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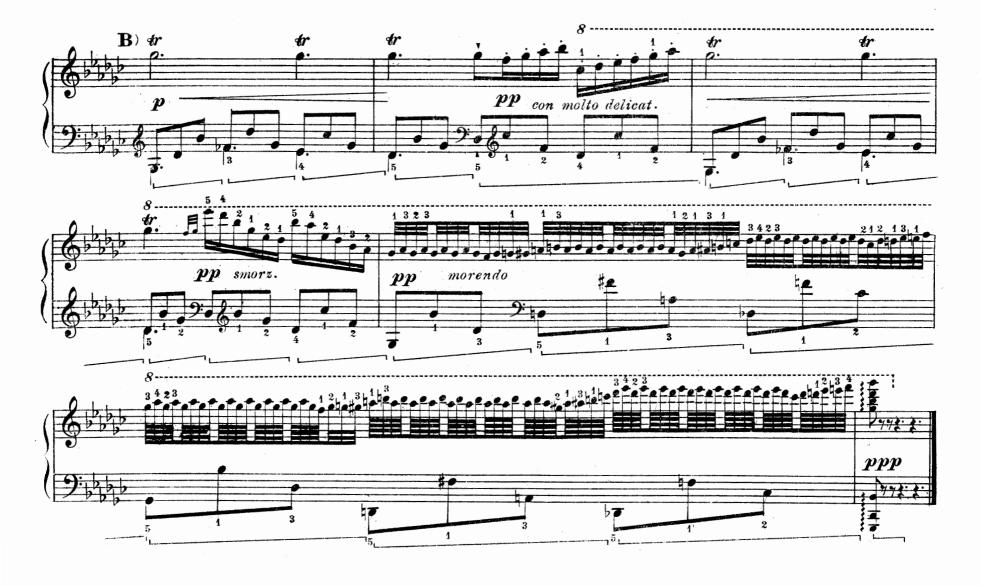








Go to the beginning, and play (without observing the repeat sign) to A, then go to B.



The Nightingale.







ETUDE.

While, in this rhythmically interesting study there exists no difficulty in the division of the notes, since two triplets of eighth notes in the right hand fall to one triplet of quarters in the left, nevertheless, for many, there lies a difficulty in the proper accentuation, arising from the combination of two opposing rhythms.

This difficulty may be overcome in two ways: the one is to practice each part singly (always beginning slowly and strongly) until, through habit, incorrect accentuation would be impossible; the other method consists in beginning with both hands and accommodating one to the other, as follows:

1st. Wholly without accent; pay heed only to equality of touch and division:



2nd. With strong and equal accentuation:



Finally, as follows, but with extremely light accentuation:



This piece produces its most charming effect, when played with great delicacy of shading, clearly, and to an extent, dreamily.

F. CHOPIN, Op. 25, No. 2. Presto. M.M. J = 112. 3 sempre molto legato dim.

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FANTASIE IN C MINOR.

This remarkably attractive piece will be found much more difficult to play well than would be thought upon first playing it over. Great independence of hands and fingers is necessary, and the broad rhythm must be carried with satisfactory accentuation and swing. The little mordents, in the left hand particularly, have the force of accents, and are not to be acquired without application. a) A strong accent. b) Accent the first tone of the mordent in the bass. Take the tone below for auxiliary. At c), think the trilled tone as a quarter and not as an eighth; it has to have the force and character of a beat. The little bass running passages at d), should crescendo in ascending; and the eighth notes at e), have almost the force of melody tones. These observations apply not only to the places mentioned, but to the same motives throughout the piece. In the second period there is some very pretty effect of a harmonic, and especially pianoforte, character, in the triplets played by the right hand, while the left hand crosses from treble to bass repeatedly. Observe the measure accent; but the whole effect is somewhat dreamy. The syncopated tone at g and in all similar places later, is accented quite forcibly, but the accent is answered immediately by the bass upon the next beat.









Study on Black Keys.

The original idea of using only black keys for the passages of the right hand has given rise to the designation of this piece as the Black Study. As an exceedingly piquant composition bubbling over with vivacity and humor, now audacious and anon softly insinuating, restlessly hurrying ever, tarrying never, its execution must be at once coquettish and graceful and full of Polish elegance. For the purpose of comparison with extant editions, I have been able to use Chopin's autograph copy, the property of the Royal Library in Berlin. All that is here engraved in print of the usual size is an exact copy of the autograph. T.KULLAK.



"To treat and to attack what is easy as though it were difficult" this principle might with advantage be applied to this "ladies' Drawingroom study," which even in its very pleasingness is ensnaving and illusory.

We also recommend transposing this study into the key of G major, in which the right hand would play exclusively on the white keys, where as in the key of G major it plays exclusively on the black keys. To equalize the touch of the fingers individually we would also recommend practicing in a different

rhythm, where by a new form of the arabesque is obtained:



which, for instance in bars 33 to 40,60 to 64, and 75 to 77 is the original form.

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Finale-Etude Symphonique.



a) The editor is of the opinion that the slurs indicated by the composer signify, here and at all repetitions of the rhythmical motive, merely a long dwelling upon the first dotted eighth, not an actual legato of the first two tones, which would again imply a separation from the third eighth. The editor therefore understands the motive thus:

This view is supported by underlaying the words "Proud England, now may'st thou be glad" to which the same motive is set in Marschner's "Templar." Phillip Spitta, in his Life of R. Schumannconsiders the adoption of Marschner's motive as an intentional homage to Schumann's friend Sterndale Bennett, the English composer, to whom this Opus is inscribed. At the same time the editor Copyright 1895 by Theo. Presser.

felt bound to retain the composer's own direction and he has corrected it in those cases only in which the slur over notes of the same pitch might be misunderstood, as

at b) where all editions give

It may be left to the player to follow out the consequences for the fingering which result from the editors conception of this motive; conformably to it a closer connection should be sought between each sixteenth and the following eighth, thus,

for instance instead of as at d)

the fingering







a)The fingering suggested for the right hand is for the left hand

the pedal being held down for two measures each time.





REVOLUTIONARY STUDY.

This magnificent study is said to have had an origin in actual history. Chopin composed it at Stuttgart after hearing that the Russians had taken Warsaw, in 1831. It is therefore something more than an exercise -- a tone-poem. Nevertheless the originality of the work assigned to the left hand, and the endurance required, have served to keep this work in the repertory of pianists, aside from its value as a poem. The problem is to train the left hand until it can play its daring and whirling runs with the precision and vitality of a right hand. This implies qualities of maturity which will come only after working at the piece for a year or more. In all the earlier work upon it, concentrate attention upon the left hand part. While this is in reality the accompaniment, it is nevertheless the part of the piece which expresses the tumultuous condition of Chopin's soul, upon hearing the news of the fall of his native capital. Later the right hand will receive its share of attention. But always the left hand must have a certain degree of prominence, and always the vitality belonging to a right hand.



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