

*Materials*

for

Elementary

Pianoforte Instruction

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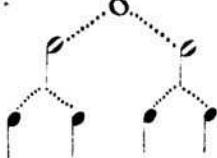
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## I. C-major.

### A. Material (for the use of the Teacher).\*

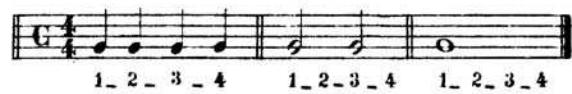
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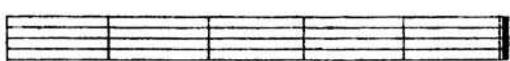
2, Two-two measure.



3, Four-four measure.



4, The Double Bar as sign of a larger section, or the close.



5, Sign of repetition.



6, Table for reading notes. (Tone-compass of N° 1-15)

\* Example: What names are given to the kinds of notes shown under 1? How do whole, half and quarter-notes differ as to form? How as to duration? (2) To what species of metre does two-two measure belong? Count and play the example. (3) To what species of metre does four-four measure belong? (6) Which digitals ("keys") correspond to the note-heads here given? What is the name of the upper clef? Of the lower? What are the names of the notes on lines in the first section? Of notes in spaces in the IV<sup>th</sup>? Show me the note whose digital I now strike. etc.

### B. Exercises and Pieces.

Clavier-section. Preparatory exercise in counting. Count aloud two beats. One, two!

The same fingers in both hands.

4,                    5,                    6,

Different fingers in the two hands.

Clavier-section.

8,

9,                    10,                    11,

Clavier-section.

12,                    13,

(Base clef.)

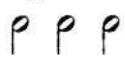
14,

15.

## II. G-major.

### A. Material.

1. From the bipartition (two-part division) of the quarter-note arises the eighth-note:  
  2. A dot immediately to the right of, and next to, the note-head is a sign that the original value is lengthened by one half.
- By means of the dot, 1. The whole note becomes a whole-and-half note and equals



2. The half note a three-quarter note and equals



3. The quarter note a three-eighth note and equals



etc.

3. Rests, signs of silence. The pieces of this division contain the quarter-rest and eighth-rest.



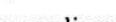
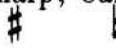
4. Three-two measure.

1 - 2 - 3      1 - 2 - 3      1 - 2 - 3      etc.

5. Three-four measure.

1 - 2 - 3      1 - 2 - 3      1 - 2 - 3      One\_and, two\_and, three\_and, etc.

6. Sharp; Cancel.



7. Note-table for Nos 1-10 (for reading notes).

Questions: (1) To how many eighths is the whole note equal? the half? (2) How many quarters are there to the whole-and-half note? how many eighths? to how many eighths is the three-quarter note equal? etc. (4 and 5) To what kinds of measure do three-two measure and three-four measure belong? Group together the kinds of measure which have so far been introduced here. (6) What are the signs of G-major? What is an accidental sharp? etc.

### B. Exercises and Pieces.

#### Finger-, and counting-exercises.

Clavier-section. Preparatory exercises.

## Clavier-section. N° 8. Theme with Variations.

1 2 3 4 5

1<sup>st</sup> Variation.

2<sup>d</sup> Variation.

## Clavier-section. N° 9a Upper added lines.

1 2 3 4 5

Lower added lines.

N° 9b.

Another notation.

Clavier-section. N° 10. Theme with Variations. 1. 1<sup>st</sup> Variation.

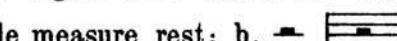
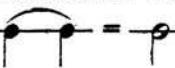
1 5

2<sup>d</sup> Variation.

One-and, two-and, three-and,

### III. D-major.

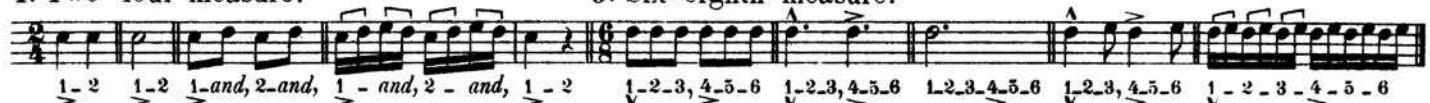
#### A. Material.

1. From the bipartition of the eighth-note arises the sixteenth-note: 
2. Rests: a,  whole measure rest; b,  half rest 
3. The tie unites two notes of the same pitch in immediate succession into one note whose tone-duration corresponds to the value of both of them; e. g.  Only the first of the two is played. (Ligature; syncopation.)



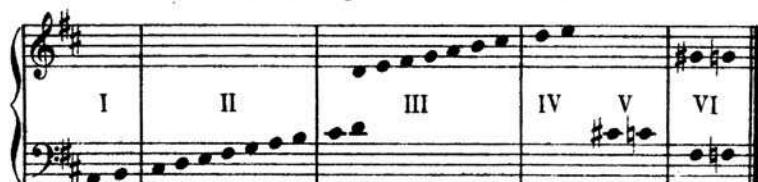
#### 4. Two - four measure.

#### 5. Six-eighth measure.



6. Some designations of different grades of power; a, *forte*, abbreviated *f*, (loud); b, *piano*, abbrev. *p*, (soft); c, *crescendo*, abbrev. *cresc.* (growing, becoming louder);  swell sign, meaning the same as *cresc.*
- d, *decrescendo*, *decresc.* (becoming weaker);  sign of decrease, corresponding to *decrease*.
- e,  accent-sign, (*marcato*)
7. Some *tempo*- (time) designations: *Allegretto* (rather lively, sprightly); *Allegro* (quick, lively).

Note-table. (Tone-compass of N°s 1 - 12.)



Practical application: (1) To how many sixteenths is the eighth-note equal? the quarter, the half, the whole-note? Draw up a table of all the note-forms thus far encountered. (2) Group together all the signs of silence thus far encountered. (3) Explain the words ligature and syncopation. (4 and 5) To what kind of measure does two-four measure belong? six-eight measure? (7) 5 chief grades of movement: 1, slow, 2, moderately slow, 3, moderately quick, 4, quick, 5, quickest. *Allegretto* belongs to the third, *Allegro* to the fourth grade.

#### B. Exercises and Pieces.

1,                    2,                    3,

4,                    5, Wrist.            6,                    7,                    8,

## Clavier-section. 9.

Musical score for Clavier-section. 9. The score consists of two staves. The top staff is in common time (indicated by 'C') and has a key signature of one sharp (F#). The bottom staff is in common time (indicated by 'C') and has a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music features eighth-note patterns and sustained notes. Dynamics include 'p' (piano) and a dynamic marking above the second measure of the top staff.

## Clavier-section. 10.

Musical score for Clavier-section. 10. The score consists of two staves. The top staff is in common time (indicated by 'C') and has a key signature of one sharp (F#). The bottom staff is in common time (indicated by 'C') and has a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music features eighth-note patterns and sustained notes. Measure numbers '1 - 2' are placed below the staves.

## Clavier-section. 11.

Musical score for Clavier-section. 11. The score consists of two staves. The top staff is in common time (indicated by 'C') and has a key signature of one sharp (F#). The bottom staff is in common time (indicated by 'C') and has a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music features sixteenth-note patterns and sustained notes. Dynamics include 'f' (forte), 'p' (piano), and 'cresc.' (crescendo).

Musical score for Clavier-section. 11. The score consists of two staves. The top staff is in common time (indicated by 'C') and has a key signature of one sharp (F#). The bottom staff is in common time (indicated by 'C') and has a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music features sixteenth-note patterns and sustained notes. Dynamics include 'f' (forte), 'cresc.', and 'f' (forte).

## Clavier-section. 12. Allegretto.

Musical score for Clavier-section. 12. Allegretto. The score consists of two staves. The top staff is in common time (indicated by 'C') and has a key signature of one sharp (F#). The bottom staff is in common time (indicated by 'C') and has a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music features eighth-note patterns and sustained notes. Measure numbers '1 2 3 4 5' and '6' are placed above the staves.

Musical score for Clavier-section. 12. Allegretto. The score consists of two staves. The top staff is in common time (indicated by 'C') and has a key signature of one sharp (F#). The bottom staff is in common time (indicated by 'C') and has a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music features eighth-note patterns and sustained notes. Dynamics include 'p' (piano) and 'f' (forte).

Musical score for Clavier-section. 12. Allegretto. The score consists of two staves. The top staff is in common time (indicated by 'C') and has a key signature of one sharp (F#). The bottom staff is in common time (indicated by 'C') and has a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music features eighth-note patterns and sustained notes. Dynamics include 'f' (forte) and 'p' (piano).

## IV. A-major.

### A. Material.

1. By means of the dot to the right of and next to the note-head  
the eighth-note becomes a three-sixteenth-note, equal to



2. The sixteenth rest.



3. Some words to designate grades of power, and the delivery:

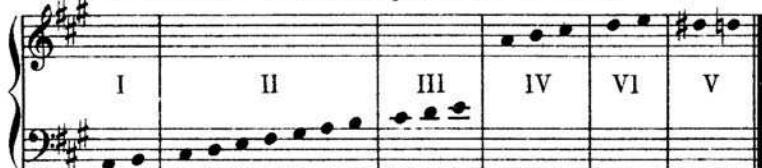
a *mezzo forte*, abbrev. *mf*, half-loud.

b *mezzo piano*, abbrev. *mp*, half-soft.

c *dolce*, abbrev. *dol.* dulcet, sweet, soft, insinuating.

4. *Andantino*, diminutive of *Andante*, designation of movement of the second grade: going slightly, somewhat more cheerful than *Andante*.

5. Note-table. (Tone-compass from N°s 1-4.)



### Practical Application:

(1) The G-major material, N° 2, is to be connected with this. (2) Group together all previous signs of silence.

(3-5) To be used as in earlier Divisions.

### B. Exercises and Pieces.

Clavier-section. 1. Rhythmic Preparatory exercises. Dotted Notes. The same *tempo* for a-k.  
a, b, c,

## 2. Sixteenth rest.

a.

b.

Clavier-section. 3. Finger-exercises.

4.

5.

6.

Clavier-section. 7. Little Air with Variations.  
Andantino.

1<sup>st</sup> Variation.2<sup>d</sup> Variation.

ten.

3<sup>d</sup> Variation.

4<sup>th</sup> Variation.

5<sup>th</sup> Variation.

## V. E-major.

### A. Material.

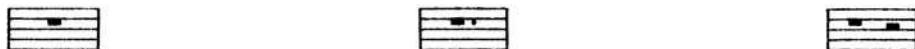
1. The slur  as sign of the connected or *legato* style of playing, is called, in distinction to the tie, already spoken of, the *legato-slur*. The tones circumscribed by it are as a rule as closely connected in respect to their musical signification, as the syllables of a word, or a series of words not separated by any punctuation.
2. The dot over or under the note heads as sign of the detached or *staccato* style of playing, shortens the tone-duration about half of the value of the note. For example:



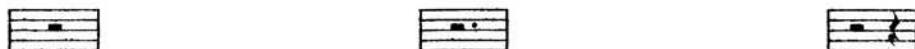
3. The dot, as sign of increase of value, is used with rests also.

By means of it:

1. The whole-note rest becomes a three-half-note rest, equal to:



2. The half-note rest becomes a three-quarter rest equal to:



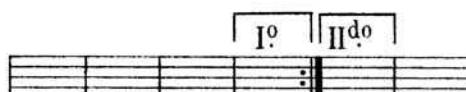
3. The quarter rest becomes a three-eighth rest equal to:



4. The eighth rest becomes a three-sixteenth rest equal to:



4. To signify that at the repetition of a part a change of the final measure takes place, the expressions *Primo*, *Secondo* (the first, the second, usually shortened to I<sup>o</sup>, II<sup>do</sup>) are employed. Whenever the second final measure marked II<sup>do</sup> is played, the first one is omitted.



5. *Moderato*, moderately, moderated: *tempo*-designation of the third grade.

Note-table. (Tone-compass of N<sup>o</sup>s 1-4.)

Practical application. (1) The pupil should repeat what was imparted to him concerning the Tie, in the material to D-major. (2) The *Staccato* style of playing is executed here with the wrist-stroke. What is the essential feature of this mode of touch? (3) Compare the material to G-major, N<sup>o</sup> 2.— How many quarter rests does the three-half-note rest contain? How many eighth-rests in the three-quarter-rest? etc.

### B. Exercises and Pieces.

### **Clavier-section.**

Slur.

### Interchange of hands.

2

Sheet music for 'Right H.' and 'Left H.' hands. The music consists of two staves. The top staff is labeled 'Right H.' and the bottom staff is labeled 'Left H.'. The music is in common time and includes various note heads and rests.

**Clavier-section. 3. *Moderato.***

Moderato.

*f*

This image shows two staves of musical notation for a piano. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves are in common time (indicated by a 'C'). The key signature has one sharp, indicating G major. Measure 11 begins with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes. Measure 12 begins with a forte dynamic (*f*) and consists of eighth-note patterns. The music is divided by vertical bar lines.

**Clavier-section. 4 Allegretto.**

Tie.

Slur.

A musical score for piano, featuring two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves are in 6/8 time. Measure 11 starts with a dotted half note followed by a sixteenth-note pattern. Measure 12 begins with a dynamic marking 'dolce'. The music continues with various patterns of eighth and sixteenth notes.

1.

2

A musical score for piano, featuring two staves. The top staff uses a treble clef and the bottom staff uses a bass clef. Measure 1 consists of six eighth-note chords. Measure 2 begins with a single eighth note followed by a measure of six eighth-note chords. The score is labeled '1.' above the first measure and '2.' above the second measure.

A musical score for piano, featuring two staves. The top staff uses a treble clef and the bottom staff uses a bass clef. Both staves are in common time with a key signature of one sharp. Measure 11 begins with a sixteenth-note pattern in the treble staff, followed by eighth-note pairs and sixteenth-note pairs. The bass staff has eighth-note pairs. Measure 12 continues with eighth-note pairs in both staves, with dynamic markings 'f' (fortissimo) and '^' (acciaccatura).

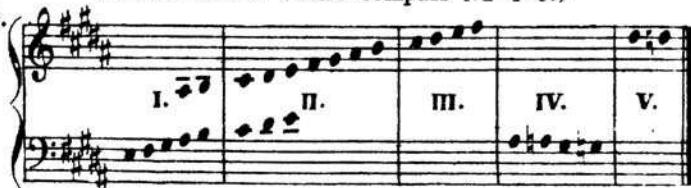
A musical score for piano, showing two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom is in bass clef. The key signature is A major (three sharps). Measure 11 starts with eighth-note pairs in the treble staff, followed by a dynamic marking 'dolce'. Measure 12 continues with eighth-note pairs in the treble staff, followed by sixteenth-note patterns in the bass staff.

## VI. B-major.

## A. Material.

1. *Lento*, slow, *tempo*-designation of the first grade.  
 2. *ff*, *fortissimo*, very loud.  
 3. *fz*, *forzando*  
*sfz*, *sforzando*      made prominent  
*rfz*, *rinforzando*      strongly accented.  
*dim.* *diminuendo*, becoming weaker.

## 4. Note-table. (Tone-compass Nos 1-6.)



## B. Exercises and Pieces.

## Clavier-section.

## Clavier-section.

## Clavier-section. 1. Lento.

## Clavier-section. 6. Melody with Variations.

## Allegretto.

## First Variation.

## Second Variation. (Polyphonic Playing.)



## VII. F-major.

## A. Material.

1. If a tone-value, whose written sign is one of the well-known note-forms, be divided into three equal parts, the result is tone-groups and note-groups called Triplets. For the separate parts (thirds) no special names and written signs are used; but those employed for the bipartite division are utilized, in the sense that of the notes of equal value which form the Triplet, not each two (as in the other case) but only the three taken together make a whole. As a sign of this lessening of value the figure 3 is usually placed over or under the three notes forming the Triplet. The three thirds of a whole note are accordingly represented by half-notes, the three thirds of a half-note by quarters, the three thirds of a quarter-note by eighths, etc.

In the tripartite division, accordingly,

a whole-note is equal to three (Triplet) halves:



a half-note \_\_\_\_\_ to three (Triplet) quarters:



a quarter-note \_\_\_\_\_ to three (Triplet) eighths:



an eighth-note \_\_\_\_\_ to three (Triplet) sixteenths:



2. The flat (b) as sign of single lowering.

3. *Pianissimo*, abbreviated *pp*, very soft } Indications of the grade of power.  
*Fortissimo*, abbreviated *ff*, very loud }

## 4. Note-table. (Tone-compass of Nos I-II.)

Practical application. (1) The pupil should form a table of the note-forms known to him, with reference to their value as Triplet-notes.—How does the tripartition effected by the dot differ from that discussed here? (Compare the material to E-major). (2) Repeat what has been said concerning the derivative tones: for what is the # used, for what the b? etc. (3) Grouping of the designations for the various grades of power. (4) How are the tones called which in their notation occupy different staff degrees, but to the ear have the same pitch? (VII) etc.

## B. Exercises and Pieces.

Clavier-section.

1. 2. 3.

4. 5. 6.

Clavier-section. 7. For practice in swelling and decreasing the tone. *cresc.* and *decresc.* <>

p mf > f

p > f

Clavier-section. 8. Allegro.

mf sfz

Musical score page 16, measures 1-4. Treble and bass staves. Dynamics: *f*, *p*, *f*.

Musical score page 16, measures 5-8. Treble and bass staves. Dynamics: *f*.

Clavier-section. 9. Alla marcia. (march-like.)

Musical score page 16, measures 9-12. Treble and bass staves. Dynamics: *mf*.

Musical score page 16, measures 13-16. Treble and bass staves. Dynamics: *f*, *f*.

Musical score page 16, measures 17-20. Treble and bass staves. Dynamics: *p*, *fp*, *f*.

Clavier-section. 10. Andante.

**Miller's song.**

Clavier-section. 11. Vivo. (lively.)

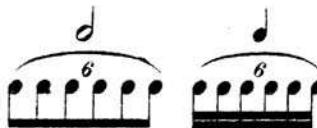
*cresc.*

*cresc.*

## VIII. B♭ major.

### A. Material.

1. If the duration of a note be divided into six parts, we have a "sextuplet" for example.



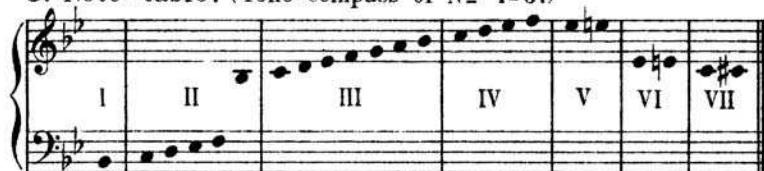
etc. A distinction is made between two-part and three-part sextuplets.

The former are more properly called Double-triplets. Where practicable, the division is indicated by the manner of writing, as for example:



2. *Da capo al fine* (from beginning to end, i. e. up to the word *fine*). For saving space these words are written at the place where the return—without interruption—is to be made to the beginning. Where the word *fine* stands, is the real close.

### 3. Note-table. (Tone-compass of N°s 1-6.)



Practical application. (1) Compare what was said as to the Triplet under the F-major material, N° 1.

### B. Exercises and Pieces.

Clavier-section. To be studied in two ways, viz: both as Double-Triples and as sextuplets.

Clavier-section. Theme with Variations.

1st Variation. Triplets of eighths.

*p*

*f*

2d Variation. Tripartite sextuplets.

*mf*

*p*

*f*

*p*

*mf*

*p*

3d Variation. Triplets and double triplets.

*f*

*p*

*f*

*p*

*f*

*p*

## IX. E♭ major.

#### A. Material.

1. "Up-beat" is the name given to an incomplete measure at the beginning of a piece, or not entering on the principal down-beat: it has its completion, however, in the final measure.
  2.  Hold, sign of repose. The note above or below the Hold is lengthened beyond its exact value, indefinitely, yet in a way appropriate to the context.
  3. *Maestoso*, majestic, solemn, designation of movement and delivery.

**Note-table. (Tone-compass of 1-8.)**

A musical score page from 'The Ten Commandments' featuring ten staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The second staff begins with a bass clef and a key signature of one flat. The third staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The fourth staff begins with a bass clef and a key signature of one flat. The fifth staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The sixth staff begins with a bass clef and a key signature of one flat. The seventh staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The eighth staff begins with a bass clef and a key signature of one flat. The ninth staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The tenth staff begins with a bass clef and a key signature of one flat. The page is numbered '4.' in the top left corner.

### B. Exercises and Pieces.

Musical score for piano, Clavier-section, Marcia (March) section, page 7, Maestoso. The score consists of two staves. The top staff is treble clef, B-flat key signature, and 2/4 time. The bottom staff is bass clef, B-flat key signature, and 2/4 time. The music features eighth-note patterns and dynamic markings such as *p*, *V*, *sffz*, and *sffz*. The bottom staff includes measure numbers 1, 2, and 3, and dynamic markings *f*, *mf*, and *p*.

Bassoon Staff:  
sfz  
v  
p

Piano Staff:  
v  
p

Bassoon Staff:  
v  
pp  
mf

Piano Staff:  
v  
pp  
mf

Clavier-section. 8. Waltz.

Piano Staff:  
mf  
sfz  
sfz

Piano Staff:  
cresc.  
f  
p

1. 2.

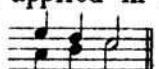
Piano Staff:  
f  
p

Piano Staff:  
cresc.  
f  
p

## X. A♭ major.

## A. Material.

1. A double-stem is applied in notation, when two different "voices" unite on one and the same tone, as for example:



## 2. Nine-eight measure.

## 3. Abbreviations.

If a note is to be repeated, a cross-bar is written instead of the explicit repetition: / or /. From the sixteenth on, the note-value of the note-group to be repeated is usually determined by the number of the cross-bars placed one above the other,—as at a, b, c.

## 4. The double-flat (bb) as sign of double lowering.

Note-table. (Tone-compass of 1-7.)

Practical application. (2) To which kind of measure does the nine-eight measure belong? (3) The signification of the abbreviations should now be more particularly explained. They are used for saving space and time. They have reference to repetitions, verbal abbreviations, contractions, transpositions, and the like. Such abbreviations have already been repeatedly applied; as, for instances, *cresc.* for *crescendo*. *f* for *forte*, *I<sup>o</sup>* *II<sup>o</sup>*, for *primo*, *secondo*, *da capo al fine*, etc.

## B. Exercises and Pieces.

## 7. Andantino.

The music is composed for piano and consists of eight staves of musical notation. The key signature is three flats, and the time signature varies between common time and 9/8. The dynamics include *p*, *f*, *cresc.*, *sfz*, *dolce.*, *dimin.*, and *pp*. Performance instructions such as "1 2 3 4 5" above the first staff and "1 2 3 4 5" below the second staff are present. The music includes measures with sixteenth-note patterns, eighth-note chords, and sustained notes. Measure 10 begins with a dynamic of *f*.

## XI. D-flat major.

## A. Material.

1. *Rallentando*, abbreviated, *rallent.*, *rall.*, holding back, slackening. The place at which the original movement is to be resumed is indicated by *Tempo primo* (*Tempo I<sup>o</sup>*, *Tpo I<sup>o</sup>*). The slackening must be gradual, that is, the metrical parts must diverge—not at once, but—by degrees.
  2. The hold, or pause
- as, for example, , , etc.

## 3. Note-table. (Tone-compass of 1-8.)



## B. B. Exercises and Pieces.

Clavier-section. 1.

2.

3.

Clavier-section. 8. **Vivace** (lively).

1.

2.

*cresc.*

*f*

*Tempo I<sup>o</sup>*

*P. rallent. mf*

*f*

*f*

*sfz*

## XII. G♭ major (F♯ major).

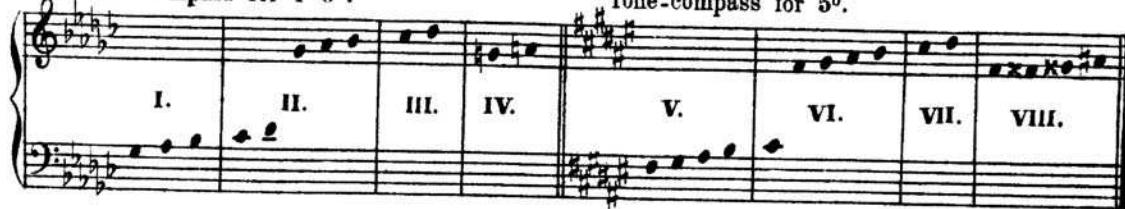
### A. Material.

- Through bipartition of the sixteenth-note, we obtain the thirty-second 
- through bipartition of the sixteenth-rest, the thirty-second rest 

- The double-sharp as sign of double elevation.  


3. Tone-compass for 1-5<sup>a</sup>.

Tone-compass for 5<sup>b</sup>.



Practical application. (1-3). To be used in the previous way. Piece 5<sup>b</sup> is nothing but a transposition of 5<sup>a</sup> into F♯ major; for the sake of practice, the student should try to make the enharmonic change in writing before looking at the one given here.

### B. Exercises and Pieces.

Clavier-section.

1. 

2. 

3. 

4. 

### Clavier-section. 5<sup>a</sup> Allegretto.






Clavier-section. 5<sup>b</sup> Allegretto.

