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THE NEW FINGERINGS NEW TABLES OF SHAKES SCALE S EXERCISES \&c.\&c.


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## Preface to the Second Edition.

Since the publication of the first edition of this work, my attention has been directed towards the further improvement of the mechanism of the Oboe, and I have succeeded I believe, in forming a new combi nation of the keys, which work easier than before and give greater facility to the performer, without materially interfering with the old system of fingering.

The principal objects I have attained have been to procure the same fingering for each ootave, from $\mathbf{C}$ below to the upper $\mathbf{C}$,(that is to say, a passage written in that compass may be played with precisely the same fingering in one or the other octave.) To have more perfect shakes on eacin note, some of which were before impossible; to do away with the half hole and the factitious fingerings of the old system, which not only added greatly to the difficulty of many passages, bot deadened the tone of several notes very perceptibly, corresponding in some measure to the stopped notes of the Horn. Besides all these improvements acquired by the instrument it also posesses a greater facility of slarring, especially from the high to the low notes, and vice-versa, this was formerly impracticable, but now by a slight modification in the fingering and a new combination of the octave keys it is as easy to slorr as from $E$ to $G$.

It would be difficult in so short a space to enumerate all the advantages of this new instrument which I believe possesses all the good qualities of the systems preceeding it, without their disadvantages, and which requires a much less time to become master of it. owing to the parity of fingering in both octaves, and yet these good results have been obtained by so very alight an alteration in the fingering: only two notes being absolutely changed in its whole extent. This will at once be seen by examining the scale I have added and the passages I have written with marked fingerings according to the new method, all of which are very difficult, and some impossible on other Oboes, but on this will be found comparatively very easy, even in the most rapid movement.

I have also made further experiments as regards the best wood to be adopted for the instrument and I find that violet wood answers better than any other. It unites, in my opinion, the best qualities of Boxwood and Rosewood, that is to say softness and brilliancy of tone, and by a slight modification in the bore, the instrument has acquired greater force and body without changing its quality. This is also the opinion which has been given by many eminent artists, who have not only spoken to me on the aubject, but have written in the most flattering terms, amongsi others I may cite the names of Costa, Fetis pere, Berlioz \&ec. \&ec. It is scarcely necessary to say that the instrument $I$ use is one of that description, and I may add at the same time, that already many professors and amateurs have adopted it and have expressed their great satisfaction at the change, and its good results.

It would be unjust not to mention the part taken by Mons Triebert in the construction of this Oboe; both in regard to the ingenuity, as well as solidity of mechanism, elegance and finish, it leaves nothing to be desired, and places Mons Triebert at the head of this branch of wind instrument manufacturers.

I have carefnily revised this Edition of the method and the few errors which were before uncorrect ed bave now entirely disappeared.

## ARTIGLE I．

OF MUSIC．
Music is the art of combining sounds in a manner agroeable 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 umon serve to form Chords．

## ARTICLEII． <br> OF NOTES AND LINES．

Music is written with seven figures called Notes，which are ammed after letters of the al phabet．

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

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

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { Du, Re, Mi, Fa, Sol, La, Si. } \\
& \text { C, D, E, F, G, A, B. }
\end{aligned}
$$

These notes are placed upon five horisontal and parallel lines called the Staff or Stave， Example：


The lines are counted apwards，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 low． est being called the first space．

But when the instrument requires a greater compass than the stave，－small lines called Ledger Ines are added，under the stave for the lower notes，and over for the upper notes．
＝＝I Ledger lines
Example：
Ledger lines 三ミニー

## ARTICLE III.

## OF CLEFS, THEIR POSITION AND USE.

There are three different sorts of Clefs, namely: the $G$ Clef $\oint$, the $C$ clef $E$, sometimes


These Clefs are familiarly known as:


These Clefs are placed at the beginning of the stave upon different lines according to the in_ atruments 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 $\star$

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


Four different sorts of C or Tenor Clefs:


Two sorts of $F$ or Bass Clefs:


## ARTIGLEIV.

OF THE DIATONIG SGALE.
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 $1^{\text {st }}$ suund is employed to form the Octave or $8^{\text {th }}$ degree of the Scale.

Example with the name of each degree.

| $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered} 1 ?^{\prime} \text { Degree } \\ \text { Tonic } \\ \text { or } \\ \text { Key Note } \end{gathered}\right.$ | 2.d ${ }^{\text {d }}$ Degree Super Tonio | 3! Degree <br> Mediant. | 4th Degree. Sub-Domizant | 5! Degree | 6th Degree. super-duminant also sub-Mediant. | 7! ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Degree. Leading Note or sensible also sub Tonic. | 8th Degree. Octave. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| F |  |  |  | $\theta$ | 0 | - | $\square$ |
| $\begin{array}{ll} \mathrm{J} & \Theta \\ & \end{array}$ | D | E | F | G | A | B | C |

It is seen by the above example that edch 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 ur half tone.)*

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

The $S$ cale comprises five tones and two semitones, after the addition of the $1^{\text {st }}$ sound producing the octave or $8^{\text {th }}$ note, as in the above example.

[^0]It will be seen in Article VI between which degrees of the Scale these tones and semitones are to be found.

When the nutes 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 Conjuuct Intervals.

When two notes are farther apart from one anoter, the distance between them is called a Dis_ junct Interval.

For instance C-D, D-E or E-F are Conjoint 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, G-F, C-G, etc. are Disjunct Intervals because the distance between them exceeds the in_ terval of a second.

## ARTIGLE $V$.

## 8: 1. OF INTERVALS OR DISTANGES (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 . Unison (see Ex:) Two notes placed, one on the $1^{\text {st }}$ degree of the scale, and the other on the nearest degree (Line or Space) are called a Second or Interval of a Second.

On the 1st and the $3{ }^{\text {ra }}$ a Third.

| " | $4^{\text {ch }}$ | a | Fourth. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\nu$ | $5{ }^{\text {ch }}$ | a | Fifth. |
| " | $6{ }^{\text {ch }}$ | a | Sixth. |
| * | 7! ${ }^{\text {ch }}$ | a | Seventh. |
| " | $8{ }^{\text {ch }}$ |  | Octave. |
| 1 | $9{ }^{\text {ch }}$ |  | Ninth |

and so on to the $10^{\text {th }}, 11^{\text {th }}, 12^{\text {th }}$, etc etc.
and the same in descending
EXAMPLE
INTERVALS IN THE NATURAL ORDER.
Ascending.


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

The inversion of an interval consits 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.

## BXAMPLE.



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.

## ARTIGLE 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 which raise or lower by semitones the nutes before which they are placed.
A note sharpened or flatteued is called Augmented or Diminished. (The French simply call them altered notes.)

BPFECT OP ALTERATIONS PKODUCED BY SHARPS AND FLATS.


## EXAMPLF.



A scale which proceeds hy intervals of semitones by means of Sharps or Flats, is called Chruma_ tic Scale; (The Art: 8 will show the umeric order of the seven sharps and flats.)

## EXAMPLE.



## ARTIGLE VII.

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

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

The three prinsipal sounds which constitute the Mode are the Tonic or $15^{\mathbf{t}}$ Degree, the Mediant or 3. ${ }^{\text {rd }}$ Degree and the Dominant or 5.t. Degree. (See Art III Ex: of the Diatonic Scale.) By adding the Octave to these three sounds the Perfect or Common Chord is obtained.

The:e are livo kinds of Mode, The Major Mode and the Minor Mode. It is alwave the $\mathbf{1}^{\text {st }}$ third of the Scale which characterises the Node.

The Mode is Major when there are two full tones in any scal from the $1:{ }^{\prime}$ to the $3^{\text {rd }}$ Degree.


The Mode is Minor when there is only a tone and a semitone from the $1 \mathbf{S}^{\text {t }}$ to the $3{ }^{\text {rd }}$ Degree.


REMARK. It is seen that there are two sorts of Intervals of second or Conjunct Degrees io the scale une is composed of 2 semitoues or full tone (major secoad) and the other of unly onenemitone (minor second.).
 producing the same sound in each case (These notes are callod Enharmonic)

EXAMPLE.


The word signature signifies a certain number of Sharps and Flais placed immedintely after the Glef

When ueither Sharp nor Flat, consequently no siguature 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 G Natural Major, with the distances between each degree:


The above Scule is the Diatouic Major Scaln proceeding by toues and semitones. It will be seen that the semitones occar between the 3rd and 4th and the 7!t and 8! Degrees of the Scale.

All the other intervals are whole toner making altogether (as mentioned in Art:IV) five tones and two semitones in the Diatonic Major Scale. It is most important to remember that the semitoues occur between the 3rd and 4t and the 7! and 8th $^{\text {th }}$ Degrees in all Major Diatonic Scales on what. ever notes they may be founded.

In the Minor Diatonic Seale the semitones follow another order.
The Key of A Nataral Minor is the Model of all Ninor Keys.
Example of the Scale in the Key of A Natural Minor, with the distances between each degre:


The Minor key is relative to the Majorkey.
A. Minor key hay the same sigature an its relative Major key, and its scale commences on the 6 ${ }^{\text {th }}$. Degroe of the Major scale thas bringing the $1^{\text {st }}$ third of the Minor scale (a tone and a semitone.).

It will be seen in the preceeding Ex: of Minor Scale that the $1{ }^{1 t}$ semitone oceurs between the 2.d and 3rd Dogrees and the 2 ${ }^{\text {nd }}$ semitone, as in the Major comes between the 7! and 8! ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Degrees.

It will be found that in every Minor scale the $\mathbf{1 0 t}^{2}$ semitone comes in the first $\mathbf{3}^{\text {rd }}$, whilst in the Man jor scale it comes in the first $4^{\text {th }}$.

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


## IMPORTANT REMARK CONGERNING THE MINOR SGALE.

By taking its starting point on the $6^{\text {th }}$ Degree of the Major seale, which shows perfectly the 1: Minor third (one tone and a semitone) and by sharpeuing the 5'. Degree of the said Major stale, which, thus sharpened, becomes its 7! Degree or leading note, it is clearly shown that the Minor scale has been formed from the Major seale. 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 (whith is correct.)

To ubviate the difference which occurs between the $6!^{\text {b }}$ and $7!^{\text {th }}$ Degrees, it has been agreed to sharpen also the $4^{\text {th }}$. Degree Major, which is the 6 ${ }^{\text {th }}$. Degree of the Minor scale, thus equalizing the Major and Minor Scales with the only difference mentioned in Art: VII about the $\mathbf{1}^{\text {tt }}$ semitone.

Observe that the 7! Degree is sharpened in every Minor Scale and that it is the 5. ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Degree of the Major Seale which is thux 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 6! ${ }^{\text {th }}$ and 5 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ degrees (See Example) by the reason that the untes sharpened in ascending are natural in descending. (Very imperfect $S$ cale but we must accept what has been intimated by our Masters.)

## ARTICLE VIII.

8: 10. OF THE SIGNATCHE AND NCMERICAL ORDER OF THE 7 SHARPS \& 7 fLATS.


## 6: 2: EXPLANATION OF THE DIFEERENT MODES (Major and Minor Beye.)

The first sharp is placed on $F$ the $4^{\text {th }}$ degree of the key of $G$, and the six othery from fifth to fifth in ascending order. The last placed on the elef always becomes the 7! ${ }^{\text {h }}$ Degree of the key which follows in the Major Mode, and the $2^{n d}$ Degree of the tone whish 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 tomic 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 $k e y$ of $G$, and the six others from fifth to fifth in descending order. The last placed on the clef always becomes the 4. Degree of the Major key and the $6^{\text {th }}$ 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.


Observe that the second Flat is not placed without the first, and so on with the others.
hemaki. Either shapps or flats, found at the clef as siguature, influence the notes placed on the same degreés or at the upper obtave, 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 iuterval composed of nine partial intervals called "commas" or of two semitones one of which is Chromatic and the other Diatonic. The chromatic semiture 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.


SPRCIAL ARTICLE NO 2.

## TABLE OF THE INVERSION OF ALL THE INTERVALS.



It results from the preceeding table that every Major interval becomes. Minor, and every Minor in_ terval Major, when inverted. Every Augmented interval becomer Dimiushed and every Diminished interval Augmented. The Porfect 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 kuow and to measure the time to be given to each of the said notes.
There are also seven rests or silent notes which corsespond exactly with the value of the uotes.
EXAMPLE OP THE SEVEN HESTE.


Bar rest: Half bar Crotchet: Quaver :Semi Quaver: Demi-semi Quaver:Semi-demi-remi rest. $\vdots$ rest. $\quad$ rest. $\vdots$ rest. $\vdots$ rest. Quaver rest.


## TABLE

## VALUE OF NOTES.



It is easy to see from the above table that the semi breve is equivalent to two minims or four crotchets etc, the minim to two crotchets etc: the crotchet to two quavers etc: and the quavers to two semiquavers etc. When several quavers, semi-quavers, etc: come logether they must be joined as below.

EXAMPLE OF CONTRACTIONS OR ABREVIATIONS IN MUSICAL NOTATIONS.


## ARTIGLEX.

## OF THE DOT PLAGED AFTER A NOTE.

The dot serves to icrease the preceeding note by half its value; consequently, a semi breve which equals two minims is equivalent to three when it is dotled; and so on for minims, crolchets, quavers 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 :Hsual; is this case a curved line is drawn over it 5, 7,9 us in the above example


## ARTICLE XI.

A Musical Composition is divided into equal portions, called Measures or Bars, by short lines drawn aceross the stave and which are also called bars. Measures in their turn are divided into equal parts called bents.
There are three kinds of monsures: that of four beats or Common time indicated by C, that of two beats indicated by or 2 , and that of three beats indicated bya or $\frac{3}{4}$.

EXAMPLE OF SIMPIE TIMEN.


From these measures are derived many others which are callod Compound Times.
EXAMPLE OP COMPOUND TIMES.
In tivelve eight time, derived from that of four Beats.


Derived from that of two Buats.


Derived from that of three Beats.


In three eight time.In nine eight time.
In three two times.
There is also a measure composed of five times.

So written

(Observation concerning the $\frac{6}{8}$ time.) When a slow: Mov! has to be played in $\frac{6}{8}$ time it is beatell differently.
how to beat it in a slow Mov!


## ARTIGLE XII.

## OF SYNGOPATED NOTES.

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

## EXAMPLE



## ARTIGLEXIII.

OF REPEATS.
To avoid writing the same thing twice, signs called Repeata are employed, the dots showing how of ten the different parts or strains are to be played.

## EXAMPLB.



Dn Capo or D. C. means that the piece must be recommenced. This sign means the same, and also refers back to a previous $\frac{f}{6}$.

## ARTIGLE XIV.

A Pause is marted thus $\cap$ or $\mathcal{\cup}$. When this siga is found over a note its value or duration should be incrensed and it may be sustaiued nt plensure, 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 adruitly resumed in order to terminate the phrase or return to the melody. But when the pause is found placed over a rest the uote must not be sustrin. ed, on the contrary it is the duration of the rest which is prolonged.

## EXAMPLE8.



## ARTIGLE XV.

## OF SLURRED AND DETACHED NOTES.

In order to render music more agreeable and less monotonous differeat signs are employed. This called Slur or Tie shows that the notes which it embraces are to be played suouth_ Iy 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 ilit 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 $\ldots$ called the Mezzo staccato shows that the notes minst be separated but in one stroke of the bow.


## ARTICLE XVI.

OF SIGNS OF EXPRESSION.
Iu order to give expression to music different signs are employed. This shows that that the sound must be gradually increased, this $\Longrightarrow$ that it must be gradually diminished and this that the sound must be increased as far as the middie 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 marked $\boldsymbol{p p}$ To show when to play loud the word Forte is used, and Fortissimo when to play very loud. These two words areaddreviated $f$ and ff To show the gradual increase of sound from soft to loud in a long passage the word cres_ cendo abbreviated cres is used, and similarly the diminution of sound from lond to soft is shown by the words Zmorandn or Diminuendo abreviated Zmorz. and Dim. The abloreviations rf, sf;
 cate a marked accent on a single note and even on $n$ Chord.

[^1]
## ARTIGLE XVII.

OF GRACE NOTES.

## (PORTARENTO OR APPOGGIATURA OR TURN.)

A Grace Note is a note smaller than the others, and placed more frequently before than after them. In the $1^{\text {st }}$ instance its value is that of half the note which follews and in the 2 ad it borrove its value from the note which proeeeds. When suveral occur together either before or after, they are enlled a Grupetto or Turn ( $\infty$ ) and should be execuled more briefly.

Sigu used for a Turu with the lowest note made sharp ( $\ddagger$ )
Sigu used for a Turn with the highest note made flat (~)

## EXAMPLES



## ARTIGLE XVIII.

## OF THE SHAKE OR TRILL.

The Shake or Trill is an effeet produced by the rapid and equal alternation of two notes, the distance between them never being more than a tone for the Major Modo and a semitoue for the Minor Mode. It is marked by a little cross + or by to which is all abbreviation of the word Trill. There are several ways of employing Shakes, some being simple and introduced without preparation or termi_ nation, whilst others are both prepared and terminated.

EXAMPLES.



The Oboe, as a solo instrument, possesses the finest qualities, combining delicacy and force with sweetness and flexibility of tone, thas rendering it more capable than any other of embodying feeling with every shade and variety of expression.

In the orchestra it is indispensable, and the pecaliarity of its tone, which is distinetly beard above all others, participates both of the stringed and wind instruments.

In the manufacture of this instrument, various experiments have been made to discover the wood best adapted to produce a good tone; experience has clealy proved that Boxwood and Rosewood claim the preference. I recommend Rosewood, having found that wood far superior in pro dacing a full body of tone, which can be modified in the softest and most delicate manner:the lower notes especially are of a finer quality than in instruments manufactured of other woods.

Many endeavours also have been made to improve the tone and fingering of the Oboe, Boehm's system prevailed for some time, bat the great inconvenience of that system. which diminishes the compass and changes entirely the quality of the tone, has induced me to make new researches. The Oboe, in its present improved state, is a very perfect instrument, and the modifications applied to its mochanism have preserved the fine quality of its tone in its natural state.*

The compass of this instrument ranges from $B b$ to $G$ alt: it has fourteen keys. two of which, having additional branches, increase the number to sixteen; from the greater length of the bell (a late improrement) the instrument derives a certainty of tone throaghoat, which enables the performer to produce the upper notes, such as $\mathbf{E}$ and $\mathbf{F}$ above the lines, with greater certainty. $\dagger$

I would advise those persons who require an instrument to look more in point of economy to atility than to external beanty taking care it has the fall complement of keys, otherwise bad habits of fingering are engendered, and which are difficult to eradicate.

In the selection or exchange of instruments, pupils should have the advice of a master, or some other competent person, as they are unable of themselves to appreciate a good instrument, or to detect an indifferent one.

[^2]Triebert Parls.
Barret
Lomdon.

[^3]
## THE COR ANGLAIS.

The Cor Anglais, or as it may be called, the tenor Oboe. since it bears the same relation to the Oboe as the Viola does to the Violiu. is capable of producing great effect. both in the Orchestra and as a solo instrument. No instrument so nearly approaches the tone of the buman voice, and in Italy it is called not only the "Corno Inglese but "Umana Voce."

The quality of its tone is peruliarly adapted to express melancholy in Mosic, and in Cautabile aud slow movements it is anrivalled this pecaliar quality, however unfits it for great rapidity of execution.

The fingering is precisely the same as on the Oboe, the tone prodaced being one fifth lower.

The Baryton or bass Oboe, is an octave lower iu pitch than the Oboe, and is also fingered in the same manner; it possesses a finer quality of tone, and is heard to advantage botin in the Orchestra and as an Obligato instrument.

Of these two iustruments, the Cor Auglais is better adapted to the practice of ama. teurs. as it is not so difficult to produce a good tuve on it, as on the Oboc. As the same music suits bath instrumeuts, those who play the Oinoe can easily become proficient on these before mentioned varieties of it, by inerely accustoming themselves to the differ ence of the proportions. Tue process of making reeds for the Cor Anglais and Baryton is exactly the same as for the Oboe, bat requires the machine, tools, and cane to be of larger proportions.

In addition to these varieties of the Oboe, two others; an Oboe in $\mathrm{B} b$, one note lower in pitch than the ordinary instrument, and one a minor third higher, in $\mathbf{E} b$, are in common ase on the Con. ineut.in military bauds, and are found to be very effective, playing with the Eband BbClarinets.*

## ON THE POSITION OF THE INSTRUMENT.

The quality of the tone depends greatly on the manner of holding the instrumeut; for instance, if the Oboe be held similarly to the Clarinet, it very rarely happens that a good tone is produced. The best and most natural position is to place the instrument in a straight line from the mouth at a proper declination, about six inches from the body, measuring from

[^4]the thumb of the right hand. The head must be nearly erect.the arms not too far nor too close to the body, bat placed naturally: the hands must rest lightly on the instrament, in a slanting position: tarning them the contrary way not only has a bad ap. pearance, but is the means of paralysing the fingers; this must be more particularly altended to in the position of the left hand. This observation is addressed to those who play the Flate, and who are most liable to fall into this great error.

The left hand holds the top joint, and the right hand the middle joint of the in strument (See the illustration.)

The second joint of the first finger of the left hand must not touch, nor rest, on the Oboe: it would have a similar bad effert to that which has been previously pointed out and impede the freedom of the hand.

The fingers mast be placed on the instrument without stiffness, slightly carved. and raised sufficiently high, when off the holes, to allow the free passage of air; but not too much so, as that would detract from their agility.

The holes mast be covered by the ander or fleshy part of the first joint, not by the tip of the finger.

## ON THE POSITION OF THE REED ON THE LIPS.

It requires great care and practice to arrive at the best manner of placing the reed on the lips. as on this mainly depends good quality of tone: it is essential to ad here strictly to the following rules.

The lips must cover or close over the teeth, so as to form a sort of cushion on which the reed mast rest: the blade of the reed mast be placed centrally, not too far in, nor $t 00$ far out of, the moath: fixed so that it does not move from its place either in prodacing the higher or the loner notes, which mast entirely depend on the manayement of the pressare of the lips, and the greater or less quantity of air forced into the reed.

The best advice I can give to the Student is to practice carefally, for some honrs every day, slow pieces and sustained scales: this will form the lips in the best man ner and contribate greatly to improving the quality of tone.

## THE TONE

However exquisite and beautiful the tone may be, it is comparatively useless if not accompanied by taste and sentiment; but it does not follow that the pupil must rely on sentiment or expression alone, and not endeavour to improve the tone; quite the contrary: his utmost attention must be devoted to that most essential point, for it fre quently happens that pupils, in the earlier stages of study, have a bad tone, which may be improved by care and practice. The mode of scale study I have previonsly recom. mended will be found very useful in improving the tone.

## ON THE MANNER OF "ATTACKING" THE TONE.

The tongue is to Wind Instruments what the bow is to Stringed Instruments, it pro. daces brilliaut execation, and is the means of an infinite variety of articulations.

It is no easy task to make the tongue and fingers sympathise, or act together, particularly in the commencement: it is ouly after long practise that the papil will succeed. The beginning of every phrase mast be "attacked" with the tongue. The tongueing must be performed in the following manner.

The reed must be placed in the moath according to the rules laid down at page (3) the tip of the toagne must touch the end of the reed, so as to close the apertare between the two pieces of cane forming the reed; the mouth is then filled with air, by the papil drawing a long breath, retaining it, and compressing his cheeks safficiently to cause the reed to vibrate. The tongue mast leave the reed quickly to allow the breath to pass with some force into it:this constitates tongueing.

The great difficulty is to sustain the note, without deviating from the quality or jusiness of the tone. In order to do this, the lips must be carefully kept in the pos. ition indicated at page ( 3 ) and the stream of air forced into the reed must be perfectly equal in order to finish the note, whether it be forte or piano: this requires great practice and management of tue breath: care must be taken that the cheeks are not paffed out in playing.

## ON RESPIRATION.

The manner of breathing into the Oboe requires much mauagement and skill. Pu pils generally use more breath than is required from the smalluess of the apertare in the reed. In beginning a phrase, the lungs must be sufficiently inflated fur its performance. As musical phrases seldom, are composed of more than two, three, or four bars, a papil of the most delicate constitation may easily accomplish this without fa_ tigue or exhaustion, even in a slow movement. If in playing a phrase, the papil should find be has retained ton much air, he must let a portion escape, taking care to have sufficient remaining to finish the passage. In taking breath, in the middle of a passage, it mast be done quickly, by what is termed half respiration.

Breathing through the nose must be avoided. The effect of piano and forte is produced by the quantity of air and the degree of power used in forcing it into the instrument.

## ON ARTICULATION.

Articulation is to Music, what Accent is to Speech;it renders the playing clear and intelligible, and it is by articulation that music is made to express subject and passion, without which it can never be understood.

There are two modes of articulation: the slarred and the staccato. The first is in dicated by a curved line above or under a group of notes: it signifies that all the notes so marked must be played smoothly, excepting the first, which is to be at. tacked by the tongue.

Ex: 1.


The second, or the staccato, is indicated by dots, round or pointed; placed ander or over each note, signifying that those notes must be accentuated, short and distinct with the tongue.


The difference between the two dots is, that the pointed one mast be played very short. the same as it is marked in the second line of (Ex:2), while the rounded one must be more soft but equally distinct.

There is another mode of articulating, which anites both marks:


This must be played each note distinct, bat with a soft tongue, and the note held out to its full value.

Pupils should carefully practise these four different ways of articulating, as they con. tribute greatly to giving variety to the playing and form the groundwork of a good execution.

There are some ways of articulating passages more advantageous than others, par. ticularly in solo performing: the selection must depend on which is the most effective and best adapted to the instrument. I will give a few examples:


In rapid passages of triplets requiring to be execated with vigour, No 1 . of this example is to be preferred, as suiting better the Oboe.

In passages of four notes, as in the following example, No 1 . is the most effective on the Oboe, whilst $\mathrm{N}^{0}$. 3 . is preferable for rapidity of execution.


In passages of six notes as Ex: 7. NO 1 . is to be preferred, excepl in a very rapid moveweut when it is better to take N 03.

Ex: 7.


Any of the above modes of articulation may be used: the choice mast depend on the nature of the passage to which they are applied, and the time of the movement.

## ON EXPRESSION

Expression, onlike those musical attributes which may be acquired by stady, is ouly exhibited where nature has bestowed a favourable organisation Upon those who have not this gift, no practice, no stady, will ever coufer it. Nevertheless the habit of play_ ing good music, and listening to the best artists, will give a notion of what is meant by it; and by taking the latter as models, one can in some measare sapply the place of real expression, at all events so far as to be able to phrase correctly and without affectation.

The "nuances" or shades of expression, give variety to music. In going from a pianis. simo, to a fortissimo, and vice versa, an intermediate "nuance"is uecessary to avoid an abrupt transition; for instance, a phrase marked as N0 1 , must be executed as N0 $\xlongequal{2}$.


Uuless differently marked, it is a general rale that in ascending passages we should increase the tone, and decrease it in descending passages,


It is a great error to make a "nuance" on every note. Many persons practise this exaggeration, thinking it to be expression: they deceive themselves, it is but affectation. and ouly shows their want of real feeling the more strongly.
"Nuances" should be used spariugly, that is to say, it is preferable to use but oneinaphrase. than to destroy the good effect by frittering it away in several smaller "naances.


In syncopated passages care must be taken to avoid marking the second half of the note Ex: Nọ 1 is as it is usually marked. No $\mathbf{2}$ must be carefully avoided.


In passages like the following it is equally necessary to avoid marking every beat in the bar, unless the composition is specially marked: NO 1 is as it should be marked; N0 2 is bad-


In fact the art of "naancing." which can be acquired only by a long practice of the dif. ferent modifications of the toue is agreat resource, and I advise papils to pay the utmost at. tention to this most essential part of Music.

With regard to orchestral performances I must make a few remarks. When a solo has to be performed, and the accompaniment is sufficiently subdued to allow the solo instrument scope, the solist must use largely every means in his power to produce effect, and to pre. dominate over the Orchestra, the solo player being, for the time of his performance, in ex actly the same position as an accompanied singer. If on the contrary the 0 boe be ased as an accompaniment. it should be then played as piano as possible, and not be heard above the solo instrument. In soli, or passages for several instaments, the performer mast endeavour to equalise and blend his tone, so as not to be heard above or below the other instro meuts never making himself more than one assisting part of an harmonious whole.

ON SMALL NOTES, TRILLS, AND GROUPETTES.
No fixed rules have been written on"small notes."
Their execution is entirely left to the taste and caprice of the player. This is so troe, that a passage written thus.

Ex: 1.

can be executed as follows by one artist.

EX: 2.


Ex: 3.

and be equally good one way or the other: only Ex: 2 is more in the modern taste than Ex: 3 , and of course preferable.

In our days, small notes are only employed as means of abbreviation, and in passages in which the player is in the impossibility of changing the intention of tie composer, for, if there is any doabt, all the notes of the passage are written.

A point in which every body agrees in the manner of executing small notes, is when there are several before a principal note; they must then be slurred quickly on that note. in order to arrive in time on the principal note.


It is the same when the distance of the small note.from the principal note, is more than a tone, which can be a third, a fourth, a fifth, \&ec \&cc.


The trill, or mordente, is a shake, placed on a note of short value, and which is strack as quickly as possible, iu order to give it more brilliancy. It is indicated as it is marked iu N 01 of the following example, but it mast be execated as in No 2 of the same Ex: Es_ pecially if it is a moderate movement.


If on the contrary the movement is rapid, it is execated as follows:


The groupelte, which is indicated in this manner ( $\sim$ ) is also one of those abbreviations which are employed in passages as those of NO 1 of the following example, but which mast be eyecuted as if written in NO 2 of the same Ex:


There is a great deal more to be said on this sabject, bat, in my opinion. the view that I have given of it is quite sufficient to show the papil what is the most essential to be known,the rest will be learned with time and practice.

## ON REED MAKING

It is of paramount importance that performers should be able to make their own reeds.
As they mast be formed to suit the lips and teeth, none can judge so well as the player the description of reed he requires for a reed adapted for one performer will be totally on_ fit for another.

There are three things necessary to constitute a good reed, justness, certainty, and qual ity of tone. bat it is almost impossible to have all these requisites combined.

Difficult as reed making may be, it is simpic compared with what it was previons to the introduction of the new machine and tools (a recent invention), by which the thickness and size of the reed can be regulated as precisely as possible.

It will sometimes happen, notwithstanding the greatest care and attention, that the reed tarns out badly: this may not arise from any fadt in the making, but be attributable to the quality of the cane.

## ON THE CHOICE OF THE CANE.

In choosing the cane, the appearance is the only guide, though this is not always to be relied on. Experiments have been tried (bat without success) to discover why one sort of cane is preferable to another. Experience has proved that that which is most likely to be the best is of a brilliant yellow color, the bark bright and shining, the interior mellow, gou ging out smoothly. The cane which is too pale, is bad, and should be rejected, as well as that which is too hard, or too soft: the first produces an unpleasant, shrill tone, and is deficient in flexibility; the other, a woolly tone, devoid of vibration.

## DIRECTIONS.

To make a reed, take a round piece of cane as at fig: $(1)$ in the illustration, and of the description recommended above: divide it leugthways into three equal parts with the knife (3); one of the parts mast be pared down, until it agrees with the illustration ( $\mathbf{z}$ ), then push it along the slide under the chopper, from $A$ tc $B$ of the machine; press $C$, which will cat the cane,giving the exart length of the groove $D$; the sides at each end must be reduced, until they resemble the drawing (4); previous to this, observe whether the cane bp straight, for if not, it must be rejected as aseless:it would only slip when placed in the groior and break. Lift up ? small spring $E$ at each end of the grouve and place the cane iu it. let the spriags fall, in order that the cane may be held firmly. The gouge $F$ must be brought down apon the cane in thegroove (to take out the inside of the cane), and the handle G introduced into the hole at the back of the plane: move it backwards and forwards the whole length of the steel bar, pressing on it until it no longer cuts the cane.

Nore If the gouge takes out too much, or too little cane, it may be remedied by altering the nacbine thus: turn the screw $H$ which is placed in the side of the groove, slighty, so as to allow the uedge I to be pushed from one side to the other. If too thin, push the large end of the wedge from loft to right. if too thick, the contrary way, but it must be very little, not more than one or two of the lines marked an ohe side of the wedge, oue way or the other.

Take the cane out of the groove and if the inside be found too thick on account of its roundness, and the knife of the gouge have no effect on it, serape the middle part with $(7)$ until the cane is of a proper flexibility, which is proved by taking the cane between the thumb and first finger of each hand and bending it contrary ways: place it on (5) slice a small portion of the out side, at each end, as at figare ( 6 ) andscrape slightly the surface in the middle where the line goes across. The reed must now be examined to see if it resembles the illustration ( 6 ): it is necessary to moisten the part which has been scraped, by placing it in the moath for a minute or two.

Place the reed along the shape ( 8 ) from $\nabla$; bend it over the top, between the small edges of the shape. until it touches the other side: observe that the recd be equally placed on the shape: push the spring $(\phi)$ up, which will fix the cane, and. with the knife pare the sides to the shape of the steel. Take the reed off, and after making the edges straight, file the top a little on each side with ( 9 ), to resemble figare (14), then place the whole in the mouth for a few minutes.

Take the staple (15) and place it on the mandril (11), then put the ends of the reed in the interstice on each side of the staple, press it down until the reed fits tight ly: take some silk cord, sufficiently strong not to break, and tie a knot at the end, place it in the niche $\Delta$ in the lower part, where the collar of the staple is divided: pass the cord along the collar, where an edge prevents it falling down: wind the silk tightly round the reed up to the part of the staple which is above the collar, so as to. close the aperture at the sides, and prevent the air escaping: bring the silk down a. gain to the collar and fasten with a slip knot: to prove this, it will be necessary to take staple and reed off the mandril, and blow into it: if the air escapes, it must be re. jected, and a fresh reed commenced. Cut the silk off, and scrape slightly each side of the reed to make them even. file the npper surface about the $16^{\text {th }}$ part of an inch
on each side, and with the knife (12) cut off a very small portion of the tip of the reed on the block $J$. in order to open it: introduce a piece of steel ( 11 ) into the reed. between the blades, as (16), and with the same knife, scrape the surface about the mid_ dle of the reed on each side, until it becomes very thin and smooth at the top.sufficieut_ ly to allow it to vibrate; it must be also pared a little on each side. Now blow into the reed, and if it "crows", it is a sign the reed will be a good one; if thought too weak, cat a small portion off the top, if too strong, scrape it until it suits the embouchare, taking care that there is no inequality in the scraping, and that it has the form of ( 17 ): each corner must be taken off to prevent its breaking, it ought, when finished, to resemble ex actly the drawing (17).

It is only experience which will enable the papil to know when the reed suits the embouchure: with a little trouble, he may derive some service from a reed which at first he may have thought good for noching

In case the reed should be found to have too little vibration, it must be scraped thinner at the top: if it vibrates too mach, or the tone is tooshrill, scrape from the bottom to the middle of the reed, and then cut a small piece off the top, as in finishing the reed.

Scraping is the most difficult and delicate part in reed making, the pupil is ad_ vised to pay the greatest attention to this important point, and to persevere until he makes himself thoroughly acquainted with, and master of it.

I trust I have now clearly explained the method of making a good reed, but I must add that a few lessons from a good master are of more value than all written rules; and taken at the commencement of his stadies, would soon enable the papil to acquire the habit of making his own reeds.


The formonit chromatic scales. placed exactly one orer the other, are intended to assist papils, in ascer taining the idencity that exists between certain notes, which although differently written, sound exactly the same. such as $A$ and $B b, E:$ and $F \& \& c$. The object of these scales is to show at a glance that the only difference is in the notation.

## EXPLANATION OF the TABLE.

Eiery hole of the Obne, drawn on this table, which is not coveipd with a key, is represented by a horisontal line. There are 6 holes and consequently 6 lines; viz: three for the rixht hand and three for the left. These are crossed by dotted perpendicular lines, each leading to a note in the scales abore. When the hole is to be closed, it is indicated by a black dot, $\bullet$; when it is to remain open, by a white one, o; the white with a line accross it thus, o: signifies that the hole must be half covered. The numbers placed above the dot on the perpendicular line. are to show that. the keys which have been numbered to correspond with then, are to open or closed according to their position. Two of the kejx are provided with double hranches, and have two numbers pach. The highest denotes that the key is to be opened by moring the double branch, one (N?6.) with the litll. filler of the left hand. This is used with great adrantage in passages life the following.


 memory


I have attempted to mite in the following passages, many of the resuarces which the new system offers, or at least sufficient of them to pert in practice all the advantages of the mechanism whenever there is occasion for it. Many of these passages I have found in frag, ments of Orchestral masic and "musique d'ensemble"ntich I have mily tro cribed and amplified, and it would be a mistake to believe that they have heen composed for this instrument only, it is for the sole parpose of shewing what can he done with it; and after care ful application for a short time, the stadent will be astonished to find that he can execute these prassages with comparative facility which were formerly very difficult or even impossible. This observation is addressed to persons already possessing a certain lnowledge of the instrument and not to beginners.

The best mode for all to practice these small stadies is to commence slovily, increasing in rapidity of movement until they are able to take the passages as fast as possible, observing all the time to slur each passage exactly as it is marked; as slarring is one of the chief advantages of this system over the preceding ones.

The fingering of the following short exercises is to be found by the rales I have given above; with a little care and staty it will be scarcely possithle to make a mistake.
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The folloning ane the new shakes, which with the exception of the first can be made by the same fingering in the octave above, by adding the octave key $N \mathbb{N} 11$ and $N!11 B$ according to the passage. The fingering is to be foupd as already indicated for the Examples.色 4.

## ON SHAKES.

The shake is indicated by the two letters "tr" which are au abbreviation of the Italian word "trillo": they are placed over the note, and are used also as an abbreviation to avoid writing the shake in fall. It signifies that the note marked thas. must be balanced rapidly with the superior one, which can be of a semitone, or a tone. When the distance of the balancing is of a third or a fourth, it then, changes its name and is called "tremolo", in this case, all the notes are written, But composers only employ it for the piano, and stringed instraments, becanse it would be impracticable in many cases upon wind instruments.

There are many shakes in which the preparation, and the termination, demand particular fingerings, and which are not possible for a pupil to find ont, without the assistance of a master.

In the following table of shakes, I have I believe provided for this defect, existing in all the tables known. All tbe notes of the preparation, the shake, and the termination, are indicated in a manner that the pupil cannot mistake.

There are several ways of preparing and terminating shakes, it depends on the movement of the piece. If the movement is slow, the shake mast be prepared and terminated slowly in the following manner, thas:


If on the contrary the movement is very quick, the shake must be prepared and terminated thas:


These are the most usual preparations and terminations of shakes.
The fingerings in this table are to be found in precisely the same manner as those marked in the chromatic scale .





## SEALES AMTESESESE

I recommend the constant practise of the following Scales and Exercises, whatever degree of proficiency may have been attained by the performer. This to the beginner is indispensable to enable him to acquire firmness and strength of lip, and agility of finger: afterwards it preserves and even improves these qualities. The best way to practise the scales, is to begin slowly (Sostenuto) and gradually to increase the time to the most rapid movement.

Particular care must be taken that each note is heard distinctly and equally.

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These Scales may be practised in various ways: by leaving out the small or intermedi ate notes; by playing the Scales as they are written; by playing the notes only, and leaving out the abbreviations; and afterwards by playing the same scales in different Keys.

It must be understood that when the papil transposes the scales into other Keys, the accidentals required must be retained in the memory.


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[^0]:    *The explanation of the words tone and semitone is given in a special article with the different chromatic. Intervals.

[^1]:    * The word bow is borrowed from the Violin to gire an exact idea of this expression.

[^2]:    * Nots. These improved Oboes will bear the following mark.

[^3]:    T Several lessons in this Method descpnding to the lower B nat; have been arranged so as to be played on instruments not having that note.

[^4]:    * I shall at any time be happy to exhibit the capabilifies of these insteuments to Masters of Bands who may four
     anateurs. Pupils and others.

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[^6]:    Oboe Method.

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