A Kalmus Classic Edition

## CZERNY

## THE LITTLE PIANIST

**Opus 823** 

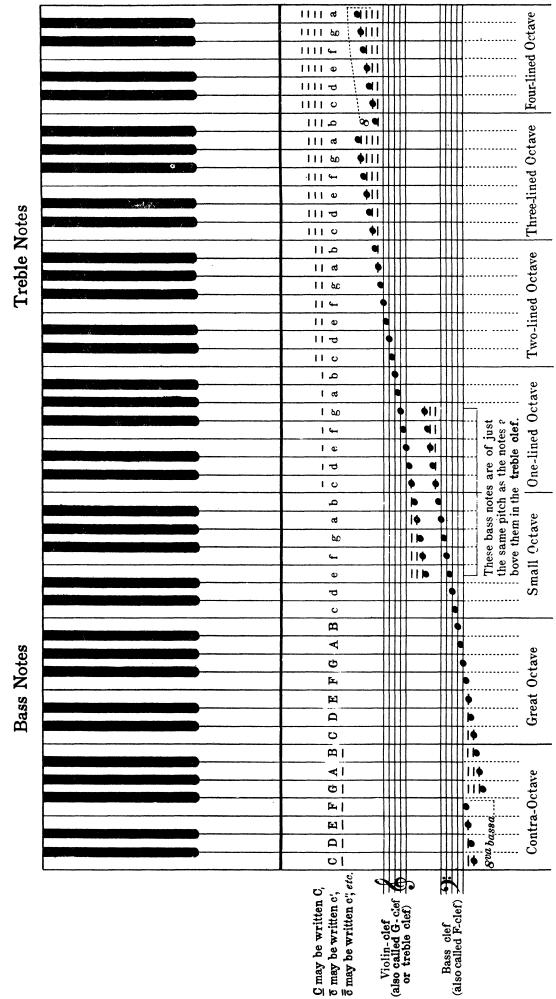
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# With an Explanation of Clefs and Staves



The round, black dots are called notes. They may be written either on the lines or in the spaces between the lines.

As shown above, each clef is set on a group of five lines. These five lines are called the staff. Examine the clefs carefully, and notice what effect they have on the signification of the notes.

## The Rudiments of Music

The signs used to show the position (pitch, either high or low) of the tones are called *notes*. They are written on what is called the *staff*, which consists of five parallel *lines* and the *spaces* between the lines.

The lowest line (or space) is called the *first line* (or space); the next line (or space) above, the *second*: etc.: that is, both lines and spaces are counted from below upwards.

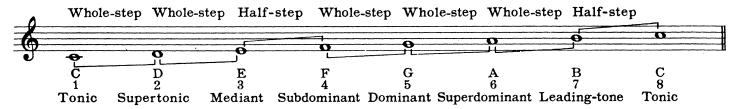


Notes that are either too high or too low to be written on the staff must be set on or between short added lines above or below. These lines are called *leger-lines*.



For naming the notes, the first seven letters of the alphabet are used. In the key of C major the letters come in the following order: C, D, E, F, G, A, B, ending on C. These eight notes form what is called the scale of C major. Every scale is composed of five whole-steps and two half-steps, which occur in the following order:

### Scale of C major



A sharp ( $\sharp$ ) written before a note raises it a half-step; a flat ( $\flat$ ) written before a note lowers it a half-step. A natural ( $\sharp$ ) restores a note to the original pitch.



There are two modes, the major and the minor mode. The principal scales in the minor mode are the melodic and the harmonic.



One important difference between major and minor scales is that in the major there are four half-steps between tonic and mediant, but in the minor there are only three.

