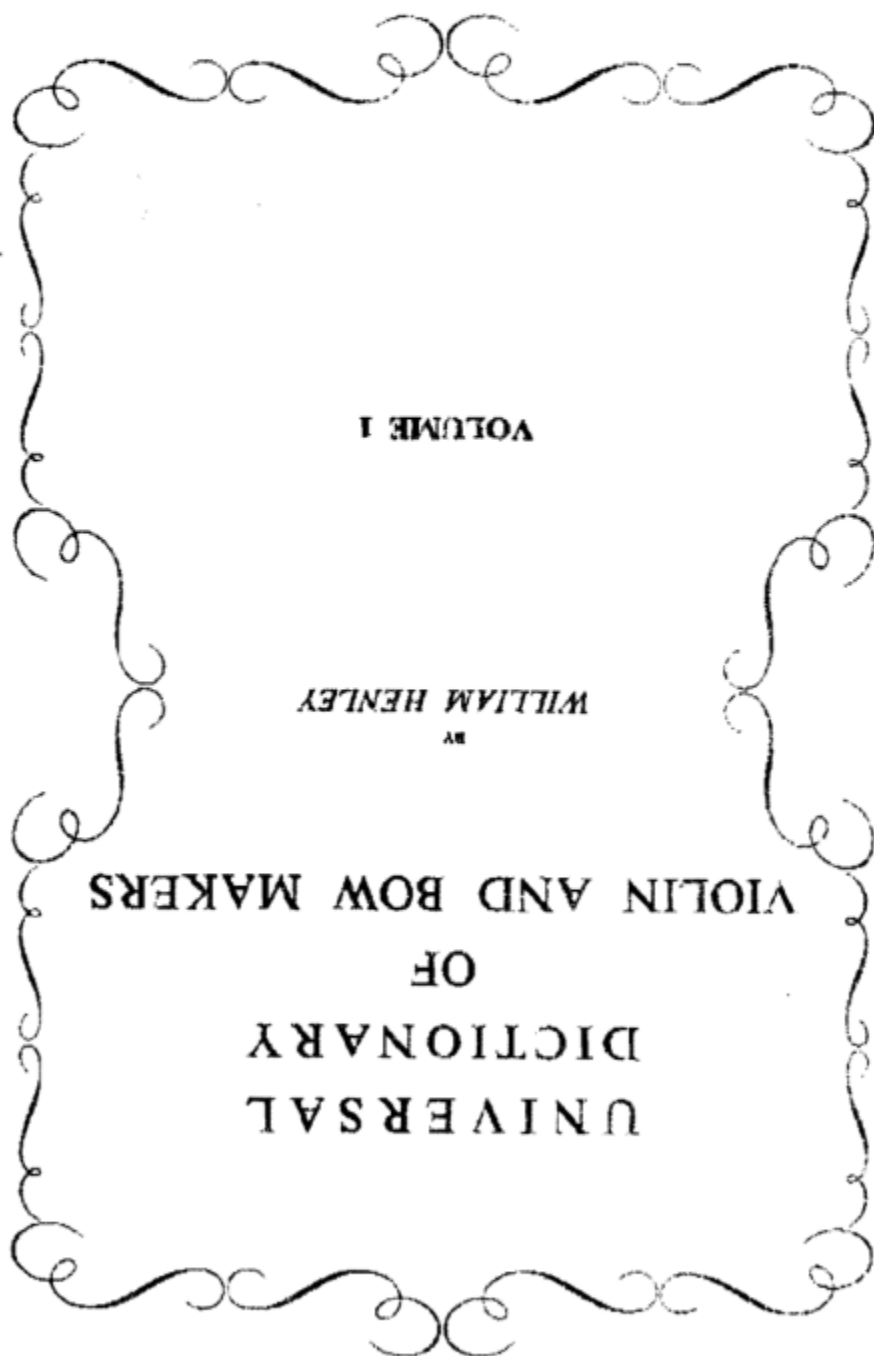
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★ SOFFRITTI, CAVALIERE ETTOR (HECTOR).

Son and pupil of A. Constructed first violin in 8th year. Born at Ferrara, 1877. Cremonese masters variously emphasised in superb modelling, completely entitled to the highest commendation. Not only are the designs picturesque, but in masterly handling of varnish he succeeded in realising the aesthetic spirit after which so many have aspired and failed. Perfection of pose enhances neat carving of scroll. Sound-holes distinguished by like admirable qualities. Studiously careful purfling artistry. Golden-yellow and golden-red shades of varnish. Instruments magnificently exemplifying the principles which have been determined by the Cremonese as the canons of art. Recipient of gold medals at Turin and Brussels. First prize-winner at the competition organised by the Saint-Cecilia Academy Administration, Rome, 1923. Honoured with a knighthood, 1925. Died tragically, 1928. Labels all with decorative border. £200, 1960.

*Hector Soffritti filius Aloysij
fecit Ferrariae An. Dom.*

*Ettore Soffritti
Premiato con Medaglia d'oro
figlio ed allievo del Luigi
Fecit in Ferrara l'anno 19...*

SOFTIG, GEORGE.

Worked at Mittenwald, 1750. Ordinary modelling of Bavarian school. Medium arching of pretty graduation. Rather thin in wood which has been chemicalised. Inside work very untidy. Soft tonal quality but rather weak. £20, 1925.

SOHET, J.

Worked at Liège, 1800-1810. Constructively ordinary. Workmanship the same. Varnish throws a little gleam of sunshine over excellent wood. Tonal quality quite pleasing.

*Sohet fecit
Leodii, 1805*

*J. Sohet
Luthier à Liège*

SOLAR, FERANDO GONZALEZ.

Worked at Madrid, 1935. Talented maker of violins, bows, and guitars.

SOLEM, E. ANDERS.

Worked at Sofieland (Norway), 1908.

SOLFERINO, REMO.

Born 1882. Pupil of Soffritti. Worked at Mantua until 1940, then moved to Verona. Excellent modelling of various old Italians. Very effective golden-yellow varnish. £85, 1960.

SOLIANI, ANGELO.

Born 1752. Worked at Modena. Died 1810. Two models, one slightly arched somewhat reminding of a Guadagnini, and one of higher arching and longer body length. Effective graduating of plates with a nice suggestion of Amati grooving which gives the edging a slight tilt. Purfling very slender and thread-like. Scroll of smallish dimensions, but of very graceful swing and deeply cut. Belly wood generally of medium grain, strong in fibre. Usually two-piece backs of close-figured material, also ribs. Golden-orange varnish with a touch of red—supple and transparent, also a golden amber tending towards brown. Tonal quality moderately powerful, very silvery and clear, and of matured mellowness. One specimen, dated 1790, realised 1,200 dollars in the U.S.A., 1928.

*Angelus Soliani fecit
Mutinae, 1789*

*—(bearing the "Sign of the Sun" in
right-hand corner)*

Sometimes branded. £450 to £600, 1960.

SOLLNER, FRANZ JOSEF.

Born 1848. Pupil of Lemböck at Vienna. Worked at Budapest and other cities. Established own workshop at Tachau (Bohemia), 1876. Engaged in London, 1888; again at Budapest, 1890 and returned to Tachau, 1901. Splendid modelling after the Stradivarian, Guarnerian, and Maggini. Pretty spirit varnish of own formula, reddish brown shade mostly favoured. Good and well figured wood,

Tonal quality rather sm
ing of wider recognition

SOLMAN, FRIEDRICH.

Worked at Augsburg (B

SOLOMONS, MORRIS H.

Born in Lithuania, 181 engraving, engineering, Composed five fantastic of a book titled "Ethic time also to wood-carv enthusiastically into ext nerius, and Stainer; an more the so-called lost own model—designated models. Claimed that i and comparisons with a proportion as minute as aptitude. Tints of vari beauty of wood, this l varnish remained his se fleetness with penetrati control of the art that maintain a steady acco

*The "Cosme
Russian V
Originated 1908 and
H. M. Solomons, l
London, C*

Design of a violin (i "authoritatively pronon "Hirsey Spreberg" repl. blue) for instruments r

"Cos With large S curled rou Inventor of a machine fixed rotating tool agai be moved in any directi and can be moved agai pointer so as to follow i this movement exactly model. The whole thi proportions, and if an e to make a good instrur engraving purposes.

SOMER, NICOLAS.

Worked at Paris, 1725 few violins of average

SOMERS, LAURENT.

Worked at Antwerp (and pronounced edge varnish not especially

SOMMER, EGYD.

Worked at Absroth, 18

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