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THE STORY OF MUSIC.

A rapid sketch of the development of music is contributed by A. W. Moore to the New York Led-ger. Music was ascribed to divine origin by early philosophers. It was, from the outset, a faithful at-tendant of religion. In Egypt, Greece, and Judea, Modern music, however, is an absolutely new H. It property dates back to Luther and the opening of the era of freedom of thought. The writer says:

"The services of Martin Luther to musical programs of the control "The services of Martin Luther to musical prog-

"About the same time, instrumental music, which hitherto had merely served as an accompaniment for the voice or the dance, began to display a tendency to develop into an independent art. The orchestral parts of the young opera began to assure suitable characteristic coloring, to indicate different suitable characteristic coloring, to indicate different idealized and connected together in a manner to describe the suitable characteristic coloring to the display of the suitable characteristic coloring to the suitable suita prepare the way for the sonata form in music which first saw the light in Italy, grew to increased pro-portions in France, and in Germany attained its full

who ended in originating something of far more value and significance to the world.

asking what more there can be. Wagner declared that genuine musical art could not exist until every "About the same time, instrumental music, which form of slavery was wined out and the universal asking what more there can be. Wagner dechared that genuine musical art could not exist until every form of slavery was wiped out and the universal freedom of the teachings of Jesus prevailed. "What part has woman played in the story of mu-sic? Hers has been a magnificent role. She has not

sic? Here has been a magnificent role. She has not been so active in the work of creative composition as her brother, but she has ever been his inspirer, his sympathetic interpreter, his invaluable co-worker. It was a woman, Laura Guidlecioni, who wrote woman, too, Vittoria Archilie, through her noble rendering of the prominent roles, contributed largely to their success. It would be difficult to estimate what Robert Schumann owed his wife, Clara, what Richard Wagner owed his wife, Cosima, and what Richard Wagner oved his wife, Cosima, and what thankfully accept whis a "keep" accomplished, and look hopefully to the future."



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#### RELATION OF MUSIC TO SPEECH.

The problem how a mere series of sounds can The problem how a mere series of souther car-constitute something analogous to a logical succes-sion of ideas, something that can be followed with plant and the series of the series of the series of the same magazine, Residus Musical Dalliens, by M. Gri-vean. The Liberary Digast translates the article, and we quote from it as follows: "10 to sure, physical-base even a great deal to do with it. But there is something more. The most detectable music makes the nerves tingle like the best, and the more; as if it were the funeral march from the 'Heroic' sym-phony. There is, then, in music physiological and mental sensibility. The former nor certain qualities. mental sensibility. The former arises from a responsiveness of the nervous system to certain qualities systems of the nervous system to certain qualities train of images or logical ideas. The one is set group at once by the materials of the art; the other, abover, is moved by the way in which these materials of the art is the other, abover, is moved by the way in which these materials are the system of the contract of the cont

distinct by the behavior at a concert, will confirm the distinction that we have sought to establish. Those who are unintellectual are only put to sleep by Benkoven's music—these philosoptic to sleep by Benkoven's music—these philosoptic to sleep by Benkoven's music—the properties of the polyphony of the Wagner dramas, so profound and so purely specified to the contrary, those who have been these great minds, are moved to the depths of their beats, and of their minds, to:

Taking up the solution of the problem, McGirean Capt that music bears to language. That there is a certain relation between the two is shown by the closuess with which they approach in powerly, on tailive, on the other. Spencer even asserts that music had its origin in the desire to modulate agreeably the spaken word. More than the contraction of the problem of the contraction of the con

different from that which we speak and write dank it tells nothing exactly, points out no object, no being. By compensation it extends our comprehension far beyond the circle of adily ideas; by its mysterious inflections it at the same time leads us and binds us. In any case, it opportunely saves us from the commosplace. Thus is the method pointed out to him who would penetrate this mystery. We out to him who would penetrate this mystery. We must first find common points and then points of tional speech and the language of tional speech and the language of the feelings. What is obscure and shylline in the one is illuminated by the lucidity of the other. The language of the other than the speech of the speech o

the parallelism between music and language that he has here indicated—so fully that we can only indicate his main points. In the repetition of a musical phrase, group, or single note, he sees something analogous to the monosyllabism of primitive language; in the answering of one phrase by another, a likeness to grammatical antecedent and consequent. The old masters, Hayda, Mozart, Beethoven, ikeness to gramman.

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have rakes place' the sands of music, he ne says, are in their music continuany saying. 15 (something takes place) — this other thing (will follow)." The sole single words of music, he says, are interjections, or correspond to the inter-jections of spoken language. For instance, the tric

all harmonies, but perissed in list divisors. After developing this idea at some length, the writer shows that all how the list of the lis

#### KUNKEL POPULAR CONCERTS.

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presented:

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Forty-fifth concert, Sunday afternoon, January 3rd. 1. Piano Solo-Sonate, op. 10, No. 3, D major, Bethoven(a) Largo emesto, (b) Presto, Mr Charles Kunkel. 2 Violin Solo-Souvenir de Haydn-grand concert piece, Leonard, Mr. Fritz Gelb. 3. Piano Duet-(a) Suite de Lændlers, Andres, (b) Humosque-Capuse des Negres, Kunkel; Messrs Charles esque—Danse des Negres, Kunkel; Mesers, Charles Kunkel and George Enzinger. 4. Song—Ah, I would Lieper—concert walts from Romeo and Ju-carmon—Grand Pattasis (10 speeds request). Birds: Rive-King, Mr. Charles Kunkel. 6. Violin Solu— Boquet American, introducing Artansas Travelor, Banja time and Yanken Deeller, Wantsus, Wetti, Miss Sadi Timmins. 8. Piano Duet-Carcless Ele gence—Quickstep. Schligharth; Messrs. Charles Kunkel and George Edzinger.

Kunkel and George Enzinger.

Forty sixth concert, Sunday afternoon, January 10th. 1. Piano Solo—Sonate, No. 2, op. 2, A major, 10th. 1. Piano Solo—Sonate, No. 2, op. 2, A major, 10th. 1. Largo—Appassionato, (b) Rondo—Legende (Largo—Appassionato, b) Rondo—Legende (The Dring Saint), Wieniawski, Mr. Maires Syper. 3 Piano Duste-(c) Conzonetta, Meric Syper. 3 Piano Duste-(c) Conzonetta, Meric Syper. 3 Piano Duste-(c) Conzonetta, Maric Syper. 3 Piano Solo—(a) Nocturne (Forget men) Faharp major, op. 3, Chopin, (b) Wallz in D flat major, op. 64. Chopin, (c) Saiellite (Tolka di Solo—(a) Seronde Schubert Remenyt, (b) Cazdasch, Surasato; Mr. Maurice Spyer. 7. Song—1 oy sond-day, Kingham, Miss Carrie Kellesman. On the Chapter of the Chapter of

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The monument to be erected to Richard Wagner
at Baireuth consists of a temple with a round cupuls on pillars, with a statue of the composer in the
puls on pillars, with a statue of the composer in the
M. Gaston Paris, of the Academie Francaise, last
struck a deadly blow against Germany, in declaring that many of Wagner's plots are not German.
Tanshanser is an Italian legend of the fourteenth
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(sung in costume) Miss Mae Estelle Acton, 7. Piano duet—(a) Cinderella (Impromptu Walzer), Conrath, (b) Sparkling Dew—Caprice, Kunkel; Messrs. Charles Kunkel and Louis Conrath.

#### DILIGENT STUDY.

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The New York Traces says: Attention has recently been called by an English statistician to the effect the number of famous musiciens who in youth has reasonable the number of famous musiciens who in youth have raised, and in old age retained, an unusually long and thick covering for their heads, he was moved to ested public the routies of his labors. The first of these was, that it is only the performers of musiciant have been from the famous that have had rought to the continual to the same that have had been successful to the continual to the



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#### "THE FRENCH WAGNER."

Such is the title by which those Parisians who Such is the title by which those Parisians who have been deeply impressed with the music of Alfred Bruneau have styled this youngest of the great biring composers of France, says an exchange, and biring composers of France, says an exchange, and of this ado tion of wagner's principles. Bruneau lacks, no doubt, the orthestral skill and medolic beauty of Wagner; but he has developed the Wagnerian principle of the Guiding Motive far beyond the point to which Massend and Saint-Safras have

the point to which Massenert and Saint-Sains have gone.

Not alone for this reason, however, but because of Bruneau's French aspect as well, the forthcoming from Francisco and the second of the Saint-Sain

that famous French realist.

The realism of Bruneau's musical treatment of The realism of Bruneau's musical treatment of these two previous romances has been peculiarly significant. Without striving for mere orchestral significant. Without striving for mere orchestral effects of Zolis situations and less. "Le Reve' expressed the gray quiet and religious dreaming of the cathedral 16/1, while "LAttaque du Moulin" gave cathedral 16/1, while "LATtaque du Moulin" and sur de la company de

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Chicago Orchestra.

#### CARRENO RECITAL.

The piano recital given by the world renowned pianiste. Teresa Carreno, at Entertainment Hall on the 1st inst. was one of the greatest treats ever en Joyed by lovers of music in St. Louis. Madame Carreno fully sustained her reputation as one of the technique, endurance, and utterly artistic interpretations, drew mostined applause from the discriminating audience gathered to hear her. Madame Carreno was andy seconded by the magnificent from the tenderest note of Chopin's Berceuse to the overwhelming demands of Lisz's La Campanella or Rhapsodie Hongroise, No. 6.

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The Baireuth festival of 1857 will consist of three complete cycles of "Der Ring des Nibelungen," beginning July 21, Aug. 2 and 14, and eight performances of "Tarsital," on July 19, 27, 28, 30, and Aug. 8, 9, 11 and 10. The curtain rises at 4 p.m. and falls at 10 p.m., with an hour's intermission between each etc. The price of an orchestra stall is, as usual, 85.

In Italy, all operatic strikes must take place be-fore moon, as the government insists that the public shall never be disappointed by such an incident as that which broke up the performance of "Andrea Chenier" recently. All operatic strikers after the hour of noon are arrested, and confined in jail until

It is expected that Mme. Chaminade, the well-known French composer will "tour" the United States next season with Henri Marteau, the vio-

#### CITY NOTES.

E. R. Kroeger inaugurated his fourth season of pianoforte recitals Thusday evening, the 21st ult., at the Y. M. C. A. Hall, Grand and Franklin aves. His programme included selections from Beethoven, Bach, Handel, Mozart, von Weber, Nicode and Mosz-kywski, and was admirably rendered.

The St. Louis Quintet Club will give its second The St. Louis Quintet Club will give its second concert of the present season, Tuesday evening, the 16th inst., at Memorial Hall, 19th and Lucas Place. Mr. Louis Hammerstein will be the pianist upon this occasion, for which a splendid programme has been prepared. The principals include George Heerick, Val. Schopp, Louis Meyer and Carl Froeherick, Val. Schopp, Louis Meyer and Carl Froeher

The second concert of the series of Kunkel Popular Concerts at East St. Louis, took place there on the 15th ult., and drew out a splendid attendance. The Concerts are given under the auspices of the Ladies of the Baptist Church and afford a great treat to lovers of music. The next Concert takes place on the 5th inst.

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Mr. Clarence Eddy, the eminent organist, gave two organ recitals at the Lindell Ave. Methodist Episcopal Church, Lindell Boulevard and Newstead Avenne. Monday and Tuesday nights, Feb. 1st and 2nd. The programmes were repliet with magnification tumbers and rendered by Mr. Eddy in a maner that sunking has been considered to the control of the

Paul Mori is doing successful work at Strassber-er's Conservatory, where he has a large class of

Miss Katie Jochum, the pianist and teacher, is kept busy with a large and successful class of pu-pils. Miss Jochum's address is 1905 Lami street.

Miss Wilhelmine Trenchery, of Alton, has re-sumed her classes in piano and voice. While in Eu-rope, Miss Trenchery availed herself of the oppor-tunity of studying under Marchesi and other celetunity of studying under brated European teachers.

Paris has a peculiar idea in regard to concerts. They all take place on Sundays. The late M. Pasdeloup started in 1861 his Sunday Concerts Populaires at the Cirque Napoleon; and French concert managers, like sheep, hastened to imitate him. Even now no orchestral concerts take place on any weekday.

Emperor Francis Joseph, of Austria, has conferred upon Carl Goldmark, the Viennese composer whose "Cricket on the Hearth" was os successful in Germany, the knight's cross of the Order of Leopold—the highest decoration ever bestowed upon artists in Austria

#### MARTIAL MUSIC.

A question which has been agitating the military critics of Europe is in what way music assists the soldier on the march. All men, it sclaimed, having any appreciation of music feel prompted to step in time to a march tune.

Music on the march, therefore, substitutes a new and pleasanter stimulus to exertion for the monoto-

a rule, more a matter of mind than of body, and that the muscles of the body do not tire half so soon as the nerve-centres which move them.

the nerve-centres which more them.
Music, by bringing a fresh nerve-centre into play,
will often, it is held, banish all sense of weariness,
and will even sometimes afford rest to the usual
dier feels fresher than before it began. Why men's
limbs should tend to move to music, no one knows;
but it is practically the same thing as dancing, and
is believed to have to do with the instinct all men
display which urges them to associate with what is
beautiful in nature and art.—X.T. Journal.

Women composers are growing in number. The most recent one heard of has been both ambitious and very successful. She is a Belgian, by name Mme, Grandval, and has written the music to an opera entitled "Mazeppa," which had production at the Royal Theatre, Autwerp.

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Miss Emma C. Thursby, the eminent soprano, is spending the winter at the "Gramercy," Gramercy Park, New York. Her "At-Homes" on Friday after-noons are very popular. Miss Thursby now very

Park, acw 107k. Ref. At-Indies. on Friand atter-noons are very popular. Miss Thursby now very seldom sings in public, probably owing to the fact that her superlative talent, exhibited on the concert stage in this country and Burope in former years, has rendered her pecuniarily independent.



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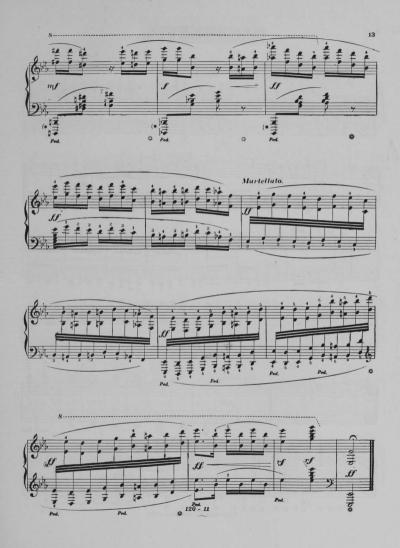












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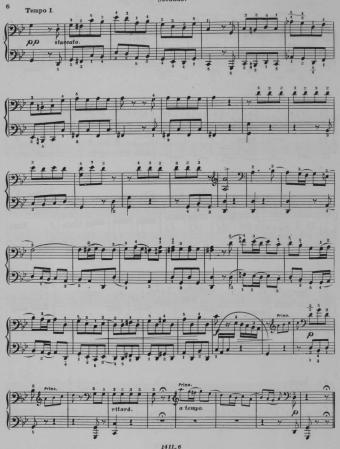


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# WARBLINGS AT MORN.

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CARL SIDUS.









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# WHENEER I SEE THOSE SMILING EYES.

WENN ICH IN DIESE AUGEN SCHAU.







#### TOUCH.

without it the piano is little better than a music box. Nine tenths of piano players look upon a good touch as an inborn ing touch, if a good, free and beautiful tone is to be obtained. It gift possessed by but few out of every hundred players; this, is a great mistake to suppose that the piano has in itself a however, is a deplorable mistake. The experience of the perfectly finished tone. Of all instruments it is perhaps the author, who has been a teacher for over forty years, has one whose tone can be modified the most. A perfect touch proven that every pupil can acquire a good and beautiful is therefore necessary to do full justice to the compositions touch if he observes the rules governing touch, which are of the masters.

A good touch is the essence of artistic plano playing, presented under their proper headings throughout the book.

#### QUESTIONS FOR REVIEW.

Question.-What is the essence of artistic piano playing?

Question.—Can any one acquire a good touch? Answer.—Yes, if the rules laid down in this method are heeded.

### TECHNIQUE.

finger. The gaining of strength and the development of produce his remarkable result. muscle must be gradual. This manner of practice will result

In piano playing, technique is the all important factor; its | in a perfect control of the fingers and a consequent ability to acquisition, like the strength of the athlete, must be by color tone that will amply repay the student. Many things degrees, now a little, then a little more, any overstraining which seem of minor importance to beginners, such as the proving as disastrous to the fingers of the player as it does to position of the finger, its manner of being lifted, its proper the muscles of the athlete. The advice then, to the beginner, striking of the key, and exercises (apparently for no other is to practice slowly with a natural, easy touch; to use no purpose than to try the patience of the student) prove in the force in striking a key and to strain no muscle in lifting the end the very means by which the artist has been enabled to

### THE WRIST ATTACK.

#### ITS IMPORTANCE.

The importance of a correct wrist attack will be obvious when it is stated that the success of artistic piano playing depends entirely upon it.

### HOW TO MAKE IT.

We will first describe the position the hand and the fingers must assume preparatory to making the wrist attack. This position must be retained while making the wrist attack.

Hold the hand so as to form a hollow, half circle from wrist to finger tips.

The fingers must form a quarter circle from the knuckle joints to the tips.



The thumb (first finger) which is the most important digit, must also form the quarter circle, and must always retain it. unless the hand is to strike extended chords which demand, of course, to some extent, the straightening of the joints of the thumb.

We now proceed to the Wrist Attack itself.

There are two kinds of wrist attack, one, purely from the wrist, the other, from the wrist and elbow joint.

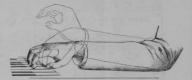
The first is made without any assistance from the elbow joint, that is, the arm remains motionless and the hand is lifted and dropped from the wrist. In this manner of attack, from the forearm must remain almost stationary and the wrist muscles

time the hand moves from the keys until it returns, the wrist is the only seat of motion.

The other attack is that made by the combined motion of the wrist and elbow joint.

In making either of these attacks, the hand must virtually be as if hung by a thread from the wrist, that is, its movements upward and downward, must be without a particle of stiffness in the muscles. If one were to take hold of the arm of a pupil and shake it so that the hand would flap up and down at the wrist, one would have a good idea of the action of the hand and the looseness which must be maintained in the wrist in making the wrist attack.

In order that the pupil may have a practical lesson in making the wrist attack with the combined wrist and elbow motion, let him lay the hand upon the keyboard as shown in cut I-normal position, and lift the forearm slowly from the No. 1.

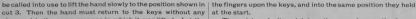


elbow joint. As it is being lifted up, the tips of the fingers (if the wrist muscles are being held perfectly loose) will slide along the keys towards the body.

When the hand assumes the position shown in cut 2, the

### THE WRIST ATTACK.-Continued.

cut 3. Then the hand must return to the keys without any stop, and in the same manner in which it was lifted. Let the forearm fall first, then the hand, which will bring the tips of



The wrist and elbow joint motion may be practiced anywhere: at the table, on the knees, while walking, etc., etc.





#### QUESTIONS FOR REVIEW.

Question.—Upon what does artistic piano forte playing depend? Answer.—Upon a correct wrist and elbow joint attack. Question.—How should the hand and fingers be held preparatory to making

the wrist and elbow joint attack?

the wrist and clow joint attack?

Answer.—The hand should be held so as to form a hollow—half circle. The fingers from the knuckle joints to the tips, should form a quarter circle.

Question.—How should the thumb (first finger) be held?

Answer.—It should form a quarter circle at all times except when extended chords or intervals which demand the straightening of the thumb are to be struck.

Question.—How many kinds of wrist attack are there? Answer—Two; one purely from the wrist, the other from the wrist and elbow joint combined.

Ouestion.—Must the muscles of the wrist be held loosely or stiffly while

Answer.—They must be held very loosely. No stiffening of the muscles must be permitted; they should at all times be perfectly relaxed. Question .- Explain the wrist attack as made from the wrist alone.

Answer.—The wrist attack is made without any assistance from the elbow joint, the arm remaining motionless and the hand being lifted and dropped from

the wrist.

Question.—Now explain the manner of making the combined wrist and elbow

Question.—Now explain the manner or making the combined wrist and crow joint attack and give an illustration of it.

Answer.—In making the combined wrist die allow joint attack, the forearm is to be lifted from the clow boint. When this is done carefully and the wrist muscles are held very limp, the tips of the fingers will slide along the keys. When the fingers assume a sistning position (see cut No. 2) the forearm is to remain early stationary; the hand is raised by the aid of the wrist muscles, the tips of the fingers being lifted above the forearm (see cut No. 3). This having been done, the fingers being lifted above the forearm (see cut No. 3). This having been done, the hand is to be dropped again upon the keys—dropping first the forearm from the ellow joint and then the hand from the wrist. The fingers will then be in the

same position upon the keys as at the start.

Question.—May the wrist attack be practiced otherwise than at the piano forte?

Answer.—Yes—at the table, on the knees, while walking, etc., etc.

### EXERCISES FOR ACQUIRING THE WRIST AND ELBOW JOINT ATTACK.

In order to give undivided attention to the acquisition of the wrist and elbow joint attack, which is the special object of these exercises, strict time need not be kept.

When a graceful wrist and elbow joint attack has been mastered, play the exercises in strict time, at first slowly, counting aloud until the time is fully impressed upon the mind. When the time is thoroughly understood, counting aloud can be dispensed with and the speed increased a little.

The pupil is cautioned against any contraction or stiffening of the muscles in making the wrist and elbow joint attack, for, as previously stated, a perfectly loose wrist and elbow joint are the chief requisites of a good attack.

In playing these exercises the hand is to be lifted on the fourth quarter, not later, so as to allow ample time for a slow and graceful attack on the first count of the next note.

When the second, third and fourth fingers have been exercised and the pupil can strike the key properly and with ease. then practice the fifth finger and the first finger (the thumb).

The striking of the key with the fifth and first fingers is very difficult, as there is no weight on the one side of the first finger (thumb) or of the fifth finger to counterpoise the weight of the hand on the other side. Very careful and ample practice, therefore, must be given these two fingers.

Special care must be taken in striking single notes from the wrist and elbow joint, not to let the unemployed fingers rest on the keys.

In striking the key the tip of the finger and not the ball of the finger must come in contact with the key.



Correct Method. Bad Method.

Following the example of all good pianists, the finger nails must be kept short. This will prevent any clicking of the finger nails in striking the keys.

CAUTION.-When the finger has reached the key do not allow any depression of the wrist; it must assume the normal position shown in cut 1, page 11.

Each finger is to be exercised until the proper motion of the wrist and elbow joint is well understood. This means that each exercise must be repeated numberless times.

### THE ARROW.

The arrow - is used throughout this work, to show which notes or chords are to be struck from the wrist or wrist and elbow joint.

Arrows pointing to the right > signify that the attack is to be made from the wrist and elbow joint. If pointing to the left \_\_ the attack is to be made from the wrist alone.

#### EXERCISES FOR THE RIGHT HAND.



Repeat each Exercise (every two measures) at least twenty times

#### EXERCISES FOR THE LEFT HAND.



#### EXERCISE FOR THE RIGHT HAND.

It will be observed that in exercises Nos. 11 and 12 the fingering changes upon the same key as follows: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1. This change of fingering demands of course a slight moving of the hand, while being lifted, in order to bring the required finger over the key.



#### EXERCISE FOR THE LEFT HAND.



#### THE LECATO TOUCH.

has been struck, during the full time value of the note and until the following key has been struck. It is like walking, both feet are never off the ground at the same time, no matter how fast one may walk. When the weight of the body is placed on the advanced foot, the rear one is lifted, not before, Legato playing is accomplished in precisely the same manner.

The explanation given in many instruction books that legato playing is not unlike the meeting of two buckets in a well is entirely wrong. If, in lifting one finger and putting down the

By Legato is meant the keeping down of each key, after it i other, the fingers met off the keys, the tone would be broken. To preserve an unbroken tone from one key to the other, the fingers must meet on the keys, and not, like buckets in a well, on the way.

In the practice of the legato touch, the pupil must look carefully to three things:

1st. The position of the finger.

2d. The lifting of the finger.

3d. The holding down of the key.

### QUESTIONS FOR REVIEW.

Question.-What is meant by legato touch? Question.—What is meant by legato touch?

Answer.—The keeping down of a key after it has been struck and until the next key has been struck, connecting the tones smoothly and without a break.

Question.—What illustration has been given to explain it correctly.

Answer.—It has been compared to walking, both ieter never being off the floor

Question.-What three things must be heeded carefully in practicing the legato touch? Answer.—1st. The position of the fingers. 2nd. The lifting of the fingers at the proper time. 3rd. The holding down of the key during the full time value of

#### THE POSITION AND THE LIFTING OF THE FINCERS.

The finger must always be in a rounded position, no matter whether raised or on the key. (See cuts, 1, 2, 3, 4.)





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#### THE ORGAN.

At the recent distribution of Fellowship diplomas at the Royal College of Organists, Mr. Cummings said that it behoved them all, as musicians, to make a general cultivation of all their mental powers. A man might saturate himself with music, and yet remain but a lopsided professor. This he believed to be absolutely true. They knew that the mind, like the body, needed a braid with they confined themselves the same and the profit of t mind, like the body, needed a varies del, and it they confined themselves to be detected, which we have the would find themselves compelled before the end of the year for all in the aid of the most skilled physican obtainable. The reasonable and sensible man varied his food for the obdy, and so it should be for the mind. He carried and the state of the s must have been extremely interesting, and of great sorvice to those who took stock of what the lecturer said. Mr. Cummings here read an extract of the said of the papers, wherein the lecturer, as Mr. Little, said: "There seems to prevail at present a superstitute that post-pix as nothing tod with the moulding of the characters of men, and has no influence on their philose phy, their religion, or their passions, and their philose phy, their religion, or their passions hade instrument of education in the loftiest sense of the term. It is the most effectual means of moral persuasion, and this the poets have always felt." When he read this—being a great lover of Tennysman and the persuasion, and the poets have always felt. "And yet he, the speaker, called to mind one of the last poems of Tennysm, and one of the most charming, in which this line occurred: "Oh! clying words, can must make you live?" which meant that what considered it best and most powerful when associated with music. This brought him, the speaker, to the thought that they, as musicians. speaker, to the thought that they, as musicians, should do their utmost to become the very best eduspeaker, to the thought that they, as 'musicians, should do their utmost to become the very best emissional do their utmost of become the very best educated to the transfer of their playing and of their performance. Of course, these were libels, which could only be defectually repudiated by alone and that a musician may and could be just as well educated a man, and just as powerful a factor in the civilization of our nation as the professor of any center of the playing the professor of any center of the playing the professor of the civilization of our nation as the professor of any center of the playing the professor of the playing the professor of the playing the professor of the professor of the playing the professor of the playing the professor of the professor of the playing the professor of the professor o lifting their thoughts and carrying their voices and prayers up to Heaven. On the other hand, it might, and occasionally was, made an instrument of tortune, and there were times, at durch, when he followed the control of the contro teach, and these he would urge to remember that the first thing an organist needed, and his pulped bid anything happen. "I am not sure whether to say yes or no. Ye improvements effected in its mechanism, the organ see, it was this way. The pianist didnt come, and had, at last, become a playable instrument, very different in tone from what it used to be. Still ano, so of course, we couldn't talk, and we all sat there was a certain bendency on the part of see. Still an open the part of the part

students, to imagine that they could acquire all the requisite technical skill on the organ by confining themselves to that instrument itself. This was a great mistake. They must first get up their technique on the pianoforte. There were many young people, and even others of more advanced years, who, thanks to the multitudinous stops and mechan was, manks to the multitudinous stops and mechanical arrangements the organ was now provided with, were quite content with a volume of sensions sound. In their case, of course, it was safe to say that they would never achieve any technical skill on the creatification, if the next in the creation is the content of the co sound. In their case, of course, it was safe to say that they would never achieve any technical skill on the organ, if they attained to the age of Methoschia, the companion of the control of the contro

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#### SPOILED THE PARTY.

"You weren't at the Joneses," said the girl with the brown cape.
"No, I wasn't, and I'm awfully sorry. You see,

would have been there but you—"
"Well, you ought to be precious glad that you

"Why, what was the matter? I always thought everybody had a good time when they went to the Joneses, for I believe—"
"It was the dullest thing I ever saw. You know,

"It was the durinest thing I ever saw." Tou know,
it was to be a sort of talk party?"
Yes; everybody was to get in groups and talk
about things. Now, for my part, I like—"
But it wasnt. We just sat and looked at each
other all the evening, and everybody went home feeling uncomfortable."
"You don't say! Why, what was the matter?

#### BEETHOVEN AS A CONDUCTOR.

Spot: had been remarking upon Bethoem's ex-tracelling present of the spot of the spot of the three-line present of the spot of the spot of the the strangest gestures; and Seyfried related what happened at Beethoven's last concert at the Thear an der Wien in 1888. He was playing a new plane-ral present the spot of the spot of the spot of the three-line present of the spot of the spot of the hirst dutic frogot that he was the solicit, and, jumping up, began to conduct in his usual style. At the first dutic mode he flung out both his arms so violeutly as to extinguish both the piano lights. The audience naturally laughed, and Beethoven stopped the band and began again. Seyfried now gave the candles into the hands of two choir-boys, one of whom incautiously drew close to look over the piano-forte part. "When the fatal \*gorando\* arrived, he received such a smart slap in the face from Beethoven's right hand that he dropped his light in ter ror: the other boy, more cautious than his com-panion, had been anxiously following Beethoven's ror; the other boy, more cautious than his companion, had been anxiously following Beethoven's every movement, and by suddenly stooping escaped properties of the properties of the properties of the properties of the concert of the concert of a superior of the concert of the concert of a superior of the concert in the consequence was in advance of his orchestra. The consequence was under his desk to indicate a p. he rose gradually, and finally leaped into the air for a forte which did not come, and then stared round in horrified amazendating the concert in 1819 is given by the Swenducting at a concert in 1819 is given by the Swenducting at a concert in 1819 is given by the Swenducting at a concert in 1819 is given by the Swenducting at a concert in 1819 is given by the Swenducting at a concert in 1819 is given by the Swenducting at a concert in 1819 on distant shand, diverting his fact, does not not ultimate shand, diverting his fact, does not not a distant shand, diverting his fact, does not not a distant shand, diverting his fact, does not not a distant shand, diverting his fact, does not not a distant shand, diverting his fact, does not not a distant shand, diverting his fact, does not not have been strangest movements. For instance, Beethoven in the strangest movements for the contract of the strangest movements and so that any substitution of the strangest movements have been a constantly oscillates."

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The hundredth anniversary of the Austrian national hymn was celebrated in Yienna on Jan. 28th. A hundred years ago Haydn handed the hymn to Count Saurau, president of the administration in Count Saurau, president of the administration in publicly as the national hymn. Two weeks later, on the birthday of the Emperor Francis, the hymn was sung in all the theatres of Vienna, when the composer received a portrait of the Emperor and a money gift. The original manuscript and some money gift. The original manuscript and some the composer of the country of the co

Handel's organ, given by the composer to the London Foundling Hospital in 1750, is being reno-vated. Handel played on it himself at the dedica-tion, when the crush was so great that gentlemen were requested "to come without their swords and ladies without their hoops."

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