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REMARK The syminetrical distribution of the black keys into groups of twos and threes, assist us in finding more quickly the white keys; tor the key C lies always directly on the left of the two blazk keys, and the remaining six white keys follow in regular order, viz. C, D, E, F, G, A, B. The $F$ therefore always lies on the left of the Turee black keys. Any key forms a Semitone from that which is immediately next to it.

The two-fold denomination of the black keys, arises from this, that they may be represented in notes in two different ways, according as we place on
 on the lower or left side of the key-board. The Treble Clef, ( 8 ) shows that the following notes are all to be taken on the acute or right side of the sey-board. The notes are written either or or between the lines, or occasionally over or under them, by adding small strokes or additional lines

The Pupil will observe that the notes of the Bass Clef, extend up to $A$ in the third Octare, and that the notes of the Treble Clof extend down $\boldsymbol{f}$ E - that the riddle notes of the kev-board mav be expreseed in both Clefs.

## ELEMENTS OF MUSIC.

## FIRST LESSON.

## OR THE NOTES AND CLEFS

## Question. What is Music?

Answer. Music has for its object sounds, their succession, and ver lous combinations.
Q. What is a succession of single sounds denominated?
A. Melody.
Q. What name is applied to several sounds heard at once?
a. Harmony.
Q. How are musical ideas expressed in writing ?
A. By characters called notes.
Q. How many notes are there in music ?
A. Seven.
Q. How are they expressed ?
A. By the first seven letters of the alphabet,-A, B, C, D, E, F, G.
Q. How are the notes written?
A. On five parallel lines, and in theil spaces ; which, collectively talon- are termed the starf, or stave.

4. How are the lines and spaces of the staff counted?
A. From the lowest upwards.
Q. How are the names of the notes and their pitch ascettained ? By means of a character called a Clef, which is placed at the beginning of the staft.
Q. How many clets are there?
A. Two principal, viz.; the treble clef and bass clef.
Q. What line of the staff is the treble clef placed upon?
A. On the second line from the bottom.
Q. What note or letter does it make ?
A. The letter on note $G$.

NOTES UPON THE BTAFF.

Q. Are the notes always confined within the five lines and foul spaces of the staff?
A. No; they frequently extend above or below, on or betwixt additional small lines, called legrr lines, thus:

Legor lides below. = -
FAMES OF TEE NOTES ON THE TREBLE BTAFF, LEGER LINES AND BPACES,


Nots.- The pupil will perceive that the first note is below two additional, or leger lines, this is called the third space below the staff, which is the letter $\mathcal{G}$-the next is on the 2 d leger line below, which is the letter A . Thon 2 d space below $\mathrm{B}-1$ 1st leger line below C-1st space below D - 1st line E - 1 st space F-2d line G - 2 d space A3d line B-sd space C - 4th line D - 4th space E-5th line F-1st space above G1et leger line acove $\mathbf{A}-2 d$ space above $\mathbf{R}$ —2d leger line above $\mathbf{C}-3 \mathrm{~d}$ space above $\mathbf{D}$ 3d leger line above E. Aro.

THE BASS NOTES EXPLAINED.
Q. On what line is the bass clef placed?
A. On the fourth line from the bottom.
Q. What note, or letter does it make?

A The note, or letter F .

Bass Clef.

names of the notes on the bass staff, leger lines and spaces.


## SECOND LESSON.

ON THE KEY-BOARD.
Q. How many keys are there in a five octave Organ?
A. Thirty-six white, and twenty-five black ones; the white keys re the natural notes, and the black keys the flats and sharps; the latter eing divided into groups of two and three alternately. Notx - For Key board ste page 2

## THIRD LESSON.

UN THE VARIOUS SORTS OF NOTES. AND THEIR PROPORTIONS
Q. How many diffirent species of notes are there?
A. Six.
Q. What are they?
A. The Semibreve, cr whose note $e$ : the Minim, or half note $\rho$ : the Crotchet, or quarter note $\rho$; the Quaver. or eighth note $p$; the Semiquaver, or sixteenth note $;$; and the Demisemquaver, or thirty-


Noti.-The stems of the notes may be turned up or down, tied or not, without changing the duration of the notes. The pupil will study the relative length of the notes as follows: One semibreve is equal to two minims, \&c., as in the Table. Then learn the value of the minim; one minim is equal to two crotchets; one minim is equal to fonr quavers; one minim is equal to eight semiquavers; one minim is equal to sixteen demiemiquavers. Then the value of the crotchet; one crotchet is equal to two quavers, one crotchet is equal to four semiquavers; one crotchet is equa! to eight demisemiquavers, Then the value of the quaver; one quaver is equal to two semiquavers; one quseer is equal to four demisemiquavers. Then the value of the semiquaver; one semiquaver is equal to two demisemiquavers.

## FOURTII LESSON.

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ON THEDOT, RESTS, AND TRIFLETS
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Q. What is the effect of a dct after a note?
A. It makes the note half as long again. thus

A sensibreve dotted $\theta$ - is equal to a sercibreve and a minm, or three minims.

A minm, dotted: $P$ - is equal to a minim ard a crotchet, or tiree crotchets
\& crotchet, dotted, ${ }^{\circ}$. is equal to a crotchet and a quaver, or three quavers.
A yuaver, dotted, is equas so a quaver and a semiquever, or three semiquavers.
A semiquaver, dotted, © is equal to a semiquaver and a demisemiquaver, or three demisemiquavers.
Q. What is the effect of two dots after a note :
A. They add three quarters to its length, that is, the first dot is half as long as the note, and the secund dot is half as long as the first, thus:
Q. What are rests!
A. Small characters which denote silence, and are equal in duration to the notes which they represent.
Q. How are they expressed?
A. The semibreve rest is expressed by a stroke placed under a line of the staff; the minim rest by a stroke over a line; the crotchet rest by one crook turning to the right ; the quaver rest by one crook turning to the left ; the semiquaver rest by two crooks turning to the left; and the demisemiauaver rest by three crooks turning to the left.

Q. Does the dot have the same effect upon a rest that is does upon a nute?
A. It does; thus -

Q. What is the meaning of the figure 3 placed over or under three crotchets, quavers or semiquavers?
A. It signifies that the three crotchets. quavers or semiquavers, musp be played in the time of two; each group is called a triplet.

Q. What is the meaning of the figure 6 placed over or under six notes?
A. It signifies that they must be played in the time of four.
Q. Is the same rule observed with respect to other figures, as $\mathbf{b}, 7$, 9, \&c.?
A. Yes; five are played as four, seven as six. and nine as eight of the same species.

## FIFTH LESSON.

ON THE SHARP, FLAT, AND THE NATUEA.
4. What is the effect of the sharp (\#) ?
A. It raises or elevates the note before which it is placed a semi tone, and played on the next key on the right hand.

Q. What is the effect of the flap (b)?
A. It lowers or demesbe the no.e before which it is placed a seinitone, and played on the rey placed on the left hand.

Q. Are the sharps and flats marked to all the notes of a musical zomposition ?
A. No; the sharys and flets necessary to the key are marked at the signature, or after the clef, and they effect all the notes of the same inme, during the piece, unless contradicted by a natural.
(8. What is the effect of the natural (w)

1. The natural contradicts either the sharp or the Hat, and brings the note to its original state.

(4. What is the order of the sharps at the signature it
A. As follows:-

Q. What is the order of the flats?
A. As follows : -

2. When a $\quad b$, or $a$, is placed before a note, in the course of a viece of music, what is it called?
A. Accidental. It effects all the notes on the same line or space, through one measure only.
Q. What is the effect of the double sharp?
A. The donble sharp, marked by a $\times$, serves to raise a nute, already sharp, another semitone.
Q. What is the effect of the double flat ?
A. The double flat (bb) serves to lower a note, already flat, another semitone.
(d. What is a senutone ?
A. A semitone is the smallest interval used in modern music. On the piano-forte there is a semtone from any key to the next above of below.
Q. What is a tone?
A. A tone is the union of two semitones, thus ${ }^{-}$-


## SIXTH LESSON.

UN THE FORMATION OY THE SCALE.
Q. What is the meaning of the word scale ?
A. This name is given to a succession of seven notes, ascending on descending; there are two sorts, the diatonic and the chbomatio.
Q. What does the diatonic scale consist of ?
A. It consists of five tones and two semitones.

a. Where are the semitones placed in the forequills scale?

A Tree sexitones occur between the thrd and fourin and seventin and eighth dcgrees.
Q. How are the tones and semitones placed in the minor scale?
A. From 1 to 2 a tone; 2 to 3 a semitone; 3 to 4 a tone, 4 to 5 a tone; 5 to 6 a semitone; 6 to 7 a tone and a semitone; 7 to 8 a semitone.


Tone, Semitone Tone, Tone, Semitone, Tone and Semitnne, Semitone
Q. How is the chnomatic scale formed?
4. It consists of twelve successive semitones; thus -

Q. Can the chromatic scale proceed by flats?
A. Yes; generally in descending; thus-



## seventh Lesson.

## OA TIME.

Q. What is time?

A Time is the measure of sounds, with regard to their duration. To facilitatn the rading and performance of music, every piece is divided into small equal portions, by lines, called bars, drawn perpon-
dicularly throing the staff; and every division is called a measure on bar; thus -

Q. What is the use of the double bar:
A. It serves to divide a piece of music into two, three, or more parts, called strains. When dots are placed on both sides of the double bar, both parts are to be repeated; when the dots are only on one side of the double bar, the part on the same side as the dots is to be repeated

Q. How many sorts of time are there?
A. Two principal ; viz., common and triple time.
Q. How are these two species subdivided ?
A. Into simple and compound.
Q. How are they expressed ?
A. Simple common time is expressed by $\mathbf{C}, \underset{2}{2}, \frac{4}{4}$, and $\frac{2}{4}$

One Semibreve in a measure, or its equivalent. Une Minm in a messuro, or its equivalent


Simple triple time is expressed by $\frac{3}{2}, \frac{3}{4}$, and $\frac{3}{8}$.


Compound common time takes place when two measures of simple
triple time are joined into one; that is, two measures of time make one of $\frac{8}{2}$; two measures of $\frac{3}{4}$ time make one of $f_{4}^{6}$,


Compound triple time takes place when three measures of simple triple time are joined into one ; that is, three measures of 3 gime make n, en of $\frac{8}{8}$; three measures of 3 time make one of 3 , \&c


## EIGIITII LESSON.

on counting time.
Q. How is the tine of a musical composition to be counted?
A. Various wavs; -according to the number of parts contained in each measure; also according to the speed of the movement. In common time, marked $C$, or 4 , the crotchet being the measu:e nots, generally four parts are connted in each measure.


In half common time, marked $\frac{2}{4}$, two or four may ve counted.


In compound common tume, narked §. two dotted erutchets a generally connted : however, in a slow movement, it is better to count six quavers in each measure.


In triple time, marked ${ }_{4}^{3}$, three crotchets aro generally counted; in slow movements, however, it is better to connt six quavers in a measure.


In triple time, marked ${ }^{3}$, three quavers are counted in a measure.


## NINTH LESSON.

ON GRACES, OR EMBELLISHMENTS
Q. What is an Appogiatura?
A. It is a small note placed before a large one, above or below: i may be a tone or a semitone above the princıpal note, or a sersitone below. The appogiatura borrows half the value of the principal nute sometines two thirds.

Q. How is the Turn expressed and pertormed ?
A. The T Jan is the union of the upper and lower appogsiatura; it is either direst or inverted. The direct turn is expressed by this sign ~. When a sharp is to be added to the lower note, this must be expressed by a sharp added to the sign.


Q How is the turn to a dotted, ote played:
A The note is played first, and then the turn.

Q. How is the Inverted Tun played?
A. It begins with the note below, and ends on the principal note

Q. How is the Shake marked and performed?
a The Shake, marked rr . is a quick and alternate repetition of two notes:--the prificipai note and the note abore.


## TENTA LESSON.

## jn expressiun

Q. What are the principal means oi expression
A. A strict attention to the accents, emphass, syncopation, and a close observance of the Legato, Staccato, Crescendo. and Dimineendo.

## 1. on accents.

Q. What is meant by Accent, in music $\mathfrak{i}$
A. The stress given to a note, in preference to another, accordius to its place in the measure. In ${ }_{4}^{4}$ time the fiist and third parts are accented, and the second and fourth unaccented. In ${ }_{4}^{2}$ time, when two crotchets are introduced, the first is accented, and the second is not; when four quavers are introduced, the first and third are accented, and the second and fourth are not. In 3 time, the first part of the measure is accented, and the second and third parts unaccenied. In ${\underset{8}{6} \text { time, the }}^{6}$ first and fourth quavers are accented.

## 2. ON EMPHASIS.

Q. What is meant by Emphasis?
A. Emphasis is a deviation from the rules enncerning the accents; it takes place when a note, which should not be accented, has a stres: given to it ; it is narked by a small angle $>$, or $s f$, or $f z$.

3. ON SYNCOPATION.
Q. What is the meaning of suncopation
A. Syncopation takes place when the unaccented part of a measur is joined with the nert accented part the raunens

1. When long notes are placed between two other notes of shorter uration; a minım between two crotchets, or three crotchets between wo quavers.

2. When tho notes are connected by a tie or bind $\longrightarrow$, either in the middle of a measure, or from the last note of a measure to the first of the next, - the first note of the tie is struck, the second is held down.

3. ON THE LEGATO AND STACCATO.
Q. What is the meaning of the word Legato?
A. Legato signifies a smooth and connected style of playing, blending the sonnd of one note with that of the next. This is affected by keeping a finger down until the next finger has struck the following note.
Q. How is the legato expressed?
A. By a curved line, called a Slur.

Q. What do smell dashes placed nver or under the notes signify ?
A. The notes are to be played short and distinct, lifting the finger trom the key before the length of the note is expired. It is cailed staccato.


When ronnd dots are used: thep should not be played quito so short
Q. What is the meaning of the word Caescendo. or its abtievia tion. Cres ${ }^{2}$
A. It signifies that the sound must be gradually increased from soft to lond; this is sometimes expressed thus:
Q. What is the meaning of the word Diminuendo, or Dim.?
A. It signfies that the sound must be gradually diminshed from lond to soft; it is sometimes expressed thus: $\qquad$
Q. When these two angles are oppusite each ither, thus, —— what do they signify?
A. That the sounds must be gradually increased, and afterwards diminished; this is termed a Swell.

## ELEVENTII LESSUN.

## ON ABBREVIATIONS, \&o., so.

Q. What is the meaning of thick, short strokes, drawn across the stems of notes?
A. They are marks of abbreviation ; thus -


When placed after a group of notes, they signufy repetitinn; thus:-

Q. What 18 the meaning of ?
A. This mark is called a Patse, and signifies that the note over which it is placed must be sustaned longer than its usual length
Q. What is the use of the Brace?
A. It serves, in modern nusic, th connect the two staves, the upper of which is for the rigit hand, and the iower for the left hand.
Q. What is the meaning of the words Da Capo, or their abbreviation, D. C.?
A. They signify that the performer must play over agan the first part of a piece, from the beginning to the word Fine.
Q. What is the meaning of Dal Segno?
A. These words refer to a preceding mark of Reprar, and indicate that part of the piece must be repeated, from the sign .\$ to the word Fine.
4. What is the use of the figures 1 and 2 placed over some notes at a double bar?
A. They signify that a part of the prece must be played over twice; and that, in playing it the second time, the performer must omit the measure or measures marked 1, and play, instead, the measure marked 2.

Q. What is the meaning of 8 va , followed by dots?
A. It signifies that the notes, over which it is placed, must be played an octave higher than written.

Q. What does the word Loco signify :
A. It is generally used after 8va-, and signifies that the music should be played as writterr.

## EXPLANATIONS OF MUSICAL TERJS.

## Piano, or $p$, Soff.

Pianissimo, or jpp, Very soft.
Dolce, Sweet.
Forte, or f, Luud.
Fortisitmo, or ff, Very loud.
Mezzo Forte, or mf. Half bud.
Sporzando, or $r f$ z, Suddenly lead.
Crescendo, or Cres, Gradually ineressing in loudners.
Decrescrndo, or Decres., Gradually diminishing in loudness.
Con Espressivo, With expression.
Afretuoso, Affeetionately tender.
Maestoro, Majestie.
Cantabile, In a graeeful, singing style
Legato, Slurred, flowing.
Ldgalero, Light.
Con Asima, With feeling.
Con S'pirito, With spirit.
Con Fuoco, With fire.
Agitato, Agitated.
Scherzando, Playful.
Mosso, Animated.
Sempre, Always
Grave, The slowest sind of time.
Largo, Very slow and grave.
Lento, Slow.
Largietto, Less slow than Largo.
Adagio, Slowly.
Andante, hather slow and distinct Andantino, Less slow than Andante.
Allegretto, With peeuliarly graceful and moderact vivacity
Allegro, Fast and animated.
Presto, Rapid.
Pristissimo, Rapid and impetuons.
Tempo di Marcia. Time of a Maroh
Con Moto, With mevement.
Rifardando or Kitard, \} Retarding the time
Ritemuro, Retainea.
Aoczllixrando, Accelerating the tume.
Ad libitus, At the mill or pleasure of the player
A Timpo. In the regular time

## dheketions for placing. tuning and fing kiring.

The Melodoon should be placed firm and level upon tho floor, to prevent any apringing of the case, which may cause the reeds to strike agaiust the sockets, and ;roduce a rattling or jarring sound, although this way be cansed sometimes by small particles of dirt drawing through the bellows, and prewenting the vibration of tho reed.

Should this bo the case, or any roed remain silent when the key is pressed down, the trouble may easily be remedied by taking out the key-board, and removing the dust with the point of a knife. Should any noto become flat after using (which is seldom the case with goorl usage) it may easily be tuned by scraping the reed thinner at tho point; or if too sharp, by scraping at the heel of the reed. Care should be taken in blowing, to press stesdily on the pedal in order to produce a smooth and uniform tone.
Generally speaking, the Melodeon is fingered in the same manner as the Pianoforte; for, in truth, the Yianoforte performer would produce a much botter effeet, in slow movements especiaily, woro to allow the following suggestions to have their internded influonee. Nearly all the instructions neccessary may be condensed into ene sentence :

HOLD DOWN ONE KEY UNTIL THE NEXT IS ACTUALLY STRUCK, AND NO LONGER.
This maxim may be, as it generally is, negleeted by the Pianoforte performer with mmparative impunity on an instrunent whose sound ceases so soon ; but, on the Melodeon, it can never be dispensed with, excepting whero an absolute staccato effect is desired.
In order to educate the ear on the difference of effect produced by a difference of fingering, listen to the following examples:-

in the first, one finger may be held down until the next strikes the key, produeing в emooth, uninterrupted, flowing melody.
In the second, the thumb (or finger) must neceessarily bo raised from one key before it ann press down another, yrodueing an interval of silence between each sound. the ineiody is disjoiuted, and the effeet upon the ear is harsh and disagreeable. therefore in stiter $\omega$ searure the ligato strie. make this a general rule :-

## NEVER HMPLOY THE BAME TINOER TOR TWO SUOORESIV KOTR.

It will be, for this purpose, frequently neccessary to change the finger upon a ixcy whist it is beld down, and the sound continued, as will be perveived by the following examplos:-


It is unnecessary to repeat these examples for the left hand, as it will be perceived that a descending passage is fingered exactly in the samo manner, of the left band, as the same passage ascending is fingered by the right,-and vice versa.

We bave hitherto contemplated only simple melody; let us now examine a succession of thirds:- In No. 1, the mode of fingering divides the passage into triplets. In No. 2, into groups of two notes each. In No. 3, into groups of four notes each.


These examples are sufficient to show the difference of effect produced by the differenee of fingering, and bence arises the general rule :-
regulate the fingering according to tee effect intended to be produced.
The intention of the composer is frequently marked by curved lines, as in theso examples, embracing notes in groups; all within which lines are to be played as smocthly as possible ; but, where there are no such indications, the performer is lef to his own taste, and be will err on the safo side at least, by generally preferring that mode of fingering whieh presents the least number of breaks, paying more particu || lar atuention to the upper range of notes, which constitute the melody.

Each exercise must be repיated from twelve to twenty times without intermission.


## EXERCISES IN COUNTTNG.

In the following exercises the pupil must always count Aloud


## EXERCISES IN COUNTING.



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Key of B Minor.


Key of A Major.




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JENNY LIND'S FAVORITE POLKA. Concluded.

CARLOTTA GRISI'S, OR IIUNGARIAN POLKA.
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As the hart on the mountain, my lover was brave, So handsome and manly to view;
So kind and sincere, and he loved me most dear, O Edwin, no love was more true.

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But 30 w he is dead, and the jouth once so gay, Is cut down like a rose in full bloom;
And he silently sleeps, and I'm thus lof to weep By the sweet silver light of the moon.

0 never again can my heart throb with joy. My lost one I hope to meet soon:
And kind friends will weep o'er the grave where we sleep, By the sweet silver light of the mon.


## MARY OF TIE WILD MOOR.



JEANNETTE AND JEANNO'I, Or, The Conscript's Departarto



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Then she talked of her flowers, and she thought of the well
Where the cool waters dashed o'er the large white stone,
And she thought it would soothe like a fairy spell,
Could she drink of that fount, when her fever was on.

While yet so young and her bloom grew less,
They had burne her away to a kindlier clime;
For she would not tell that 'twas only distress,
That had gathered life's rose in its sweet spring tib

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And she had looked where they bade her look, At many a ruin and many a shrine,
At the sculptured niche, and the shady nook, And watched from high places the sun's declin

And in secret she sighed for a quiet spot;
Where she oft had played in childhood's hour ; Though shruk or flowret marked it not,

It was dearer to ber thas the gayest bowa-


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