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PREFACE

The first demand made on the violinist, is that of true and pure intonation. This quality may be acquired in the safest and quickest way by careful scale-studies. Upon examining the various tone successions, of which music consists, it will be found that two elements are predominating, viz: the scale and the broken chord. All other combinations may be considered as suspensions or appoggiaturas. The scale and broken chord form the framework for all melodies or passage-work; they are the basis of the whole violin music.

The present work contains scale-studies, devised and ordered in a systematic and thorough manner, offering all the major scales as well as all melodic and harmonic-minor scales, in one, two, three and four octaves, with manifold ways of fingering, changes of position, variations of rhythm and time, tone-shadings and contrasts, bowing, etc. A similar plan has been followed in the presentation of broken triads, seventh chords and diminished seventh chords. These important problems can be much more easily solved, the difficulties more readily mastered, with the aid of a work such as this, planned and carried out in a truly systematic manner. It will suffice to help the student in the acquisition of an adequate technique and minute knowledge of his instrument.

How vital a factor the study of scales is, can best be realized by considering that even the most accomplished violin virtuoso does not let a day pass without this practice. May every student follow this worthy example!

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N. B. I. The daily practice should begin with a slow scale within such octave-compass as has already been mastered.

2. The tone-contrasts and tone-shadings, employed for slow scales in the first position, should also be used in other positions.

3. It is advisable to practice descending slow scales with a slow shake on each note, in order to obtain greater force of finger-attack.

4. It is paramount to begin early with the memorizing of scales and their various fingerings.

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Slow Scales in Major and Minor

To retain the fingers on the strings (as indicated by figures and lines) is an excellent way of obtaining a quiet and sure position of the hand; it will be found helpful, moreover, in acquiring true intonation and surety in gauging the distance of intervals.



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The following is a form of the Minor Scale which is found in works of Johann Sebastian Bach. It is characterized by the Minor Third, while all other intervals, in ascending as well as descending, belong to the Major Scale.



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II Rapid Scales, in Three-four Time, in Chromatic Succession

Retain the fingers on the string, as much as possible. First, staccato, then legato.



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IV Triads and Dominant-seventh Broken Chords, within One Octave



Chromatic Scales





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VI

Major and Minor Scales, through Two Octaves, in Chromatic Succession

The first and second fingers, on the G-string, always move up a half-tone. Retain the fingers on the strings as much as possible. Practice first, staccato, then legato.



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Variations of Rhythm and Bowing

All these scales, within the compass of two octaves, may be practiced with the following variations of rhythm and time, and changes of bowing. It is left to the pupil to increase the number of variations of his own invention.



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VIII

Scales exceeding Two Octaves

The first and second fingers, on the G-string, always move up a half-tone. Retain the fingers on the strings as much as possible. Practice first, staccato, then legato.



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IX Scales for the further Development of Changes in Position, with Rhythmic Variations









X Further Variations in Rhythm

Practice all these scales in the following ways:







XI Broken Triads, through Two Octaves



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XII Scales in Thirds, through Two Octaves

Practice first, staccato, then four notes to a bow, then eight.















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XIII

Chromatic Scales, through Two Octaves, in Fixed Position

Practice first, staccato, then with the three forms of bowing marked

Repeat each scale, with each fingering (over and under)





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Diminished Seventh Chords, through Two Octaves

