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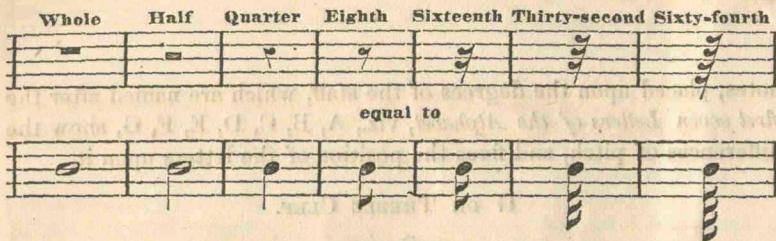
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ELEMENTARY PRINCIPLES OF MUSIC.

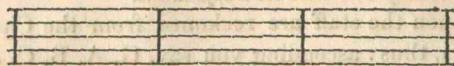
All notes have corresponding *Rests* (marks of silence) of equal duration of time.

TABLE OF RESTS.



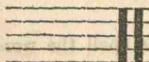
Music is divided into equal portions, called *measures*, represented to the eye by short bars drawn across the Staff.

MEASURES.



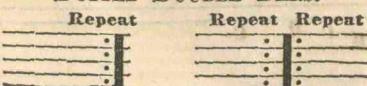
A Double Bar placed at the end, denotes that the piece is finished. When found at any other place, it denotes that a part of the tune, or the preceding strain is finished.

DOUBLE BAR.



Dots placed on either side of a double bar, indicate that the strain on the same side with the dots is to be repeated.

DOTTED DOUBLE BARS.



The *Pause* (.) placed either over or under a note, signifies that its duration of time can be increased according to the wish of the performer.

PAUSE.



CHAPTER II.

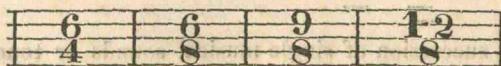
Time is dividing sounds into equal parts or quantities.

There are three varieties of time; viz., Common Time, Triple Time, and Compound Time.

4 VARIETIES OF COMMON TIME.



FOUR VARIETIES OF COMPOUND TIME.



The upper figure indicates the number of parts in a measure, the lower figure the kind of note that fills each of the parts.

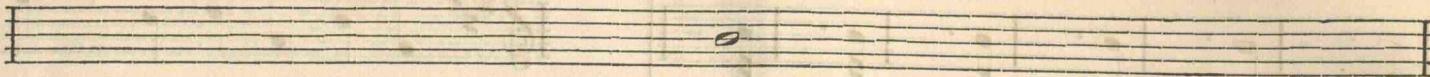
A Dot placed immediately after a note, adds one half to its original value of time.

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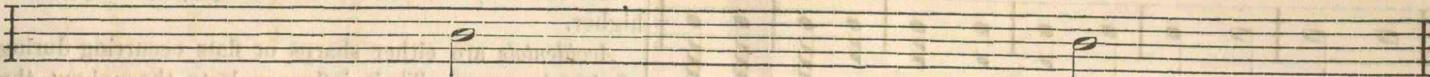
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DIFFERENT KINDS OF NOTES AND THEIR COMPARATIVE VALUE.

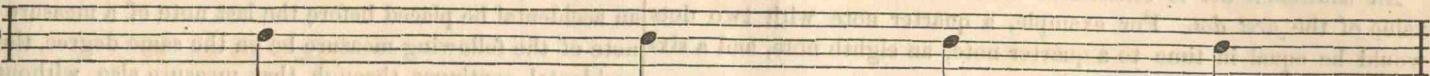
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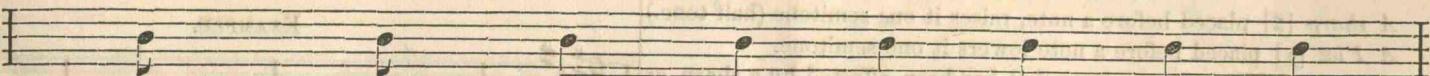
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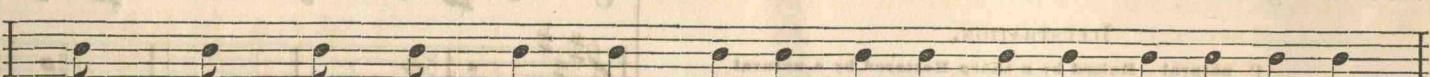
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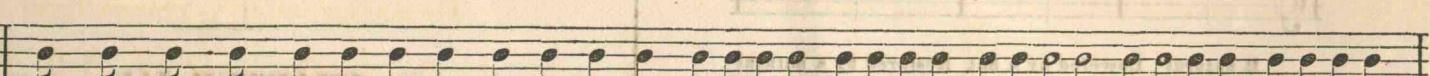
Eighth Notes



Sixteenth Notes



Thirty-second Notes.



Sixty-fourth Notes.



ELEMENTARY PRINCIPLES OF MUSIC.

DOTTED NOTES



An additional dot is sometimes used which adds one half of the value of the first dot. For example, a quarter note with two dots would be equal in time to a quarter note, an eighth note, and a sixteenth note.

SHARPS, FLATS, AND NATURALS.

A sharp [♯] placed before a note, raises it one semitone (half tone.)

A Flat [♭] placed before a note lowers it one semitone.

A Natural [♮] restores a note that has been affected by a sharp or flat to its original sound.

ILLUSTRATION.

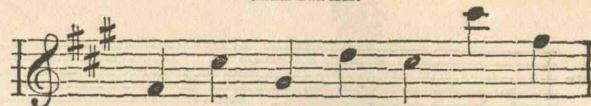
C natural Raised by a sharp Restored by a natural

B natural Lowered by a flat Restored by a natural

Sharps or flats placed at the beginning of a piece, are called the *Signature*, and they affect all notes of corresponding names throughout a piece.

NOTE. The signature will be more fully explained in its proper place

EXAMPLE.



All the F's, C's, and G's must be played sharp, i. e., one semitone higher.

Accidentals are either sharps or flats occurring during a piece, not of the signature. Their influence lasts throughout the measure in which they are found, unless contradicted by another accidental. If an accidental be placed before the last note of a measure and the first note of the following measure be on the same degree, the effect of the accidental continues through that measure also, without being again written.

EXAMPLE.

CHAPTER III.

DIRECTIONS FOR STRINGING THE BANJO.

For the first string get a Violin E string. For the second string get an A Violin string. For the third, a D Violin string. For the fourth, a D Guitar string. (Some dealers have 4th strings made expressly for the Banjo, but as the Guitar strings are long enough for

properly constructed Banjos, they answer all purposes.) For the fifth string get a fine, Violin E string.

MANNER OF TUNING THE BANJO.

Tune 4th string to A. (Tuning Fork or Piano.) Place a finger on the 4th string at the 7th fret, which makes E, tune the third string in unison. Then place a finger on the 3d string at the 4th fret, making G \sharp , tune the second string in unison. Then place a finger on the 2d string at the 3d fret, tune the first string in unison. Tune the 5th string an octave above the 3d string.

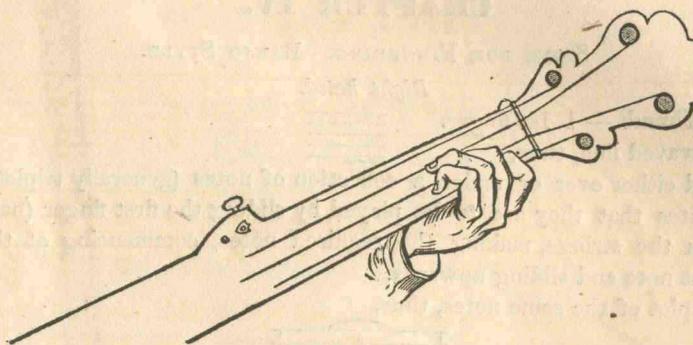
THE BANJO IN TUNE.

Open Strings.



MANNER OF HOLDING THE BANJO.

Sit in an easy upright position, neither too high nor too low, the Banjo resting on the front of the thigh, the neck inclined upwards, and a little forward, resting in the fork of the left hand, formed by the thumb and forefinger. The thumb should be kept pretty well under the neck, although it has no fixed position. Elevate the elbow a little, thus enabling the fingers to stop the strings with ease.



RIGHT HAND.

The right fore arm rests upon the rim, about four or five inches from the tail piece. Partly close the hand, allowing the first finger (nail) to rest upon the first string. The thumb a little curved and hanging on the fifth string. The position of the *fingers* is never changed in playing Banjo style, the hand being moved from the wrist. The first finger projects a little from the remaining fingers, striking the strings like a hammer. The thumb can be moved at pleasure.

NOTE.—To bring the fingers in proper position, hold a pen-knife in the closed fingers. The first finger slightly projecting but held close beside the second finger.

DIAGRAM No. 3.

POSITION OF THE RIGHT HAND.



CHAPTER IV.

SIGNS FOR FINGERING. BANJO STYLE.

Right hand.

x Thumb — 1 1st finger.



A waved line, thus,



placed either over or under a collection of notes (generally triplets) indicates that they are to be played by sliding the first finger (nail) across the strings, making the required notes, commencing at the lowest note and sliding upwards.

Triplet of the same notes, thus,



are generally made upon two strings, with the x and 1st finger.

Right hand fingering is written under the notes.

Left hand.

o, open string; 1, 1st finger; 2, 2d finger; 3, 3d finger; 4, 4th finger.

In order to facilitate execution it often becomes necessary to sound a note by pulling the strings with a finger of the left hand. Notes to be made in this manner are marked thus: 1, 2, 3, 4, the number in the half circle indicating the finger required for pulling the string.

Left hand fingering is written above the notes.

HARMONICS.

Left hand fingering the same as in ordinary playing.

Right hand.

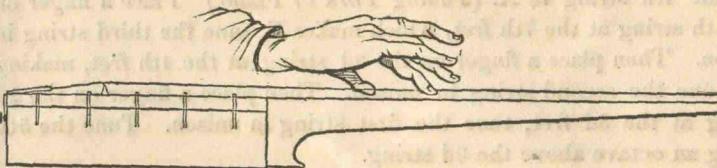
Place the ball of the second finger lightly on the string at the 13th fret, strike the string with the thumb under the hand and immediately upon striking raise the finger quickly from the string. In fingering the strings with the left hand, the right hand must be moved accord-

ingly, always keeping the ball of the second finger of the right hand, 13 frets from the stopped note.

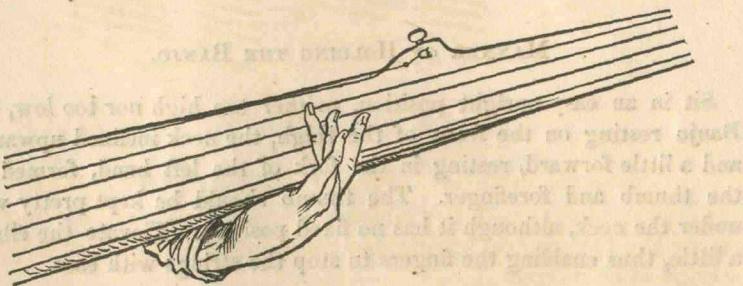
Harmonics sound one octave above the written notes.

DIAGRAM No. 4.

POSITION OF THE RIGHT HAND IN HARMONICS.

**LEFT HAND HARMONICS.**

There are several harmonic sounds, or (properly speaking) positions which for convenience are made with the left hand by placing the third finger (L H) lightly across the strings, and striking the required strings with the right hand near the bridge. The positions for obtaining these harmonics are at the 7th, 12th, and 19th frets, and on the head about the distance of an inch from the Rim. also on the 5th string opposite the 20th fret.

DIAGRAM No. 5.

A Chord is, three or more sounds played together as one.

CHORDS.

EXAMPLE.



Harp Chords are used in both Banjo and Guitar styles. The notes comprising the chord are played in rapid succession one after the other from the lowest note upwards.

HARP CHORDS.



Effect.



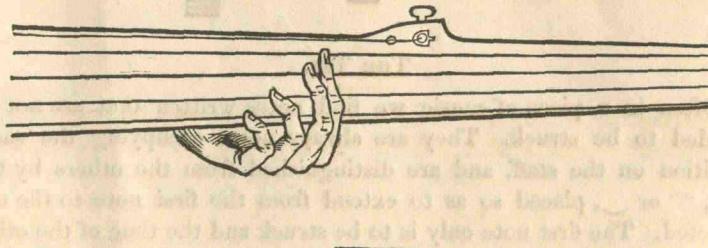
Barre Chords are used in both Banjo and Guitar styles. To make a Barré, press the first finger of the left hand across the strings at the required position, the thumb under and pressing the neck directly opposite the first finger, leaving the remaining fingers free to stop the strings when desired.

BARRE CHORDS.



DIAGRAM No. 6.

POSITION OF LEFT HAND IN MAKING A BARRE.



CHAPTER V.

The Triplet is three notes with a figure 3 and a slur placed over them, thus:



They must be played in the time of two of the same kind of notes.

TRIPLETS.



Appoggiaturas or Grace Notes are small notes placed before notes of the usual size, and are to be played as quick as possible, joining them to the note before which they are written. They must not effect the regular time of the measure in which they are found. [Explained more fully hereafter.]

APPOGGIATURAS OR GRACE NOTES.



THE TIE.

Often in a piece of music we find notes written that are not intended to be struck. They are always notes occupying the same position on the staff, and are distinguished from the others by the Tie, \sim or — , placed so as to extend from the first note to the one effected. The first note only is to be struck and the time of the other counted.

EXAMPLE.



THE SLUR.

The Slur is indicated by the same sign as that used for the tie, viz., \sim or — . The difference between the two is easily distinguished by observing the notes affected by them. "Tied" notes occupy the same degree of the staff, while slurred notes do not. Of the notes affected, strike the first one with the right hand, and make the second

with a finger of the left hand, striking down upon the string with sufficient force to cause the necessary vibration.

EXAMPLE.



ACCENT.

Accented notes are those which are sounded louder and more distinct than others. Each variety of time has its accented counts, viz., in $\frac{4}{4}$ the first and third counts are accented, in $\frac{2}{4}$ the first count, in $\frac{3}{4}$ the first count, in $\frac{6}{8}$ the first and fourth counts, and so on. When other notes are designed to be accented, they are written as in the following example.

EXAMPLE.



CHAPTER VI.

DIFFERENT KEYS OF MUSIC; SCALES, &c.

The Tonic or Key Note of a piece is the principal or starting note of the scale in which the piece is written. This note is determined by the signature, which is, either flats or sharps placed at the beginning

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Natural Keys have no signature, requiring neither flats or sharps. Of these there are only two, viz., C major and A minor.

SCALES.

A series of sounds ascending or descending in a regular fixed manner is called a scale.

There are three varieties of scales, viz.: *Major, Minor, and Chromatic.*

MAJOR AND MINOR.

The intervals in the major scale are *fixed*, and are the same ascending or descending. They consist of *five tones and two half-tones*, the half-tones being always found between the 3d and 4th, and 7th, and 8th of the scale.

The Minor Scales differ from the major scales in the position of their semitones. In ascending minor scales the semitones are between the 2d and 3d, and 7th and 8th sounds. In descending, between the 5th and 6th, and 3d and 2d sounds.

NOTE. Each signature gives the descending minor scale, while *accidentals* must be used to form the ascending scale.

A Chromatic Scale is one composed entirely of semitones.

DIFFERENT SIGNATURES, OR KEYS.

SHARPS. MAJOR.

MINOR.

FLATS. MAJOR.

MINOR.

CHROMATIC SCALE FOR THE BANJO.

Three Octaves.

FAVORITE KEYS.

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DIFFERENT SIGNATURES, OR KEYS.

SHARPS. MAJOR.

Musical staff showing the notes of the Major scale with three sharps (G, D, A). The notes are C, G, D, A, E, B, F#.

MINOR.

Musical staff showing the notes of the Minor scale with three sharps (E, B, F#). The notes are A, E, B, F#, C, G, D#.

FLATS. MAJOR.

Musical staff showing the notes of the Major scale with one flat (B flat). The notes are F, Bb, Eb, Ab, Db, Gb.

MINOR.

Musical staff showing the notes of the Minor scale with one flat (B flat). The notes are D, G, C, F, Bb, Eb.

CHROMATIC SCALE FOR THE BANJO.

Three Octaves.

Musical staff showing the Chromatic Scale for the Banjo in three octaves. The staff has three sets of five lines each, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (F# major).

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CHAPTER VII.**THE TURN, \sim .**

The turn is composed of four notes, with but one note written. It begins with the first note above, extends one note below, and ends on the one over which the turn is written.

It is generally played by striking the first note and slurring the others.

EXAMPLE.

Written Played

A Trill embraces as many different notes as the turn. To execute it, play the first two notes as rapidly as possible one after the other during the principal part of the time required, finishing with the turn.

EXAMPLE.

Written Played

In trilling two written notes commence with the upper note, and end with the lower note.

EXAMPLE.

Written Played

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TRILLS FOR RIGHT HAND PRACTICE.
EXERCISES.**FOR FAMILIARIZING THE RIGHT HAND WITH ALL OF THE STRINGS.**

NOTE. Four beats or counts in each measure, a count for each quarter note or its equivalent. Each measure comprises an exercise.

CHAPTER VIII.

KEY OF A MAJOR.—SIGNATURE THREE SHARPS.

(NATURAL KEY OF THE BANJO.)

JUBA.

Counts: 1 and, 2 and 3 and, 4 and,

OLD SEVENTY-SIX. Dance.

EXERCISE.*

(FOUR COUNTS TO THE MEASURE.)

Count 1 2 3 4

DANCE.

RAMSEY'S JIG.

EXERCISE.

(TWO COUNTS TO THE MEASURE.)

RAMSEY'S JIG.

* The pupil will practice each measure of the exercises until thoroughly acquired, as they contain all the different passages embraced in the piece following.

JIG.



HARD TIMES.

EXERCISE.

(INTRODUCING THE TRIPLET.)

Counts: 1, 2, 3, 4.



Hard Times.





RURAL WALK AROUND. Dance.

EXERCISE.

(INTRODUCING DOTTED NOTES.)

NOTE.—[The easiest manner of counting time is by saying, "One, and two, and three, and four, and," in Four-Four time,—and, "One, and two, and," in Two-Four time.—Where dotted notes are met with, slightly accent the note before which the dot occurs. It will assist you in giving to the note the proper amount of time.]

Counts: and 1, and 2, and



Walk Around.



SILVER LAKE WALTZ.

EXERCISE.

(THREE COUNTS TO THE MEASURE.)

Counts: 1 and, 2 and, 3 and

3 and

WALTZ.

Fine.

* Refer to musical Terms.

BULLY FOR ALL. Irish Jig.

EXERCISE.

INTRODUCING THE APPOGGIATURA OR GRACE NOTE.

(SIX COUNTS TO THE MEASURE.)

Counts: 5, 6, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

Start notes.

JIG.



WALK INTO THE PARLOR.

EXERCISE.

NOTE.—[To execute the following Appoggiatura, place the first and second fingers on 1st and 2d strings, stopping A and C, place fourth finger on 1st string stopping D,—strike D, (the appoggiatura) and immediately pull the string with the fourth finger, making C.]

4 and, 1 and, 2 and, 3 and, 4 and,



Walk into the Parlor.





PHILADELPHIA JIG.

Counts: 1 and, 2 and, 3 and, 4 and,

EXERCISE.



JIG.





* RULE.—First time through, end the strain with this measure, upon the repetition, omit measure marked "1st" and play measure marked "2nd."

LUKE WEST'S WALK AROUND. Dance.

EXERCISE.

Counts: 1 and, 2 and,

(INTRODUCING THE NAIL SLIDE.)

DANCE.

Counts: 1 and, 2 and,

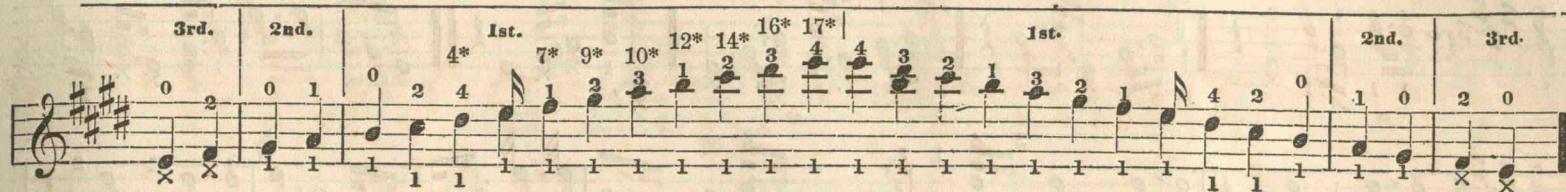
DANCE.

CHAPTER IX.

KEY OF E MAJOR. SIGNATURE FOUR SHARPS.

THE Ds MUST BE PLAYED ONE SEMITONE HIGHER THAN IN THE KEY OF A.

SCALE.



LYNCHBURG TOWN.

EXERCISE.

Counts: and, 1 and, 2 and

(INTRODUCING THE NATURAL.)

Lynchburg Town.

SPRING JIG.

EXERCISE.

Counts: 1 and, 2 and, 3 and, 4 and,

(INTRODUCING THE SLIDING TRIPLET.)

The musical score consists of four staves of music in common time, key of G major (two sharps). The first three staves begin with a 4/4 time signature, while the fourth staff begins with a 2/4 time signature. The music features various note heads, stems, and bar lines. Fingerings are indicated by the numbers 1, 2, or X above or below the notes. A 'Slide.' instruction is placed near the end of the third staff. The piece concludes with a 'Fine.' at the start of the fourth staff.

MONEY MUSK.

EXERCISE.

Counts, 1.....and, 2...and

The musical score consists of two staves of music in common time, key of G major (two sharps). The first staff begins with a 4/4 time signature, while the second staff begins with a 2/4 time signature. The music features various note heads, stems, and bar lines. Fingerings are indicated by the numbers 1, 2, or X above or below the notes. A 'D.C.' instruction is placed at the end of the first staff. The piece concludes with a final set of measures on the second staff.

Money Musk.



JORDON.

Counts, 1 and, 2 and, 3 and, 4 and,

EXERCISE.



Jordon.

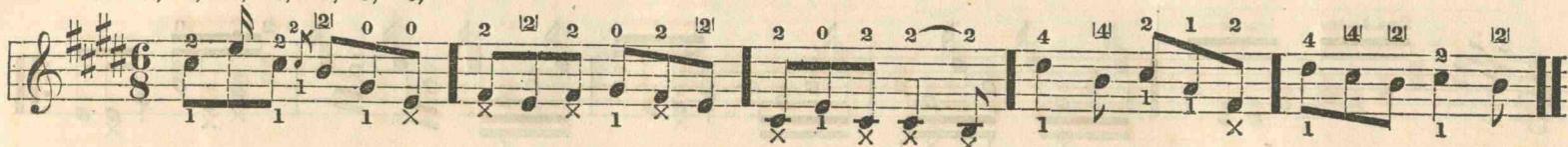


ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

(SIX COUNTS TO THE MEASURE; ONE BEAT TO THREE COUNTS.)

EXERCISE.

Counts, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,



St. Patrick's Day.

CHAPTER X.

KEY OF D MAJOR. SIGNATURE TWO SHARPS.

THE G'S AND D'S MUST BE PLAYED ONE SEMITONE LOWER THAN IN THE KEY OF E.

SCALE.

A musical score page featuring a single staff with ten measures. The staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps. Measures 1-3 are labeled "4th.", "3rd.", and "2nd.". Measures 4-10 are labeled "1st." and include fingerings such as 0, 4*, 7*, 8*, 10*, 12*, 14*, and 15*. Measures 11-15 are labeled "1st.", "2nd.", "3rd.", and "4th." respectively. The page includes a title at the top and a copyright notice at the bottom.

WHACK ROW DE DOW.

EXERCISE.

Counts : 1 and, 2 and, 3 and, 4 and

Whack Row de dow.

A musical score for a band or orchestra, featuring two staves of music. The first staff uses a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The second staff uses a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp. Both staves have a common time signature. The music includes various dynamics such as forte (F), piano (P), and mezzo-forte (MF). Articulations include slurs, grace notes, and accents. Performance instructions like "Whack Row de dow." are included. Measures are numbered at the beginning of each staff.

A musical score for a single melodic line, likely for a fife or flute. The score consists of two staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps, and a common time signature. It features a series of eighth-note patterns, some grouped by vertical stems. The second staff begins with a bass clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. It also features eighth-note patterns. Measure numbers 2 and 4 are indicated above the staves. The lyrics "Whack Row de dow." are written below the bass staff.

CRUELTY TO JOHNNY. Comic Duett.

Counts: 1 and, 2 and, 3 and, 4 and,

EXERCISE.

This image shows two measures of sheet music for guitar, starting with measure 11. The key signature is A major (two sharps). The first measure begins with a 0, followed by a 2 over a vertical bar line, then a 0. The second measure begins with an 8*, followed by a 2 over a vertical bar line, then a 4. The music includes various slurs, grace notes, and dynamic markings like 'Slur.' and '1'. Fingerings are indicated above the notes, such as '1' under the first note of each measure. The staff ends with a double bar line.

Cruelty to Johnny.

The image shows two staves of musical notation for a single instrument, likely a violin or flute. The top staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature. It features a series of eighth and sixteenth note patterns with various performance markings such as '1', '2', '4', 'x', and '0'. The bottom staff continues the musical line, also starting with a treble clef and one sharp. It includes similar markings and a few additional ones like '1', '2', '4', and 'x'. The music consists of two measures per staff, with a total of four measures shown.

SCOTCH AIR.

EXERCISE.

Counts : 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,

Scotch Air.

Scotch Air.

1 2 2 2 | 2 [2] 4 | 0 4 0 2 [2] 2 | 4 4 | 1 1 2 4 | 4 | 2 [2]

Slide.

21 | 2 2 | 2 2 | 4 | 2 2 4 | 2 2 | 2 2 | 4 | 2 2 | 2 2 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 1 |



ANTIETAM JIG.

EXERCISE.

F. B. C.



JIG.

Counts, 1 and, 2 and



CHAPTER XI.

KEY OF G MAJOR. SIGNATURE ONE SHARP.

THE C's AND G's MUST BE PLAYED ONE SEMITONE LOWER THAN IN THE KEY OF A.

SCALE.

SPRIG OF SHELALAH.

EXERCISE.

Counts, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,

Sprig of Shelalah.

The image shows three staves of musical notation for a single instrument, likely a mandolin or banjo. The music is in common time (indicated by 'C') and consists of three measures per staff. The first staff begins with a 'Slur.' instruction. The notation includes various note heads (open circles, solid dots, and crosses), slurs, and specific fingerings indicated by numbers (1, 2, 3, 4) and letters (U, D). The second staff continues the pattern, and the third staff concludes the measure. The music is set against a light beige background.

OREGON REEL.

EXERCISE.

Counts, 1 and, 2 and, 3 and, 4 and,

REEL.

A musical score for piano, featuring two staves. The left staff uses a treble clef and a common time signature (indicated by a '4'). The right staff uses a bass clef and a common time signature. Measures 4 through 12 are shown, with measure 4 starting with a whole note followed by a half note. Measure 5 begins with a half note. Measure 6 starts with a quarter note. Measure 7 begins with a half note. Measure 8 starts with a quarter note. Measure 9 begins with a half note. Measure 10 starts with a quarter note. Measure 11 begins with a half note. Measure 12 starts with a quarter note.

A musical score for piano, featuring two staves. The top staff uses a treble clef and the bottom staff uses a bass clef. The key signature is one sharp. Measure 14 begins with a sixteenth-note pattern in the treble staff, followed by eighth notes in the bass staff. Measure 15 continues with sixteenth-note patterns in both staves, separated by rests. The measure ends with a repeat sign and a double bar line.

A musical score for piano, featuring two staves. The top staff uses a treble clef and the bottom staff uses a bass clef. Measure 11 begins with a rest followed by a dotted half note. The right hand then plays eighth-note pairs (A, B) and sixteenth-note pairs (C, D). Measure 12 starts with a sixteenth-note pair (E), followed by eighth-note pairs (F, G), and ends with a sixteenth-note pair (H). Measure 13 begins with a sixteenth-note pair (I), followed by eighth-note pairs (J, K), and ends with a sixteenth-note pair (L). Measure 14 begins with a sixteenth-note pair (M), followed by eighth-note pairs (N, O), and ends with a sixteenth-note pair (P). Measure 15 begins with a sixteenth-note pair (Q), followed by eighth-note pairs (R, S), and ends with a sixteenth-note pair (T).

THE GIRL I LEFT BEHIND ME.

EXERCISE.

Counts : 1 and, 2 and.

The girl I left behind me.

CHAPTER XIII.

KEY OF F♯ MINOR. THE SAME SIGNATURE AS A MAJOR.

(OBSERVE CLOSELY THE SCALE.)

SCALE.

IRISHMAN'S SHANTY.

EXERCISE.

Counts: 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.



Irishman's Shanty.

ANTIPAT JIG.

EXERCISE.

Counts: 1 and,

2 and,

Antipat Jig.



ABRAHAM'S DAUGHTER.

EXERCISE.

Counts : 1 and, 2 and, 3 and, 4 and,

Abraham's Daughter.

Musical notation for Abraham's Daughter, featuring two staves. The top staff includes a count-in section with numbered counts (0, 1, 2, 3, 4) above the notes, followed by measures 1 through 14. The bottom staff continues the melody.

CHAPTER XIII.

KEY OF A MINOR. NATURAL SIGNATURE.



CUM PLUM GUM JIG.

EXERCISE.

JIG.

F. B. C.

JOHN ANDERSON. Jig.

EXERCISE.



JIG.



BLUE EAGLE JAIL.

ARRANGED AS A JIG.

EXERCISE.



JIG.





BLARNEY JIG. Irish.

F. B. C.

EXERCISE.

JIG.

JIG.

A single staff of musical notation for a jig exercise, showing a mix of sixteenth and eighth note patterns with slurs and fingerings (1, 2, 3, 4, X).

Fine.

A single staff of musical notation for a jig exercise, ending with a "Fine." instruction and a slur over the final notes.

D. C.

A single staff of musical notation for a jig exercise, starting with a repeat sign and continuing with a mix of sixteenth and eighth note patterns.

CHAPTER XIV.

KEY OF E MINOR. SIGNATURE ONE SHARP

SCALE.

3rd. 2nd. 1st. 1st. 2nd. 3rd.

MRS. GRUNDY.

EXERCISE.

Mrs. Grundy.

PEA NUT GAL.

EXERCISE.

A musical score for 'The Star-Spangled Banner' in G major, 2/4 time. The page shows measures 2 through 12. The vocal line consists of eighth and sixteenth notes, with various rests and dynamic markings like 'f' (fortissimo) and 'ff' (fuerissimo). The piano accompaniment is indicated by a treble clef and a bass clef staff below it.

Pea Nut Gal.

A musical score for 'The Star-Spangled Banner' in G major (two sharps) and common time. The vocal line consists of eighth and sixteenth notes. Measure 0 starts with a half note followed by a quarter note. Measures 1-3 show eighth-note patterns. Measures 4-5 feature sixteenth-note patterns. Measures 6-7 continue the sixteenth-note patterns. Measures 8-9 show eighth-note patterns again. Measures 10-11 feature sixteenth-note patterns. Measure 12 concludes with a half note followed by a quarter note.

A musical score for the first piano part, page 10, featuring two staves. The top staff uses a treble clef and the bottom staff uses a bass clef. Measure 14 begins with a 4/4 time signature, followed by a 12/8 section indicated by a bracket. Measure 15 begins with a 4/4 time signature. The score includes various note heads, rests, and dynamic markings like 'x' and 'z'.

A musical score for 'The Star-Spangled Banner' in G major, 2/4 time. The page shows measures 14 through 18. Measure 14 starts with a half note followed by eighth notes. Measure 15 begins with a quarter note. Measure 16 starts with a half note. Measure 17 begins with a quarter note. Measure 18 starts with a half note. The score includes a bass line and various dynamics like forte and piano.

CHARLIE IS MY DARLING.

EXERCISE.

Charlie is my Darling.

MCKEY MALOONEY. Irish Jig.

EXERCISE.

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Mickey Malooney.

GUITAR STYLE.

CHAPTER I.

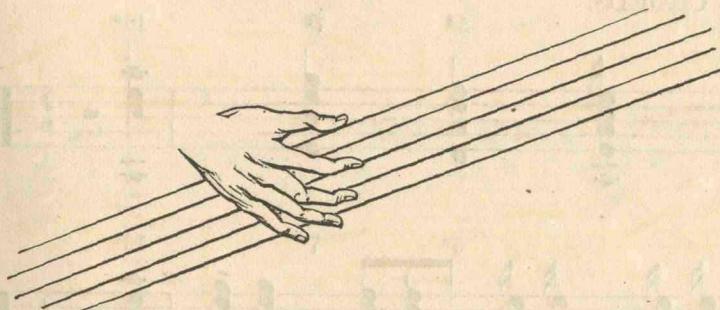
POSITION OF THE RIGHT HAND AND PROPER MANNER OF TOUCHING THE STRINGS ; DIRECTIONS FOR FINGERING.

The forearm rests upon the instrument in the same position and manner as in playing the Banjo Style. All of the fingers are used, and are held a little curved over, and touching the strings about three inches from the bridge. Pull the strings with the points of the fingers and particularly avoid touching them with the nails.

To soften the sound move the hand forward, touching the strings almost directly over the rim.

POSITION OF THE RIGHT HAND.

DIAGRAM No. 7.



SIGNS FOR RIGHT HAND FINGERING, &c.

× Thumb ; 1, 1st finger; 2, 2d finger; 3, 3rd finger; 4, 4th finger
Chords, having a waved line placed before them, thus :



are to be played in "Harp Style," i. e., playing the notes of the chord one after the other, in rapid succession, from the lowest note upwards.

Triplets, when the notes occur on the same degree of the staff, are to be executed with the first, second, and third fingers.

As a general rule, the strings are fingered thus, 3rd string, first finger; 2d string, second finger; 1st string, third finger; using the thumb for 4th and 5th strings. This rule seldom varies.

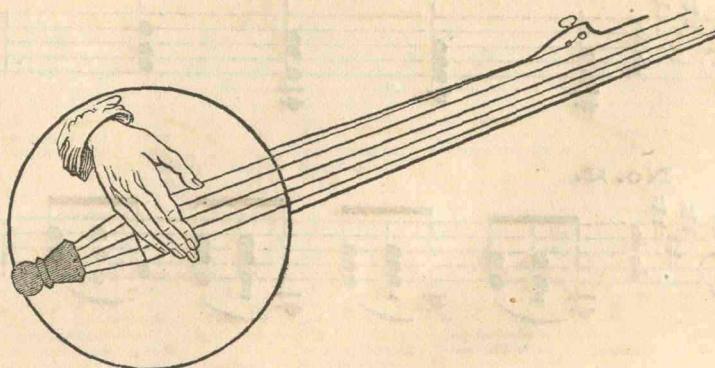
DRUM CHORDS.

These chords are frequently used in marches, for giving a drum-like effect to certain passages. They are designated by a × placed under them.

Straighten the fingers, keeping them together, raise the fore-arm from its position on the rim, bringing the hand in position across the strings, then, with a hammer-like movement, strike the strings near the bridge, making the desired chord.

POSITION OF RIGHT HAND IN DRUM CHORDS.

DIAGRAM No. 8.



EXERCISES IN CHORDS.

HARP CHORDS.*

Written.

Played.

* Observe the same fingering throughout the Chord Exercises.

EXERCISES IN CHORDS.

No. 1.

No. 2.

5* 7* 10*

5* 7* 10*

No. 3.



No. 4.



No. 5.



No. 6.



No. 7.



No. 8.



No. 9.



CHAPTER II.

KEY OF A MAJOR.

RULE.—When two notes occur that are found on the same string, make the upper one where it is written—and the other one on the next string.

NEW-YORK MARCH.

F. B. C.

EXERCISE.



MARCH.



DIADEM GALLOPADE.

EXERCISE.

GALLOPADE.

A musical score for two staves. The top staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps, and a common time (4/4). It features a measure of eighth notes followed by a measure of sixteenth-note pairs. The bottom staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time (4/4). It features a measure of eighth notes followed by a measure of sixteenth-note pairs. Both staves continue with similar patterns of eighth and sixteenth notes.

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LILLY POLKA.

F. B. C.

EXERCISE.

POLKA.

FAIRY MAY.

45

Arranged expressly for this work.

Composed by HENRY TUCKER

1. Come hith - er, lit - tle Fai - ry May, My
bride, if you will, be, I'll give you silks and sa-tins bright, Most beau - ti - ful to see; I'll
bring you to my cas - tle hall, 'Mid lords and la - dies gay. "No, thank you sir, I'd rath - er not," Quoth

FAIRY MAY. Concluded.

lit - tle Fai - ry May, "No, thank you sir, I'd rath - er not." Quoth lit - tle Fai - ry May.

CHORUS. Slow.

Fai - ry May, Quoth lit - tle Fai - ry May, "No, thank you sir, I'd rath - er not," Quoth lit - tle Fai - ry May.

2.

Says mother, "He's a proper youth :
Say yes, girl, there's a dea - rie ;
Say no, Miss Pride ? her father cried
I'd only like to hear ye !
But still for all that they could say,
And all that they could say,
"No thank you sir, I'd rather not,"
Quoth little Fairy May.

3.

Come, Fairy May, your words unsay,
You silly little goo - sie !
You know within your heart of hearts,
You wouldnt like to loose me :
You'll never see me here again,
If once I go away :
"Well sir ! and much I care for that !" Quoth little Fairy May.

4.

Loose such a prize ! her father cries,
Say yes—or else I'll make ye !
Her mother scolds—a willful chit !
I've half a mind to shake ye !
But still for all that they could do,
And all that they could say,
"No, thank you sir, I'd rather not,"
Quoth little Fairy May.

CHAPTER III.

KEY OF E MAJOR.

LA MEXICANA WALTZ.

F. B. C.

EXERCISE.

Sheet music for 'La Mexicana Waltz' Exercise. The music is in 3/4 time, key of E major (three sharps). The first measure starts with a bass note (0) followed by a series of eighth notes and sixteenth notes. Subsequent measures show a continuation of this pattern with various fingerings (e.g., 2, 1; 2, 4; 1, 2; 1, 2; 0, 2, 3; 2, 1, 0, 1; 2, 1, 0, 1). Measures 10 through 14 are shown as a bracketed section.

WALTZ.

Sheet music for 'La Mexicana Waltz' Waltz section. The music is in 3/4 time, key of E major (three sharps). The first measure starts with a bass note (1, 2) followed by a series of eighth notes and sixteenth notes. Subsequent measures show a continuation of this pattern with various fingerings (e.g., 2, 1; 2, 4; 1, 2; 1, 2; 0, 2, 3; 2, 1, 0, 1; 2, 1, 0, 1). Measures 10 through 14 are shown as a bracketed section. The section ends with a 'Fine.' and then continues with a 'D. C.' (Da Capo).

VICTORY MARCH.

F. B. C.

EXERCISE.

Sheet music for 'Victory March' Exercise. The music is in 4/4 time, key of E major (three sharps). The first measure starts with a bass note (0) followed by a series of eighth notes and sixteenth notes. Subsequent measures show a continuation of this pattern with various fingerings (e.g., 2, 1; 2, 4; 1, 2; 1, 2; 0, 2, 3; 2, 1, 0, 1; 2, 1, 0, 1). Measures 10 through 14 are shown as a bracketed section.

MARCH.

Sheet music for 'Victory March' March section. The music is in 4/4 time, key of E major (three sharps). The first measure starts with a bass note (0) followed by a series of eighth notes and sixteenth notes. Subsequent measures show a continuation of this pattern with various fingerings (e.g., 2, 1; 2, 4; 1, 2; 1, 2; 0, 2, 3; 2, 1, 0, 1; 2, 1, 0, 1). Measures 10 through 14 are shown as a bracketed section.



FANNY POLKA.

Har. 19*

EXERCISE.

Har. 19*

1 2 4 2 4 2 | 1 2 | Har. 12* | Har. 12* | 2 1 4 1 2 | 2 1 2 | 0 1 2 | Har. 7* | 0 0 | Har. 12* | 1 2 3 | X | 1 2 3 | X |

POLKA.

Har. 19*

2 1 2 | 1 2 | Har. 12* | Har. 12* | 2 1 4 1 2 | 1 2 | Fine. |

Har... 7* | Har... 20* | 1 2 | Har... 7* | 12* | 1 2 | Har... 10* | 1 2 | D. C. |

HOME, SWEET HOME.

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EXERCISE.



HOME, SWEET HOME.

1. 'Mid pleas - ures and pal - - a - ces though we may
 2. An ex - ile from home, splen dor daz - zles in

roam,
vain, Be it ev - - er so hum - - ble, there's no place like home; A
O! give me my low - ly thatch'd cot - - tage a - gain. The

HOME, SWEET HOME. Concluded.

charm from the skies seems to hal - - low us there,
 birds sing ing gai ly, that come at my call, Which seek these
 Give me thro' with the the

world, is ne'er met with else - - where, Home! Home! Home! sweet, sweet
 peace of mind, dear er than all. Home! sweet, sweet

home! There's no..... place like home! home!
 home! There's no..... place like home!

MAY POLKA.

EXERCISE.

A musical score page featuring five staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. Measure 7* starts with a 4/4 time signature. Measures 8* and 10* follow. Measure 15* begins with a 4/4 time signature, followed by a 4/3 measure. Measures 10* and 8* conclude the section. Various note heads and stems are present, with some containing numerical values such as 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5. Measure 15* includes a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp.

POLKA.

F. B. C.

F. B. C.

Allegro.

7*

10*

15* 10* 10* 7*

Fine.

8

20

10- 10- 10- *

8*

D. C.

2

O NATIVE SCENES.

EXERCISE.

"BEATRICE DI TENDA."

O Native Scenes.

Andante Amoroso.

A musical score page from a piano-vocal edition. The title "Native Scenes." is at the top center. The first line of music begins with "Andante Amoroso." followed by a 4/4 time signature. The music consists of two staves. The left staff uses a treble clef and the right staff uses a bass clef. The key signature is one sharp. The music features eighth-note chords and rests, with some notes tied across measures. Measure numbers 1 through 11 are indicated above the staves.



CHAPTER V.

KEY OF D MAJOR.

FLOWER WALTZ.

F. B. C.

EXERCISE.



WALTZ.

Legato.

Fine.

D. C. al Fine.

MARCH FROM NORMA.

EXERCISE.

This image shows a handwritten musical score for piano, page 10, system 2. The score consists of two staves. The left staff uses a treble clef and a key signature of four sharps. The right staff uses a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp. Measure 5* starts with a forte dynamic. Measure 7* begins with a forte dynamic and includes a measure repeat sign. Measure 9* begins with a forte dynamic and includes a measure repeat sign. The score continues with various dynamics and note values, including eighth and sixteenth notes.

MARCH.

The image shows three staves of musical notation for piano, likely from a piece titled "Tempo di Marcia". The notation is in common time with a key signature of one sharp. The first staff begins with a dynamic instruction "Tempo di Marcia.". Measure 5* starts with a forte dynamic. Measure 7* follows, and measure 9* concludes the section. The music consists of eighth-note patterns and chords, typical of a march style.

WHY DO SUMMER ROSES FADE.

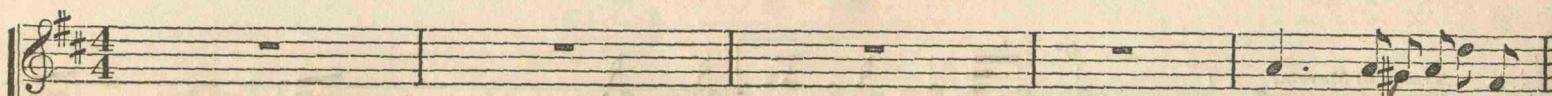
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EXERCISE.



WHY DO SUMMER ROSES FADE.

*Prelude.*

Why do summer roses



fade?

If not to show how fleet-ing,

All things bright and fair are made

To

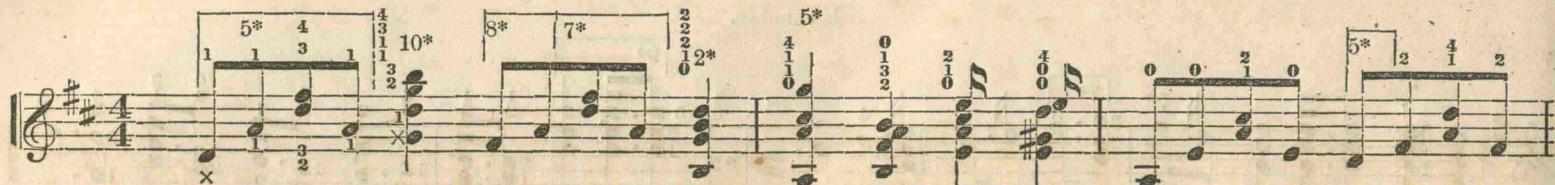


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EXERCISE.



WHY DO SUMMER ROSES FADE.

Prelude.

Why do summer roses
5(*)

fade? If not to show how fleet - ing, All things bright and fair are made To

WHY DO SUMMER ROSES FADE. Concluded.

55



bloom a - while as half a - fraid, To join our sum-mer greet-ing? Or do they on - ly bloom to tell, How



brief a sea - son love may dwell? Or do they on - ly bloom to tell, How brief a sea - son love may dwell?



2.

Then while summer roses last,
Oh! let's be friends together,
Summer time will soon be past,
When Autumn leaves around us cast,
And then comes wintry weather,—
Surely as the summer day,
Friendship, too, will pass away.

3.

But tho' summer roses fade,
And love gives place to reason,
Friendship pass without a sigh,
And all on earth pass coldly bye,
It's but a wintry season;
And friendship, love, and roses too,
the spring-time shall again renew.

TRANSPOSITION.

Every Banjoist should understand, and be perfectly familiar with the manner of transposing a piece of music from one key to another.

Music arranged for other instruments, can, in many instances, by transposition be adapted to the Banjo, and songs, when written too high or too low can thus be arranged to suit the voice.

RULE.

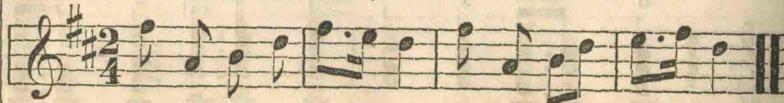
Ascertain the Key of the piece as written, and then the key into which you wish to transpose, then write each note of the tune as many degrees higher or lower on the staff as the new key note is higher or lower than the old one.

EXAMPLE.

KEY OF C.



TRANSPOSED TO D, ONE DEGREE HIGHER.



TRANSPOSED TO A (NATURAL KEY OF THE BANJO)
TWO DEGREES LOWER.



MISCELLANEOUS.

MATT PEEL'S WALK AROUND.

Lively.



OPERATIC JIG.



BRIGHTON.





FOSTER'S JIG.

Musical score for three staves in G major, 2/4 time, titled "FOSTER'S JIG.". The first staff starts with a measure of eighth notes followed by sixteenth-note patterns. The second staff continues with eighth-note patterns and includes a measure labeled "DELL". Both the first and second staves end with a "Fine." ending. The third staff begins at measure 12 and ends with a "D. C." ending.

IRISH JIG.

LUKE WEST'S WALK AROUND.

WAIT FOR THE WAGGON. JIG.

COTTON POD JIG.

A horizontal strip of sheet music showing measures 0 through 12. The music is in 2/4 time with a key signature of two sharps. The notes are primarily eighth notes, with some sixteenth-note patterns and rests. Measure 0 starts with a rest followed by a sixteenth note. Measures 1-2 show a sixteenth-note pattern. Measures 3-4 feature a sixteenth-note pattern with a bass line. Measures 5-6 show a sixteenth-note pattern. Measures 7-8 show a sixteenth-note pattern. Measures 9-10 show a sixteenth-note pattern. Measures 11-12 show a sixteenth-note pattern. The music is written on five staves.

This image shows two staves of handwritten piano sheet music. The top staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps, and a 2/4 time signature. The bottom staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. Both staves feature sixteenth-note patterns with various fingerings and performance markings like 'x' and dots.

BARLEY REEL.

(Tune 4th string to B, Octave below 1st string.)

Sheet music for violin and piano, page 10, measures 1-12. The music is in 2/4 time with a key signature of four sharps. The violin part consists of three staves. Measure 1 starts with a grace note followed by eighth-note pairs. Measures 2-3 show sixteenth-note patterns with slurs and grace notes. Measures 4-5 feature eighth-note pairs and sixteenth-note patterns. Measures 6-7 continue with eighth-note pairs and sixteenth-note patterns. Measures 8-9 show eighth-note pairs and sixteenth-note patterns. Measures 10-11 show eighth-note pairs and sixteenth-note patterns. Measure 12 concludes with eighth-note pairs.

BRIGG'S FAVORITE JIG.

GUITAR FINGERING,

STACCATO,



BRIGGS' JIG VARIED.

GUITAR FINGERING.



12*Har. 19*Har.

12* Har. 19* Har.

Fine. 5(*)

12* Har. 19* Har. Har.

D. C.

ODD FELLOWS MARCH.

1st 2nd 12 11 10 D. C.

PEELS' CLOG DANCE.

A handwritten musical score consisting of four staves of music. The music is in common time and major key. The first staff uses a treble clef, the second staff uses a treble clef, the third staff uses a bass clef, and the fourth staff uses a bass clef. The score includes various musical markings such as note heads, stems, rests, and specific performance instructions like 'x' and '1'. Measures are numbered above the staff, and some measures contain additional markings like '11', '21', '12', '14', and '24'. The score is written on lined paper.

ROOT HOG OR DIE.



WHOLE HOG OR NONE.



WILLIE WE HAVE MISSED YOU. Jig.



THE LION. Slow Jig.

This and the following Jig are arranged to be played together.



FINE.

D. C. AL FINE.

BEACON JIG.

J. B. DONNIKER.

Minor.

1st.

2nd.

RATTLESNAKE JIG.

(Tune 4th string to B,
an Octave below 1st string.)



CLOG HORNPIPE. Quick.



THE CUCKOO.

Tune 4th String to B.

A handwritten musical score page showing measures 14 through 17. The key signature is A major (three sharps). Measure 14 starts with a sixteenth-note grace followed by an eighth note. Measure 15 begins with a sixteenth-note grace. Measure 16 starts with a sixteenth-note grace. Measure 17 starts with a sixteenth-note grace.

A horizontal strip of sheet music for piano, showing measures 14 through 21. The music is in common time and consists of two staves. The left staff uses a treble clef, and the right staff uses a bass clef. The key signature changes frequently, indicated by various sharps and flats. Measure 14 starts with a sharp, followed by a series of eighth-note chords. Measure 15 begins with a double bar line and a repeat sign. Measures 16-17 show a continuation of chords with some grace notes. Measure 18 starts with a sharp, followed by a series of eighth-note chords. Measure 19 begins with a double bar line and a repeat sign. Measures 20-21 show a continuation of chords with some grace notes.

A handwritten musical score page showing measures 11 and 12. The key signature is A major (no sharps or flats). Measure 11 starts with a half note followed by a sixteenth-note pattern. Measure 12 begins with a quarter note. The score includes various performance markings like slurs, grace notes, and dynamic marks. Measures 11 and 12 are bracketed together.

FULLER'S FAVORITE. Reel.

F. B. C.

Con anima.

MINOR.

Fine.

D. C.

SNODGRASS' FAVORITE. Jig.

F. B. C.

MINOR.

Fine.

D. C.



ARKANSAS TRAVELLER.

CUPID'S DREAM WALTZ.

Delicato.

The musical score consists of three staves of music in 3/8 time, with a key signature of two sharps. The first staff begins with a forte dynamic. The second staff starts with a piano dynamic. The third staff ends with a repeat sign and a double bar line, followed by the instruction "D. C." (Da Capo).

CALABRA WALTZ.

(NEW MEXICO.)

Dolce.

The musical score consists of two staves of music in 3/4 time, with a key signature of two sharps. The first staff features a melodic line with eighth-note patterns and sixteenth-note chords. The second staff provides harmonic support with sustained notes and rhythmic patterns. Measure numbers 7(*) and 12 are indicated above the staves.



THE HOPE WALTZ.

ARRANGED EXPRESSLY FOR THIS WORK.

SCHUBERT.

Continuation of the musical score. The tempo is marked '100'. The section begins with a series of eighth-note chords. Measure 5 (*) shows a melodic line with eighth-note pairs. Measures 9* through 14 are shown below.

Continuation of the musical score. Measures 9* through 14 are shown. The section concludes with a measure of eighth-note chords followed by a repeat sign and a section starting with measure 2.

(See Note below.)

Continuation of the musical score. Measures 2 through 5 (*) are shown. The section ends with a measure of eighth-note chords followed by a repeat sign and a section starting with measure 2.

Continuation of the musical score. Measures 2 through 5 (*) are shown. The section ends with a measure of eighth-note chords followed by a repeat sign and a section starting with measure 2.

NOTE.—Stop the lower note with the 4th finger on 4th string, the upper note with the 1st finger; play all the octaves in this manner.

FAIRY WALTZ.

F. B. C.

Fine.

Musical score for "Fairy Waltz". The score consists of three staves of music in 3/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of four sharps, and a 3/4 time signature. The second staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps, and a 3/4 time signature. The third staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps, and a 3/4 time signature. The music features various chords and note patterns, with measure numbers 1 through 10 indicated above the staves. The score concludes with a "Fine." at the end of the tenth measure.

CORAL POLKA.

Musical score for "Coral Polka". The score consists of two staves of music in 2/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps, and a 2/4 time signature. The second staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a 2/4 time signature. The music features various chords and note patterns, with measure numbers 1 through 14 indicated above the staves. A section labeled "MINOR." appears around measure 11. The score concludes with a "Fine." at the end of the thirteenth measure.



RAINBOW SCHOTTISCH.

ARRANGED EXPRESSLY FOR THIS WORK.

HENRY KLEBER.

Staccato.





CAMILLE POLKA.

ARRANGED EXPRESSLY FOR THIS WORK.

THE CAPTAIN'S SLY GLANCE. Concluded.

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The musical score consists of five staves of music in common time, key signature of three sharps, and treble clef. The lyrics are integrated into the music as follows:

men. Oh! I heard not the tune, though the mu - sic was sweet, For my
eyes, at the time, had a much great - er treat, For the troop was the
fin - - est that . . e'er I did see, And the Cap - - tain by chance caught a
sly glance at me.

The music features various note values including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. The piano accompaniment is indicated by a bass staff at the bottom with its own set of notes and rests.

ANNIE OF THE VALE.

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The musical score consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps, and a common time signature (indicated by a '4'). The second staff begins with a bass clef, a key signature of two sharps, and a common time signature. The third staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps, and a common time signature. The fourth staff begins with a bass clef, a key signature of two sharps, and a common time signature. The lyrics are written below the third and fourth staves.

The young stars are glow - ing, Their clear - light be - stow - ing! Their ra-diance fills the calm, clear sum - mer
The world we in - her - it, Is charmed by thy spir - it; As ra-diant as the mild, warm sum - mer

night! Come forth like a fai - ry, So blithe - some and air - ry, And
ray! The watch - dog is snarl - ing, For fear An - nie da - ling, His

ANNIE OF THE VALE. Concluded.

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The musical score consists of three staves of music in common time, key signature of two sharps, and treble clef. The lyrics are as follows:

ram - ble in their soft and mys - tic light.
beau - ti - ful young friend I'd steal a way.

Come, Come, come, come!
Love, Love, come, come!

Come ere the night torch - es pale;
Come ere the night torch - es pale;

Oh Oh come in thy beau - ty, Thou
Oh Oh come in thy beau - ty, Thou

mar - vel of du - ty, Dear An - nie, dear
mar - vel of du - ty, Dear An - nie, dear

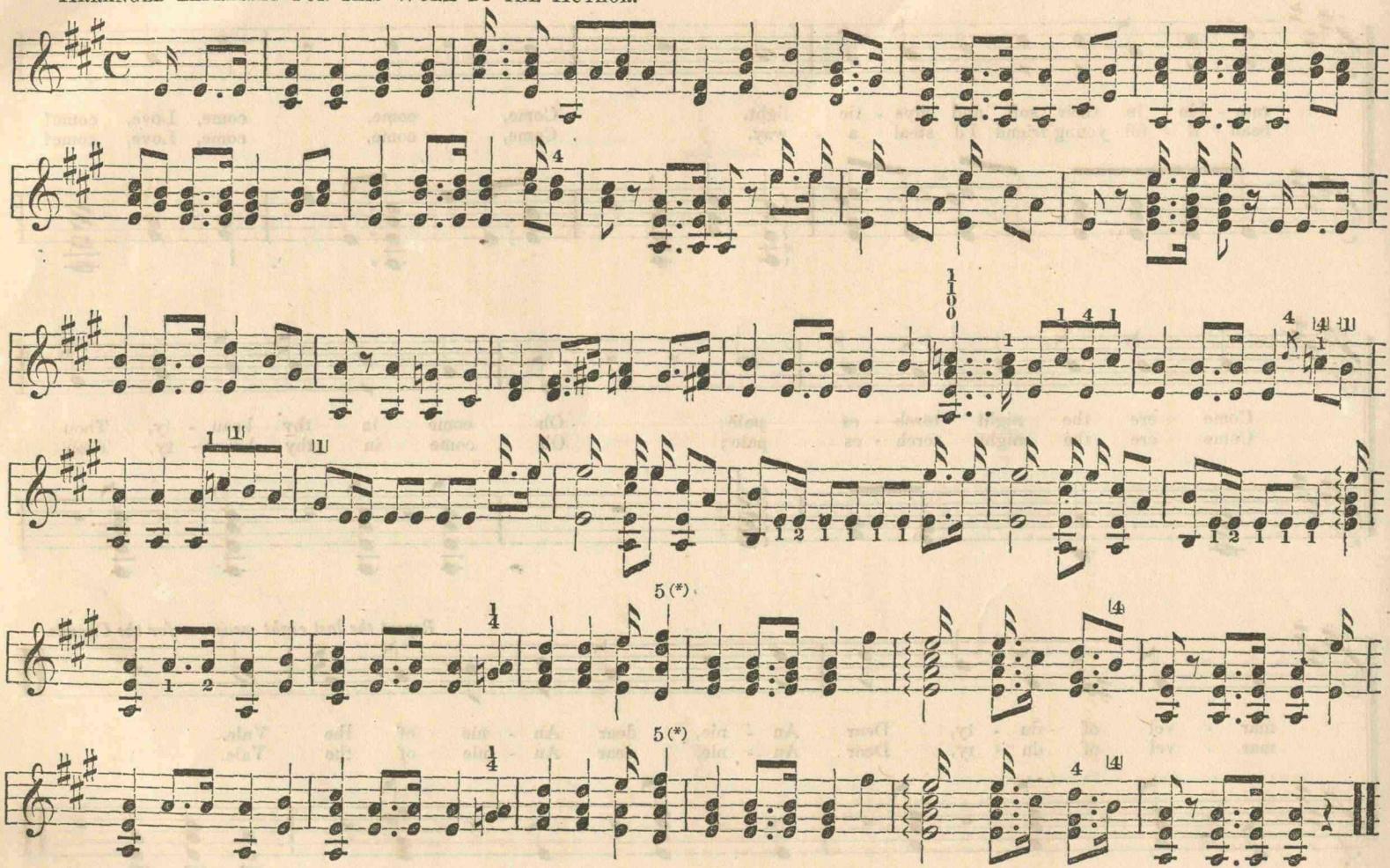
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