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## PREFACE.

Although several excellent Books of Instructions for the Piano-Forte have been lately published in this Country, yet as improvements are daily made which tend to facilitate the attainment of the Musical Science, the Author presumes to publish his method; hoping, that as the whole of his life has been devoted to the study of Music, the result of his experience will not be unwelcome to the Public.

Experience proves that introducing popular Airs arranged as Lessons for the Practice of Learners, greatly promotes their application and improvement; besides, when desired to play, they have the satisfaction to observe that they afford more entertainment to their hearers by pieces of this kind, than by playing long and uninteresting compositions: therefore the Author has selected for his Lessons many favourite Airs which he has arranged in a familiar style, and in order to preserve the necessary progressive gradation, has composed the remainder of the Lessons.

His plan of Instruction is somewhat peculiar : instead of placing at the beginning of the Work, according to the usual practice, all the precepts necessary to the Piano-Forte player, he has preferred intermixing with the pieces whatever relates to graces, chatracters, and expression; for the best place to point out their use, so as to make a strong impression on the mind, is undoubtedly when they occur in practice; therefore it must be allowed that this method of placing them successively under the eye, is much more eligible than to refer the Pupils to a general account, which fer take the trouble to read, much less to learn.

The preliminary Instructions necessary to a Learner, such as an explanation of the Notes, Clefs, Sharps, Flats, Time, \&c. are given at the beginning of the Book, in the most simple and concise manner; to these are added Precepts and Examples on Fingering, in which the numerous combinations that are likely to occur, are placed in particular classes and fingered by the Author.

At the end of the Work is a short Appendix, explaining the Intervals, the Chords, the Tenor Clef, and Transposition; which articles are not necessary to a beginner, and would have been displaced in the former part of the Work.

The whole is concluded with a general Dictionary of such Italian words as frequently occur in Musical Compositions.

Such are the outlines of the present Work; should it meet with the public approbation, the Author will consider his trouble amply rewarded.

In the present Edition many new and familiar Lessons have been added, and others substituted for those which were found too difficult in the former Editions.

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## ELEMENTARYINSTRUCTIONS.

Let Students read attentively the following nine pages, and try to imgress on their mind the precepts which they contain, before they attempt to play any of the lessons..

## OF The Notes and Stave.

The. characters by which Musical sounds are expressed are called Notes; there are in Music but seven Notes, to which in England the first seven letters of the Alphabet A, B , C , D, E, F, G, are applied.*

When a passage extends to 8,9 , or more Notes, the foregoing letters are repeated over again in the same order; in a descending melody, the letters are named backwards, thus; $\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{E}, \mathrm{D}, \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{A}$, bat the Music is read from left to righ as printing.

The Musical Notes are placed on, and between five horizontal and parallel lines, to which the name of Stave is applied.
NB : The lines and spaces of the $S$ tave are counted upwards, from the lowest to the highest.

## Stave



When in a piece of Music some Notes go higher or lower than the Stave, little lines, called Ledger lines, are added above or below, and the heads of the Notes are placed on, or betwixt them.


Piano-forte Music is written on two Staves, connected by a Brace, the upper Stave serves for the Treble notes, and the lower for the Bass notes.


NB: Sometimes the Right hand plays Notes placed on the Bass-Stave, and Vice versa the Left hand plays Notes placed on the Treble-Stave.

## OF THE Clefs .

To ascertain the Names of the Notes and their places on the Key-board, a certain character called a Clef, is placed at the beginning of each Stave. ** Two Clefs only are made use of in Motiern compositions for the Piano-forte. viz:
I. The Treble or G clef, shaped thus $\oint$ and placed on the 2 . line of the Stave, all the notes on that line are called $\mathbf{G}^{\text {s. }}$. this clef serves for the highest part.

II. The Bass or F clef, shaped thus D: and placed on the $4^{\text {th }}$. line of the Stave,
 all the notes on that line are cailed $F$.'s this clef serves for the lowest part.

[^0]According to their position on the lines and spaces of the Stave, the Notes receive their names


Additional Lines and Spaces


Bass

Additional Lines and Spaces


Exercise on the Bass notes


Of the Scale or Gamut.
The seven Notes of Music placed in a series ascending or descending, form what is termed the Gamut or Scale.

The Scale may be Diatonic or Chromatic. *
The Diatunic Scale which is the natural Scale, consists of five tones and two semitones** which according as the Scale is Major, or Minor, are differently placed.

In the Diatonic major Scale, the first semitone is from the $3^{\text {d }}$ to the $4^{\text {th }}$ note, the second Semitone is between the $7^{\text {th }}$ and $8^{\text {th }}$ the remainder of the notes are a tone distant from each other.


This Scale may be repeated several times in positions more grave or acute: but always similar, with respect to the places of the tones and semitones: see the following page, which shews the names of all the notes and their position on the Key-board.

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## The Pianoforte Key-board Explained

Modern Pianofortes, with additional keys, contain five Octaves and seven keys, from the lowest on the left hand which is $F$, to the highest on the right, which is $C$.

Pianofortes without additional keys have only five Octaves from F to F. * N: The keys as well as the Notes are named after the first seven letters of the Alphabet.


Explanations

1. The Key-board is composed of long and short keys, the long or white keys, serve for the natural notes, and the short or black keys serve for the Sharps and Flats.
2. The White keys are at equal distances from each other, whereas the black keys are divided.into alternate groups of two and three, parted by two white keys without a black betwixt.
3. The White. key before any two black keys (going from the left to the righ hand) is called $C$, in every part of the key -board, the next white key is $D$, the next $E$, and so on, following the order of the letters C, D, E, F, G, A, B, C.
4. There is an interval of a semitone between each key; two white keys with the black key between, form a whole tone.
5. Each black key may be taken for the Sharp of the white key below, cr for the Flat of the white key above: so the black key above C, may be $C \#$ or $D b$.
6. As between $B$ and $C, E$ and $F$, there is no black key, these notes are used respecttively as Sharps or Flats to one another: therefore $B{ }_{H}$ is played on $C$, and $C b$ on $B^{\sharp}$ :$E \#$ is played on $F h$, and $F b$ on $E \neq$.
7. Every succession of eight notes, as from $C$ to $C$ inclusively, is called. an Octave. each Octave is exactly the same with respect to the disposition and names of the keys, it contains seven white keys and five black keys.
8. The keys which are in the middle of the key-board are used either for the Treble or for the Bass as required: therefore in the foregoing Scale the notes which have a double stem, thus; from G in the Bass, to $\mathbf{G}$ in the Treble, may be played either with the left or with the right hand.
[^2]Six sorts of Notes are made use of in Musical Compositions, viz: the Semibreve

| Minim | Crotchet | Quaver | Semiquaver | Demisemiquaver |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $q$ | $\rho$ | $e$ |  |  |

The length, or duration of these Notes varies according to their shape.

## Time TABLE,

Shewing the respective proportions of each Note.


N3: After having learnt the Time Table as it stands here, the Student will derive great benefit by learning it also the contrary way. (reversing the book)

A Dot placed after any Note, makes that Note half as long again; thus,

| a Semibreve with a Dot | a Minim with a Dot 9 . | a Crotchet with a Dot $\rho$. | a Quaver with a Dot - | a Semiquaver with a Dot |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| is equal to 00 | is equal to of | is equal to | is èqual to | is equal to. |

Two Dots placed after a note, make it three quarters longer, therefore a Minim with a double dot $q \cdots$ is equal to 9 and a Crotchet with a double dot $\cdots$ is equal to $\overparen{P}$ Of the Rests.
Rests are. Characters which denote silence equal in duration to that of the Notes which they represent, (when a Rest occurs the hand is to be taken off the keys.) there are as many Rests as various Species of Notes.

| Semibreve | Minim | Crotchet | Quaver | Semiquaver | Demisemiquaver |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | R | R |
| Rest | Rest | Rest | Rest | Rest | Rest. |

NB: When a Rest is dotted, its duration becomes half longer $r \cdot$ is equal to $\cdot 4$ and $\varphi \cdot$ is equal to 7 .
When a Rest of several bars happens, the number of Bars is
in Modern Music, expressed by a figure over the Stave, thus; - $-1 \quad 2 \quad 3 \quad 3 \quad 4 \quad 4 \quad$ ars in Ancient Music small strokes across the Stave are made use of, according to the number of Bars, thus; - - -

## Of the Sharp, Flat and Natural.

The Sharp, thus $(\sharp)$ raises the Note before which it is placed a Semitone. ${ }^{\text {C. C } \# \text {. C double sharp }}$ The DoubleSharp,thus $(x)$ raises aNote already Sharp another Semitone; NB: On the Key-board the Sharp is taken on the Right side of a Note.
The Flat,thus(b) lowers the Note before which it is placed a Semitone The Double Flat,thus(bb) lowers a Note already Flat another Semitone; the Flat is taken on the Left side of a Note.
The Natural, thus ( 4 ) placed before a Note that has been made Sharp or Flat, restores the Note to its original place.


A Natural after a DoubleSharp is marked thus(㒋) it takes off oneSharp. A Natural after a DoubleFlat is marked thus (bb) it takes off one Flat. (g)
The Double Sharp, cannot be used but to a Note already made Sharp, and so of the Double Flat. Obs: I. A Sharp or Flat placed after the Clef on a line or a space, affècts all the Notes on such line or space and their Octaves throughout the piece: but when introduced in the course of the piece,.it is called accidental, and only affects the Notes placed on such line or space within the Bar where it occurs . *
II. When the second Sharp or Flat (according to their progression) is set after the Clef, the first must have been introduced.

## Progression of the Sharps and Flats.

by Fifths ascending

by Fourths ascending


[^3]There are in Music but two sorts of Time, viz: Common Time, which consists of two or four equal parts in a Bar, and Triple Time, which consists of three parts in a Bar: each of the foregoing is subdivided into Simple and Compound.

Simple Common Time is expressed by any of the following figures $\mathrm{C}, \mathbb{C}, \mathcal{2}, \mathcal{Z}$, placed at the beginning of the piece,immediately after the Clef.

Compound Common Time is expressed by $\begin{array}{llllll}6 \\ 8\end{array}$ or $\quad \begin{array}{llll}6 & 12 & & 12 \\ 8 & \text { or } & 12\end{array}$
Simple Triple Time is expressed by $\frac{3}{2}$,or $\frac{3}{4}$,or ${ }_{8}^{3}$, Compound Triple Time by $\frac{9}{4}$,or $\frac{9}{8}$
NB : When two figures are used to mark the time, the lower figure denotes the quality of the Notes, whether Minims, Crotchets or. Quavers, and the upper figure the quantity used to make up a Bar, thus;


## Common Time exemplified.

Four Crotcthets in a Bar, or their equivalent, in other Notes or Rests.
Simple
Common.


Second Species of Simple Commontime.
N3: In a slow movement it is better:
Two Crotchets in a Bar or equivalent.
Adagio to count four $Q$ uavers in each Bar.



Two dotted Crothets in a Bar or equivalent.

In a slow movement it is better to count twice three quavers.

Compound CommonTim


Observe. The three other sorts of Compound Common Time, viz: $\underset{4}{6}, \frac{12}{4}$ and $\frac{12}{8}$, are seldom used in Modern Music.

## Triple Time exemplified.

Three Crotchets or equivalent in each Bar. Three Quavers or equivalent in each Bar.


The other Species of Compound Triple Time viz: 94 is not used in Modern Music.

[^4]The fundamental note of Composition is called the Key-note or Tonic
Every piece of Music is written in a particular key, to which all others introduced by the Modulation must be related.

The Bass of a regular Composition always ends on the key-note, and the Piece is said to be composed in the key of $C$, when the Bass terminates on that note.

A Key may be either in the Major, or in the Minor Mode: this may be ascertained by the first third in the scale.
I. When from the key-note(first degree) to the third note above, there is an Interyal of a major third, the key is in the Major Mode, and is called a Major key (vulgarly termed a Sharp key.) a Major third consists of four semitones, or two whole tones. (see A)

Ex: of the Major third.

II. When from the key-note to the third degree above, the Interval is only of a Minor third, the key is in the Minor mode, and is called a Minor key (vulgarly termed a Flat key.) a Minor third consists of three semitones, or one tone and a half. ( seeß).

Ex: of a Minor third.
The Scale in the key of A Minor.


Observe. The essential difference hetween the Major and Minor mode is a semitone in the interval of the first third in the scale.

As the Scale may be divided into twelve semitones, and as any one of them may be taken for Key-note, both in the Major and Minor mode; there are of course twenty-four keys, twelve in the Major and twelve in the Minor mode.
N: The natural Major key is C, the natural Relative Minorkey.is $\Lambda^{*}$ all other keys are but, transpositions of these two.

## A TABLE of all The KEYS.

Major keys with Sharps at the signature.


Major keys with Flats at the signature


Minor keys with Flats at the signature.


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## On FINGERING

A proper manner of sitting at the Piano-forte, of holding the arms, wrists and fingers, will greatly facilitate to Students a rapid and brilliant execution: on the contrary a deficiency in these partitculars, will materially injure their execution.

## Directions refative to the Body, arms and hands of the Performer.

Let the performer sit in a graceful manner opposite the centre of the Key-board, neither too near, nor too far from the Instrument, so as to be able to reach with facility the highest and lowest keys. (see the plate)

The heigth of the seat must be suited to that of the performer, who, when seated, should have the elbows a little above the Key-board, and the feet resting firmly on the ground near the pedals, to be ready to press them down the Arms must not be kept too close to the body, nor too distant fromit: the shoulders should be rather depressed; the wrists must be nearly on a level with the arms and elbows, the knuckles heing kept some what elevated. the $1^{\text {st }} \cdot 2^{\text {d }}$. and $3^{\text {d }}$. fingers must be bent, so as to bring the thumb and the little finger on a line; each finger must be placed over its respective key, and remain in that position whether used or not.

The extremity of the fingers, but not the nails, must strike the keys; theirmotion should be so smooth as not to be noticed; the thumb must be kept over the keys so as to bring the other fingers close to the black keys, ready to strike them, this will prevent the wrist moving uselessly backwards and forwards .

## General Rules and Examples on Fingering.

Observe I. The combinations in the passages of the melody being innumerable, makes it impossible to give fixed rules suited to all cases; however the following rules and examples, if studied and practised with attention, will soon enable the learner to find the proper fingering of any passage.
II. In England the fingering is marked in the following manner; in each hand the thumb is expressed by a cross $(t)$ the $1^{\text {st }} .2^{\text {d }}$. $3^{\text {d }}$ and little finger are designed by the figures 1.2 .3.4.


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Rule I. The fingering of a passage is to be regulated according to the number of the notes ascending or descending, also according to the distances: passages of five notes, may be played in one fixed position, each finger striking its respective key ( see the foregoing examples) but when six, seven, ten, or more notrs are placed in a series, the thumb must either pass under the long fingers in ascending, or theseover the thumb in descending, thas;



Rule II. The thumb may pass under the $1^{\mathrm{si}} \cdot 2^{\mathrm{d}}$ and $3^{\mathrm{d}}$.finger in ascending, but not under the $4^{\text {th }}$. or little finger.


In descending, the $3^{\text {d }}$. $2^{\text {d }}$. or $1^{\text {st. }}$. finger may pass over the thumb, but not the little finger.
Rule III, A long finger must not pass over another, as it would displace the position of the hand, and look very awkward.


Rule IV. It is not allowed to play two successive notes with the same finger, unless a Rest or a Pause intervenes, when the same finger may be used twice.*


RuleV. The natural place of the thumb of the right hand, in a series of notes ascending, is immediately after a short or black key, and in descending, before a short key: on the contrary the rataral place of the thumb of the left hand in ascend-


NB: When the thumb passes under the long fingers or these over the thumb,it must be done with as little motion of the hand as possible.

RuleVI. When a note is repeated, the performer should take that oppertunity for changing the position of the hand, upwards or downwards, as required, by playing one of the repeated notes with another finger, thus;


Rule VII. Whon by the nature of a passage you are led out of the position prescribed by the rule, always place the finger after the thumb, untill you have recovered the right position.


* Some particular passages in the Legato style, also double notes and chords, must be excepted from this rule, as they often require the same finger used twice.


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## Double Notes in $6{ }^{\text {th }}$




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## The Fingering of the Scales Exemplified.

The Author strongly recommends a constant practice of the Scale, as the best mode of attaining a neat and rapid execution.

Students should at first practise each hand separately, when they can play all the Scales with one hand, they must practise them with hoth hands together.

Observe. In the Scales of C,G,D,A,E and B,Major and Minor, the Thumb of the Right hand is always used on the key note, or $1^{\text {st }}$ degree, and on the $4^{\text {th }}$. degree of the scale, in ascending and descending: the Thumb of the Left hand is placed on the key note, and on the $5^{\text {th }}$ degree.

*. The Scale is in the Minor mode, when from the Tonic or $1^{\text {st }}$ degree, to the $3^{\text {d }}$ degree above, there is only an interval of a Minor third, which consists of three Semitones, thus;


The Minor Scale has a peculiarity, in ascending the $6^{\text {th }}$ and $7^{\text {th }}$ notes are made Sharp, to conform to the laws of Harmony and modulation: in descending the Sharps are left off, and the $66^{\text {th }}$ and $7^{\text {th }}$ notes are Minor, as well as the $3^{\text {d }}$. which gives the Minor Scale a melancholy cast.


The following Scale is an exception to the common rule of fingering for as
it begins on a black key the $1^{\text {st }}$. finger is used on the key note.


## Major Keys with Flats.

Minor Keys with Flats.
Observe. In all Major Scales with one or more Flats at the signature, the Thumb of the Right hand is placed on $C$ and $F$, in ascending and descending.



The key of Db Minor is very seldomused, as Composers generally write in $C \sharp$ minor.

Obs: In the keys of $\mathrm{Bb}, \mathrm{E} b, \mathrm{~A} b$, and $\mathrm{D} b$,(in Major) the Thumb of the Lefthand is on the $3^{\text {d }}$ and $7^{\text {th }}$ degrees of the Scale, in Ascending and descending.

## Of the Chromatic Scale.

The Chromatic Scale ascends and descends by a series of twelve semitones, altermately Major and Minor.*


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## Observations on the Lessons.

I. The following Lessons are set in the principal Major and Minor keys, begimning from the keys with Sharps at the signature, and following their progressive order by $5^{\text {ths }}$ ascending, viz: C, G, D, A and E; the key of B with five Sharps and its Relative minor key $G \sharp$ being too difficult for learners, and seldom used, have been purposely omitted.
II. Every Major key is followed by its Relative Minor key.
III. A short Prelude is set at the beginning of the Lessons in each key, which if practised with care, will form the hand and taste of the Pupil.
IV. The Fingering is not marked to every Note, which would confuse the Scholar, but only where a change happens in the position of the hand, or where some difficult passages occur.
V. At the bottom of each Page are annotations explaining in a simple and concise manner the various Characters, Graces \&c. introduced in the Lessons.

The letter (A) refers to the $1^{\text {st }}$ annotation, the letter (B) to the $2^{\text {d }}$. and the letter (C) to the ' 3 . ${ }^{\text {d }}$ \&c.
VI. Pupils are advised to learn the easiest Lessons first, leaving the nore dilticult ones until they have attained some proficiency on the Instrument.

## Prelude in the Key of C Major.


(A) A circular stroke over two notes on the same line or space is called a BinD, it unites the two notes into one, therefore the first only must be played, and kept down the whole length of the two.

When a Bind is over two similar chords, the first only is struck.
(B) Erery piece of Music is divided into small quatities, called Bars, by lines drawn perpendicularly through the Stave eachbar is.of equal duration, and contains a certain number of notes, determined by the figures placed at the beginning of the piece, after the Clef.
(c) A Double Bar across the Stave, divides a piece of Music into two or more parts, called Strains; when dotted on both sides the dots are only on one side, the strain only on the side of the dotted bar must be repeated.

(A) When this figure $8^{\text {va }}$ (abbreviated from the word Octava) is set over a passage, every note ás far as the line extends, is to be played an octave higher than written; this method of writing saves a number of ledger lines.
(B) Loco, this word shews that the notes are to be played again as written.
(c) A circular line placed over some notes on different lines or spaces, shews that they must be played in a smonth, connected style, keeping down each note its full length.

This style of playing is termed in Italian Legato, it is generally used, unless some particular mark should direct to the contrary.

(A) This Bass is written on the Treble stave to save the Ledger lines which would occur if the Bass clef was made use of, it might have been written on the Bass stave with the Treble cleff, thus, ( B ) This Small note before the Minim, is called an Appoggiatura(leaning note), whatever length is riven to the Appoggiatura, is taken from the following large note, with which it is Always plyyed Legato mos about one half of the Large note is generally given to the small one.
(c) The first note of each group in the Bass, having a double stem, must be kept down while the two other quavers are played; the effect produced is that of two parts.
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N. 9. Moderato


No 10.
Allegretto

(A). The Treble of this Prelude is written in Compound Common Time of ${ }_{8}^{12}$ (four triplets of quavers in each bar) the Bass is written in Simple Common Time.
(B) The letter ( $\mathbf{R}$ ) over C.E.A. shews that those notes must be played with the Right hand,

The letter ( $\mathbf{L}$ ) under the three following notes, shews that they must be played with the Left hand,
(c) In Minor keys; whenever the $7^{\text {th }}$ of the scale Ascending occurs, either in the Treble or Bass, an accidental Sharp is placed before it.

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(b) Rondo alla Turca.
N. 12.

Mllegretto

(A) These Rests P, 7,7 , in the Treble and Bass of the Prelude, indicate silences equal in duration to the notes which they represent. when a Rest occurs the hand is taken off the keys. (for a furth or Explanation see page 7 )
(B) A Rondo, is a piece of music which Ends with the First strain.

Alla Turca, in the style of Turkish Music.
(C) The Italian words Da Capo. (often abhreviated, thus: D.C.) shew that the Lesson must be played over again from the beginning, and Ended at the Double bar.

## N. 13

Larghetto


 Rondo in Harvest Home.

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Allegretto

(A)

(B) 32

(A) ten: is an abbreviation of the word tenuto, which signifies that the key must be kept down the. full length of the note.
(B) This mark hour over the four Minims, shew that a Continued Shake must be made with the

Right hand while the Left hand plays the Bass notes, thus:
(c) The Treble clef on the Bass stave, shews that the passage must be played in the Treble, the Left hand crossing over the Right.


N. 16.

(A).This Lesson begins with the middle of the bar, which has been done by the composer to keep the accents in their proper places, the completion of the $1^{\text {st }}$ Bar is at the end of the Air
( ${ }^{\text {B }}$ ) When the Bass of an Air is written on the Treble stave, the Left'hand plays it on the treble part of: the Instrument.
(c) This Air, for the reason given above, begins with the 2. part of the bar, which is rather uncommon This mark shews that a stress is to be laid on the first note of everybar, being the accented part.
N. 17.

Allegro
 Pretudee in the Key of E minor.

(A) These small dashes ( 1111 ) shew that the notes mast be played in a distinct and separate manner, giving each about one fourth of its usual length, and lifting the fingers from 'the keys, as if a Rest intervened, and the notes were written, thus: This style of playing is termed, Staccato, (detached).


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No. 1.9


Russian Air.
N. 20

Vivace

(A) The upper note of each group is to be kept down, while the others are played.
(B) This mark $\cap$ is called a Pause, it renders the note longer at pleasure, and in certain cases the performer is to display his taste by introducing some extempore and fanciful passage.
A3: A Pause on a Rest $\cap$ only lengthens that rest
(c) Thenever a long note is placed under others of less value, it is struck with the first and kept down while the other notes are played: in the foregoing Air the D is kept down the whole Bar.

(A) Three notes grouped together with, or even without the figure 3 over them, form a Triplet, and are to be played in the time of Two notes of the Same species, thus;
This Licence by length of use has become a Rule.
$\frac{8-8+8}{4-80+2}$ Six notes grouped together are to be played in the time of Four notes of the same species, they form a Double Triplet.
(B) In that place the Bass is not in Triplets, therefore the four quavers are struck with those in the Treble
(C) Pastorale, in a simple and easy style, in Imitation of those Airs which the Shepherds are supposed to play

Gavotta, in Achille and Deidamie .

(A) Each of these Chords is to be played Arpeggiando,
sustainitg each note till the length of the Crotchet be expired; thus,

a Gavotta, is a Dance consisting of two lively strains of four bars in common time, it begins with the half bar.
(B) When an Appoggiaturais placed before the upper note of a chord, it only affects that note, and must he struck with the lowest note, thus; foif a further Explanation of the Appoggriatura, see page21.

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The Anglo-Caledonian Air.
N. 25

Minantino





Prelude in the Key of B minor.

(A) This mark $\sim$ signifies that a Turn is to be made on D , thus; the Turn consists of a principal note, the note above and the note below.

The Turn is one of the chief Graces in Music and often introduced.

(B) The upper part of this Prelude is -written in $\frac{12}{8}$, each bar consisting of four Triplets: but as each Triplet is passed in the time of two Semiquavers, the time does not suffer any alteration: the Bass is written in Common time of two Crotchets in a bar, or four Quavers.
(c) Romanza, a Romance is an Air of the soft and plaintive kind.

Prelude inthe Key of A major.

(1) a Stroke under any line of the Stave generally expresses a Semibreve's Rest, here it is adopted to express the Rest of a dotted Minim, for want of another sign, distinctly different, and which is wayting in Music.
(B) These two letters (or) abbreviated from the Italian word trillo, shew that a Shake is to be made on the note $\mathbf{A}$. the shake begins from the note above and ends on the principal note.

When at the End of a piece it is generally followed by a Turu; thus,
The Shake to be good must be quick, alternate, even and distinct. written playd Students should practise the Shake with any finger, not excepting the thumb, on white as well as on hlack keys.
(c) Each of the small notes before the large one is called an Acciacatura, or short beat, this Grace is always a semitone below the principal note, and is passed very quick, the force is given to the principal note.

Aria.

(A). The Treble of this Air is written in Simple common time, and the Bass in Compound common time $\frac{12}{8}$, or four triplets in a Bar: where a quaver dotted and a semiquaver is found in the treble, play the whole triplet of the Bass to the quaver dotted, and pass the semiquaver alone, rather quick.
(B) Scozzese, in the Style of Scotch music.
(c) mez: abbreviated from mozzo indicates a moderate desree of force.

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Prelude in the Key of FH minor.

$\mathrm{N}^{\mathbf{o}} 31$

(A) The Transient Shake is played, thus;

(1:) When the unaccented part of a bar is tied with the following accented part by a Bind,
if firms a Syncopation. (for an explanation see page 51
(.) In this Air the thumb of the Right hand is used several times on a black key, not to displace the position of the hand.
(1)) On the Pianoforte the $E \#$ is played on $F$ natural.

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## $\mathrm{N}^{\circ} .32$

Andante

(1) The circular stroke under the two dots denotes the Mezzo staccato,
the Notes are not to be so short and pointed as if marked, thus;-- or thes $8=8$ (B) When a Slur - is placed over two notes of the same species, the first is played with (written played. more force than the second, to which generally but half of its usual length is given (c) These two figures placed undex a slur $\overparen{+1}$ indicate that the 1 . ${ }^{\text {st. }}$ finger must be substituted to the thumb without striking the key over again.

(A) This mark peci: shews that the pedal which takes off the dampers from the strings must be pressed down, it is generally placed on the Right side. In Square Piano fortes the pedal is placed in the middle of the Instrument. This mark * shews that the pedal must be dropt.





## Aria.

${ }_{2}$ Steibelt.



(A) This wark $\cap_{\text {on }}$ the first Note does not indicate a Cadenza, it shews that the chord is to be played in a slow Arpeggio, as a kind of Prelude to the Air.
(B) As there is no black key between B and C, $\mathbf{B} \#$ is played on C natural: s

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Prelude in the Key of major


Sul Margine d'un Rio.
N. 3.9

(A). The Small note placed before each of the Minims in the Bass (at the end of the Prelude) is called a Portamento, or short Appoggiatura, it is played quick, dwelling on the second note, which is sustained.
(3) These Notes with dots under, are to be played short and distinct; thus,

（1）The greatest part of this Air consists of chords of two notes，which with the Bass form an Harmony in three parts．
（B）The Slur placed under the dots indicates the mezzo staccato．
（C）Smorzando play Softly，and let the sounds die away．
（i）Waltz，a german dance in triple time．
（ii）If abbreviated from forzando，indicates a Stress on the note．

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(A) Pollacca, a Polish movement of three Crotchets in a bar, chiefly characterised by the emphasis being laid contrary to the rules of the accent, on the unaccented part of the Bar.
(B) Where this mark occurs, observe the emphasis or stress on the first note
(C) This mark $\stackrel{\#}{\sim}$ shews that the lower note of the turn is to have an accidental Sharp. When the Turn is on a double note, its first note is struck with the lowest of the two notes.


(c) Of noble race was Shenkin.

(.1) This Appoggiatura being placed before a group of four Semiquavers, is passed quick with the (i)rst note, so as not to break the regularity of the group.
13) When Small notes are placed before a Chotd, the Notes are struck one after the other and kept ,un, which is not the case in the common Arpeggio, some Authors call this style Appoggiando.

This Air is a fine Specimen of the Welsh National Music, originality and boldness of character united in the Melody.

(A) These two figures under a circular stroke; thus, $\widehat{3}$ shew that the second finger is to be substituted to the first, without striking the key over again.
(B) A Pause is to be made on F, the small Notes after the Minim, make no part of the Bar. but are ornamental Notes introduced to bring in the subject.
(ic) The Bottom note is to be kept down while the two others are played.
(1) al Segrio signifies that the Air must be played over again from this mark $\varnothing$. to the double Bar.


(A) Observe carefully the Legato and Staccato which throughout this Air form a fine contrast, especially where their effect is heightened by the Open Pedal.
(B) $P / P$ abbreviation of pianissimo, as Soft as possible.
(C) These notes' sluxred two by two are to be played as at n .

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Prelude in the Key of G minor

(c) Folia ${ }_{4}{ }^{3}$ Despagna. $_{3}$
$\mathrm{N}^{\mathrm{o}} .51$


Lento

(A). The figures 1 marked over the two Bars of this Air, indicate that the Bar under the figure 1, is to be played the first time, and the Bar under the figure 2, must be played the second time, instead of the Bar under the figure 1.
(13) At this place a Syncopation takes place between the upper part and bass. (see page .51) (c) This Spanish Air is of great Antiquity, and on which Corelli made some Variations more than an hundred years ago, has still preserved its beauty and originality.




(A) The Minim is struck alone, and kept down while the three other Quavers are played.
(B) The Two first notes are to be played Legato and the two others Staccato.
(C) Strike only the first of the two notes under the Bind, but keep it down the full length of the two.
( D$)$ The Glid:ng of the first finger from the Black to the next white key is not only allowed, but produces, a good effect.

(A) This Bass although it Appears far distant from the Treble is quite close to it,and might have been written on the Treble stave, turning the stemis of the Treble notes upwards, without altering the Bass clef, thus; The Author prefered the other way, which renders the music more distinct, and facilitates the reading.



Roslin Castle.

(A) In this Prelude observe carefully the Bind which unites the Crotchet dotted with the following Quaver, as it produces a good effect.
(B) The First note is to be played quick, pressing down the second note, which is frequently done in .Scotch music.
(c) The Semibreve is to be played to the $1^{\text {st }}$. Crotchet, and kept down the whole bar.




Scotch Air. She rose and let me in.

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Plaintive

(.1) Thema, a subject on which Variations are made.
(B) Be careful to lift up the hand from the keys at each Rest.
$\Leftrightarrow$ The Minim is to be kept down, until the eight Semiquavers are played.

The Articles contained in this. Appendix, although absolutely necessary to a good performer, are useless to beginners, and above their capacity: therefore they my pass them over, untill they have made some proficiency in Music.

## I. Explanation of the Clef.

Besides the Treble and Bass Clefs, explained page 3, another Clef shaped, thus; $\|$ and called the C Clef is also used in Ancient music, and particularly in Music inScore,itmay be placed on the $1^{\text {st t }} 2.3$. and $44^{\text {th }}$. line of the $S t a v e$, and according to its situation denotes various parts.
I. When placed on the $\mathbf{1}^{\text {st }}$ line of the Stave, it is called the Soprano or Canto Clef, this Clef is used for high Treble Voices.
II. When placed on the 2 dine of the Stave, it is called the Mezzo Soprano Clef, and serves for the lowest Treble Voices. (this Clef is very seldom used)
III. When placed on the 3 dine it is called the Contralto or Counter Tenor Clef, . this Clef is used for the highest voice of a Man, or the lowest Female voice.
IV. When placed on the $4^{\text {th }}$. line of the Stave, it is called the Tenor Clef, - it is used for that part which suits the common voice of a Man.

NB: All the foregoing CS are the same in point of pitch, and played on the same key of the Pianoforte.

## II. on Transposition.

By Transposition is understood the writing or Reading of a piece from one key into another, or from one Clef into another, or both at the same time.
I. To Transpose from the Soprano Clef to the Treble,

Read and play every Note a third lower.

## written

thus

II. From the Contralto to the Treble, Read every Note a degree higher and play an octave higher.

III. From the Tenor to the Treble

Read every Note a degree lower and play an octave lower.

CDEDCBAGFE

D. to the Bass, Read every note a degree lower.
 and play an octave higher.

D? to the Bass.
Read every Note a 4 th . lower, $\frac{8^{\text {ye }}+\ldots-\ldots+1}{\text { and play an octave higher. }}$

To Transpose from one key into another, place at the signature the Sharps or Flats which belong to the new key, and read or write your Melody higher or lower, ac cording to the new key.

God save the King.



Transposed in to the Key of D, a tone higher.


N: A knowledge of Transposition is absolutely necessary to an Accompanist, to accommodate an Air to theVoice of the Singer.

## III. Intervals Explainei)

An Interval is the distance between one note and another, as from $\mathbb{C}$ to $\mathrm{D}, \mathrm{C}$ to $\mathrm{E} \& \mathbb{C}$.
Intervals are counted from the Bass, and the lowest note is the findamental.
Intervals are expressed by figures, which indicate the number of degrees contained in each Interval; thus, a Second which contains two degrees of the Scale, is expressed by (2) a Third which contains three degrees by (3) \&c.

The least Interval in use in Modern music is the semitone, which may be Major, as from B to C, E toF, or Minor, as froin B to Bb, Eb to E. two semitones united as C,C\#,D form a tone.

There are as many primitive Intervals as degrees in the Scale, any Interval above the Octave is but a repetition of another below, the $9!^{\text {th }}$ is a replicate of the $2 . \& c$.


## V.of Chords and the manner of playing them.

Several Intervals played successively form a Melody, when Struck together, they form a combination called a Chord . a succession of chords constitutes Harmony, and the art of accompanying a voice, or an Instrument with chords played according to some figures set over the Bass Notes of a composition, is called Thorough bass .

Chords may be played in two different ways, first in an abrupt manner, striking all the Notes at once, which is done chiefly at the end of a piece or a sentence.
$2^{\text {dly }}$ In Arpeggio sounding successively the Notes of which the chord is composed, and keeping them down till the time of the chord be filled up.

When a chord is to be played in Arpeggio this mark (or this $\}$ is generally placed by the side of the Chord, some Authors make use of a stroke across the Chord, thus;


N3: The Notes of a Chord are played with more or less velocity, as the character of the piece requires.
When the hand of the performer is two small to reach all the Notes of a Chord, the lower Notes of the Treble may be left out, but not the upper one; also the highest Note of the Bass may be omitted, but not the lowest.

When the word Tremando is written under a Chord, the Notes are divided into two parts, which are played with the rapidity of a Shake.


The Tremando introduced with the open pedal, swelling and diminishing the sounds, produces a great effect in some passages.

I (t the performer pay a particular attention to this article, for without accents the Music looses its effect, as an oration delivered in a monotonous voice.
the Accented Notes in a piece of Music are those on which the Emphasis naturally falls, they must be played with more force and more pressure of the finger.
I. In every bar of Common Time which consists of four parts, the $1^{\text {st }}$ and 3 . parts are acrented, the 2 d and $4^{\text {th }}$ unaccented.


In slow CommonTime the accents are more frequent, but they follow the same rule.


II . In TripleTime of three Crotchets in a bar, the $1^{\text {st }}$ is accented the $2^{\mathrm{d}}$, and $3^{\mathrm{d}}$. unaccented.


In slow Triple Time, when the bar is subdivided into Quavers, the accents are more frequent, they fall on the $1 s^{s^{t}}, 3^{\text {d }}$. and $5^{\text {th }}$ parts of the bar.


In $\stackrel{4}{4}$ and $\frac{6}{8}$ the first part of the bar is accented, the $2^{\text {d }}$ unaccented. In $\stackrel{9}{8}_{8}$ and $\stackrel{9}{4}$, the first note of each Triplet is accented. Sometimes to produce effect, a Composer places the accent on the weak part of the bar, this deviation from the rules of the regular accent is called Empatisis. The Enphasis is generally expressed by this mart under a note, also by the Italian words Sfurzando; Sforzato, or their abbreviations $s f, f z$; the notes on which the Emphasislays, must be played with more force than the others.

## VI. on Syncopation.

Syncopation takes place, wien the unaccented part of a har is tied with the following accented part, so that the place of the accents is deranged. There are several cases of Syncopation.
I. When the last note of a bar is tied with the first of the following bar, or the second to the third part - - -
II. When long notes are placed between short ones, Crotchets between Quavers, or Quavers between Semiqua!s
When Syncopation takes place in the Treble, the Bass generally marks the time by equal notes.


## VII. on the Use of the Pei) ils.

Square Piano fortes have but one Pedal, which serves to raise the dampers and is commonly placed near the centre of the Instrument.

Grand Pial:, fortes (horizontal and upright) have two Pedals, the Righthand Pedal, is the same as in Square Piano fortes, and serves to raise the dampers: the Left hand Pedal serves to move the Key-board from Left to Right, and takes off one or two Strings from the hammers; $i$ is chiefly used in Piano, Diminuendo and Pianissimo passages.

When the Right hand Pedal is to be used this mark $\neq$ is generally set under the pas sage, and when it is to be dropt this mark * is ased.

Some Authors prefer writing (Ped:) when the Open Pedal is to he used, and when it is to be dropt, they use this mark $(*)$. As the Left hand Pedal is only used in soft passages, it does not require any particular mark. The Open Pedal is chiefly used in slow movements, when the same harmony is to be prolonged.

N3: When a change takes place in the Harmony the Pedal must be dropt.

A, in, for; $A$ Tempo, in stuintime.
A Due, tin two Voices; a Tre, for three Voices .
Adagio, a rery slow and expressive movement.
Ad libitum, $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { the time is leit at the Performer's } \\ \text { pleasure. }\end{array}\right.$
Altettuoso, with tenderness
Agitato, with passion and fire.
Allegro, a lively movement.
Allegretto, not so quick as Allegro.
Al Segno, $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { play over again from this mark ' } \$ \text { '. } \\ \text { and end at the double bar: }\end{array}\right.$
Amoroso, tenderly.
Andantino, a slow and distinct movement.
Andante, a little faster than Andantino .
Aria, Air; Arietta, a short Air.
Arioso, in the style of an Air.
Assai, much: Allegro Assai . very brisk.
Bis, play the passage twice over.
Brio, or Con Brio, with spirit and brilliancy.
Brillante, in a brilliant style.
Caderiza, án extempore flourisn .
Calando, $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { diminishing gradually the sounds, } \\ \text { and slakening the time. }\end{array}\right.$
Cantabile, in a singing style.
Capriccio, anfiregular piece of Music.
Fa phrase added to the snd of a piece, Coda, by way of cunclusion.
Con, with; ConViolini, with Violins.
Con Animat, with feeling.
Concereto, $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { a piece for a single Mustrument, } \\ \text { with Accompariments for a Band. }\end{array}\right.$
Consertante, $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { a piece for two or nure Instruments, } \\ \text { with Acon mpaniments. }\end{array}\right.$
Crescendo, a gradual rise of the sounds or

1) Capo (,$\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { begin the Dir dgain and end } \\ \text { with the Lirst strain. }\end{array}\right.$

Decrescendo, fa gradual fall of the sounds,
Diminuendo, $\{a b b r e v i a t e d$ thus,
Dolce, sweetly.
Duo, Duetto, a piece for troVoices or Instuments .
Espressivo, with expression and effect.
Forte, loud; Fortissimo, very loud.
Fine, the end of a piece.
Finale, the last movement.
Forzando, a stress on a note, or>
Fuoco, spirit: Con Fuoco, with spirit.
Furioso, or Con Furia, with fire and energy :
Gavotte, a lively Air in Common Time.
Grave, a slow and solemn movement.
Grazioso, in a graceful manner.
Giusto, exact: Tempo Giusto . in exact time .
Giga, a quick dance in CompoundTime $\cdot \frac{6}{8}$. or $\frac{12}{8}$.
Gustoso, or Con Gusto, with taste.
Largo, a slow movement.
Larghetto, not quite so slow as Largo.
Legato, a smooth and connected touch.
Loco, $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { at the usual place, after having played } \\ \text { an } 8^{\text {ve }} \text { higher. }\end{array}\right.$
Maestoso, in a majestic style.
Ma, hut; Ma non troppo, but not too much.
Mancando, diminishing the sounds.
Men, less; Men Forte, less loud.
Mezzo, half.
MezzaVoce, with half the usual force of the tons.
Mezzo Piano, a medium between soft and lonc. .
Mezzo Forte, rather loud.
Minuetto, a slow Dance in Triple time
Molto, much; Allegro Molto, very brisk.
Moderato, moderately quick.
Morendo, let the sounds die alvay.
Moto, or Con Moto, very brisk.
Non, not; Non troupo, not too murh.

Obligato, a part that cannot be omitted.
Octava alta, or $8^{\mathrm{va}}\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { signifies that the passage } \\ \text { is to be played an octave } \\ \text { higher than it is written. }\end{array}\right.$ Presto, quick; Prestissimo, very quick . .

Pomposo, in a pompous style.
Perdendosi, diminish gradually the sounds.
Piano, soft ; Pianissimo, as soft as possible .
Piu, more: Piu Presto, faster.
Piu tosto, rather.
Poco, a little; Poco lento, a little slow.
Poi, then; PoiSegue, then follow.
Rallentando,
Ritardando, slacken the time by degrees.
Resoluto, ia a bold style.
Rinforzando, $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { increase the sound of several notes, } \\ \text { this sign } n=\text { is often substituted. }\end{array}\right.$
Scherzatido, ina playful manner.
Sciolio, in a distinct manner.
Sempre, always; Sempre Piano, always soft
Solto voce, with a low voice or tone.
Sforzando, a stress on a note
Siciliana, aspastoral movement in commontime.

Spiritoso, with spirit.
Staccato, play the notes short and distinet.
Slentando, slackening the time.
Smorzando, smothering the sounds.
Senza, without.
Sonata, a piece with two or more movements .
Sonatina, a short and easy Sonata.
Soave, sweetly.
Sostenuto, support the sounds.
Solo, one Instrument only .
Tasto Solo, play the Bass without chords .
Tempo di ballo, in the time of a dance.
Tempo Primo, $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { play in the originaltime, } \\ \text { after an ad Libitum. }\end{array}\right.$
Tenuto, hold the note its full length
Trio, a piece for three voices or Instrumens .
Tutti, all the Instruments together, after a Solo.
Vigoroso, with strength.
Volta $1^{\text {ma }}$. the first time.
Volti Subito, turn over the leaf quickly.
Un, a; Un poco, a little.
Unisoni, play the parts in octaves.

## Abbreviations Explained.*

Ad: Adagio.
Ad lib: ad Libitum .
All: Allegro.
Alle ${ }^{\text {tto }}$ Allegreetto .
Arp! Arpeggio.(see page50)
Calo Calando.
Coṇ Esp: Con Espressione.
Cres: Crescendo.
D.C. Da Capo.

Dim: Diminuendo.
Dol: Dolce.
F. Forte.

FF. Fortissimo.
Fz: Forzando.
Mez: Mezzo.
P.or Pia: Piano.

PP. Pianissimo.
Ped: Pedal.
Per: Perdendosi.
Rinf: Rinforzando
Scher\%: Scherzando.
Sem: Sempre.

Seg: Segue. (see page 22)
Smor: Sinorzando .
St: Sforzando.
Stac: Staccato
Sos: Sostenuto.
T. Tutti.

Ten: Tenuto.
Var: Variazione.
V.S. Volti Subito.

Uni: Unisoni.
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[^0]:    * The. Italians and French prefer the method of calling the Notes by various Syllables,beginning at $\mathbf{C}$, thus; Do, re, mi, fa, sol, la, si.

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    \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{D}, \mathbf{E}, \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{G}, \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} .
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    * In. Aitient music another Clef shaped thus, $A_{\text {a }}$ and called the $\mathbf{C}$ clef is frequently used, to gratify the curious an explanation is given page 49 in the Appendix.

[^1]:    * The Chromatic Scale is Explained page 17
    * A Semitone is the progression from one key to the next, as from $\mathbf{C}$ to $\mathbf{C H}$, or Db .
    a Tone contains two adjoining semitones $C, C^{\#}, D$, form a tone, $E b, E^{\natural}, F^{\natural}$, another.
    1 TThe Minor Scale is Explained page 15.

[^2]:    * Pianofortes with Six Octaves from $F$ to $F$, have been lately made, but they are not yet

[^3]:    *When the last Note of a Bar is affected by a Sharp or a Flat, and the first Note of the following Bar is on the same line or space, it is to be played Sharp or Flat though not marked so .

[^4]:    The Italian Words relating to Time are explained in the Dictionary, pages $52 \& 53$.

[^5]:    * The Relative Minor of a Major key, has the same number of Sharps or Flats, it is found one tone and a semitone under the other, ( a Minor third lower or a Major sixth higher .)

[^6]:    * Most of the Passages given for the Right hand may serve also for the Left hand, by reversing the Fingering - The foregoing examples are peculiar to the Left hand.

[^7]:    * A Minor Semitone is between two notes of the same name as $\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{C} \ddagger ; \mathrm{D}, \mathrm{Db}$.

    A Major Semitone is between two notes of different names and places on the Stave, as C, Dh; $\mathrm{C} \neq \mathrm{D}, \mathrm{D}$.

[^8]:    N3: When Dots (....) are made use of, the notes must have half of their usual length.

