

ANCIENT WIND INSTRUMENTS.

Bronze Horns Three Thousand Years Old in Denmark and Norway.

Late excavations in Norway and Denmark have brought to light four ancient bronze horns. Of these antique musical instruments, which are two thousand to three thousand years old, the ancient northern museum in Copenhagen possesses a collection of nineteen pieces. The pair of horns lately discovered in Denmark was found in a marshy swamp near Nykjoebing, on the island of Falster. Although broken, they will be easily repaired.

The horns are of conical shape, six feet long, and show the same type of other specimens found before. They date from the sixth century, B. C., and according to Dr. Muller, director of the royal museum, the finding place must have been in ancient times a sacred grove, where the horns had been deposited as sacrificial offerings. The second pair of horns was found several weeks ago in the vicinity of Stavanger, Norway. They are in excellent preservation and are keyed in the same tone.

Some of these horns in the Copenhagen collection are in such condition that they may yet be judged as to quality, tone, etc. According to Dr. Hammerich, some are tuned to C, some smaller ones in E and others in D, E or G. They show in their elegant curves and embellishments a highly developed taste and technical perfection.

Large animal horns have probably served as models. The horns are cast in several parts and have then been put together. Some time ago the public in Copenhagen had occasion to convince itself of the powerful yet melodious tones of these instruments, as the museum officials had arranged a musical performance on the horns, which proved quite successful. In ancient times these bronze horns evidently served for religious purposes in the sacred groves and temples of a people which has long since vanished from the earth.—Chicago Tribune.

Didn't Cost Very Much.

It was not as colossal a sum as one would think, especially in comparison with money values to-day, that is, if we are to judge at all from the items of Columbus' expedition.

It cost only 14,000 Spanish maravedis, which is about \$7,500, according to our present standard.

In the archives preserved in Madrid it is stated that \$350 was given to Christopher Columbus for his services. He had two captains under him who received \$195 each, and the sailors got \$2.50 a month, besides their rations. The rest of the \$7,500 covers the cost of ships and fittings.—St. Louis Republic.

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