



I picture this looking like Prof. VanCleave - thanks to in.wikibooks.org

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- The Old Fiddlers Contest had a packed house. Uncle John Dietrich captured 1st and 2nd prizes. He fiddles like he shoots - to kill. Professor VanCleave's trick playing was wonderful but from a musical standpoint, it was too much like the vaudeville stunts in which the artists make ordinary music on extraordinary instruments when it comes to straight playing however he is just all right.