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## THIRTY FAVORITE AIRS.

The following Airs selected from German, Italian, French and English Composers, including some National Melodies, are arranged as Lessons, for the purpose of putting into practice the principles already taught and of communicating instruc--tion in other parts of Elementary Study. Whether it may be in all cases neces_ - sary to go through the whole of this Collection must of course be leftentirely to the judgment of the Tutor. - at any rate it was thought advisable to furnish a variety for choice.
Those Masters who reside at a distance from the large Cities and who have often to complain of the difficulty of procuring music at a moment it maf be wanted, will find in it a full series of Lessons.
As a collection of very beautiful and trinly interesting melodies it can scarely re_ -quire an-apology; and it is hoped that each may be capable of yielding some use-- ful knowledge and conveying pleasure to the pupil.

Every piece of music is in a certain Key or Tonic as has already been explained; and each key or tonic has, what is termed its SCALE; which is a regular ascent or descent from the key note to its octave. As the practice of these scales gives a degree of facility to the eye in reading, and to the finger in playing music; they are attached to each tonic in the following airs. After being learnt, they should always be retained : to play through the different scales is a very useful daily exercise. It is best first to learn the Treble and Bass lines separately (with extreme caution-that the right fingers are used) and then play both hands together.

The first three of these series of Airs being in the key of $C_{\text {_ }}$ the following is the

SCALE of C major.


As it is usual before commencing a piece of Music to play a few notes by way of PRELUDE: during the present stage of practice there can be nothing more appro--priate or mora improving than to play the Scale of the Key the music may be in as a Prelude to each of the following Airs.
In page 16 it is mentioned that the different grades of slowness or quickness of play--ing are pointed out by certain terms placed at the beginning of each piece of Music: these terms will now be employed and their explanation will be given under each of them as they occur.


Notes twice tied, this, Northus peparif in the same tie with Quaversis or with two hooks, thus $f$, are called Semiquavers; they are half the valure of Quavers - consequently TWO SEMIQUAVERS go to a Quaver, Four to a Crotchet and Eight to a Minim_3 Semiquavers make a dotted Quaver_ 6 a dotted Crotchet and 12 a dotted Minim _ and this mark $g$ is a SEMIQUAVER REST_

NB: This short rule had better le committed to Memory -
Lesson 2. ALIEMANDE.

## ALLEGRETTO

 to play with a slight degreeर of quickness

Very often at the commencement of a piece of Music one or more notes forming. but a small part of the whole value of a Bar will occur - these are termed the ODD NOTE or ODD NOTES, and the last Bar of that particular part or of the conclusion will always be wanting in the exact value of the odd note or notes an odd note twice occurs in the following Lesson, as also this mark $\curvearrowright$ which is a PAUSE meaning that the note is held down longer than its value.
LESSON 3 . Hurrah! Hurrah! ( $\left.\begin{array}{c}\text { asWEDISH } \\ \text { Patriotic Air }\end{array}\right){ }_{1}^{4}$

the $G$ stands rather sideways _this holds


In playing Chords be certain that the little finger does its duty.

This mark \# is called A SHARP and means that the next black key to the right of the note on the Piano Forte is to be played instead of the usual white key.In the following Scale and Lessons the Sharp is placed upon the $5^{\text {th }}$. Line in the Treble and on the $4^{\text {th }}$ Line in the Bass, which are the places for the Note $F$ : therefore every $F$ must be played on the short black keys, to the right of the white ones heretofore known as $F$ 's which for distinction sake are called $F$ - NATURAL and the black ones F SHARP. - the game rule serves for other notes made sharp.

SCALE of G major.


LESSON 4. They're a'a noddin.(Scotch Air .)


DA CAPO (sometimes written, with only the initials D.C.) means that you are to begirgail the begimning of the piece and end at the first double bar: the word LENTANDO means that the part so marked must be played slower than the rest of the music.
A small Note $d$ is called a GRACE NOTE its value is not reckoned in the bar: but is lorrowed from the next note; both being played a little quicker so as to take up the time of only one. In the following Lesson and in similar in --stances, the Grace Note is struck at the same time with the Bass, and the ordinary treble note next in order of place comes afterwards.

LESSON 5 . (Italian Air.) Di tanti palpiti or"Hail to the happy day." by Rossini .
ANDANTE rather slow and very distinct.

One of the principal embellishments used in Music is the SHAKE or TRILL marked thus tr_ It occurs in the following Air, and the manner of performing it is explained by small grace notesto the right of the mark. - In this, and manyother instances, grace notes are employed without having any distinct value attached to them; but the whole bar is to be played in the same time as if the grace notes. had been omitted _

LESSON 6. English National Air.

MaESTOSO in a majestic $\{\biguplus$ style\& rather slow.


In the following Air,is explained a manner in which Repeats are sometimes made, by which the last bar of every part is played differently each time. - Wherever this oc_ _curs it is marked thus; 1 st time $\sim 2$ dime, as at the end of the first part, or per-- haps only $1 \sim 2$ as at the conclusion of the Air. - The method is, to play the first time as far as the dorible bar; then repeat the part \& omit the bar marked $1^{\text {st }}$ time or 1 , play that which is marked $z^{\text {d }}$. time or $z$ instead of it. - By observing the repeating marks it will be seen that when the first part is played over again, that the odd notes before the first full bar are to be left out.

GRAZioso Gracefully
and


This Note $O$ is a SEMIBREVE . this mark a SEMIBREVE REST. A Semibreve is the longest note in modern music, and is twice as long as a Minim: consequently it takes 2 Minims, 4 Crotchets, 8 Quavers or 16 Semiquavers to make. one Semibreve. this short rule should be committed to memory.

LFSSON 9 (A Caledonian Melody, which gives examples of dotted notes in the Treble and even notes in the Bass, in the manner in which they often occur. The notes of this Air are placed exactly in the order in which they are to be played; This Lessori also gives an opportunity of remarking, that when a slow note has quider ones over or under it, making the same in value, (as in the three first bars in the Bass where the 8 Quavers are exactly the value of the Semibreve underneath them) the SLOW NOTE tho' placed in the middle of the bar always plays with the FIRST QUICKER ONE as the small stave beneath will explain.

Go quick from the $x^{\text {d }}$, to the 3 , and from the $4^{\text {th }}$ to the $5^{\text {th }}$. note in each baro the Tredle.

LENTO Slow


Bass played
Thers


NB:This D, after being played to the first upper note, must be held down all the whille the remaining ones are played; let this REMARK be attended to in every similar instance.


Neither the thumb nor little finger is to be used upon the black keys where it can POSSIBEY BE AVOIDED in passages done by the rule of passing; NEVER but where the notes lay under the hand forming a position as in the concluding bars of this Lesson. In other instances which future practice and experience will show, either or both can be used with propriety.
NB: The Bass notes to the $8^{\text {th }}$ and the most part of those to the. ${ }_{9}{ }^{\text {th }}$ Lesson are termed moving BASSES .

This mark $q$ is called a NATURAL and signifies that the note immediately after it must be played on the WHITE KEY. In the second part of the following Lesson $C$ is twice made natural, but after the second time it is again made sharp according to the Signature. - in the sext bar the last $G$ in the Bass must be sharp These alte--rations from the Signature will be further explained in the next page .

> LESSON 10. (Duke of York's March.)


This markb is called a FLAT; it is exactly the contrary of the sharp-for a Flat means that the next black key ON THE LEFT is to be played instead of the usual white one. - In the next scale and four following Lessons, the flat is placed on the third Line in the Treble, and on the second Line in the Bass, which are the places for the B:- therefore all the B's are flat and must be played on the short black key to the left of the white one called $B$, which may now more properly be called Bnatural, to distinguish it from the $B$ flat on the black key.


For the present (till some exceptions are pointed out in the Appendix) it may be said that the white keys of the Piano Forte are naturals, and the black ones either Sharps or Flats.

The Sharps or Flats placed in the signature are used throughout the piece and are termed STATIONARY _ but the Sharps, Flats or Naturals that occur now and then but are not placed in the signature are termed. ACCIDENTALS: they only affect the particular note that comes next and the same notes in the same Bar, and when restored by a sharp، flat or natural placed before it, to its former place according to its signature, the Accidental is said to be CONTRADICTED.

In the following Lesson an accidental $B$ natural occurs three times during the first part, as also a TURN, written in grace notes (as is sometimes the case) instead of being expressed by its mark over the note, thus $\boldsymbol{\sim}$. The Turn also in this instance ends with the thumb instead of the Second finger, a style of fingering this em --bellishment often resorted to when the notes ascend. In three first bars of the bass is a Minim which is as long as the four Quavers above it and therefore is played to the first one. (see directions to Lesson 9.)

AND ANTINO


HERE and HERE the lower note strikes in place of the Quaver rest above it.

The small stave marked above this Air will explain the manner of playing GRACE NOTES, when placed before double notes, and at the same time show another way of executing the Turn, by both beginning and ending upen the note over which the mark of the turn is placed. This is called the PREPARED TURN; the one pre--viously considered being called the unprepared Turn:- The prepared Thrm is generally used upon long notes, especially dotted ones, and the mprepared turn mpon short ones.


LESSON 1.3. ITALIAN AIR (zitti-Zitti)
Piano, pia or $\mathcal{P}$ means to play soft by pressing the keys of the Piano Forte gently: Forte, for orf to play loud. - Notes with specks over them are to be performed in a short pointed manner and are called STACCATO.


Lesson 14. RUSSiAN Vesper Hymn, with Variations. An Air with Variations is a very popular style of Composition, sometimes enti--tled "Apia cen Variazione", sometimes" Thema con Variazione".

This mark is called a SLUR and means that the notes included in it are to be played very smooth and gliding .- In the $\boldsymbol{z}^{d}$. Variation is an Example of what are called CROSS HAND PASSAGES: thus in the first pert of this Variation(Var: $\varepsilon$ ) the Right Hand strikes one note in the Treble and the next in the Bass, crossing the Right Hand over the Left; and in the second part of the same Variation the Left Hand strikes one note in the Bass and the next in the Treble, crossing over the Rigit Hand.- Sometimes RH, is purt for the Right Hand, and LH, for the Left Hand to point out the changes - but these passages are after awhile so well understood, that this direction is not always mentioned.


We now introduce to the Pupil another Key with $B$ b in its signature called D Minor. - Scales in Minor have accidental Sharps or Naturals in their ascent, but the descent is always according to the signature.


NB: For the difference between Major and Minor see the Appendix.

> LESSON 15. Roxalana: by Haydn.


NB: When the Music is in Minor, the Accidentals must be rigidly observed In the following Scalc and Lessons there are two Flats $\dot{E}$ as well as $B$ :the $E$ tiat is played upon the black key to the left of the natural of the same name. All other Flats are subject to the same rule.

SCALE in B Flat Mayor.



LESSON 18 .(Mozart's March, with a Variation. -)In the latter part of this Lesson, a very common regulation is to be observed, viz: that where $8^{\text {vad }}$ alta is over the notes, they are to be played an Octave (eight notes) higher than they are written, as far as the dotted line extends, to the word LOCO, when they are again played in their usual places. - The word CRES (an abbreviation of Crescendo) which occurs in the variation means that you must gradually increase the tone by playing louder and louder._ DIM (the abbreviation of Diminuendo) means that you must gradual_ -ly decrease the tone by playing softer and softer.



Sometimes the following marks are used. instead of the words to oxpress the increase or decrease of tone $: \_$to increase $: ~>$ to decrease : $<$ to increase and then decrease:- to decrease and then increase .

SCALE of G Minor which has also

2 Flats


LESSON 19. (Turkish March.) sf (sforza) or fz (forzando) mean that the one particular note must be loud. $1 \stackrel{3}{4}+4$



It is presumed that no further explanation of Sharps and Flats is required.

## SCALE of A Major



LESSON 20 (Musette de Demophon.-) In the last bar a şhake over a double




LESSON 21. (Roll Drums merrily.) The passage of small notes in the lasf bar is called a CADENCE orCADENZA:it ranks among the embellishments of Music and is not subject to the rules of time, except that if written in Semiquavers it is to be played quickly - if in Quavers moderately - in Crotchets rather slow \&c. - with those far advanced in music, Cadences are the result of their own invention.



D:C: al Segno means to Da Capo to the Sign, which is this mark $\%$. It may be scen that when a return is made to the beginning for Da Capo, the notes of the imper--fect bar with which the piece begins are left out and not played: this rule applies in similar instances.
LESSON 22.(1talian Air, by Paisiello.-)Passages like the one at thes mark where all the keysboth black and white are used in succession, are called HALF TONES or CHROMATICS. -CALANDO means to gradually play both softer and slower:
SMORZANDO to play very soft - the literal meaning is to smother the time.


The next Scale and following Tune is in A Minor, and has ntitbe: sharps or flats in it a signature, sofar agreeing with the three first Lessons (tho 'different as to Tonic.) It was not brought into consideration at that time on account of some little difficulty always attached to pieces in the minor keys. - accidental sharps are also necessary, and at that portion of the book sharps had not been explained.

SCALE of A Minor


LESSON 23 .(Welsh Air.-) mf: or Mezzo Forte mean a little loud. ff or FORTISSIMO



Scale in ED Major.


The following Lesson exemplifies a remark belonging to Lesson the $9^{\text {th }}$ - The The --bile part by cautionary extensions avoids using a thumb or little finger upon a black key according to the direction given in that lesson; but in the bass they fall so natural_


LESSON 2.5.(Slow French March, -) said to have been a great favorite with Louis $16^{\text {t }} h_{1}^{\prime \prime}$ All the Turns in the following Lesson being upon slow notes are consequently prepared turns: - the manner in which a prepared turn is done to a moving bass is explained in the third bar.
uento
Counted as in Example 19page 19.
atum.


LESSON 26. A beautiful Adagio by Pleyel.
The terms which at the beginning direct how the music is to be played as to quickness or slowness, as also its character, are of ten used as a TITLE to the music; Thus we say, An Adagio by Pleyel - An Andante from Stichelt \&c\&c To be counted as in Ex: zo. page 19


SCALE of C Minor.



This Mark down the side of a Chordistermed APPOGIANDO; instead of the notes being stifick at once, they are to come very quick after each other, thus
the fingers must however keep the notes on the whole of the time. LESSON. 28. RONDO (French Air.) The Rondo is a kind of musical composition much in use, in which the first part is generally repeated after each of the others. - This mark ; which in the ex--ample before given is called a SLUR, and which there means that the notes under it are to be played moothly; has a different signification when placed over two or more adjoining NOTES exactly ALIKE: In this case it is called a BIND, and denotes that the First Note only is struck and the others held down withot being struck. So that this mark vhen placed over different hotes is a slur; when over the




$\int_{0}^{\operatorname{loc} 0 \frac{0}{d}}$ $\begin{cases}\text { shake as before or with three hooks are DEMISE }\end{cases}$ a Demisemiquaver Resi.

LESSON $2 \boldsymbol{9}$ (LaCatena) Notes EN CHAINE like those forming the first part of the present Lesson (where the vacancies for each hand are not finled lif by rests) are subject to the following rule: All those with the stems doн⿰ $\rho$ are played with the Left Hand, and those with the stems up

by theRighthand. The Notes being in both Treble and Bass, the Hands have of course frequently to cross over each other.

In the second part of this Lesson is another species of Syncopation. In the Treble a quick note followed by a longer one, so that notes of an unequal length in the Treble are played to notes of constantly equal length in the Bass; the time of the notes in the two parts being however the same as to value. - The passage is given in small lines above where by the use of rests the order in which the notes must be ployed is plainly pointed out. - The Rests are only used as an easy guide to the eye, to show where the Treble and Bass strike together, and where seperately; but they are not to be otherwise observed, for in fact, (-as will be seen by looking at the lower lines) Every Note must be HELD DOWN till the next one is struck.

In the third part are exemplified two methods of ABBREVIATION, as well as a SHAKE CONTINUED in the Treble while different notes are play--ing, or Rests bccurring in the Bas.

In Abbreviations like those these marks 类 the strokes used de--scribe the kind of notes to be played, one always for $Q$ uravers $Q_{\text {a }}$ two for $S$ omiciavers and three for Demisemiquavers agreeing exactly with the ntuiner of ties or hooks those notes are written with.

One other rema ${ }_{\Lambda} \mathrm{k}$ is necessary previous to the study of the follow_ - ing Lesson. - It is divided into two portions - the first of which is in Common Time or Four Crotchets in a Bar - the second is in $\frac{2}{4}$ or Two Crotchets in a Bar - Many Pieces are thus divided, and each division is called a MOVEMENT; as the first movement, the second movement \&c.


So Da Capo - that is to the beginning of the second movement_ See the corresponaing
Repeat marks

LESSON. 3 O. (Air in Ohi.) Containing another Example of SYNCOPA --TION in which the Treble and Bass strike senerately:throughout the first part; each Treble Note coming one semilpaver later than the Bass Note, in consequence either of a Rest or a Bind. - The small Lines above, bymeans of Rests readily point out where this separation takes place. but the same remark holds good here, as in the last Lesson.- Tho the Rest: form an easy method of explainizing how the notes are to be played, yet the very contrary, as to effect, must be observed_viz: each note must be held down till the next is struck.

In the second part, of this Lesson, the value of the notes in the Treble easily showto which of the Bass notes each is to be played.


Previous to commencing the study of other Music, it will be useful to ${ }^{43}$ become acquainted with the following scales in addition to those already. known.

$1_{n}$ page 35 Half Tones or Chromatics were used, the frequency of acth passages renders an acquaintance with them indispensable, and the following Examplegives two methods of fingering them. either of which may be adopted - it will he best to learn the 'Treble and the Bass seperately, and on account of their difficulty not to play both togethertill each line singly becomes familiar to the hand.


## SECOND RECAPITULATION

Camprising a memorand of what has been atudied ance the first Recapitulationexcepting the Terms of modification, such as Andante, Allegro\&ewhich will be found in the Vocabulary.
Firll gamut oí the TREBLE NOTES, including the ADDITIONAL KEYS


The extreme high notes are ofteh written THUS
See Remarks previous to Lesson 18 page 32


## Full Gamut of the BASS NOTES.



Of the VALUE of the NOTES .
Qne Semibreve makes 2 Minums 4. Crotchets 8. Quavers 16.Semiquavers and 32. Demisemiquavers Onf MINIM makes 2 Crotchets 4 Quavers 8 Semiqnavers and 16 Demisemiquavers One CROTCHETmakes \& Quavers 4 Semiquavers, and 8 Demisemiquaver's One QUAVER makes 2 Semiquavers and 4 Demisemiquavers One SEMIQUAVER maters 2 Demisemiquavers One doited MINiMmakes 3 Crotehets 6 Quavers 12 Semiquavers and 24 Demiseiniquavers One dotted CROTCHETmakes 3 Quavers 6 Semiquavers and 12 Demisemiquaver's One dotted QUAVER makes 3 Semiqnavers and 6 Demigemiquavere
A SCALE. ;́́ regular ascent or descent from a note to its Octave.
FhELUDE, a short strain before commencing any piece of music.
$\therefore$ A PAUSE. to hold a note longer than its value.
CROSE-HAND PASSAGES - The Right Hand playing over the Left or the
Leftyand playing over the Right_sometimes marked R.H. for Right Liand, gnd L.H. for Lelif Hand.

* It is necessary to remark that these are subject to Abbreviaturs as All? for Allew - Wod? . For Moderato \&e \&e.
\# A SHARP, which on the Piano Forte, is the next black key on the right of the note $b$ A FLAT, the next black key on the left of the note.
GA NATURAL, contradicts some previous sharp or flat and is played on a white key ACCIDENTALS, are the occurrence of a sharp, flat or natural which is not in the Signatire_for further explanations see the Appendix.
$8^{\text {va alta - to play an Octave higher than the notes are written. }}$
LOCO, to restore them to their usual place.
MOVEMENT, whenever a piece of Music is in different portions, they are termed the first movement the second movement \&c.
AIR with VARIATIONS, also called ARIA conVARIAZIONE or THE VA conVari_ -azione - sometimes a Piece of Music by itself, and sometimes an inferior move --ment of an Overture, Concerto or Sonata.
RONDO, a Piece of Music in which the first strain is repeated after each part, and is generally the last movement of Overtures, Concertos and Sonatas, and often forms a distinct Composition.
$1^{\text {st }}$ time and $x$. time or 1 a see remarks previous to Lesson 8 page 26
B. Segmor Sign _ thurs, Da Capo al Segno_Goback to the Sign .

CHROMATICS - a regular succession of half tones, or the playing of every key on the Piano Forte black and white, in a given distance either up or down.

CHAIN NOTES


Those with the stems down are played by the Left hand, and those with the stems upwards are played by the Right.


SEGUE, means to continue playing the same notes.


MARKS of EXPRESSION
P،orpia: or Piano _ soft_ p , or pianissimo_ very soft_ poco piano, a little soft.
DOLCE, or Dol, also means to play in soft and soothing manner.
$f$, or for, or forte_loud_ff, or fortissimo, very loud_ mezzo forte, a little
loud - pius forte, more loud.
$f^{z}$,or $s f$,or $f P$, or this mark $>$ the one note loud.
CODA an additional part by way of conclusion.
D. C. or Da Capo, Begin again and end at the first Double Bar.

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This mark if over different notes, thus

to play in a smooth gliding manner; if over the same notes, thus
 called $A B I N D$, in which instance the first note only is played, and the remainder held down, this is termed SYNCOPATION, as is also, a shorter note, followed by one or more longer notes, making a seeming inequality in the measure.

This $\dot{p}$ is termed STACCATO, or to strike the notes short and distinct. Cress, or Crescendo, or this mark $<$ to increase the tone. Dim, or Diminuendo, or this mark $\rightarrow$ to decrease the tone. This mark $\longrightarrow$ means to increase and decrease the tone. This mark
 to decrease and then increase the tone.

## EMBELLISHMENTS or GRACES

CADENZA, a brilliant passage, not restricted as to time, introduced occasion_ - ally where a Pause occurs.

## $j \vdash\left[\int J \operatorname{ceq}^{\sim} G R A C E\right.$ NOTES Or APPOGIATURAS.

to the SHAKE - w the TRANSIENT SHAKE.
cs the TURN - $\boldsymbol{S}$ the $1 \mathrm{NV}^{\prime} E R T E D$ TURN.
APPOGIANDO, or striking the notes a little separately.
NB: A fuller explanation of the Graces and Expression of Music will be found in the Appendix.

The practical part of this work is here concluded. Much information, which would have been misplaced in the foregoing Lessons, will be found in the Appendix, which with most of the previous explanations and examples may be conveniently used for the purpose of reference, even when the study of them is discontinued.

No book however can supply the place of an experienced Master, whose information and explanations correct errors and remove difficulties as they occur; but such a Master may be willing to approve an elementary work, that will always leave the spirit of his instructions, from Lesson to Lesson, plainly printed before the Pupil's eye.

