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## PART. II.

Introductiontor fingering in general
Chap 1. On repeating the same succession of fingers, when a passage consists of a progression of similar groups of notes, with the requisite examples for practice
2. On the passage of the thumb under the other fingers, and of the fingers over the thumb, with Exercises
$\qquad$ 3. On the omission of one or more fingers, with Exernises
$\qquad$ 4. On the substitution of one finger for another on the same note, with Exercises
$\qquad$ 5. On Extensions and Skips, with Exercises
6. On the use of the thumb and little finger on the black keys, with Exercises
7. On passing a long finger over a shorter, and passing a short finger mder a longer
one, with Exercises
8. On changing one or more fingers on the same key, with or without the repetition of the note; and, inversely, on the successive application of the same finger on two or more different leys; with Exercises :-......
9. On changing and crossing over the hands, and on placing them one ander the other, with Exercises
10. On the distribution of parts between the two hands, and on licences of fingering admitted in the strict style, with Examples of Fugues

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The diffusion of an increased facility of execution on the Piano. Forte, and the invention of new passages and combinations of notes, have given rise to a more varied application of the fingers, and have rendered necessary a system of fingering more adequate to the mo_ dern and improved style of playing on this instrument. This we shall here endeavour to develope and explain with all the clearness of which it is susceptible; as without a cor rect and convenient method of fingering, no person can become a good and ready per former.*

By fingering is understood the correct and appropriate application of the fingers of both hands. This is founded on convenience, and neatness or elegance of appearance, on which again depends, in a great degree, precision and certainty of performance.
Convenience supposes the choice of those fingers by which all the notes of a given passage may be most easily got at and most intelligibly performed. Elegance depends upon convenience, and forbids all mpleasant contortion or grimace. A passage is often considered as difficult, because the player employs a false or ill-adapted method of fin_ gering, or impedes the facility of the fingers by violent movements of the body.

As some passages admit of several dispositions of the fingers, and others of a single one only; to preclade all doabt and hesitation, I have, in most cases, chosen only one method, and that the best and most convenient.
The Thumb is the most important of the fingers, it is the pivot or point of strpport about which, whether the hand is to contract or to expand, the other fingers must turn, and direct themselves with the utmost possible facility and quickness, and without the least andible separation of the sounds. To exhibit to the Pupil all the cases of fin_gering which may occur, $I$ have distributed the whole system of fingering under va_ rious heads, and have treated each division singly; as:

1. Proceeding with the same succession of fingers when a passage consists of a progression of similar groups of notes.
2. Pasiage of the thumb under the other fingers, and of other fingers over the thumb.
3. Omission of one or more fingers.
4. Substitution of one finger for another on the recurrence of the same note.
5. Extensions and Skips.

[^0]6. Use of the thumb and little finger on the black keys.
7. Cowssing a long finger over a shorter one, and passing a short finger - under a longer one.
8. Changing one or more fingers on the same key upon the immediate repeit tion of a note; and the successive application of one finger to two or more different keys.
9. Placing: the hands under each other, so that the fingers of one hand fall be $e_{-}$ tween those of the other; and crossing one hand over the other.
10. Distribution of several parts between the two hands; and licences of fin_ gering allowable in the strict or fugue style.

These different divisions of the system of fingering can only refer strictly and ex_ clusively to passages for the right hand, as the place of the hand is fixed by the notation: the same cases of fingering may certainly occur for the left hand; but less fre quently, and not in the order here prescribed for the right hand in particular.

Although the plan of the exercises contained in this Part is chiefly grounded on re_ gular,and, generally diatonic successions of similar groups of notes, yet I have not neglected to place before the Papil more varied applications of it; for Ex: by intermix ing the black keys, by skips of larger intervals, and by extensions. The exercises are marked with fingering for the right haind, and in most cases for the left also; They must be practised at first, with each hand singly, and then with both together. For the greater part, they are arranged according to the compass or interval, included between the extreme notes of the group or passage which serves as a model; yet they are not so limited to this point, but that other groups, bearing some similitude, but of wider compass, are occasionlly introduced.

I have also considered it necessary to add, from time to time, short remarks on the examples, calculated to assist the Pupil and facilitate the performance: as 1 s. how the hand should be held in playing the passage; $2^{\text {dly }}$ whether the fingers are to be con tracted; $3^{d y}$ what note, on account of the better connexion and more certain perform_ ance of the group, must occasionally be held something longer than its strict time;* and 4y particularly, what note of a grour or passage must receive a slight addi_ tional pressure or emphasis, in order to render the passage more intelligible to the ear. ***

As the passages or groups of notes which serve as models, may be considerd as various modes of distributing the notes of certain chords, they, for the most part, admit of the same fingering as the chords themselves; where it appeared necessary, I have placed

[^1]the chords which are the roots of the groups together with their fingering before the examples. To conclude, these short examples consist of melodial groups and passa_ ges, some simple, others complex; some following in regular succession, like the succeed ing links of a chain, some in several parts, and all selected, either from my own works or those of celebrated Masters.



On proceeding with the same succesinon of fingers when a passage CONSISTS OF A PROGRESSION OF SIMILAR GROUPS OF NOTÈS.

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Indispensable as is the passage of the thumb under the other fingers, and that of the other fingers over the thamb, throughout the whole system of fingering,yet the too frequent employment of it is injurious, particularly when it recurs too speedily. To avoid this, we must em_ ploy the same succession of fingers when a passage consists of a progression of similar groups of notes. See Example (A.)

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By this more simple disposition of the fingers, passages may be performed with greater certainty and connexion; for the hand here moves along with the utmost steadiness, and the fingers, which are but little lifted up, glide equably from key to key.
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The intervention of the black keys changes the symmetrical progression of the fingers, so far only as the rule in passages of single notes forbids the use of the thumb on the black keys; as soon as it returns to its previous position on the white keys, the original disposition of the fingers must again be resorted to Ex: Br. passages of double notes however form an exception. $\mathbb{C}$.


The following short exercises will familiarise the Pupil with many passages and group ings of notes, which depend on the mode of disposing the fingers explained in this chapter; and the assiduous practise of them will facilitate much of what follows in the course of this work.


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Proceeding with same succession of Fingers in progressions of similar groups of notes.

## Compass of a Third. NB. Fingering for the right hand.



> NB. Fingering for the left hand, to be played an octave lower.
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(B.) In Exxtensions the finger must not quit the previous' key, till the' key tuken by exten -
(C.) Even in skips, the hand should scarcely be lifted up from the keys, but rather sion is absolutely atruck.
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Extensions.


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 Compass of a Fourth.
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(a) On the repetition of the note, the finger must be lifted up almost imperceptibly, the hand remaining per-
fectly at rest.





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(* the thumb must keep the note down somewhat longer than the atrict time.)
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See the rules relating to the performance of Triplets, and groups of six notes in Part 1.




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Compass of a- Fifth.




(o1) The finger to be withdrawn very gently from the




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(AA.) The hand glides gently downwards without being lifted off the keys.

Compass of a Sixith.








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(a.) The hand is gently moved from side to side as required, but not lifted up.

 lar position of these fingers somewhat resembles a fork, this in many cases; as hore for example, sates passing the fingers nice the thumb, and facilitates the performance.

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 Compass of a Seventit.



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Compass of an Octave,






















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Compass of a Ninth.

(a.) :The thumb remains constantly extended.



Fork like position.


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Compass of a Tenth.

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Compass of ay Eleventh.



















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Movement of the fingers when one or more parts art held down.

(a.) Thi fingers are to be lifted up as gently as possible, and so far only from the keys as is absolutely requisite to strike


Distribution of the parts between the two hands.



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[^1]:    *That is, according to the compass of a third, fourth, fifth, \&c: with a view to facilitate finding the method of fin. gering similar passages, when they occur in other compositions.
    ** In the examples, this is indirated by atar. (*)
    ** This emphasis must not be forced and unnatural; it supposes merely a little additional stress as compared will the other notes, it assists the player in keeping the exact time, and gives his fingers more precision and m", power of refined expression. I have constantly indicated this by ( $\mathcal{A}$ )

