

## PRACTICAL METHODS USED IN MUSIC STUDY

Old-Fashion and Tedious Methods Give Way to Modern

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Music education has progressed so much during the last few years that many parents, not understanding the changes that have taken place, are apt to condemn the newer ideas. Why the old-fashioned methods are considered so desirable is not quite clear for very few music students retain any of their so-called musical education after their lessons are discontinued. This musical education usually consisted of hours of daily practice on scales, trills, arpeggios, etc., and playing a few etudes and pieces—in fact—finger facility which was lost as soon as the practice stopped. The criticism often made by parents is that technic is not taught by the modern teacher and it is true that the child is not asked to do the old-time uninteresting practice but is given the preparation for technique, and a foundation is laid for ear training and sight reading. These are as important a part of his lesson as the pieces he plays and he has something he can retain and use after the music lesson days are past.

From the first lesson the child hears and plays simple chord combinations which lead naturally to song accompaniments — improvising and

original composition—No part of music study has been so neglected as sight reading and it has been a just criticism that after years of lessons and practice children are unable to play the simplest pieces at sight. Sight reading will be most appreciated in the home for it means there will be much music there when the children can play anything set before them and it means much pleasure for their elders.

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