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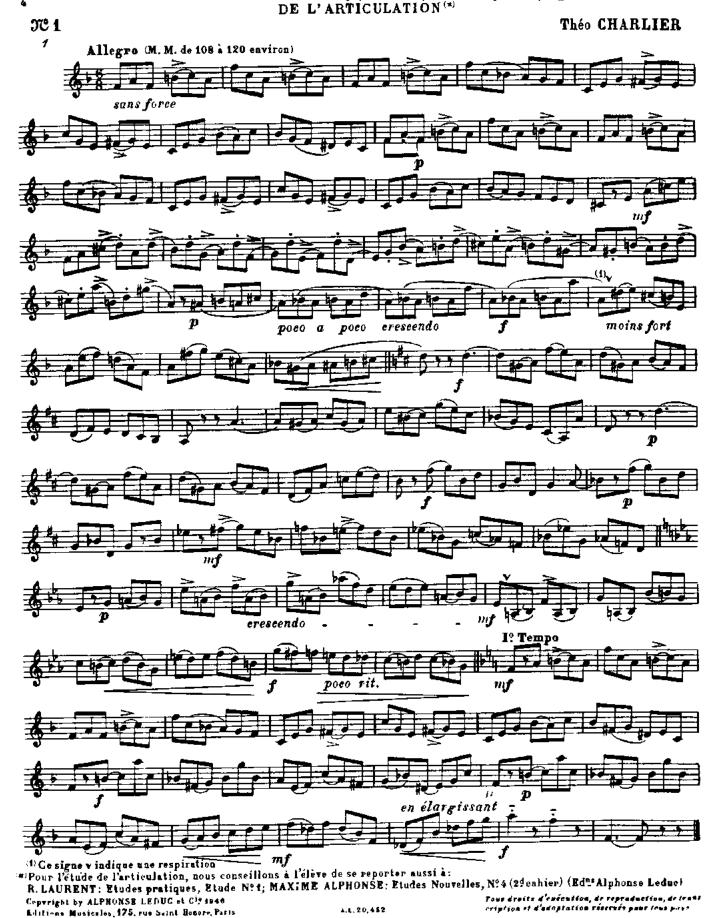
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CONSEILS AUX JEUNES ARTISTES

A l'orchestre l'artiste a de la tenue et ne parle pas pendant l'exécution d'une œuvre (sauf en cas d'absolue nécessité).

Il est muni d'un instrument en parfait état de fonctionnement et est en possession d'une bonne sourdine qui n'altère aucun son de l'échelle complète.

Il ne prélude pas à l'orchestre et a particulièrement soin d'éviter de faire entendre des fragments de thèmes ou traits de l'œuvre que l'on doit interpréter, ce qui est de très mauvais goût.

Il ne tourne pas les pages avec bruit, surtout pendant un silence général.

Il se trouve au pupitre à l'heure indiquée et pendant les répétitions le quitte le moins possible.

Il tire les coulisses de son instrument avec douceur en baissant les pistons ou cylindres afin que cel. les-ci n'explosent pas à cause de l'air comprimé qu'elles contiennent. (suivre page 17)



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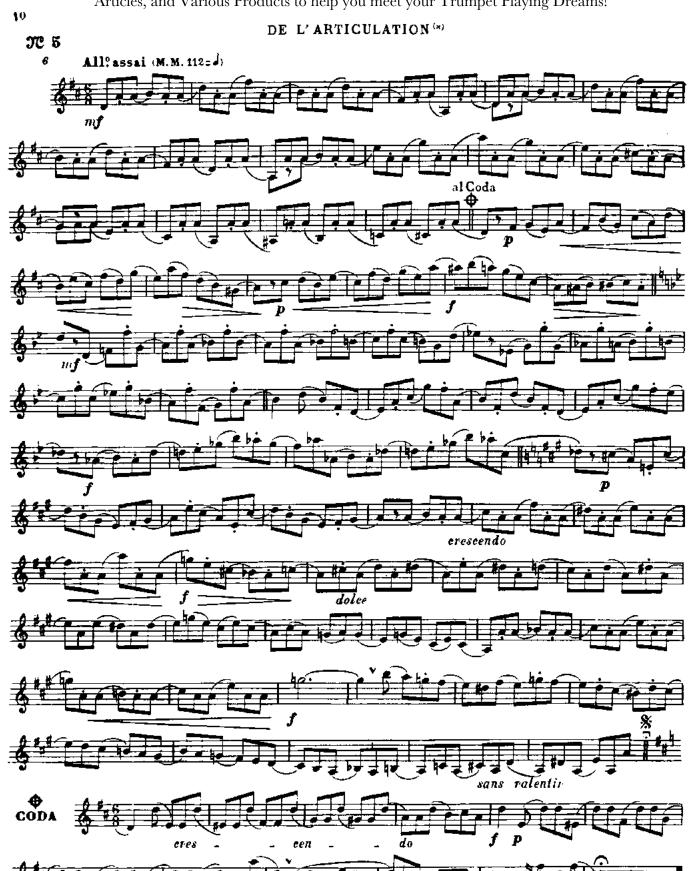
ÉVITONS L'EMPLOI DU CORPS OU TON DE RECHANGE

Les petits instruments à embouchures, quels qu'ils soient, ne doivent ni ne peuvent rationnellement s'employer que dans une seule tonalité. Changer de ton c'est déséquilibrer l'instrument. Il faut, à chaque mutation, l'accorder avec un soin méticuleux que l'exécution de certaines œuvres rend parfois impossible. Les artistes qui utilisent cette catégorie d'instruments (trompettistes, cornettistes, cornistes) devrent s'astreindre à connaître à fond la transposition et n'admettront le corps de rechange que dans des cas absolument difficiles. Mais un exécutant sérieux tentera toujours de vaincre la difficulté qui, le plus souvent, n'est qu'apparente; il s'apercevra vite qu'un peu de pratique le rendra maître de tout ce qu'on lui présentera.

En attendant cette maîtrise à se servir d'un instrument à ton unique, il sera bon, puisqu'on utilisera le corps ou ton de rechange, d'apprendre à régler proportionnellement chaque coulisse d'après les données suivantes qui sont théoriquement exactes:

1º doubler la longueur tirée à la coulisse du 2d au 1º piston; 2º tripler la longueur tirée à la coulisse du 2d au 3º piston.

Omettre ce réglage serait une faute grave qui compromettrait, au point de vue de la justesse, non seulement le pupitre auquel on appartient mais encore l'accord de tout un orchestre et la réussite d'une œuvre que l'on "exécuterait" alors dans le sens sinistre du mot.



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'*) Voir A.CHAVANNE: Nº 24; ARBAN: Nº 8

ÉCHELLE CHROMATIQUE DES INSTRUMENTS DÉSIGNÉS CI-DESSOUS

Tableau de l'étendue chromatique possible sur les TROMPETTE SOPRANO, CORNET à PISTONS en UT-SI b et LA, PETITE TROMPETTE en RÉ et BUGLE SIb "d'après les harmoniques naturelles en partant du son deux et avec toutes les combinaisons de doigtés.

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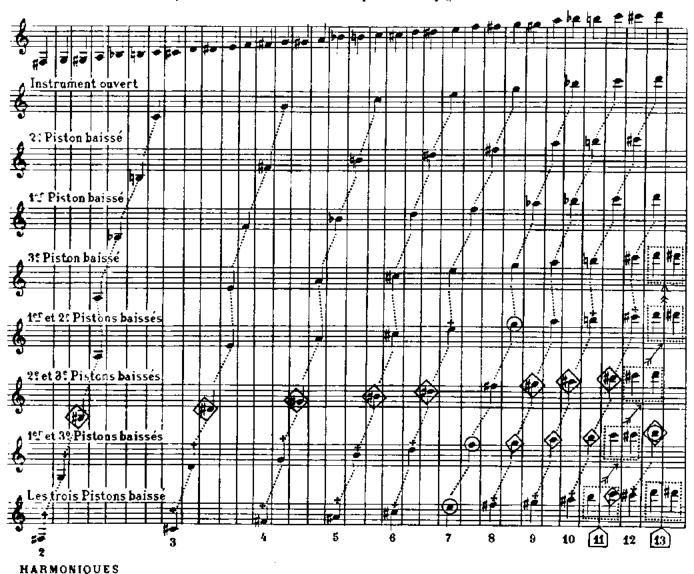
LE SON SEPT est trop bas, sauf les sons renfermés dans les ronds, qui, par la combinaison des pistons, rentrent dans la catégorie des sons justes.

Les sons marqués d'une + s'altèrent par l'addition simultanée des pistons et peuvent être rendus justes par l'emploi d'une coulisse mobile du premier ou troisième piston.

Les sons entourés d'un losange bénéficient d'une justesse normale par l'allongement proportionnel apporté à la troisième coulisse. On doit conséquemment s'abstenir de se servir du troisième piston isolément à cause de la modification susdite.

LES SONS ONZE et TREIZE sonnent exactement entre les deux notes qui se trouvent écrites dans les earrés, trop hauts pour la note inférieure et trop bas pour la note supérieure.

(1) Ce tableau des harmoniques est réglé selon la notation usuelle admise pour l'écriture de cce dits instruments, donc à l'816 haute des harmoniques réelles et dont on trouvera l'explication à la page 35



Tous les sons résultant de l'emploi simultané de deux ou trois pistons étant toujours trop hauts, il est pré. férable d'employer le plus souvent possible le doigté le plus simple, à l'exception des notes pérées dans ce registre et admises comme doigté courant.

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THEORIE DE L'INSTRUMENT

Il n'est aucun instrument à trois pistons (ou à cylindres) qui soit d'une justesse parfaite lorsqu'il y a combinaison de pistons (ou cylindres) pour former un son. En voici la raison:

L'emploi séparé des pistons allonge la colonne d'air de telle sorte que le son s'abaisse:

d'anton si l'on presse le 1º piston;

d'un demi-ton si l'on presse le 24 piston; d'un ton et d'un demi-ton si l'on presse le 3° piston.

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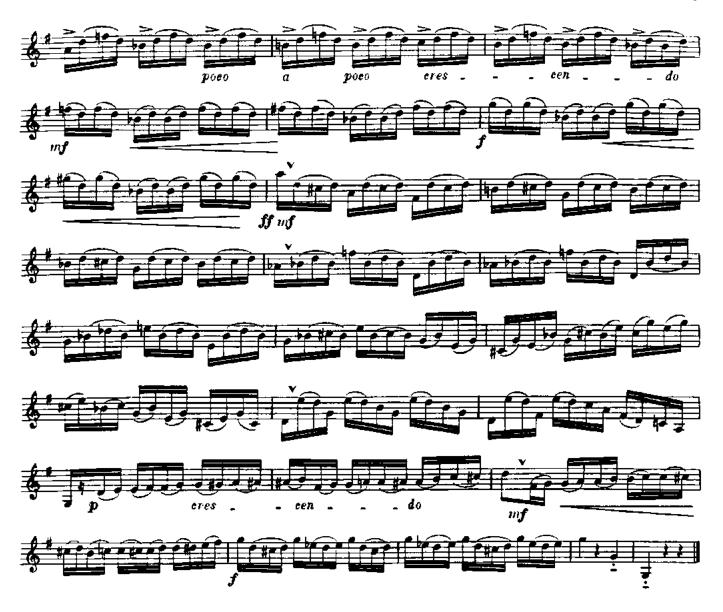
Mais servons-nous, par exemple, d'une trompette en Sib (longueur théorique 1 mtr. 475) dont nous presserons à la fois les trois pistons pour qu'elle nous fasse entendre ces notes exigent une colonne d'air supplémentaire de 0 mtr. 612. L'ensemble des trois coulisses libérées par les trois pistons abaissés devraient donc nous fournir ce supplément. Mais le 1º piston abaissé nous donne une longueur de 0 mtr. 181, le 24 0 mtr. 088 et le 3° 0 mtr. 279 ce qui fait au total 0 mtr. 548. (suivez page 15)

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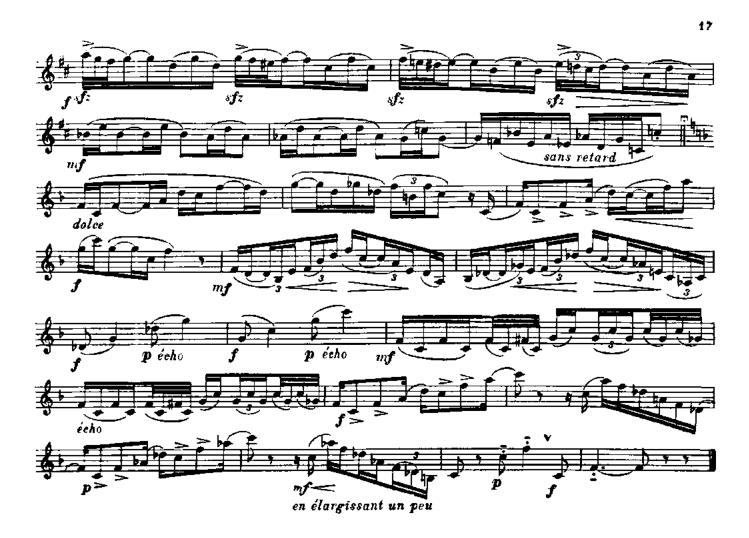
5. Voie G. BALAY: N. 15; A. CHAVANNE: NT 5-12; MAXIME-ALPHONSE: NT 5 (2) cabien).



THEORIE DE L'INSTRUMENT (SUITE)

Il manquera donc 0 mtre 612 _ 0 mtre 548 = 0 mtre 064 et les sons obtenus sont trop aigus. Toutes ces mauvaises notes se corrigent le plus souvent au moyen des lèvres. Il va sans dire que la justesse ne pourra s'acquérir qu'au prix d'un très gros travail et d'exercices répétés. Il existe des instruments à coulisse mobile du premier piston, assez rares mainte nant il est vrai. La coulisse mobile du troisième piston se rencontre plus fréquemment au jourd'hui et donne satisfaction.





SUITE DES CONSEILS AUX JEUNES ARTISTES (voir page 7)

Il ne souffle pas violemment dans son instrument pour se débarrasser de l'eau provenant de la condensation de la vapeur qui accompagne le souffle. Celui-ci légèrement introduit et un peu prolongé est de beaucoup plus efficace.

Il a accordé et réglé son instrument au préalable. Lorsque cet accord a été fait dans une pièce attenante à la salle de concert ou de spectacle il a soin de s'inquiéter de la température de celle-ci sachant que la vitesse du son augmente par la chaleur et diminue par le froid et fait par conséquent monter ou descendre l'instrument selon le cas.

S'il est tenu par une circonstance quelconque de devoir s'éloigner de l'orchestre pour y interpréter une sonnerie ou un solo dans le lointain, sachant aussi que le son baisse sensiblement par l'éloignement, il hausse son instrument selon le besoin et a en la prudence d'en régler d'avance la mesure.

Il compte ses mesures avec soin, toutefois pendant une exécution il se fie parfois autant à une bonne et sérieuse réplique qu'aux mesures comptées, une erreurest vite faite et une bonne réplique ne ment pas.

Il suit les impulsions du chef. Il est souple et attentif, cède ou altère un son selon que celui-ci s'enchaîne avec tel ou tel autre instrument ou telle autre phrase. Il augmente ou diminue une nuance demandée afin de contribuer au bon ordre de l'exécution.

A ces seules conditions l'artiste se tient à la hauteur de sa tâche, se fait estimer et considérer.



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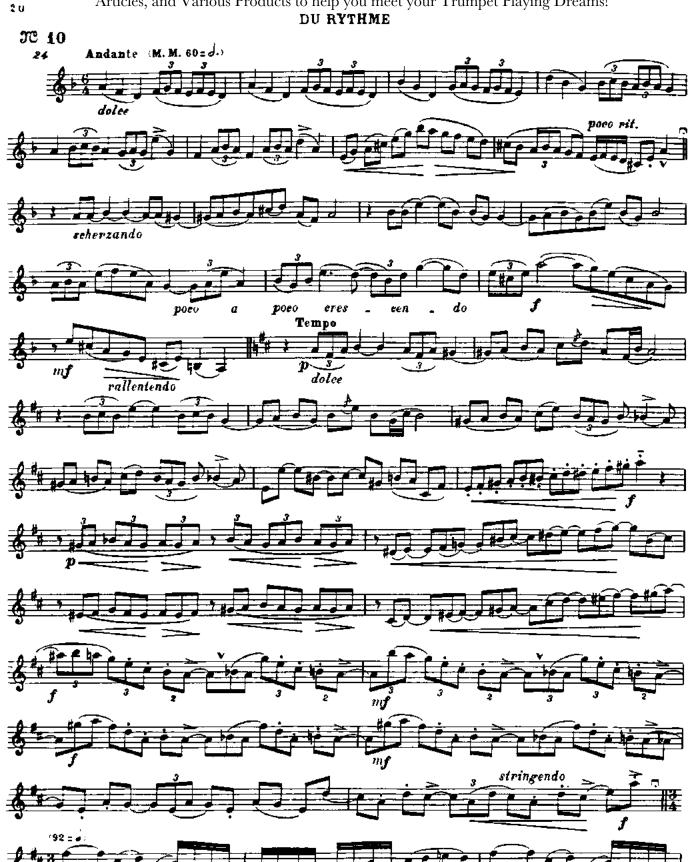


TABLEAU DES HARMONIQUES DE LA FONDAMENTALE AU SON 24

Les chiffres représentent le nombre de divisions du corps sonore, bien que les harmoniques employées se réduisent à 18, il n'est pas sans intérêt, de savoir à quels sons correspondent les harmoniques 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 et 24. (Pour les harmoniques 7, 11, 13, 14 roir page 11) L'harmonique 15 est trop basse et les 21, 22 et 23 sont inusitées.



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Les chiffres placés sur la bande blanche qui se trouve derrière le balancier indiquent le nombre d'oscillations qu'il exécute dans une minute. Ainsi 48, 88, 116, etc. indiquent que si le poids mobile fixé au balancier est placé vis-à-vis d'un de ces numéros, ce balancier donne 48, 88, 116 oscillations par minute perceptibles pour l'oreille par les coups de tie-tac que produit chaque oscillation.

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* Voir B. LAURENT, Nº 2-9; MAXIME-ALPHONSE; Nº 2-18

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(i) La plupart du temps ce rythme n'est pas observé. C'est regrettable. On y arriverait peut être en s'exercant à jouer d'après l'écriture suivante: A) doubler le point de la première note, B) faire une triple croche de la 2^{de} note, C) donner à la 3^{me} croche sa valeur exacte:

Exemple On conserverait alors avec plus de chance le caractère précis de ce groupement. Mais l'exemple n'est ici qu'un moyen. Il est préférable de respecter l'écriture existante.



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L'AIR est l'unique corps qui vibre dans les instruments à vent. Qu'ils soient construits en bois, en verre, en cuivre, en bronze, le timbre est identiquement le même. Des expériences concluantes commencées vers 1846 (dit Victor Mahillon) par Adolphe Sax, facteur belge établi à Paris, ont démontré que la nature des parois est sans effet sur la formation du timbre. Les proportions de la colonne d'air déterminées par la forme du tuyau et la manière dont les vibrations de l'air sont engendrées sont les seules causes de la variété du timbre. (Voyez la trompette en bois qui sert à démontrer que l'air est l'unique corps qui vibre dans les instruments à vent); cet instrument a naturellement un timbre identique a celui d'une trompette en cuivre, elle est en Mi b et produit les sons suivants:



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Voir MAXIME-ALPHONSE; Nº 19



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⁽¹⁾ Ce nouveau signe → indique un petit arrêt moins long que le point d'arrêt → ancien.

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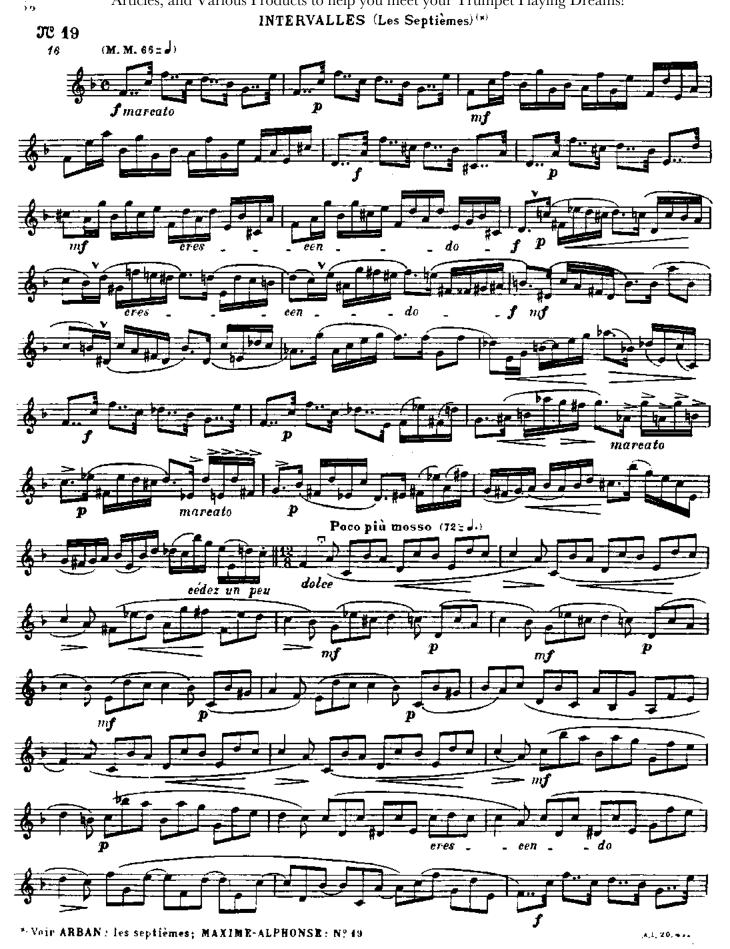




TABLEAU INDICATEUR DES TONS OU CORPS DE RECHANGE

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ITALIEN }	in Do	in Reb	in Re	in Mi þ	in Mi	in Fa	in Sol	in Lab	in La	in Si 🕨	in Si ķ
ALLEMAND	in C	in Des	in D	in E:	in E	in F	in G	in A:	in A	in B	in H ,



Cette étude peut être transposée un demi ton plus bas.

*1 Voir R. LAURENT: Nº 20

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FRANÇAIS	ITALIEN	ALLEMAND
Sourdine	Sordina Sordino	Dämpfer
Avec Sourdine Mettre la Sourdine	Con Sordina Mettere Sordina	Mit Dämpfer
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Encore la Sourdine	Ancora Sordina	Noch Dämpfer
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des mots: TROMPETTE, CORNET à PISTONS, BUGLE, etc.

FRANÇAIS	ITALIEI:	ALLEMAND
Trompette	Tromba-Clarino Trombetta	Trompete
Trompettes	Trombe - Clarini	Trompeten
Trompette à Clefs	Tromba a Chiavi	Klapptrompete
Cornet à Pistons	Pistoner - Cornetto Cornetto a macchina Cornetto a pistoni	{Tromba-Kornett {Ventil Kornett
Bugle	Flicorno	Flügelhorn
Bugle à Clefs	Flicorno a Chiavi	Klappenhorn
Trompette à Pistons	Tromba a Macchina	Ventil Trompete
Trompette basse	Tromba bassa	Bass Trompete
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De Cor des Alpes est ordinairement joué sur une trompette sourdine dans les coulisses.

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LE PAVILLON détermine la justesse des harmoniques mais n'altère en rien le timbre ni la sonorité.

14) LE RYTHME est l'ordre et la proportion dans le temps. (VINCENT D'INDY)

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LONGUEURS D'INSTRUMENTS

-trompette si bémol = 1,475 m.
-cornet a piston = id.
-bugle si bémol = id.
-clairon = id.
-trompette de cavalerie (mi bémol) = 2,211 m.
-trompette basse de cavalerie = 4,422 m.



li Dans cette étude le temps reste le temps de même mouvement qu'il soit employé en mesure simple, brève, comprisée ou autres.

O Voir R. LAURENT: Nº 46



CLASSIFICATION DES INSTRUMENTS A EMBOUCHURES

(d'après Victor Mahillon)

Le timbre est uniquement dû à la forme de la colonne d'air, aux proportions du tayau.

COR; tuyau étroit et conique. Timbre doux.

CORNET; tuyau étroit moins conique que celui du Cor. Timbre doux mais avec un peu plus de mordant que celui du Cor.

TROMPETTE; tuyau étroit et cylindrique sur une grande partie de la longueur. Timbre éclatant.

TROMBONE; qui veut dire grande trompette, même forme de tuyau et même timbre.

BUGLE; tuyau large et conique. Timbre mœlleux.
BUGLE ALTO
BUGLE BARYTON
TUBA
BOMBARDON

Famille des instruments dite des SAX-HORNS

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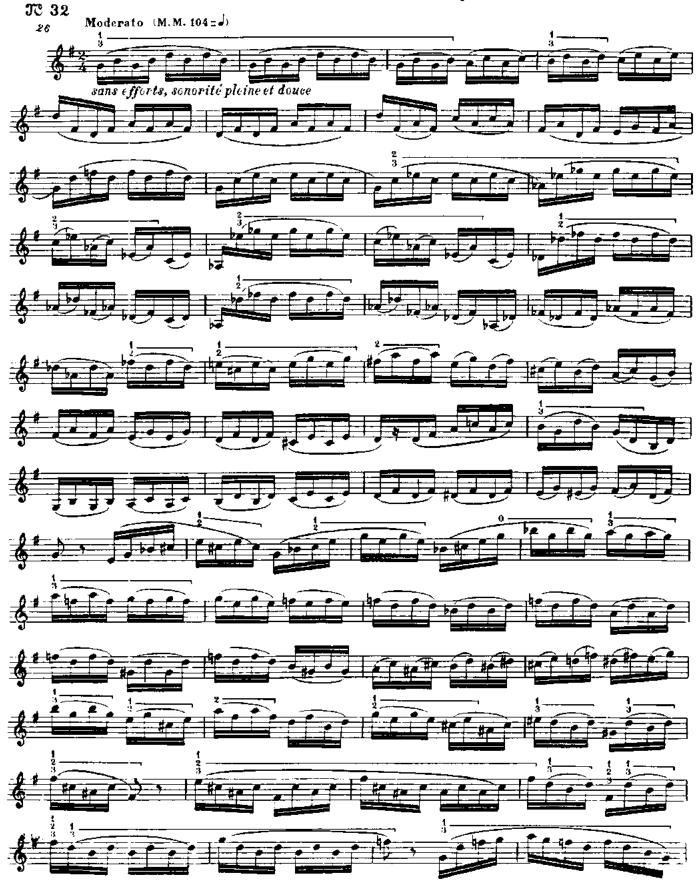




DE LA TROMPETTE EN MI#

Nous rencontrons parfois au théâtre les indications suivantes: trompette si dièze, trompette mi dièze. L'anteur-AUBER, dans "Fra Diavolo"; MEYERBEER, dans "Les Huguenots"; ROSSIÑI, dans "Guillaume Tell"- n'a voulu employer que la trompette en mi ou la trompette en si. En ajoutant ce bizarre dièze, il voulait spécifier qu'il était bien question de tonalités charges de dièzes et non d'autres. Au demeurant, ces indications ne se rencontrent que fort rarement et ne constituent qu'une anomalie.

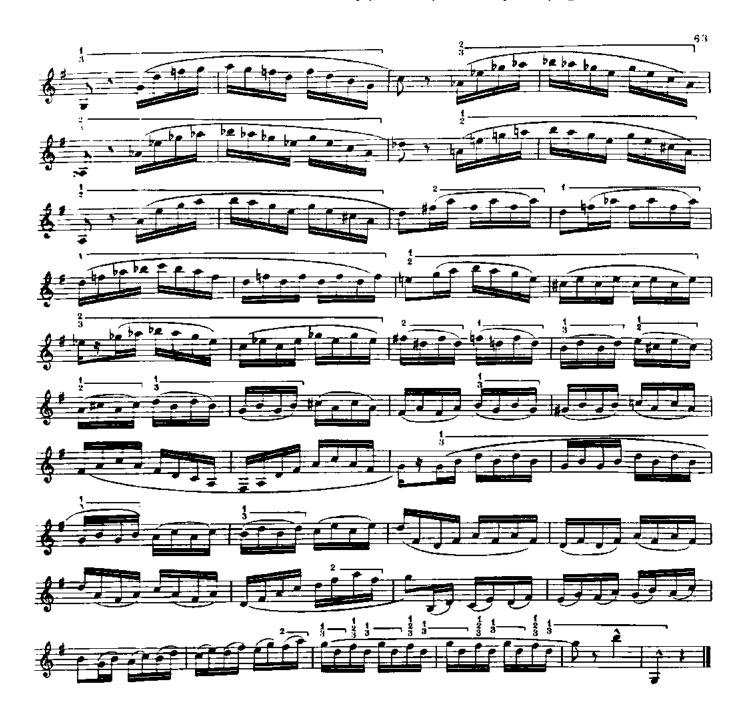
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LA TRANSPOSITION étant une spécialité du trompettiste, il est de toute nécessité qu'il s'y habitue aussitôt que son éducation musicale le lui permet. Il doit la travailler journellement. Nous conseillons donc de revoir certaines leçons plus faciles et de s'exercer grâce à elles à transposer un ton plus haut, puis un ton plus bas, etc. Les transpositions, à la quarte majeure triton) et à la quinte supérieure prennent dans la pratique une très grande importance surtout pour l'artiste qui utilise à l'orchestre une trompette si bémol. Mais naturellement l'élève a le devoir de se familiariser avec toutes les transpositions.

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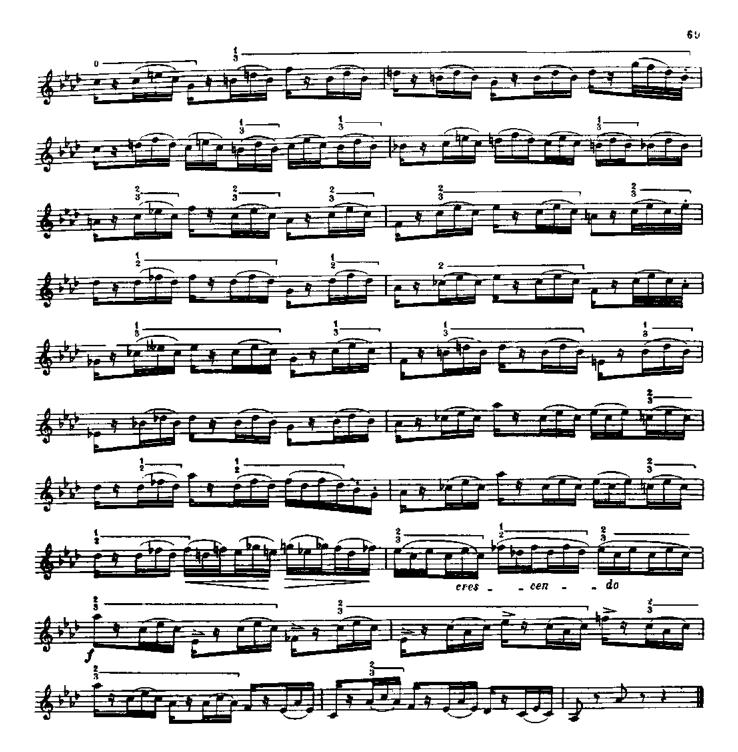


DU TIMBRE

Le timbre éclatant de la trompette est dû à ce que sa colonne d'air est presque entièrement cylindrique: la forme curviligne de l'embouchure augmente encore l'effet.



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DE LA COULISSE

Primitivement les tuyaux supplémentaires des pistons qui nous donnaient les longueurs voulues à l'abaissement général de l'instrument étaient de longueur fixe. L'instrument ainsi construit ne supportait aucun corps de rechange sans devenir insupportablement faux.

Vers 1830, Meifred, professeur de Cor à pistons au Conservatoire de Paris, imagina d'en faire des tuyaux mobiles, dénommés COULISSES, ce qui permet l'allongement proportionnel pour chaque corps de rechange qu'on emploie.

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Thirty-Six Transcendent Studies for Trumpet, Cornet or Fluegelhorn in B-flat by Théo Charlier

English Translation by

Dr. Michel Laplace & Cliff Warren

Théo Charlier (1868-1944) worked in France (Paris, Lyon, Marseille), and was a friend of Vincent d'Indy and Charles Bordes, among others. He was born in Seraing-sur-Meuse and studied at the Liege Royal Conservatory. In 1901, he was named teacher at that conservatory. This great musician also led a wind band (Mariemont-Bascoup), founded the Scola Musicae in Brussels and was a noted composer (ballets, symphonic pieces, method for the horn in F, and so on). He died in Brussels.

Charlier's studies are in use in most countries, except the USSR. American players often use this book without understanding the related text material, hence this translation.

The first edition was published in 1926. However, we have selected for the present translation the more readily available revised edition (copyright 1946) and have occasionally added phrase markings given by Mr. R. Sabarich at the CNSMP (Paris Conservatory).

First. I have given the title of each study. Next, I have translated the text which appears throughout the book and placed marginal reference numbers which correspond to page numbers of the original book. Where I wish to clarify or give additional information, I placed my own comments in brackets. I did not feel it necessary to translate the numerous notes at the bottom of pages which merely refer the reader to additional studies in other method books.

On behalf of the International Trumpet Guild, I wish to thank Alphonest Leduc & Co. for allowing the publication of this translation. I also wish to thank Denis Egan, Professor of Trumpet at the London College of Music, for his advice, and Clifford Warren for his assistance in preparing the article for publication.

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Foreword

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Here is a series of thirty-six studies for the soprano valve trumpet, cornet or fluegelhorn which will help the young player who desires to play modern music correctly.

Today, in the orchestra, the trumpeters need great technique as well as good musicianship. Contemporary composers do not think of the difficulties they write. They create it, it pleases them; the performer must play it! No matter which instruments they use, modern ones (in C, B-flat and A) or old ones (in F, E, E-flat, D, and so on), the trumpet player no longer uses tuning crooks as in the past. Because of the lack of time to tune up, crooks would make him always out of tune.

As the valve trumpet is a chromatic instrument like the flute, piano or violin, it is right to expect it to perform the same types of works. Transposition eliminates this inconvenience.

If the student trumpeter wishes to progress and to play easily in all keys, both sharp and flat, he must be prepared to study diligent-

During my career as a player and a teacher, I feel I have experienced many kinds of difficulties which I always formulated into appropriate exercises. I have written them down for my own use as well as to aid my students. They have been found useful enough by many of my friends and previous students that this publication has resulted.

On this request, I collected my manuscripts and selected these thirty-six studies. It is my hope that this volume will be a useful complement to previous teaching books of this kind.

I arranged them as carefully as possible to treat rhythm, staccato [tonguing] and its various aspects, legato and the slur, and a great number of excerpts wishing to use the full capability of the instrument.

I have tried to make the practice of these thirty-six etudes as enjoyable as possible. I thought it to be of interest to include technical and historical notes to inform the student and to give him some names.

I hope that my efforts continue to form the technique of young players. My efforts will be greatly rewarded if my work can help them overcome obstacles encountered during their entire careers.

THÉO CHARLIER,

Professor at the Liege Royal Conservatory of Music

Editor's Notes

Bringing all our careful attention to this re-edition of the 36 Etudes Transcendantes of Theo Charlier, we want first to pay homage to the author and to honor the memory of this emiment professor of trumpet who recently died in Brussels.

Theo Charlier, after devoting many years to teaching, particularly at the Royal Conservatory of Liege, has left us in the etudes the fruits of his great knowledge and long experience. This book contains serious idifficulties and to master them, one must already possess great technical facility.

Without a doubt there are more technical studies—more difficult in terms of rhythm and melody than these provided here. There are also other musical pieces which will introduce the student to the novelties of modern music. But we can assure you that the person who will make an effort and who will apply serious work to this book will have great reward. He will become a virtuoso and a musicuan.

(1) This mark W is a breath.

To study articulation, the student also can use: R. Laurent: Practical Studies, Study No. 1; Maxime-Alphonse: New Studies No. 4 (2nd book) (Pub. Alphonse Leduc)

The following phrase markings were stated by R. Sabarich and are not indicated in the text:

Line 1, mas 2-3 well sustained

Line 1, meas. 2 - 3 well s

Line 3, meas. 4 slow down

Line 4, meas. 1
Line 6, meas. 1
Line 7, meas. 4 - 5
Line 7, meas. 4 - 5

Line 7, meas. 4 - 5 sustained thro Line 9, meas. 4 - 5 slow down

Line 11, meas. 1 ad lib

Line 14, meas. 5 slow down

Advice To Young Artists

In the orchestra, the player has excellent behavior and does not talk during the performance of a work (except in case of absolute necessity).

He has an instrument in good condition and a good mute which will not alter intonation.

He must not practice excerpts of the work before a performance.

He does not turn over pages of his part noisily, especially during a pause.

He must be in his section on time and must stay there as long as possible during a rehearsal.

He pushes in the slides of his instrument quietly, with the valves down so as not to make noise, because of the air trapped in them. (continued on page 17.)

Avoid the Use of Crooks

Small instruments with cup mouthpieces must not and cannot be rationally used in but one tonality. The change of a crook will make an instrument out of tune. It must be tuned up carefully each time a crook is changed. However, some pieces do not allow enough time to make this possible. Players that use these instruments (trumpets, corners, bugles) must understand the results of such changes and employ proper replacement slides in difficult passages. Serious attention always conquers difficulty which often is nothing apparent. A little practice will give mastery of all that is presented. While awaiting this mastery, to play a single key instrument is good when one uses the set of replacement slides and learns to regulate every slot after knowing the following which is theoretically correct:

- 1. double the length to the slot of the 2nd valve for the 1st
- triple the length to the slot of the 2nd valve for the 3rd valve

To omit this procedure is a grave error to the point of losing accuracy, not only by the pupil but also the harmony of the entire orchestra.

11 [Table of Harmonics for the Instruments Named Below

Table of chromatic tones possible on the (soprano) trumpet and coinet in C and B-flat¹, the small trumpet in D, and the fluegelhorn

in B-flat¹ from the natural harmonics beginning with the second harmonic and showing all the fingerings.

The fundamental tone (not in use) is not shown in the table.

The seventh harmonic is too low [to be in tune]; except those encircled, which are acceptable because of the valve combinations.

The sounds marked with a (+) are out of tune because of the valve combinations and can be brought in tune by the use of a valve slide (1st or 3rd valve).

Those sounds enclosed in a diamond are brought in tune by extending the third valve slide. Thus, we must not use the third valve alone.

The eleventh and thirteenth harmonics are exactly between the two tones enclosed in a square: too high for the lower note, too low for the higher note.

 This table of harmonics is made as usual for the writing of these instruments; see p. 35.

Harmonics

Every tone occurring by the simultaneous use of two or three valves is always too high [sharp]. Therefore, it is often better to use the simplest fingering [least number of valves], except for these notes:

which sound in tune in that register and commonly are used with these fingerings (i.e., with the first and second valves depressed rather than with the "simpler" fingering of third valve alone depressed.

Theory of the Instrument 13

There is no instrument with three valves which is perfectly in tune whenever a valve combination is required to play a note. Here is the reason why: the separate use of each valve elongates the air column so as to lower the pitch: one tone — 1st valve pushed down, half a tone — 2nd valve pushed down, one and a half tones — 3rd valve pushed down.

Here we are in complete agreement (understanding).

But, take a trumpet in B-flat (theoretical length: 1:475 meters) in which the three valves are pushed down to hear f-sharp or c-sharp'. These pitches require a supplementary air column of 0.612 meters. The three valve slides added to the air column, because of the three depressed valves must give us this supplement. But, the 1st valve pushed down gives us a length of 0.181 meter; the 2nd. 0.088 meter; and the 3rd, 0.279 meter. The resulting total is only 0.548 meter. (continued on page 15)

This study can also be transposed into A-flat or B-flat major.

Theory of the Instrument 15 [continued from page 13]

It will lack: 0.615 m. minus 0.548 m. equals 0.064 m. The resulting pitches are too high [sharp]. All these out of tune notes are often corrected with the lips. Thus, good intonation is only accomplished with much practice. There are instruments with a movable valve slide attached to the first valve but such instruments are rare. A movable slide on the third valve is commonly in use and gives good results.

Advice to Young Artists [continued from page 7]

He does not blow forcefully through his instrument to remove the water. It is much better to blow gently and take a little more time. He has tuned up and adjusted his instrument before the concert. If he tunes up outside the concert hall, he must know the temperature, because the speed of sound increases with heat and decreases with cold, making the instrument sound sharp or flat.

If he must move away from the orchestra to play a call or a solo at a distance it must be remembered that the pitch lowers in moving away. One must know how much to adjust the instrument in advance

He counts the bars [of rests] carefully, but during the concert be sometimes relies on a good cue. An error is easily made, and a good cue does not lie.

He follows the mood of the conductor. He must be flexible and attentive. He is careful with the required articulations. If this is so, he will be esteemed and well considered.

Table of the First 24 Harmonics

The numbers represent the number of divisions of the sound. Only the harmonics up to the 18th are used. However, it is not without interest to know which pitches correspond to harmonics 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24. (See page 11 for harmonics 7, 11, 13 and 14.) The 15th harmonic is too low (flat), and 21, 22 and 23 are not commonly in use

21 The Metronome

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(from the Greek metron "measure" and nomes "rule")

The numbers on the white band behind the pendulum indicate the number of swings it makes in one minute. So 48, 88, 116, etc. indicate that if the moving weight on the pendulum is placed opposite one of these numbers, the pendulum gives 48, 88, or 116 swings in one minute, respectively.

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Preparatory Study for Solo de Concours by T. Charlier.

(1) Often this rhythm is not correctly played. It is regrettable. It should be played as follows: A) double dot the first note, B) make the 2nd note a thirty-second note, C) give the 3rd note its full value. For example:



This way we can perceive the precise character of this note group. The example given here is hypothetical. It is better to respect the existing writing.

[Sabatich indicated the following:

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Line 9, meas. I give way a little, yield Line 20, meas. 4 piano, not mf

Only the air vibrates through a wind instrument. It can be made of wood, glass or bronze; the tone quality (timbre) is always the same. Victor Mahillon stated that experiments begun around 1846 by Adolphe Sax (a Belgian manufacturer established in Paris) proved that the nature of the inner surfaces [of the tubing] has no effect on the tone quality (timbre). Various timbres are determined by different proportions of tubing and the resulting air column, and by the manner in which the air is set into vibration. A wooden trumpet was constructed for these experiments, and this instrument has the same timbre as a brass trumpet. It is in E-flat and plays the following notes:

Manufacturer C. Mahillon. Museum of the Brussels Conservatory. No. 572 of Volume 1, 2nd edition. Gift of Victor Mahillon.

Transpose into E minor, F minor, G minor and double tongue.

Double Tonguing 30

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*To play this tremolo, cut the cir column using one after the other: the lst, then the 1st and 3rd valves together. Hold down the 1st valve, then use only the 3rd.

Theoretical Length of All the Brass Instruments (natural; with 1, 2, 3, & 4 valves or cylinders)

[Here I give first the French and then the English translation. The reader can then apply this to the entire table. Following the list is the footnote which appears at the bottom of page 31.]

longuer

length [the length is given in meters]
même longueur que le

same length as 8^{ve} dite de 32 pieds octave of 32 feet

Cors

Horns

Trompettes ordinaires et chromatique

Trumpets natural and chromatic

Ton de La (grave) / (aigü)

Pitch of A (low) / (high)

[It must be noted that the French foot was two centimeters longer than the English foot.]

(1) This trumpet is only "bass" by name. Because of its large bore, it easily plays the lower harmonics; the player reads the part as a cornet player but one octave lower. Wagner uses this same instrument in the pitch of D and C.

*To get this tremolo, use the fingering shown.

(1) This mark [7] is a short pause, but shorter than the previous

The Accepted Writing for the Small Instruments 35 With a Mouthpiece

We know that every tube produces a group of sounds in which the pitch depends upon the pressure (mouthpiece against the lips). The lips, by way of the breath, cause the air column to vibrate. These resulting pitches (always the same ones, for the same length of tube) are called "harmonics."

Traditionally (and any length instrument (and its corresponding series) may be determined). We note the harmonic series as follows:



Before the creation of the valve in 1814 (neglecting instruments with slides or keys), there were only natural instruments with crooks which gave [only] such harmonics. These do not form the complete [chromatic] scale. To obtain it, we necessarily must have on the main tube a few accessory tubes of various lengths (the valve

of coordinated by the valves. Thus, one switches to the column of resonant air necessary to obtain the specific sound [pitch or harmonic series] one desires.

If we do not use the valves, the instrument will only produce the harmonics (pitches) listed above.

Because the writing for small instruments with a mouthpiece (little fluegethorn, little trumpet in D, soprano trumpet in C, B-flat, cornet, fluegethorn) would require the use of many ledger lines, it is common practice to notate their parts an octave higher.

So this musical excerpt must be written:



and will be written.



and, the harmonics are incorrectly written:



because they are one octave higher than the real harmonics.

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Table of the Tuning Crooks

French Italian German

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No. 20 By Combined Movements and in Varying Rhythms

This study may be transposed a semitone lower.

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Foreign Terms on the word "mute" and its use

French English Sourdine mute with mute Avec Sourdine Mettre la Sourdine put in mute Enlevez la Sourdine remove mute Otez la Sourdine without mute Sans Sourdine mute again Encore la Sourdine Bouché muted

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Foreign Terms on the words trumpet, cornet, fluegelhorn, etc.

French English trompette trumpet trompettes trumpets trumpette à clefs keyed trumpet comet cornet à pistons (luegelhom buzle keyed bugle bugle à clefs trompette à pistons valve trumpet trompette basse bass trumpet petite trompette en ré little trumpet in D

No. 24, 21 Throughout the Trumpet Parts of Richard Wagner's Works

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 The Alpine Horn is usually played on the muted trumpet in the wines.

[The great Wagnerian Reginald Goodall agrees with Mr. Egan that it, is the theme used in the fight scene at the end of Act 11 in Die. Meistersingers. The name "bastonads" is not accurate. (M.L.)]

The bell determines the accuracy of the harmonics, but it does not change the timbre, nor the sonority.

 Rhythm is the order and the proportion in the beat. (Vincent) d'Indy)

"A well understood work, as short as it can be, is more useful than many hours of studies badly directed." J.B. Arban

Lengths of the Instruments

trumpet in B-flat = 1.475 m.
cornet = same
fluegelhorn in B-flat = same
bugle = same
[natural] calvary trumpet
in E-flat = 2.214 m.

in E-flat = 2.211 m. calvary bass trumpet = 4.422 m.

 In this study the tempo remains the same, even though it employs simple, double, or other compound meters.

Classification of the Instruments with a Mouthpiece 59 (from Victor Mahillon)

The timbre is due only to the proportions of the tube and the resulting affects on the air column.

Horn: narrow tubing and conical bore. Smooth timbte.

Cornet: narrow tubing and a less conical bore than that of the horn. Smooth timbre, but sharper than the horn.

Trumpet: narrow tubing and cylindrical bore over a great part of

the length. Ringing timbre.

Trombone: which means long trumpet. Same form of tube and same

timbre.

Fluegelhorn: Large tubing and conical bore. Mellow timbre.

Alto fluegelhorn
Baritone
Tuba
Bombardon

Autofluegelhorn
Saxhorn family

The Trumpet in E-Sharp

In the theater, we sometimes read: "trumpet in B-sharp" or "trumpet in E-sharp." The composer (Auber in Fra Diavolo, Meyerbeer in The Huguenots, Rossini in William Tell) only means to use the trumpet in E or the trumpet in B. In writing that strange "sharp," he specifies that the tonality is full of sharps. These indications are very rare.

Transposition is a trumpeter's speciality; as quickly as possible, he absolutely must accustom himself to transposing. He must do it every day. It can be beneficial to go back to some of the previous lessons and transpose them a tone higher, then a tone lower, and so on. The perfect fourth (tritone) and perfect fifth higher are of frequent use for those who play in orchestras on the trumpet in B-flat. Of course, the student must accustom himself to every kind of transposition.

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Timbre

The brilliant tone of the trumpet is due to its almost completely cylindrical air column; this effect is increased by the cup shape of the mouthpiece.

The Slide

Originally, the valve tubes were of fixed lengths. Such an instrument could be crooked to different keys; if it was, it became horribly out of tupe

Around 1830. Merited, valve-horn teacher at the Paris Conservatory [CNSMP] created the movable tubes, called slides. These made it possible to correct each valve slide length for each corresponding crook used

[Meifred, Pierre-Joseph Emile (1791-1867), Dauprat's student, Hornist in the Paris Opera (1822-1850). Founding member of the noted Société des Concerts du Conservatoire. (M.L.)]

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(1) We must play this trill with the lips, keeping the two first aives pushed down.

Rules and Exceptions

If the trumpeter must use an instrument in only one key, some difficult passages will be encountered. Here is an example which is found in the Allegro of the overture to William Tell:

Trumpet in E



and another excerpt from the end:



as well as other examples of this kind, mostly from the parts for trumpet in E (see p. 61). To play these excerpts on a trumpet in B-flat, one must play an augmented fourth higher, which is quite difficult in a lively tempo. It would be much easier to play these passages with all three valves pushed down, after having carefully pulled out the movable slides on the 1st or 3rd valve to tune up the instrument (harmonics) with [those of] the trumpet in E (the result of lowering the pitch by a diminished fifth with the three valves). Thus, he would be playing the written notes like an open trumpet in E, with no need for other fingerings, the instrument now being a natural trumpet in E.

Likewise, it is possible to play the parts written for a trumpet in F by depressing the 1st and 3rd valves, and pulling out the movable slide on the 1st or the 3rd valve.

It is just the same for those of you using crooks; if you put in the A crook, playing with the three valves pushed down and having correctly pulled out the moving slide, you get a natural trumpet in

I only recommend this possibility to play military calls or other music of special character.

The Mouthpiece

The mouthpiece has four principal parts: 1) the rim, 2) the cup, 3) the throat, 4) the backbore.

The cup generates the sound, and it must be proportional to the air column. If it is too deep, it lowers the high register. In the contrary case, it raises it. The mouthpiece must be the one accompanying the trumpet in the case at purchase or be of the same size, except for the rim which can vary with the lips and teeth of each individual.

The tone quality depends upon the flexibility of the pressure of the lips against the mouthpiece, which must not be forced, or the pressure will not be accurate for the fight dividing of the air column. To get a clean sonority, we must avoid pressing the mouthpiece too strongly against the lips or blowing too strongly, which will stop the production of the sound.

To use the same mouthpiece to play all the instruments (fluegelhorn, cornet, trumpets in F or C) with a mouthpiece for trumpet in B-flat, for example, is a great error. The result is that the harmonic resonance is thrown out of equilibrium because of the irregularities caused by disproportional tubing.

"Experience has proven that there is no greater handicap for artists wanting to play various instruments than to change the rim of the mouthpiece. The only way to get a good mouthpiece is for the artist to accustom himself, through study and practice, to the one of our manufacture. In this way, the lips gain flexibility and elasticity vibrating under the action of the pressure coming from the use of rims of the same form and diameter. This cannot be achieved if one continuously uses various mouthpieces with different vibrating contours," says V. Mahillon, manufacturer of musical instruments, librarian of the Museum of the Brussels Royal Conservatory, and eminent scientist of acoustics.

The Mute

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Today the mute is an indispensible accessory. Like a mouthpiece an artist must always carry one with him. It is a restricting cone which is inserted into the bell of the instrument to diminish the power of the sound and give it a kind of shimmering smoothness.

In the orchestra, the mute can produce unique sounds with strange and unexpected timbres.

Fétis (François Joseph Fétis (1784-1871) unfortunately allows his judgement to be biased by passion or interest. His dates are often wrong, and there are mistakes. In fact, it is de Pontécoulant (Organographic) who credited Lebrun with the invention of a mute. (M.L.)] stated, "It was Lebrun [Jean Lebrun was born in Lyon on April 6, 1759, died in Paris, in 1809. "A virtuoso remarkable for the accuracy of his execution, the purity of his tone and his unusual command of the highest notes." (C.R.M.P., Grove's Dictionary, 5th ed., vol. IV, p. 372.) (M.L.)] (near the end of the 18th century), French hornist, active in the Berlin Court Orchestra [from 1793 to 1806 (M.L.)], who was the first to think of using a perforated, conical cardboard box to get echo effects." However, the mute was previously known. As early as 1636, we can read about it in Mersenne's book. To my knowledge the earliest composition requiring the trumpet mute is Claudio Monteverdi's Orfeo, which was played at the court of Mantua in 1607. It has an overture ("toccata" for five trumpets with mute) in which the parts are indicated: clarino, quinto, alto e basso, vulgano, and basso." These five parts were written for natural instruments producing only the harmonics. It is interesting to note that Monteverdi wrote these parts a tone lower than the pitch of the work, because the mute of that time raised the pitch a full tone. In the original part we can read: "un clarino con tre trombe sordine."

Later, Mozart indicated the use of the mute in his trumpet parts. With Wagner, the mute came back and is now a regular accessory in the orchestra. If in the old days it was in use in operas and funeral ceremonies, it is very much in use today and produces piquant effects.

The present-day mute is made of brass, wood, cardboard or various other materials. The best one, of course, is one which does not disturb the tonality in the complete range, but it is difficult to find. The accessory must be perfect.