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## PREFACE.

Alto, (Alto Viola), Viola, Violette Quinte, such are the names which have been given to the Tenor Violin, but it is now almost exclusively designated as the Viola. The Viola is derived from the Violin, being the same in construction, but larger in size. It is provided with four strings the lowest of which sounds C a fifth below the G of the Violin. The three other strings give G, D, and A, ascending by fifths. The compass of the Viola is about three octaves. The Viola was neglected by the old composers, who contented themselves by giving it the filling up part, without object, and, so to speak, lost. But Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven, convinced of the importance of its use, enobled it by making it co-operative in a manner essential to the execution of their clever and melodious music. The Viola with its tender and melancholy sounds especially in the high notes, harmonizes perfectly with the Clarinet, the Horn and the Bassoon. Its rich and harmonious arpeggios combine with those of the Violin. When the Second Violin takes the same part as the First, the Viola naturally is the most fit to replace it and is not afraid to come forward and execute solos or elaborate accompaniments. Sometimes even it encroaches on the domain of the Violins. In the Opera of Uthal and in the De Profundis of Gluck, the Viola is the principal instrument. The music destined for the Viola is written on the Clef of C on the Third line or Alto Clef, and also on the Clef of G, on the Second line or Treble Clef, Second Viola parts are frequently found written on the Clef of C on the Fourth line, though oftener on the Clef of F on the Fourth line or Bass Clef. It is therefore most necessary to become familiar with the different sorts of Clefs mentioned in this work.

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#### ARTICLE I.

#### OF MUSIC.

Music is the art of combining sounds in a manner agreeable to the ear; it is divided into two parts. I Melody, II Harmony.

Melody is a combination of sounds which by their elevation, duration and succession serve to form a tune.

Harmony is another combination of sounds which by their spontaneous union serve to form Chords.

#### ARTICLE II.

#### OF NOTES AND LINES.

Music is written with seven figures called Notes, which are named after letters of the alphabet.

C, D, E, F, G, A, B.

The Italian equivalents, in use on the continent, are almost equally familiar to English minds.

Do, Re, Mi, Fa, Sol, La, Si. C, D, E, F, G, A, B.

These notes are placed upon five horizontal and parallel lines called the Staff or Stave.

Example.

The lines are counted upwards, the lowest being called the first line.

These five lines contain four spaces in which notes are also placed.

The spaces are counted the same as the lines the lowest being called the first space .

But when the instrument requires a greater compass than the stave, small lines called Ledger lines are added, under the stave for the lower notes, and over for the upper notes.

$$Example.$$
Ledger lines  $\equiv \equiv = -$ 
Ledger lines

#### ARTICLE III.

#### OF CLEFS, THEIR POSITION AND USE.

There are three different sorts of Clefs, namely: the G Clef. G, the C Clef E, some - times written B or E, and the F Clef  $\mathcal{F}$  also written  $\dot{C}$ 

These Clefs are familiarly known as:



Soprano or Treble Clef. Viola and Tenor Clef. Bass Clef.

These Clefs are placed at the beginning of the stave upon different lines according to the instruments or voices for which they are used. They give their names to the lines upon which they are placed, and serve as starting points to determine the names of the other notes.

But as all of them are not of equal use, those least required will be indicated by a star \*

There are two different sorts of G or Treble Clefs placed thus:



On the 2nd Line and 1st Line.

Four different sorts of C or Tenor Clefs:



Two sorts of F or Bass Clefs.



On the 4th Line and 3rd Line.

The 3rd line Tenor Clef being especially used for the Alto-Viola every example will be given in that Clef. However it is very necessary to become familiar with the Treble G Clef on the second line and the Bass F Clef on the 4th line, as these Clefs are of frequent use in Alto Viola music, the Bass Clef being used in playing from Cello part when required.

Example: comparative with the Violin and the Cello at their usual pitch Cthis produces the same sound as this on the Violin or this on the Cello.

But as the Alto-Viola does not descend low enough to produce the low sounds of the Bass Clef when this  $\overbrace{}^{C}$  is met with, this  $\overbrace{}^{C}$  must be played and so on for the lower

Octave (this word will be explained in the next article.)

It is elearly demonstrated by the above, that the Clefs of C 3rd line and of F 4th line are to be played eight notes or an Octave lower than they are really written.

#### ARTICLE IV.

#### OF THE DIATONIC SCALE.

A succession of sounds from one note to its Octave is called a Gamut or Scale.

The Scale is composed of eight degrees or notes.

The seven notes of music giving only seven degrees (each note being a degree) a repetition of the 1st sound is employed to form the Octave or 8th degree of the Scale.

Example with the name of each degree :

	1 <sup>st</sup> Degree Tonic or Key Note.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree Snper Tonic.				6 <sup>th</sup> Degree Super-Dominant also Sub-Mediant.	Leading Note or Sensible	Octave.
Ì.					0	0	<b>~</b>	Q
Ξ					<b>.</b>			
	.C	D	E	F	G	A	B	C

It is seen by the above example that each degree bears a name which is descriptive of itself. The word degree must not be confounded with that of tone or semitone (the latter familiarly known as half note or half tone.)\*

The tone or semitone is the distance or interval between one degree and the next, whilst the degree is the note itself.

The Scale comprises five tones and two semitones, after the addition of the 1st sound producing the octave or 8th note, as in the above example.

<sup>\*</sup> The explanation of the words tone and semitone is given in a special article N<sup>0</sup> 1 on Page 11 with the different Chromatic Intervals.

It will be seen in Article VI between which degrees of the Scale these tones and semitones are to be found.

When the notes proceed from line to space, or from space to line as in the above example the distance from one note to the next is called a Conjunct or Diatonic Interval from whence it comes that the scale is called a Diatonic scale or Scale by Conjunct Intervals.

When two notes are farther apart from one another, the distance between them is called a Disjunct Interval.

For instance C-D, D-E or E-F are Conjunct Intervals because there is only an Interval of a second from C to D as well as from D to E or E to F.

C-E, C-F, C-G, etc. are Disjunct Intervals because the distance between them exceeds the interval of a second.

#### ARTICLE V.

#### S: 1. OF INTERVALS OR DISTANCES (in the natural order.)

As said in the preceeding article, the Intervals derive their name from the distance existing between the notes placed on the different degrees. Two notes placed on the same degree are called a Unison (see Ex:) Two notes placed one on the 1st degree of the scale, and the other on the nearest degree (Line or Space) are called a Second or Interval of a Second.

0 n	the	1st	and	the	9rd	8	Third.	On	the	1st	and	the	4th a Fourth.
,	,	,	,	,	5th	8	Fifth.	,	,	,	,	,	6tha Sixth.
,	,	,	,	,	7th	8	Seventh.	,	,	,	,	,	8th an Octave.
3	,	,	,	,	9th	8	Ninth.	8					

and so on to the 10th, 11th, 12th, etc. etc. and the same in descending.

#### EXAMPLE

#### INTERVALS IN THE NATURAL ORDER.



#### S: 2? OF THE INVERSION OF INTERVALS (in the natural order.)

The inversion of an interval consists in making the lower note the higher and vice versa; then a Unison becomes an Octave, a Second becomes a Seventh, a Third becomes a Sixth and so on.

#### EXAMPLE.



A Unison inverted becomes an Octave, a Second inverted becomes a Seventh, etc.

To be correct in this the number nine must always be obtained.

Thus unison becomes octave or 1 and 8 make 9, second becomes seventh or 2 and 7 make 9 and so on.

#### ARTICLE VI.

#### OF THE SIGNS OF INTONATION.

In order to change the order of the semitones at will it has been necessary to add to the seven notes signs, called Sharps # and Flats b which raise or lower by semitones the notes before which they are placed. A note sharpened or flattened is called Augmented or Diminished.

(The French simply call them altered notes.)

EFFECT OF ALTERATIONS PRODUCED BY SHARPS AND FLATS.

SHARP	Double Sharp	FLAT	Double Flat	NATURAL(even sign)
#	×or ∻or ♯	b		\$
Raises the note a Semitone.	Raises the note another Semitone above the one already raised by single #.	Lowers the note a Semitone.	Lowers the note another Semitone below the one already lowered by single b.	Restores the note in both cases Sharp or Flat to its natural sound, position and tone.

#### EXAMPLE

NATURAL NOTE.	The same note raised a semitone by means of a Sharp.	The same sharpened note lowered a semitor by means of a Natural.		
• •	0			
NATURAL NOTE	The same note sharpened .	The same note restored to its natural ton The same flattened note raised a semitone by means of a Natural.		
NATURAL NOTE.	The same note lowered a semitone by means of, a Flat.			
•	<del>90</del>	Θ		
NATURAL NOTE .	The same note flattened.	The same note restored to its natural tone		

A Scale which proceeds by intervals of semitones by means of Sharps or Flats, is called Chromatic Scale; (The Article 8 will show the numeric order of the seven sharps and flats.)





ARTICLE VII.

#### OF MODE.

In the compass of the scale there are to be found both tones and semitones; this has given rise to the formation of what is called Mode.

Mode signifies the Union of the three principal sounds which form between themselves a • Chord entirely Consonant called *perfect Chord* (or Common Chord.) This chord is the base and constitution of all music.

The three principal sounds which constitute the Mode are the Tonic or 1st Degree, the Mediant or 3rd Degree and the Dominant or 5th Degree. (See Art III Ex: of the Diatonic Scale.)

By adding the Octave to these three sounds the Perfect or Common Chord is obtained.

There are two kinds of Mode, The Major Mode and the Minor Mode.

It is always the 1st third of the Scale which characterises the Mode.

The Mode is Major when there are two full tones in any scale from the 1st to the 3rd Degree.



The Mode is Minor when there is only a tone and a semitone from the 1st to the 3rd Degree.



**REMARK.** It is seen that there are two sorts of Intervals of second or Conjunct Degrees in the scale. One is composed of two semitones or full tone (major second) and the other of only one semitone (minor second.) The minor second is to be known when the  $1^{st}$  note or degree is sharpened or the  $2^{d}_{st}$  flattened producing the

same sound in each case (These notes are called Enharmonic.)

#### EXAMPLE.



The word signature signifies a certain number of Sharps and Flats placed immediately after the Clef.

When neither Sharp nor Flat, consequently no signature is at the Clef, it is a natural Key. The Key of C Natural Major is the model of all Major Keys.

Example of the Scale of C Natural Major, with the distances between each degree.



The above Scale is the Diatonic Major Scale proceeding by tones and semitones.

It will be seen that the semitones occur between the 3rd and 4th and the 7th and 8th Degrees of the Scale.

All the other intervals are whole tones making altogether (as mentioned in Article IV) five tones and two semitones in the Diatonic Major Scale.

It is most important to remember that the semitones occur between the 3rd and 4th and the 7th and 8th Degrees in all Major Diatonic Scales on whatever notes they may be founded.

In the Minor Diatonic Scale the semitones follow another order.

The Key of A Natural Minor is the Model of all Minor Keys.

Example of the Scale in the Key of A Natural Minor, with the distances between each degree.



The Minor key is relative to the Major key.

A Minor key has the same signature as its relative Major key, and its scale commences on the 6th Degree of the Major scale thus bringing the 1st third of the Minor scale (a tone and a semitone.)

It will be seen in the preceeding Example of Minor Scale that the 1st semitone occurs between the 2nd and 3rd Degrees and the 2nd semitone, as in the Major comes between the 7th and 8th Degrees.

It will be found that in every Minor scale the 1st semitone comes in the first 3rd, whilst in the Major scale it comes in the first 4th.

EXAMPLE.

In playing the Minor scale the notes sharpened in ascending become natural in descending.



#### IMPORTANT REMARK CONCERNING THE MINOR SCALE.

By taking its starting point on the 6th Degree of the Major scale, which shows perfectly the 1st Minor third (one tone and a semitone) and by sharpening the 5th Degree of the said Major scale, which thus sharpened, becomes its 7th Degree or leading note, it is clearly shown that the Minor scale has been formed from the Major scale.

By this means is formed a scale written as follows and much in use in the very old Style of Music.



In this scale the note sharpened in ascending remains so in descending.

Although agreeable to the ear and seeming more regular to the eye, yet it is to be seen that this scale contains four tones and four semitones in ascending (which is incorrect) instead of five tones and two semitones (which is correct.)

To obviate the difference which occurs between the 6th and 7th Degrees, it has been agreed to sharpen also the 4th Degree Major, which is the 6th Degree of the Minor scale, thus equalizing the Major and Minor Scales with the only difference mentioned in Art: VII about the 1st semitone.

Observe that the 7th Degree is sharpened in every Minor Scale and that it is the 5th Degree of the Major Scale which is thus sharpened and becomes the leading note of the Minor.

In descending the Minor Scale, one of the semitones is once more inverted and occurs between the 6th and 5th degrees (See Example) by the reason that the notes sharpened in ascending are natural in descending.

(Very imperfect Scale but we must accept what has been intimated by our Masters.)

#### ARTICLE VIII.

#### S: 1º OF THE SIGNATURE AND NUMERICAL ORDER OF THE 7 SHARPS AND 7 FLATS.



S: 2º EXPLANATION OF THE DIFFERENT MODES (Major and Minor Keys.)

The first sharp is placed on F the 4th degree of the key of G, and the six others from fifth to fifth in ascending order.

The last placed on the clef always becomes the 7th Degree of the key which follows in the Major Mode, and the 2nd Degree of the tone which preceeds for the Minor Mode.

Thus the F sharp points out in the first case the tonic of G Major, and in the second case the tonic of E Minor.



Observe that the second Sharp is not placed without the first, and so on with the others

The first flat is placed on B, the seventh degree of the key of C, and the six others from fifth to fifth in descending order.

The last placed on the clef always becomes the 4th Degree of the Major key and the 6th Degree of the Minor key.

In the first case the B flat points out the tonic of F Major, and in the second case the tonic of D Minor.

EXAMPLE.



Observe that the second Flat is not placed without the first, and so on with the others. REMARK. Either sharps or flats, found at the clef as signature, influence the notes placed on the same degrees or at the upper octave, or at the lower octave during the whole of a piece of Music, unless a natural comes accidentally to suspend their effect.

Accidental sharp or flat is available for the whole of one bar only, unless a natural is met with in the course of that bar.

#### SPECIAL ARTICLE Nº 1.

#### OF INTERVALS, TONES AND SEMITONES.

The tone is an interval composed of nine partial intervals called "commas" or of two semitones one of which is Chromatic and the other Diatonic.

The chromatic semitone is composed of five *commas* and always occurs between two notes of the same name.

The diatonic semitone composed of four commas always occurs between two notes of different names.

EXAMPLE.

Chromatic Semitone	Diatoniç Semitone	. Chromatic Semitone	Diatonic Semitone.	
p 5 Commas #	4 Commas	5 Commax 6	4 Commas	



TABLE OF THE INVERSION OF ALL THE INTERVALS.

It results from the preceeding table that every Major interval becomes Minor, and every Minor interval Major, when inverted.

Every Augmented interval becomes Diminished and every Diminished interval Augmented. The Perfect intervals which are the Fourth and the Fifth remain Perfect when inverted.

#### ARTICLE IX.

#### OF NOTES AND RESTS.

There are seven characters which determine the value of notes.

It is from these characters that we learn to know and to measure the time to be given to each of the said notes. There are also seven rests or silent notes which correspond exactly with the value of the notes. EXAMPLE OF THE SEVEN RESTS.





#### TABLE.

#### VALUE OF NOTES.



It is easy to see from the above table that the Whole Note is equivalent to 2 Halfs or 4 Quarters etc. the Half to two Quarters etc: the Quarter to two 8ths etc: and the 8ths to two 16ths etc. When several 8<sup>ths</sup>, 16<sup>ths</sup>, etc: come together they must be joined as below.

EXAMPLE OF CONTRACTIONS OR ABREVIATIONS IN MUSICAL NOTATIONS.



#### OF THE DOT PLACED AFTER A NOTE.

The dot serves to increase the preceeding note by half its value; consequently, a Whole Note which equals two Halfs is equivalent to three when it is dotted; and so on for Halves, Quarters, 8ths etc.

This applies equally to rests.



A Triplet is a group of three notes arising from the division of a note in three equal parts of the next inferior duration, which are to be performed in the time of two such notes.

#### EXAMPLE.



Sometimes the notes are divided into (5, 7, 9, etc.) equal parts instead of 4, 6, or 8, as usual; in this case a curved line is drawn over it  $\overline{5}$ ,  $\overline{7}$ ,  $\overline{9}$  as in the above example. etc:

#### ARTICLE XI.

A Musical Composition is divided into equal portions, called Measures or Bars, by short lines drawn across the stave and which are also called bars.

Measures in their turn are divided into equal parts called beats.

There are three kinds of measures: that of four beats or Common time indicated by  $\mathbb{C}$ , that of two beats indicated by  $\mathbb{Q}$  or 2, and that of three beats indicated by a 3 or  $\frac{3}{4}$ .



(Observation concerning the  $\frac{6}{8}$  time.) When a slow Movement has to be played in  $\frac{6}{8}$  time it is beaten differently.

How to beat it in a slow Movement

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#### ARTICLE XII.

#### OF SYNCOPATED NOTES.

A Syncopated Note is one which is divided into two others of less value, and which finishes one beat and commences another.





#### ARTICLE XIII.

#### OF REPEATS.

To avoid writing the same thing twice, signs called Repeats are employed, the dots show ing how often the different parts or strains are to be played.

EXAMPLE.

$\mathbf{T}\mathbf{h}$	is Sign is	This means	this	this an	d this 🔊	
a double Bar without repetition straight forward,		a repetition of the preceeding strain.	a repetition of the following strain.	a repetition of the strain on each side.	LAST to conclude the piece.	

Da Capo or D.C. means that the piece must be recommenced. This sign -8- means the same, and also refers back to a previous -8-.

#### ARTICLE XIV.

A Pause is marked thus  $\cap$  or  $\heartsuit$ . When this sign is found over a note its value or duration should be increased and it may be sustained at pleasure, and a prelude or cadenza even executed if thought desirable. This however is only admissible in the first part, and when in modulating, it happens that the original key has been quitted, it must be adroitly resumed in order to terminate the phrase or return to the melody. But when the pause is found placed over a rest the note must not be sustained, on the contrary it is the duration of the rest which is prolonged.



#### ARTICLE XV.

#### OF SLURRED AND DETACHED NOTES.

In order to render music more agreeable and less monotonous different signs are employed. This <u>called</u> Slur or *Tie* shows that the notes which it embraces are to be play. ed smoothly and connectedly with a single stroke of the bow.

When it occurs over two notes in unison they must be united as one note.

This sign *int* called *Staccato* shows that each of the notes over which it is written should be played shortly and crisply stopping the bow on each.

This ..... called the *Mezzo* staccato shows that the notes must be separated but in one stroke of the bow.

#### EXAMPLES



#### ARTICLE XVI.

#### OF SIGNS OF EXPRESSION.

In order to give expression to music different signs are employed . This \_\_\_\_\_ shows that the sound must be gradually increased, this \_\_\_\_\_ that it must be gradually diminished and this \_\_\_\_\_ that the sound must be increased as far as the middle and then diminished until the end. To show when to play softly the Italian words Piano and Dolce are employed. They are often abbreviated thus p or Dol. Very softly is To show when to play loud the word Forte is used, and Fortissimo when to marked pp. These two words are abbreviated f and ff. play very loud. To show the gradual increase of sound from soft to loud in a long passage the word crescendo abbreviated cres is used, and similarly the diminution of sound from loud to soft is shown by the words Zmorzando or Diminuendo abbreviated Zmorz: and Dim. The abbreviations rf, sf, fz, sfz, fp or even f over a single note are also employed as signs of expression; >,  $\land$ ,  $\lor$ , indicate a marked accent on a single note and even on a Chord.

#### ARTICLE XVII.

#### OF GRACE NOTES.

#### (PORTAMENTO OR APPOSGIATURA OR TURN.)

A Grace Note is a note smaller than the others, and placed more frequently before than after them.

In the 1<sup>st</sup> instance its value is that of half the note which follows and in the 2<sup>nd</sup> it borrows its value from the note which preceeds. When several occur together either before or after, they are called a Grupetto or Turn ( $\infty$ ) and should be executed more briefly.

Sign used for a Turn with the lowest note made sharp ( $\mathcal{G}$ )

Sign used for a Turn with the highest note made flat  $\begin{pmatrix} b \\ c \end{pmatrix}$ 

#### EXAMPLES.



#### ARTICLE XVIII.

#### OF THE SHAKE OR TRILL.

The Shake or Trill is an effect produced by the rapid and equal alternation of two notes, the distance between them never being more than a tone for the Major Mode and a semitone for the Minor Mode.

It is marked by a little cross + or by tr which is an abbreviation of the word Trill.

There are several ways of employing Shakes, some being simple and introduced without preparation or termination, whilst others are both prepared and terminated.



#### ARTICLE XIX.

#### OF THE STRINGS OF THE VIOLA.

There are four strings on the Viola which are tuned by fifths in descending, the 1<sup>st</sup> to be A, the 2<sup>nd</sup> D, the 3<sup>rd</sup> G, and the 4<sup>th</sup> C.



by the aid of the fingers and the bow . (see tableau)

The four fingers of the left hand are employed to form the different sounds on each of the four strings. To obtain these sounds to advantage the fingers must be rounded and form so many little hammers which should strike upon the strings, observing from one tone to another the distance of nearly two inches, and one inch for a semitone. The thumb must never touch the strings. The first finger will be shown by the figure 1, the second by 2, the third by 3, and the little finger by 4. Open strings will be shown by  $\circ$ , Harmonic sounds by H (Harmonic sounds are very often shown by  $(\circ)$  or by  $(\diamond)$  a special table of such sounds is included in this work see page 73) and the extension of the little finger by  $\mathbf{x}$ .





#### ARTICLE XX.

HOW TO HOLD THE VIOLA AND BOW.

The neck of the Viola should be held between the thumb and first finger of the left hand, resting on the palm of the hand which should grasp it slightly. The instrument should be placed under the chin which must hold it by the part to the left of the tail piece and which must press on it when the hand which holds it is obliged to run on the neck of the Viola. The elbow should be kept elose to the body.

The bow should be held in the right hand with the thumb on the inside of the stick at a short distance from the nut. The first joint of the first finger should press on the stick as also the 2<sup>d</sup>. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> fingers, but these latter only very slightly as they are intended to give it steadiness rather than force. The wrist should then be raised and placed near the bridge keeping the elbow low so that when the hair of the bow is placed across the strings between the bridge and the fingerboard the stick may be slightly inclined towards the neck of the Viola. In this position it will be observed that in the down bowing the wrist should be lowered and the elbow raised gradually and without stiffness, resuming by degrees its original position in the up bowing, the bow being kept always in the one straight line and not quitting the place assigned to it. This should be done by the aid of the wrist and forearm only.

#### **OBSERVE**.

It is not enough for the Viola and the bow to be placed as we have shown; the attitude of the body and hand must be in accordance with this position and tend to maintain it.

A constant habit must not be acquired of employing the down or up bow at a particular note; this would only serve to cramp the movements and give a too monotonous regularity to the playing.

It is sufficient that care be taken to use the down bow when the phrase commences on the first beat of the bar and generally after a rest, and the up bow when the phrase commences on the unaccented note (second or fourth beat) as well as for the shakes which terminate a phrase.

#### FIRST EXERCISES.

OPEN NOTES.



Take care that the bow is quite straight on the strings and parallel with the bridge.



Exercise to learn to press the bow equally on two strings.



The object of the following is to oblige the left hand and fingers to stay in their right places.

Press the fingers on the strings thus:



Keep your fingers in that position as long as possible while drawing your bow across each string slowly and evenly.



#### Exercise for the 1<sup>st</sup> finger.



These exercises are to be practised slowly at first and then quicker and quicker until the action of the fingers becomes free and independent from each other.

#### SCALE ASCENDING AND DESCENDING.

by Conjunct Degrees.





MAJOR AND MINOR SCALES WITH SHARPS.









Breelsier Viels



These exercises should be played moderato using the whole length of the bow.



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3rd. Exercise.



























7th. Exercise.





































#### VARIOUS SKETCHES OF SCALES AND PERFECT CHORDS

In The 1st Position To Learn The Division Of Time.

COMMON TIME. Four in the Bar 2 - 3

The Pupil is required to beat the time with the foot in playing these Exercises.












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## 26 SCALES WITH ACCOMPANIMENT.



Scale m F. Major mode.





Scale in Bb. Major mode.













Scale in G. Minor mode, Relative of Bb.













7 Scale in Eb. Major mode.











Scale in C. Minor mode, Relative of Eb.















Scale in A. Major mode.













Scale in F. Minor mode, Relative of Ar.





Scale in Eb. Minor mode; Relative of Gb.



Scale in E. Minor mode; Relative of G.













Scale in D. Major mode.



Scale in A. Major mode.















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Scale in E. Major mode.





















26 AIRS IN ALL THE KEYS.

























Alleyro from Mozart.























Allegretto from Mozart.













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Andantino from Rasetti.













Menuetto from Haydn.

























Allegretto from Mozart.















Andante from Mozart.








































### in all its different Positions as compared with the Bass and the Violin.





# HARMONIC SOUNDS

# NATURAL SEMI - ARTIFICIAL AND ARTIFICIAL (OR FICTIVE.)

Harmonic Sounds are produced by placing the finger lightly on the String.

There are three kinds of harmonic notes; the Natural and Semi-artificial, which are made by slightly touching the string with one Finger at particular places, and the Artificial (fictive) which are made by means of two fingers; one to press the String, and the other to touch slightly for the Harmonic effect.

Harmonic notes are marked by  $(\circ)$  over the notes and also by  $(\diamond)$  in the Artificial notes. Natural Harmonic sounds cannot be obtained if the String is not entirely free.

Care must be taken in passing from one note to another to raise one finger at the same time that another is placed for the following note.

Letter (X) is used for the Extension of the finger.

**HARMONIC SOUNDS** at three different places of the finger-board giving the octave, fifth, and double  $8^{va}$  of the open string produced by slightly touching with the finger.



EXAMPLES.

In The Semi-Artificial Harmonic Sounds, The Large Note Is The One To Be Slightly Touched The Small One Shows The Harmonic Effect.

#### EXAMPLE.





#### ARTIFICIAL HARMONICS.

These are made by pressing down the 1<sup>st</sup> finger on the string and touching it but slightly with the 4<sup>th</sup> finger at a distance of a fourth from 1<sup>st</sup> finger, it will then produce the Harmonic effect 2 octaves above.



Every Scale, Major, Minor, or Chromatic may be executed in Harmonic Sounds by using the same means.



In different works sometimes the Sign  $(\diamond)$  is used in the reverse way, to show the effect and the small note for the little finger.

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## 25 EASY AND MELODIOUS EXERCISES

In the Major and Minor Keys most muse.

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16th. Lesson in F Major.





























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19th. Lesson in B<sup>b</sup> Major.































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**24**th Lesson in  $A^{\flat}$  Major.



































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**ABBREVIATIONS.** 







APPOGGIATURES OR ACCACCIATURES.





TURN OR GRUPETTO (S)







The Shake or Trill must be commenced slowly, and as a habit is contracted of letting the finger fall always in the same place, increase the speed.



At The 1st Position.



50 DIFFERENT BOWINGS TO THE ABOVE STUDY.































50 Different Bowings to the above Study.



































### SCALES AND EXERCISES.

To learn how to shift up and down the neck of the Instrument in different posi--tions and fingerings.




Begin by practising slowly and gradually quicker. Some times the next open string is used to shift down the positions.







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Pos:

pos:

last











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## EXERCISES FOR TWO VIOLAS.

Play this slowly at first and gradually quicker until it can be played at the proper speed.



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From the middle of the bow, cause the bow to jerk rapidly, lightly and evenly upon the string taking care to keep it straight.



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This Nº. 6 is very good for practicing the pizzicato. Excelsion Viola .

ARRANGED AS DUETTS.



































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## VARIATIONS.













































































# DICTIONARY OF MUSICAL TERMS

Term.	Signification.	Abbreviation.
	With gradually increasing	
•••••••	velocity of movement	Accel.
Adagio	. Avery slow movement	
	•• At will, or discretion	
	Not so quick as Allegro	
	Quick	
	. A slow movement	
	Not so slow as Andante	
	••Animated, life.	• • • •
<b>A poco a poco</b> .	By little and little.	
Assai		
	Original time	. A tem.
Ben	-	• •
Bis		
Brio	-	
Cantabile		
	. Head or beginning	<b>C</b> .
Coda		••
Con		
	To increase	Cres.
Da	. By, for, from	<b>D</b> .
<b>Da</b> Саро	. From the beginning	
Di	. Of.	
	••• To decrease •••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	
	• Sweet, delicate • • • • • • • • •	. Dol.
Energico		
	. Expression	
	• End of movement etc	
	• Loud	
	Very loud	$\cdot \cdot f$
	. Fire, animation.	
	• Grand style	• Grand ?
	. Very slow, solemn.	i
Guisto		I
Gusto	-	
Impetuoso		
Irresoluto	-	
	· Slow measured movement.	
-	. Slower than Larghetto.	
	• Smooth, connected.	
$Lento \dots$		I
<i>Mu</i>		
	. Majestic	
	. Martial	
	. Less	
Moderato	. Moderate	Mod <sup>to</sup>
<b>M</b> olto	. Much.	
	. Gradually dying away.	
Mosso		
Non		
Obligato	. Indispensable.	

Term.	Signification.	Albreviation,
<b>P</b> iace <b>r</b> e	. Will, pleasure.	
<b>Piano</b>	.Soft	<b>/</b> P
Pianissimo	.Very soft	<i>pp</i>
<b>Piu</b>		
<b>P</b> oco		
<b>Presto</b>		
	. The quickest degree of moven	mentPrestmo
Quasi		
	Less speed of movement	<i>r</i> all.
	. Ritardation	
	Sign. dal signo, repeat fro	
Sempre		
Spirito	-	
-	. Sustained	Sost?
Staccato		
	. Accelerating the degree of 1	novement.
v	.Quickly	
<b>T</b> acet	-	
	.Time	<b>T</b> em.
Тгорро		
Tutti		
Vivace		
Vivo	. Lively.	
Volti subito	•Turn quickly	$\dots \dots V.S.$
Terms with t	he addition of other a	vords.
Andante ma non	troppo Slow, but not too	slow.
	ile Slow, but in a sing	
	lto Slow, but with en	
	0 Slow, but graceful	
	so Slow, majestic.	•
	Slow, solemn.	
•	nuto Slow and sustaine	d.
	Quick with agitat	
	· · · · · Very quick.	
	o · · · · • Quick with brill	iancy.
Allegro con fue	000Quick with fire	•
-	to Quick with agita	
	ito Quick with spiri	
Allegro modera	to Moderately quick	۲.
Allegro piu mo	\$20 · · · · Rather quickly.	
	•••••Very quick.	
Ben marcato.	Well marked.	
Con forza	With force.	
Con brio ed anim	ato With animation a	nd brilliancy.
	With expression	
	Sweetly with ele	
	The same time.	54100.
	· · · · Less quick.	
Meno vivo	Less spirit.	
Piu lento	· · · · · Rather slow;	
	Rather accelerat	e <b>d</b> .

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