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for the
PIANO FORTE,
Containing the
Prudiments of Music
Explained in a concise manner
and a
SETT OF LESSONS
*calculated to establish
THE*
(True Method of Fingering
And afford an agreeable
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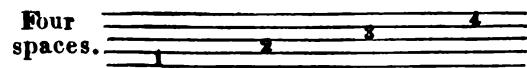
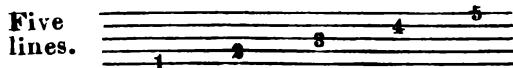
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THE RUDIMENTS OF MUSIC.

Of the Notes

They are C. D. E. F. G. A. B. C. and are placed on a Stave of Five Lines and Four Spaces.



Ledger lines are those which are added above and below the Stave when more than Nine Notes are wanted. Two Staves are used for the Piano Forte.. The Upper for the Treble and the Lower for the Bass Notes.

Of the Clefs

At the beginning of each Stave a Clef is placed. The Clefs used for the Piano Forte are the Treble or G Clef  placed on the Second line. And the Bass or F Clef  which is placed on the Fourth line.

Ledger lines above.
On the lines. On the spaces.

Treble. Bass.

Ledger lines below.

The Gamut and the Finger-board.

N.B. The two white notes in the following are Clef notes.

Treble. Bass. 1st Octave. 2nd. 3rd. 4th. 5th. 6th.

F G A B C D E F G A B C D E F G A B C D E F G A B C D E F G A B C

F G A B C D E F G A B C D E F G A B C D E F G A B C D E F G A B C

Bass or left hand Treble or right hand.

The Intervals.

a Second. a Third. a Fourth. a Fifth. a Sixth. a Seventh. an Octave.

In order to obtain a knowledge of the Key-board — Observe there are to every Octave seven long or white Keys and five short or black keys. The white keys are C.D.E.F.G.A.B.C. The first white key below or to the left of the group of two black keys is called C, and the first below the group of three black keys is called F.

The Scale or Gamut.

The Diatonic Major Scale of C.



The Chromatic Scale.



The progression from one key to the next is called a Semitone.

Flats & Sharps.

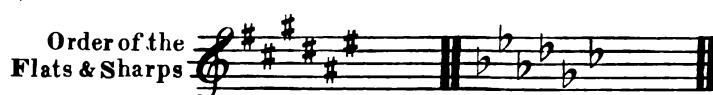
A sharp \sharp placed before a note raises it a Semitone and signifies that the next key ascending will be struck whether a black or white key.

A flat \flat on the contrary signifies to descend a Semitone.

A double sharp \times raises the note before which it is placed a whole tone.

A double flat $\flat\flat$ lowers the note before which it is placed a whole tone.

A natural \natural restores the flat or sharp notes to their original state.



Of triplets or triols — Three Notes equally divided forms a Triplet or Triol and lasts no longer than two; generally a 3 is placed over them thus

The double bar separates pieces, and when dotted: : signifies to repeat the strain.

The pause denotes a suspension of sound. — When this mark is placed before a chord thus, , the notes are played successively beginning with the lowest.

The reference Da capo al segno, directs to return again to this mark.

Points marked over notes signify to play them short or staccato

A slur over notes signifies to play them very connected and even

Of Graces.

The appoggiatura is a small note placed before a large one thus, and is only one half its duration — this note is usually emphasized

Written.

Played.

Sometimes the Appoggiatura is short.



If the Appoggiatura stands by a double note it is struck with the lower one



wr. pl.

Written.

Played.

Marks of Abbreviation.

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Characters of the Notes

A Semibreve



is equal to two Minims



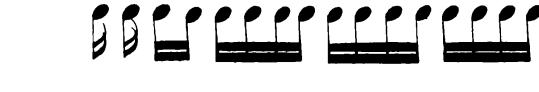
or four Crotchets or



Eight Quavers or



Sixteen Semiquavers or



Thirty two Demisemiquavers



A Minim



is equal to two Crotchets



or four Quavers or



Eight Semiquavers or



Sixteen Demisemiquavers or



Thirty two Semidemisemiquavers



A Crotchet



is equal to two Quavers or



Four Semiquavers or



Eight Demisemiquavers



Sixteen Semidemisemiquavers



A Quaver



is equal to two Semiquavers or



Four Demisemiquavers



A Semiquaver



is equal to two Demisemiquavers



Dots after notes

A Dot placed after a note makes that note half as long again.—Thus

a Semibreve a Minim a Crotchet a Quaver

is equal to 3 Minims is equal to 3 Crotchets is equal to 3 Quavers is equal to 3 Semiquavers

The musical staff shows four measures. The first measure has a single dot after a note. The second measure has a single dot after a note. The third measure has a single dot after a note. The fourth measure has a single dot after a note.

A double dot after a note makes it three quarters as long again, the second dot being half the length of the first one.

The musical staff shows four measures. The first measure has a double dot after a note. The second measure has a double dot after a note. The third measure has a double dot after a note. The fourth measure has a double dot after a note.

Of Rests

Semibreve Rest Minim Crotchet Quaver Semiquaver Demisemiquaver

The musical staff shows six measures of rests corresponding to the note values above them.

The slur placed over two notes of the same degree, unites them into one, the last note is not struck again but the length is preserved.

Of Time

Every Piece of Music is divided into separate parts called Bars, and the time or length of the Bar is marked at the beginning of every Piece.—The principal Expressions of Time are as follows:

C Common Time or Four Crotchets in a Bar.— $\frac{2}{4}$ or Two Crotchets in a Bar.— $\frac{3}{4}$ or Three Crotchets.— $\frac{3}{8}$ or Three Quavers.— $\frac{6}{8}$ or Six Quavers.

Of Fingering.

The seat should be opposite the Centre of the Instrument, sufficiently high, so that by the curving of the Fingers (which gives a rounded form to the hand) the Elbow is rather above the hand. The hand should be kept straight over the Keys neither inclined the one way nor the other.—The Wrist must not be permitted to sink down, but on the contrary, as the arm supports the hand, the hand must again support the fingers.—The less the motion of the arms, the hands, wrists and fingers the better.—The fingers should cover the Keys before they are touched and then not lifted high but gently withdrawn.

Major Scales

Minor Scales

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The sheet music displays two sets of scales side-by-side for both hands on a piano keyboard. The left column shows Major scales, and the right column shows their corresponding Minor scales. The scales are arranged in six staves, each starting on a different note: C, G, D, A, E, and B. Each staff consists of two measures. The notes are represented by vertical stems with horizontal dashes, and the fingers used for each note are indicated by numbers (1, 2, 3, 4) placed above or below the stems. The first measure of each staff shows the ascending scale, while the second measure shows the descending scale. The keys for the scales are indicated by the letter names (C, G, D, A, E, B) and sharps or flats in parentheses above the staves.

Major Scales:

- C: 1 2 3 4 3 2 1 x 2 1 x 3 2 1 x 2 1 x
- G: 4 3 2 1 x 2 1 x 3 2 1 x 2 1 x
- D: x 2 3 2 1 x 2 1 x 3 2 1 x 2 1 x
- A: x 2 1 x 3 2 1 x 2 1 x 3 2 1 x 2 1 x
- E: x 3 2 1 x 2 1 x 3 2 1 x 2 1 x
- B: 3 2 1 x 2 1 x 3 2 1 x 2 1 x

Minor Scales:

- C: 1 2 x 1 2 3 4 3 2 1 x 2 1 x 3 2 1 x
- G: x 1 2 x 1 2 3 4 3 2 1 x 2 1 x 3 2 1 x
- D: 1 x 3 2 1 x 2 1 x 3 2 1 x 2 1 x
- A: 1 x 3 2 1 x 2 1 x 3 2 1 x 2 1 x
- E: 1 x 3 2 1 x 2 1 x 3 2 1 x 2 1 x
- B: 1 x 3 2 1 x 2 1 x 3 2 1 x 2 1 x

Major Scales with Flats.

F

3
x 3
x 2
x 1
x 1
x 4

Minor Scales with Flats.

F^b

x 3
x 2
x 1
x 3
x 2
x 1
x 4

B^b

1 x
x 3
x 2
x 1
x 1
x 2

B^b

1 x
x 3
x 2
x 1
x 1
x 2

E^b

1 x
x 3
x 2
x 1
x 1
x 2

E^b

1 x
x 3
x 2
x 1
x 1
x 2

A^b

1 2 x 1
x 3
x 2
x 1
x 1
x 2

A^b

1 2 x
x 3
x 2
x 1
x 1
x 2

D^b

1 2 + 1
x 3
x 2
x 1
x 1
x 2

The Key of D^b Minor is seldom used as Composer generally write in C[#] Minor.

Descending with Flats.

R.H. Ascending with Sharps.

1 2 x 1 x 1 2 x 1 2 3 x 1 1 x 3 2 1 x 2 3 x 1 1 x 1 2 3 x 1 2 x 1

L.H. Ascending with Sharps.

2 1 x 2 1 x 1 x 3 2 1 x 1 1 x 1 2 3 x 1 2 x 1 x 1 2

Descending with Flats.

EXERCISES.

1

2

3

4

5

No. 1. *Andante.*

2

No. 2.

No. 3.

Waltz.

No. 4.

Allegretto.

No. 5.

Blue Bells of Scotland.

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No. 6. *Andante.*

German Air.

No. 7. *Allegretto.*

The lively dance.

No. 8. *Allegro.*

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Pastorale.

Nº 8. Andante.

This section starts with two staves in common time (indicated by '8'). The top staff has a treble clef and the bottom staff has a bass clef. Measure 1: Treble staff has eighth notes with fingerings 2 and 4. Bass staff has eighth notes with fingerings 3 and 8. Measure 2: Treble staff has eighth-note pairs with fingerings 2 and 4. Bass staff has eighth-note pairs with fingerings 3 and 8. Measures 3-7: Both staves show eighth-note pairs with various fingerings (e.g., 2 and 4, 3 and 8, 1 and 2). Measure 8: Both staves end with eighth-note pairs. The section ends with a repeat sign and a key change.

D.C.

ritard.

Life let us cherish.

Nº 9. Andante.

This section starts with two staves in common time (indicated by '8'). The top staff has a treble clef and the bottom staff has a bass clef. Measure 1: Treble staff has eighth notes with fingerings 2 and 4. Bass staff has eighth notes with fingerings 3 and 8. Measures 2-10: Both staves show eighth-note pairs with various fingerings (e.g., 2 and 4, 3 and 8, 1 and 2). The section ends with a repeat sign and a key change.

D.C.

Fra Diavolo Dance.

Nº 10.

This section starts with two staves in common time (indicated by '8'). The top staff has a treble clef and the bottom staff has a bass clef. Measure 1: Treble staff has eighth notes with fingerings 2 and 4. Bass staff has eighth notes with fingerings 3 and 8. Measures 2-10: Both staves show eighth-note pairs with various fingerings (e.g., 2 and 4, 3 and 8, 1 and 2). The section ends with a repeat sign and a key change.

Nº 11.

This section continues with two staves in common time (indicated by '8'). The top staff has a treble clef and the bottom staff has a bass clef. Measures 11-20: Both staves show eighth-note pairs with various fingerings (e.g., 2 and 4, 3 and 8, 1 and 2). The section ends with a final key change.

Vestriss Gavotte. Allegretto.

Nº. 12.

Air by Rossini

Nº. 13.

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Gaily the Troubadour.

Nº
14.

Nº

Tyrolian Air.

15.

Russian Air.

Nº
16.

Ballet from Gustavus.

No. 17.

Since then I'm doom'd.

No. 18.

Andante

Nina Pastorale.

No. 19.

dolce.

Meineke's P. F. In.

16 Gallopade.

Nº.

20.

Andantino.

Nº.

21.

Nº.

22.

Trio.

D.C.

Tyrolese.

Nº 23.

Rousseau's dream. Andante.

Nº 24.

D.C.

La Chasse, Fra Diavolo.

Nº. 25.

D.C.

Washington's March.

Nº. 26.

A. Minor.

Nº. 27.

6/8
dol.

C. Minor. Andante.

Nº. 28.

MUSICAL TERMS.

Adagio , Slow.	Ma non troppo , But not too much.
Andante , Rather slow.	Mezzo or mez , Between.
Andantino , Gentle and tender.	Piano, Pia or p , Soft.
Allegro , Lively quick.	Pianissimo or pp , Very soft.
Allegretto , Slower than Allegro.	Poi segue , Then follows.
Affettuoso , With much feeling.	Presto , Quicker than Allegro.
Agitato , Agitated.	Prestissimo , Very quick..
Accellerando , To quicken the Time.	Poco , Little.
Assai , Very.	Piu , More.
Ad libitum , Not restricted by Time.	Piu mosso , A little quicker.
Brillante , Brilliantly.	Perdendosi , To decrease time and tone.
Cantabile , In a singing graceful style.	Pastorale , In a tender and pastoral style.
Calando , To make the Time gradually slower.	Pomposo , In a grand style.
Coda , a Phrase added to the end of a Piece of music by way of conclusion.	Quasi , Almost, As if.
Con , With.	Ritardando , Slacken the Time by degrees.
Con brio , With life.	Rallentando , Slacken the Time by degrees.
Con espressione , With expression.	Rinforzando, or rinf , Swelling 
Crescendo or cres , Increasing. <--	Sforzando, or sf , A stress on a note. <
Con spirito or Spiritoso , With Spirit.	Scherzando or Scherzo , Playfully.
Con fuoco , With fire.	Sostenuto or Sos , To sustain every note its full length
Con moto , With commotion.	Soave , Sweetly.
Dolce or dol . Sweet.	Sotto voce , Softly.
Da capo , Begin the Air again.	Slentando , Slackening the time.
Diminuendo or dim , Diminishing. >--	Smorzando , To smother or diminish the tone.
Espressivo or express , With expression.	Siciliano , Gentle and pastoral.
Forte or f , Loud.	Sempre , Always.
Fortissimo or ff , Very loud.	Simplice , With simplicity.
Fine , The end of a piece.	Senza , Without.
Giusto , Exact.	Tempo primo , In the first time.
Grazioso , In a graceful style.	Tenuto or ten , To sustain well the note.
Gaiement , Lively.	Tutti , All together.
Grave , Very slow.	Tacet , Silent.
Legato , A smooth and connected touch.	Vivace , With life.
Leggiere or Leggieramente , Lightly.	Vivacissimo , Extremely lively.
Largo , Slow time.	Volti subito , Turn quickly.
Larghetto , Quicker than Largo.	Veloce , With rapidity.
Lento , Slow.	Vigoroso , Bold, energetic.
Lentando , Slower than before.	8va . To play the notes an Octave higher.
Maestoso , Majestically.	loco . To play the notes as written.
Moderato , Moderately.	Ped Put down the Pedal
Molto , Very or much.	* Relieve the Pedal
	Al segno  Go back to this mark .