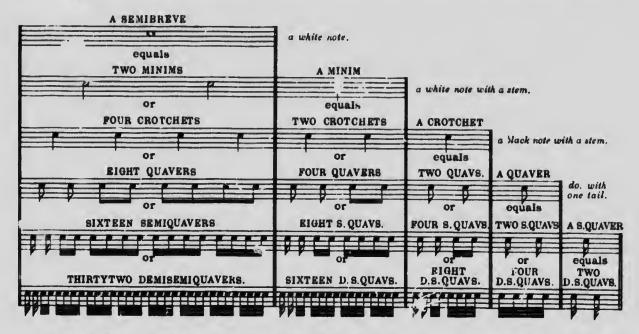
The relative value or duration of notes, depends on their form and colour, without reference to their position on the stave.

There are Six kinds of notes used in modern notation, their names, form, colour and relative



It will be seen by the above example, that when two or more Quavers, Semiquavers or Demisemiquavers, follow in succession, they are tied together by one, two or three, thick lines, which are used instead of hooks or tails.

Notes Lay be raised or lowered in sound or pitch by the use of characters called Sharps and Flats.

- a Sharp, (#) raises the noic before which it is placed, a semitone.
- a double-Sharp, (x) raises the note, a .one.
- a Flat, (b) lowers the note, a semitone.
- a double-Flat, (bb) lowers the note, a tone.
- a Natural, (\$) restores the note, to its normal conaition.
- a (\$\pm\$) or (\$\pm\$) restores the note to which a (x) or (bb) has been added to its former condition.

When Sharps or Plats are introduced in the course of a composition, they are termed accidentals, and only affect the notes before which they are placed.

Sharps or Flats, at the beginning of a composition—next after the clef affect all the notes on the same line, or in the space throughout the composition, and is called the Signature.