LAZARUS CLARINET METHOD

Part I

THE RUDIMENTS OF MUSIC

Before progress can be made in the study of any instrument, some knowledge of the rudiments of music is absolutely essential, so a brief explanation is given. While there are over eighty different tones used in music, there are only seven primary tones of which the others are variants or duplications lower or higher. These primary tones are named after the first seven letters of the alphabet, A,B,C,D,E,F,G, They are represented visually by note - heads (o,d,d,etc.) placed upon the staff.

The Staff consists of five parallel lines and the four intervening spaces, the lines.

and spaces are numbered upward. Lines Spaces

A sign called a Clef (6) is placed at the beginning of the staff to fix the position of one tone, the other tones are located in alphabetical order. In the example, the G (or Treblet Clef is placed to fix the position of the tone G on the 2nd line.



Notes too low or high in pitch to be placed on the staff proper are located on Ledger.

Lines (and spaces) (_ = =) below or above the staff.



The above gives the range of notes playable on the Clarinet, the last three however being but rarely used.

DURATION OF TONES

The duration of a tone is indicated by the form of note head used to place it on the staff.

The longest note is the Whole note of followed in order by the Half o, the Quarter o, the Eighth of the Sixteenth of the Thirty-second of The shorter notes are generally connected by bars or balkens corresponding in number to the hooks,



For detailed information in relation to the above and music in general the student is strongly advised to consult "A New Catechism of Music" (Lobe-Coon) or "The Focket-Standard Dictionary of Music" (Oscar Coon), both published by Carl Fischer, New York.