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JANUARY.

I can always leave off talking when I hear a master play.

Browning.



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January First.

Every day that we spend without learning something is a day lost.

Beethoven.

William Beale was born January 1, 1784. Lefébvre Wély died January 1, 1870.

January Second.

In January, 1822, Maëlzel came before the public with his metronome.

"One must not only learn to count while playing, but make the playing fit the counting."

January Third.

He who would do a great thing well must first have done the simplest thing perfectly. Cady.

Henriette Sontag was born January 3, 1806.

Thomas Ludford Bellamy died January 3, 1843.

January Fourth.

The study of the history of music, and the hearing of masterworks of different epochs, will cure one of vanity and self-adulation.

Robert Schumann.

Ludwig Ehlert died January 4, 1884.

January Fifth.

A rule drawn up in 1653 in Germany, signed by Emperor Ferdinand III.: "No man shall dare to perform on dishonorable instruments, such as hurdy-gurdies, bagpipes, and triangles, which beggars use for collecting alms, so that the noble art of music is brought into contempt by them."

January Sixth.

Music is a stimulant to mental exertion.

D'Israeli.

Max Bruck was born January 6, 1838. Taubert died January 6, 1891. Heinrich Hertz was born January 6, 1806. Rudolph Kreutzer died January 6, 1831.

January Seventh.

When Thalberg played a melody it stood out in bold dynamic relief; not because he pounded, but because he kept the accompaniment duly subdued.

Christiani.

Sigismund Thalberg was born January 7, 1812.

Robert Nicolas Bochsa died January 7, 1856.

January Eighth.

Without enthusiasm one will never accomplish anything in art,

Robert Schumann.

Handel's first opera, "Almeria," was produced January 8, 1705.

Hans Guido von Bülow was born January 8, 1830.

January Ninth.

Of all the fine arts music is that which has most influence on the passions, and which the legislator ought the most to encourage.

Napoleon Bonaparte.