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FOR THE MANDOLINE.

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# MANDOLINE TUTOR

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Containing  
DIAGRAM OF THE FINGERBOARD,  
RUDIMENTS OF MUSIC,  
INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLDING,  
AND FOR THE  
CORRECT MANNER OF USING THE PLECTRUM,  
Major and Minor Scales, Scales in the Positions,  
TREMOLO EXERCISES  
FAVORITE, OPERATIC, AND OTHER MELODIES,  
TOGETHER WITH  
DUETS FOR MANDOLINE AND PIANO.

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## INTRODUCTION.

In preparing this work, I have made no attempt to render it elaborate or scientific; my object has been to embrace all useful matter from every available source, correct and complete in its expositions, and the selections for practice agreeable and pleasing.

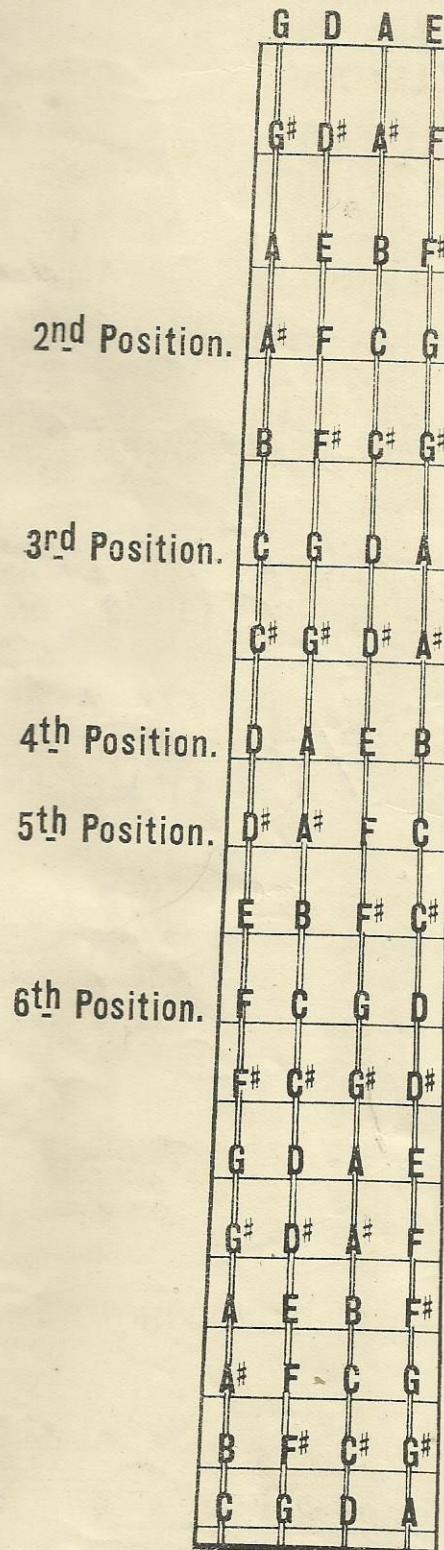
I have endeavoured to place before the student a progressive and agreeable course of practice, if I can be assured that I have produced a work which will prove useful to the teacher and pupil, I shall consider myself fully compensated.

BRISTOL.

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# DIAGRAM of THE FINGERBOARD.

## OPEN NOTES.



## THE TUNING.

FOURTH STRING.	THIRD.	SECOND.	FIRST.
			E.
		A.	
	D.		
SOL.	RE.	LA.	MI.

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## for the Mandoline.

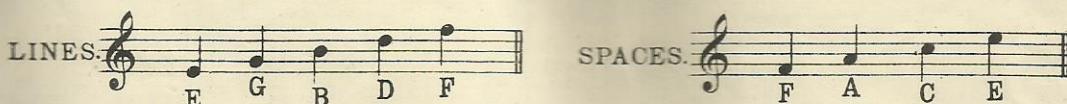
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### RUDIMENTS OF MUSIC.

Music is written by characters termed NOTES on and beteewn five lines called a STAVE. The notes are named after the first seven letters of the Alphabet, A.B.C.D.E.F.G.

Names of the notes on and between the lines of the stave:



The stave is insufficient to contain all the notes that are required, and when necessary, short lines are added above or below; these are termed LEDGER lines:

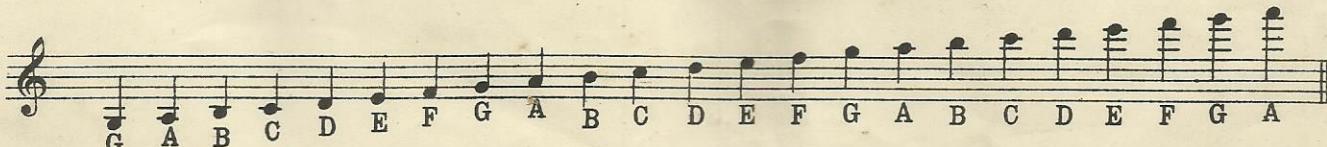


The sign at the commencement of the stave is termed a CLEF.

Of Clefs there are several, and they serve to determine the name and pitch of any note. The one which is used for the Mandoline music is the TREBLE, or G, CLEF, so called because the curl or tail falls upon the second line of the stave, giving that line the name of G.

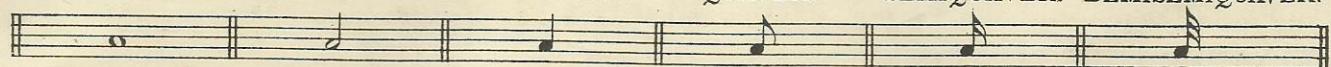


The TREBLE OR G CLEF WITH ITS NOTES, THROUGHOUT THE USUAL COMPASS OF THE MANDOLINE.



Different forms of notes are used to indicate the different duration of sounds

viz: SEMIBREVE. MINIM. CROTCHET. QUAVER. SEMIQUAVER. DEMISEMIQUAVER.

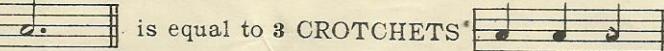


The proportion they bear to each other is explained by the following table.

<b>1 SEMIBREVE</b>	
is equal to	
<b>2 MINIMS</b>	
or	
<b>4 CROTCHETS</b>	
or	
<b>8 QUAVERS</b>	
or	
<b>16 SEMIQUAVERS</b>	
or	
<b>32 DEMISEMIQUAVERS</b>	

A dot placed after a NOTE extends its length one half, for example:

A DOTTED MINIM



is equal to 3 CROTCHETS



or 6 QUAVERS etc.

**Rests** are characters which indicate silence. The duration of each rest is equal to the NOTE of the same name.

SEMIBREVE.	MINIM.	CROTCHET.	QUAVER.	SEMIQUAVER.	DEMISEMIQUAVER.

**Music** is divided into small portions of equal duration, called BARS, by lines drawn perpendicularly across the STAVE:-

**Of time** there are three kinds viz: Common, Triple, and Compound, these are expressed by the following signs:

<b>COMMON TIME.</b>		contains 4 Crotchets in a bar, or their equivalents.
" "		" 2 " " " " "
<b>TRIPLE</b>		" 3 " " " " "
" "		" 3 Quavers " " " " "
<b>COMPOUND</b>		" 6 " " " " "
" "		" 9 " " " " "

A SHARP (#) placed before a note raises it half a tone



A FLAT (b) placed before a note lowers it half a tone

A NATURAL (h) serves to restore notes affected by sharps or flats to their original sound.

Sharps or Flats placed at the commencement of a piece affect all notes of the same name throughout. Sharps or Flats placed before notes in the course of a piece, and not marked at the beginning are termed ACCIDENTALS and only affect notes of the same name in the bar in which they occur. A DOUBLE SHARP (\*) raises a note two half tones and a DOUBLE FLAT (bb) lowers a note two half tones.

A PAUSE (o) placed over notes or rests, indicates that the performer may rest at pleasure. A DOUBLE BAR indicates the end of a piece, and with dots before it means to repeat the

part immediately preceding it



THE TRIPLET. Notes written thus:



and termed a triplet indicate that they

are to be played in the time of two of their kind.

ABBREVIATIONS are often met with in Mandoline music, whereby several notes are represented by one, or by a single sign.

WRITTEN.

PLAYED.

WRITTEN.

PLAYED.

# THE MANDOLINE.

The Mandoline is similar to the Violin, with the difference that the Violin has four single strings and the Mandoline four double strings.

The double strings are tuned in unison and are set in vibration by a small piece of tortoise-shell, termed a PLECTRUM. The fingerboard is spaced off with lines, or frets as they are called, like the Guitar.

## MANNER OF HOLDING.

The Mandoline can be held in two positions i. e. sitting or standing. In playing when seated, the left foot should be placed on a stool, so as to elevate the knee.

The Mandoline should rest on the right thigh, (and not in the lap) and the neck held lightly in the left hand, between the thumb and first finger.

When standing, the Mandoline is held against the right side. In both positions the neck must be slightly raised, and the left arm held away from the body.

## THE STRINGS AND TUNING.

The Mandoline is tuned in fifths. The first and second strings are thin wire, the third string a wire covered string, and the fourth a wire covered string slightly thicker than the third. The strings are double and must be tuned in unison, and played as if only one string. The strings when not pressed with the fingers of the left hand, are termed open, and are tuned as follows:—

FOURTH STRING.      THIRD STRING.      SECOND STRING.      FIRST STRING.

It is advisable to tune the Mandoline at first from a Piano until the ear is accustomed to the sound of the open strings.

## THE LEFT HAND.

The fingers must be curved or arched, so as to allow tips to stop the strings.

The fingers must be placed in between and on the left hand side of the frets. Press the strings firmly, taking care that the palm of the hand does not touch the neck.

## THE RIGHT HAND.

**THE PLECTRUM.** Hold the PLECTRUM between the thumb and first finger.



The Plectrum which is about half an inch wide at the top must diminish in width, so as to render it flexible at the end. Plectrums are made of various different substances, but the one most commonly used, is made in tortoiseshell. The forearm should rest on the instrument about half way between the wrist and the elbow.

The hand must be curved so as to hold the plectrum perpendicularly to the strings, the wrist being quite free and moveable.

## FINGERING SIGNS.

□ PLECTRUM DOWN STROKES.

▽ PLECTRUM UP STROKES.

*FIRST FINGER.....* 1.

*SECOND FINGER.....* 2.

*THIRD FINGER.....* 3.

*FOURTH FINGER.....* 4.

*OPEN STRING.....* 0.

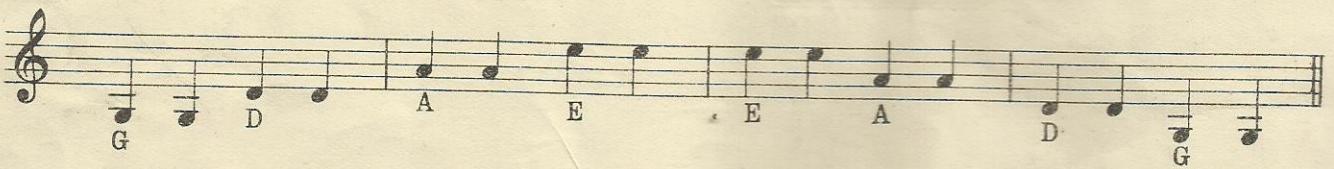
# THE FIRST EXERCISES.

## OPEN STRINGS.

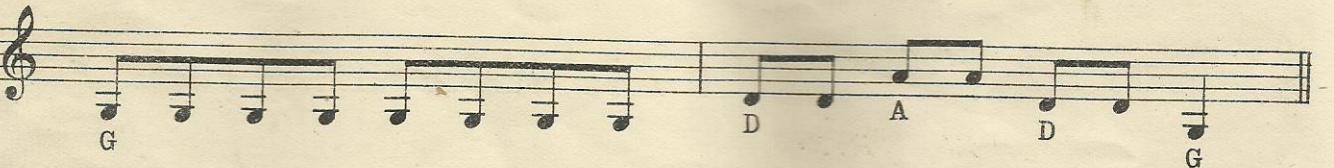
*ALL DOWN STROKES.*



*DOWN AND UP STROKES.*



*Slowly. DOWN AND UP STROKES.*



The Student may now commence stopping the strings with the fingers of the left hand, the following exercise.

# PRELIMINARY FINGERING FOR THE LEFT HAND.

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All down strokes should be used.

**FOURTH STRING.**

Fingers.	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3
Frets.	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	5

**THIRD STRING.**

Fingers.	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3
Frets.	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	5

**SECOND STRING.**

Fingers.	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3
Frets.	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	5	5	5	5

**FIRST STRING.**

Fingers.	0	0	0	F	1	1	1	G	2	2	2	A	3	3	3
Frets.	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	5	5	5	5

## SCALE OF G MAJOR. All the F's sharp.

FOURTH STRING.	THIRD STRING.	SECOND STRING.	FIRST STRING.
0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3
2 4 5	2 4 5	3 5	2 3 2
0	0	0	0

SECOND STRING.	THIRD STRING.	FOURTH STRING.
3 2 1	3 2 1	3 2 1
7 5 3 2	7 5 4 2	7 5 4 2
0	0	0

## EXERCISE.

*DOWN AND UP STROKES.*

The exercise consists of four staves of music. Each staff begins with a 'D' (downstroke) and ends with a 'V' (upstroke). The music is in common time (indicated by 'C') and uses a treble clef. The notes are mostly eighth notes, with some sixteenth-note patterns.

## ROUSSEAU'S DREAM.

**Slowly.**

The fingering and Frets has been partially omitted so that the Student, when at a loss for a note, can find it by referring to the Scale. In this way the notes are more readily impressed upon the memory.

## AIR.

## ASH GROVE.

## **SCALE OF C MAJOR.**

## **EXERCISE.**

The image shows three staves of musical notation. The top staff uses a treble clef and has a key signature of one sharp. It consists of six measures of eighth notes, with the first measure having a fermata over the note. The middle staff also uses a treble clef and has a key signature of one sharp. It consists of six measures of eighth notes. The bottom staff uses a treble clef and has a key signature of one sharp. It consists of six measures of eighth notes.

## POLKA.

A handwritten musical score consisting of five staves of music for a band instrument, possibly trumpet or flute. The music is written in common time (indicated by a '2' over a '4') and includes various dynamics such as 'V' (volume), 'p' (piano), and 'f' (forte). The score features several grace notes and slurs. The first staff ends with a 'Fine.' The second staff has a measure with a key signature of 5 sharps (F#) and 6 flats (Bb). The third staff has a measure with a key signature of 5 sharps (F#) and 6 flats (Bb). The fourth staff has a measure with a key signature of 5 sharps (F#) and 6 flats (Bb). The fifth staff ends with 'D.C. al fine.'

## THE TREMOLO.

The Tremolo is the rapid repetition of a note or notes.

This requires great flexibility and when correctly played is very effective.  
The Student must practise the following exercises.

### EXERCISE 1.

### EXERCISE 2.

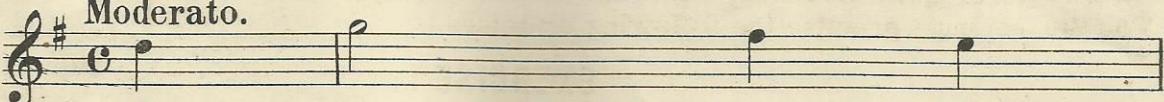
### EXERCISE 3.

The following example of "Blue Bells of Scotland" will illustrate what is meant.

### BLUE BELLS OF SCOTLAND.

Moderato.

AS WRITTEN.



AS PLAYED.



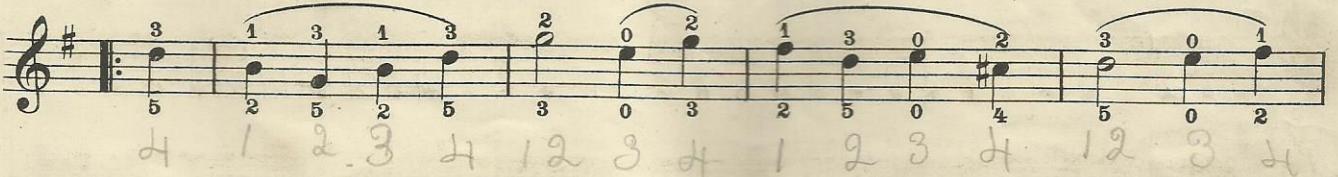
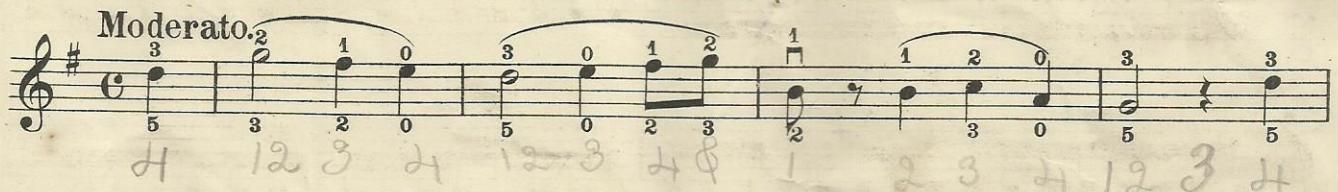
etc.



### BLUE BELLS OF SCOTLAND.

TO BE PLAYED TREMOLO AS ABOVE.

Moderato.



■ Strike these notes with a down stroke of the plectrum.

E. 9021 D.

## **SCALE OF D MAJOR.**

## **OLD FOLKS AT HOME.**

A handwritten musical score consisting of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff contains eight measures of music. The second staff begins with a repeat sign and continues with five measures. The third staff begins with a repeat sign and continues with five measures. The fourth staff begins with a repeat sign and continues with five measures.

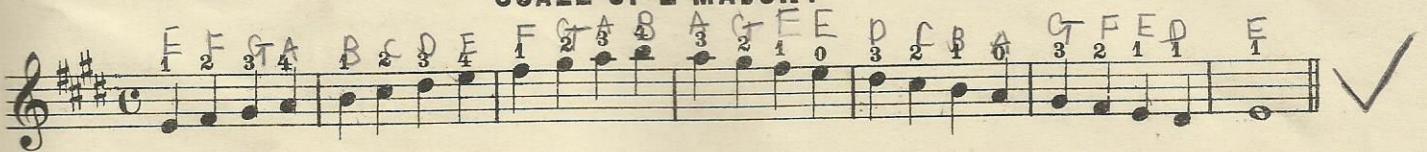
## **SCALE OF A MAJOR.**

A musical score for the national anthem of the United States. It features a single staff with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps, and a common time signature. The lyrics are written above the notes in a cursive script. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth note patterns.

## AUSTRIAN HYMN.

A handwritten musical score consisting of four staves, each with a treble clef and two sharps (G major). The time signature is 2/4. The music is divided into measures by vertical bar lines. Below each staff, a sequence of numbers indicates a specific performance technique, likely a finger pattern or stroke order. The first staff starts with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes. The second staff begins with an eighth note. The third staff starts with a sixteenth note. The fourth staff begins with a sixteenth note.

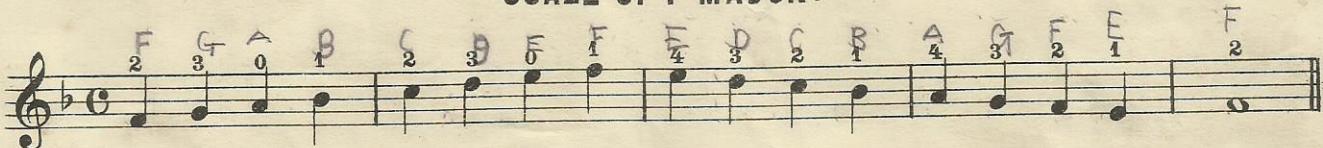
## SCALE OF E MAJOR.



## SCOTCH AIR.

Handwritten musical notation for "Scotch Air". The key signature is three sharps. The notation is in common time (indicated by a '4'). It consists of four staves of music. The first staff starts with a B note. The second staff starts with a B note. The third staff starts with a G note and has a dynamic marking 'f'. The fourth staff starts with a B note. Each staff contains various notes including C, D, E, F, G, A, and B. Checkmarks are present at the end of each staff.

## SCALE OF F MAJOR.



## HYMN IN F MAJOR.

Handwritten musical notation for a hymn in F major. The key signature is one sharp. The notation is in common time (indicated by a '4'). It consists of four staves of music. The first staff starts with a C note and has a dynamic marking 'mf'. The second staff starts with a B note. The third staff starts with a B note. The fourth staff starts with a F note. Each staff contains various notes including C, D, E, F, G, A, B, and C. Checkmarks are present at the end of each staff.

SCALE OF B<sup>b</sup> MAJOR.

AIR.

SCALE OF E<sup>b</sup> MAJOR.SCALE OF A<sup>b</sup> MAJOR.

## PLECTRUM EXERCISES.

1.

2.

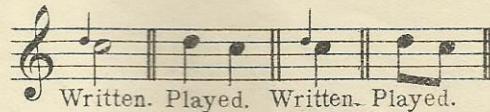
## GRACE NOTES.

Grace Notes are introduced into music by way of embellishment.

The principal are the APPOGIATURA, the TURN, and the SHAKE.

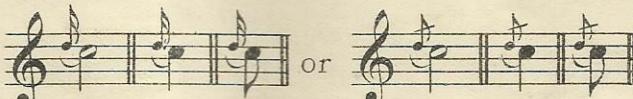
The APPOGIATURA is a small note preceding the principal note. They are of two kinds, long and short. The long Appogiatura borrows half the value of the principal note.

EXAMPLES.



The short Appogiatura, has no fixed value and is played very quickly, so as not to detract from the regular time of measure.

EXAMPLES.



THE TURN is either direct or inverted. The direct turn is marked (o) and the inverted turn (2).

EXAMPLES.



THE SHAKE is an embellishment of the highest order, and of frequent introduction in music. This ornament consists in the rapid alternate reiteration of a note with the tone or semi-tone next above, with its resolution of two or more notes. It should generally begin and end with the principal note, and its duration is always equal to the time of the note on which it is made, or over which the sign of the shake is placed. The shake is indicated by the sign *tr.*



## SHORT DICTIONARY OF MUSICAL TERMS.

*Adagio*; very slow.

*Affettuoso*; affectionately.

*Allegro*; joyful, quick.

*Amoroso*; expressing love.

*Andante*; rather slow.

*Calando*; to decrease.

*Cantabile*; in singing style.

*Coda*; an extra passage at the close.

*Con Spirito*; with spirit and animation.

*Cresc.* or *crescendo*; increase in sound.

*Da Capo*; return to the head or beginning.

*Delicato*; soft and delicate.

*Dim.* or *dimin.* diminish in sound.

*Dolce*; sweet.

*Doloroso*; sorrowful.

*Fine*; the end.

*Forte*; *f*; loud, strong.

*Fortissimo*; *ff*; very loud.

*Forzando*; *fz*; to strike suddenly and diminish rapidly.

*Grazioso*; graceful.

*Gusto*; con gusto; in an elegant and finished style.

*Largo*; very slow soft and expressive.

*Larghetto*; not so slow and soft as *Largo*.

*Legato*; in a smooth, connected manner.

*Leggiero*; lightly, easily, swiftly.

*Lento*; slow and gentle, same as *Adagio*.

*Loco*; in place.

*Mezzo*; *m*; medium, between.

*Molto*; very quick, very much as *Allegro Molto*.

*Morenndo*; to die away.

*Mosso*; animated.

*Pianissimo*; *pp*; very soft.

*Piano*; *p*; soft.

*Presto*; very quick.

*Primo*; the first.

*Più*; more; (as *Più mosso*, more animated.)

*Risoluto*; in a resolute manner.

*Scherzando*; in a playful manner.

*Segno*; *S*; denoting a return to its first place.

*Sostenuto*; sustained.

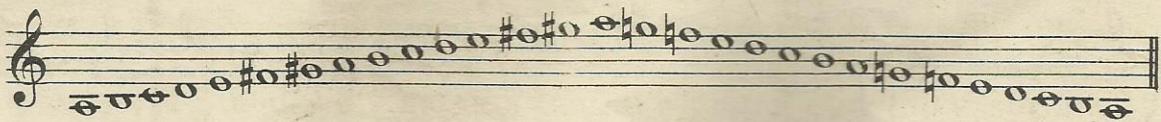
*Staccato*; or . . . short and distinct.

*Subito*; quickly. (*Volto Subito*; turn over quickly.)

*Vivace*; quick, brisk, light.

## **MINOR SCALES.**

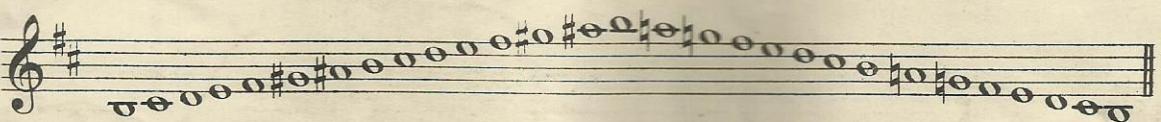
## A MINOR.



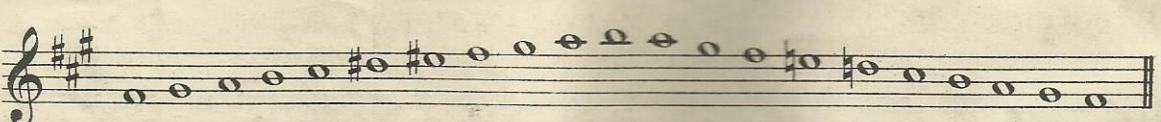
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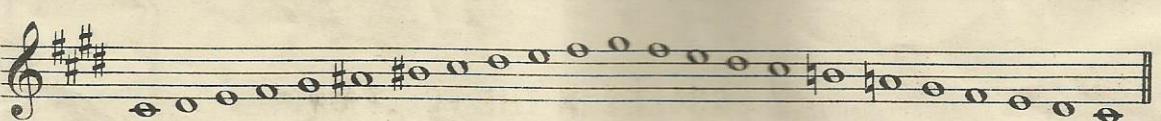
## B MINOR.



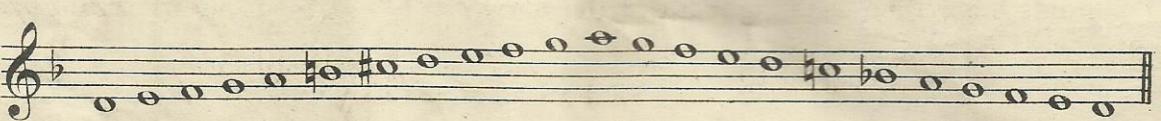
## E<sup>#</sup> MINOR



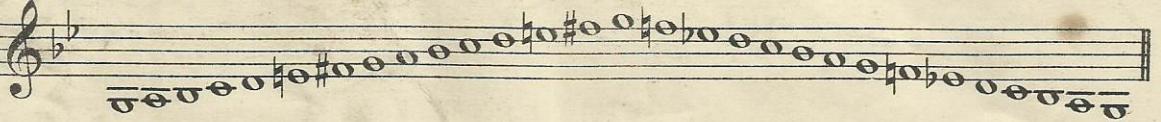
## C# MINOR



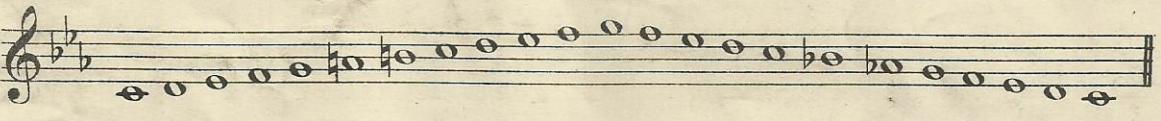
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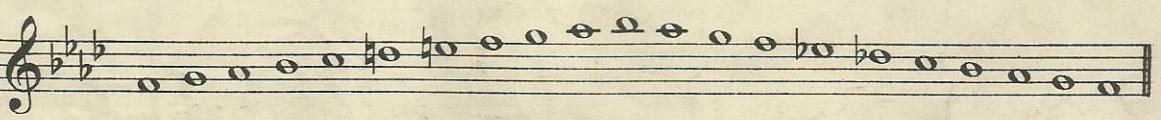
## G MINOR.



## C MINOR.



## F MINOR



## **CHROMATIC SCALE.**

A musical score page featuring a single staff of music. The staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The time signature starts at 4/4. The music consists of a series of eighth-note heads, each followed by a number indicating its pitch. The notes are: 5, 6, 5, 6, 5, 6, 5, 6, 1, 4, 4, 3, 3, 2, 1, 1, 4, 4, 3, 3, 2, 1, 1, 4, 4, 3, 3, 2, 1, 1, 4, 4, 3, 3, 2, 1, 1, 0. The notes are separated by vertical stems and small horizontal dashes.

THE MINOR KEYS are related to the Major. The relative MINOR key being a tone and a half below its principal key, as the following table shows.

C MAJOR.	G MAJOR.	D MAJOR.	A MAJOR.	E MAJOR.	B MAJOR.	F <sup>#</sup> MAJOR.	C <sup>#</sup> MAJOR.
A MINOR	E MINOR.	B MINOR.	F <sup>#</sup> MINOR.	C <sup>#</sup> MINOR.	G <sup>#</sup> MINOR.	D <sup>#</sup> MINOR.	A <sup>#</sup> MINOR.

C MAJOR.	F MAJOR.	B MAJOR.	E <sup>#</sup> MAJOR.	A <sup>b</sup> MAJOR.	D <sup>b</sup> MAJOR.	G <sup>b</sup> MAJOR.	C <sup>b</sup> MAJOR.
A MINOR.	D MINOR.	G MINOR.	C MINOR.	F MINOR.	B MINOR.	E MINOR.	A <sup>b</sup> MINOR.

### SCALES IN THE POSITIONS.

For notes higher up the fingerboard, the hand must be moved into different positions nearer the bridge.

#### SECOND POSITION.

#### THIRD POSITION.

#### FOURTH POSITION.

#### FIFTH POSITION.

#### SIXTH POSITION.

## EXERCISE IN G MAJOR.

## EXERCISES IN DOUBLE STOPPING.

TREMOLO TOP NOTES ONLY, STRIKE LOWER NOTES.

1.

2.

3.

Andante.  
Trem.

## SLOW AIR.

Strike.

## HOME, SWEET HOME.

DUET.

1<sup>st</sup> Mandoline. { Andante. G B  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Mandoline. { C C F R F C B C A

B D C C F F D E C D A B

The score consists of six staves of handwritten musical notation. The first two staves are for the 1<sup>st</sup> Mandoline, starting with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a tempo marking of 'Andante'. The first staff contains a melody with grace notes and a melodic line above it. The second staff contains a harmonic line consisting of eighth-note chords. The next four staves are for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mandoline, also starting with a treble clef and one sharp. The third staff continues the harmonic line from the 1<sup>st</sup> Mandoline. The fourth, fifth, and sixth staves continue the harmonic pattern with eighth-note chords. The notation is in common time throughout.

## BARN DANCE.

The score consists of four staves of handwritten musical notation. The notation is in common time with a key signature of two sharps. The first three staves are in 2/4 time, indicated by a '2' over the staff. The fourth staff is in 3/4 time, indicated by a '3' over the staff. The score includes dynamic markings such as 'Fine.' and 'D. C. & al Fine.'. The notation is in common time throughout.

# DUETS FOR MANDOLINE AND PIANO

## MARGURITE POLKA.

Mandoline.      Piano.

**INTRO.**

The musical score is composed of five staves of music. The first two staves are for the Mandoline and Piano respectively, followed by three staves for the Piano alone, and a final staff for the Piano ending with a 'Fine.' instruction. The music is in common time (indicated by '2/4') and uses a key signature of one sharp (F#). The piano part includes dynamic markings such as 'f' (forte) and 'rall.' (rallentando). The score concludes with a final piano part where the piano plays a series of chords before the word 'Fine.' is written.

D.C. INTRO: al Fine.

## VIENNESE WALTZ.

Mandoline.

Piano.

The musical score consists of four systems of music. The first system shows the Mandoline part in treble clef and the Piano bass part in bass clef, both in 3/4 time and major key. The second system continues with similar parts, with crescendo markings above the notes. The third system shows the piano bass part continuing. The fourth system concludes the piece with piano bass and piano treble parts, featuring rallentando (rall.) markings and dynamic markings (p) for piano.

A handwritten musical score for three voices (Treble, Alto, Bass) in G major. The score consists of four systems of music. The first system concludes with a fermata over the bass line and the word "Fine." above the alto line. The second system begins with dynamic markings "f" over each voice. The third system continues the musical line. The fourth system concludes with a fermata over the bass line and the instruction "D.C. al Fine." above the alto line. The manuscript shows signs of age, including discoloration and small holes.

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Mandoline.

Piano.

Fine.

D.C. al fine.

