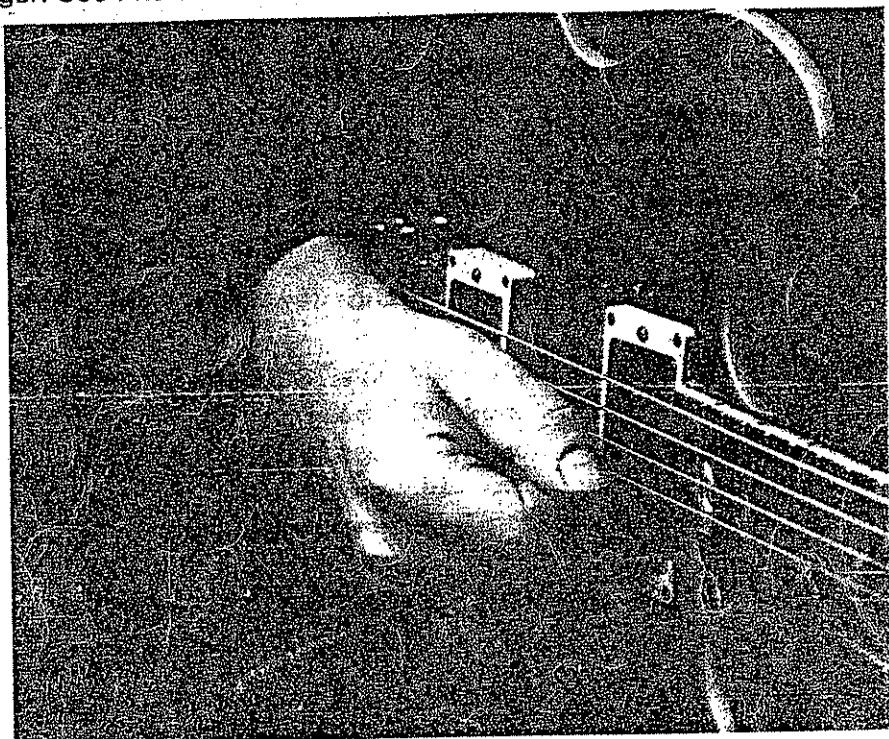


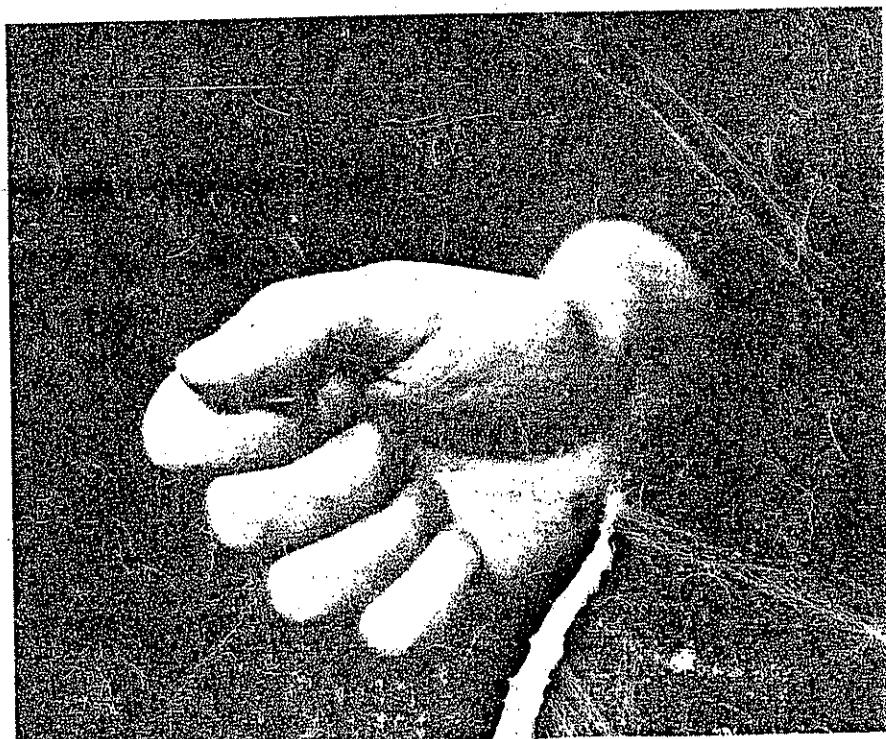
## HOLDING THE PICK

The hand should be suspended above the guitar, with no anchoring of the second, third, or fourth fingers on the pick guard or guitar body. The pick is held between the thumb and side of the forefinger. See Photos A and B.

A



B



The thumb and forefinger work together as a single unit. For single line playing, the arm and hand move from these two fingers.

## PICKING THE STRINGS

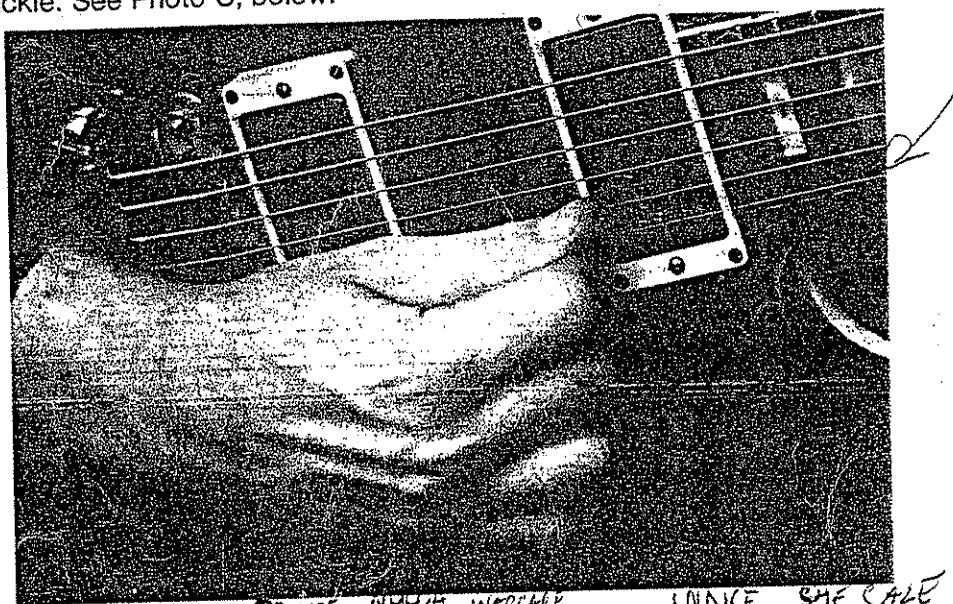
### Movement

*Tecce*

Next, initiate the down (↑) stroke on the first (or E) string. Position the right hand so that the pick will move flat across the string and only move a short distance. Do not rest the pick on the string prior to attack. The pick is then pushed across the first string (E) with the collapse of the thumb knuckle. See Photo C, below.

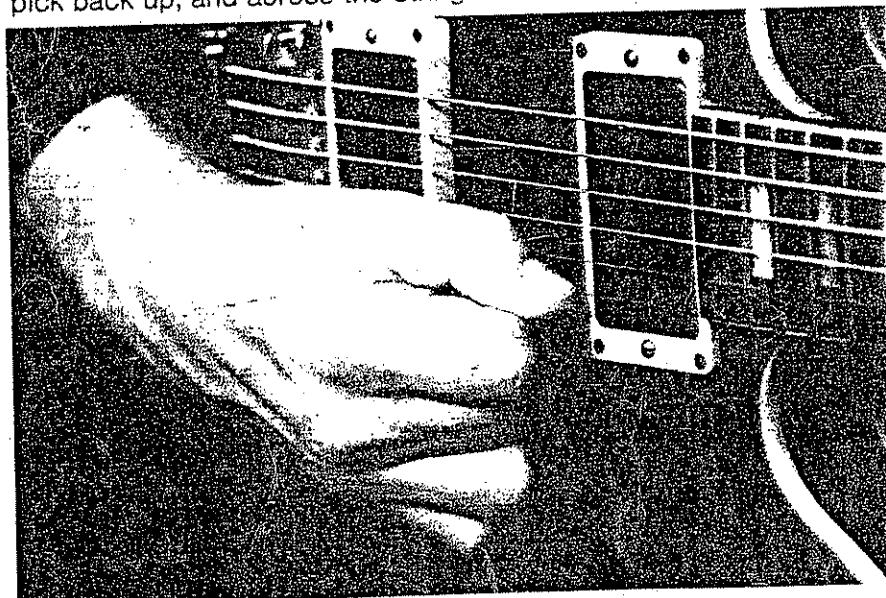
*Arpeggiate*

*Durina*



C

To initiate the up (↓) stroke, the thumb knuckle arches with the forefinger pushing upward; this moves the pick back up, and across the string. See Photo D, below.



D

This is a subtle movement, so observe it carefully and diligently in all of its applications.

To initiate pick attacks on the remaining open strings, the hand shifts to the appropriate position for each string. This assures that all six strings will be picked in the same manner, assuring continuity of sound and form, as well as accuracy.

In the following exercises, begin practice by setting a slow tempo. Beginning and intermediate students should use a metronome until an even sense of rhythm is developed. Concentrate on all required movements and the two fundamental axioms. When this process becomes accurate and second nature, velocity will come automatically.

These exercises are best learned by playing them slowly and carefully. The thumb knuckle collapses on **T**, and arches on **V**. Don't reach for the next string with the fingers, shift the hand.

X/10 → 2.

10. *Wk*

4.

6.

8.

10.

12.

14.

16.

# THE BASIS

Why study the right-hand of pick-style guitar, independently from the left hand? Namely, it is important to develop a technique (always with a view to a musical statement), which will allow modern guitarists to play all types and styles of music. It becomes necessary to focus on the right hand because this is where the instrument's sound is initiated. Some of the requirements placed on the right-hand are: dynamics, differences in texture, repeated notes, rapid scalar and arpeggiated figures, wide leaps between strings. The hand must be trained to respond accurately and quickly, according to a wide variety of musical demands.

The following method is one of several methods for right hand and right arm movement. Some players advocate playing with the arm and wrist locked, with motion occurring only at the elbow. Still others advocate all three possible motions, fingers, wrist and arm.

These studies fall under the last category. Approximately 90% of the motion comes from the fingers and wrist (depending on whether one is playing chords or single lines). This technique provides for the most efficiency and its usage is widespread amongst prominent guitarists today.

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## STARTING POINTS

Two fundamental axioms must be remembered in regards to right hand movement:

1. The pick moves flat across the picked string (no slicing).
2. The shorter the stroke (distance) the pick travels, the better.

In the first instance, this insures good tone production. The latter is a necessity for eventually attaining a rapid picking technique.

Further, there exists a plethora of pick gauges and shapes. It is recommended the student use a heavy gauge, jazz-style pick. The heavy gauge will allow the guitarist to vary the hardness or softness of the attack. The jazz-style pick will enable the player to maintain better control of it.

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This is the introduction to repeated note picking. Groups of two, three, and four notes will have an accent placed over the first note of each group.

17.

V V V V V V

18.

V V V V V V

19.

V V V V V V V V V V V V

20.

V V V V V V V V V V V V

21.

V V V V V V V V V V V V

22.

V V V V V V V V V V V V

23.

V V V V V V V V V V V V

Here, we encounter cross-string picking involving two adjacent strings. Its mastery is essential. Watch for different demands placed on your hand. The  $\text{F}$  or  $\text{V}$  can be initiated on the "outside" or on the "inside" of two adjacent strings. The latter tends to be more tricky. Note: beginning with No. 30, play each repeat four (4) times, then D and play straight through without repeats. In future, apply this procedure to all similarly notated exercises.

A musical score for page 31, measures 1-10. The score consists of two staves. The top staff is in common time (indicated by 'C') and has a key signature of one sharp (F#). The bottom staff is also in common time and has a key signature of one sharp (F#). Measure 1 starts with a whole note followed by a half note. Measures 2-4 show a pattern of eighth notes. Measures 5-6 show a pattern of sixteenth notes. Measures 7-10 show a continuation of the sixteenth-note pattern. The score is labeled "31. Vn Vn etc. > > etc." at the beginning.

A musical score for section 33, featuring a treble clef staff. The staff contains various rhythmic patterns, including eighth and sixteenth note groups. There are also rests and specific markings such as 'V V etc.' and 'D.' at the end of the measure.

D.

A musical score for Exercise 35, page 26. The score consists of two staves. The top staff is a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp. It features a melodic line with several slurs and grace notes. Above the staff, the instruction "etc." is written twice. The bottom staff is a bass clef staff with a key signature of one sharp. It contains a harmonic line consisting of eighth-note pairs. The measure numbers 1 through 10 are placed above the top staff, corresponding to each measure. The tempo is indicated as 60 BPM.

D.C.

V n V n V n etc.  
V n V n etc.

D.C.

V □ V · □ V etc.  
V \_\_\_\_\_ etc.

V n n V etc.  
etc.

V n V n etc.  
etc.

D.C.

■ V ■ V etc.  
W etc.

A musical score for piano featuring a single melodic line. The score includes dynamic markings such as **V**, **V etc.**, **> etc.**, and **D.S.**. The music consists of six measures of music on a single staff, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature.

D.C.

$V \leftarrow V \sqcup$  etc.

D.G.

This section combines cross-string with repeated note picking. Play all notes evenly, as there is a tendency to speed up on the repeated notes, especially the sixteenth notes. Remember, the shorter the stroke the better.

42.

V    V    V    V    V etc.

43.

V    V    V    V    V etc.

44.

V    V    V    V    V etc.

45.

V    V    V    V    V etc.

46A.

V    V    V    V    V etc.  
etc.

D.C.

46B.

V    V    V    V    V etc.  
etc.

D.C.

V V V etc.  
etc.

A handwritten musical score consisting of a single melodic line on a five-line staff. The music begins with a treble clef, a common time signature, and a key signature of one sharp. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth note patterns, primarily in the soprano range. There are two vertical bar lines, suggesting a repeat or section of the piece. The score concludes with the instruction "D.C." at the end of the staff.

D.C.

A musical score for a six-string guitar. The staff begins with a 'V' above the first two notes, followed by 'etc.' and another 'V' above the next two notes. The melody consists of eighth-note pairs, quarter notes, and sixteenth-note patterns. The score includes a key signature of one sharp, a common time signature, and a bass clef. The guitar strings are indicated by vertical lines on the left side of the staff.

A handwritten musical score consisting of a single melodic line on a staff. The staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature. The melody consists of eighth-note patterns, primarily quarter note followed by a sixteenth-note pair. There are two measures of rests indicated by vertical bars. The score concludes with a double bar line and the instruction "D.C." at the top right.

3. V n V n V n etc.  
etc.

The image shows a handwritten musical score for Exercise 3. It consists of a single staff with six measures. The first measure starts with a vertical bar line followed by a 'V' and a 'n'. The second measure starts with a vertical bar line followed by another 'V' and 'n'. The third measure starts with a vertical bar line followed by a 'V' and 'n'. The fourth measure starts with a vertical bar line followed by a 'V' and 'n'. The fifth measure starts with a vertical bar line followed by a 'V' and 'n'. The sixth measure starts with a vertical bar line followed by a 'V' and 'n'. The notes are represented by small dots on the staff. The time signature '6/8' is written at the beginning of the staff. The key signature has one sharp sign. The staff has four ledger lines extending downwards from the top line. The notes are placed on the top line and the ledger lines. The 'V' and 'n' symbols are placed above the staff. The word 'etc.' is written twice, once after the third measure and once after the fourth measure.

D.C.

A.

6

8

V V V etc.  
etc.

D.C.

D.C.

49B.

2 6

8

V V V V etc.  
etc.

D.C.

D.C.

50.

5

8

□ □ V etc.  
etc.

D.C.

D.C.

52.

5

8

□ □ V etc.  
etc.

D.C.

D.

54.

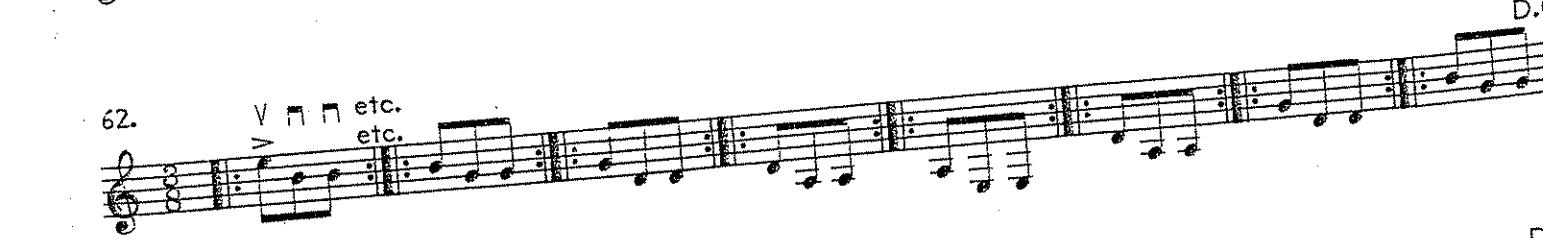
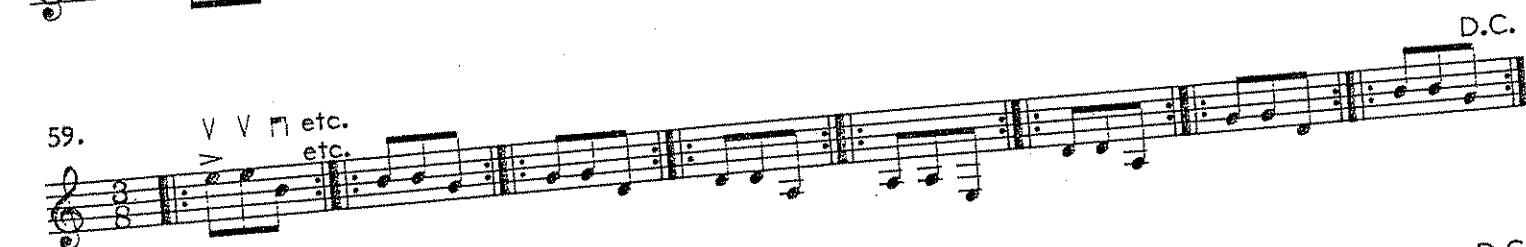
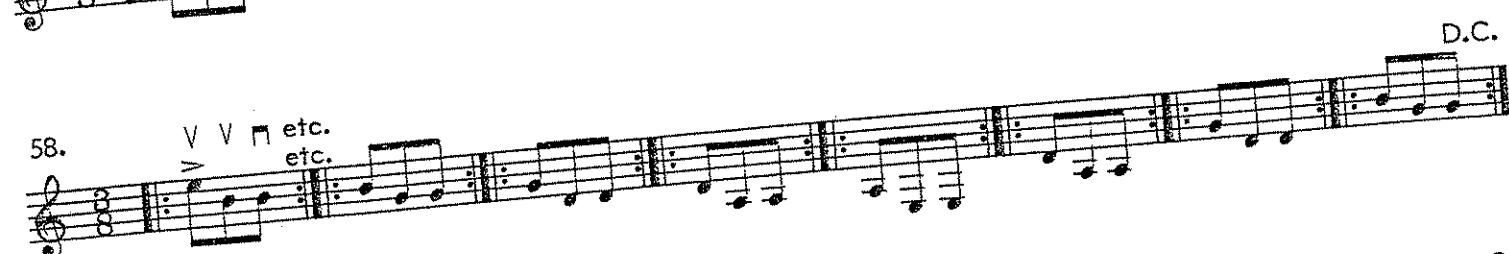
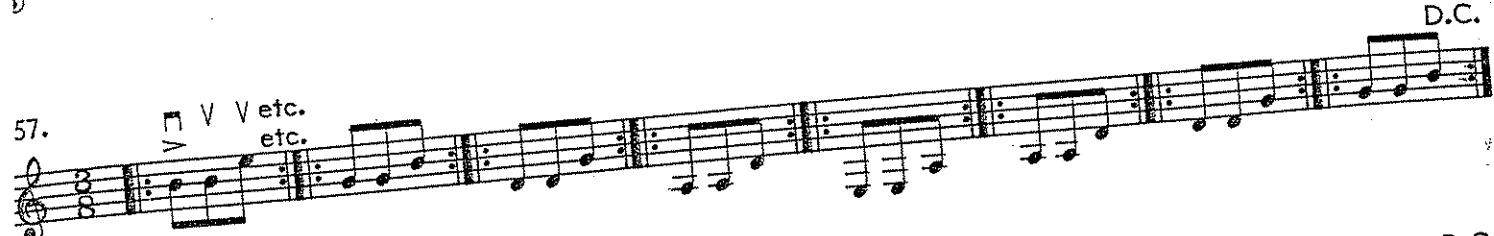
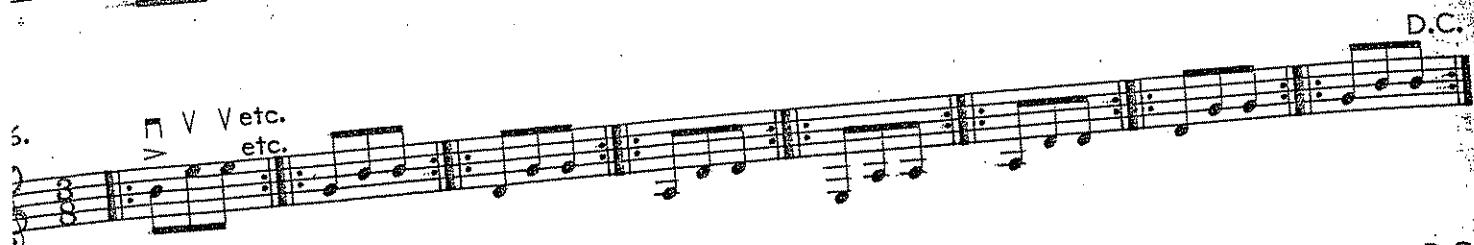
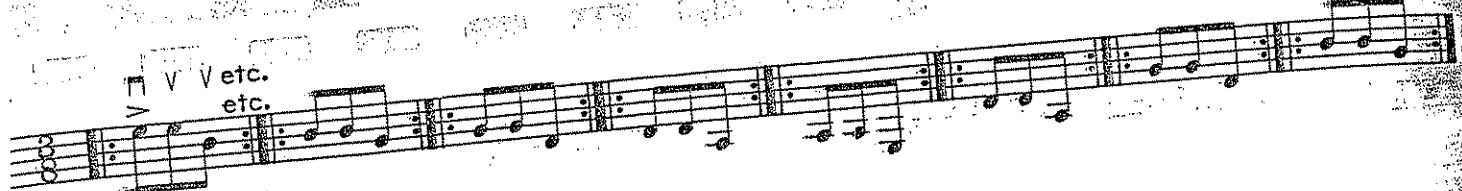
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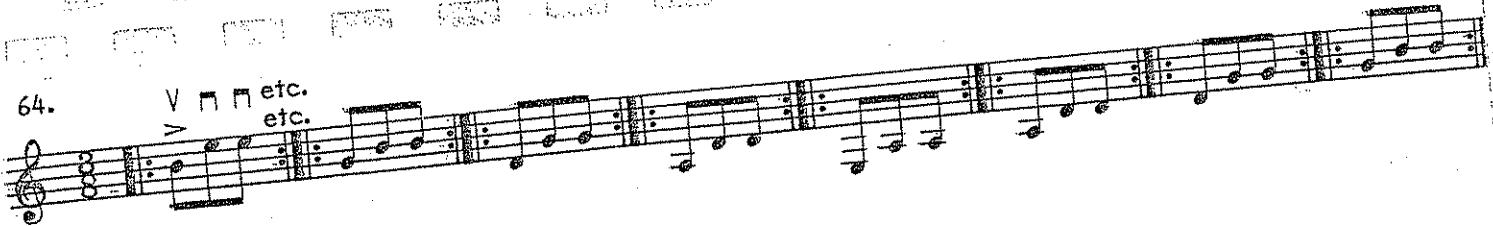
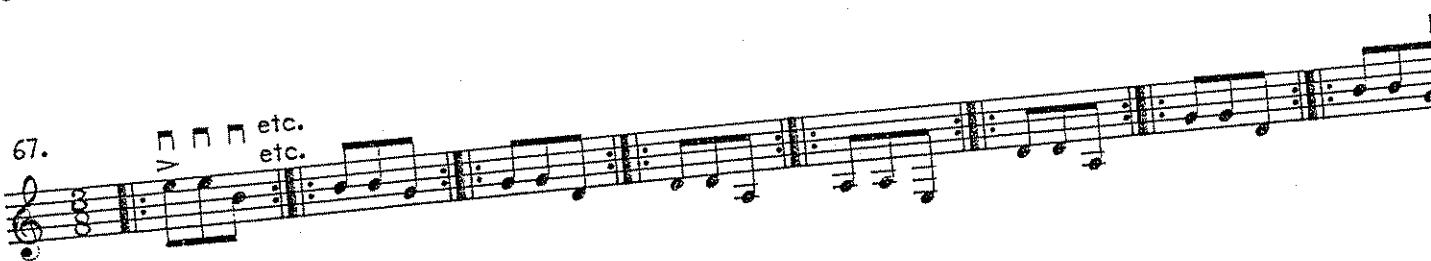
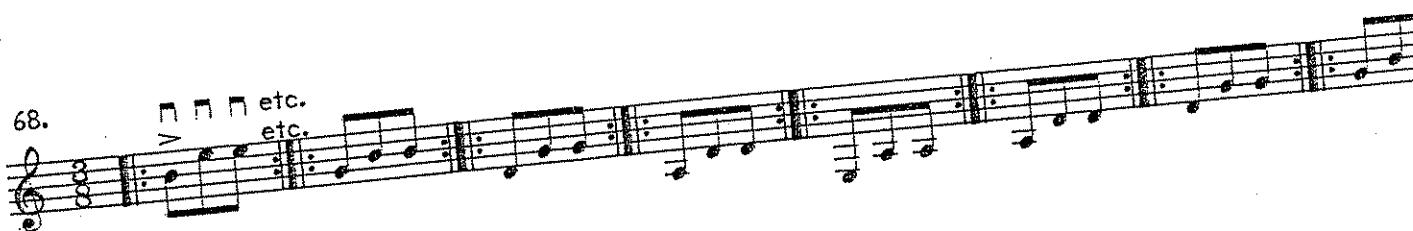
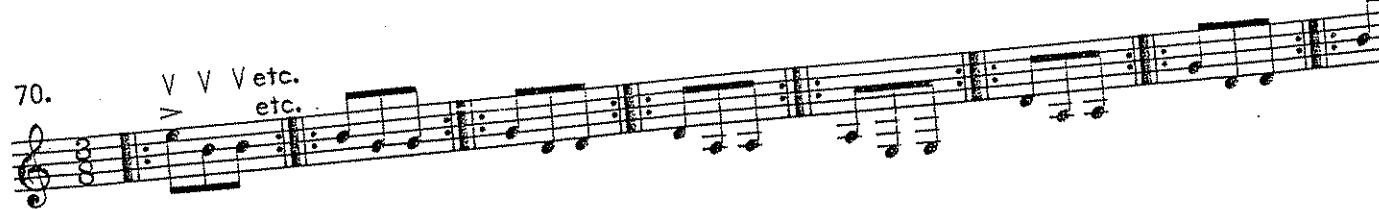
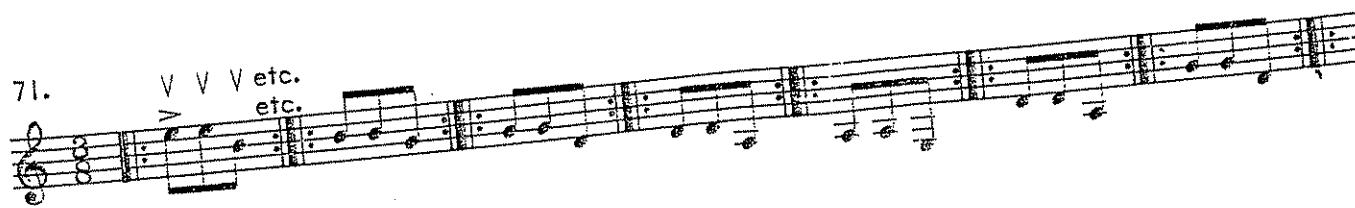
□ V V etc.  
etc.

D.

D.C.



D.C.

64. V □ □ etc.  
etc.65. V □ □ etc.  
etc.66. □ □ □ etc.  
etc.67. □ □ □ etc.  
etc.68. □ □ □ etc.  
etc.69. □ □ □ etc.  
etc.70. V V V etc.  
etc.71. V V V etc.  
etc.

D.C.

V V V etc.  
etc.

>

V V V etc.  
etc.

>

V V V etc.  
etc.  
etc.

>

9. V V V etc.  
etc.  
etc.

>

D.C.

D.C.

D.C.

D.C.

D.C.

D.C.

D.C.

This section involves an awkward configuration between cross-string and repeated note pickings.

8. V □ V □ V etc.  
etc.

D.C.

D.C.

B. V □ V □ V etc.  
etc.

D.C.

D.C.

81A. V □ V □ V etc.  
etc.

D.C.

D.C.

81B. V □ V etc.  
etc.

D.C.

D.C.

86. V □ □ V □ □ etc.  
etc.

D.C.

D.C.

87. V □ □ V □ □ etc.  
etc.

D.C.

D.C.

88. V V □ V V □ etc.  
etc.

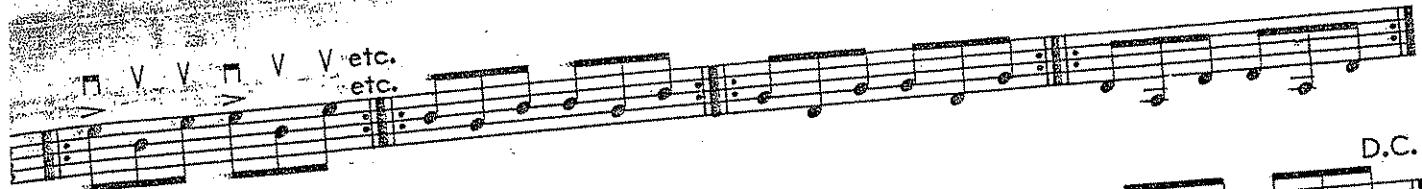
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D.

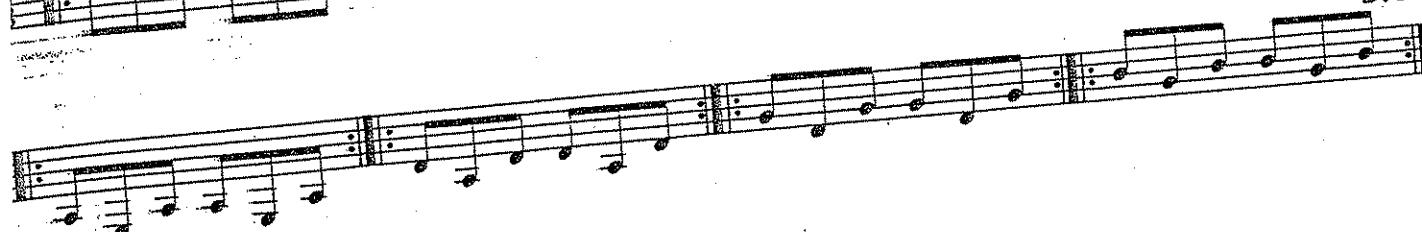
89. V V □ V V □ etc.  
etc.

D.

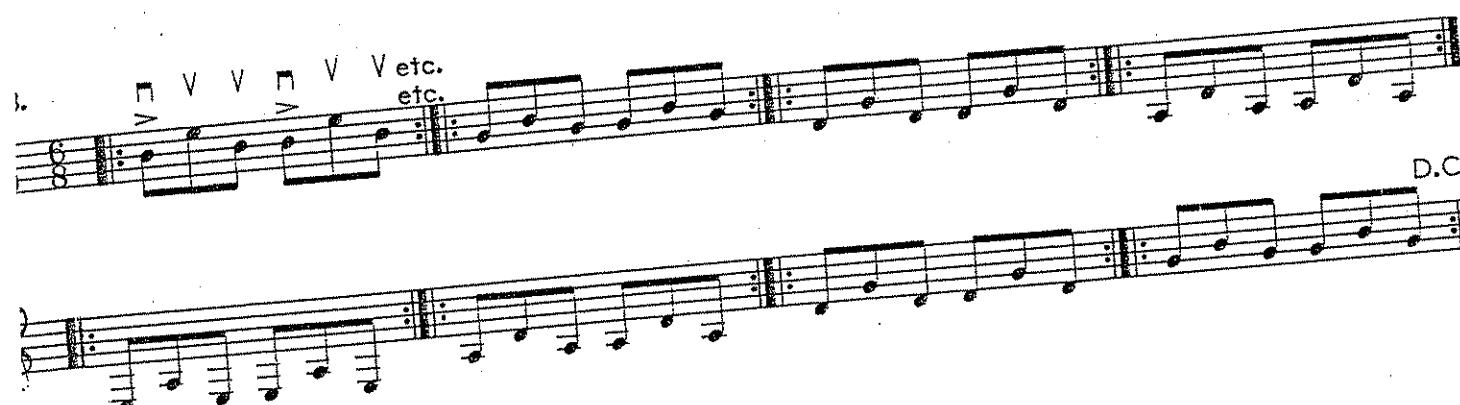
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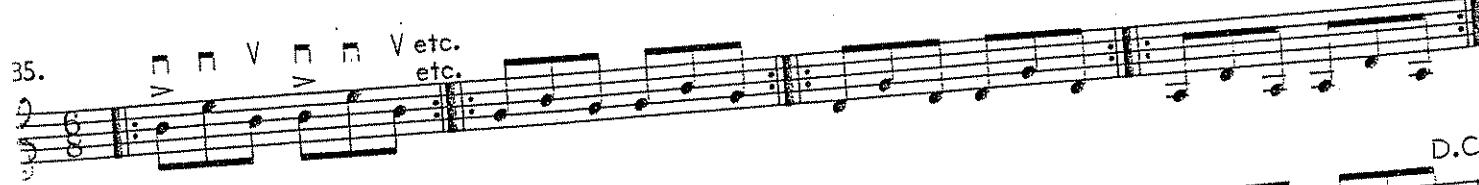
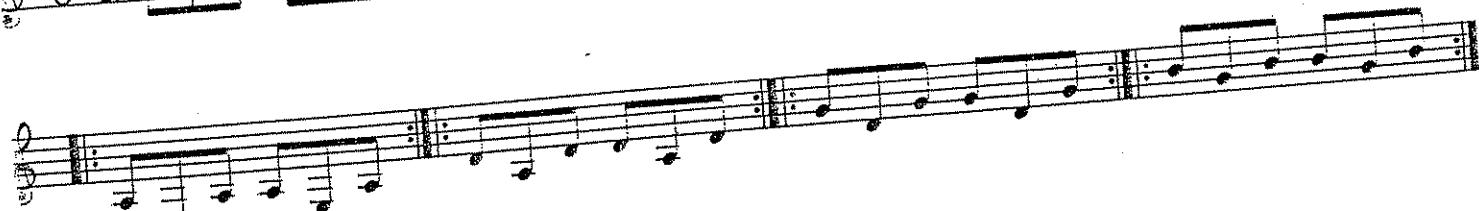
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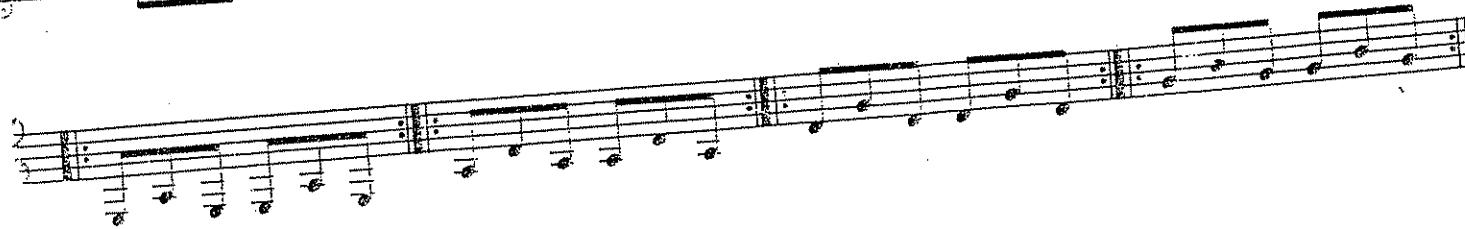
D.C.



D.C.



D.C.



90.

etc.  
etc.

D.C.

91.

etc.  
etc.

D.C.

92.

V V V V V etc.  
etc.

D.C.

93.

V V V V V etc.  
etc.

D.C.

This section involves the problem of the preceding one with a new element: skipping across the middle string in groups of three adjacent strings. This must be done cleanly. Position the hand so that the reach of the fingers is equally distributed in each direction. Do not move the hand.

1. VVV VVV etc.  
VVV VVV etc.  
VVV VVV etc.  
> >  
  
D.C.

2. VVV VVV etc.  
VVV VVV etc.  
VVV VVV etc.  
> >  
  
D.C.

3. VVV VVV etc.  
VVV VVV etc.  
VVV VVV etc.  
> >  
  
D.C.

4. VVV VVV etc.  
VVV VVV etc.  
VVV VVV etc.  
> >  
  
D.C.

5. VVV VVV etc.  
VVV VVV etc.  
VVV VVV etc.  
> >  
  
D.C.

6. VVV VVV etc.  
VVV VVV etc.  
VVV VVV etc.  
> >  
  
D.C.

7. VVV VVV etc.  
VVV VVV etc.  
VVV VVV etc.  
> >  
  
D.C.

D.C.

01. V V V V V etc.  
> > etc.

D.C.

D.C.

102. V V V V V etc.  
> > etc.

D.C.

D.C.

103. V V V V V etc.  
> > etc.

D.C.

D.C.

104. D D D D D etc.  
> > etc.

D.C.

D.C.

105. D D D D D etc.  
> > etc.

D.C.

D.C.

106. V V V V V etc.  
> > etc.

D.C.

D.C.

107. V V V V V etc.  
> > etc.

D.C.

This is a variation of No. 29; 4th up 1nd 2nd triplets are all accents as shown. Again, concentrate first on accuracy.

Apply the above formula to the following sets of adjacent strings.

111.

112.

Apply the above formula to the following sets of adjacent strings.

116.

117.

3  
5  
7

etc.  
etc.  
etc.

6

D.C.

Apply the above formula to the following sets of adjacent strings.

119.

120.

121.

122.

3  
5  
7

etc.  
etc.  
etc.

6

6

D.C.

Apply the above formula to the following sets of strings.

123.

124.

125.

126.

V etc.  
H etc.

3 3

5 5

6 6

V etc.  
H etc.

7 7

V etc.  
H etc.

D.C.

Apply the above formula to the following sets of strings.

127.

128.

129.

130.

V etc.  
H etc.

3

5

6

V etc.  
H etc.

7

V etc.  
H etc.

D.C.

Apply the above formula to the following sets of strings.

131.

132.

These exercises are closely related to stuc or han cia gu liter etc. ossi  
picking patterns are not given. The student, along with the guidance of a qualified teacher, will have to  
determine those other possibilities.

V etc. V etc.

etc.

D.C.

140. V V V V etc.  
etc.

> etc.

D.C.

These sextuplets should also be played as follows:

a. b.

141. V V V V V etc.  
etc.

6 > etc. 6 6

D.C.

142. V V V V V etc.  
etc.

> 6 > etc. 6 6

3.

V V V V V V etc. etc.

D.C.

4.

V V V V V V etc. etc.

D.C.

45.

V V V V V V etc. etc.

D.C.

46.

V V V V V V etc. etc.

D.C.



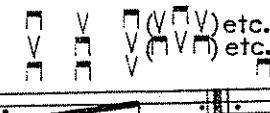
These two variations are applicable to previous and future three-note figures.

*SLEEP  
PICKING  
SLOWLY  
DOWN*

147. 

148. 

149. 

150. 

151. 

152. 

153. 

D.C.

D.C.

D.C.

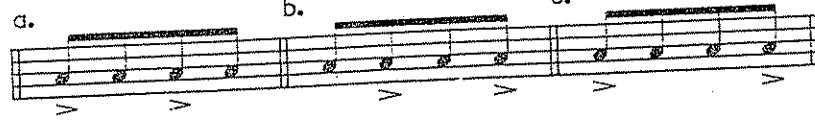
D.C.

D.C.

Play as written.

The four sixteenth notes should also be played as eighth notes and accented as follows:

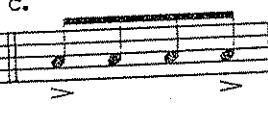
a.



b.



c.



V V V V etc.  
V V V V etc.  
etc.  
>

A musical staff with five measures. Each measure contains two eighth notes. Above each note is a small 'v' symbol with a diagonal line through it, indicating it should be played as a sixteenth note and accented. Measures 1 and 2 have two such notes each. Measures 3, 4, and 5 each have one such note followed by a regular eighth note. The staff ends with 'D.C.' at the end of measure 5.

V V V V etc.  
V V V V etc.  
etc.  
>

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V V V V etc.  
V V V V etc.  
etc.  
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V V V V etc.  
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V V V V etc.  
V V V V etc.  
etc.  
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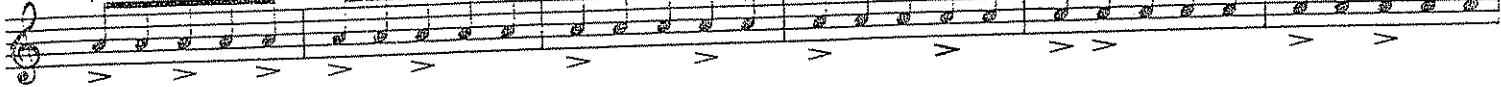
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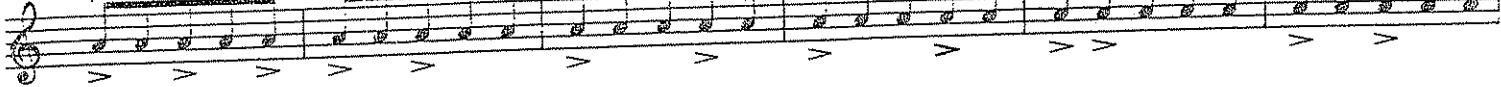
V V V V etc.  
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etc.  
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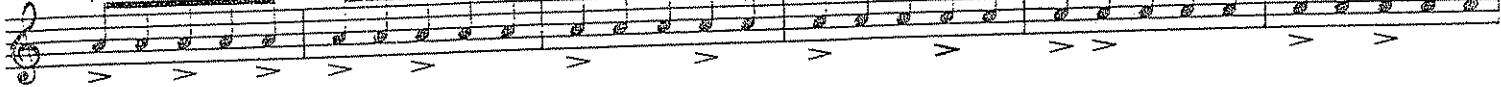
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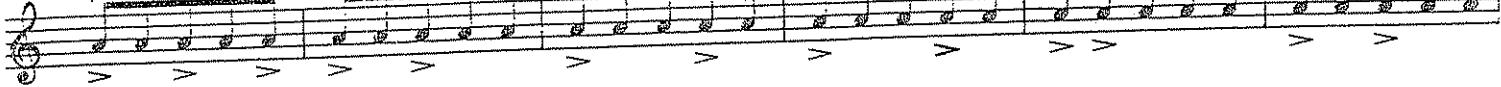
These quintuplets should be played as written in addition to the following accented rhythmic patterns:

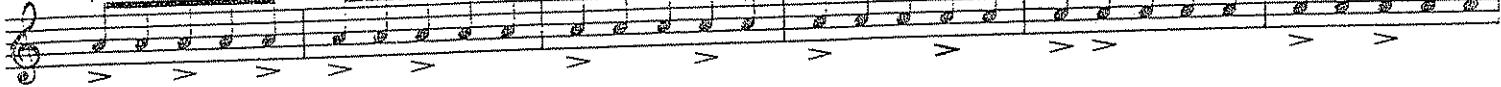
a.) 

b.) 

c.) 

d.) 

e.) 

f.) 

This sequence of patterns applies to all future groups of quintuplets.

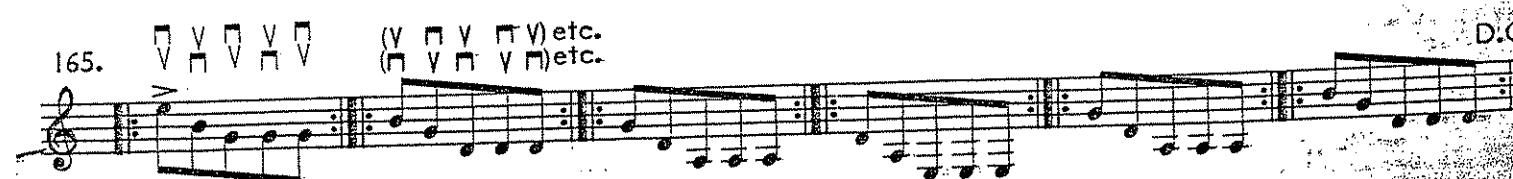
160. 

161. 

162. 

163. 

164. 

165. 

This group is to be played as indicated. In addition, apply the following patterns:

a.) 3                    b.) 6

66.

D.C.

67.

D.C.

68.

D.C.

69.

D.C.

170.

D.C.

171.

D.C.

172.  etc.

> > > etc.

D.C.



173.  etc.

> > > etc.

D.C.



174.  etc.

> > > etc.

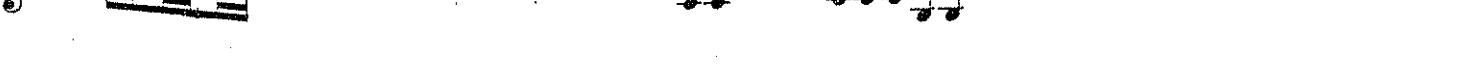
D.C.



175.  etc.

> > > etc.

D.C.

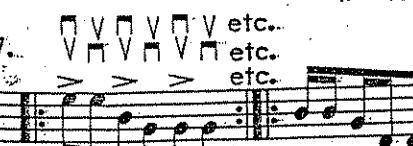


176.  etc.

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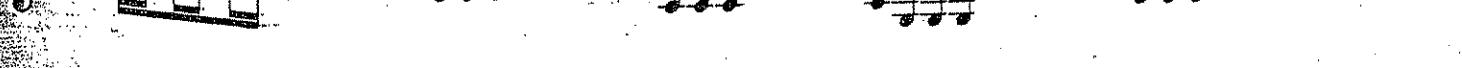
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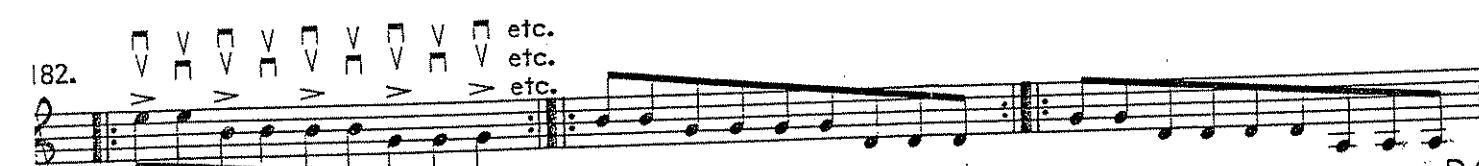
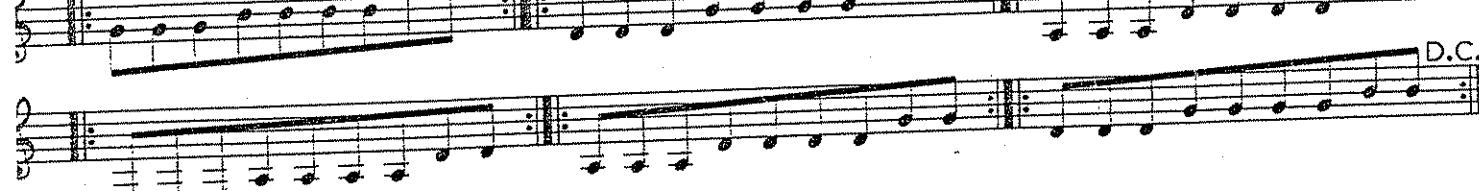
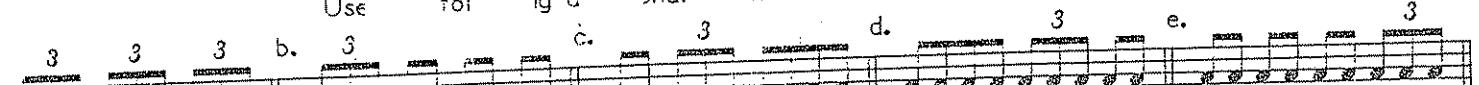
177.  etc.

> > > etc.

D.C.

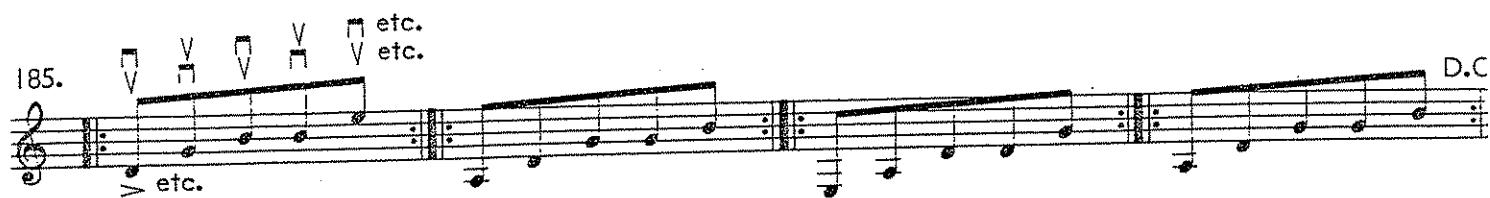


Use following oral ante iter: r th ou:



Practice using previous accented patterns for five note groups.

184.   
etc.  
etc.  
> etc. D.C.

185.   
etc.  
etc.  
> etc. D.C.

186.   
etc.  
etc.  
> etc. D.C.

187.   
etc.  
etc.  
> etc. D.C.

188.   
etc.  
etc.  
> etc. D.C.

189.   
etc.  
etc.  
> etc. D.C.

190.   
etc.  
etc.  
> etc. D.C.

191.   
etc.  
etc.  
> etc. D.C.

Utilize the following accented patterns:

a. 3

b. 3

c. 3

92.

V > > > etc.

D.C.

93.

V > > > etc.

D.C.

94.

V > > > etc.

D.C.

95.

> > > > etc.

D.C.

96.

> > > > etc.

D.C.

97.

V > > > etc.

D.C.

8.

> > > > etc.

D.C.

9.

> > > > etc.

D.C.

Use these additional accent patterns.

a.      b.      c.

200.      etc.  
etc.

201.      etc.  
etc.

202.      etc.  
etc.

203.      etc.  
etc.

204.      etc.  
etc.  
etc.

205.      etc.  
etc.

206.      etc.  
etc.

207.      etc.  
etc.

Practice this group of eighth notes, accenting the first of two,  
then as sixteenth notes.

Diagram of eighth notes: V H V H V H V H etc. V H V H V H V H etc.

Music staff: A series of eighth notes on a single staff, starting with a vertical bar (V), followed by a horizontal bar (H), then alternating between V and H. This pattern repeats three times, with "etc." at the end of each group. The staff ends with a double bar line.

Diagram of eighth notes: V H V H V H V H etc. D.C.

Music staff: A series of eighth notes on a single staff, starting with a vertical bar (V), followed by a horizontal bar (H), then alternating between V and H. This pattern repeats three times, with "etc." at the end of each group. The staff ends with a double bar line and the instruction "D.C." (Da Capo).

Diagram of eighth notes: V H V H V H V H etc. V H V H V H V H etc. V H V H V H V H etc.

Music staff: Three groups of eighth notes on a single staff, each group consisting of a vertical bar (V), a horizontal bar (H), and another vertical bar (V). Each group is labeled "etc." at the end. The staff ends with a double bar line.

D.C.

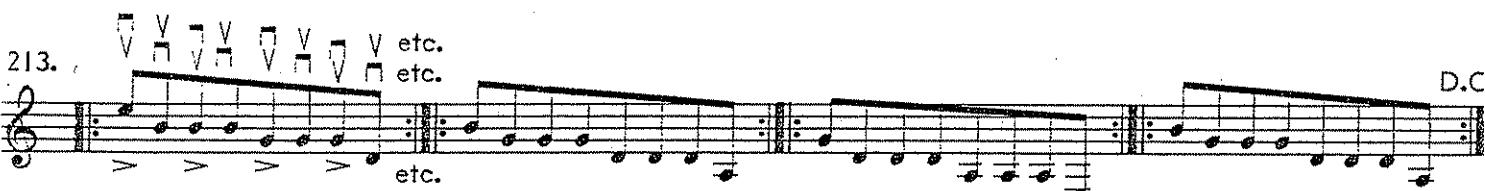
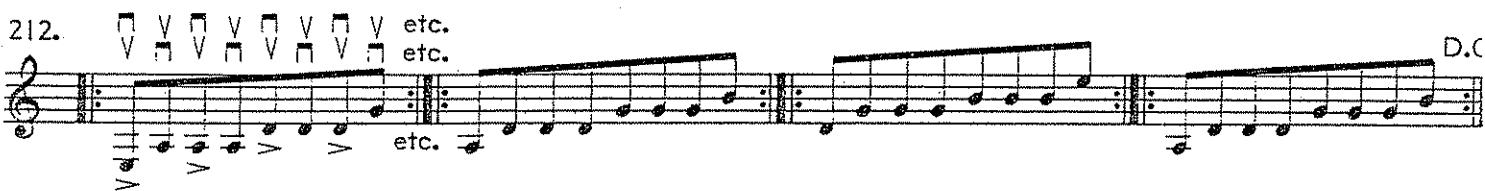
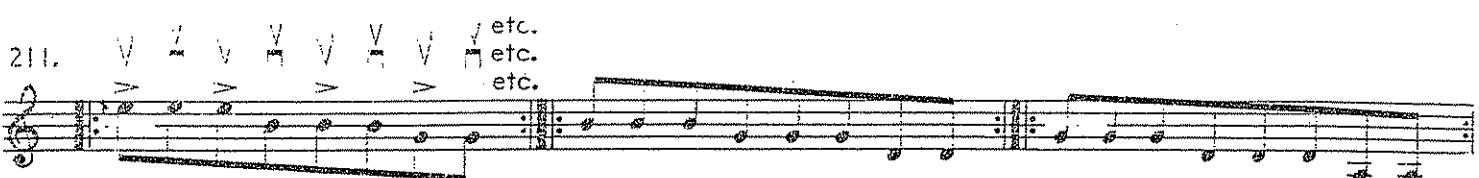
Music staff: A series of eighth notes on a single staff, starting with a vertical bar (V), followed by a horizontal bar (H), then alternating between V and H. This pattern repeats three times, with "etc." at the end of each group. The staff ends with a double bar line and the instruction "D.C." (Da Capo).

Diagram of eighth notes: V H V H V H V H etc. V H V H V H V H etc.

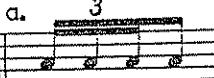
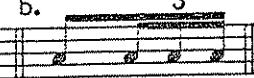
Music staff: Two groups of eighth notes on a single staff, each group consisting of a vertical bar (V), a horizontal bar (H), and another vertical bar (V). Each group is labeled "etc." at the end. The staff ends with a double bar line.

D.C.

Music staff: A series of eighth notes on a single staff, starting with a vertical bar (V), followed by a horizontal bar (H), then alternating between V and H. This pattern repeats three times, with "etc." at the end of each group. The staff ends with a double bar line and the instruction "D.C." (Da Capo).



The studies should be played first as eighth notes, then sixteenth notes with appropriate accent placement. Two more challenging patterns can be applied to these, as well as all previous four-note groups.

a.  b. 

8.  D.C.

9.  D.C.

0.  D.C.

1.  D.C.

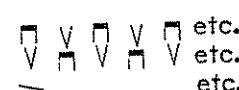
2.  D.C.

3.  D.C.

Apply all previous five note accented patterns.

224.  D.C.

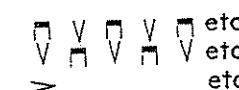


225.  D.C.



226.  D.C.

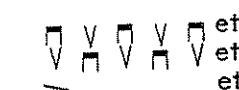


227.  D.C.



228.  D.C.



229.  D.C.



Apply all previous six-note accented patterns.

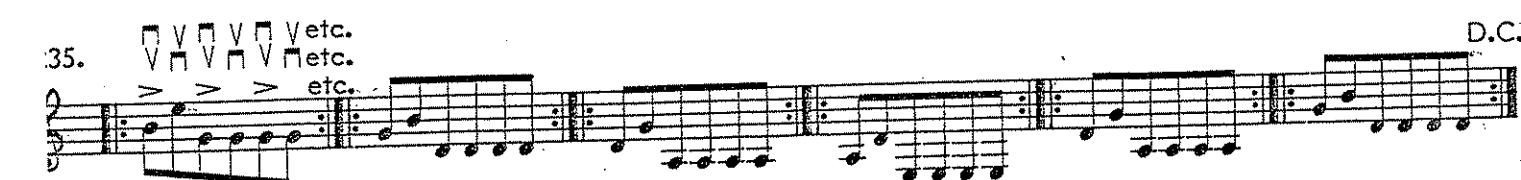
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31. 

32. 

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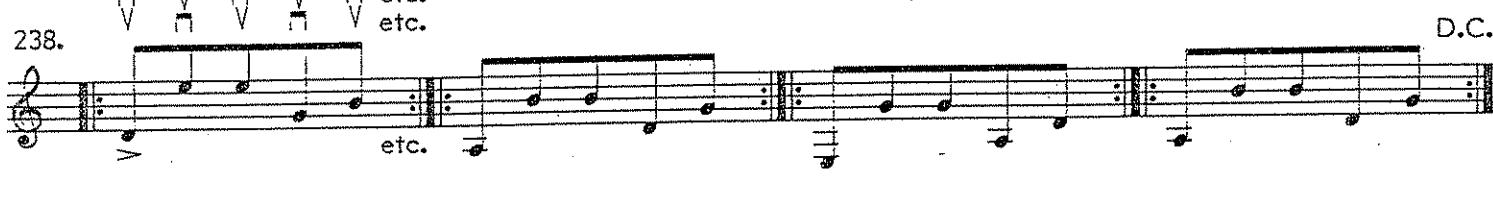
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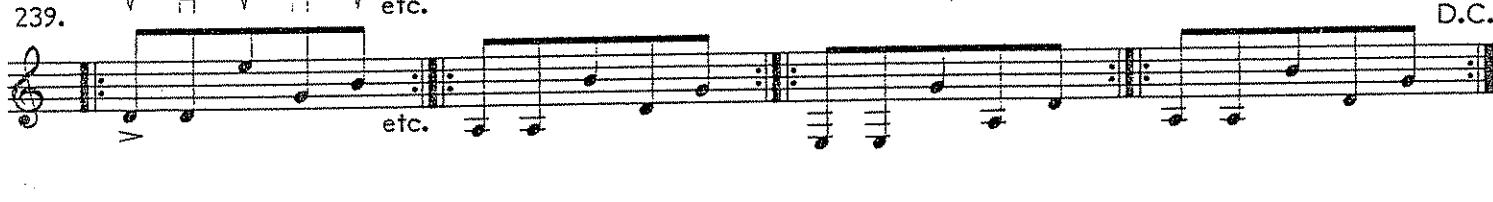
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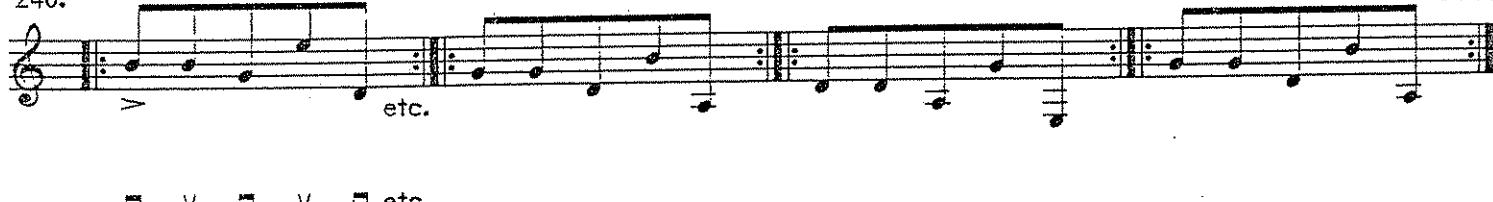
Apply all previous six-note accented patterns.

236.  D.C.

237.  D.C.

238.  D.C.

239.  D.C.

240.  D.C.

241.  D.C.

242.  D.C.

243.  D.C.

Apply all previous six note accented patterns.

44. etc.  
etc.

D.C.

45. etc.  
etc.

D.C.

46. etc.  
etc.

D.C.

47. etc.  
etc.

D.C.

48. etc.  
etc.

D.C.

49. etc.  
etc.

D.C.

50. etc.  
etc.

D.C.

51. etc.  
etc.

D.C..

Apply all previous seven note accented patterns.

etc.  
etc.

252.   
D.C.

etc.  
etc.

253.   
D.C.

etc.  
etc.

254.   
D.C.

etc.  
etc.

255.   
D.C.

etc.  
etc.

256.   
D.C.

etc.  
etc.

257.   
D.C.

etc.  
etc.

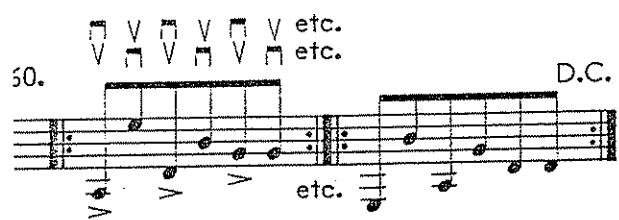
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D.C.

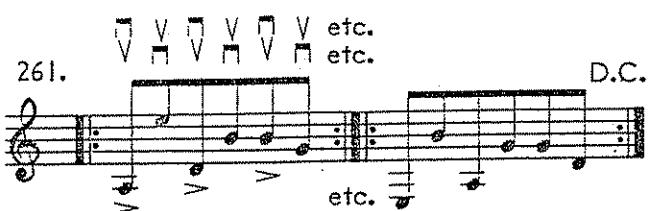
etc.  
etc.

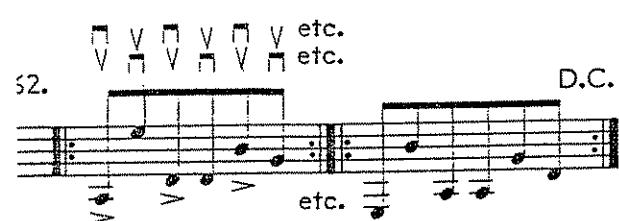
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D.C.

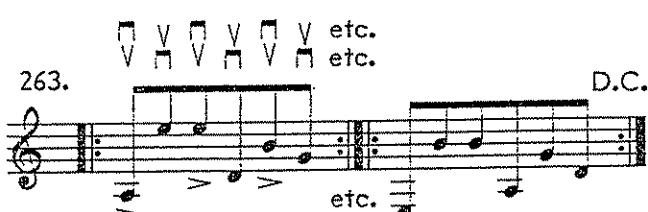
etc.  
etc.

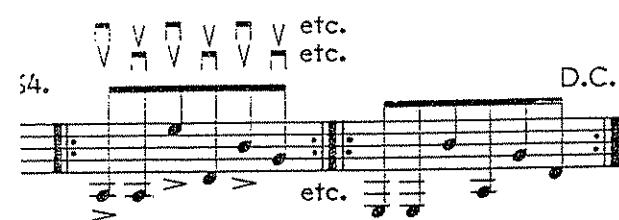
Apply all previous six note accented patterns.

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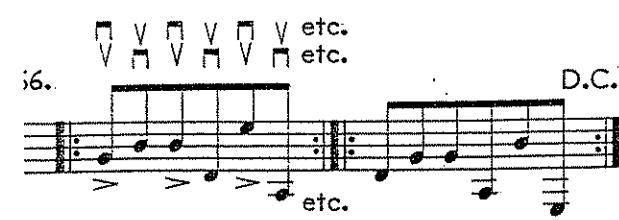
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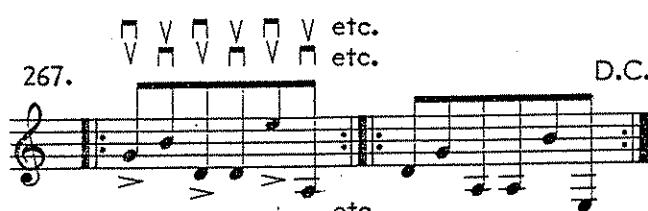
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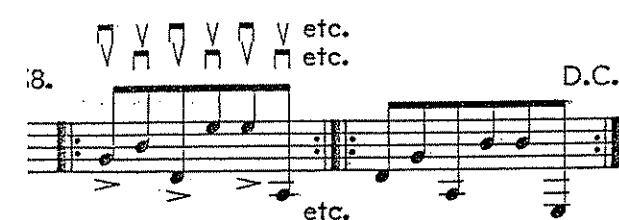
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54. 

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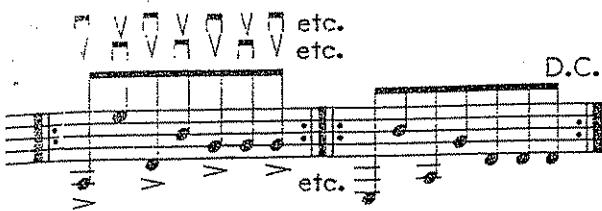
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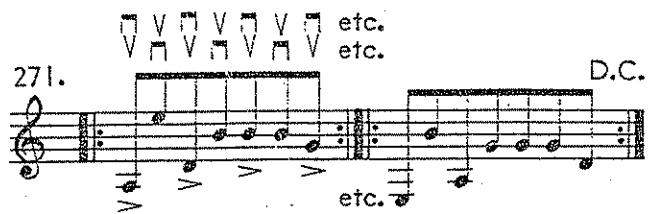
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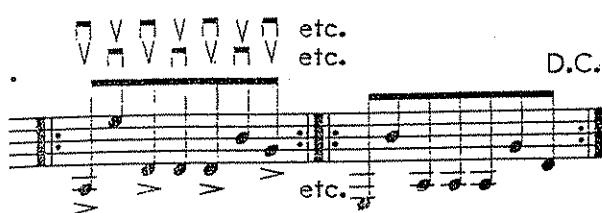
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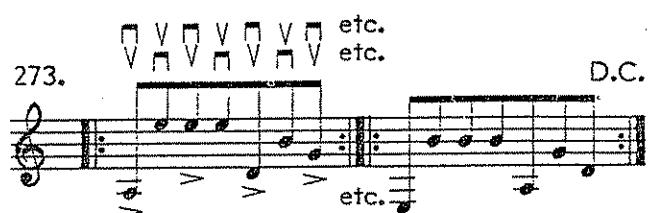
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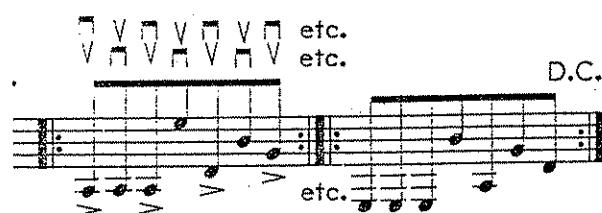
Apply all previous seven note accented patterns.

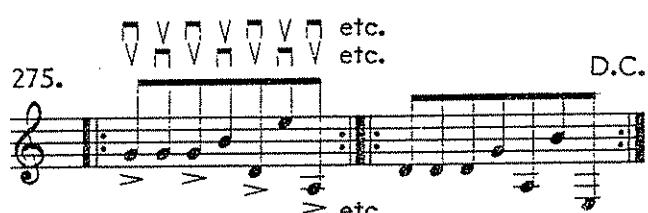
270.   
V V D V D V D etc.  
etc.  
D.C.

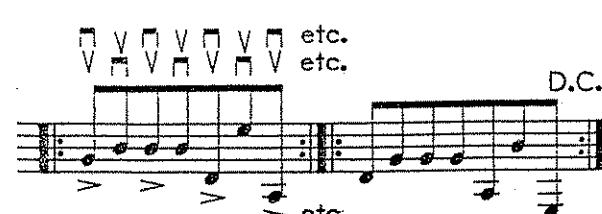
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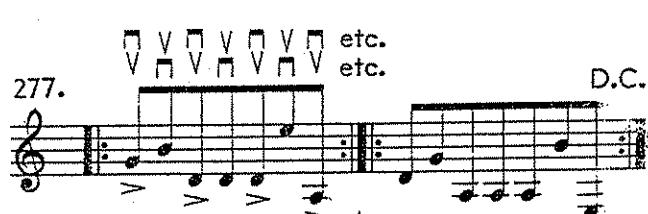
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etc.  
D.C.

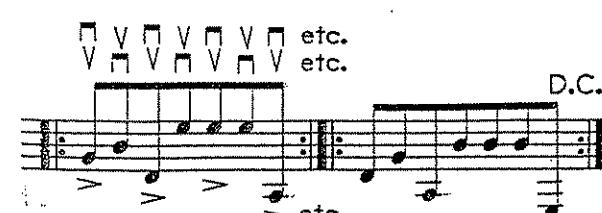
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etc.  
D.C.

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etc.  
D.C.

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etc.  
D.C.

276.   
V V D V D V D etc.  
etc.  
D.C.

277.   
V V D V D V D etc.  
etc.  
D.C.

278.   
V V D V D V D etc.  
etc.  
D.C.

279.   
V V D V D V D etc.  
etc.  
D.C.