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The matter of tuning should not be neglected, and should never be intrusted to any other than an experienced person. Incapable tuners often work irreparable injury to the most perfect and costly instruments. During the first year a new piano should be tuned every three or four months at least. After that, it will only be necessary to have it tuned at longer intervals.

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