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The New-York Book of Prices for Manufacturing Piano-fortes
by
The Society of Journeymen Piano-forte Makers

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“The 1835 Price Book of New York’s Society of Journeymen Pianoforte Makers, known from only one surviving copy, gives uniquely detailed insight to the craft . . . To put the Price Book into a broad social perspective, Laurence Libin provides a panoramic but sharply-focused snapshot of life, work, and culture in New York about 1835.” – *From the Foreword by Henry Z. Steinway*

Reproduced from the original 112-page print, the *New-York Book of Prices* specifies hundreds of steps in piano construction, giving the journeymen’s price for each operation. Plus, twenty-one detailed tables cover such essential procedures as veneering, moulding, and installing hardware; and six plates outline action parts, pedal lyres, and other components.

Special features include appendices listing New York musicians and musical instrument makers from *Longworth’s American Almanac* for 1835, and Lynn Edwards Butler’s translation of the *Well-Meant Advice . . . to Germans who intend to immigrate to the United States*, a rare cautionary booklet issued in 1833 by the German Society of New York. With index and errata, the *New-York Book of Prices* will interest labor and music historians, woodworkers, piano technicians, instrument makers and furniture collectors, and everyone interested in antebellum American culture. ISBN 0-913499-31-5 (paperbound)

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