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PART FIRST.-ELEMENTARY.

ALL musical sounds which the ear can embrace, are capable of being noted, classified, and represented to the eye by the first seven letters of the alphabet, A, B, C, D, E, F, G, differently placed and arranged.

Each of these different sounds, or the character which represents it, is termed

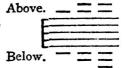
a Note.

THE STAFF.

The notes are written on or between five parallel Lines, which form the STAFF, or STAVE; the intervals between the lines are called SPACES; the position of the notes on this Staff representing their pitch, either higher or lower, always reckoning from the lowest upwards, thus:

	Space above staff.	
5th line	4th space.	•
4th line.	3d space.	<u>-</u>
3d line 2d line 1st line	2d space.	_
	1st space.	-
	Space below staff.	-

When the lines and spaces of the staff are insufficient, short lines are added above or below, and are termed Leger Lines.



When notes are written upon the staff, their stems, or tails, may be turned either up or down as is most convenient, although the general rule is, in writing single notes, to turn all stems above B (that is, the note on the middle or third line) down, and all below B, up, thus:

CLEFS.

Having now the notes, their names, and the staff to place them on, still another thing is necessary to properly determine their pitch, and that is the CLEF, a character which commences every staff, and of which there are three varieties in common use, viz:



The "Alto" clef is only used for the Viola, in America. We will now consider the position notes may occupy upon the staff wrote in the different clefs, and the learner is recommended to make himself perfectly familiar with them before proceeding further.



Many more leger lines are often added when the music runs extremely high or low.





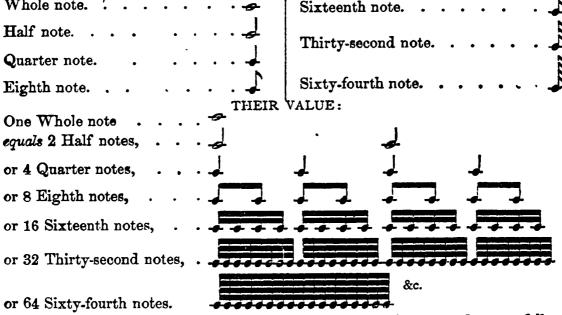
In a continous scale of musical sounds it will be observed that a note of the same name may occur several times, but always in a different position.



By time is understood the relative duration of one note to another. There are seven kinds of notes in general use, and the sound of each note is indicated by its position upon the staff, but its length of sound is indicated solely by the shape of the note and its stem.

We herewith present a table of the different notes, their names, and their

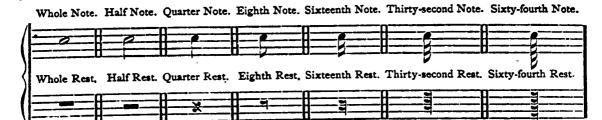
relative duration to each other. Whole note.



When two three or more eighth, sixteenth, or thirty-second notes follow

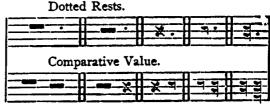
each other, their stems are commonly joined together, as in the foregoing table.

Each note has a corresponding "Rest" which is used to designate silence, equal, in length of time, to its own particular note.



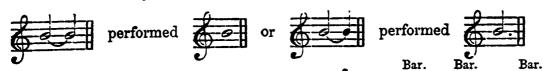
Any of the above notes or rests are liable to be augmented in duration by the addition of a character termed a Dor. This character, placed after a note, thus: points, or points, signifies that the value of the note (or rest) is to be prolonged in duration one half.





Rests are never connected by ties, like groups of notes, nor are they confined to any particular position upon the clef, but are placed where most convenient immediately after the note they affect

A SLUR connecting two notes that occupy the same position on the staff indicates that they are to be performed as one note.



BARS are perpendicular lines drawn across the staff to divide it into equal portions of duration called Measures.

Measure. Measure. Measure.

A Double Bar indicates the end of a strain or a composition. If there are dots placed on one or both sides of the Double Bar, it signifies that the part towards which these dots point is to be repeated, or played twice.

At the commencement of every composition, after the clef, is placed the TIME MARK; which denotes the uniform value of each measure throughout the peice. There are two kinds of time, Common and Triple, the first being marked by either of these characters:

C or
$$\bigcirc$$
 or \bigcirc or \bigcirc

Common or 4 time means the value of a whole note, or four quarters of a whole note in each measure; 2 time, of two quarters of a whole note in each measure. Triple time, if it be 3, indicates three quarters of a whole note in each measure; 6, six-eighths of a whole note to a measure, &c.

In all cases, the upper figure of the time mark signifies the number of notes, and the lower, the kind of notes in the measure. Example:





We often see a group of notes with the figure 3 placed over them. These are called TRIPLETS, and the three notes are to be played in the time of two notes.



A group of six notes with a figure 6 over them is played in the time of four notes of the same kind.

All times expressed by even numbers, such as $\frac{4}{4}$, $\frac{2}{4}$, $\frac{6}{8}$, &c., are accented or emphasized on the first and middle of the measure.



When notes are emphasized upon the unaccented portion of the measure the passage is said to be Syncopated.



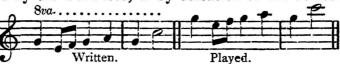
We often find at the end of a piece, the letters D. C. meaning Da Capo (from the beginning) which signifies that the piece must be played through again

before stopping, or if there be a double bar with a Pause over it , the piece is

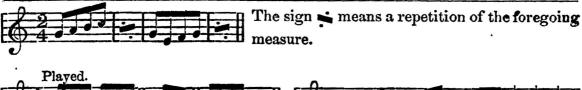
to be played until you come to that pause, which is the finish. This pause a is also often placed over a note, when it allows the performer to dwell a greater length of time on that particular note than he otherwise should.

The word Bis placed over a measure or strain signifies a repetition.

8va. written over notes, means to play them an octave or eight notes higher until contradicted by the word loco, or by cessation of the dotted lines.



In orchestral and band music, to save time in writing, the following abbreviations are much used, and are generally preferred by musicians.

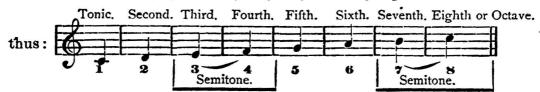






INTERVALS.

The distance between any two notes, counting upward, is called an *Interval*. In a scale of one octave (eight notes) they may be easily represented to the learners.

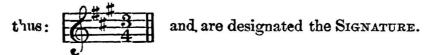


The smallest interval possible is that of a second. Intervals may be small or large, i. e. Minor or Major. In the foregoing scale, (which is called the scale of "C Major" because the starting note is C, or the "Natural Scale" because there are no sharps or flats in it,) it will be observed that there is an interval of a full tone between every note except the third and fourth, and seventh and eighth, where the interval is only half a tone (Semitone). Every major scale, no matter on what note started, is so formed. If we desire to construct a scale on any other note than C, it will be found that this succession of tones will not so occur. Hence the necessity of

SHARPS AND FLATS.

The pitch of any note may be raised a semitone by prefixing to it this character (#,) called a Sharp. It may be restored to its former pitch by this character (#,) called a NATURAL. It may likewise be lowered a semitone by the use of the Flat, (b,) and be again restored to its original pitch by the (#) natural.

A Double Sharp raises a tone already made sharp still another semitone, and it is restored to its quality of once-sharped thus: ##. These characters, occurring occasionally, are called Accidentals, but when it is desired to construct a scale upon a different note than C, they are placed at the clef.



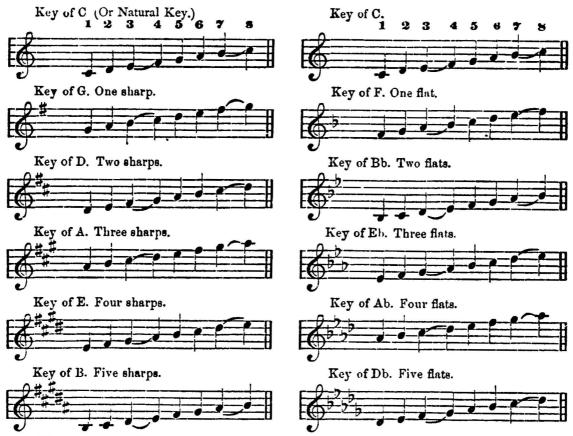
Each sharp or flat in the Signature affects that note throughout the piece.



It will be observed that this scale, starting on the letter D for its keynote, would cause the two intervals of a semitone mentioned before to come between

the second and third, and sixth and seventh degrees of the scale were there no sharps placed at the signature, but making the F or third of the scale one half a tone sharper than is natural, brings the semitone between the third and fourth degrees as is required. Sharping the C or seventh of the scale likewise corrects the second semitone required to occur between the seventh and eighth degrees of the scale.

In the following transposition of keys (or scales) it will be seen that the number of sharps or flats at the Signature in every case brings the structure of the scales as regarding the semitonic intervals correct.



These are called the *Major Scales*. There is another class called the Minor Scales, entirely different in sound, and the difference is caused simply by displacing the semitones in ascending and descending.

MINOR SCALES.

Each Major Scale has its own Minor Scale, called the Relative Minor, which is found one third below the Major.



In Minor Scales, in ascending, the interval of a semitone occurs between the second and third, and seventh and eighth degrees of the scale; in descending, between the fifth and sixth, and second and third. The Minor Scale always bears the same signature as its relative Major Scale, and the difference in its intervals is made by substituting extra sharps or flats instead of writing them at the signature.



THE CHROMATIC SCALE.

The previous two varieties of Scales are called the Diatonic Scales, and they proceed solely by tones and semitones, as has been shown, but the Chromatic Scale proceeds entirely by semitones. In ascending, sharps are used, and in descending, flats. This scale can be extended throughout the whole compass of the instrument.



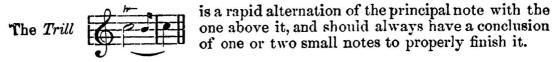
GRACES OR EMBELLISHMENTS.

These are sometimes written in small notes, and sometimes indicated by signs. The principal of these are the Acciaccatura, the Turn, and the Trill. The acciaccatura is a small note with a dash through its stem, thus: N. It takes its time from the principal note and is played very quickly.

A Turn consists of two, three, four, or five notes played quickly, and the time taken from the principal notes.



The turn is generally indicated by this sign ~, or).





A DICTIONARY OF TERMS USED IN MUSIC.

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Abbandone, Abbandonocon.—Despondingly.
A Capriccio.—Agreeable to our fancy.
Accelerando.—With gradually increasing velocity
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                Espressivo, or Con Espressione.-With ex-
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   ession.

inle.—The last movement.
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              pression.

Finale.—The last movement.

Fine.—The end.

Forte, or For, or simply f.—Loud.

Fortissimo, or f.—Very loud.

Fortissimo, or fs.—Very loud.

Forzando, Fors, or Fz.—Implies that the note is to be marked with particular emphasis or force.

Fuoco, Con.—With intense animation.

Furioso, Con furia.—With fire.

Furore Con.—With fury.

Giocosomente, or Giocoso.—Humorously.

Gravies.—A very slow and solid movement; also a low pitch in the scale of sounds.

Grazioso, or Con Grazia.—In a flowing and grace ful style.

II.—The.
    of movement.

Accent.—A slight stress placed upon a note to mark its place and relative importance on the bar.

Accidentals.—Occasional sh rps, flats, and naturals placed before notes in the course of a piece.

Accompaniment.—A part added for one or more instruments.
     instruments,
Adagio.—A very slow degree of movement.
Ad Libitum.—At will or discretion.
Affettuoso, Con Affetto.—With tenderness and
      Agitato, Con Agitazione.-With agitation, anx-
     Al, All, Alla.—To the sometimes, in the style of.

Alia Breve.—A quick species of common time formerly used in church music.

The diminutive
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   The.
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              Impeto.—With impetuosity.
In.—In: as In tempo, in time.
      Allegretto .- Not so quick as Allegro. The diminutive
  Allegretto.—Not so quick as Allegro. The diminutive of Allegro.—Quick, lively. A term implying a rapid movement, but which is frequently modified by the addition of other words: ps.

Allegro Agitato.—Quick, with anxiety and agita—Assai.—Very quick. [tion.—Con Brio.—Quick, with brilliancy.—Con Fuoco.—Quick, with hire.—Con Moto.—Quick, with hire.
—Con Spirito.—Quick, with spirit.
—Furioso.—Quick, with spirit.
—Furioso.—Quick, with fury.
—Molto, or Di Molto. Very quick.
—Vivace.—With Vivacity.

Al Segno, Al Seg, or the character Signifies that
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             In.—In: as In tempo, in time.

Intrada.

A short introductory movement.

Introduzione.

Langretto.—Indicates a time slow and measured in its movements, but less so than Largo.

Largo.—A very slow and solemn degree of movement.

Legato.—In a smooth and connected manner.

Legatero, or Con Leggierezza.—With lightness and facility of execution.

Lentando.—With increasing slowness.

Lento.—In slow time.

Ma.—But; as Allegro ma non troppo, quick, but not too much so.

Masstoso.—With majestic and dignified expression.
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              much so.

Maestoso.—With majestic and dignified expression.

Marcato.—In a marked and emphatic style.

Marcia.—A March.

Marziale.—In a martial style.

Melange.—A composition founded on several favorite
    Al Segno, Al Seg, or the character signifies that the performer must return to a similar character in the course of the movement, and play from that place to the word Fine, or the mark over a double bar.

Amoroso, or Con Amore.—Affectionately, tendered
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              Ars.

Meno. or Men.—Less, as Meno masso, less quick.

Mezzo.—In a middling degree or manner; as Mezzo
forle, rather loud.

Mezza Vocc.—With moderation as to tone; rather
soft than loud.

Moderato.—With a moderate degree of quickness.

Molto.—Very extremely; as Molto Allegro, very quick.

Morendo.—Gradually subsiding in regard to tone and
time
Amoroso, or Con Amore.—Affectionately, tenderly.

Andante.—Implies a movement somewhat slow and sedate, but in a gentle and soothing style. This term is often modified, both as to time and style, by the addition of other words: as.

Andante Affettuoso.—Slow, but pathetically.

—Con Moto.—Slow, but with emotion.

—Grazioso.—Slow, but gracefully.

—Maestro.—Slow, but not too much so.

—Pastorale.—Slow, and with pastoral simplicity.

Andantino.—Somewhat faster than Andante.

Animato, Con Anima.—With animation, in a spirited manner.

Arpeggio.—Passages formed of the notes of chords taken in rapid succession.

Assai.—Very; as Allegio ossai, very quick.

A Tempo. In time. A term used to denote that, after some short relaxation in the time, the performer must return to the original degree of movement.

Rarcarolle.—Airs sung by the Venetian gondoliers.
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             -Movement; as Piu mosso, with more movement,
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               quicker.
Moto, or Con Moto.—With agitation anxiously.
Non.—An adverb of negation, generally associated with troppo: as Non troppo Presto, not too fast.
Non tanto.—Not too much; as Allegro non tanto,
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             Non tanto.—Not too much; as Allegro non tanto, moderately quick.

Patetico.—Pathetically.

Perdendo, or Perdendosi.—A gradual diminution of tone and movement.

Pianissimo, or pp.—Extremely soft.

Pianissimo, or pp.—Extremely soft.

Piu.—An adverb of augmentation; as put Presto, quicker.

Poco.—A little, or rather; as Poco Presto, rather quick.

Portamento.—A gliding from one note to another.

Prestosimo.—The most rapid degree of movement.

Presto.—Very quick.

Rallentando.—A gradual diminution in the movement.
                                                                   of movement.
      A Tem.
   Barcarolle.—Airs sung by the Venetian gondoliers, or boatmen.

Ben.—Well; as Ben Marcalo, well marked.
or boatmen.

Ben.—Well; as Ben Marcato, well marked.

Bis.—Twice.

Bravura.—An air requiring great spirit and volubility of execution.

Brillante.—An expression indicating a showy and sparkling style of performance.

Brio.—With brilliancy and spirit.

Cadence.—A close in melody or harmony. An ornamental and extemporancous passage introduced at the close of a song or piece of music.

Cantabile.—Implies a graceful and singing style.

Cantabile.—In a sinying manner.

Capriccio.—A fancilul and irregular species of composition.
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            ment.

Rinforzando, Rinforzato, rinf, or rf.—With additional tone and emphasis.

Ritardando.—A gradual stackening of the time.

Scherzando.—In a light and sportive manner.

Scherzando.—In a light and sportive manner.

Scherzando.—Always; Scnure forte, always loud.

Scnza.—Without; as Scnza replica, without repetition.

Sforzato, sf.—Implies that a particular note is to be played with emphasis and force.

Slentando.—A gradual diminution in the time of the movement.
 Capriccio.—A fancilul and irregular species of composition.

Coda.—A few bars added at the close of a composition.

Con.—With; as con espression, with expression.

Con Dolore.—Mournully, with grief and pathos.

Con Grazia.—With grace.

Con Gusto, Gustoso.—With taste.

Con Moto.—In an agitated style; with spirit.

Con Spirito.—With quickness and spirit.

Crescendo or Cres.—With a gradually increasing quantity of tone.

Da Capo, or D. C.—From the beginning. An expression which is often written at the end of a movement, to indicate that the performer must return to and finish with the first strain.

Dai.—By: as Dal Segno, from the sign; a mark of repetition.
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        movement.
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            Smorzando.—A gradual decrease as to tone.
Soave.—In a soft and delicate style.
Sostenuto.—Sustained, continuous in regard to tone
Sotto Voce.—In an undertone.
Spirito, Con Spirito.—With Spirit.
Staccato.—This term implies that the notes are to be
played distinct, short and detached from one another.
Stringendo.—Accelerating the degree of movement.
Tema.—The subject or theme.
Tempo Commodo.—In a convenient degree of movement.
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                Smorzando.—A gradual decrease as to tone.
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            ment.

Tempo, or A Tempo.—In time.

Tempo Giusto.—In strict time.

Tempo Primo.—In the first or original time.

Temuto, Tem.—Implies that a note must be sustained the full time.

Tutti.—All.—A term used to point out the passagea where all the instruments are to be introduced.

Un.—A; as un poco, a little.

Veloce, or (on Velocita.—In a rapid time. This term is sometimes used to signify that a particular passage is to be played as quick as possible.

Velocitssimo.—With extreme rapidity.

Viyace.—With briskness and animation.

Vivacissimo.—With extreme vivacity.
    Decrescendo.-Gradual decrease in quantity of tone.
     Delicate. Delicately.
    Diminuendo, or Dim.—This term implies that the quantity of tone must be gradually diminished.

Doice, or Dol.—Implies a soft and sweet style of per-
    formance.

Dolente, Con Dolore, or Con Duolo.—Sorrow-
   Doloroso.—Indicates a soft and pathetic style.
Elegante.—With elegance.
Energico, Con Energia.—With energy.
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PART SECOND.

French Horns are of two species - those without valves, and those with valves. We shall mention first

THE FRENCH HORN WITHOUT VALVES.

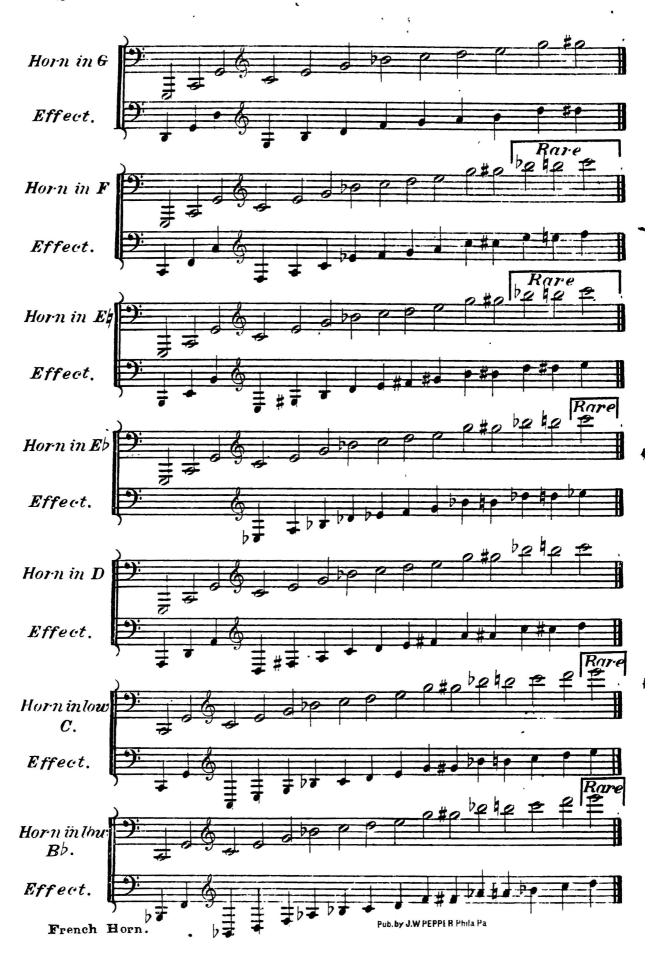
This instrument has its part generally written in C, without flats or sharps at the signature, and is set in any Key the composer desires by the means of 'crooks.'

Its part is generally written in the Treble Clef, which is considered to be an octave lower than it really is for the horns wound an octave lower than the Clef represents. No compass of the horn can be exactly stated without knowing the particular Key it is "crooked" to, and it has a crook for every note in the Scale of C.

We append a Table of Open Tones, beginning with the horn in High C (seldom used,) and descending to low Bo.

It will be seen that all the horns are transposing instruments except the first_ that is, the written notes do not represent the real sounds.





It will be observed that Numbers 10 and 11, (low C, and low B),) are the same as Numbers 1 and 2, only that the sounds produced are an octave lower, and that the low C Horn requires a crook.

In the preceding examples it has been necessary to begin in the Bass Clef, but those notes are seldom written, Composers rarely going below the G in the Treble Clef, as in the first two examples.

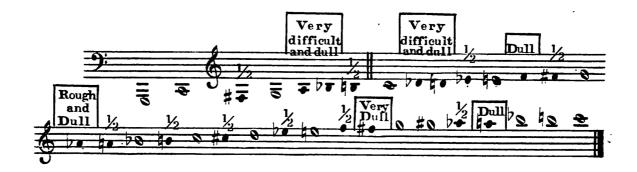
We have now shown the complete table of open notes but to finish the Scale we must call attention to the connecting links between them called closed sounds, which are produced by placing the right hand within the bell of the horn.

For certain notes the bell should be closed a quarter, a third or one half; for others it requires to be closed almost entirely.

The narrower the opening left in the bell, the duller and rougher the note; and the more difficult it is of certainty and precision in playing.

Hence it follows that Composers should be very chary of writing such notes, and should confine themselves principally to the open notes; or at least to those marked $\frac{1}{2}$ which are the best and most sonorous of the closed notes, for which the bell is only one half closed.

The following is the Compass of the Horn in open notes with the closed notes added; the white notes being open and the black closed.



We will here mention a few open notes not generally used which are very important.

They are the high G which is a trifle too flat and only appears in tune when between two Fs and cannot, therefore replace F#.

Then there is the low A which is obtained by forcing a G

Then there is the low Ab which is obtained by forcing a G and at the same time compressing the lips. Also the low F produced by leaving the lips free.

These last two Notes are very valuable, and should be understood by every player upon the horn without valves.

These notes are aptly termed by Berlioz factitious notes, and employing them and the closed notes the complete scale of the horn without valves is found to be as follows.



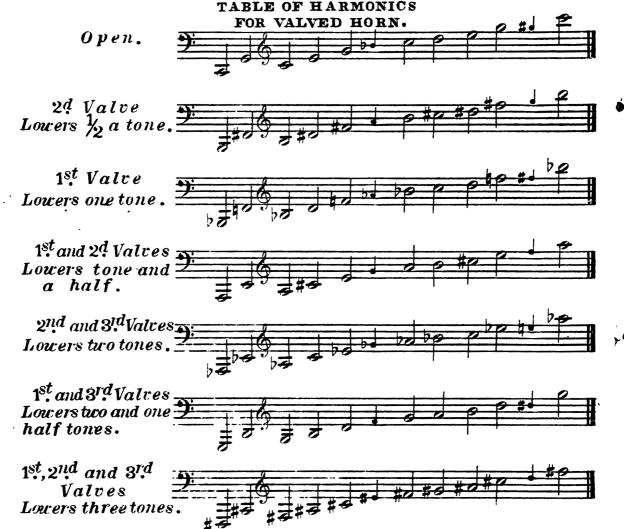
The lower the horn is crooked, the better the high sounds are produced; while on the contrary, the higher the Horns are, the easier the lower notes come out.

The favorite Horns for use in ordinary music in this country are the F,

E, D, and G Horns. In addition to the crooks already mentioned,

"lengthening pieces" are added which attached to the Keys of B; and C (low) give A; and B; (low,) and by the same means the Key of D is transposed to D; or C; and the Key of G into G; or F; The Key of high C is transformed into B; or C; by drawing the slide of the horn in high C.

Rapid passages are not very practicable on the horn, especially if the Key is low, for then the tube is longer and more difficult to put into vibration.



It will be seen, by an analysis of the above, that many notes are capable of different fingerings; but we shall now give the usual manner of fingering for the Valved Horn.

THE COMPLETE CHROMATIC SCALE

FOR THE VALVED HORN.



Descending by Flats.



The foregoing table of transposition of tones is represented to the eye as starting from the Key of C (called the typical key,") and such would really be the case were the performer to use the Horn in high C, which gives out the same sounds as are represented by the notes.

But should he use a horn crooked to any other key, the sounds will be as much lower than C as the horn is set.

For instance, should he use an F horn, the complete table of tones, either open, or with any valve, will be a fifth lower than represented in the typical key of C.

That is to say, the note C when played will really sound F; the note G will really sound C, etc., throughout the entire scale.

The following "Preparatory Exercises" are arranged for either species of Horn, and the figures under the notes are the fingering for the Valved Horn, whilst those above the notes are intended for the Horn Without Valves, and indicate how much of the bell should be closed by the right hand.

The best and clearest notes are those in which the bell is only closed one half.



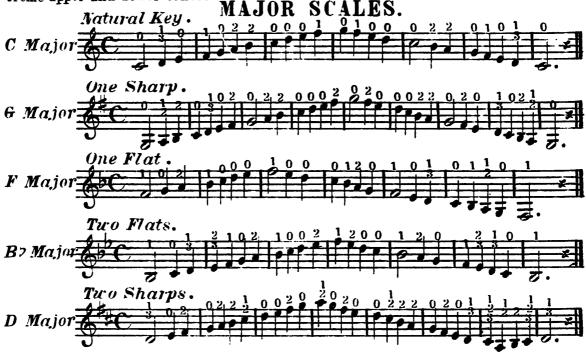


MAJOR AND MINOR SCALES

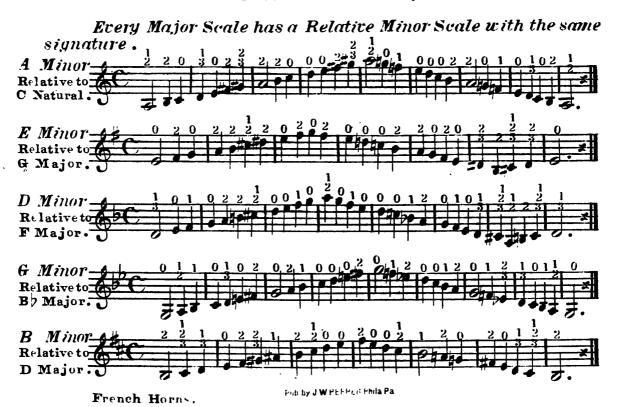
FOR THE VALVED HORN.

French horn parts were formerly always written in the Key of C, with the key of the horn indicated at the commencement of the composition; but since the valved horn has come into general use by reason of its greater facility of execution, it has become quite customary to mark the real signature of the piece in flats or sharps as is done with other instruments.

That being the case, we append the Major and Minor Scales in which the valved horr is generally written, omitting the extreme upper and lower tones.



MINOR SCALES.



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