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INTRODUCTION.

TECHNICAL TERMS AND SYMBOLS.

○ = man ; □ = woman.

THE diagram printed at the head of the notation of each dance shows the initial position of the dancers, the left margin of the page representing the top of the room and the right margin the bottom, the upper and lower sides representing the *right* and *left walls* of the room respectively. The top of the room is called the *Presence*.

The *General Set*, or the *Set*, denotes the area enclosed by the dancers.

In dances, or figures, in which only two couples are engaged, the term *contrary* is used to denote the man or woman other than the partner.

To pass *by the right* is to pass right shoulder to right shoulder; *by the left*, left shoulder to left shoulder.

To move *up* or *down* is to move toward the top or the bottom of the room.

To *move* is to dance forwards.

To *fall back* is to dance backwards.

When a man *leads* his partner he takes her right hand with his right hand if she is on his right, and her left hand with his left hand if she is on his left.

To *cast off* is to turn outward and dance outside the General Set.

To *cast up* or *cast down* is to turn outward (unless already so facing) and dance up or down outside the General Set.

The term *clockwise* (cl.) or *counter-clockwise* (c.cl.) are self-explanatory, and refer to the direction of circular movements.

To make a *half-turn* is to turn through half a circle so as to face in an opposite direction; to make a *whole-turn* is to make a complete revolution.

A *Progressive dance* consists of the repetition for an indefinite number of times of a series of movements, called the *Complete Figure*, each repetition being performed by the dancers in changed positions. The performance of each Complete Figure is called a *Round*.

A *Progressive movement* or *figure* is one, the performance of which leaves the dancers relatively in different positions.

A *neutral* dancer is one who, in a progressive dance, is not engaged in the performance of a Round.

PROGRESSIVE LONGWAYS DANCES.

In the *whole-set* dance the progression is effected by the transference in every Round of the top couple from the top to the bottom of the General Set, the rest of the couples moving up one place.

The *double minor-set* dance is one in which the Complete Figure in each Round is performed simultaneously by subsidiary groups (known as *minor-sets*) of two adjacent couples.

During the course of each Round the upper and lower couples of each minor-set change places, the former moving down one place, the latter up. This will necessitate a rearrangement of the minor-sets in the following Round, and this is effected by each upper couple making a new minor-set with the couple immediately below, or—to put it in another way—each lower couple making a new minor-set by taking in the couple immediately above. In this way every couple, as the dance proceeds, will move steadily from one end of the Set to the other, the upper couples down, the lower ones up. Every couple upon reaching either end of the Set must remain *neutral* during the next round, after which it will again enter the dance and progress in the direction opposite to that in which it had previously been moving (upper couples becoming lower couples, and vice versa).

STEPS

The *running-step* (r.s.) is a quiet, easy spring executed with a flexible ankle on the ball of the foot. The legs should be straight; the knees loose, but not bent; and the feet should take the ground directly under the body.

The *walking-step* (w.s.) is a modified form of the running-step in which the spring, though present, is scarcely noticeable.

The *skipping-step* (sk.s.) is the usual step-and-hop on alternate feet. The hop must be a small one.

The *slipping-step* (sl.s.) is a sideways step, the feet moving scissor-wise with the same rhythm and spring as in the skipping-step.

The *polka-step* is three steps on alternate feet and a hop.

There are, normally, two steps to each bar, falling, respectively, on the first and middle beats, whether the time be simple or compound.

MOVEMENTS AND FIGURES

THE DOUBLE.

The *double* is three steps forward or backward, followed by a closing of the feet—four steps in all.

THE TURN.

Two dancers face each other, join both hands with arms outstretched, swing round once clockwise (r.s. or sk.s.), separate and return to places. The dancers should face each other throughout the movement, and lean back slightly so as mutually to give and receive support.

THE SWING.

This is the same as the preceding movement except that the dancers swing round more than once before separating, and, on occasion, move from place to place.

THE HONOUR.

This is a formal obeisance made by partners to one another at the conclusion, and sometimes in the course, of the dance. The man bows, head erect, making a slight forward inclination of the body from the hips; the woman, placing one foot behind the other, makes a quick downward and upward movement by bending and straightening the knees.

THE SINGLE.

On the first beat of the bar a spring is made, forwards, or sideways, on to one foot, say the right; the left foot is then brought up beside it, the weight wholly or in part momentarily supported upon it, and, on the second beat of the bar, transferred to the right foot in position.

THE SET.

This is a movement of courtesy, addressed by one dancer to another, or more frequently by two dancers to each other simultaneously. It consists of a single to the right sideways, followed by a single to the left back to position (two bars).

SET-AND-HONOUR.

This consists of a single to the right and honour, followed by a single to the left and honour (four bars).

THE SIDE.

This, likewise, is a movement of courtesy. Two dancers face, move forward a double (r.s.), pass by the left, turn counter-clockwise on the third step and face one another as they bring their feet together (two bars). This movement is then repeated to places, the dancers returning along the same tracks, *i.e.*, passing by the right, turning clockwise on the third step and facing one another as they bring their feet together.

ARM WITH THE RIGHT (OR LEFT).

This, again, is a movement of courtesy.

Two dancers face, meet, link right (or left) arms, swing round a complete circle (r.s.) clockwise (or counter-clockwise), unlink arms and fall back to places (four bars). The arms should be linked at the elbows and, as in the Turn, the dancers must feel each other's weight.

TURN SINGLE.

The dancer makes a whole turn on his own axis, clockwise, in four steps, beginning with the right foot. The performer should be careful to make a slight spring from foot to foot at each step, and to regulate his movement so that all four steps are needed to complete the revolution (two bars).

RIGHT (OR LEFT) HANDS-ACROSS.

This is performed by four dancers standing in a square. Each dancer joins right (or left) hands with the dancer diagonally opposite. Holding their hands close together, chin-high, all dance round clockwise (or counter-clockwise).

HANDS-THREE, HANDS-FOUR, ETC.

Three or more dancers, as directed, form a ring, extend arms, join hands a little above waist-level, and dance round. In the absence of specific instructions to the contrary it is to be understood that one complete circuit is to be danced, clockwise, the performers facing centre.

FIRST COUPLE LEADS DOWN THE MIDDLE AND BACK AGAIN AND CASTS ONE.

First man, taking his partner by the right hand with his own right hand, leads her down the middle (w.s.); he then raises his partner's right hand over her head, and they both make a half-turn counter-clockwise and face up (four bars). They skip back to places with crossed hands and then, releasing hands, cast off round second couple into second couple's place, second couple moving up into first couple's place (four bars).

HALF-POUSSETTE.

This is performed by two adjacent couples.

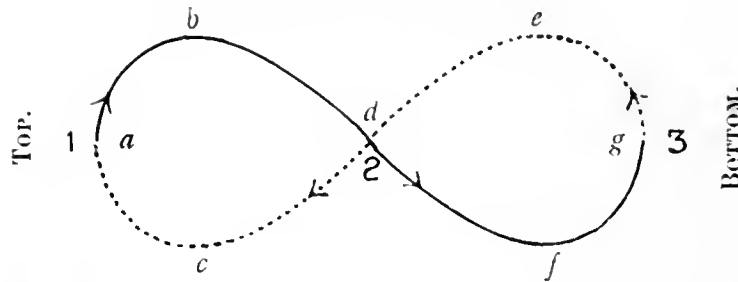
Each man faces his partner and takes her by both hands. The arms must be held out straight, and very nearly shoulder high.

First man, pushing his partner before him, moves forward four steps and then falls back four steps into the second couple's place, pulling his partner after him. Simultaneously, second man, pulling his partner with him, falls back four steps and then moves forward four steps into the first couple's place (four bars).

WHOLE-POUSSETTE.

When the half-poussette is followed by a complementary repetition of the same movement, each couple describing a complete circle or ellipse, the figure is called the whole-poussette.

THE STRAIGHT HEY FOR THREE.

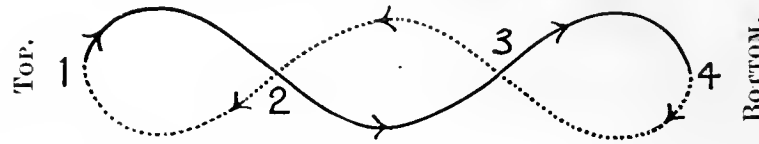


No. 1 faces down, Nos. 2 and 3 up.

All simultaneously describe the figure eight, as shown in the above diagram, and return to places, passing along the unbroken line as they move down, and along the dotted line as they move up. At the beginning of the movement, therefore, No. 1 will dance along *a b*, No. 2 along *d c*, and No. 3 along *g e*, i.e., Nos. 1 and 2 will pass by the right, Nos. 1 and 3 by the left.

In order that the dancers may not obstruct one another the two lobes of the figure should be made as broad as time and space will permit.

THE STRAIGHT HEY FOR FOUR (OR MORE) DANCERS.



Odd numbers face down, even numbers up.

All simultaneously dance along the track shown in the diagram and return to places, moving along the unbroken line when going down, and along the dotted line when going up.

It will thus be seen:—

- (1) That the dancers begin the movement by passing by the right.
- (2) That they reverse their direction at both ends by turning round to the right, i.e., clockwise,
- (3) That the regular sequence of right and left passes is broken by the omission of a left pass during the execution of the turn at either end.

THE CIRCULAR-HEY.

This movement is the same as the Grand Chain in the Laneers, except that the dancers do not take hands as they pass each other alternately by the right and left.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS.

MOTION IN THE DANCE.

THE Country Dance is pre-eminently a figure dance, depending in the main for its expressiveness upon the weaving of patterned, concerted evolutions rather than upon intricate steps or elaborate body-movements. An analysis of the way in which the traditional folk-dancer moves shows that it is based upon two main principles :—

- (1) The weight of the body in motion must always be supported wholly on one foot or the other, and never carried on both feet at the same moment. From this it follows that the transition from step to step, *i.e.*, the transference of the weight from one foot to the other, must always be effected by spring.
- (2) The motive force, although derived in part from this foot-spring, is chiefly due to the action of gravity, brought into play by the inclination of the body from the vertical.

The function of the legs is to support the body rather than to help to move it forward, the actual motion being set up, regulated, and directed by the sway and balance of the body, as in skating. The body cannot, however, be used in this way, that is to set up and regulate motion, unless it is carried essentially in line from head to foot, without bend at the neck or at the waist, or sag at the knees.

THE TECHNIQUE OF FIGURE-DANCING.

The first requisite of the figure dancer is the capacity to move hither and thither, freely and easily, with complete control over direction and speed. Having attained this power he must then learn (1) to time his movements accurately; (2) to phrase them in accordance with the music; (3) to blend them into one continuous movement without halts or hesitations; and (4) to execute them in concert with his fellow-dancers.

Timing.—As the movements and the figures of the dance are but the translation, in terms of bodily action, of the music which accompanies them, the dancer when learning a dance should first of all listen carefully to the tune, and, if possible, memorise it. In particular he should note the number and relative lengths of the several phrases, and calculate the number of steps that can be danced to each of them.

Phrasing.—It is just as necessary for the dancer to phrase his steps and movements as it is for the musician to phrase his notes and strains, or for the writer to punctuate his sentences. The purpose in each case is the same—to define and make intelligible what would otherwise be ambiguous or meaningless. A series of equally accented dance-steps, musical sounds, or verbal syllables, conveys no meaning until by the periodic recurrence of stronger accents the steps, sounds, or words, are separated into groups, co-ordinated, and some sort of relationship established between them.

Technically, the dancer phrases his movements by gradating the accents which he imparts to his steps, usually giving the strongest accent to the first step of a group and the weakest to the last. The strength of the step-accent depends partly upon foot-spring, but mainly upon body-balance, that is to say, less upon the strength of the spring forward than upon the momentum generated and controlled by the inclination of the body in the direction of motion. Before beginning a movement from rest, therefore, the dancer should throw his weight on to one foot and adjust the inclination of his body so that the first step of his phrase may be made with the requisite emphasis.

The dancer must never make any movement in the dance, however insignificant, that is not phrased, *i.e.*, executed rhythmically in accord with the music. This injunction must be held to apply as much to arm-movements as to steps. For instance, in giving or taking a hand, he should begin the movement in plenty of time—two or three beats beforehand—and raise and move the arm in rhythm with the music. The arms, when not actively employed, should hang loosely by the sides and be allowed to swing or move as they will.

Continuity.—The directions given in the notation are divided into Parts, figures, &c., only for the sake of clearness of description. The aim of the dancer should be to conceal, not to call attention to, these divisions. The dance should be regarded as one continuous movement as complete and organic in structure as the movements of a symphony.

Concerted Movement.—The performer in a concerted dance has not only to consider his own individual movements, but to relate them to those of his companions in the dance. The expert figure-dancer is probably far more conscious of the movements of his fellow-dancers than of his own; indeed, his pleasure, as well as theirs, depends very largely upon the completeness with which he effaces his own personality and loses himself in the dance.

STYLE.

The foregoing explanations will, it is hoped, enable the reader to interpret the figures described in the notations that are presently to follow. The dancer should, however, be reminded that technical proficiency has no value except as an aid to artistic expression, and indeed, if it be not so used, the dance will never rise above the level of a physical exercise.

Although in the nature of things it is impossible to instruct the dancer how he may impart æsthetic significance to his physical movements, there are certain general considerations to which his attention may profitably be directed.

The folk-dance, owing to its corporate, unconscious origin, is essentially an impersonal dance, a unique instrument for the expression of those ideas and emotions that are held and felt collectively, but peculiarly unfitted for the exploitation of personal idiosyncrasies. The folk-dance, therefore, is emphatically not the place for the display of those self-conscious airs and graces, fanciful posings and so forth, that play so large a part in dances of a more conventional order. The dancer must put these aside and seek elsewhere for material upon which to mould his style, and this he will find in the character of the dance itself.

The dominant characteristic of the Country Dance is its “gay simplicity.” Every movement should, therefore, be executed quietly, easily, and with economy of motion, and in a simple, unaffected manner. The Country Dance is, moreover, a mannered dance, gentle and gracious, formal in a simple, straightforward way, but above all gay and sociable. The spirit of merriment, however, although never wholly absent from the dance, is not always equally obvious.

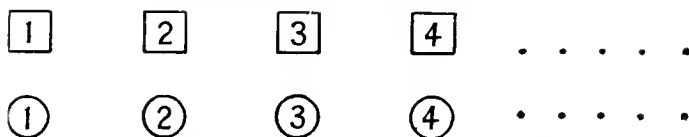
The clue to the emotional variations of the dance will be found in the accompanying music. The dance is but the interpretation, or translation, in terms of bodily action, of the music upon which it is woven, just as the melody of the song is primarily the expression of the text. The style of the dance is, therefore, determined by the character of its tune.

It should be added that any spectacular qualities that the Country Dance may possess are fortuitous, or, rather, the inevitable outcome of the perfect fashioning of means to an end. Its beauty, being implicit, needs no artificial embellishment. An elaborate theatrical setting would be as irrelevant and impertinent as for the dancers to deck themselves in rich and fanciful costumes. All that the dancers need is plenty of space, an even, non-slippery floor, and dresses which will allow to the body and limbs complete freedom of action.

NOTATION.

THE TWENTY-NINTH OF MAY.

Longways for as many as will.



MUSIC.		MOVEMENTS.
<p>FIRST PART. (Duple Minor-Set.)</p>		
A1	1-8	First and second couples whole-poussette (r.s.).
B1	Bar 1	First man and second woman change places (r.s.).
	Bar 2	Second man and first woman change places (r.s.)
	Bar 3	First and second couples hands-four two slips clockwise.
	4-6	Same couples hands-four six slips, counter-clockwise, to places.
	7-8	First couple casts down into second place, while second couple moves up into first place (r.s.) (progressive).
<p>SECOND PART. (Duple Minor-Set.)</p>		
A1	1-4	First man and second woman fall back two small steps, and then dance back-to-back, to places (r.s.).
	5-8	Second man and first woman do the same.
B1	1-6	First and second couples hands-four once-and-a-half round, men falling on the women's side, and women on the men's, and first couple below second couple.
	7-8	Partners cross over and change places (progressive).
<p>THIRD PART. (Duple Minor-Set.)</p>		
A1	1-4	First man and first woman cross over, cast down, meet below the second couple, move up between second couple and stand, side by side, facing up (r.s.).
	5-8	Second man, first woman, first man, and second woman, four abreast, face up, take hands, move forward a double, and fall back a double (r.s.).
B1	Bar 1	First and second men honour, respectively, second and first women.
	Bar 2	First and second men honour their partners.
	3-4	First man turns second woman; while second man turns first woman (r.s.).
	5-8	First and second men turn their partners, first couple falling into second place and second couple into first place (r.s.) (progressive).

SCOTCH CAP.

Longways for six.

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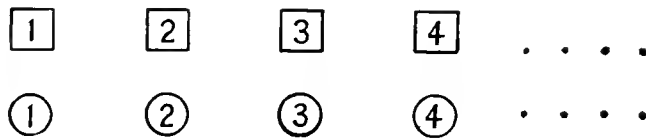
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MUSIC.		MOVEMENTS.
FIRST PART.		
A	1-4	All lead up a double and fall back a double to places.
	5-8	That again.
B1	1-4	First and second women and second and third men fall back two steps, cross over and change places, first woman with second man and second woman with third man (r.s.).
	5-8	First man and third woman cross over, and change places.
B2	1-8	All that again to places.
SECOND PART.		
A	1-4	Partners side.
	5-8	That again.
B1	1-4	The men take hands, fall back a double and move forward a double to places; while the women do the same (r.s.).
	5-8	First and third men, first and third women, and second man and second woman arm with the right and fall back to places (r.s.).
B2	1-4	As in B1.
	5-8	Partners turn (r.s.).
THIRD PART.		
A	1-4	Partners arm with the right.
	5-8	Partners arm with the left.
B1	1-2	The men go four slips up, while the women go four slips down, so that third man faces first woman.
	3-8	The straight-hey, handing, danced progressively, three changes, to places. In the first change, third man and first woman pass by the right; in the second change, third man and second woman, and second man and first woman pass by the left; and in the third and last change, second man turns his partner once round with the right hand, while first and third men turn their partners three-quarters round (r.s.).
B2	1-8	Same movement as in B1, except that the men slip down and the women slip up, and that first man and third woman begin the progressive hey, giving left hands, and passing by the left.

INDIAN QUEEN.

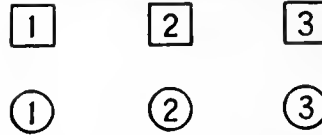
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MUSIC.		MOVEMENTS.
		DUPLE MINOR-SET.
A1	1-4	First man and second woman move forward setting to each other and fall back to places, turning single as they do so.
	5-8	First man turns second woman (r.s.).
A2	1-8	Second man and first woman do the same.
B1	1-4	First and second couples right-hands-across (sk.s.).
	5-8	First and second couples left-hands-across (sk.s.).
B2	1-4	Partners go back-to-back (r.s.).
	5-8	Circular-hey, three changes, partners facing (progressive) (sk.s.).

THE BOATMAN.

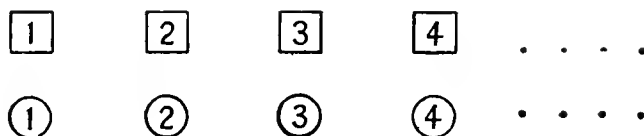
Longways for six.



MUSIC.		MOVEMENTS.
<i>Running-step throughout the dance.</i>		
FIRST PART.		
A1	1-4 5-8	All lead up a double and fall back a double to places. Partners set and turn single.
A2	1-8	All that again.
B1	1-4 5-8	First couple and second man the straight-hey, four changes (the three standing in line, second man in the middle facing first woman and passing her by the right); while the third couple and second woman do the same (the latter facing third man and passing him by the right). First and third men turn their partners once round; while second man and second woman move into their own places and turn each other half-way round. <i>All are now in their opposite places.</i>
B2	1-4 5-8	As in B1, except that second man heys with third couple (facing third woman and passing her by the right) while second woman heys with first couple (facing first man and passing him by the right). Partners turn as in B1, to places.
SECOND PART.		
A1	1-4 5-8	Sides all. Partners set and turn single.
A2	1-8	All that again.
B1	1-2 3-4 5-8	First couple and second man hands-three half-way round and stand in line facing down, second man in the middle; while third couple and second woman do likewise and stand in line facing up, second woman in the middle. Still holding hands, all fall back two steps and move forward two steps. Second man and second woman meet in the middle of the Set, turn each other once-and-a-quarter round and fall into the middle station (improper); while first and third men turn their partners once round. <i>All are now in their opposite places.</i>
B2	1-2 3-8	As in B1, except that second man hands-three half-way round with third couple, second woman with first couple. As in B1, to places.
THIRD PART.		
A1	1-4 5-8	Partners arm with the right. Partners set and turn single.
A2	1-4 5-8	Partners arm with the left. Partners set and turn single.
B1	1-4 5-8	First and third men and second woman hands-three round second man to places. Second man turns his partner.
B2	1-4 5-8	First and third women and second man hands three round second woman to places. Second man turns his partner.

MAIDS' MORRIS.

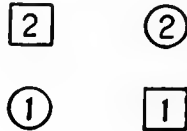
Longways for as many as will.



MUSIC.		MOVEMENTS.
<p>DUPLE MINOR-SET.</p>		
A	1-4	First and second men take hands, fall back a double, and then move forward a double to places, turning single as they do so (r.s.).
	5-8	First and second women do the same.
B1	1-2	First and second couples hands-four four slips clockwise.
	3-4	All four turn single.
	5-6	First and second couples hands-four four slips counter-clockwise to places.
	7-8	All turn single.
B2	1-6	Circular-hey to places, four changes, partners facing.
		First man leads first woman down the middle into second place; while second man and second woman cast up into first place (r.s.) (progressive).

PARSON'S FAREWELL.

For four.



MUSIC.		MOVEMENTS.
		FIRST PART.
	1-2	Couples advance a double and meet (w.s.).
	3-4	First man and first woman move sideways four slips up; while second man and second woman move sideways four slips down.
	5-6	All fall back a double (w.s.).
	7-8	First man and first woman move sideways four slips down; while second man and second woman move sideways four slips up, to places.
B1	1-2	The two men rise on the first beat of the bar (<i>i.e.</i> , standing with feet parallel and close together, they rise on the toes of both feet and then lower the heels to the ground). The two women rise on the first beat of the second bar.
	3-4	All rise four times, on the first and middle beats of each bar.
	5-8	First man turns second woman; while second man turns first woman (sk.s.).
B2	1-2	The two women rise on the first beat of the first bar. The two men rise on the first beat of the second bar.
	3-8	The same as in B1.
		SECOND PART.
A	1-2	Couples move forward a double and meet (w.s.).
	3-4	First man leads second woman up a double; while second man leads first woman down a double (r.s.).
	5-6	All four turn round, face in the opposite direction, and change hands. First man then leads second woman down a double; while the second man leads first woman up a double (r.s.).
	7-8	All release hands and partners fall back to places, holding right hands.
B1	Bar 1	The two men meet (sk.s.), and take right hands.
	Bar 2	Releasing right hands, they clasp left hands.
	3-4	First man passes second man by the left, turns second woman with his right hand and moves into second man's place; while second man turns first woman with his right hand and moves into first man's place (sk.s.).
	5-6	The two men meet again, clasp right, and then left hands.
	7-8	Passing each other, by the left, first man turns his partner with his right hand and returns to his place; while second man does the same (sk.s.).

NOTATION.

PARSON'S FAREWELL—*continued.*

MUSIC.	MOVEMENTS.
<i>SECOND PART—continued.</i>	
B2	Bar 1 The two women meet (sk.s.), and clasp left hands.
	Bar 2 They release left and join right hands.
	3-4 First woman, passing second woman by the right, turns second man with her left hand and moves into second woman's place; while second woman turns first man with her left hand and moves into first woman's place (sk.s.).
	5-6 The two women meet (sk.s.), clasp left hands and then right.
	7-8 Passing each other by the right, each woman turns her partner with her left hand and moves into her place (sk.s.).
<i>THIRD PART.</i>	
A	1-2 The two men face their partners, take them by both hands, move sideways four slips toward each other, and meet.
	3-4 First man faces second woman, takes her by both hands and moves sideways four slips up; while second man faces first woman, takes her by both hands and moves sideways four slips down.
	5-6 The same couples move sideways four slips toward each other and meet.
	7-8 First man takes his partner by the right hand and falls back to his place; while second man does the same with his partner (w.s.).
B1	1-2 First man turns his partner with his right hand; while second man does the same with his partner (sk.s.).
	3-4 The two men cross over and change places (sk.s.).
	5-8 Partners face, and all dance the circular-hey (two changes); whereupon each man turns his partner half-way round and changes places with her (sk.s.).
B2	1-2 First and second men turn their partners with left hands.
	3-4 The two women cross over and change places, passing by the left (sk.s.)
	5-8 Partners face, and all dance the circular-hey; whereupon each man turns his partner half-way round and changes places with her (sk.s.).

MUSIC.

NOTES FOR MUSICIAN.

THE dances to which the tunes in this volume belong are divided into two or more parts of equal length. The music in the text is in each case that which is required for the accompaniment of a single part. In non-progressive dances, therefore, the music with the repeats as printed, must be played as many times as there are parts. When, however, a part is progressive, the music to that part must be repeated as often as the dancers direct.

For the guidance of the musician the number and character (*i.e.*, progressive or otherwise) of the parts, into which each dance is divided, are given in the score.

Metronome figures are given only in those cases where there is traditional authority upon which to compute them. The *tempo* must always depend upon the character of the tune and of the dance and, to a certain extent, upon the disposition of the dancers and the accompanist. M.M. ♩ or ♩ = 116—138, being based upon the custom and practice of recent years, may, perhaps, be given as a general guide.

The edition and date at the head of the tune refer to the collections of John Playford entitled "The English Dancing Master."

THE TWENTY-NINTH OF MAY.

Longways for as many as will; in three parts,
all of which are progressive.

(7th Ed. 1686.)

Arranged by Cecil J. Sharp.

A1

1 2 3 4

Musical notation for section A1, measures 1-4. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/2. The notation is for a grand staff with treble and bass clefs. Measures 1-4 are numbered 1, 2, 3, and 4 respectively.

5 6 7 8

Musical notation for section A1, measures 5-8. Measures 5-8 are numbered 5, 6, 7, and 8 respectively.

B1

1 2 3 4

Musical notation for section B1, measures 1-4. Measures 1-4 are numbered 1, 2, 3, and 4 respectively.

5 6 7 8

Musical notation for section B1, measures 5-8. Measures 5-8 are numbered 5, 6, 7, and 8 respectively.

D. C. ad lib.

SCOTCH CAP.

Longways for Six; in three parts.
(1st Ed. 1850.)

Arranged by Cecil J. Sharp.

The musical score is presented in five systems, each consisting of a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), and the time signature is 6/8. The score is divided into sections labeled A, B1, and B2. Measures are numbered sequentially from 1 to 8 across the systems. Section A covers measures 1-4. Section B1 covers measures 5-8 and includes a first ending (B1) at the end of measure 8. Section B2 covers measures 9-12 and includes a second ending (B2) at the end of measure 12. The notation includes various rhythmic values, slurs, and articulation marks.

INDIAN QUEEN.

Longways for as many as will;
progressive dance in one part.
11th Ed. 170L)

Arranged by Cecil J. Sharp.

A1 & 2

1 2 3 4

5 6 7 8 1

2 3 4 5 6

B2

7 8 1 2 3

4 5 6 7 8

THE BOATMAN.

Longways for Six; in three parts.
(1st Ed. 1650.)

Arranged by Cecil J. Sharp.

A1

1 2 3 4

B1

5 6 7 8 1

2 3 4 5 6

B2

7 8 1 2 3

4 5 6 7 8

MAIDS' MORRIS.

Longways for as many as will;
progressive dance in one part.
(8th Ed. 1690.)

Arranged by Cecil J. Sharp.

The musical score is arranged in five systems, each consisting of a treble and bass staff. The time signature is 2/2. The key signature has one sharp (F#).

- System A:** Measures 1-4. Treble clef has a melodic line with slurs and a repeat sign. Bass clef has a harmonic accompaniment.
- System B1:** Measures 5-8. Treble clef continues the melodic line. Bass clef accompaniment.
- System B2:** Measures 9-12. Treble clef continues the melodic line. Bass clef accompaniment.
- System B3:** Measures 13-16. Treble clef continues the melodic line. Bass clef accompaniment.
- System B4:** Measures 17-20. Treble clef continues the melodic line. Bass clef accompaniment.

PARSON'S FAREWELL.

For Four; in three parts.
(1st Ed. 1850.)

Arranged by Cecil J. Sharp.

The musical score is arranged in five systems, each consisting of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The score is divided into sections labeled A, B1, and B2. Section A (measures 1-5) features a vocal line with a melodic line and a piano accompaniment with chords numbered 1 through 5. Section B1 (measures 6-11) continues the vocal melody and piano accompaniment, with chords numbered 6 through 8. Section B2 (measures 12-17) shows the vocal line and piano accompaniment with chords numbered 7 through 8. The piano accompaniment includes various musical notations such as slurs, accents, and dynamic markings.

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