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Xaver Scharwenka is at work on a Polish fantasia for piano and orchestra, and a comic opera, "Der Schultheiss von Paris," the libretto of which is founded in a play by Lope de Vega.

Karl Grammann has given \$2500 to the Dresden Conservatory as well as the Leipzig Conservatory for the fund of retired teachers.

BIG CROPS.

This country of ours is certainly a favored one when Providence extends a helping hand and gives us immense crops and high prices. This touches the button and the energies will do the rest to bring on flush times. There is likely to be a plentiful crop of something else, if, as predicted, we have a wet fall and cold winter. The weather condition would be just such as will give a crop of Pains and Aches, Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Sciatica and Lameness. With it all, many fine days will keep up outings and field sports, and with them happenings of Sprains and Bruises, Soreness and Stiffness. We may be thankful also that St. Jacobs Oil will always come to the rescue with a prompt and perfect cure for them all.

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MUSIC AND CULTURE.

In the course of an article on the peculiarities of the musical temperament and its manifestations, in *Blackwood*, we find the following:

"The lives of the great composers do show, unwelcome as the truth may be, that music of a very high order has been produced by men who were indisputable dunces, if not simpletons. Hence the degraded alliances which noble music has contracted with mean and foolish words; hence, too, the little that has been done by composers of the first rank in the way of elucidating the laws which their genius has evolved."

Now, as a matter of fact, we very much doubt whether, with one solitary exception at the present day, a single instance of the inspired dunce can be discovered in the musical annals of the nineteenth century. Even Schubert himself, though his surroundings were *bourgeois*, showed a considerable literary *flair* in his choice of words. Weber, though certainly not fortunate in his choice of librettos, was a well educated man. Mendelssohn was a regular admirable Crichton. Schumann, Berlioz, and, in a minor degree, Liszt, had all remarkable literary gifts. Of the accomplishments of Wagner it is not necessary to speak. At the present day the cultured musician is especially represented by Saint-Saens, Boito, Dr. Hubert Parry, and many others; but Brahms is known to be well versed in the masterpieces of classical and modern literature, while Verdi's choice of subjects—of late years—certainly furnishes no instance of those "degraded alliances" of which Mr. Hutchings speaks. Indeed, as he himself admits, "at present the composer is as often as not a more or less competent critic." And he supplements this admission by the bold remark that the instances of Schumann, Berlioz, Liszt, and Wagner "show life more than that in days of widely diffused education even musical genius lacks the opportunity, or can hardly dare, to be ignorant." We take it that the advance, assuming that it is an advance, is not confined to music alone, but to other callings, says the *Musical Times*, and that the average level of general culture to be found among, say, doctors and commercial travelers would exhibit a similar elevation in the course of the last hundred years. The danger that besets a musician now-a-days is not so much that of knowing too little outside his own sphere as of knowing too much. It is so hard for him to isolate himself, and, as an illustrious writer once said, "though conversation may enrich the intellect, isolation is the true school of genius." Some well-known modern musicians have presented the extraordinary spectacle of men who combine musical composition with special scientific studies—Borodin and Cesar Cui are, perhaps, the most remarkable cases in point. And one cannot help feeling this remarkable *enchevêtrement*, as Daudet calls it, of modern life tells against the quality of the work produced. One would not be in the least surprised nowadays if a fine Symphony were to be written by the author of an exhaustive work on bimetallism, or if a Senior Wrangler were to compose a particularly lurid one-act opera. As a proof of our versatility, it is no doubt very gratifying; but one is sometimes beset by the awkward suspicion that if we were not quite so "good all around" we go considerably further in special directions.

TO-DAY AND YESTERDAY IN MUSIC TEACHING.

There is one hitherto unnoticed and unrecorded phase of music in America, says an exchange, that is so interesting as to be worth consideration. It has escaped popular attention, and even among those who manipulate instruments of various sorts as a profession the change, though an apparent one has not been appreciated. That the teaching of music has been greatly advanced within the past fifteen years is well-known and understood; that methods, rules, and systems have altered immeasurably, until to-day music is taught to children in a totally different way, few people have come to know.

No history of the development of music is needed to establish this fact. It is written out broadly for those who will take note of it in the heaps of old music and exercise books of a day, now the best part of a quarter of a century past, which lie in the lumber room or at the top of a closet in many households. There are scores of young matrons throughout the country who have just such records of their girlish days, and who would find it an interesting study if they should compare this musical work of theirs, at the time they wore flaxen pigtailed down their backs, with the work their own children are doing under modern and well-equipped music teachers.

The two styles of teaching are far apart; one almost the reverse of the other. The modern grew by degrees out of the old, tending step by step in the direction of scientific training for the veriest youngsters, until to-day it has reached what is probably its full completeness. In two words this difference is to be expressed—brilliance in the past; technic in the present.

PIANO PRACTICE.

It is the despair of many an earnest teacher of the pianoforte that week after week his pupils come to him with so little to show of improvement for their week's practice. It is not that he expects his pupil to make great strides forward in a week; he knows too well that "Art is long" and requires time and patience for satisfactory results. But the few lines of that sonata, the fingering and notes of that scale or arpeggio, the proper use of the wrist in that staccato passage—surely in a week's time something ought to have been done to improve these, and to make both teacher and pupil enthusiastic in the delight of progress. Instead, the conscientious teacher feels that the old lesson must be repeated, an irksome task when the good seed falls on such barren soil; or perhaps he is irritable and the pupil dreads his lesson and soon begins to "hate" music; or he may be indifferent, and content to waste both his own and the pupil's time, so long as he receives his fee from equally indifferent parents. Is there no remedy for this state of things? To indulge in despair is to bar the road of progress; to look the difficulty in the face is often its best solution. Lay down for your pupils, says an exchange, three golden rules for practicing. The first is *practice regularly*. Our fingers like our bodies need regular, not occasional exercise. Work and rest, waste and repair is a law of our being and indispensable to our growth; and it is the only way of ensuring that elasticity and strength of muscle which are necessary to the aspiring pianist nowadays. It is an excellent plan also to practice, if possible, at the same time every day; for this the cooperation of the parents should be sought, as their influence and interest is such a help to the teacher. Even a regular half-hour will do wonders, but especially when the time for practicing is so short must the pupil observe the second rule, *practice methodically*.

Without some arrangement of his time the pupil will often err in giving so much time to one section of his studies that he finds he must neglect another equally important. The teacher also taking into consideration how long a time should be spent on this or that, will be careful not to give him more work than he can prepare in that time. Methodical practice will always prove itself to be so much more engrossing than the promiscuous playing through of pieces and studies that satisfies so many pupils. The third rule is the most important, and it rests entirely with the pupil, *practice intelligently*. Not with the mind wandering, or thoughts distracted; that is often worse than waste of time. There is a right way of fingering for this passage, a correct way of phrasing that group of notes. See that it is done in the right way, not once, by chance, but *always*; at first slowly and with thought, then gradually increasing the speed as the fingers fall naturally upon the right notes and in the right manner. Let the pupil feel it in his aim to avoid the faults and improve upon the performances of yester day. Impress upon him that good work only produces good results, and let his work be the best he is capable of. Then he will never leave the piano with the miserable feeling that he has done no good, or come to his lesson so wholly unfit for any fresh instruction. It is so often the case that a pupil has no idea of the way to set about his work, though he is anxious to do well. It is worth considering, therefore, that a teacher should set aside a lesson now and then to *practice* with his pupil. A teacher may do much by wise encouragement to stimulate the ambition of his pupil. Let his praise, however, be always a prize worth the winning.

The subscription now being organized for the famous composer, Dr. Max Bruch, is necessary to support him in his old age, as he is sixty, in failing health, with a wife and four young children dependent upon him, and has an income of less than £150 a year as Senior Professor of Composition at the Berlin Hochschule. Everyone will regret to hear this news. The subscription is being warmly taken up in Germany. Krupp, the gunmaker, has contributed 10,000 marks, or about £500. Herr Simrock, the publisher, has given £250, and a subscription is likewise to be organized in the United States.

An interesting feature of Ethelbert Humperdinck's latest work, "Die Königskinder," which was recently produced in London, is the most remarkable effort the composer has made to cause his music to become an integral part of the libretto, says the *London Musical Times*. To effect this, each word of the text that is accompanied by music is set just as though it were intended to be sung. Not only is this method pursued with single-voice parts, but when several characters are speaking in rapid succession or together their words are set out exactly as in an operatic chorus; thus the vocal parts in the riot at the end of the second act are eight in number.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD SONG.

We often wonder what makes some songs appear to wear so much longer than others. There seems, in some instances, to be some peculiar element of virtue which insures at the outset a warm reception and a long life. This is true of writers of very varied ability. Not all the best songs are by those who are supposed to be the best song writers; many of the most lasting compositions have emanated from the pens of obscure writers, who have written very few, and perhaps one only. Professional song writers, says an exchange, are constantly searching for this element, this mysterious quality, unnameable and so fugitive, and each attempt is an experiment launched with the same hope, but only rarely with its realization. No one pretends to have discovered and become master of the secret, and yet it is easy to see, if we examine closely the really good songs, that some of their principal virtues were among the least considered elements at the time of composition.

In the first place, we often find a song writer struggling to fit a lofty and sentimental song to a poem which is poetic only in external appearance, only in its rhythm and its rhyme. Song writers, those who are capable of a really poetic conception and expression through the medium of song, should be able to discern the poetic element wherever expressed; should be able to know when the verses are presented whether they are poetic or otherwise. It is not the province of poetry to exhaustively describe any person, place, or thing. The realm of poetry is in the ideal; its language is potent in that which it suggests rather than describes. For instance, in "Annie Laurie," the beauty of the poem is all in the first stanza—it is beautiful of its kind—it draws delightful pictures in the mind of any receptive reader. It is not exhaustive in its application, but universal. The music very gladly weds the sentiment. The first stanza of "Annie Laurie" is a case of perfect song writing. It ends there. How many people know another stanza of it, or, of those who have read the others, care to hear more than the first? So much for this.

Now, shift the point of attack. It is not uncommon that a really fine subject, artistically treated, is killed when the composer of the music, gives it a melody which is, perhaps, half good, the other half bad, or being good throughout, a harmonization is given it which is remarkable only for its poverty. Gladstone once said, "There are a great number of people who write much verse and some poetry." There are also many music writers who write a great deal of meagre worth, and some that is estimable. The trouble of both classes of writers is that they write too much. This is why we have such an endless amount of so-called poetry printed, but which is never read, and why nine out of ten of the songs which are published never sell on the first edition, and never receive more than one hearing anywhere.

Very remarkable are the conditions under which musical composers have sometimes turned out their work. Rossini was renowned for his laziness, yet when the mood was on him, or when pressure was brought to bear upon him, he could write against time. "The Barber of Seville" was composed in a month.

There is another story of the same composer, says an exchange, in which one hardly knows whether to consider him particularly lazy or particularly industrious. He was in the habit of writing in bed, and on one occasion, while thus engaged, a trio that he had almost finished dropped from his hand and slipped under the bed.

The sheet was too far away for him to reach it, and to get up and reach under the bed for it was out of the question. There was only one other thing to be done, and Rossini did it. He wrote another trio.

Rossini's characteristics were so well known that sometimes strong measures were taken to secure a composition. The overture to "La Gazza Ladra" was procured in a peculiar manner. On the day of the first performance the manager got hold of Rossini and confined him in the upper loft of La Scala, under guard of four scene shifters, who took the text as it was written, sheet by sheet, and threw it out of the window to copyists waiting below.

There are other composers who can rival Rossini in the pace at which they throw off their work, but who have never been accused of especial laziness. Sir Arthur Sullivan is an unusually quick writer. He began the overture to "Iolanthe" at 9 o'clock one evening, and had it finished by 7 the next morning. The magnificent epilogue to the "Golden Legend" was composed and scored within 24 hours.

Lady Halle will visit the United States and Canada in February next, during which time she will appear at some thirty concerts.

Music is the only one of all the arts which does corrupt the mind.—Montesquieu.

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O. M. T. A. MEETING.

The following extract from the *Commercial-Tribune*, of Delaware, Ohio, shows that well deserved honors were paid to the work of the St. Louis composer, Louis Conrath. The work in question is his concerto in B-flat, published by Kunkel Brothers, which is arousing enthusiasm throughout the world. It is in the repertoires of Rummel, Rosenthal, D'Albert, Paderewski and others.

At the Donavin House, the headquarters of the O. M. T. A., there was quite a gathering of music teachers, after the reception in the Y. M. C. A. rooms below Gray Chapel. The events of the day were talked over and commented on. The remarkable performances of Mrs. Lillian Arkell-Rixford on the organ and Mr. Armin W. Doerner on the piano were discussed, and both artists were unreservedly raised for their excellent technique and artistic interpretation.

"The concerto by Conrath was the great surprise of last night's concert. The composition is remarkably fine and brilliant, and, as to technical difficulties and striking effects, equal to many of the most brilliant compositions of Liszt. The concerto is very seldom played and was unknown to most of the listeners at last night's concert. It will now probably be taken up by many other pianists, whose interest in the work has been awakened to a high degree."

Mme. Wagner has resolved to hold no festival next summer, but a series of Wagner performances on the Bayreuth model will probably be given in London. The Bayreuth representations will also be suspended in 1900, so that the Wagner festival to be organized by M. Lamoureux in connection with the Paris exhibition will not be interfered with.

Marie Geistinger is closing a notable career pathetically. She has lately been playing in Vienna, and will soon be heard at the Winter Garden music hall, at Berlin. She is 69 years old. A woman asked her in Vienna if it were true that was really her age. "If it is," she replied, "I have the distinction of being the only soubrette on the stage that old."

FRANZ RUMMEL.

The Rummels have their permanent home at Dessau, the little capital of the Duchy of Anhalt-Dessau, and there their three young sons remain at school. Dessau they describe as a pleasant little city with special advantages as a place of residence. It possesses a subsidized theater, giving alternate performances four times a week of opera and the higher class of drama. There are always good artists in the companies, and the more advanced styles of opera, even to the Nibelungen Ring, are given for the delectation of the residents.

The three young sons of the Rummels are practically American boys, having spent a portion of their young lives in this city. They are subjects, however, of the Queen of Great Britain; and, if their photographs do not belie them, they are as fine, handsome lads as you will meet in a day's walk.

Many people think from his name that Franz Rummel is a German; yet, though of German descent, he was born in England. His genealogy is quite a puzzle. One day he was talking with the late Emperor of Germany, "Unser Fritz."

"Well, Professor Rummel," said the Emperor, "to what nationality do you belong?"

"With your Imperial Highness' permission," replied Rummel, "I wish to answer with a riddle."

"I shall hear it with pleasure," replied the Emperor.

"To begin then," said Rummel, "my grandfather was a German and my grandmother Spanish. I was born in England and married an American wife. My children are English subjects. Now, what am I?"

The Emperor weighed the evidence for a moment and then replied gayly:

"Professor Rummel, you are a good German."

Franz Rummel has returned to this country to give a series of concerts. He will appear at Chickering Hall, New York, with the Seidl Orchestra on the 1st of February, when he will play Concerto Op. 73, Ludwig von Beethoven; Concerto E-flat, Franz Liszt.

On the 8th of February Rummel will give a piano-forte recital at Chickering Hall, and on the 1st of March he will again play there with the Seidl Orchestra. In the meantime he will visit Boston and other leading cities. As a great pianist Rummel is known personally all over the Eastern States, but has never been further West than Omaha. He hopes in time to visit the Pacific coast, where his reputation has already preceded him.

Every one knows that Rummel stands in the very front rank of pianists, but every one does not know what an extraordinary repertoire he possesses. He recently prepared a list of the works he has played in public, being impelled to this task by the approach of the twenty-fifth anniversary of his first public appearance in 1872. A synopsis of this interesting catalogue shows that he has interpreted the productions of sixty-one different composers. Of these there are 153 pianoforte pieces, 59 chamber music compositions, 27 for piano and orchestra and 24 transcriptions. In the twenty-five years Rummel has appeared at 660 concerts and in 14 countries and 154 cities.

The Rummel list of pieces (committed to memory in all cases save those which are termed chamber music) opens with the great name of John Sebastian Bach, nine selections. Of Beethoven there are twenty-six compositions, chiefly sonatas. Of Brahms there are nine, of Chopin thirty-three. Then come the names of a long list of composers, including Clementi, Czerny, Dvorak, Field, Gade, Godard, Handel (this immortal genius not being so fully represented as one who would expect), Henselt, Hummel, Jadassohn, Moszkowski, Mozart, Raff, Saint-Saens, Tchaikowsky, Von Weber and many others.

Rummel plays, in addition to all of these, sixteen compositions of Schumann, seven of Schubert, twelve of Rubinstein and twenty of Franz Liszt.—*Musical Exchange.*

MAJOR AND MINOR.

Signor Nicolini, husband of Mme. Adelina Patti-Nicolini, died at Pau, France.

Ovide Musin, the renowned violinist, well-known to concert-goers in this country, has been nominated to the post vacated by Cesar Thomson in the Liege Conservatory. He expects to visit America in the summer seasons.

Moszkowski has been directing concerts in London, where the Philharmonic Society has performed several of his recent works. Moszkowski's music finds much favor in England.

Sir Arthur Sullivan has promised to write a secular cantata for the Leeds musical festival next October. The subject he has selected is said to be "The Vicar of Wakefield."

At Dresden recently Lillie Lehmann gave concerts, or song recitals, and was variously criticized. Some said she was still the profound artiste, and others claimed that it was time for her to retire.

Mr. John P. Jackson, for many years employed on the New York *Herald*, died recently in Paris. He was a highly accomplished musical critic, an ardent disciple of Wagner, and is said to have been the first writer to translate the "Nibelungen."

Camilla Urso, the violinist, who has been constantly before the public for over thirty years, is yet concertizing, and recently appeared in Cleveland. This plucky little French woman has done herculean labor for the popularity of the violin.

The famous violinist, Sarasate, has endowed his native city of Pampeluna with a museum, in which are collected the gifts he has received at various times from European sovereigns, including Napoleon III., the Empress Augusta, and Queen Victoria. The money value of the collection is over 100,000 francs.

The composer, Carl Goldmark, began his artistic career as a violinist in 1847, when but fifteen years old. He celebrated recently at his home in Gmund the semi centennial anniversary of this event. His principal claim to fame lies in his operatic works, his "Queen of Sheba" and "Merlin" being his best known operas.

Alexandre Siloti, the Russian Pianist, who made his New York debut, resides in Leipzig, where he devotes his time principally to teaching the piano. He was one of the last of the Liszt coterie in Weimar, and is a pianist of great attainments.

A cycle of seven of Mozart's operas was given recently in Berlin, which proved eminently successful. "Idomeneo" was the first, then "Il Seraglio," "Nozze di Figaro," "Don Giovanni," "Cosi Fan Tutte," "Titus" and, last, "The Magic Flute."

A transposer for the violin has been patented in Berlin. The invention appears to be adaptable, and permits of executing music one or several tones or semi-tones higher or lower, without having recourse to the perilous operation of transposition.

Signor Mascagni, besides finishing his Japanese opera, "Iris," has started upon a new opera, "La Commedia dell'Arte," based upon the seventeenth-century plays once so popular in Italy. They really were eharades. The story which Mascagni is setting is, however, believed to be one of love and jealousy.

Herve, the French composer, began his musical career as an organist. When a boy he wandered into a church one day, and persuaded the blower to let him try the organ after the service. He then improvised something wonderfully sweet and strange. The priest happened to hear it, strolled in, and was amazed. "Where did you learn to play the organ, my boy?" he asked. "This is the first time I have ever played it. Father," he replied. "Well, you had better apply for the post of organist here," said the priest, "there is a vacancy next week." The boy applied and was accepted.

H. C. Perkins, pupil of the Perry School of Oratory and Dramatic Art, gave his graduation recital on the 22nd ult. He was assisted by Messrs. T. Elmore Lucey and Arnold Pesold and Miss Odella Pesold. Mr. Perkins' artistic work reflected great credit upon the masterly teaching of Mr. Edward P. Perry.

Paul Mori, organist at St. George's church, is doing excellent work with the boy choir, composed of twenty-four voices. He has some ambitious

works in preparation, which will be rendered during the coming year.

The "musical world" suffers a loss in the death of Mr. H. C. Banister, widely known by his "Cambridge Text-Book of Music," as well as other works in musical literature and compositions of various kinds. Like many other English musicians, he was a choir boy. He was giving a gratuitous harmony lesson to a poor blind girl when, without any warning that he was ill, he fell lifeless at her feet.

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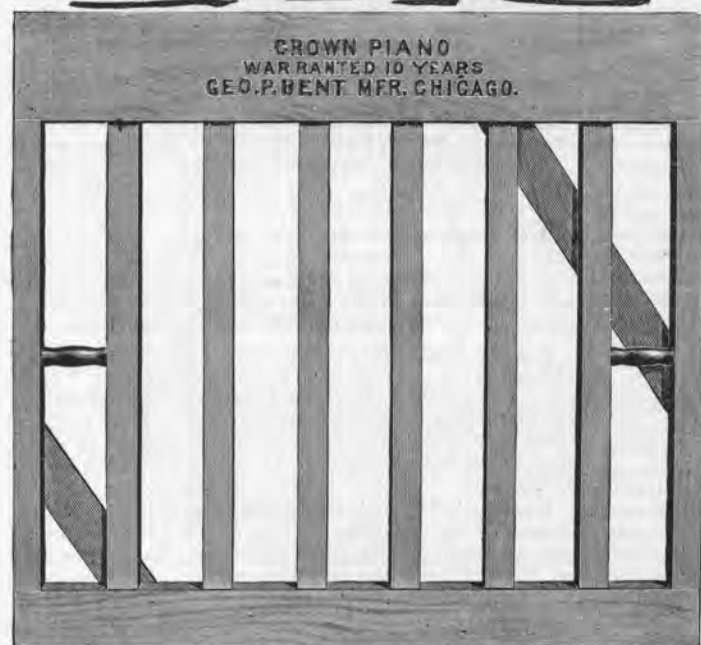
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The musical score is written for piano and consists of six systems. Each system contains a piano (treble) staff and a bass staff. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 6/8. The tempo is marked *Presto* with a quarter note equal to 100 beats per minute. The score includes various musical notations such as dynamics (*f*, *sf*, *p*), articulation (accents, slurs), and performance instructions like *ben pronunziato* and *Ped.* (pedal). Fingerings are indicated by numbers 1 through 5 above or below notes. The piece concludes with a final chord in the bass staff.

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First system of musical notation, featuring a treble and bass staff. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The time signature is 3/4. The music includes various fingerings (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) and dynamic markings such as *f* and *Ped.* with a star symbol.



Second system of musical notation, continuing the piece. It includes fingerings and dynamic markings like *f* and *Ped.* with a star symbol.



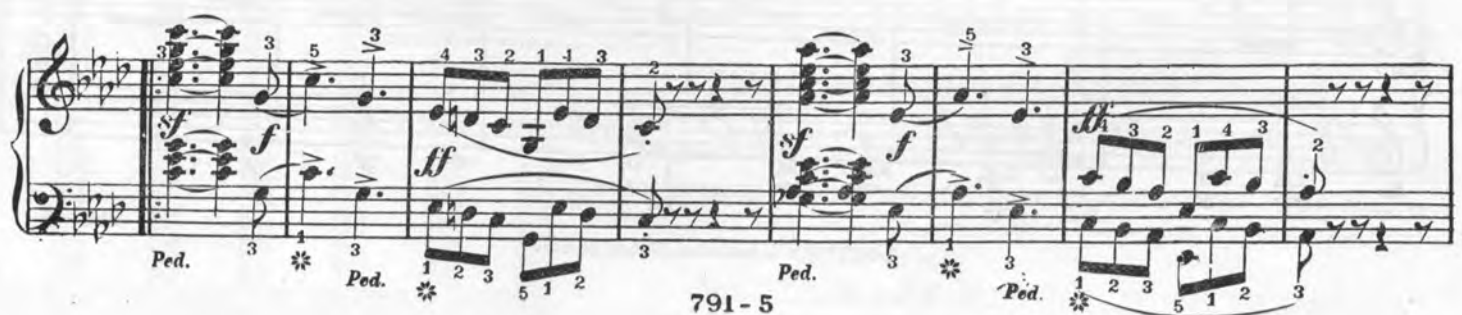
Third system of musical notation, featuring a treble and bass staff. The key signature is three flats. The time signature is 3/4. The music includes various fingerings and dynamic markings such as *f* and *Ped.* with a star symbol. The phrase "ben pronunziato." is written below the staff.



Fourth system of musical notation, featuring a treble and bass staff. The key signature is three flats. The time signature is 3/4. The music includes various fingerings and dynamic markings such as *f* and *Ped.* with a star symbol.



Fifth system of musical notation, featuring a treble and bass staff. The key signature is three flats. The time signature is 3/4. The music includes various fingerings and dynamic markings such as *f* and *Ped.* with a star symbol.



Sixth system of musical notation, featuring a treble and bass staff. The key signature is three flats. The time signature is 3/4. The music includes various fingerings and dynamic markings such as *f* and *Ped.* with a star symbol. The page number "791-5" is printed below the staff.

This image shows a page of a musical score, likely for a piano. The score is written in a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and is organized into six systems, each consisting of a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The notation is highly detailed, featuring numerous triplets, sixteenth notes, and complex fingering indications (e.g., 1, 2, 3, 4, 5). Dynamic markings are prominently placed throughout the piece, including 'stringendo.' at the top right, 'ritard.' (ritardando) on the fifth system, 'a tempo.' on the sixth system, and various volume levels such as 'mf' (mezzo-forte), 'f' (forte), 'p' (piano), 'ff' (fortissimo), 'fp' (forzando piano), and 'sf' (sforzando). Pedal markings ('Ped.') are also present, often accompanied by a star symbol. The overall style is characteristic of late 19th or early 20th-century piano music, emphasizing technical virtuosity and expressive dynamics.

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marcato.

The musical score for 'The Rose Tree' is presented in two systems. The first system contains the first two measures of the piece. The second system contains measures three through six. The music is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff and a bass line on a bass clef staff. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is characterized by a series of eighth and sixteenth notes, often beamed together. The bass line provides a steady accompaniment with eighth notes. The score includes various musical notations such as slurs, ties, and dynamic markings like 'f' (forte). Pedal points are indicated at the end of the first and second systems with the word 'Ped.' and a flower-like symbol. The piece concludes with a final cadence in the sixth measure.

The musical score is for a piece titled "Lento" by Franz Liszt. It is written for piano and voice. The piano part is in the lower register, featuring a pedal point (Ped.) and a star marking. The vocal line is in the upper register, marked "poco a". The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings.

[illegible]

Handwritten musical score for piano, consisting of six systems of staves. The notation includes treble and bass clefs, key signatures, and various musical notations such as notes, rests, and fingerings. The score is marked with dynamic indications like *mf*, *ff*, *con brio.*, *cres.*, and *accer.*. Pedal markings (*Ped.*) and asterisks (*) are used throughout. The bottom of the page features the number 791 - 5.

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MALAGA.

SPANISH DANCE.

SPANISCHER TANZ

Edited by Kullak.

BOLE RO.

Moritz Moszkowski Op.12. No.5.

Con spirito. ♩ 108.

This page of musical notation is for a piano piece, likely a study or exercise. It consists of five systems of staves, each with a treble and bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 3/4. The notation includes complex chords, often with multiple notes in the bass line, and various pedaling instructions. The first system has four measures, each with a 'Ped.' instruction and a star symbol. The second system has four measures, with the first measure including a 'Ped.' instruction and a star symbol, and the second measure including a 'Ped.' instruction and a star symbol. The third system has four measures, each with a 'Ped.' instruction and a star symbol. The fourth system has four measures, each with a 'Ped.' instruction and a star symbol. The fifth system has four measures, each with a 'Ped.' instruction and a star symbol. The notation is dense and complex, with many notes and accidentals. The page is numbered 1394 at the bottom.

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This page contains six systems of musical notation for piano. Each system consists of a treble and bass staff. The notation includes various musical symbols such as notes, rests, and fingerings (e.g., 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 2, 1, 3, 2, 1). Pedaling instructions are marked with "Ped." and asterisks (*). Some systems include alternative phrasings indicated by "or thus:". The first system has a tempo marking of 1/6. The second system has a tempo marking of 3/8. The third system has a tempo marking of 1/2. The fourth system has a tempo marking of 1/2. The fifth system has a tempo marking of 1/4. The sixth system has a tempo marking of 1/4. The page is numbered 1394-4 at the bottom center and 17 at the bottom right.

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This page contains six systems of musical notation for a piano piece. The notation includes treble and bass staves with various musical symbols, dynamics, and performance instructions.

System 1: Features a series of chords and arpeggios. Dynamics include *f* (forte) and *Ped.* (pedal). Fingerings are indicated by numbers 1-5.

System 2: Includes a *cres.* (crescendo) and *rit.* (ritardando) section, followed by a *a tempo.* section. Dynamics include *ff* (fortissimo) and *con fuoco.* (with fire). A *or thus* alternative is provided.

System 3: Continues the melodic and harmonic development with various fingerings and pedaling.

System 4: Features a *3* (triple) marking and continues the piece with various dynamics and pedaling.

System 5: Includes a *rf* (ritardando fortissimo) and *p subito.* (piano subito) section. Dynamics include *ff* and *p* (piano). A *or thus* alternative is provided.

System 6: The final system on the page, concluding with various musical notations and pedaling.

The page number **18** is located at the bottom left, and the number **1394 - 4** is at the bottom right.

First system of musical notation, measures 1-4. Treble and bass staves. Pedal points marked with asterisks and "Ped.".

Second system of musical notation, measures 5-8. Treble and bass staves. Pedal points marked with asterisks and "Ped.".

Third system of musical notation, measures 9-12. Treble and bass staves. Pedal points marked with asterisks and "Ped.".

Fourth system of musical notation, measures 13-16. Treble and bass staves. Pedal points marked with asterisks and "Ped.".

Fifth system of musical notation, measures 17-20. Treble and bass staves. Pedal points marked with asterisks and "Ped.".

Sixth system of musical notation, measures 21-24. Treble and bass staves. Pedal points marked with asterisks and "Ped.".

N.B. The small notes are ad lib.

Ped.
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DANSE HONGROISE.

HUNGARY. ~~~~ UNGARN.

Moritz Moszkowski. Op. N° 5.

Molto Allegro. ♩ 160.

Secondo.

The musical score is written for piano and bass. It features six systems of staves. The first system begins with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic and includes a pedal point marked 'Ped. *'. The second system introduces a 'cres.' (crescendo) marking. The third system starts with a forte (*f*) dynamic and includes a 'Ped.' marking. The fourth system features a piano (*p*) dynamic and a 'Ped.' marking. The fifth system returns to a forte (*f*) dynamic and includes a 'Ped.' marking. The sixth system concludes with a 'Ped.' marking. The score is filled with intricate fingerings and articulation marks throughout.

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DANSE HONGROISE.

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HUNGARY. ~~~~ UNGARN.

Moritz Moszkowski. Op. 23. N° 5.

Molto Allegro $\text{♩} = 160$.

Primo.

The musical score is written for piano and right hand. It begins with a tempo marking of 'Molto Allegro' and a quarter note equal to 160 beats. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The score is divided into five systems. The first system includes a 'Primo.' marking. The second system includes the markings 'in poco più f' and 'cres.'. The third system includes 'f rfz'. The fourth system includes 'f' and 'p'. The fifth system includes 'f' and 'p'. The score concludes with a repeat sign and a final cadence. Pedal points are indicated with 'Ped.' and asterisks. Fingerings are indicated with numbers 1-5. The piece ends with a repeat sign and a final cadence.

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[illegible]

The P^s signify Pedal.

Primo.

4 *p. giocoso.*

Ped.

2 4

2 1 3 1 2

f *p*

4

Ped *

2 4 2 2 4 1 3 2

3 3 2 1 2 1

cres.

Ped.

Secondo.

The first system of the musical score for 'L'Allegretto' from 'The Nutcracker'. It features a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 2/4 time signature. The bass staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 2/4 time signature. The music is in 2/4 time. The treble staff begins with a series of eighth notes, followed by a measure with a '3' over it and a '2' under it. The bass staff begins with a series of eighth notes, followed by a measure with a '2' over it and a '1' under it. The music is marked 'cres. assai.' and 'ff con fuoco.'.

f *Ped.* *sfz* *Ped.*

Ped. *sfz* *f* *Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.*

Ped. *Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.*

Ped. *f* *mf* *Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.*

f *mf* *f* *mf* *f* *Ped.* *Ped.*

Presto. *sfz* *ff* *sfz* *sfz* *Ped.*

1439-6

This page of musical notation is for a piano piece, likely a technical exercise or a short composition. It consists of six systems of staves, each with a treble and bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 2/4. The notation includes various musical elements:

- First System:** Starts with a *Primo.* marking. The right hand features complex triplets and sixteenth-note patterns. The left hand has a steady eighth-note accompaniment. Dynamics include *f* (forte) and *Ped.* (pedal). Fingering numbers (1-5) are present throughout.
- Second System:** Continues the patterns from the first system. It includes a *sfz* (sforzando) marking and a *Ped.* marking. A measure rest of 8 measures is indicated at the end of the system.
- Third System:** Features a *f* marking and a *rfz* (ritardando) marking. It includes a *Ped.* marking and a measure rest of 2 measures.
- Fourth System:** Continues with *f* and *rfz* markings. It includes a *Ped.* marking and a measure rest of 2 measures.
- Fifth System:** Features a *f* marking and a *mf* (mezzo-forte) marking. It includes a *Ped.* marking and a measure rest of 2 measures.
- Sixth System:** Starts with a *Presto.* marking. The right hand features complex triplets and sixteenth-note patterns. The left hand has a steady eighth-note accompaniment. Dynamics include *ff* (fortissimo) and *sfz* (sforzando). It includes a *Ped.* marking and a measure rest of 2 measures.

The notation is highly detailed, with many fingerings and articulations indicated. The page is numbered 1439 - 6 at the bottom.

ECOLE DU MECANISME

Book II.

Allegro moderato. ♩ = 80 to 152. Duvernoy - Buelow. Op. 120.

N^o IX

At first, practice the scales alone, with the hand inclining towards the thumb sufficiently to facilitate the crossing over or under of the thumb or fingers. When the crossing under of the thumb and the crossing over of the fingers, in the manner indicated in the note given to study No. 7, no longer offers any special difficulty, proceed to play both hands together. The chords may, however, also be practiced separately, at first, to good advantage. In playing the scales, be careful, at first, to raise the fingers high in striking and to keep them in an archlike position; also to have the notes follow each other without the slightest interruption or break. To accomplish this, slow practice is recommended in the beginning.

Handwritten musical score for 'The Rose Tree'. The score is written on two staves, treble and bass. The melody is in the treble staff, featuring a series of eighth notes and sixteenth notes, often beamed together. The bass staff provides a simple accompaniment with chords and single notes. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 2/4. The score is divided into two systems. The first system contains four measures, and the second system contains three measures. The melody is marked with fingerings (1-5) and breath marks (v). The bass staff has a 5 in the first measure of the first system, indicating a low octave. The title 'The Rose Tree' is written in a decorative font at the top right of the page.

A musical score for a piece labeled 'simili.' It features a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains a complex melodic line with many beamed sixteenth notes and various fingering numbers (1-5). The bass staff contains a simpler accompaniment with eighth and sixteenth notes, also including fingering numbers. The piece concludes with a double bar line and a final chord in the bass staff.

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No. X. *Allegro* ♩ - 80 to ♩ - 152.

French fingering. German fingering. English fingering.

No. I. No. II. No. III.

Precisely the same fingering is used in descending.

A There are three methods of fingering the chromatic scale: the French, German and English. The fingering at No. 1 is that of the French method. It is recommended as the best by all great pianists for the following reasons: First, all members of the body of which there are two, such as the arms, hands or fingers, are really pairs, whose motion impulse proceeds, in the first place, from the same nerve centers. For this physiological reason, as we all know from experience, similar simultaneous motions of both members of the pair are natural, and hence easy, while contrary simultaneous motions are unnatural, difficult and, as a result, often weak and uneven. They are, therefore, to be avoided in piano playing, whenever they can be. Now, when both hands play the chromatic scale by the French method, the same fingers of each hand are used on eight out of the twelve keys to be struck, i. e., the third fingers on C₂, first on D, third on D₂, third on F₂, first on G, third on G₂, first on A and the third on A₂. While, on the other hand, by both the German and English methods, when the scale is played with both hands, only four of the twelve keys to be struck are struck with the same fingers by each hand. See examples II. and III. Secondly, The use of the third finger on all of the black keys gives more firmness to the hand than the constant changing demanded by the German and English methods. For these important reasons, the German and the English should be used only, if at all, when the scale is to be performed by one hand alone and in passages requiring great rapidity and delicacy. The study of all the methods, however, is recommended, and it is left to the judgment of the performer to determine where use should be made of either the German or English methods.

B The fingering given at B throughout this study is a modification of the English method.

First system of musical notation. Treble and bass staves. Treble staff has a melodic line with many fingerings (1-4, 2-3, 3-4, 4-5, etc.) and a dynamic marking *f*. Bass staff has a simple accompaniment with a *simili* marking. A *p* marking appears later in the system.

Second system of musical notation. Treble staff continues the melodic line with fingerings. Bass staff has a simple accompaniment. Dynamic markings include *piu f* and *cresc.*

Third system of musical notation. Treble staff continues the melodic line with fingerings. Bass staff has a simple accompaniment. Dynamic markings include *dim.*, *cresc.*, and *Fine.*

Fourth system of musical notation. Treble staff continues the melodic line with fingerings. Bass staff has a simple accompaniment. Dynamic markings include *p*, *poco...*, *a...*, *poco...*, *cres*, and *cendo*. A *simili.* marking is also present.

Fifth system of musical notation. Treble staff continues the melodic line with fingerings. Bass staff has a simple accompaniment.

Sixth system of musical notation. Treble staff continues the melodic line with fingerings. Bass staff has a simple accompaniment. A *dim.* marking is present at the end.

8 *Allegro moderato* ♩ — 80 to ♩ — 152.

Nº XI.

A

p leggiero.

p *cresc.*

f *dim.* *p*

A Sustain the eighth notes their full value and phrase with both hands alike.

The sheet music consists of six systems of staves. The first system includes a treble and bass staff with a *cresc.* marking and a *stacc.* marking. The second system includes a treble and bass staff with a *p* marking and a *cresc.* marking. The third system includes a treble and bass staff with a *f* marking and a *dim.* marking. The fourth system includes a treble and bass staff with a *p leggiero.* marking. The fifth system includes a treble and bass staff with a *cresc.* marking and a *f* marking. The sixth system includes a treble and bass staff with a *sempre f* marking and a *ff* marking. A specific instruction 'B' is placed under a note in the second system.

B Connect this G with the preceding note, F sharp, legato. This is easily done by striking the key G between the black keys.

10 *Allegro* ♩ — 80 to ♩ — 122

Nº XII.

The score is a piano study in 2/4 time, marked *Allegro* with a tempo range of 80 to 122 beats per minute. It is numbered 10 and titled 'Nº XII.' The piece is written for piano and bass. The first system begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The bass line starts with a bass clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The first system includes dynamics *f*, *dim.*, and *f*, and the instruction *simili.*. The second system includes *p leggiero*, *simili.*, *p*, and *cresc.*. The third system includes *f*, *stacc.*, and *f*. The fourth system includes *f*, *cresc.*, *f*, and *stacc.*. The fifth system includes *f*, *cresc.*, *poco a poco*, and *ff*. The sixth system includes *ff*. A section labeled 'B' is marked for practice of the five fingers in succession.

A To secure a smooth and graceful performance of this study, it is absolutely necessary to hold the wrist very loose.

B The lower fingering offers very useful practice for the five fingers in succession.

Allegro ♩—80 to ♩—112.

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Nº XIII A

The score is a piano study in 3/4 time, marked *Allegro* with a tempo range of 80 to 112 beats per minute. It is titled **Nº XIII A**. The notation is in grand staff (treble and bass clef). The piece begins in C major and includes key signature changes to D major and back to C major. Fingerings are indicated by numbers 1-5 above or below notes. Dynamic markings include *p* (piano), *cresc.* (crescendo), *f* (forte), *dim.* (diminuendo), and *ff* (fortissimo). The piece concludes with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

Observe a strict legato throughout this study. Do not raise the fingers from any key until the next key has been struck, except where an interval requires a stretch larger than the hand can reach, as at C, or for small hands at D.

The lower fingering should receive special study, as it cultivates flexibility of the hand in contracting and expanding.

12 *Allegro* ♩—80 to ♩—152.

Nº XIV.

leggiere. *simili.*


The object of this study is lightness of attack with loose wrist, and elegance of execution. Observe carefully the fingering with the left hand. Well played, with proper observance of the dynamic marks, this study makes a very pretty piece.



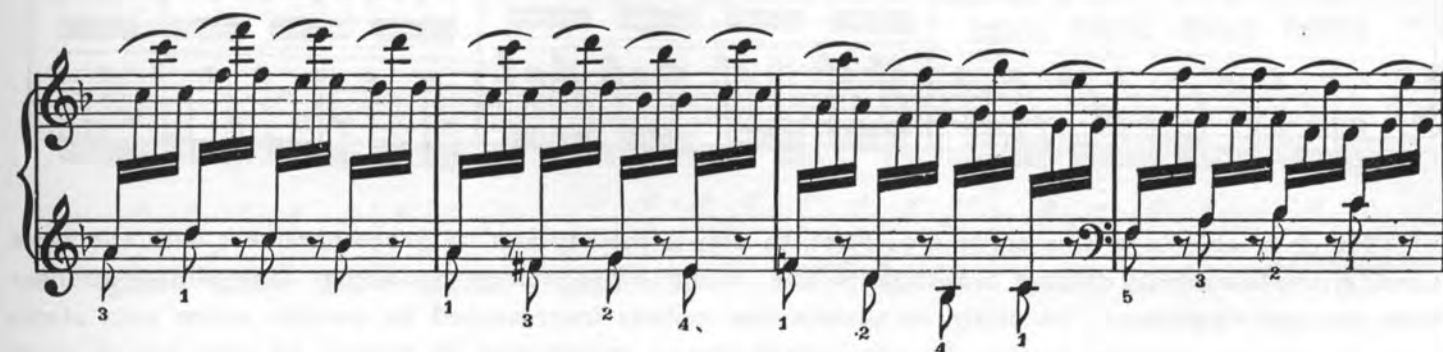
First system of musical notation, featuring a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains a series of eighth notes with slurs. The bass staff contains a series of eighth notes with slurs. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The system includes dynamic markings *cresc.* and *dim.*. Fingering numbers 3, 2, 3, 2, 3, 2, 4/5, 5, 3, 2 are indicated below the notes.



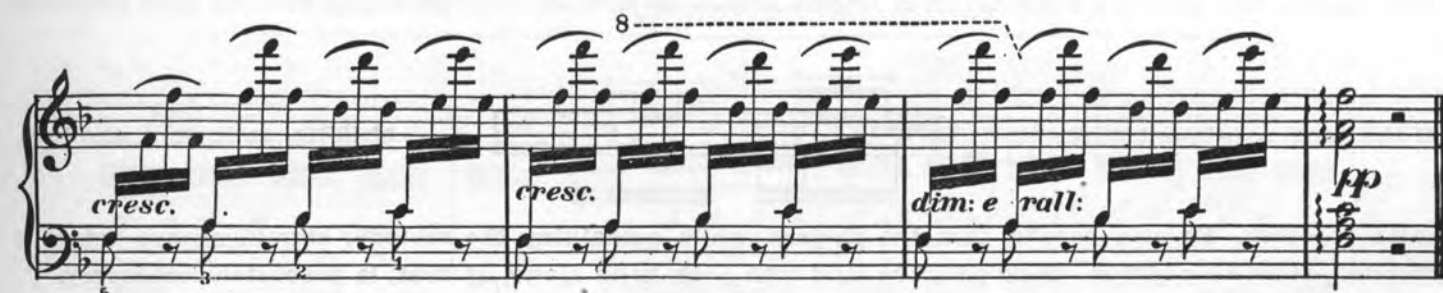
Second system of musical notation, featuring a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains a series of eighth notes with slurs. The bass staff contains a series of eighth notes with slurs. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The system includes dynamic markings *riten.* and *a tempo.*. Fingering numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 1, 2, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 3, 2, 1 are indicated below the notes.



Third system of musical notation, featuring a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains a series of eighth notes with slurs. The bass staff contains a series of eighth notes with slurs. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). Fingering numbers 3, 1, 2, 3, 1, 3, 2, 4, 1, 3, 2, 4, 3, 2, 1, 4 are indicated below the notes.



Fourth system of musical notation, featuring a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains a series of eighth notes with slurs. The bass staff contains a series of eighth notes with slurs. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). Fingering numbers 3, 1, 1, 3, 2, 4, 1, 2, 4, 1, 5, 3, 2 are indicated below the notes.



Fifth system of musical notation, featuring a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains a series of eighth notes with slurs. The bass staff contains a series of eighth notes with slurs. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The system includes dynamic markings *cresc.*, *cresc.*, *dim: e rall:*, and *fp*. A dashed line with the number 8 above it spans the first two measures. Fingering numbers 5, 3, 2, 1, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 3, 2 are indicated below the notes.

14 *Moderato* ♩ = 80 to ♩ = 152.

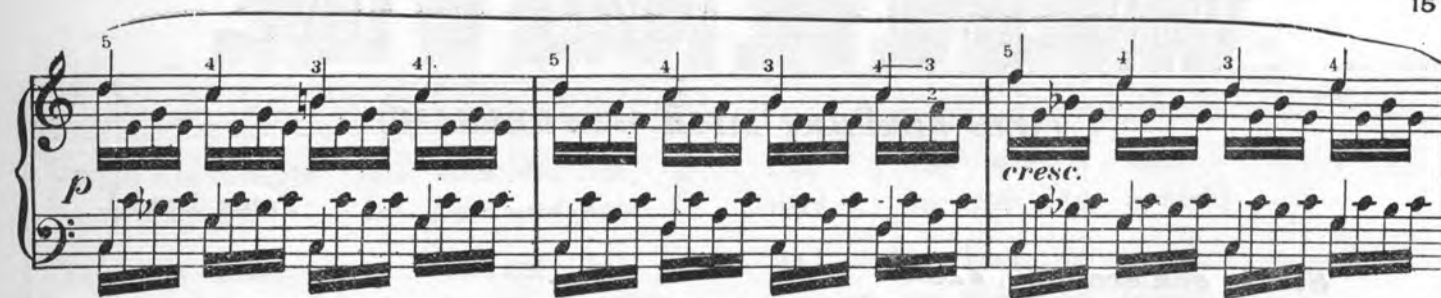
Nº XV. *Il canto espressivo.*

The chief objects of this study are: First, to play a melody and its accompaniment with the same hand, giving to each its distinct individuality, i. e., to make the melody throughout considerably stronger than the accompaniment; Secondly, to sustain the melody (represented by quarter notes with stems turned upwards) perfectly *legato*. To accomplish this, a substitution of fingers, on keys struck, must often be resorted to. This substitution of fingers should be effected simultaneously with the third sixteenth

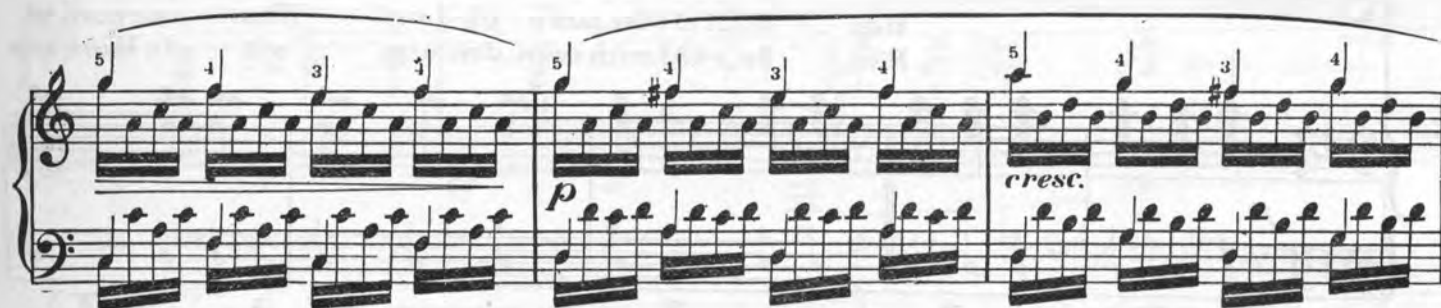
of the accompaniment thus:

striking, as it were, the two

notes together. Be very careful that the fingers, while sustaining the melody, should always retain a rounded, archlike position. Slow practice, and with each hand alone, at first, is absolutely necessary.



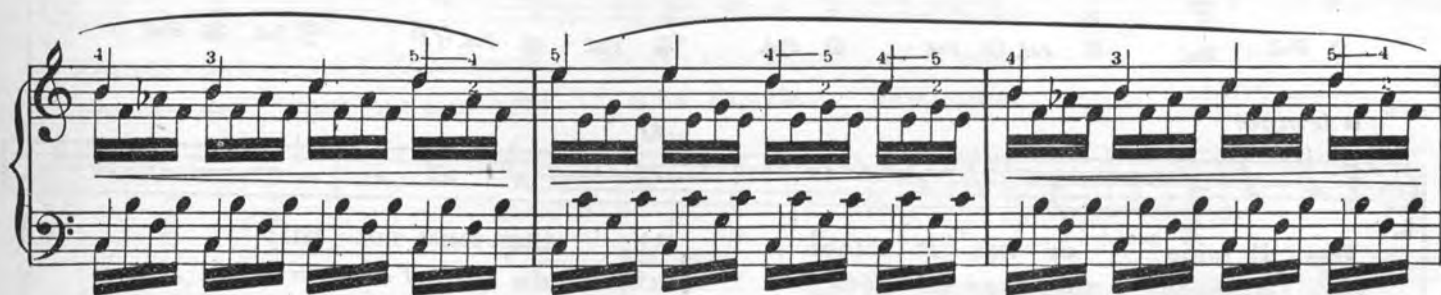
First system of musical notation. Treble and bass staves. Treble staff has fingerings 5, 4, 3, 4, 5, 4, 3, 4, 3, 5, 4, 3, 4. Bass staff starts with a piano (*p*) dynamic. A crescendo (*cresc.*) marking is present in the third measure.



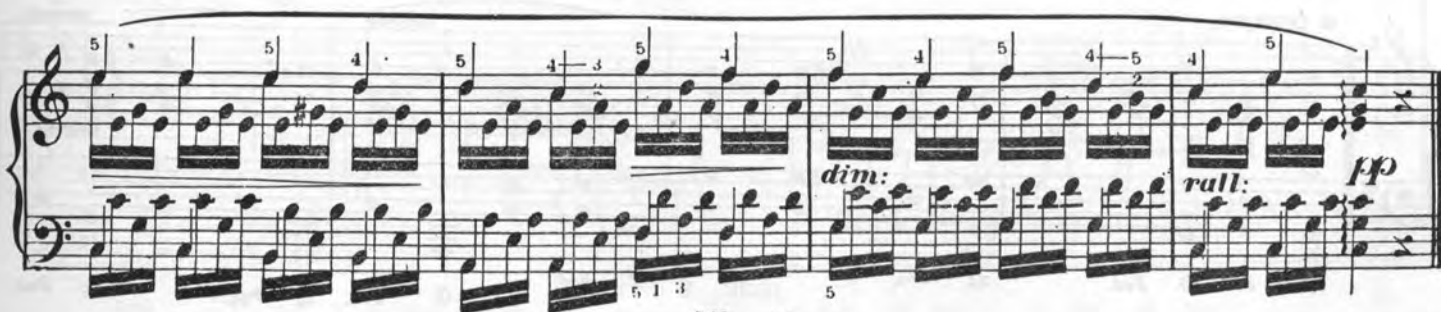
Second system of musical notation. Treble and bass staves. Treble staff has fingerings 5, 4, 3, 4, 5, 4, 3, 4, 5, 4, 3, 4. Bass staff starts with a piano (*p*) dynamic. A crescendo (*cresc.*) marking is present in the third measure.



Third system of musical notation. Treble and bass staves. Treble staff has fingerings 5, 4, 3, 4, 5, 4, 3, 4, 5, 4, 3, 4. Bass staff has fingerings 3, 4, 1, 2, 5, 1, 3, 1, 2. A crescendo (*cresc.*) marking is present in the first measure. A *riten.* (ritardando) marking is present in the second measure. An *a tempo.* marking is present in the third measure.



Fourth system of musical notation. Treble and bass staves. Treble staff has fingerings 4, 3, 5, 4, 5, 4, 3, 4, 5, 4, 3, 4. Bass staff has fingerings 4, 3, 5, 4, 5, 4, 3, 4, 5, 4, 3, 4.



Fifth system of musical notation. Treble and bass staves. Treble staff has fingerings 5, 4, 3, 4, 5, 4, 3, 4, 5, 4, 3, 4. Bass staff has fingerings 5, 1, 3, 5. A *dim.* (diminuendo) marking is present in the second measure. A *rall.* (ritardando) marking is present in the third measure. A *ff* (fortissimo) marking is present in the fourth measure.

WONDERFUL THE POWER OF LOVE.

(WIE BERÜHRT MICH WUNDERSAM.)

Franz Bendel.

Slowly and dreamily. ♩ - 100.

Slowly and dreamily. ♩ - 100.

The musical score is for a piece titled 'Wonderful the power of Love!' in 3/4 time, marked 'Slowly and dreamily' with a tempo of 100. It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The piano part includes chords with fingerings (5, 3, 1) and (5, 3) in the right hand, and single notes with fingerings (3) and (2) in the left hand. Pedal points are indicated by 'Ped.' and asterisks. The lyrics are in English and German.

Won - der - ful the pow'r of Love! When one word of
Wie be - rührt mich wun - der - sam oft ein Wort von

thine, From thy lips that faith-ful prove, Thrills this heart of mine!
 dir, das von dei - ner Lip - pe kam, und von Her - zen mir!

f. *pp rit.* *rit.* *pp*

* Ped. Ped. * Ped. * Ped. * Ped. * Ped. * Ped. * P * Ped. * Ped.

a tempo.

a tempo.

Was it mine or was it thine! Ah, thou canst not tell!
Was ist mein, und was ist dein, ach, du weisst es nicht!

Oh! what fate, what mys-ter-y Links us! dear one, speak!
O welch' tief Ge-heimniss trägt still der See-le Band!

a tempo.

7 Ped. * Ped. * Ped. * Ped. 1032 - 2 * Ped. * Ped. * Ped. * Ped.

rit. dim.

What has wrought this bliss di-vine, Can thy spir-it tell!
wie aus dir in Lust und pein mei-ne See-le spricht
 Heart to heart e-ter-nal-ly! Ah! 'tis vain to seek!
das aus bei der Her-zen schlägt, was ein Herz em-pfund

pp *dolce.*

* Ped. * Ped. * Ped. / Ped. * Ped. * Ped. * Ped.

a tempo.

Won-der-ful the pow of love! When one word of thine,
Wie be-rührt mich wun-der-sam oft ein Wort von dir,

pp

* Ped. * Ped. * Ped. * Ped. * Ped. * Ped. * Ped. * Ped.

f. rit. 1. 2.

From thy lips that faith-ful prove, Thrills this heart of mine. mine.
das von dei-ner Lip-pe kam und von Her-zen mir. mir.

rit. pp

* Ped. * Ped. * Ped. * Ped. / P / P * Ped. / Ped. * Ped.

pp

* Ped. * Ped. * Ped. / Ped. * Ped. * Ped. * Ped. * Ped. * Ped. * Ped.

LITTLE BUTTERCUP.

(Rondo)

Carl Sidus Op. 80.

Allegretto ♩ - 120.

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Musical score for "The Rose Tree" in 3/4 time. The score is written for piano (p) and includes fingerings and slurs. The melody is in the right hand, and the accompaniment is in the left hand. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The tempo is marked "Allegretto".





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GRIEG.

Dr. Edward Grieg, who has been the most prominent figure of the London season, has left England. Although of little more than middle age (he was born in 1843) Grieg has for some years past suffered more or less from ill health. The cold seems to affect him, writes Mr. Percy Betts in *London Daily News*, and indeed it was to the chill which he caught soon after his arrival in London that we are indebted for the pleasure of hearing Mme. Grieg, who had not intended to visit England, but was telegraphed for from Christiania, when her husband's malady became acute. Although in his youth injured to the cold of the far North, Grieg can now stand a great deal of warmth. Even during his present visit he has amused friends with a tale of the astonishment of the housekeeper at a provincial hotel, when she found her guest was not satisfied until sixteen blankets had been piled upon his bed. Dr. Grieg now spends most of his winters in mid-Europe, earning a good deal of money by concerts and by playing at recitals. Thus he avoids the drudgery of his younger days, the tedious lesson-giving week after week for ten months of the year, until the happy time arrived for flight to Bergen or to the Hardanger Fjord, for holiday-making and original composition. Now he has given up teaching altogether, and lives during the summer chiefly on a small estate about ten miles from Bergen. His love for the scenery of his native land is, however, as great as ever, and he speaks enthusiastically of the blue lakes, and rocks and forests of Norway.

Dr. Grieg's vigorous protest against being considered as a "Scandinavian" composer, is no doubt largely due to a patriotic feeling against the Germanism of his old master Gade, one of the teachers, by the way, of the Princess of Wales. Grieg from 1858 to 1863 studied at the Leipzig Conservatoire, where, however, he preferred to wander about the fields rather than to listen to music. In 1863 he went under Gade at Copenhagen, where he met Rikard Nordraak. He declares:

"The scales fell from my eyes. It was from him that I first learnt the feelings and melodies of the people of the North and own true nature. We conspired against the effeminate Scandinavianism of Gade-cum Mendelssohn, and enthusiastically struck out the new path which we of the true Northern school are now treading."

Latterly, however, Grieg believes he has become more Cosmopolitan, a fact which he attributes to his European travels. Grieg, by the way, has been claimed by the Scotch, and a by no means remote ancestor was, it is said, a native of Scotland. He and his wife go to Amsterdam and Copenhagen, and afterwards to Leipzig and other German towns, not returning to their home near Bergen till April.

Pollini, who lately died at Hamburg, was the best known and richest operatic manager in Germany. He made Londoners acquainted with some of Wagner's later operas. Some years ago he had a lawsuit against the Viennese prima donna, Bianca Bianchi. He came off victor, and the singer was cast in damages. She had her revenge, however, for she made the manager fall in love with her, and was then forgiving enough to marry him.

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There will be a grand revival of Offenbach's operettas at the Gaite, Paris. It will begin next October.

Mr. Nikisch will not visit the United States with the Philharmonic Orchestra this season.

Johann Strauss has completed a new waltz. It is called "An der Elbe," and was conducted by the composer at one of his brother Eduard's concerts amid scenes of great enthusiasm.

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Mascagni's "Zanetto," founded on Coppee's "Le Passant," was performed for the first time in this country January 4, at the Astora, New York. The singers were Mrs. Chelia and Miss Verlet. This little opera was first performed at Pesaro, March 2, 1896, when its success was "complete." The two parts were sung by Miss Collamarini (Zanetto) and Miss Pizzagalli (Silvia, the courtesan). The opera, which lasts scarcely an hour, begins with a chorus without words, sung behind the scenes and before the curtain is raised. An enthusiastic Italian critic wrote that "Zanetto" gives "an admirable idea of the Italian Renaissance." The opera was soon afterward sung at La Scala, Milan. It was sung for the first time in England, June 23, 1896, by the Ravoglis, Giulia, and Sofia. As the performance was in a drawing-room, the orchestra was represented by a piano and a harp. In Vienna the opera was given late in August or early in September of the same year by Mrs. Bellincioni and Miss Lejo. The music was declared to be without originality, and the orchestration as well worked out. In New York the opening chorus seems to have been omitted.

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