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Containing in a plain and familiar Manner, the Rules of Psalmody, together with a NU M B ER OF P SALM-TUNES, \&c.

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FH A T the finging of Pfalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Soncs, is a Dury incombent upan all Denominations of Chriftials, is clearly evident from farred Wict. This onfion i:: fo prevaicnt among us, that to offer Arguments to fupport it, is annecemey and fuperikions.

Scripture alfo informs uf, that all the Doties of the Chritian Chanch froutd be performes with Decency ard in Orier; and Singirg being an important Pay s: Divine Wornip, claim Darticulat Atention, and ought to be conducted with great Ercuitey. This, lowever, witi be imprafacable, mitfs the Rules of Pfamody are well monenol, and chaty a!thered to,
 and hence I have been induced to publith he Contents of the fohminy Sheren, wherna Inve


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## To the TEACHERS of MUSIC in the UNITEDSTATES.

## Gcitheme

Fir If I S iktle Eook is humbly prefented for your candid Perufal and Acceptance. If at your Bar it fioculd be judged unworthy your Patronage, let it fufte cither Death ur Banifment. It carrics with it howeve: one Requeft, a Rerueft no one whin prome to fay is unreafonable: viz. That it may not be condemed without an inytial Examimation and fair Trial. Not douting your Inclinations io do it Jufice, I fubmit it, and am happy in writing myfelf,

Gentemen,
Sour moft obedient,
And very humble Servant,

## The Autisor.

## A DVERTISEMENT.

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L L Words fet to Mufic in this Book, for which no Credit is given, were written by Dr. WATTS, and the Number of the Pfalm or Hymn is commonly expreffed over the Tune.

When the feveral Parts have Words different from each other, they are to be found under each Part; but when any Part has no Words directly under it, they are generally to be found between the Counter and Tenor.

The Author would efteem it as a peculiar Mark of Favour, if any Gentleman difcovering Errors in this Book, would take the carlieft Opportunity to give him Information.

## CONCISERUIES\&C.

L ESSONI.


Direct $\sim$ Shows the place of the facceeding note.

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If $F \& C$ be mi is in
M

Divides the time into equal parts.


Bar

Shows the end of a ftrain
Double II
bar
Repeat From the note over which $\qquad$ S: $t \mathrm{ftandsto}$ the end of firming $\frac{5}{5:}$
Double The 1 it is fang before.the ${ }^{2}$ d after repeating.


Clofe ||I sharsithe end of a tune.

L. ES SON N

The natural place for mi is in.... B
But zr $B$ be $b$.mi is in........ E
if $B \& E$ be $b$.mi is in .....A
If $\mathbb{B} E \& A$ be $b_{\text {_mi }}$ is in ....D
if $B E A \& D$ be $b$.m is is in. $G$


If $\mathbf{F} \& \mathrm{G}$ be mi is in $\ldots . . \mathrm{G}$ If $F C G \& D$ be mi is in. D

Above mi, fa fol la' fa fol lakthen mi again Below mi, la fol fa la fol fa \& then mi again-qs mi ta $\mathrm{la}_{50} \mathrm{fa}_{\text {a la sot }}$

L F S SO NV.
Adagio C Has 4 Semeats in a bar .
Lal:go d Has 4 beats in a bar.
Allegro 5 Has $s$ beats in a bar.
$2-4$
2 Has 2 beats in bar.
41 Minim fills labor.
H Has 3 beats in a bar.
2 3 Minims fill a bar:-
3 Has 3 beats in a bar. 3. Crotchets fill a bar.

3 Has 3 beats ina'bar. $8^{3} 3$ Quaver's fill a bar
1.2.3.4.1.2, 3.4.1.2,34
 वतuuवेवाज वरज्या


तरuud dur ur du u



Clufiug Notes are but one of them rung with the fame voice.

Semitones are between mi and $\mathrm{fa}^{-}$ and between la and fa.

Key Note is the last note in the bass and is always the note next above or below mi, if above intis a Tharp key, if below it is a flat key,

Such notes should be rung very diftinct \&emphatic
The note over which it is feet fhould be fha ken in a gracefutit manner

Mark of diflinction



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## A full and plain Explanation of the foregoing Rules.



## Explanation of Leffon I. Page $5 \cdot$

IN this leffon, which contains what is commonly cxlled the Gamut, the five lines with their fpaces marked with the letters A B C D \&cc. reprefent the five lines, and lix fpaces, whercon mufic is written, the fpares above and below being included: The letters are the names by which thofe lines and fpaces are called. And although there are more than feven places which are named by thofe letters, yet there are but feven letters ufed. viz. A B C D LF \& G, every cighth letter being the fame, and it ought ta be remembered that they always keep the fame order, in which they are placed in the feale ; viz. that wherever $G$, is tound, the next letter above it is always $A$, the next $B$, and fo on, always obierving to rezkon both lines and ípaces.

## N. B. Thefe five lines and fix fpaces are called a Stave.

When notes afcend above, or defcend below the ftave, a ledger line is added, whofe name may be readily known by attending to the order of the letters: for if a ledger line be added above the flave in tenor or treble, where the upper fpace is named G, its name muft undoubtedly be A, the face then next above it B, and if another leciger line were added ahove the firit (as is fometimes the cafe) its name will be C , and fo on. The fame rule holds good with regard to the other parts. See the example.

Plamody is generally compofed in four parts, viz. Bafs, Tenor, Counter, and Treble; their names, and the cuder in which they are plased, are faeiwn in the leffon, where they are linked together with a brace.

There are three clifis commonly ufed on tinefe four parts; the G cliff is wed both in tre'le and tenor, and is placed ca the fecoud line from the bottom, which gives it the name G.

The C cliff is ufed in Comater, and is pazed on the middle line, which gives it the mane C .
The F cliff is ufed in Bais enly, and is placed on the fourtheine from the boion, which sives it the name $F$.
If either of thofe clifis were moved to another line, the letters in their order mullall move with them; but this is not ofien the cafe, except in mafic fet for the oigan or harpficherd: it is therefure beft for thofe who are learring to ling, to learn the names of the lines and fpaces as they are marled in the lefoon.

## Explanation of Lefion II. Page 5.

$\stackrel{T}{T}$H E fecond lefion contains the fix mufich notes, together with their refpective relts, and the propation they bear to each other.
A lemibreve is the cagef note common'y ared in palmody, and is crilied the meafure noie, becau's the fima of the others always bears a certain proportion to the time of the femibreve.
II. A minim is but half the length of a femibreve: viz. Eut half the tione mun je taken up in fom ling a minim that
 a minim mult be two, if a femibreve be two Ceonds, a minim mat oe one, \&c.
III. A croschet is but half the leagh of a minim, or one foritiof a femibreve.
IV. A quaver is buthall the lengis of a crothet, or one eighino. it Semibreve.
V. A femiquaver is but half the leagth of a quaver, or one fixteentin of a femibreve.
VI. A demifemiquaver is but half the length of a femiquaver, or one thiry-fecond oi a femibreve.

The refts are marki of filence, of the lame length in time as the noes for which they than, a wherever they occur, the performer fhould fufpend his voice folong as he wouid have been founding their refpective nuses, excepting the rois fet to the femibreve, which may more properly be called a bar reit*

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\text { \& Sie i'aye tio au' } 16 .
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There notes are fommimes fucker and fometincs flower, as will te fern in treating of the moods of time; but they always bean: the in rue p enter: on to cachother, whatever the time miry be, except when made longer by a point of addition. or hotter by a fizic of cincoution. A point of cidition foot it the rigi hand of any note, makes it half as long again; fothata cuaderabres is gal ochre minims, a pointed minim to threcrotchets, a pointed crotchet to three quavers, \&c. The are : is called a for. of dintionion, became when fer owe or under three notes of any kind, a third part




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S: $0 A^{\prime}$, is fare is juffter reverie of a hat. A cue....ire a arp at the left lard of it muff be founded half a tone

 or naturals.
 re", rit oi s.


Fourth, A flur ties or links any number of notes together which fhould be fung to one fyllable, when fung in words, but not when fung by notes, except when two or more notes which ftand together on one and the fame letter are furred, and then they fhould be fung as but one note.
N. B. Infinging flurred notes in words great care fhould be taken to pronounce the words properly, for which purpofe obferve thefe direations; keep your lips and teeth afiunder from the beginning to the end of the flur, warble the notes in your throat, fliding eafily from one found to another, without any kind of hitch or jolt (which is too often practifed) and if poffible don't ftop to take breath until you have done ; otherwife you break the flur and fpoil the pronunciation.

Fifth, A direct is but of fmali ufe; it being only fet at the end of a flave to thew the performer the place of the fucceeding note in the next fave.

Sixth, A bar is ufed in mufic to divide the time into equal parts; fo in the example annexed the firt bar * contains one femibreve, the fecond two crotchets and one minim, which are juft equal in time to a femibreve: and the third one femibreve reft. For a more particular account of bars fee the explanation of leffon 5 th.

Seventh, A double bar fhews the end of a ftrain, and is often preceded by a repeat + .
Eighth, A repeat denotes a repetition of the mufic from the note over which if fands to the next double bar or clofe; or in other words, when you meet with a repeat (which always is or ought to be fet over each part) you muft pafs on until you come to the next double bar or clofe, and then calt your eye immediately back to the repeat, and begin at the note which ftands directly under it, and proceed on as before.
on $F$ in bafs, tenor, counter, and treble, and it is then properly faid to be F Barp; and in the tune Wefford, flats are fet on $B$ and $E$ in every part, which is then faid to be $B$ and $E$ flat. Governing fats and 乃arps are fometimes ufed in pafing from one key to another in the middle of a fave; but then they are always fet on the fame letter in every part directly oppofite to each ether as at the beginning, by which means they may be difinguifbed from accidentals. Their ufe is then juft the fame as whben Set at the beginning of a ftave. Naturals are aljo fometines ufed in the fame manner; as for inftance, fuppofe a piece of mufic bas any number of governing fats or Barps, the compofer may at ony time refore thofeletters on which they fand to their primitive found, by placing naturals on them, and on every part direetly oppofite to each other. 2t perbaps the beft way in pafsing from one key to another, may be to infert the clifs anew on each part, at whicb all influerte of foregoing flats or fbarps. muft be fuppofed to ceafe; and then the compofer may add or omit flats or Barps as'be pleafes.

* The ppace included between two bars is frequently termed a bar. - + Doible bars when precsded by repeats bave, Soinetines dots placed on each fide of them, to put the performer in mind of the repeat.
i. 8 ', A do'ne enting is inwa by the figures 1,2 , which are fetover a tune (as in the example anexed) with a double far tanding bewcen th $m$. Thefe are never efele except there be a repeat, and then after you have gone back
 or netes ander : rase :, or it iseen igule 1 and the doable bar, and perform thofe under figure 2, except they are tyed torether wiwh as li, ,



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THERE are isut four fyllabies ufel ns names for the notes in finging, viz. Mi, Fa, Sol, Lia, but the three laft of then heing repeated make up feven which anfiver to the feven letiers; thefe names however are not confined to partit cuitar letters, liu: are moved fiom one place to anothe: by the help of Hats and fharps, which is called tranfpofition, and is expieffed as in the lefion. Three lats and three fausp are fficient to tranfpofe mi into either of the feven letters, and yet more are fometimes ufed, for realous which will be ihewn hescaiter. Mi may be alfo tranfpofed into any onc of the letner by cither flats or.fharps alore, as followis


N . B. The natural place for mi is in B , and when all the letters are made either flat os fharp mi again retires to its native place.

The names of the notes always keep the fame order, viz, mi, fa, fol. la, fa, fol, la, afcending, and the cantrary, viz. mi, la. fol, fa, la, folffa, defcending, and although the place of mi only, is fhewnin the leffon, the others may be known by
obferving their order, for let mi be in either of the letters the note next above it is fa, the next fol, the next da \& c . and the next below it is la, the next ful, the next $\mathrm{la}, \& \mathrm{E}$. So wher mi is in its natural place, B , all notes which ft . d on C n of te called fa, becaufe they are next above mi, and all that fand on $A$ muft be called la becaule ext below mi ; again if $B$ is hat and confequently mi in E, then all notes which fland on $F$ muft be called fa, and all which ttand on D muft be called la, \&c.

Learners fhoald be carefal. not only to call the notes by the right names, but to feak them plain and pronounce them properly. The letter a in the notes fa, and la, fhould be pronunced as in the words father*, lather, \&icr The i , in mi , fhould be founded fhort, or fomewhat like ee, the o in fol fhould be founded long as in foldier.

## Explanation of Leffon V. Page 6.

HHERE are nine diferent $m$ ods of time ufed in pralmody; four of them are called common time becaufe they are meafured by even numbers, as $2,4,8, \& c$. three are called triple time, becaufe meafured by threes, and the other two are called compound time becaufe they are compounded of common and triple time.

## Common Time Moods.

The firt is called the adagio mood: has a femibreve for its meafure note, every bar containing that or other notes or reft which amount to the fane quantity of time; fo in the example annexed the fint bar is filled by a temibreve. the econd by four crotchcts, \&c. And in order to give thefe notes or refts their proper time, a motion of the hand is neci firy, which is called beating time. and every motion or fiwing of the hand is called a beat. This mood has four beats in eaciuber, wich fhoald be beat two down and two up in the foliowing manner, viz. Fint, lightly ftike the ends if ycur fingere, fecondly, the heel of your hand, thirdly, raiie your hand a littie and fhut it upt, fourthly, raile it fill higher aniu inrow it epen at the fametime, which compleats the bar. Every bar in this mood of time is performed in the dant man. el, cact a at exactly in one fecond of time.

The fecond is called the largo mood; has alfo a femibreve for a meafure note cortaining that or othes notes or refis which amont to the fame quantity of time in each bar. 'This has allo four beats in a bar which dhoulu ke criconced in the iame manmer as in the Adagio, only a quarter quiciser, viz. four beats in the time of three feconc's.


+ It is bejt to fbut or partly fut the band in the ward motion to diftaguijh it firm the fourth, otberwife they rwould be boib alike.


## EXPLANATION of the RULES of PSALMODY. • ${ }^{1} 5$

The third is called the Allegro mood; has alfo a femibreve for a mealure note containing that or other notes or refta which amount to the fame quantity of time in each bar; has but two beais in a bar, which thould be beat one down and the other up, allowing one iecond to each beat.
'The fourth is called $2-4$, or 2 from 4. This has a minim for a meafure note, containing that or other notes or refts to the fame amount in each bar; has but two beats in each bar which are beat one down and the other lip. Four beats in this mood are peformed in the fame time as three in the Largo.

Triple Time Moods.
The firft is called 3-2, or 3 to 2 ; has three minims or other notes or refts which make up the fame quantity of time in each bar; has 3 beatsin a bar the 2 firt are beat down the other up, In beating this and the other two moods of triple time the motions fhould be made as follows, firit, frike the ends of your fingers, fecondly, the heal of your hand, and thirdly, raife your hand up, which finif.es the bar Eacla beat in this mood fhould be performed in one fecond of time.

The fecond is called $3-4$, or 3 from 4 ; has three crotchers o: ohis rotes or refts which make up the fame quantity of time in each bar; has three beats in each bar, the two firt beat down tha the other up. Each beat performed in the fame time as in the Largo.

The third is called $3--8$, or 3 from 8 ; has three quavers oi other notes or refts which make the fame quantity of time in each bar. This has alfo three beats in a bar, two beat down and the other up, as quick again as in 3 -4.

## Compound Moods.

The firf is called $6--4$, or 6 to 4 ; has fix crotchets or other notes or refts which make up the fame quantity of time in each bar; has tivo beats in a bar, the fifft beat down and the other up. One fecond of time to each beat,

The fecond is called 6--8, or 6 from 8; ha fix quavers or orher notes or refts, which make up the fame quantity of time in each bar; has two beats in a bar, the firft down and the other up. A beat in this mood has the fame time as in the I.al gas N. B. The figures in the examples placed uver the rars flew the number of beats in each bar, and the letters placed under the bars thew how they mu!t be beat, viz. the letter $d$, thews when the hand muft go down, and the letter $a$, when it muR vife ug. The bar reft is properly fo called becaufe it is allowed to fill a bar in all moods of time. Obferve here, that the hand falls at the begimning and rifes at the end of every bar in all moods of time, That in the Adagio and Largo moods a femibreve is four beats, a minin two, a crotchet one, a quaver halficc.

That in the Allegro and $3-=$ mods, a femibreve is two beats a crot-hrt $h_{\text {reic }}, \mathbb{R}$.

That in $2--4$ and $3-4$, a unimo is two beats a croillet ene, a quaver hat. \&ic.
That in $3--8$, where a m nim can'r te ufed a crocnet is robents, a guaver une, ie.
That in 6--4, a pointed ainim is one be t , c"occet rhrie ai a beat, ac.
That in 6-3, a pointed crocire is una wert, the anamer i.t a he $\therefore$ e éc.
Obferve alfo





















Then for every fiwing or vibration of the ball. i. e. every time it croffes the perpendicular line or place of its natural fituation then at relt, coant one beat, a)d for the different moods of time according to the different length of the cord as exprefled above. *This is io ealy a way of afcertaining the true time for each mood, it is prefumed no one who defigns to ee a finger will think it too rusch trouble to make trial of it.

Thete moods are however, fometimes varied irom their true time, by arbitrary words, fuch as quick, flow \&e. being placed oeer the ture or atam, in which cafe nu certain rules can be given, the following general directions however may not be anis.

When tae term flow oceurs, 'et the maic be performed about one fixth flower than the true time, and when the term very fig.v occurs, deunt as much fliwas Itill, and contrary for the terms qui $k$ and very quick.

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W HEN notes are fet dire:tly over each other on the: faree itate ney are called chufing notes, and either of them may be fing, or both ifthere be ances emoch, ir acertut one with the fame voice, becaufe the bars are awaye full vithout recknning the time of both. See the example.
 fuff cient au nier of vifices upon the bafs as well as oa the other parts good fingers may found the eighth below, when the no:es are not let, excepi wisen the tenot is below the bals; provided they can found the notes mufically, and without making any difagrearle le.tps. Titere ground nuies when properly founded are truly majettic.
N. B. Whea relts are placed direetly over each other, the time of both is to be reckoned.







## Of Tones and Semitones.

There are faid to be bat feven founds in nature, every eighth being in effect the fame. Thefe feven founds are reprefented by the feven letters of the gamut. The diftances or intervals between thete founds are :ot all equal, two of them, viz. betveen B and C and between E and F being but half the dilance as between the others; the e two are called femitones, the others whole tones. And, although this is the natural fituation of ihe fomitones, yet their fituation is altered as pleafure by flats and fharps; thus when B is made flat it makes a whole tone between B and C and leaves but ha! f a tone between A and B ; fo when F is tharp it makes a whole tone between $E$ and $E$ and but half a tone between F and G, Thefefemitones are nevertheiefs always found between mi and fa and between la and fa.*

Evary eighth or otave contains twslye femitones; viz. the five whole tones being divided into femitones, and the two natural femitones afts: up tweive. See the example page 8th.

In this feale offemitones, the lower line $G$ is made the foundation from which the others are reckoned, and is there-

* H:are aspeans the grounil or reaton of tranhofition, for if you obforve you avill find in raifing the noter, there are wo won? tones betwen the fermitones mi fa aud la fa, and three whole tones betruogn the femitones la fa and mi fa jo betrueer the natibra! fenitones B C and E F afeading aretwo wostetones, but between E F and B C are three whrie iones, there-
 notone is betzunn A and B infoul of B and C then thare are ther wiols tones betwaen that femitone and the wext above, viz.

 conf-: couce thore is bat two wonle tone, in afcenting from A 3 to DE ; therrjore mi muf then take plare in A , and if a flat obe atle.10. A it operates in a, inilar mizner. Sbarps, thoush the reverfe of fats, yet they by altering the fituation of the






ferecalle $\mathfrak{a}$ a unifon, becaufe one and the fame found is a unifon. The right hand column of figures thews the number of femitons jetwean $G$ at the bottom and each of the other letters, both in their satural fituation, and when made flat or larp. Next above G you will fiad $G$ tharp or A flat*, which is called a flat fecond, containing but one femitoae; the next is $A$, which is a tharp fecond, containing two femitones; the next is B flat or A fharp, which is a flat third, cortaining three femtones ; the next is $B$, which is a fharpthird, containing fourfemitones; the next is $C$, which is a forrn, containing five femitones. \&c. \&sc. The flat fecond, third, fixth, and feveath are called leffer feconds, thirds \&e. and the tharp fecond, third, fourth, fixth and feventh are called greater feconds, thirds, \&c, which is the com a diftinetion, ard the greater always contains a femitone more than the leffer.
N. b. Thee gith is never gree:er or leffer, but always the fame, containing juft twelve femitones; for if it cortained one fenitone leis, it would be called a greater feventh, if a fenitoi:e more, it would be a leffer ninth, which is che oitave of a leff: fecond. The fifthalfo always contains juff feven femitones, forif it contained one lefs, it would be the fame witis the greater fourth $\dagger$.


## Of Keys.

In all pieses of mufic there is one principal or governing tone on which all the others feem to depend, which is therefire called the key of the mufic. Now in order to find the key of the tune, obferve the laft note of hie Rais, which alivays is or onght to ve on the key; thea all notes which itind on the fame letter in either part of the ture are fuid to be o.l the key, to that it the laft note of the bafsltand on $A$, then ail the notes which Itand on in in any part of the tune arefiil to ftand on the key.

A key is always either flat or fharp: A flat key is always found in the place next below mi, and a fharp key in the place next above mi ; fo if the mi is in its natural place, B , and the latt note of the bafe ftand on A , it is a liat key,

* G burp and A, fat are one and thefam', becaufe from A to G is but one tone, and when G is raifed half a tome and


 jun with B atural, nal $\mathrm{F} f$ ze is ibe fans wich E natural.
$\dagger$ It is geited a lefur foth is fount in one-le e, viz. in ajeending froin $B$ to $F$, but trou it is exsetly the fume as the

but if on $\mathbb{C}$, it is a fharp xey. Thefe are called the two natural keys, becaufe the mi is then in its nataral place, but when they aie found in any of the oilier letters, they are then calied artificial keys, although they are in fact the tame, -aly on different letters.

The diff rence between thefe two keys is occafioned by the different fituation of he femitones, as may be feen in the example of keys page sth, in which the two key notes are fuppoied to be tien, ac on the bortom line; then the fecond above is alfo even, but the third in the fharp key is half a tone higher than in the flat key, tecaufe from mi 10 fa is a femitone, atd from fol to la is a whole tone, fo likewife the fixth and fevensh in the fharp key ale half a tone higher than in the flat key.
N. B. Flat keys are mof fuitable for mournful and melancholy fubjects, and fharp keys for gay and chearful fubje气ts,

> Of Trills and Marks of Diftinction.

A Trill denotes that the note over which it ftands is to be fhake. in an eafy and gracefu' manner, fomething after the manner fhewn in the examples. Learners fhould fing all no es plain until they have arrived to fome ciegree of perfertion in the art of mufic, and even then fould be exceedingly carefol, and not (as fome do) fhake notes to picces wiich fou'd be fu.ig pl:in. The prackice of making pointed notes promifcuoully is very emoneous.

Such notes as have the mark of diftinction placed over them thould befung as diftinttiy as pofible, and with fome degree of emphafi .

> END of the Sixth LESSON.

## Explanation of the SCALE, Exhibiting the Connection of the Four Parts, Page 7 th.

THIS feale haws the order of the four parts and their fituation with regard to each other, for the lines and fraces which unite in ore and thie fame letter at the right laand of the fcale are always unitons; fori itance, A tie upper line in the bafs, A the fpace next below the middle line in the tenor, and A ti.e fecond line from the bottom in two counter; all units in one figie A at the right hand, therefore they are unifons, amisult be fou ded even.
P. this Cch': alr mar be learne 1 ho $v$ to give each part of a tune its proper pitch from the ley note : Suppofe, for
 the coutior on $O$, and the riende on LE; then turn to the feale, and after having found the letiers en ezein part, trace then all cas to we right inad, and cont the ditance of the the upper parts foom the baif, and you wiil ind the tanor

 pipe, and al tring, yu haic the tial Coman theroof, and then by help of the ica'c, ou will be abie to give each part its proper pich from the kay; but then if afist or harp is fet on the letter on whin the lsey is, you mon alío make it fiat







## Of Tranfition.

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and in order to make the matter as plain as poffible, have divided cff the beats by a fmall ftroke and fet the figure is over the firft beat in the bar, the figure 2 over the fecond, \&c.

In the firt example, the time being A!legro, a min m is placed between twn crorche:s, therofore the firf crotchet and half the minim mult be fung to the firt beat, \& the other half of the minim with the other crotchet to the fecond beat.

In the feconl example the time being the fame, the bar is filled with a crotchet and a pointed minim; therefore the crotchet and half the minm muft be fung to the firf beat, and the other half of the minim with tle point of addition makes the fecond beat. The other examples are different, but what has been fard in explanation of the two firft is fuffcient to give any perfon, who has any right notion of keeping time, an idea of performing them.

## Of the Eight Notes, Page 8.

IHAVE made $F$ fharp in this example of the eight notes, by which means they both begin and end on the proper key without gaing beyond the compafs of the fave. The founds of thefe can never be learned from the book alone, but but if they are ever learnt it muft be by the affiftance of a mafter or fome other perfon to !ourd them in the ears of every pupil, for I know of no way to give a perfon who is unac quainted wi h mufic, an idea of theexact difference or fpace between two founds without foundingthem to him, any more than I do to give a blind $m, n$ an idea of colours.

## General Directions for Learners.

IT is neceffiry for all thofe who wifh to attain to the art of finging, that they firft get a good knowledge of the fix leffons, laid down in page $5,8 \mathrm{c}$. Indeed it may be proper for any one, while learning the rules, tuence, vour to cul, ivate his voice, having a nafter to inftruct him; but it is as inconfiftent $f$ r one to attempt finging any tune, till acquainted with the rules, as for a child ignorant of the alphabet to think of reading the bible with propriety. Some, 1 am fenfible, who are unacquainted with the rules, have, hy hea ing oohers, learnt to fing a tune nearly right; fo a child unable to reid a figle word may by onfrvation joined with a ftrong memory, repeat feveral pages from an author; but as the latter cannor juftly be called a reader; fo neither can the former jufly claim the title of finger.

A'ter acquiring a good underftanding of the rules, the learner may proceed to fome plain tune, or the eight notes, if the mafter direcis, but fhould not attempt to fing anv tune in words till he has firf perfecily leart it by note.

The method of finging in a foft and eafy manner is very advantageous to learners; it gives them an opfortunity of hearing
hearing the mafter's voice and imitating him, it is the beft way to cultivate their own, and fometimes caufes thofe voices which are harth and unpleafant to become mufical.

Great care fhould be taken to give every note its proper found ; to frike a note but one quarter of a tone from its true found deftoys the harmony. Young fingers are apt to itrike notes too fat; and when this is the cafe, the mufic will be dull and infipid.

When a tune is well learnt by note it may be fung in words and every word mult not only be pronounced according to the beft rules of grammar, but fpoken piain and diftinct. Singers often fail in this point, by which means half the beauty of the inufic is loft, the words not being underitood.

There are feveral graces very ornameital in mufic, when ufed with propriety, three of which have been already mention d, viz. the trill, mark of diftinction and, trantition. Another is called accent, which is a certain torce of voice upon particular notes. Authors generally fay that in common time where the bar is divided into two parts the accent fhould be on tie firf, where it is divided into four parts, it fhould be on the third; in triple time it fhould be on the fiff beatin every bar; and ia compund time on the firt beat in each bar. Doubtlefs chis is the beft general rule that can poffibly be given for the accent in mafic, and yet perhaps it is not beit for fingers to confine themfelves frictly to this rule, becaufe it fometimes renders the mufic unpleafing, on account of its difagreeing with the words. The mufic fhould always conform to the wor $\downarrow$. raiace than the words to the mufic, and to accent a note which falls on an cnaccented yillabie, becaufe it fands in an acicated part utabar, is making the words conform to the mufic. Let fingo s.lecto.e phy ficestention to the
 fuch woris as Itroig, loud, noife, \&cc. Ihould be fung with a ftrong voice, ard iow wo.us as mall, mid, weã, \&c. with a fmalier wice.
Notwitnitandi,g all that has been or can be faid with regard to graces, the beft way is to finct with cafe and freedom, and uithout confining yourfelf to anv certain rules for gracing mufic, any forther than can be acop id in a thatural and eaiy manner, there being nothing forced or unnatura! in good mulic. -Every finger flou dhag that pr w winch is mott nitable to his voice, which cate learners fhould tubmit to the judgement of the mafter. Care fhoulu be: $\therefore$. , in finging coine panies, to have the pars properly proportioned; one hait the thength of voices $\mathrm{fh} \cdot \mathrm{d}$ we up, wat, t.c , th., inf f
 of the mufic. Wain we words fots, ©
neated in mufie, the ftrength of the voices fhould increafe every time they are repeated, and when mufic is reputad it may be "ell to fing it louder the fecond time than the firft. Low ino es in the bats thoul! gemcraily reiouaded wi!l, ard the high notes in any part, not full, but clear. In fuging mufic the ftrength of the voices flould increalu es tes farts fall in, and the pronunciation in fuch cafes fhould be very diftioft and emplatic.

Beating time is a matter too often neglected in fchools, except the malter takes particular care to have it perfarmet, and yet it is a matter of no fmall confequence, for when one part or one voice gets behind or beture the cherer, it ni..kes a compleat jargon, and this will moft generally be the cate when beating time is not well attended to ; but if properly performed it is aimof impoffible that this fhould happen.

More mirht have been added by way of direction, scc. but left it fhould fwell this book boyond its proper liants, the reft mult be left to the difcretion of the mafter.

## Norwalk. $14 \mathrm{P}_{\text {film. }}$ C. M.






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Ear as thy name is known. The world declanestly praischy faints O Lord before thy throne Tzei-forgn oi beggar ra iso,
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26 Kingfton. $118^{\text {th }}{ }^{n} \mathrm{H}_{\text {gmn }} \quad 1^{\mathrm{n}}$ Book. S. M.



The Law by Mofes rame, But peare, dinth, and love, Were brot ty Chrift a nobler name Defrending from a...bove.


## Newark. $174^{\text {th }}$ Hymn Mt G. W. P. M.




Now begin the heavinty themesing atoud in Jefos name. Fe who Jefu's kindnefs çove, Triumph in redeemims love.



Benington.
$10^{\text {th }}$
$\mathrm{Pr}_{\mathrm{a} 1 \mathrm{~m}}$



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Judgment $60^{\text {th }}$ Pratm $s^{\text {d }}$ ver. new so dh Metre,

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## Sherburne.

C.: M. Words by an unknownduthor.


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of the Eorde ame dow And glorythone roun.... \&
glo.....ry fhonearouni
The angel of the Lord canedown fid glory fhone a roundandiory fkone apene -..d.
 glo........ f...... ry thonearobad The angel of the Lord came dovatind blory fhone aroun............ d.





## Complaint.

Lyrici Reems.
P. M.
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beyond is pain, is painAnd all beyond is pain. Thenlethis 'prive advance, $X$ bofl of allhisflore; The Lord is my in -




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no more. ny foul ean wifh no more.






Words by $D^{\text {t }}$ Byles.


Down fteers the Bafs with grave majeflic air, And up the Treble moonts with fhrin career;with fofter founds, in mild me


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Throharmony's fublimen $f_{P}$ here it flie...s, And to angelic iccents feems to ri...................fer From the bold






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