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A Modern School for the Violin

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THE purpose of this Work is to provide, in one systematic and comprehensive scheme, all that is necessary for the acquirement of the Art of Modern Violin Playing.

"A Modern School for the Violin" consists of Six Books devoted to Daily *Technical Practice*, Six Books of *Studies* for Violin alone, and a number of *Pieces* with Pianoforte Accompaniment, the Violin parts being specially edited for the purposes of teaching.

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