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## NEW AND COMPLETE INSTRUCTIONS. TO WHICH IS ADDED

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## MUSICAL INSTRUCTIONS.

The Treble or G Clef, thus, 带 is used for the VIOLIN, FLUTE, and CJ.ARIONETT, \&c. Whale seand.
Halven.
Gnarters.

Fighthg.

## Sixteenthg.

Thirty-secondil.

## CHARACTER\& OF THE NOTES AND THE PROPORTION THEY BEAR TO EACH OTHER



1 Somalioreve Minequar to 4 Crotchet. 8 Guavers. 16 Semiquaverte 32 Demisemilquavere


EXAMPLE OF RESTS.


A dot after a Note, or Rest, makes the Note or Rest half as long again.


## MUSICAL INSTRUCTIONS

A Tie or Slur placed over two Notes on the same pitch, binds the second to the first, so that only the first is sounded, but the sound is continued the length of both Notes on different lines or spaces, shows that they must be played in a smooth connected style, continuing each Note its full length.

This style of playing is termed in Italian, Legato, written thus,


The opposite style of playing termed Staccato, de- 1 notes distinctness and shortness of sound, written thus,


Time is divided into two Sorts ; COMMON and TRIPLE ; each of which is either simple or compound: and the Character or Sign, which denotes it, is placed at the Beginning of every Composition, after the Clet.

## SIMPLE COMMON TIME.

 by Crotchets in quick $\Theta^{- \text {-or- }}$ movements, and by Quavers in slow movements.


When marked thus, $\frac{8}{9}=\mathbf{2}=$
Example.


Counting in music should be like the pendulum of a clock; even and exact, as the notes must be timed by it.

FIRSTSORT.
Count 12 Quavers in a Bar, or 4 dotted Crotchets, or their eqnivalent.


THIRD SORT.
Count 12 Crotchets in a Bar, or 6 Minims, or their eqnivalent.


## SEIOND SORT.

Connt 6 Quavers in a Bar, or 2 dotted Crotchets, or their equivalas


FOURTH SORT.
Connt 6 Crotchets in a Bar, or 2 dotted Minims, or their eqquisalenc.


The two last sorts are very seldom used in modern music.

## SIMPLE TRIPLE TIME EXPLAINED.

Three Crotchets in a Bar, or their equivalent. Three Quavers in a Bar, or their eqnivalent





Compound Triple Time is seldom used in Modern Music.
The Figures, which mark the time, have a reference to the Semibreve; the lower Number, showing into how many Parts the Semibreve is divided; and the upper Number, how many of such Parts are taken to fill up a Bar.

For Example, ${ }_{4}^{2}$ denotes that the Semibreve is divided into four Parts, namely, four Crotchets; and that two of them are taken for each Bar.

Likewise 3 indicates that the Semibreve is divided into eight Parts, namely, eight Quavers; and that three of them are adopted to complete a Bar.

The Figure of 3 placed over three Crotchets, Quavers or Semiquavers, thus, called Triplets, Denotes that the three Crotchets must be performed within the time of two common Crotchets; the three Quavers within the time of two common Quavers; and the three Semiquavers within the time of two common Semiquavers. The Figure 6 denotes that six Notes must be per cormed within the time of four of the same kind.

## EXERCISES

## ACCIDENTS

Esch Sound may be altered by adding any of the following Signs
A Sharp \# placed before a Note, raises it a Semitone or Halftone
A Flat b placed before a Note, lowers it a Semitone or Halfione: and if the Note is a B, to which the Flat is prefixed, it is then called B Fles.
A Double or Chromatic Sharp $\times$ raises the Note two Semitones.
A Double Flat bb lowers the Note two Semitones.

When a Sharp is placed
alose by the Clef, thus, $\square$ it affects every $F$ throughout the piece, except where the Sharp is contradicted by the Natural.
When a Flat is placed close by the Clef, thus,

The same rule holds, when more Sharps or Flats are placed on the Clef.
When a Sharp, Flat, or Natural is prefixed to a Note, in the course of a Piece, it affects all the following Notes of the same name contalned in the same Bar, it is then called an Accidental Sharp, Flat, or Natural.

as if written thus, $\frac{A B-\theta}{}$
Which Abbreviations are a Modern Improvement.
The foregoing Rule extends even to the first Note of the subsequent Bar, when the affected Note is the last of one Bar, and the first of the $10 x t$


The order of Sharps at the Clef,


The order of Flats at the Clef, ascending by a 4th and descending by a 5 th.


## METHOD OF THE SPANISH GUITAR.

The Spanish Guitar has but six strings, three silver and three catgut; they are called E, A, D, G, B, E. It must ve remarked, however, that the real tones of the Spanish Guitar are all an octave lower in relation to the established concert pitch than written on the staff, and consequently the following notes, though differently expressed in Guitar and Piano Forte music, ought to sound in unison on the two instruments.


After being seated on a chair of moderate height, the Guitar should be brought gently near the body, without being pressed too closely to it, the neck raised a little above the shoulders, and supported by the first joints of the thumb and ferefinger of the left hand; the rest of the fingers should be bent to a circular position, and be placed above the strings, which is easily done by bending the wrist.

The right hand should be placed over the body of the instrument, the little finger resting on the sound-board, a support to the hand, not far from the first or E string, and rather nearer the bridge than the sound=hole. The hand will then assume a semicircular form over the strings, the thumb and first three fingers being freely bent, and at liberty to be used according as the nature of the passages may require.
'The three silver strings are generally struck with the thumb. It is customary for ladies to attach a ribbon to each end of the Guitar, and sling it over the left shoulder; this, to a certain extent, sustains the instrument, and leaves the hands more at liberty for passages requiring execution.

To draw forth the finest tone care should be taken to bend every finger after having struck the string, each finger of the left hand should likewise press the strings very close to the fret by which the sound is formed.

## The Left Hand.

The numbers $1,2,3,4$, will indicate the fingers of the left hand, and the frets on which they should be placed; this mark $\circ$ will designate the open string.

The Right Hand.
The thumb of the right hand will be designated by a cross $x$, and the other fingers by the figures $1,2,3$

## METHOD of TUNING the GUETAR.

This is perhaps one of the greatest, and unfortunately, the most unavoidable difficulty which the pupil has to encounter on the commencement, and will in every case be best taught by a master; but as these lessons may in all probability fall into the hands of some who do not possess the advantages of oral instruction, some directions as to the best method of tuning appear to be indispensable. Observe, therefore, that the Spanish Guitar is tuned by fourths, except the second string, which should be only an interval of a third above the third string, and that the six open strings, when correctly tuned, should sound the following notes.


1st. Tune the string $A$ by an A tuning fork, or $A$ of the Piano Forte.
2d. Put one finger on the 5 th fret which makes D , and tune the string D in unison with the 5 th string.
3 d . Put one finger on the 5 th fret of the string $D$, and tune the string $G$ in unison.
4th. Put one finger on the 4th fret of the string $G$, and tune the string $B$ in unison.
5th. Put the finger on the 5th fret of the string B, and tune the string E in unison.
6th. Tune the 6th string E with the 1st or E string to the double octave. The octaves must then se compared with each other to prove that the Gutar is in perfect tune. See Example.


Octaves.


NATURAL GAMUT, or SCALE, Ascending and Descending.
The Bars mark the change of String.


## EXERCISES on the DIFFERENT ARPEGGIOS.

## For the Right Hand.

In the following Arpeggio passages the thumb is indicated by a cross, $x$ the 1 st finger by the figure 1 , the $2 d$ finger by the figure 2, and the 3 d by the figure 3, The little or 4th finger must always rest on the sound-board.


## SCALES OF THE DIFFERENT KEYS.



D Masor, or 2 Sharps.


E Major, or 4 Sharps.


## Df the SLUR, APPDGGIATUURA, and TRILL.

Tw o or more notes played successively, of which only the first is made to vibrate by the right hand, and the others by the mere pressure of the fingers of the left hand, are called Slurred notes. See Example.

The first note only to be struck.


Appoggiaturas, or small notes, take half the value from the principal note which follows them. They require great management to execute with all the expression of which they are capable. They are generally played the same as Slurs, giving an impulse to the small note with the right hand, and making the principal note sound with the left hand.


The Trill, or Shake, is a useful ornament, but which requires practice to be effected upon the Guitar. The common 'I'rill, thus tr, is made by quickly moving the note above to the succeeding one. See Example.

'I'his Example of the Trill is very useful for learning to make the Shake with all the fingers of the left hand, and is intended for daily practice.

There are twelve positions on the Finger-Board of the Guitar; among those there are five which are called principal positions, as they are most in use, and a knowledge of them is sufficient to get acquainted with the others. These positions are the 1 st, $4 \mathrm{th}, 5$ th, 7 th, and 9 th. There are the same number of positions as there are frets on the finger-board. It is the 1st finger that determines the position in which the hand is; thus, when the 1st finger is placed on the 1st fret, the hand is in the 1st position, and so on with the other positions. The study of the Gamut and Exercises in the five principal positions above named will be found sufficient for the purpose, and of paramount importance.

NATURAL GADEUE, of FLRST POSITION.


Exercise in 1st Position.




Exercise in the 4th Position.



## BADEN POLKA.



## CARLOTTA GRISI'S POLKA.



## THE ALPINE MARCH.



## COTILLON.



SWISS AIR.


FRENCH AIR. [A, B, C.]




## LA CACHUCHA.




## A WET SHEET AND A FLOWING SEA.




## MY HEART AND LUTE.


song re-veals The soul of love full well; And, bet-ter far, a heart that feels Much



Though love and soug may fail, alas!
To keep life's clouds away,
At least 'twill make them lighter pass,
Or gild them if they stay.
If ever care his discord filigs
O'er life's enchanted strain,
Let love but gently touch the strings.
'Twill all be sweet again!
$\ddagger$ give thee all, \&c.

## GAYLY THE TROUBADOUR.




She, for the Troubadour,
Hopelessly wept;
Sadly she thought of him
When others slept,
Singing, " In search of thee
Would 1 might roam,
Troubadour! Troubadour!
Come to thy home."
Singing, \&c.
3.

Hark! 'twas the Troubadour
Breathing her name;
Under the battlements
Softly he came,
Singing, "From Palestine
Hither I come!
Ladye love! ladye love!
Welcome me home!"
Singing, \&c.

## IWERE VAIN TO TELL THEE.



2.

Thou'st often calied my voice a bird's,
Whose music, like a spell,
Could change to rapture e'en the words
Of our slow and sad farewell!
Ah, well a day, \&ec.

## THE LAST ROSE OF SUMMER



2.

I'll not leave thee, thou lone one,
To pine on the stem,
Since the lovely are sleeping,
Go sleep thou with them.
Thus kindly I scatter
'Ihy leaves o'er thy bed,
Where thy mates of the garden
Lie scentless and dead.
3.

So soon may I follow, When friendships decay, And from love's shining circle The gems drop away.; When true hearts lie withered, And fond ones are flown, O , who would inhabit This bleak world alone ${ }^{1}$

## THE MISTLETOL BOUGH.




"I am weary of dancing now," she cried, "Here tarry a moment; I'll hide, I'll hide! And, Lovel, be sure thou'rt the first to trace The clue to my secret lurking place." Away she ran; and her friends began Each tower to search, and each nook to scan; And young Lovel cried, "O, where dost thon hide? l'm lonesome without thee, my own dear bride"

O the mistletoe bough
3.

They sought her that night, and they sought her next day, And they sought her in vain, when a week passed away, In the highest, the lowest, the loneliest spot, Young Lovel sought wildly, but found her not! And years flew by; and their grief at last Was told as a sorrowful tale long past ;
And when Lovel appeared, the children cried, "See, the old man weeps for his fairy oride $!$ " $\mathbf{O}$, the mistletoe bough !

## SHE WORE A WREATH OF ROSES.



2.

A wreath of orange blossoms, When next we met, she wore,
Th'expression of her features
Was more thoughtful than before, And standing by her side was one

Who strove, and not in vain,
To soothe her, leaving that dear home
She ne'er might view again.
I saw her but a moment,
Yet methinks I see her now
With the wreath of orange blossoms Upon her snowy brow.
3.

And once again I see that brow;
No bridal wreath is there;
The widow's sombre cap conceals
Her once luxuriant hair;
She weeps in silent solitude,
And there is no one near
To press her hand within his own, Aud wipe away a tear.
I see her broken-hearted;
Yet methinks I see her now
In the pride of youth and beauty, With a garland on her brow.

## OFT IN THE STILLY NIGH'T.


childhood's years, The words of love then spo-ken; The eyes that shone, Now dimm'd and gone, The


2.

When I remember all
The friends so linked together,
I've seen around me fall,
Like leaves in wintry weather,
I feel like one
Who treads alone
Some banquet hall deserted,
Whose lights are fled,
Whose garland's dead,
And all but he departed!
Thus in the stilly night, \&c

## THE DREAM IS PAST.



2.

They cannot see the silent tear
That falls unchecked when none are near;
Nor do they mark the smothered sigh
That heaves my breast when they are by.
I know my cheek is paler now,
And smiles no longer deck my brow;
'Tis youth's decay; 'twill soon begin
To tell the thoughts that dwell within.
O! let me rouse my sleeping pride,
And from his gaze my feelings hide;
He shall not smile to think that I,
With love for him, could pine and die!

## THE ANGEL'S WHISPER



2.

Her beads while she numbered, The baby still slumbered,
And smiled in her face as she bended her knee:
"O! blest be that warning,
My child, thy sleep adorning,
For I know that the angels are whispering to thee.
3.
"And while they are keeping
Bright watch o'er thy sleeping,
O! pray to them softly, my baby, with me;
And say thou would'st rather
They'd watch o'er thy father;
For I know that the angels are whispering with thee."
4.

The dawn of the morning
Saw Dermot returning;
And the wife wept with joy her babe's father to see,
And, closely caressing
Her child with a blessing,
Said, "I knew that the angels were whispering with thee"

## I HAVE COME FROM A HAPPY LAND.



2.

The summer has its heavy cloud,
The rose leaf will fall;
But in our home joy wears no shroud, Never does it pall;
Each new morning ray
Leaves no sigh for yesterday,
No sigh passed away
Would we recall.

## 3.

Is trouble on thy youthful brow? Sorrow on thy soul?
O, heed them not who for thee now Wreath the midnight bowl:
There you'll seek in vain
For a balm to banish pain;
Nought your lip can drain
Will grief control

But the touch of a gentle hand
Trouble can remove;
And pain will cease when lightly fanned
By the breath of love!
And, when fond hearts beat
Together, sorrow must retreat,
Touched by music meet
For realms above.
5.

Then hence to the happy land
Where care is unknown,
And, first in a merry band,
I'll make thee my own!
Haste! haste! fly with me,
For love's banquet waits for thee!
Thine its sweets shall be.
And thine alone!

## HOME, SWEET HOME.



## PIU LENTO.



## 2.

An exile from home, splendor dazzles in vain;
O ! give me ny lowly thatched cottage again;
The birds, singing gayly, that came at my call;
Give me them, with the peace of mind, dearer than all
Home! sweet home! there's no place lik ! home!

## 'THE PIRA' E'S SERENADE.


land lov - ers woo, My voice has been tuned to the notes of the gun, That startle the deep when the

dawning of day; The moon's in her shroud but to guide thee $a-f a r ;$ On the deck of the dar - ing's a


3.

O! islands there are on the face of the deep, Where the leaves never change, and the skies never weep, And there, if thou wilt, our love bower shall be, When we leave for the green wood our home on the sea, And there thou shalt sing of the deeds that were done, When we loos'd the last blast, and the last battle won. Then wake, lady, wake, \&c.
4.

O, haste, lady, haste! for the fair breezes blow, And my ocean bird poises her pinions of snow; Now fast to the lattice these silken cords twine, They are meet for such feet and such fingers as thine. The signal, my mates-ho! hurrah for the sea! This night, and forever, my bride thou shalt be. The signal, my mates, \&ec:

## RORY O'MOORE.



"Indeed, then," says Kathleen, "don't think of the like, For I half gave a promise to soothering Mike; The ground that I walk on he loves, I'll be bound." "Faith," says Rory, "I'd rather love you than the ground. "Now, Rory, I'll cry if you don't let me go; Sure I dream every night that I'm hating you so." " $\mathrm{O}_{2}$ " says Rory, "that same I'm delighted to hear, For dhrames always go hy conthraries, my dear ; O, jewel, keep dreaming that same till you die, And bright morning will give dirty night the black lie; And 'tis pleased that 1 am , and why not, to be sure, Since 'tis all for good luck," says bold Rory O'Moore.
"Arrah, Kathleen, my darlint, you've teased me enough; And I've thrashed for your sake Dinny Grimes and Jim Duff, And I've inade myself drinking your health quite a baste, So I think, after that, I may talk to the priest." Then Rory, the rogue, stole his arm round her neck, So soft and so white, without freckle or speck; And he looked in her eyes that were beaming with light, And he kissed her sweet lips-don't you think he was right? "Now Rory, leave off, sir; you'll hug me no more; That's eight times to-day that you've kissed me before." "Then here goes another," says he, "to make sure, For there's luck in odd numbers," says Rory O'Moore.

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