## Buddy Rich's

# MODERN INTERPRETATION OF <br> RUDIMENTS 

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## Foreword

The circumstances surrounding the conception and publication of Buddy Rich 5 Modem Interpretation Of Snare Drum Rudiments were quite unusual. The thought of writing a drum book had never occurred to Mr. Rich, until he was suddenly inspired to do so through the vast number of inquiries he received from drum students and teachers from all parts of the country. He soon discovered, however, that his duties with the Tommy Dorsey organization would not allow him sufficient time to devote to writing a drum method, especially if the book called for early publication. Therefore, he immediately contacted his instructor and friend, Henry Adler the well-known authority on percussion instruments - who agreed to collaborate with him in the compilation and preparation of such a work.

The result of the combined efforts of the Rich-Adler partnership is a book with all the fundamental material needed for an instructive drum method. In addition to the elementary
principies of music, there are eighty-three lessons of exercises and rudiments, twenty-one reading exercises, ten exercises employing rudiments, forty-six advanced rhythmic studies and a list of the most frequently used musical terms. All of the material has been carefully graded as to difficulty.

Buddy Rich's Modern Interpretation of Snare Drum Rudiments not only differs from all other drum books, in that it contains a systematic course for the beginner, but it is also of great value to the teacher and professional who wishes to increase his knowledge of the rudiments.

When Mr. Rich approached us in reference to the publication of this work, we accepted it with a complete knowledge of his ability and genius in the drum world. We had perfect confidence that the book would prove to be an outstanding contribution to drum literature.

The Publishers

## Introduction

by Tommy Dorsey

It is the opinion of the general public, especially of those who do not understand the importance and qualifications of a drummer, that he does not necessarily have to be a musician to play in a band or orchestra. They think that it is not necessary for a drummer to read music, that he is engaged merely to maintain tempi, and to beata variety of rhythmical strokes as loudly as possible. This is false reasoning in regard to successful drurnmer.

In arder to attain the height of his profession, a drummer must be as good a musician as any member of a band or orchestra. Not only is it important that he read music, but he u,ust also have a solid background in the art of drumrning; that is to say, he must be well versed in al! of the rudiments. However, it might be well forme to state here that a drummer is often called upon to improvise a suitable part, because of the many faulty parts written by arrangers. Most of the drum parts, especially a great number of those in dance arrangements, are written as "guide" parts, leaving it entirely to the ingenuity of the player to use his own judgment.

It is true that a drummer can make more noise than any other member in the band, but ln intelligent, capable drummer never goes to extremes in this respect; he carefully follows the dynamics, accents, etc., of the arrangernent and style of the cornposition il bringing out the various. necessary effects. At no time can a drummer do as he please, when it comes to playing louder than the music calls for; but his finesse in interpolating the various rudiments is always appreciated.

Most important of all, of course, is for a drummer to maintain a strict tempo. Nothing irritates a conductor more than for the drummer to play an irregular tempo - a tempo that constantly varies from fast to slow and vice versa.

The drummer who cannot read music, sooner or later, will be put through a test where he will be asked to read his part exactly as it is written or seek employment elsewhere. This is especially true of the drummer who plays in theatre, concert, school or symphony orchestras, or in concert bands.

Buddy Rich, the drummer supreme, has been with me for sorne time; and whether he is reading his drurn part or creating one of his own, his handling of the drums and various traps shows the work of a genius.

Buddy Rich, even with his natural ability and talent, knew that, in order to become eminently successful, it would be necessary for hirn to gain the appropriate training. He had the foresight to engage a competent teacher, so that he would not, later on, have to overcome or undo any faulty habits.

In selecting Henry Adler to instruct him, Buddy Rich showed good judgment, for Mr. Adler has had great success in developing young drum students. In this connection, I also wish to say that Buddy Rich was extremely fortunate in securing Mr. Adler's assistance in the preparation of this drum method - a rnethod which I' feel sure will become a standard work in this field of instruction.

## Se/ecting The Drum Sticks

When selecting the proper drum sticks, four extremely important features must be taken into consideration - size, weight, levelness and balance.

Toe size of the sticks is judged by the size of the student's hands; if his hands are large, he will naturally, need a larger pair of sticks than if his hands are small.

Toe weight of the sticks is deterrnined by placing a stick in each hand and turning the wrists from side to side, several times. Toen, if the sticks do not feel perfectly comfortable, as to the weight, other sticks should be tested, until the proper pair is found. It is also necessary that the sticks weigh the same; therefore, each stick should be weighed separately.

Toe levelness of the sticks is best tested by rolling them on the glass counter in the store. If, during this test, the sticks do not roll evenly, or have a tendency to wobble, they should be refused.

Toe center of balance should be a distance of about twothirds from the knob (tip) of the stick, at the exact spot where it is held with the thumb and first finger. A good way to determine the center of balance is to hold the sticks in the correct manner and agitate the wrists with a motion similar to that used in executing the "bounce." (See Lesson 33, p. 30)

Various wen:seasoned woods are used in the manufacture of drum sticks, but it is conceded by experts that bickory is the most satisfactory wood because of its durability and tone. Toe hardness of the wood denotes the tone. Naturally, a hard stick will have a sharper, crisper tone than a soft stick. A good hard stick has a twofold purpose; first, it is easier to handle and second, it gives a firmer stroke.

Drum sticks also come in a variety of stains, and with different shaped knobs (tips) and tapers, the choosing of which is a purely personal matter. None of these points, however, are m important as the size, the weight, the levelness and the balance.

After the proper pair of sticks has been selected, it is suggested that each stick be given a final test so as to insure a perfect match.

## The Practice Pad

Toe best means of acquiring drum technique is to practice with the aid of a pad known as a practice pad./See illustration.J

Toe practice pad is a small wooden contraption on top of which is cemented a rubber disk, or mat, forming the striking surface. In seiecting the pad, particular attention should be paid to the quality of the rubber used for the disk which can be tested by tapping it with the drum sticks to see that the proper resiliency (bounce). If the rubber is soft or spongy, the sticks will not rebound quickly.

Toe purpose of a practice pad is threefold. First, the strokes are more pronounced than they are on a drum - every tap being clear and distinct. Second, it eliminates noise - the strokes being barely audible. Third, it is not as cumbersome as a drum.

Toe practice pad is manufactured in two different models: the table model and the stand model.

After leaming the rudiments on a practice pad, the student may then apply them to the snare drum. He will, at first, discover a slight difference in the technique required for "plucking" the various strokes off the drum but, with a little practice, this difference can shortly be remedied.

In the following pages no further reference is made to the pad, because it is understood that the student will substitute the pad for the drum, at least, until he has gained perfect control of the sticks through accurate action of the hands, wrists and arms.


## Holding the Drum Sticks

To the novice, it would seem to be a comparatively easy matter to pick up a pair of drum sticks and mark time or beat out a simple rhythm. However, if the student aspires to become a proficient drummer, and reach the pinacle of success in this line of endeavor, it will be necessary for him to start at the beginning and leam to hold and manipulate the sticks correctly.

Toe correct manner of holding the sticks is explained in the following instructions.

## How to Hold the Right-Hand Stick <br> (See fil 1)

Grasp the stick with the thumb and first finger of the right hand, at about two-thirds of the distance from the knob (tip) of the stick (the center of balance). Toe second, third and fourth fingers act in an auxiliary capacity as they aid in controlling the various movements of the stíck. Toe palm of the hand is turned downward, upon striking the drum.

## How to Hold the Left - Hand Stick <br> (See IlL 2)

Toe left-hand stick is held at about two-thirds of the distance from the knob (tip) of the stick (the center ofbalance) in the crotch formed by the thumb and first finger. Toe second finger, acting as a guide, is placed on top of the stick. Toe third and fourth fingers, placed under the stick, act in an auxiliary capacity, while controlling the "swing" of the stick. Toe pairo of the hand is tumed toward the body, upon striking the drum.


Illustration 1

## Hand, Wrlst and Arm Actlon

After the student has learned to hold the sticks correctly, the next important procedure is to learn the correct movements of the hands, wrists and arms during actual playing.

Before striking the drum, the sticks are held with the points upward, as shown in illustrations 3 and 4 . It will be noticed that the sticks are held in relative positions, with the hands raised slightly higher than the elbows. The wrists are not bent, and the arms, from the elbows to the hands, are straight. Toe elbows are close to the body, while the hands and forearms are


Illustration 2
away from the body.
In starting the exercises and rudiments, the position of th, stick varies; sometimes the sticksis held up and, at other time: it is held down. In any case, the movements of the hands wrists and arms are always the same.

Taking each hand separately, the following instructions w given the student, in order to acquaint him with the corree method of manipulating the sticks.


Illustration 4

## The Right Hand

Start with the stíck held as shown in illustration 3. Tum the wrist, while gradually bringing the forearm toward the drum. Upon striking the drum, see that the elbow is away from the body and that the hand is the same height as that of the elbow. (See nz 5,) After striking the drum, retum the hand immediately to its original position.


Illustration 5

## Elementary Principies of Music

NOTE: In the following delinitions and explanations of the van'aus signs, symbols and characters used in music, there are a few which do not necessariy concem the snare drummer. They are included here, however, in the event the student might wish to increase his knowledge o[ music and perhaps, later on, take up the study of bells, xylophone, timpan etc.

Music is the effect produced by the combination of time and sound; or, in other words, of duration and pitch.

Music is written on a ladder-like arrangement called a staff. This staff consists of a series of five parallel horizontal lines, with their spaces.

## The Left Hand

Start with the stick held as shown in: illustration 3. Tum the wrist, while gradually bringing the forearm toward the drum. Upan striking the drum, see that the elbow is away from the body and that the hand is the same height as that of the elbow. (See H. 6,) After striking the drum, retum the hand immediately to its original position.

Ali of the exercises and rudiments in this book call far the same hand, wrist and arm movements; the only variation is in the position ofthe stick when starting and ending an exercise or rudiment.


Illustration 6

Short auxiliary lines, called leger lines, may be added either above or below the staff, in order to extend its compass. The spaces between the leger lines are called leger spaces.


A vertical line drawn through the staff is called a barline. The strong or down beat always falls on the note immediately following a barline.

The space between two barlines is called a measure.

Toe completion of a musical phrase or sentence is indicate by a double bar - two light vertical lines. The end of a composition is indicated by a double bar, consisting of one light line and one heavy line. Dotted double bars, called repeat marks, indicate that the strain between two such marks is to be repeated.


At the end of a strain, there sometimes occurs one or more endings, as follows:


Toe above endings might contain any number of measures. After repeating the strain, the second ending is to be substituted for the first ending.

Toe duration of rhythmical sound is represented by the sh;pe of characters called notes. There are six kinds of notes in common use, as follows:

## Notes

| Whole | Half | Quarter | Eighth | Sixteenth | Thirty-second |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{o}$ | $\boldsymbol{j}$ |  |  |  |  |

(The stems of the various notes may be turned upward or downward.)
Each note has its equivalent rest which represents silence, as follows:

## Rests

| Whole | Half | Quarter | Eighth | Sixteenth | Thirty-second |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | - |  | 7 | 7 | $?$ |

## Chart Illustrating the Relative Value of Notes

A whole note
is equal to
2
half notes
4
quarter notes

## 8

eighth notes
16
si.xteenth notes
32
thirty-second notes


A dot (e) placed immediately after a note or rest increases the duration ofthat note or rest one-half.


Two dots (") placed immediately after a note or rest increases the duration of that note or rest three-quarters.

etc.

Double dotted rests
equal to

etc.

Toe pitch of a tone is represented by a character called a de[. which is placed at the beginning of the staff. There are severa! kinds of clefs used in modem notation; however, drum music, only two clefs are needed - the treble (- ) or G clef and the bass (9:) or F clef. Toe treble clef, whic establishes the note $G$ on the second line, is used for bells, xylophone, marimba, vibraphone, etc. Toe bass clef, which establishes the note F on the fourth Une, is used for tirnpani, snare drum, bass drum, etc.

Toe degrees of the staff and the leger lines and spaces represent the pitch of various sounds which are named after the first seven letters of the alphabet - A,B,C,D,E,F,G. These letters are repeated $a$ often necessary.

Toe note called middle $C$ is placed on the first leger Une below the staff in the treble clef and on the first leger Une above the staff in the bass clef.


## Names of Notes in the Bass Clef



Toe time or tempo in which a certain movement, or entire composition, is to be played, is indicated by two numerals (forming a fraction) placed at the beginning. This is called the time signature. The upper numeral (numerator) denotes the number of beats (counts) in each measure, while

## Table of Time Signatures in General Use

Simple



Toe key of a composition is indicated by characters called sharps and flats placed at the beginning of the staff, immediately following the clef. These signs of chromatic alteration are called the key signature. When no key signature appears after the clef, the composition is in the key of C major, or in its relative key of A minor.

Ali of the notes effected by the key signature are to be played sharp or flat, as the case may be.

When sharps and flats, not indicated in the key signature, and other signs such as double sharps, double flats and naturals appear throughout a composition, they are known as accidentals.
the lower numeral (denominator) denotes the kind ofnote, or rest, receiving one best, for example:
$\mathbf{4}=$ Beats (counts) to a measure
$4=$ Note or rest receiving one beat (count)


A sharp (\#) raises the note, before which it is placed, a half-tone.

A double sharp ( $\because$ ) raises the note, before which it is placed, a whole tone.

A flat (b) lowers the note, before which it is placed, a half-tone.

A double flat ( b ) lowers the note, before which it is placed, a whole-tone.

A natural (: ) counteracts the effect of a sharp or flat and restores the note to its normal pitch.


## Kay Signaturas (Trabla Claf)

Major keys with sharps, and their relative minor keys.
(Toe key-note, or tonic, is given in each case.)


## Kay Signaturas (Trabla Clef)

Major keys with flats, and their relative minor keys.
(Toe key-note, or tonic, is given in each case.)


## Kay Signaturas (Bass Clef)

Major keys with sharps, and their relative minor keys.
(Toe key-note, or tonic, is given in each case.)


## Kay Signatures (Bass Clef)

Major keys with flats, and their relative minor keys.
(The key-note, or tonic, is given in each case.)


Notes grouped unevenly are indicated as follows:

etc.

## Abbreviations



This means to repeat the two preceding measures.

The word bis, meaning twice, is some times used to indicate the repetition of one $\alpha$ more measures.

Written


Drum rolls are indicated in this manner:


## Dynamics

(Various Degrees of Power)
mp , mezzo piano
mp, mezzo piano means moderately soft.
p, piano means soft.
pp pianissimo means very soft.
$p p p$ means as soft as possible.
$m f$, mezzo [arte means moderately loud.
f , [arte means loud.
ff, fortissimo means very loud.
fffmeans as loud a possible
$s f$ or $s f z$, sforzando means forced - with sudden emphasis.
rfor rfz, rinforzando means to reinforce - with special emphasis.
fp, [arte e subito piano means loud, then suddenly soit.
cresc., crescendo or $--==:$ : means increasing in loudness.
dim, diminuendo
$\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { decresc., decrescendo }\end{array}\right\}^{\}}$or $===-$means decreasing in loudness.

When a note is to be given special emphasis, a sign called an accent (:>orA) is placed over or under it.
(Further study of accents will be found in lession 3, p. 14)

Although a rather incongruous term, the word "fingering," in connection with drumming, refers to the righ t -and lefthand strokes, such as LRLL, RLRR, etc.

A sign called a fermata or hold (r.- ), placed over or under a note, means that, at the conductor's or perforrner's pleasure, the counting ceases while the note is sustained beyond its normal duration. This is also true in the case of a rest having a fermata placed over or under it.

A short stop, or pause, is indicated by this sign, // .

A curved line ( $\mathrm{m}^{-2}$ ) connecting two notes alike in pitch is called a tie. Toe second note is not struck but its timevalue is added to that of the first note.


A curved line ( placed over or under two or more notes of various pitch is caUed a slar, which means that the notes so marked are to be played in a smooth and connected manner. This method of playing is called legato.

A note, Over or under which a dot (.) is placed, is to be played in a short, crisp manner. This is called ordinary staccato playing. (This is called ordinary staccato playing.)

When a note is marked by a wedge-shaped stroke ( Y ), the effect is increased. This is called the full staccato. When a curved line (slur) is placed over the staccato marks, the effect is decreased. This is called mezzo staccato or half staccato.

When a group of notes is to be played an oct\{lle (eight notes) higher than written, the abbreviation 8 va is placed over
the group. loco means to play as written.


## Lesson 1 Development of the Hands

In every drum rudiment, the important thlng to remember is to make sure that the sticks are held correctly. In fact, before commencing any exercise, the student is advised to "check up," not only on the correct manner of holding the sticks, but also on the correct movement of the hands, arms and wrists.

Each of the following exercises is to be played in a very slow tempo, at first; later on, the tempo may gradually be increased, until a fairly rapid arte of speed has been attained. This, of course, must be done without interrupting the rhythm of the rudiment. As the speed increases, the stu('ent's foreanns and hands will, naturally, get closer to the drum and still retain the same motions as those required far a slower tempo.

## Exercise I:



## Exercise II:



## Exercise III:



Exercise IV:


## Lesson2 Alternate Single Strokes

Alternate Single Strokes are very extensively used in both rudimental, as well as in original drumming. This method of playing Alternate Single Strokes is commonly referred to as "hand to hand" playing, and simply means that the hands alternate when striking the drum; each hand playing a single stroke at a time.

## Instructions for Playing Alternate Single Strokes

Toe correct position of the hands and arms, when playing Alternate Single Strokes, is as follows: (See starting position shown in Illustration 3, p. 5.)

First: Strike the drum with the right stick, and keep it down. (See Illustration 5, p. 5.)

Second: Strike the drum with the left stick and, at the same time, bring the right stick up to its original position. (See Illustration G p. 6.) Keep on repeating this process, first with the right hand, and then with the left hand, until the Altemate Single Strokes have been mastered.

In the beginning, the following exercises are to be played very slowly, the student bearing in mind the fact that the hands work in opposite directions, that is; when one hand is going toward the drum, the other hand is going away from the drum.

These exercises should be constantly repeated, until the student is positive that the hands move correctly.

After the exercises have been thoroughly learned in a slow tempo, the rate of speed may be increased.

## Exercise I:



Exercise II:


Toe above exercises are given here for the purpose of preparing the student for the study of the Single Stroke Roll, which will be taken up later on, following the study of the Five, Seven and Nine Stroke Rol!s.

## Lesson 3 Accents

An accent is indicated by a certain symbol, or sign, denoting special emphasis. A note, over or under which an accent is placed, is to be played louder than the note not so marked.

There are two kinds of accents; the light, or weak ( $=$ ), and the heavy, or strong (A). A note marked with a heavy accent (A) is to be played as forcefully as possible.

A fmished performer on the drums will always make sure that he plays all of the unaccented notes in a normal way; which means that he plays them with an equal amount of volume. Toen, when an accented note appears, he strikes it with more emphasis than he does the other notes.

Toe following exercises are to be played very slowly, at füst, and in strict tempo. Toe accent must be perfected to such a degree that it will not interfere with the tempo of the music.

By diligently practicing Alternate Single Strokes, the student will be able to acquire the proper movement of the hands and arms, which is extremely necessary in perfecting any rudiment.

The hand motions, used in these exercises, are the same as those used for developing the hands. (See Lesson 1, p. 13) However, when playing an accented note, the arms and wrists are used with a "snapping of a whip" motion. This "snap" of the arms and wrists takes place during their normal movements. The student is advised against increasing the power of the accent by adding to the height of the stick, or by taking a longer swing with the arm. The stronger the wrists become (in the "snap"), the less the arms will have to move. The secret of executing an accent in a smooth, even manner, is to play it as clase to che drum as possible, with a sudden "snap" of the wrist, but with only a slight arm motion.

When the student finds that he has perfected the system of playing an accent in a slow tempo, he may then gradually increase the speed, until he can play the exercises in a very rapid tempo.

Exercise I:


Exercise 11:


Exercise 111:


Exercise IV:


Exercise V:


Exercise VI:


Exercise VII:


Exercise VIII:


## lesson 4 The Three Stroke Ruff

with an accent on the third stroke

All short, Single Stroke Rolls are known as Ruffs. Toe rudiment, in thls lesson, consists of three altemate strokes, the third of which is accented.

Toe rhythmic model of this rudiment, shown below, is written in common time (4/4). There are four beats to each measure, the fourth of which is a quarter rest. By playing this rudiment in strict tempo, slowly at first, and counting each beat out loud, the student will soon discover that the rudiment will automatically set itself into a definite tempo; especially as the rate of speed is increased.

## Instructions for Playing the Three Stroke Ruff

At the start, both sticks must be up; that is, they must be raised above the drum. (JJ 3, p 5.) On the count of one,
bring the right stick down on the drum. (Ill. 5, p. 6.) Then, on the count of two, bring the left stick down and, at the same time, bring the right stick up. (Ill. 6, p. 6.) On the count of three, bring the right stick down with a "snap" of the wrist and arm, in order to produce the accent, and, at the same time, bring the left stick up. (!!l. 5, p. 6.) Then retain this position (right stick down and left stick up) on the count of four, which is a rest. Continue the exercise (rhythmic model) in the manner just explained, but take notice that the hands altemate on the first beat in each ineasure. Always pay strict attention to the fingering.


## Examples in usual notation:



## Lesson 5 The Three Stroke Ruff

with an accent on the first stroke

This rudiment is almost identical to the one mentioned above in Lesson 4, except for the fact that the accent falls on the first stroke, instead of on the third stroke.

The precedingThree Stroke Ruff (Lesson 4) is the accepted version of this particular rudiment. By practicing the Three Strok.e Ruff with the accent on the first stroke' instead of on
the third stroke, a much finer technique, as well as a firmer and broader knowledge of rhythmica! beats, will be acquired.

Toe instructions given in Lesson 4 also apply to the following rhythmic model, with, however, the exception of the accent.


## Lesson 6 Combination of the Two Previous Three Stroke Ruffs

This lesson will give the student better control over each individual Toree. Stroke Ruff. It should be practiced very slowly, at first, gradually increasing the speed, and always bearing in mind the correct movements of the arms and
wrists.
After this lesson has been perfected in a fairly rapid tempo, the student will experience little difficulty with a Three Stroke Ruff in any combination of accents.


## Lesson 7 Wrist Exercíse far the Three Stroke Ruff

This exercise, with the exception of the fingering, is the same as the one given in l.esson 6 .

In the beginning, both sticks should be up. (See fllustration 3, p. 5.)

After striking the drum, the sticks must be retumed to
their original positions.
When starting slowly, the arms and wrists must be used in playing every stroke. Toen, after a little speed has been acquired, the hands will gradually get closer to the drum, with the wrists doing most of the work.


## LessonB <br> The Four Stroke Ruff <br> with an accent on the fourth stroke

This rudiment consists of four alternate strokes, with an accent on the fourth stroke. When the left hand stick begins the Ruff, the right hand stick plays the accented (fourth) stroke; and, when the right hand stick starts the Ruff, the left hand stick is given the accented (fourth) stroke. In other words, the hand that is down on the drum, remains down, after playing the accent, and starts the ensuing Ruff from this position.

The rhythnúc model of this rudiment, shown below, is written in $6 / 8$ time. There are six beats to each measure, the fifth and sixth of which are eighth rests.

It is advisable to start playing this Ruff in a slow tempo, at first, gradually increasing the speed, until the desired tempo is obtained.

By counting out loud :ind retaining a sti:ict tempo, the student will, in a comparatively short time, acquire a perfect Four Stroke Ruff.

# Illustrating the Four Stroke Ruff 

First stroke, Ill. 6, p. 6 Second stroke, Ill. 5, p. 6 Third stroke, Ill. 6, p. 6 Fourth stroke, Ill. 5, p. 6

Fifth and sixth beats are rests. (Keep right hand down.)
First stroke, Ill. 5, p. 6
Second stroke, Ill. 6, p. 6
Third stroke, III. 5, p. 6
Fourth stroke, Ill. 6, p. 6

Rhythmic Model: Play slowly at first; increase speed gradually. Keep strict rhythm.


Examples in usual notation:
I


II


# Lesson9 <br> The Four Stroke Ruff <br> with an accent on the first stroke 

This rudiment is to be played in the same manner as the one given in Lesson, 5, p. 16, with the exception of the accent. Toe latter falls on the first stroke, instead of on the fourth stroke.
$\cdot \mathbf{U}$ is extremely important to count out loud.
The hand playing the fourth stroke of the Ruff must be kept down, ready to begin the Ruff following.

Rhythmic Model: Play slowly at first; increase speed gradually, Keep strict rhythm.


## Lesson 10 <br> Combination of the Two Previous Four Stroke Ruffs

This lesson is exactly what its caption implies. It will be noticed that, in each of the first four measures, the accent occurs on the fourth stroke of each Ruff; and, in each of the next four measures, the accent falls on the first stroke of each Ruff. Throughout the exercise, the hands alternate in
playing the first stroke of the Ruffs.
Through careful practice, and by complying with the rules and instructions given previously, the studen $t$ will, in a short space of time, master the Four Stroke Ruff, regardless of the accent.


The instructions given for the wrist exercise in Lesson 7, p. 17 also apply to the wrist exercise for the Four Stroke


## Lesson 12 The Five Stroke Ruff

with an accent on the fifth stroke

This rudiment consists of five alternate strokes, with an accent on the fifth stroke.

The arm and hand motions, used for executing this Ruff, are the same as those used to execute the Toree Stroke Ruff. Both of these Ruffs are practically alike; in fact, the only noticeable difference between them is that the Five Stroke Ruff contains two more strokes than the Three Stroke Ruff. In each Ruff, the accent occurs on the last
stroke.
With the exception of the accents, the instructions given for the Toree Stroke Ruff in Lesson 4, p. 16, are also applicable to the Five Stroke Ruff.

While increasing the speed from a slow tempo to a fast tempo, the correct motions of the hands and arms shou!d not be sacrificed.


Examples in usual notation:


# Lesson 13 The Five Stroke Ruff <br> with an accent on the first stroke 

Thís rudiment is played in the same manner as the preceding Five Stroke Ruff, except for the difference in the accent.

The instructions given in Lesson 12, p. 20 also apply to the following rudiment.

Rhythmic Model:


Examples in usual notation:


## Lesson 14 <br> Combination of the Two PreviousFiveSuokeRuffs

In each of the first four measures, ofthe following exercise, the accent occurs on the fifth stroke; while, in each of the next four measures, the accent falls on the first stroke.

When thís exercise has been sufficiently practiced, the student will have little difficulty in playing any Five Stroke

Ruff, regardless of the accent.
Toe student is again advised to begin the exercise in a slow tempo, gradually increasing the speed, until a fairly rapid tempo has been reached. Counting out loud is also extremely important.


## Lesson 15 <br> The Five Stroke Rol/

with an accent on the fifth stroke

Toe first four strokes of this rudiment are executed with each hand playing two strokes at a time; therefore, when playing the following rhythmic model, the first and second strokes are played with the right hand, the third and fourth strokes with the left hand, and the fifth (accented) stroke is played with the right hand, which should be raised so that it will be in position to start the next Five Stroke Roll. The latter is played in the same manner as the preceding Five Stroke Roll, except that it is begun with the left hand, instead of with the right hand.

Although the hands altemate by playing two strokes at a time, it can readily be seen that this is a "hand to hand" rudiment; however, the accented fifth stroke must not interfere with the position of the hands.

The count is the same as that of the foreoging Five Stroke Ruff.

It is advisable to master the Five Stroke Roll in a low tempo, before attempting to play it rapidly.


Examples in usual notation:


Fingering R R L L R L L R R L
R LL RRL RRL LR LLRRL RRLL


## Lesson 16 The Five Stroke Rol/ <br> with an accent on the first stroke

With the exception of the accent, this rudiment is played in the same manner as the preceding one in Lesson 15.

## Rhythmic Model:



Exarnples in usual notation:


## Lesson 17 <br> Combination of the Two Previous Five Stroke Ro/Is

This lesson should be practiced slowly, until it is mastered; then, when th.is is accomplished, it will be easier to increase

the rate of speed and still maintain clean rolls. Toe accents should be carefully observed.


## Lesson 18

## Wrist Exercise far the Five

 Stroke Rol/This exercise, with the exception of the fingering, is the same as the one given in Lesson 17.

The instructions given for the wrist exercise in Lesson 7, p. 17 also apply to this one.


## Lesson 19 <br> The Seven Stroke Ruff <br> with an accent on the seventh stroke

This rudiment consists of seven altemate strokes, with an accent on the seventh stroke. The latter, in 6/8 time, also happens to fall on the second major beat in the measure, which is the count of four.

In the following rhythmic model, in $6 / 8$ time, the count is six to each measure. Each eighth note, or its equivalent in
other notes or rests, is given one beat. However, in order to maintain an even tempo, the student is advised to count each half beat in this manner: 1 and, 2 and, 3 and, 4 and, 5 and, 6 and,

This rudiment should not be attempted in a rapid tempo, until it has been thoroughly practiced in slow and moderately fast tempos.

## Rhythmic Model (A):



Fingering R L R L R L R
LRLRLRL
RLRLRLR
L R L R L R L
Rhythmic Model (B):
(This rhythmic model may also be used for ali the succeeding Seven Stroke Rolls and Ruffs, except for the difference in fingering and accents.)

Court
Fingering R L R L R R
LRLRLRL
RLRLRLR
L R L R L R L
Examples in usual notation:


## Lesson 20 The Seven Stroke Ruff

## with an accent on the first stroke

The instructions given in Lesson 19 also apply to the following rudiment, except for the difference in the accent.

## Rhythmic Model:

Count 1 and 2 and 3and $4 \quad 5 \quad 6 \quad 1$ and 2 and 3 and $4 \quad 5 \quad 6 \quad 1$ and 2 and 3 and $4 \quad 5 \quad 6 \quad 1$ and 2 and 3 and $4 \quad 5 \quad 6$


Examples in usual notation:


## Lesson21 <br> Combination of the Two Previous Seven Stroke Ruffs

It is best to practice this exercise in a slow tempo, until it is well leamed; after which, the rate of speed may gradually be increased.



## Lesson 22 The Seven Stroke Rol/

with an accent on the seventh stroke

Toe rhythm of the Seven Stroke Ruff and Roll is similar to that of the Four Stroke Ruff.

Toe most appropriate manner in which to illustrate a Seven Stroke Ruff or Roll is to play it in $6 / 8$ time. This will prevent
the student from playing it incorrectly.
The hand ending a Seven Stroke Roll should be kept dow ready to begin the following Seven Stroke Roll-the same as the Four Stroke Ruff.

Rhythmic Model:
Count 1 and 2 and 3 and $4 \quad$ S $6 \quad 1$ and 2 and 3 and $45 \quad 6 \quad 1$ and 2 and 3 and $4 \quad S \quad 6 \quad 1$ and 2 and 3 and $4 \quad 5 \quad 6$


Fingering LILR RILR RRILRRLI LIRRILR RRIIRRI,
Example showing similarity to a Four Stroke Ruff:


# Lesson23 The Seven Stroke Rol/ 

with an accent on the first stroke

This udiment is played in the sme manner as the preceding Seven Stroke Roll, except for the difference in the accent.

Rhythmic Model:
ocaft land2and3and4 56 1and2and3and456 land2and3and4 $5.6 \quad$ land2and3and4 56


Fingering LLRRLLR
R R L L R R L
L L R R L L R
R R L L R R L
Examples in usual notation:


## Lesson24

Combination of the Two Previous Seven Stroke Ro/Is

Fingeing LLRRLLR
RRLLRRL
L L R R L L R
R R L L R R L


Lesson 25
Wrist Exercise far the Seven Stroke Ro/Is and Ruffs

Toe instuctions gien for the wist exercise in Lessan 7 , p 17 do apply to this ane

Cairt 1 and 2and 3and $456 \quad$ I and 2 and 3 and $4 \quad 5 \quad 6 \quad I$ and 2 and 3 and $45 \quad 6 \quad 1$ and 2 and 3 and $45 \quad 6$ 0,1 in Fingering R R R R R R R LLLLLLL $\quad$ R R R R R R LLLLLL

## Lesson26 The Nine Stroke Ruff

with an accent on the ninth stroke

This rudiment is very similar to the Five Stro ke Ruff.
It will be noticed that, in the rhythmic model, the accented ninth stroke is also the flfth beat of the measure.

In Example, I, given below, the Nine Stroke Ruff begins on
the countand, followingeach beat; in which case, the accented ninth stro ke falls on each beat.

Example II illustrates the abbreviated meth ${ }_{o} d$ of writing a Nine Stroke Ruff.

Rhythmic Model:


Example showing similarity to a Five Stroke Roll:


Examples in usual notation: As a rule, these are not played as Single Stro ke Rolls.


II


## Lesson27 The Nine Stroke Ruff

with an accent on the first stroke

The instructions given in Lesson 26 also apply to the following rhythmic model, except for the difference in the accent.

## Rhythmic Model:



Examples in usual notation:
I


## Lesson 29

 The Nine Stroke Rol/with an accent on the ninth stroke

In this rudiment, the hands a!temate by playing two strokes at a time; whereas, in the Nine Stroke Ruff, single strokes are alternated.
Rhythmic Model:

## dount land2and3and4and5 6 land2and3and4and5 6 land2and3and4and5 6 land2and3and4and5 6 



Examples in usual notation:


## Lesson 30 <br> TheNIne Stroke Rol/

with an accent on the fir.st stroke

This rudirnent is the same as the one given in Lesson 29, p. 28 , except for the difference in the accent.

## Rhythmic Model:



Examples in usual notation:

$\begin{array}{lllllllllllllllllllllllllllllll}\text { Fingering } & \mathrm{R} & \mathrm{L} & \mathrm{L} & \mathrm{R} & \mathrm{R} & \mathrm{L} & \mathrm{L} & \mathrm{R} & \mathrm{R} & \mathrm{L} & \mathrm{R} & \mathrm{R} & \mathrm{L} & \mathrm{L} & \mathrm{R} & \mathrm{R} & \mathrm{L} & \mathrm{L} & \mathrm{R} & \mathrm{L} & \mathrm{L} & \mathrm{R} & \mathrm{R} & \mathrm{L} & \mathrm{L} & \mathrm{R} & \mathrm{R} & \mathrm{L} & \mathrm{R}\end{array}$


## Lesson 31 Combínatíon of the Two Previous Nine Stroke Ro/Is



The instructions for the wrist exercise given in Lesson 7, p. 17 also apply to this one.


## Lesson 33 The Double Stroke Rol/

This rudiment consists of the alternate playing of two strokes with each hand. It is commonly referred to as the "Daddy-Mammy" system for playing the Long (Double) Rol!. Every stroke must be played with an equal amount of volume, and there must be no deviation in the rhythm.

After the student has acquired a certain amount of speed through the practice of this Roll, he will be ready to employ what is known as a "bounce." This will not only serve to increase the speed but it will also aid in relaxing the muscles of the hands, wrists and arms.

It will be noticed that, upon striking the drum with the stick, the latter has a tendency to rebound (bounce) of its own accord, although uncontrolled. The object is to control the "bounce" so that the student will decrease the amount of effort in his playing. During the "bounce" the hand and arm should be allowed to follow the upward action of the stick.

After practicing the "bounce" for a while, the student will gradually begin to coordinate the wrist and stick action; then, it will be only a matter of time when he will acquire perfect control of the "bounce."

When starting slowly, the wrist coordinates with each stroke; as the speed increases, the first right hand stroke is executed normally, and the second right hand stroke is "bounced," the fingers around the stick controlling the "bounce." This also applies to the left hand.

As the speed increases, the student must remember not to allow the second stroke of either hand to diminish in volume. In other words, every stroke, in a perfectly smooth Roll, must be made with an evenness of rhythm and an equal amount of volume.

The triplet rhythm exercise is a little more difficult to execute properly; it, therefore, will require more study, and ought not to be attempted uncil the Long Roll is thoroughly learned.

The rhythmic models, shown below, are self-cxplanatory. The student should be able to start a Roll with either hand; therefore, in order to insure this, he should practice it accordíngly. Note fingering. J


Rhythmic Model: (Long Roll; Triplet Rhythm)


Fingering R RL LR RL LR RL L R RL LR RL LR RL L R RL LR RL LR RLL R RL LR RL LRRL L L LR RL LR RL LR R etc.
xamples in usual notation:


II


III


RRLIRRLLRRLLRRLLRRLLRRLLRRLIRRI L L R R L L R R, etc.

IV


V

Written

Played

Written


## Lesson34 The Single Stroke Rol/

Having already leamed the correct arm and wrist motion of the Alternate Single Strokes, earlier in this book (Lesson 2, p. 13), the student is now prepared to take up the study of .the Single Stroke Roll. The latter is merely a succession of -Altemate Single Strokes, which are to be played as rapidly and as evenly as possible.

Both sets of fingering, indicated beneath the staff of the rhythmic model, should be practiced. The reason for this is, that the drummer must be proficient in starting any rudiment with either hand.

It is suggested that the student refrain from practicing the triplet rhythm exercise, until he has thoroughly mastered the Single Stroke Roll.

Rhythmic Model: (Single Stroke Roll)


Rhythmic Model: (Single Stroke Rol!; Triplet Rhythm)


Fingering ReR lR lR L R L R L

LRLRLRLRLRLR
1 an •duh 2 an • duh

LRLRLRLRLRLR
RLRLRLRLRLRL RLRLRLRLRLR
Count 1 an duh 2 an duh

1 an $\cdot$ duh 2 an. duh

Examples in usual notation:

Written

Played


R L R L R L R L R L R L R L R L R L R L R L R L R L R L R L R L R


RLRLRLRL RLRL RLRLRL RLRLRL RLRLRLR LRLRL RLRLRLR LRLRL R LRLRLRLR LRLR, ect.

## Lesson 35 The Press Rol/

This rudiment is executed with both sticks striking the drum simultaneously. Toe "bounce" of the sticks is controlled by "pressing" them on the drum.

The Press Roll should begin promptly on the beat, on which it is written.. and care should be taken so that it does not continue to drag into the following beat.

The Press Roll is only used to produce a short, crisp Roll; however, dance drummers generally use it when executing quarter note Rolls in fast tempos. (See Example 3, below.) In any event, it is not advisable to employ the Press Roll, until both the Single and Double Stroke Roils have been thoroughly practiced.

Examples in usual notation:


## Lesson 36 The Single Paradiddle

(Stroke Paradiddle)

This rudiment combines two single strokes with one double stroke. Th first stroke of the Single Paradiddle is accented by means of a natural down blow of the stick.

After completing the fourth stroke, the hand playing it should remain down; the other hand should be in an upward position, ready to begin the next Paradiddle.

Each stroke, with the exception of the first (accented) stroke, should be equal in volume.

## ILLUSTRATING THE SINGLE PARADIDDLE

First stroke, Ill. 5, p. 6
Starting with the right hand:
\{ Second stroke, Ill. 6, p. 6
${ }^{\text {I }}$ Third stroke, Ill. 5, p. 6
Fourth stroke, lll. 5, p. 6
First stroke, lll. 6, p. 6
Starting with the left hand:
\{ Second stroke, ID. 5, p. 6
${ }^{2}$ Third stroke, lll. 6, p. 6 Fourth stroke, lli. 6, p. 6


## Lesson37 <br> The Double Paradiddle (A) <br> with two accents

This rudiment contains six strokes; four single altemate strokes, followed by a double stroke. The first and third strokes are accented.

The amm and wrist motions, used for executing the Double Paradiddle, are the same as those used for executing the Single Paradiddle.

## Exercise I:

## Count

## Exercise II:



Fingering $\quad$ L $R L R R \quad L R L R L L$

RLR L R R LRLRLL

## Lesson38 <br> The Doub/e Paradiddle (8) <br> with one accent

With the exception of the accent, which occurs on the first stroke only, this rudiment is the same as the one in Lesson 37.

Exercise I: Exercise 11:


## Lesson39

 The Triple ParadiddleThis rudiment contains eight strokes; six single alternate strokes, followed by a double stroke. The accents occur on the first, third and fifth strokes.

The arm and wrist motions, used for executing this Paradiddle, are the same as those used for executing all of the previous Paradiddles.

## Exercise I:

Count 1 and 2 and 3 and 4 and 1 and 2 and 3 and 4 and
out loud

## Exercise II:



## Lesson40 The Single Paradiddle

Tltis rudiment, except for the added accent, is the same as the preceding Single Paradiddle in l.esson 36, p. 33. Tltis lesson should also be practiced by accenting only the second stroke
of the Paradiddle. The rhythmic effect, produced thereform, will be well worth the extra time spent in practice.


Fingering $\quad \mathrm{R} L \quad \mathrm{R} R \mathrm{~L} \quad \mathrm{R} L \mathrm{~L} \quad \mathrm{R} \quad \mathrm{L} R \quad R \quad L \quad R \quad L \quad L$
RLRRLRLL
RLRRLRLL

## Lesson 41 <br> The Double Paradíddle

with an accent on the first and fourth strokes

With the exception of the accents, this rudiment is the same as the Double Paradiddle (A) in l.esson 37, p. 34.

Exercise 1:


Exercise II:
$\begin{array}{llllllllllllllll}\text { Fingering } & \mathrm{R} & \mathrm{L} & \mathrm{R} & \mathrm{L} & \mathrm{R} & \mathrm{R} & \mathrm{L} & \mathrm{R} & \mathrm{L} & \mathrm{R} & \mathrm{L} & \mathrm{L} & \text { RLRLRR RLL }\end{array}$

## Lesson 42

The Triple Paradíddle
with an accent on the first, third and sixth strokes

[^0]Exercise I:
Exercise II:
$\boldsymbol{o}^{\text {Count }} 1$ and 2 ar,d 3 and 4 and 1 and 2 and 3 and 4 and

Fingering
R L R L R L R R
LRLRLRLL

## Lesson43 TheF/am

Thls rudiment consists of a principie \{large) note, preceded by agrace note.

In executing the Flam, the grace note is lightly tapped as "clase" as possible to the principie (accented) note. However, it is advisable, in the beginning, to keep the two notes "open," gradually closing the grace note to the main note.

A right hand Flam is made by playing the grace note with the Ieft hand, and the accented (large) note with the right hand. (See 1/lustration 6, p 6.)

A left hand Flarn is made by playing the grace note with the right hand, and the accented note with the left hand. (See ll/ustration 5. p 6.)

The irnportant points to remernber are, that, when executing a right hand Flam, the Ieft hand leads; and, when playing a left hand Flarn, the right hand leads.

According to the fingering indicated in the rhythrnic model, below, the right and left hand Flams alternate; while; in Example I, two sets of fingering are indicated - one for the left hand Flam, and the other for the right hand Flam.

The student is advised to thoroughly master the Flam, before attempting to play any beat containing it; otherwise, displeasing results are almost certain to follow.

## Rhythmic Model:



## Lesson44 The Single Flam Paradiddle

(Flamadiddle)

By placing a grace note in front of the first stroke of the Paradiddle, we have what is known as the Flam Paradiddle. The grace note, which is a light tap, is qucikly followed by an
accented stroke; the Iatter, in tum, is followed by three normal taps.

Exercise I: Exercise II:


Fingering L R L $\quad \mathrm{R} \quad \mathrm{R} \quad \mathbf{R} \mathbf{L} \quad \mathbf{R} \quad \mathbf{L} \quad \mathbf{L}$
LRLRRRLRLL
LRLRRRLRLL

## Lesson45 The Double Flam Paradidd/e <br> ( Flama - flamadiddle)

By placing a grace note just ahead of the first and third strokes of a Double Paradiddle, we have what is known as the Double Flam Paradiddle. In other words. this rudiment con-
tains two Flams; whereas, the Single Flam Paradiddle has but one Flam.


Fingering L R L L R L R R R L R R L R L L
LRL LRLRR
R L R R L R L L

## Lesson 46 <br> The Triple F/am Paradiddle <br> (Flama flama • flamadiddle)

This rudiment contains three Flams. In reality, it is merely a Triple Paradiddle with the addition of a grace note placed in front of the first, third and fifth strokes.


Exercise II:


## Lesson 47 TheF/am Tap

This rudiment is exactly what its name implies - a Flam followed by a tap.

Toe grace note is a very light tap and the next two notes
are accented with equal volume.
Toe exercises in $2 / 4$ and $6 / 8$ tempos, shown below, will give the student sufficient practice in perfecting this rudiment.


## Lesson 48 The F/am Accent

This rudiment consists of a Flam, followed by two normal taps. Toe Flam Accent is most commonly written in 6/8 time.

However, it is also advisable for the student to practice the Flam Accent in the $2 / 4$ tempo, as given in Exercise II.

## Exercise I:



## Lesson49 <br> The Flamacue

In reality, the Flamacue is a Five Stroke Single Roll, with the first and fifth strokes "Flammed," and the second stroke
accented. Toe Flams and accented note should have the same volume.

## Exercise 1: .



Exercise II:


## Lesson 50 <br> The Half Drag (A)

with an accent on the third stroke

Tiús rudiment consists of a double, normal stroke, followed by a single accented stroke. Toe rhythm of the Half Drag is sinúlar to that of the Toree Stroke Ruff, and should be practiced in the same manner.

Toe customary notation for the Half Drag is illustrated in Example II, shown on next page; which is two grace notes (double stroke) followed by the accented principie note. Toe grace note double stroke is to be "bounced," instead of "pressed," when speed is attained.

Rhythmic Model:


Examples in usual notation:


## Lesson 51 <br> The Ha/f Drag (B) <br> with an accent on the first stroke

Tois is a "hand to hand" rudiment, which is chiefly used in slow or medium tempos. It is an exceptional rudiment for improving one's $t$ chnique.

Rhythmic Model:


Example in usual notation:


Lesson 52
The Ha/f Drag (C)
with an accent on the third stroke (for rapid tempos)

Tois rudiment is more practica! in a rapid tempo than the Half Drag (A) in Lesson 50, p. 38. This is due to the fact that
the latter is played from "hand to hand" - a more difficult method of rapid execution.

Rhythmic Model:


Examples in usual notation:


# Lesson53 <br> The Half Drag (D) 

with an accent on the first stroke
(for rapid tempos)

In a lively tempo, this rudiment is easier for sorne drummers to play than the previous Half Drag (B) in Lesson 51, p. 39,
because it is not played from "hand to hand." Both, however, should be mastered.

## Rhythmic Model:



## Examples in usual notation:



## Lesson 54 <br> The Single Drag

This rudiment consists of a Half Drag, followed by a single, alternated, accented stroke. In the rhythmic model, given
below, the Half Drag occurs on the first and third beats in each measure.

## Rhythmic Model:



Example in usual notation: ${ }_{I}$


III


## Lesson 55 The Ful/ Drag

A Full Drag consists of a Half Drag, followed by a single, accented stroke; the latter is made with the same hand that completes the Half Drag. In the rhythmic model, given here,
the Half Drag occurs on the first and third beats in each measure.

## Rhythmic Model:



Examples in usual notation:
 III


## Lesson 56 The Doub/e Drag

This rudiment consists of two Half Drags, the second of which is followed by a single, accented, altemate stroke. The student's attention is called to the fact that the two Half Drags, in succession, do not altemate.

The stick that concludes the second Drag, of the Double Drag, should remain clown, so that it will be in position to
start the following Double Drag.
Once again the student is cautioned to maintain a strict tempo, when practicing any rudiment. Even a slight deviation in tempo is not considered good drurnrning, and may lead into many difficulties later on.


Examples in usual notation:


## Lesson57 The Single Drag Paradiddle

This rudiment is a Paradiddle of which the first stroke is played as a Half Drag.

In order to etennine the value of the two grace notes in
their relation to the Paradiddle, this exercise should be practiced in a very uniform tempo.

Rhythmic Model:


Examples in usual notation:
I



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Lesson 58
The Double Drag Paradiddle (A)
containing one Half Drag
the first stroke of a Double Paradiddle a Half
E, kw.lat il known as a Double Drag Paradiddle.

Rhythmic Model:


Examples in usual notation:
II
Countd
Fingering L L R L $\quad$ R

Lesson 59
The Doub/e Drag Paradiddle (8)
containing two Half Drags

This rudiment is practically the same as the one in Lesson 58, except that the third stroke is also played as a Half Dragmaking two Half Drags instead of one.
Rhythmic Model:


Fingering L L R L LR L R R R RL R R RL R L L L LR L L LR L R R R RL R R RL R L L
Examples in usual notation:


Lesson 60
The Triple Drag Paradiddle

This rudiment is merely a Triple Paradiddle with the first, third and fifth strokes played as Half Drags.
Rhythmic Model:
(Usual notation)
Count 2 and 3 and 4 and 1 and 2 and 3 and 4 and 1 and 2 and 3 and 1 and 2 and 3 and
Fingering LLRL LLRLLtRLRR RRLR RRLR RRLRLL LLRL LLRLLLRL RR RRLR RRLR RRLRL L


## Lesson 61 The Three Stroke Ruff Single Paradiddle

By playing the first stroke of a Single Paradiddle $a$ a Three Stroke Ruff, we produce a Three Stroke Ruff Single Paradiddle.

Before attempting any of the Ruff Paradiddles, the student must be thoroughly familiar with the Three Stroke Ruff and the Single, Double and Triple Paradiddles.

Rhythmic Model:


Examples in usual notation:


## Lesson 62 <br> The Three Stroke Ruff Double <br> Paradidd/e (A) <br> containing one Three Stroke Ruff

Titis rudiment is like a Double Paradiddle, except that a Toree Stroke Ruff is substituted for the first stroke.

Rhythmic Model:



Examples in usual notation:



## Lesson 63 <br> The Three Stroke Ruff Double Paradiddle (B) <br> containing two Three Stroke Ruffs

This rudimt>nt is the same as the one in Lesson 62, except that the third stroke is also played as a Three Stroke Ruff.
Rhythmic Model:



Examples in usual notation:


## Lesson 64

The Three Stroke Ruff Triple Paradiddle

This rudiment is a Triple Paradiddle with the first, third and fifth strokes played as Three Stroke Ruffs.
Rhythmic Model:
(usual notation/


Fingering RLRL RLRL RLRLRR LRLR LRL R LRLRLL RLR L RLR L RLRLRR LRL RL RL RLRL RLL

Another example in usual notation:


## Lesson 65 The Four Stroke Ruff Single Paradiddle

By playing a Four Stroke Ruff, in place of the first stroke of a Single Paradiddle, the result will be a Four Stroke Ruff
Single Paradiddle.
Rhythmic Model:


Examples in usual notation:


## Lesson 66 The Four Stroke Ruff Double Paradiddle (A) <br> containing one Four Stroke Ruff

This rudiment is executed by playing the first stroke of a Double Paradiddle as a Four Stroke Ruff.

Rhythmic Model:


# (1) <br> $\begin{array}{llllllllllll}\text { Fingering L R L R } & \mathrm{L} & \mathrm{R} & \mathrm{L} & \mathrm{R} & \mathrm{R} & \text { RLRL } & \mathrm{R} & \mathrm{L} & \mathrm{R} & \mathrm{L} & \mathrm{L}\end{array}$ <br> \author{ LRLR L R L R R RLRL R L R L L 

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Lesson 67<br>The Four Stroke Ruff Doub/e Paradiddle (B)<br>containing two Four Stroke Ruffs

This rudiment is the same $a$ the one in Lesson 66, except that the third stroke is also played $\infty$ a Four Stroke Ruff.

Rhythmic Model:


Examples in usual notation:


Fingering LRLR L LRLR L R R RLRL R RLRL R L L RLRRLRLRLRLL LRLLRLRLRLRR

LRLR L LRLR L R R RLRL R RLRL R L L RLRR LRLRL R L L LRL L RLRLR L R R

## Lesson 68 The Four Stroke Ruff Triple Paradiddle

This rudiment is executed by substituting a Four Stroke Ruff for the first, third and fifth strokes of a Triple Paradiddle.

## Rhythmic Model:



## Another example in usual notation:



## Lesson 69 <br> The Single Ratamacue (A) <br> with an accent on the third stroke

This rudiment is executed like the Four Stroke Ruff, except that a Half Drag is substituted for the first stroke.

In the rhythmic model, all of the notes are equal in value (eighth notes). The purpose of this is to prevent the student from "pressing" the Drags, which might retard his efforts in acquiring clearness and speed in the execu tion of the rudiment. In the two written examples, shown here, the first two strokes of the Ratamacue are to be played as grace notes. The
student should undertake great care not to "press" the grace notes, but to play them as dosely as possible to the main (accented) note.

After the rhythmic model has been thoroughly leamed, in the notation in which it is written, the student should then practice the examples in strict tempo, without interruption. By applying this method of practice to every Ratamacue, the student will have little trouble in mastering the rudiment.

## Rhythmic Model:



## Lesson 70 <br> The Single Ratamacue (8)

with an accent on the third and sixth strokes

This rudiment is played in the same manner as the one in 1.esson 69, except that the accent falls on the sixth stroke, instead of on the third stroke.

## Rhythmic Model:




Lesson 71
The Double Ratamacue (A)
with an accent on the third and sixth strokes

By placing a Half Drag in front of a Single Ratamacue, the result will be a Double Ratamacue. This Rudiment has an Rhythmic Model:

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 Examples in usual notation:

Lesson 72
The Double Ratamacue (8)
with an accent on the third and ninth strokes

This rudiment is played exactly like the preceding one in
ninth strokes, instead of on the third and sixth strokes. l.esson 71 , except that the accents occur on the third and

Rhythmic Model:



## Examples in usual notation: 1

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connt
Fingering LLR LLR L R L R RL RRL R L R
LLR LLR LRL RRL RRLR R R


Lesson 73

## The Triple Ratamacue (A)

with an accent on the third, sixth and ninth strokes

By placing a Half Drag in front of a Double Ratamacue, we get a Triple Ratamacue.

The rhythmic mu.del, shown below, clearly illustrates the
exact manner in which this rudiment is to be practiced; and the written examples give its proper notation.

## Rhythmic Model:



## Lesson 74

The Triple Ratamacue (B)
with an accent on the third, sixth and twelfth strokes

Except for a slight difference in accents, this rudiment is played exactly like the preceding one in Lesson 73. p. 50

Rhythmic Model:


Example in usual notation:


## Lesson 75 <br> Combínation of the Two Previous Single Ratamacues

In the rhythmic model, shown here, the accent falls on the third stroke in each on the first two Single Ratamacues, and on
the sixth stroke in each of the third and fourth Single Ratamacues.

Rhythmic Model:


Example in usual notation:


## Lesson 76 Combination of the Two Previous Double Ratamacues

In the rhythmic model given below, the accent falls on the third and sixth strokes in each of the first two Double

Ratamacues, and on the third and ninth strokes in each of the remaining Ratamacues.

Rhythmic Model:
Count 123456789
123456789
out loud

Fingeríng L L R L L R L R L R R L R R L R L R L L R L L R L R L R R L R R L R L R

Example in usual notation:


## Lesson 77 Combination of the Two Previous Triple Ratamacues

In the rhythmic model, given here, the accent falls on the third, sixth and ninth strokes in each of the first two Triple

Retamacues, and on the third and ninth strokes in each of the remaining Ratamacues.

Rhythmic Model:


Example in usual notation:


Fingering LLR LLR LLRLRL RRL RRL RRL RLR LLR LLR LLR L R L RRL RRL RRL RLR

## Lesson 78 <br> The Compound Stroke (A)

his rudiment is a combination of a Half Drag and a Three troke Ruff. The third (accented) stroke of the Half Drag is lsQJhe first stroke of this Toree Stroke Ruff.
hy thmic Model:

xmple in usual notation:

L LR LR
LLR L R
LLR L R L R
L LR
LLRLR RRLRL
LLRLRLR
L L R

## lesson 79

The Compound Stroke (8)
accenting the Three Stroke Ruff

L L R L R
R R L R L
LLRLRLR
L L R

In this rudiment the accent falls on the fifth or last stroke $\mathrm{f} 3 / \mathrm{Z}$ Compound Stroke.
l,1 thmic Model:

xamples in usual notation:


## LessonBO <br> Combínation of the Two orevious Compound Strokes

1 the following rhythmic mode, the first and second n sures contain Compound Stroke (A), Lesson 78, while
the third and fourth measures contain Compound Stroke (B), Lesson 79.

## Rhythmic Model:



## Lesson 81 The Compound Stroke (C)

This exercise is written in the conventional drum notation. The student should be able to play it in a fairly rapid tempo, carefully observing the accents.


## Lesson82

The Compound Stroke (D)

With the exception of the accents, the instructions given in
Lesson 81 also apply to this one.


## Lesson 83 Exercises in Triplets

A triplet is a group of three equal notes, ordinarily played in the time of one beat. When a triplet is played in the time of two beats, it is commonly known a a "drag" triplet. because it has a tendency to drag from one beat to another. Exercises 8, 9 and 10, in this lesson, are splendid examples of the "drag" triplet. While practicing these exercises ( 8,9 and IO), it is advisable to mark time with the foot by beating four counts to each measure.

A simple way to remember the evenness with which a
triplet is to be executed, is to pronounce the word "evenly," during its rendition. (See Exercise 1, next page.)

A triplet is easily recognized by the figure 3, which S placed either above or below the center note, as follows:

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Each of the following triplet exercises is to be treated as individual problem. Instead of playing them in a sort slipshod fashion, it is best to master them one at a tune.

Exercise 1:
Play slowly, at first; increase speed gradually. Keep
strict rhythm. Count out loud. Obseive fingering.
(Toe above refers to ali exercises.)


## 1 an - duh 2 an - duh 3 an - duh 4 an . duh 1 an - duh 2 an .duh 3 an -duh 4 an duh 

 Exercise H:



RLRLRLRLRLRL RLRL R R L R L R LRLRL•RL RLRL

Exercise III:


Exercise IV:


Exercise V:


RLRIRIRL RLRIRIRL RLRIRIRL RLRIRIL

Exercise VI:


RL RL R L R L RL
$\begin{array}{lllllll}R & L & R L & R & R L & R L\end{array}$

Exercise VII:


RLLRL R L R L RL R L R L R L R L RL

Exercise VIII:



Mark time with foot.
Exercise IX:




Exercise X:



## Reading Exercises

Toe followíng nineteen exercises are given here mainly for reading purposes. They are to be played in strict "hand to hand" style.

These exercises contain no involved or "tricky" rhythms, merely straight, simple rhythms.

It will be noticed that the counting is only indicated on the first line of each exercise; this method of counting, however, applies to all the lines in the exercise. The large encircled numerals, in the counting system, refer to the measures, and not necessarily to the beats.

## Exercise I:



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Exercise II:


3 5:








Count G ) and 2 and 3 and 4 and (D and 2 and 3 and 4 and G) and 2 and 3 and 4 and © and 2 and 3 and 4 and













Exercise IV:
$\begin{gathered}\text { Count } \\ \text { out Joud }\end{gathered}$
Q) $\quad 2 \begin{array}{llllllllllllll} & 3 & 4 & \mathbf{O} & 2 & 3 & 4 & \mathbf{O} & 2 & 3 & 4 & \mathbf{O} & 2 & 3\end{array} 4^{4}$




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G)uh-an-duh 2 uh-an-duh 3 uh-an-duh 4 uh-an-duh @uh-an-duh 2 uh-an-duh 3 uh-an-duh 4 uh-an-duh






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Exercise VI:
Count (D uh-an-duh 2 uh-an-duh 3 uh-an-duh 4 uh-an-duh @ uh-an-duh 2 uh-an-duh 3 uh-an-duh 4 uh-an-duh





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Count ( $\mathrm{D}_{\text {and }} 2$ and 3 and 4 and 0 and 2 and 3 and 4 and $(i)$ and 2 and 3 and 4 and $G$ ) and 2 and 3 and 4 and






6








Exercise VIII:

This exercise illustrates the gradual development of a Long Roll, when played to a whole note, in four-four tempo.

A whole note Roll is generally written in this manner:


The three short lines, placed over the note, indicate that thirty-second notes are to be played to the time-value of the note. (See fine D.) Sixteenth notes are indicated by placing two short lines over the note, in this manner: छ三三 (See line C) When eighth notes are to be played, one short line is placed over the note, in this manner: $=($ See line B.)

The above abbrevíations also apply to notes of other value; such as half notes and quarter notes. In rare cases, sixty-fourth note Rolls are played but this, of course, depends entirely upon the style and tempo of the composition.

In the following exercise, each line clearly illustrates how a whole note may be divíded into notes of different value. Toe student is advised to practice these four lines in succession, without a pause, and to maintain a slow strict tempo through. out. Counting out loud is extremely essential.

In perfecting the Roll, this exercise is of great value.


RRLLRRLLRRLLRRLLRRL
LR RLLRRLLRRLL


Exercise X:
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(R) 234
G) 234
G) 23
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Exercise XIII:













Exercise XIV：

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Exercise XVII:
count (Dand 2 and 3 and 4 and @ and 2 and 3 and 4 and $(D$ and 2 and 3 and 4 and @ and 2 and 3and 4and
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Exercise XVIII:
Count
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3
fín) $\backslash 2$
G) 2
G) 23








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Count $G$ ) and 2 and 3 and 4 and (i) and 2 and 3 and 4 and $G$ ) and 2 and 3 and 4 and © and 2 and 3 and 4 and





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Count (Dand 2 and 3 and 4 and 0 and 2 and 3 and 4 and 0 and 2 and 3 and 4 and G) and 2 and 3 and 4 and $\begin{array}{llllllll}\text { out Joud } & 3 & 3 & - & 3 & 3 & 3 & 3\end{array}$ 1




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## Explanatory Remarks <br> Concerning Exercies Employing Rudiments

Toe following ten exercises include ali of the rudirnents that are necessary in military drummíng. The student is advised against attempting to practice any of these exercises, until he has first mastered ali of the previous rudiments in this book.

As the rudiments employed in these exercises are not marked with any signs of identification, the student must be able to recognize them at sight, whenever he encounters them; and he should play them exactly as he has leamed them. He will find this excellent practice in sight reading, which will offset any difficulties he might have later on, in the event he is called upon to play military drum parts.

Each line of these exercises should be treated as an individual problem. In fact, a good system to follow is to take one exercise at a time and play each line repeatedly, in a moderate tempo, until it is committed to memory; then play the entire exercise of ten lines from memory.

As a rule, the notation for military drum parts is slightly different from those of orchestra drum parts. In military music, it has always been the custom not to abbreviate the rudiments, especially the Stroke Rolls. In the latter, every stroke is written (usually in small notes) as played. (See examples given below. J However, it is a comparatively simple matter to learn to read either notation.

## Excerpt from 'The Toree Camps"



Excerpt from "The Breakfast Cal!"


Excerpt from 'The Dinner Call"


Exercises Employing
Rudiments

Exercise I:


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Exercise II:


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Exercise III:




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Count CDand 2 and 3 and 4and 0and2and3and4and0and 2 and 3 and4and © and 2and3and4and










Exercise V:

1

2


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Exercise VII:
Count
$\left(\mathrm{D}_{2} \quad 3 \quad 4 \quad 4 \quad 5 \quad 6\right.$
Q) $2 \quad 3 \quad 4 \quad 5 \quad 6$
Q) $2 \begin{array}{llllllllll} & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & \mathbf{O} & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5\end{array} 6$




4


6


8




Exercise VIII:


2


4


5


7





Exercise IX:



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Exercise X:

Count (1) and 2 and (2) and 2 and (3) and 2 and (4) and 2 and (5) and 2 and ( 6 and 2 and ( 7 and 2 and (8) and 2 and



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## Buddy Rich in Action



Using the After Beat.


After ali of the rudiments and exercises in this book have been thoroughly leamed, the student may then practice them by holding the sticks timpani fashion, a shown above.

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& 3
\end{aligned}
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\begin{aligned}
& 4 \text { tiot } \\
& \text { RLRRLRLL RLRRLRLL RLRRLRLL RLRRLRLL } \\
& \text { LRLLRLRR LRLLRLRR LRLLRLRR LRLLRLRR } \\
& 5 \text { 年 }
\end{aligned}
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RLRLRRLR LRLLRLRLRLRLRRLR LRLLRLRL
LRLRLLRL RLRRLRLR LRLRLLRLRLRRLRLR
RLRRLRLLRLRRLRLLRLRLRRLR
LRLLRLRRLRLLRLRR LRLRLLRLRLRRLRLR
8
LRLLRLRRLRLLRLRRLRLRLLRLRLRRLRLR

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$\begin{array}{llllll}R & L & R & L & R & I\end{array}$
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$\begin{array}{llllll}\mathrm{L} & \mathrm{R} & \mathrm{L} & \mathrm{R} & \mathrm{L} & \mathrm{R}\end{array}$











$\begin{array}{llllllllllllllllllllllllll}\mathrm{R} & \mathrm{L} & \mathrm{R} & \mathrm{L} & \mathrm{R} & \mathrm{L} & \mathrm{R} & \mathrm{L} & \mathrm{R} & \mathrm{L} & \mathrm{R} & \mathrm{L} & \mathrm{R} & \mathrm{L} & \mathrm{RL} & \mathrm{R} & \mathrm{L} & \mathrm{R} & \mathrm{L} & \mathrm{RL} & \mathrm{R} & \mathrm{L} & \mathrm{R} & \mathrm{R} \\ \mathrm{L} & \mathrm{R} & \mathrm{L} & \mathrm{R} & \mathrm{L} & \mathrm{R} & \mathrm{L} & \mathrm{R} & \mathrm{L} & \mathrm{R} & \mathrm{L} & \mathrm{R} & \mathrm{L} & \mathrm{R} & \mathrm{L} & \mathrm{R} & \mathrm{L} & \mathrm{R} & \mathrm{L} & \mathrm{R} & \mathrm{L} & \mathrm{R} & \mathrm{L} & \mathrm{R} & \mathrm{L} & \mathrm{L}\end{array}$

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[^0]:    This rudiment is the same as the Triple Paradiddle in l.esson 39 , p. 34. with the exception of the accents.

