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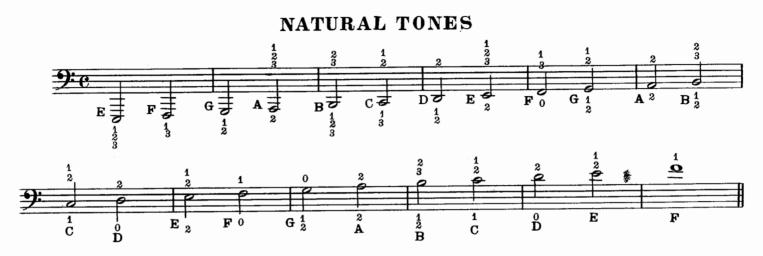
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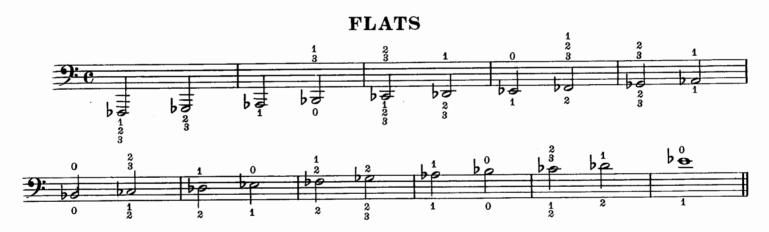
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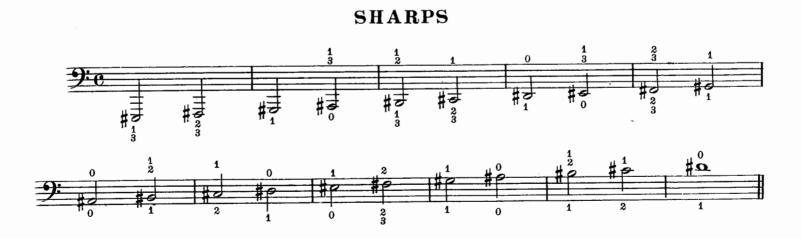
Wherever fingerings are indicated, those below the note will apply to the BBb instruments and the fingerings above the note to the Eb instruments.

This method of indicating fingerings will apply throughout the book.

When only one set of fingering is used, it is an indication that such tones are out of the range of the Eb instruments.







ESSENTIAL PRINCIPLES

of

Good Instrumental Performance

GOOD TONE is necessary in order that one's playing be pleasing to the listener as well as the player. Good tone can be produced only when the instrument is in good playing condition, equipped with the correct type of mouthpiece and played with the correct embouchure.

INTONATION: When two successive tones of different pitch are produced, it is necessary that each tone be in tune with the other, relative to the interval being played.

TUNE: The player must develop and train his ear so that a difference of pitch can be distinguished when playing with others.

NOTE VALUES: The player must develop a rhythmic sense so as to give proper value to tones as represented by the written notes.

BREATHING AND PHRASING: Each is usually dependent on the other. Since teachers of wind instruments differ on the methods of breathing, no special method is advocated, but it soon becomes evident to all players that in order to get good musical phrasing, it is necessary to breathe properly and in the proper places of a composition. It will be to the pupil's advantage to spend much time and effort on this phase of playing and take seriously all suggestions given by the teacher.

EXPRESSION MARKS: Expression marks in music are considered just as important as punctuation in prose and poetry. Good phrasing is the performance of music that has been properly punctuated. Expression marks put character into a mass of notes and if properly observed, will produce satisfying musical effects.

RELAXATION AND PROPER POSITION OF BODY AND HANDS: Whether playing in standing or sitting position, it is necessary that the body be erect and relaxed. Relaxation is the secret to the accomplishment of success in many other professions and trades. The arms must be relaxed, the elbows away from the body and the hands assuming a restful position on the instrument.

SUFFICIENT TIME FCR PRACTICE: Since different pupils require different types and lengths of practice periods, the objective that every pupil should establish is: "I will master the assigned task whether it takes 1/2 or 2 hours." The accomplishment of a task is far more important than the time that it consumes.

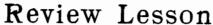
PROPER CARE OF THE INSTRUMENT: Carelessness in the handling of an instrument is the most prevalent handicap to the progress of young players. No pupil can expect to produce good results if the instrument is in poor playing condition. The instrument must be handled carefully and when a disorder is discovered, have it remedied immediately. Constant attention as to the condition of an instrument will pay dividends in the end.

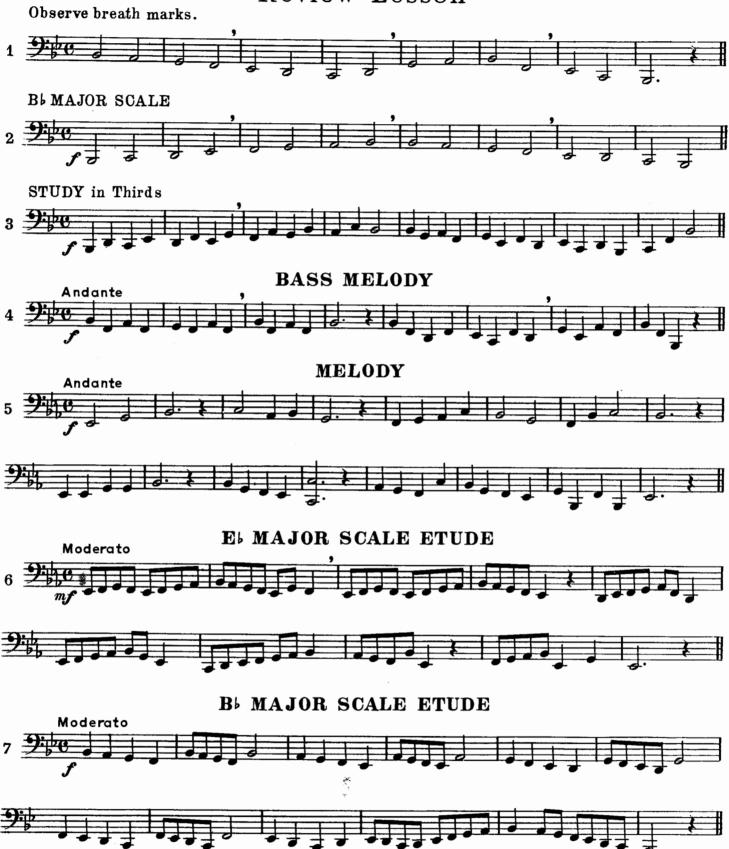
MENTAL ATTITUDE OF TEACHER AND PUPIL: In order that the musical results be satisfactory, both the pupil and teacher must be interested in their task, and must have a perfect understanding of what that task is. The teacher must understand the learning capacities of the pupil so that the pupil in turn will get the type and amount of instruction that he will understand and be able to master.

NOTE AND REST VALUES

- 1. The instrument should be in good mechanical condition, namely, slides loosened, and valves well lubricated. The condition of the instrument determines to a great extent the success or failure of the young player.
- 2. One of the important essentials in correct musical performance is a sound rhythmic conception. When this conception is established, correct playing will become an established habit.
- 3. Rhythms in succeeding lessons are fundamental, and their mastery will make playing fluent and comprehensive.
- 4. In playing the succeeding studies, special attention must be placed on the establishment of a correct embouchre. Although the general principle is the same, each individual player must discover the variation that will produce the best and easiest results.





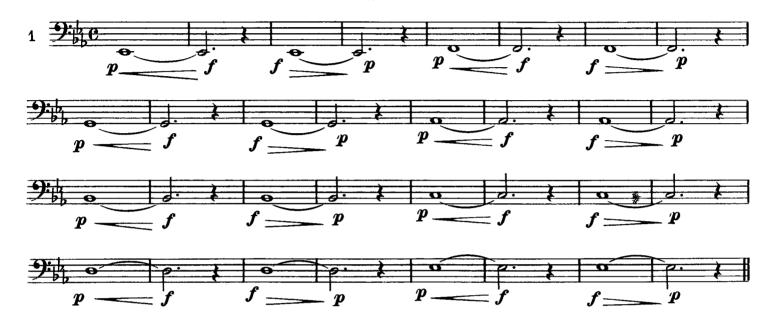


The care of the instrument is an important factor in the success or failure of a young player. Handle it with care and you will reduce the number of dents to a minimum. Dents contribute to faulty intonation as well as expensive repairs, to say nothing about the appearance in concert or on parade. Do not permit others to blow on your instrument, it is not only unsanitary but contributes to the size of a repair bill.

MARKS OF EXPRESSION AND THEIR USE

PIANISSIMOppVery soft	FORTISSIMOffVery loud
PIANOSoft	FORTE Loud
MEZZO PIANO mp Medium soft	MEZZO FORTE mf Medium loud
CRESCENDO Gradually louder	DECRESCENDO Gradually softer

In playing a crescendo or decrescendo the pitch of the tone should not change. ONLY THE VOLUME SHOULD CHANGE.



Play the following exercises daily at the beginning of each practice period. Think in terms of a big round tone and do not give up until that objective has been acheived.



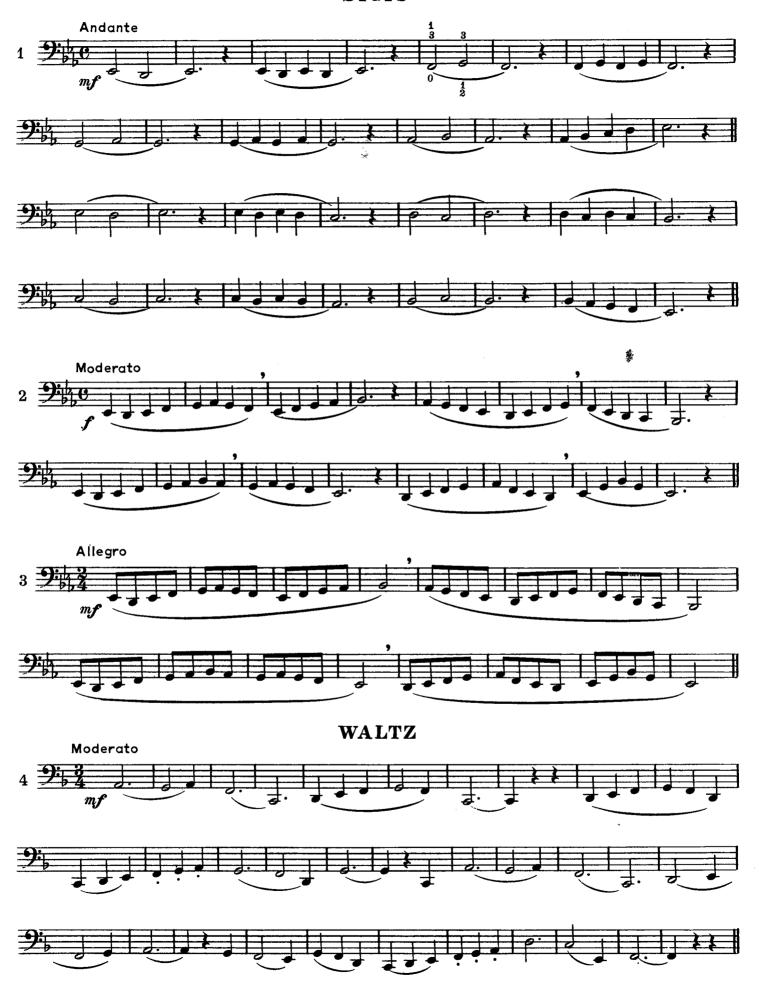
The careful observance of expression marks is the usual indication that the player has been correctly taught and results in fine solo as well as band and orchestra playing.

All scales in succeeding lessons should be memorized. The good player always knows his scales and is usually selected for special assignments such as solo playing.

Expression Etudes



Slurs

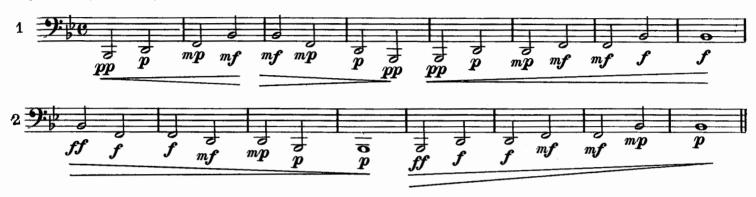


STUDIES IN EXPRESSION

When playing either loud or soft, the quality of tone should not be affected. A common fault of the young player is playing sharp in **pp** passages and flat on **ff** passages. Special attention should be applied to this phase of playing.

<u>Crescendo (cresc.) Gradually louder.</u> <u>Decrescendo (decresc.) or Diminuendo (dim.) Gradually softer.</u>

Neither pitch nor quality of tones should be affected in the playing of the sound graduations, namely, cresc., decresc., or dim.



When a note is followed by a shorter note, the shorter one is played with less volume than the first. There are exceptions to this rule, however, players interested in solo playing will find this rule a great aid in properly interpreting music.



Using lines 3 and 4 as patterns, write in below each note the required volumes. This will acquaint the player with the sound graduations necessary in the playing of simple songs. When we hear players who play "with feeling" it is only a case of the player knowing and utilizing the proper volumes required by each note. This type of playing develops correct phrasing which in turn is the important phase of musicianship.





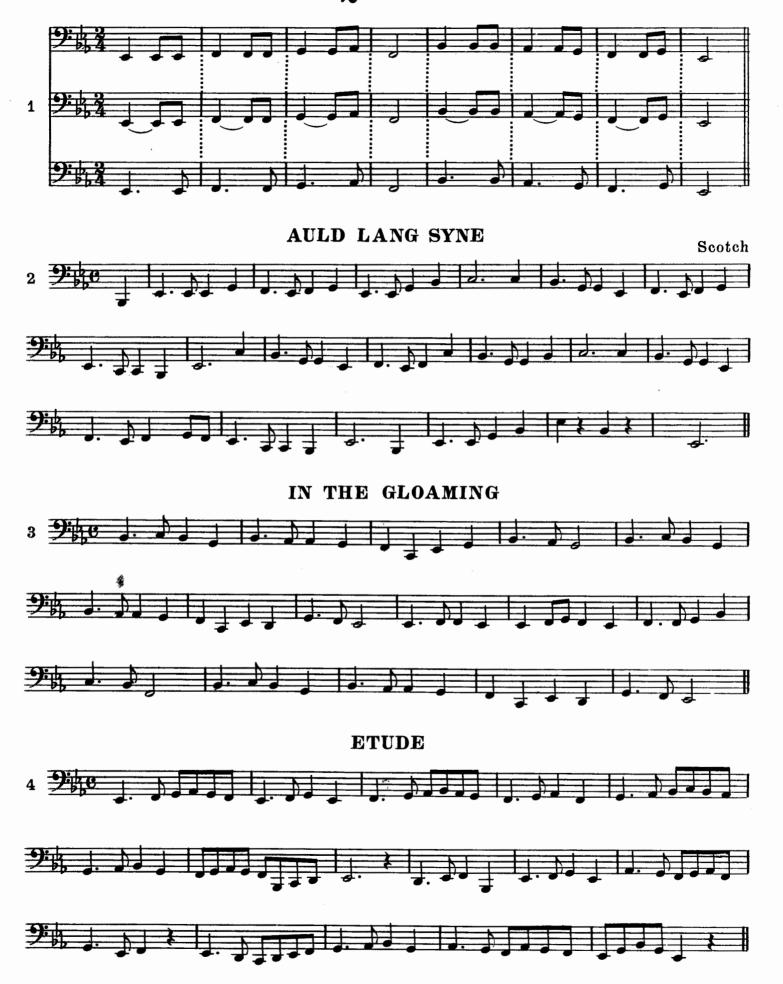


Accents

The rinforzando (>) is placed over a note for the purpose of bringing out that particular tone more than the other tones in the same sequence. The accent (>) punctuates the important notes of a measure or phrase.



Dotted Quarter Notes





Staccato Studies







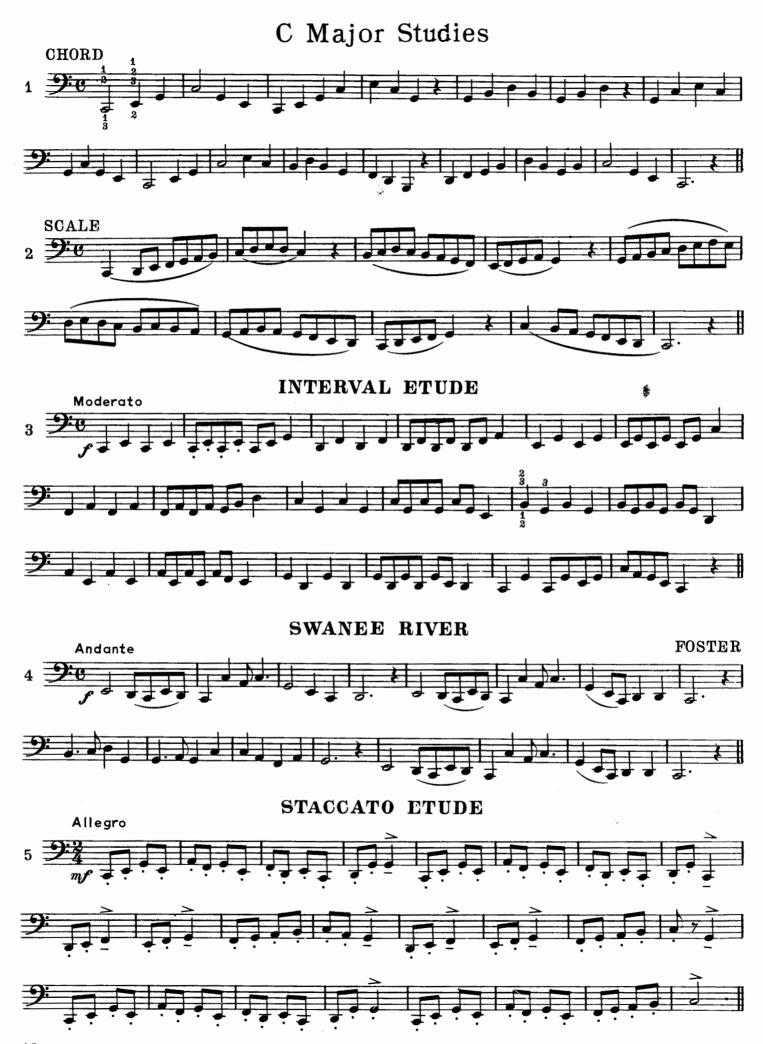






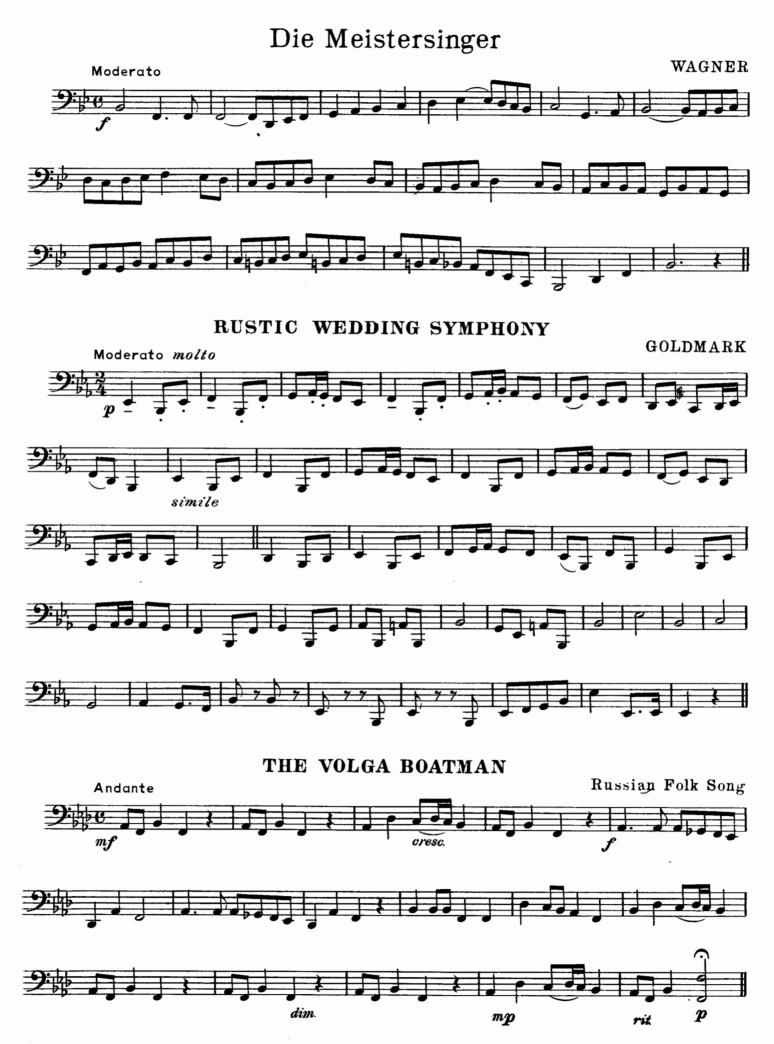
Syncopation Studies





Bb Major Studies





Lip Slurs

When two successive notes of different pitch are slurred without the change of valves, it is called a Lip Slur. Lip slurs will appear in many succeeding lessons and are considered the most effective way of strengthening lip and face muscles. At first the muscles of the face will tire quickly but with daily practice will soon become strong and flexible. Flexibility of the lips should not be hindered by excessive pressure against the mouthpiece.



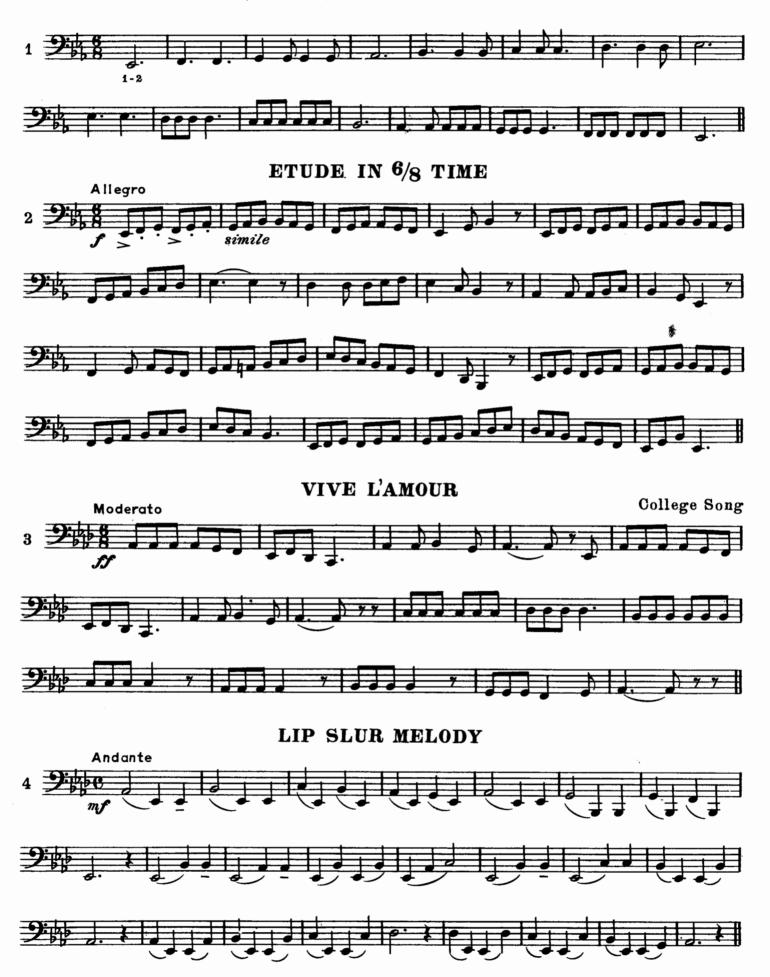
Sixteenth Note Studies



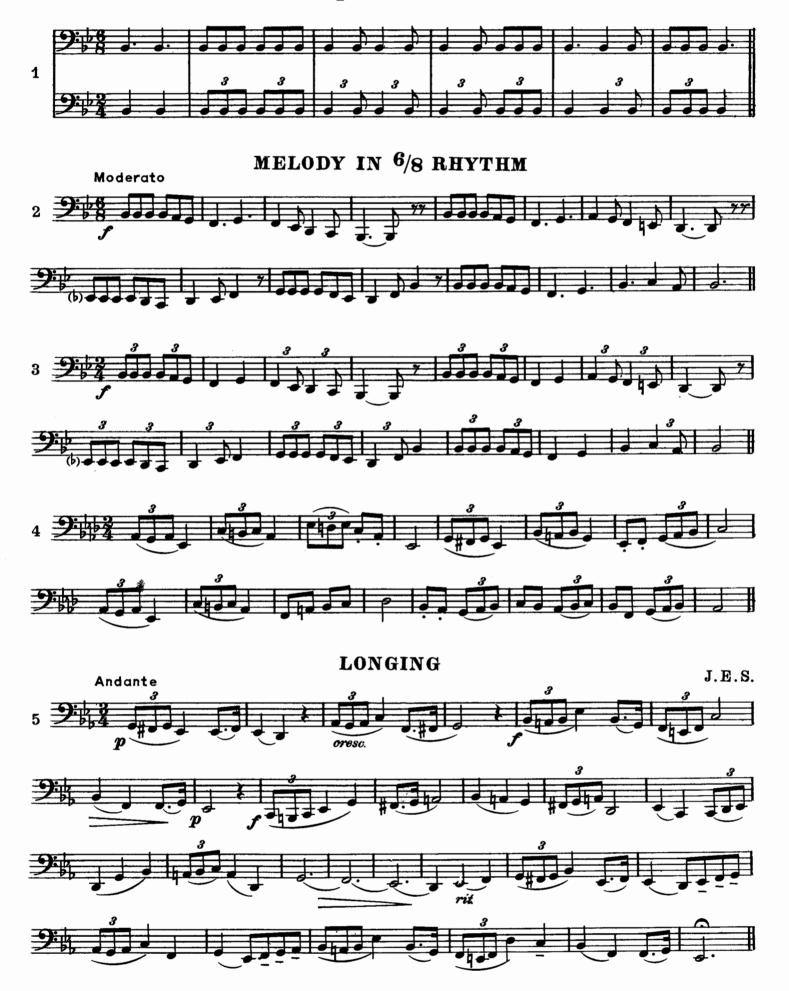
Dotted Eighth Note Studies



6/8 Rhythmic Studies



Triplet Studies



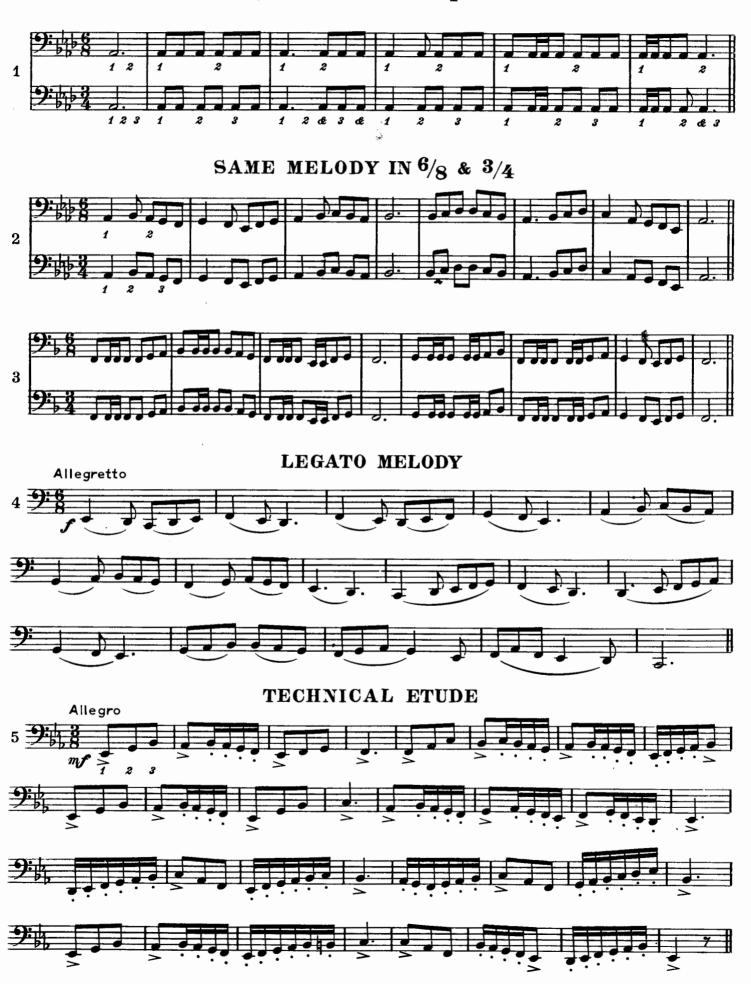
Chromatic Studies ENHARMONIC CHART (Same Tones)



G Major Studies



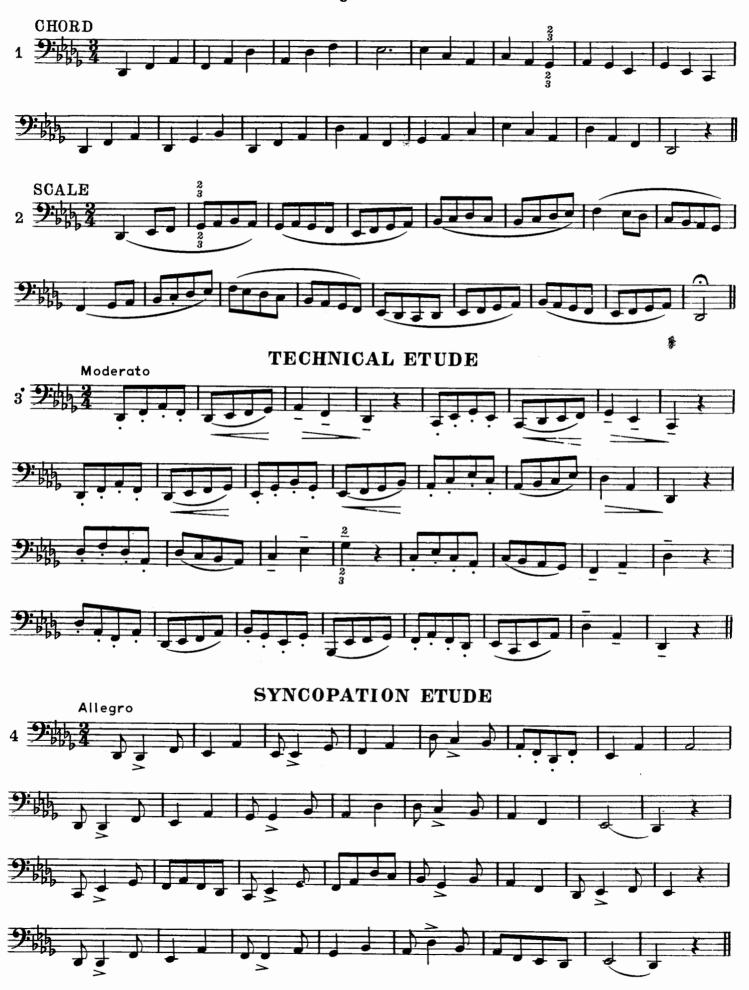
Rhythmic Development



Interval Etude



Db Major Studies



Chromatic Etude



Tongueing Studies



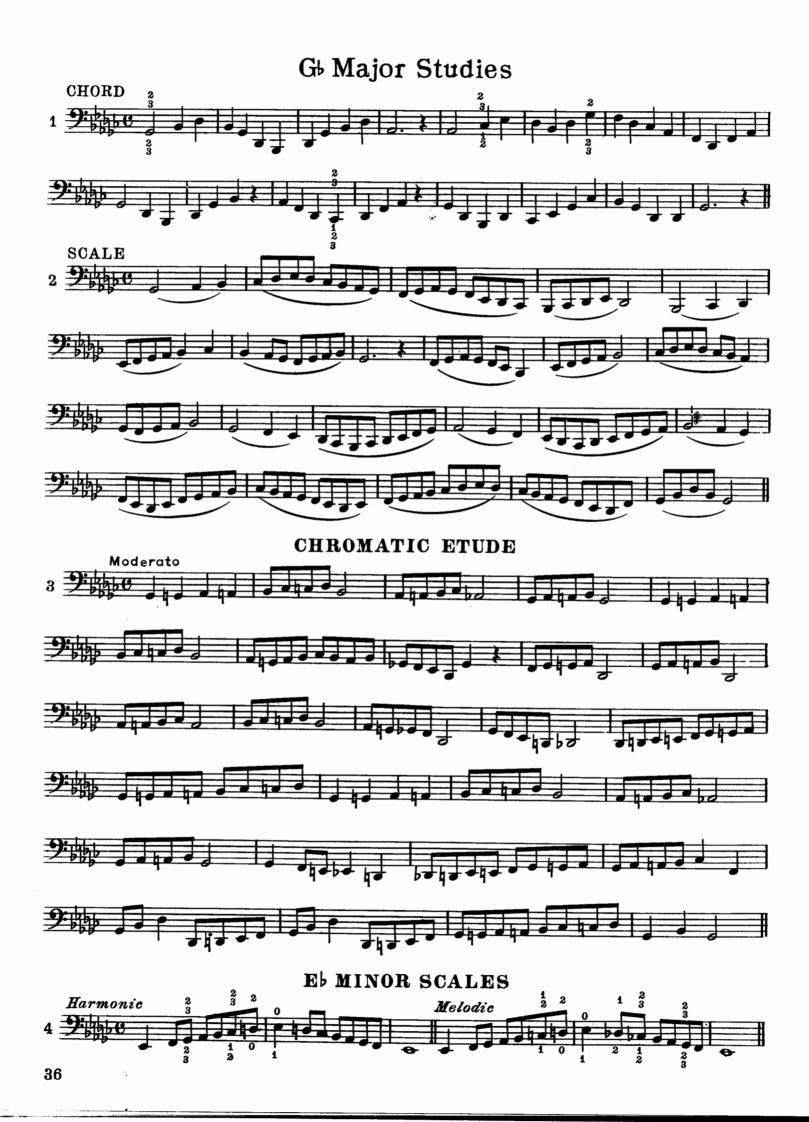


G Major Chromatic Etude



Articulation Studies

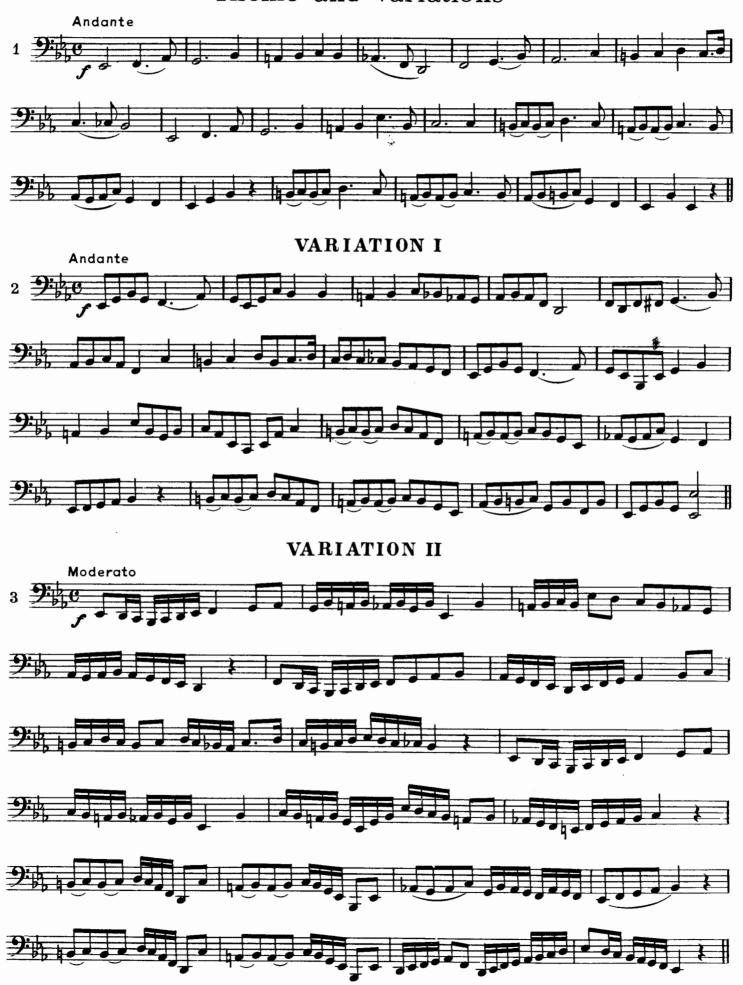




G Major Etude



Theme and Variations

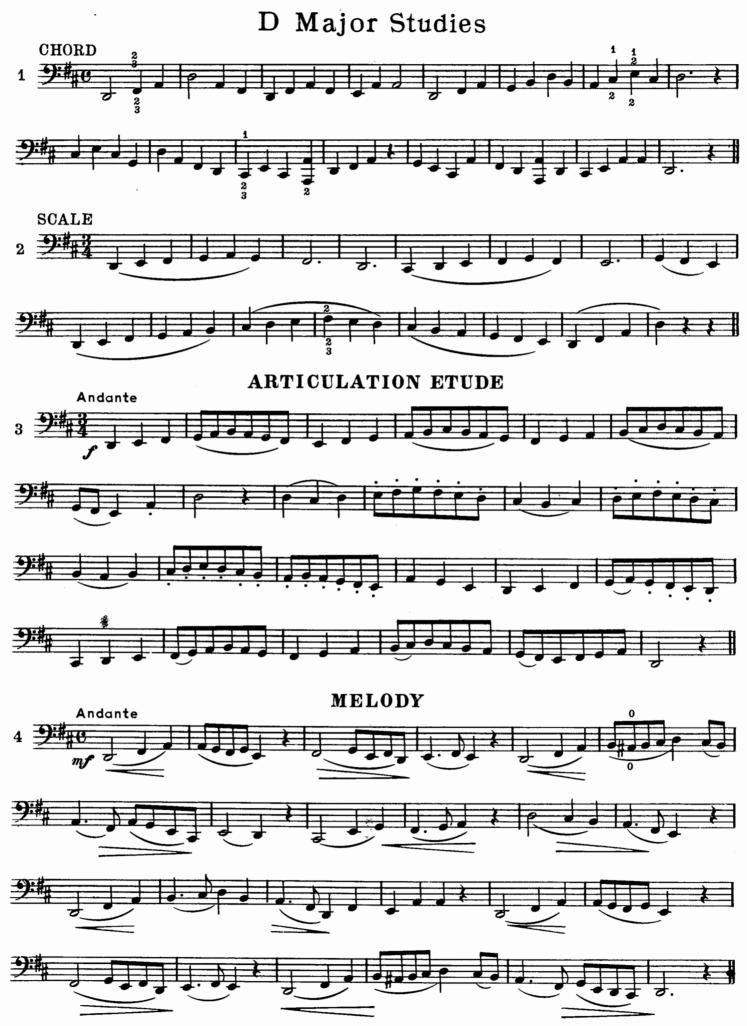


Double Tongueing

For the playing of extremely rapid scale and chord passages, double tongueing is essential. Using the syllables tu and ku, practice the exercises in this lesson with care, VERY SLOWLY at first. After the tones produced with each syllable sound alike then begin to speed up the tongueing. A player on any brass instrument must practice this phase of playing diligently.







Abbreviations



Scale and Connecting Chord Etude



Major Key Chord Patterns

Chords appear in Tonic-I, Subdominant-IV, and Dominant-V.

The tones that are the root of their respective chords are indicated by the addition of downward stems. The root of a chord indicates the step of the scale on which a chord is built.

I or Tonic means that "do" of the key is the root.

IV or Subdominant means that fa of the key is the root.

V or Dominant means that "sol" of the key is the root.

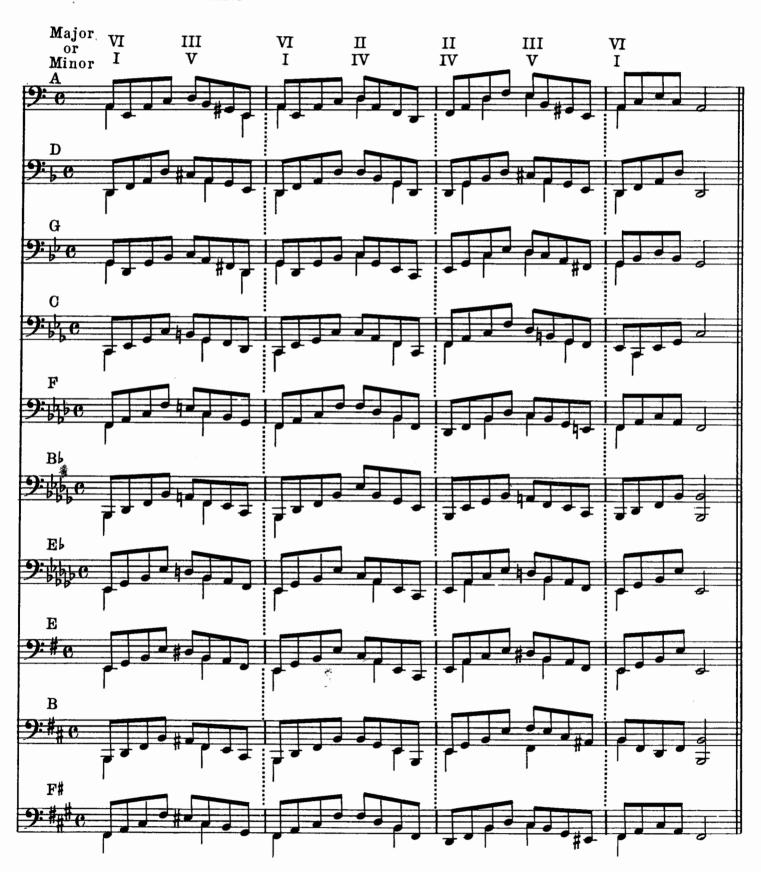
Frequent reference to and the practice of the chord patterns will develop a fluent technic and an intelligent musical conception.



Minor Key Chord Patterns

The first step of the minor scale is \underline{la} or the 6th step of the relative major scale. Therefore VI of the major key is called I minor to simplify the recognition of chord progressions. By the same token IV minor than is II major and V minor is III major.

Major VI - II - III - VI Minor I - IV - V - I



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