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MUSICAL TALKS

By C. C. Laugher, Mus. Bac.
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No. V.—Musical Scales
From a musical magazine I read from the "Music Questions Answered" the following:—Question: "Why do people make such a fuss over scales? They make me quite tired for there are none in any of the pieces I have ever played." Answer: "Any more than there are examples of the alphabet in any books you have read. The scale is the foundation of music and it is because you don't know your scales that you are such a wretchedly bad reader of music."

That is pretty straight, and we do not need to wonder how it was known that the questioner was a wretchedly bad reader of music. This reminds me of the proverb: "The less one knows, the more he shows off." You know much when you know how little you know.

"We know that many think and some pupils say, 'What's the good of all these finger exercises and scales?' It is natural for them to think it, because it is a little tiresome at first and needs concentration of mind. I must answer, that to play scales and finger work is a good essential habit and absolutely necessary to one's future musical success. It is tiresome at first, but when mastered, what wonderful results! A child first attempting to walk—is it not tiresome at first? It needs practice to acquire the art, but oh the wonderful result when mastered!"

Let it be known that scales are great time savers, the modes avoid difficulties, provides ease and a natural passing and the fingers do not get mixed. Enough has been said to show that concentration means success, system brings results, and slow practice means fast progress.

I will endeavor to interest you in the scale, how it came about, and of different nations' method, etc. First what is a scale? The word scale is taken from the Latin word "scala" meaning a "ladder." It refers to a series of tones taken in direct succession through the interval of an octave. You are, of course, acquainted with the diatonic scale—a succession of notes which occur in the key indicated by the signature; and chromatic scale—made up entirely of semitones.

Pentatonic Scale

The pentatonic scale is made up of a five toned scale, same as our major scale omitting the 4th and the 7th note, or you may understand it better by taking only the black notes (sharps), of the piano, beginning on C sharp to the next C sharp, this scale is used by the Chinese and it is also called the Scotch scale. You may think that music was made from the scales, but that is not so, for music was in existence long before any scale, yet the ART of music was not until a scale was formed.

The First Scale

The first scale which history gives to us is of Greek origin and simply a group of 3 notes, the interval of a fourth below a given note, and a note above that fourth. Turn to the key-board and strike C, then A flat (below) then G (a note lower) keep playing these in any order, one after the other, and when you are through make G the final note, and A flat second last, and thus you have the total number of notes used, and a sense of the tune as it must have sounded.

We get the intervals from the scale

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but the Chinese Octave is out of tune to our ear; so is the Siamese fifth. You are familiar with the major third and also minor third, yet some have a third that is between the two. The Oriental System think of scales and intervals as tending downward. We recognize them as ascending, particularly the leading note which is next to the Tonic, (most important) note, and which leads up to it which forms a cadence. Think of the natural cadence of man's voice. It tends downward, for when a man raises his voice at the end of a sentence he is either asking a question or expressing astonishment. Thus it does not form a final cadence.

The lesser important notes of the scale we think of them being brought about by the wavering of the voice of the important note; a tremolo, or up and down method of singing forming an indefinite developed ornamental note to the essential note.

The Pentatonic (5 note) scale used by China, Japan, Java and the Pacific Islands, have some of the other notes but only as ornamental, but the pentatonic, or 5 notes within the octave is the unmistakable original system.

There was a time when the Greek's musical system was the most important and different modes were invented of the scale as the following will show, but you must think only of the white keys of the piano. Doric arranged the scale beginning on the note E to the Octave E. The next was the Phrygian mode commencing on D. The Lydian mode Aeolic beginning on A; the Hypolydeon beginning on F and so on.

Play these scales over and you will soon realize that the Lydian is what we use as our standard scale, and that the Aeolic is the relative minor, that is, after we have raised the seventh note to make it a leading note.

Chromatic Scale

The Chromatic scale as we understand it is made up of 12 semitones from C to C (octave). You may be surprised when you learn that a famous lute player in Greece formed the octave into 17 equal divisions, and also that the Indian scale at one time had 22 equal divisions, and the Persians had a remarkable system of 24 equal parts.

The last stage of refinement in the development of our scale system was the assimilation of the keys to one another of the tuning of the 12 semitones so that the same mode may be started from any note as the tonic.

Until the 16th century musicians did not use more accidentals than B flat and E flat, F sharp, C sharp, G sharp and J. S. Bach gave expression to his faith in his well-known works "Preludes and Fugues" in all keys, calling it the well tempered Clavier. We are thankful that the beautiful music that we hear every day from the Piano, Talking Machine, Pipe Organ, Bands and Orchestra just makes one feel like this little poem:

Did you ever stop to think
How dreadful it would be,
If all the music in the world
Were thrown into the sea?
The world would be a horrid place
If such things were true.

I would not want to live at all
If that were so; would you?
But that must never come to pass,
And you must help along
And do your bit by practicing
Your instruments and song.

What kind of music can you make?
You sing, or play violin?
You should do something musical;
If not, you must begin.
And practice carefully each day,
On scales and studied many;

And when you're asked to play a piece
Don't say, "I don't know any."
Just play or sing as best you can.
Sing loud, each girl and boy
Sing while you work—sing while you play—
'Twill fill the world with joy.

Good Winter For N.B. Lumbermen

In an interview with a Standard reporter, last Wednesday evening, W. B. Snowball, of Chatham, stated that this winter had been an exceptionally good one for lumbermen on the North Shore and that probably this year's cut will exceed that of last by at least twenty five per cent.

The wharves and yards along the Miramichi are piled high with Admiralty and other overseas stock, which will have to be moved early in the season to enable the shipping of this year's cut which is destined largely for the American market.

Prices in the lath market are very high this year, from \$14 to \$15 a thousand is being offered for round wood laths, and quite a few mills have already started sawing. Mr. Snowball said this is the first year that such operations have ever been conducted along the Miramichi, but the prevalent high prices have afforded operators an opportunity to dispose of the smaller logs in this manner at a good profit.

Mr. Snowball said that the bulk of the cut would go to the States, notwithstanding the unfavorable rate of exchange, for the Americans would pay the rate themselves in some cases they would pay for the goods in Canada.

The last storm with its heavy fall of snow has assured good brook driving, and as everything else has been favorable, the lumbermen are looking to a very successful year.

Asked as to whether the industrial unrest had reached the lumber camps, Mr. Snowball said that agitation didn't reach the tall timbers; wages were high there, from 15 to 20 per cent. over last year, and plentiful, while the best of relations existed between employer and employee.



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