For the Further Improvement of Dancing A Treatife of

Chorography, or the Art of Dancing Country Dances
after a new Character

Inwhich

The Figures, Steps, and Manner of performing are Defcrib'd, and the Rules Demonstrated in an Easie Method, adapted to the meanest Capacity, Translated from the French of Mon'. Fewillet, and Improv'd with many Additions.

All fairly Engrav'd on Comper Plates

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with a Collection

Of Country Dances, and a New French Dance Call'd the

Princes's Palspied

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Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales.

Madam

It may Seem an unpardonable prefumption to approach your Royal Highness with a Trifle of this Nature, while I am Sensible your most Valuable thoughts and Actions are Employ'd upon the Princely Education of your Illustrious Issue; To whom You are the Brightest Example of Piety, Vertue and Polite breeding, and as your Highness is a peculiar Ornament to your own Family, so you Shine no Less conspicous in the Grandure & Gayety of the Court, where your Highness may Justly be said to have retrived the English Gallantry, which for these late Years has been Entire, ly Neglected.

And as your Royal Highness hath more particularly Encouraged the Art of Dancing; which is of Singular use to form the manners as well as Persons of Princes. So you give such peculiar Grace to it, that we may Expect to See it rise to the Highest persection from your

Patronage and Encouragement.

Hence it is Madam, I have taken the Liberty to prefent this Trea, it is e of Dancing, with an Addition of Several Country Dances, together with a New French Dance, which I prefume to call the Princes's Passpied.

Shou'd these Endeavours have the happiness to meet your Royal Approbation, 'twill Screen them from Censure, and Satisfie y height of his Ambition, who is Madam with the utmost veneration and duty

Your Royal Highness most Obedient and most Devoted Servant

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Elements, or Principles of Chorography

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represents y Danceing Roome is vizithe super part of the leaf of where the Musick stands represents the super end of y Roome is the lower part of the leaf represents the two sides of the leaf representations of the two sides of the leaf representations of the two sides of y Roome.

Havings given you thus anotion of the Roome, you must take care in y practique to hold always exactly if super end of the book against if super end of the Roome, so that whatever Motion you make if book may never come out of its naturall Situation.

The lower and of the Roome.

Of the Figures of Dances are reprise Serted by lines which begin from y mesence of the Body, Swhich goe some times forward, & formames back. ward, sometimes sideways to if right. and somume sideways to y left, either straight or round, but one must observe exactly from whence those lines begin for some of them begin from the fore vait of is presence of y Body, & some from y back part, & the other from the sides. Those that begin fromy fore part of the presence of the Body are to goe forward as the line A. shows Those that begin from the back part are to goe backwards Jas the line B. Shews..... fide are to goe fidentays to the right as y line C. shews. C.

Of the Presence of y Body! The Body of Manis repre-fented by the figure A.B.C.D. A. Shews if forepart B. (A) Shews the back part and COD C.D. the two sides..... The Body of the Woman is repre -fented as that of y Man with this difference that it has a small E half moon more as you (GuHI) may see by y figure E.F. G.H. (F) How the Body is repre-- Sented over against the four sides of the Room. The figure I. represents y Body against y upper end of y Room 1 The figure Krepresents y Body ag y lower part of the Room The figure M. represents y. LD. Body ag y right fide of y Room and the figure Lirepresents the Body against the left K side of the Room.

Examples of all the Different Lines hithertoo mention'd.

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A service

The lower and of the Room-

How with the Signes
you may form what figure of Dance
you please as the figure A.B.C.D. shews
which I give here for an Example.

The line A.as I have already faid is to goe straight forward.

The line B.is to goe sideways to y right

The line C.is to goe

B

straight backward.

The line Dis to goe

round forward.

Observe for greater facility that the small Characters which you see from distance to distance, and which are made like small Vs mark the situation of the Body, as it moves as also the presence of the Body which is always at the beginning of every figure of a Dance, and you must likewise observe that it is the upper part of the V. that shew the fore part of the Body.

These small Vswill serve also to mark the measures of y Dances as will be shewn hereafter.

Of the Pointed Line.

The pointed line (supon which one dothnot goe & which represent no figure of a Dance) serves cheifly to leade the fight from one line to another, as when you will come back supon y same line, on which you have gone already.

Example

To goe straight for To goe sidenmys ward & come back and come back on the same line. on the same line.

A Pointed line is that also repon which will be placed all Motions of Hands, and Feet and other figures, which are domin'y same

place as well be seen hereafter.

Of 4 Feet, steps, Hands & Armes.

The my designe is not to mark any steps in Country Dances, being willing to leave the Dancers if liverty of composing the same as they please; there are notwith standing some motions with y Feet, Hands & Armes which I can't omitt incerting here.

The Foot is represented by the figure A.B. of which of Ashens if Heele & B. the Toe...... A

The step is represented forward. Contains the figure C.D. of which C. shews the bogin backward. Coning and D. the end.

The Hand is represented by the figure EF. of which E. shenro 4 (E)
Thumb and F.4 fore finger. F

The Arme is represented by the figure G. H. of which G. Shews the shoulders and H. the Wrift.

Of the Motions of the Hands, and Feet, and other Signes.

Tis to be observed that the lines serve not only to denote y figures of Dances, but likewise for a foundation to describe all motions of the Hands and Feet and other figures, observing that all what is mark'd at the right side of y line is always either right Hand, or right Foot, as also that all what is mark'd at the left side is always either left Hand or left Foot.

Example.

Towalk one step forward and stamp i Ground with the flat of the Foot as in fencing.

Give the Hand to the Person you Dance with.

Let goe the Hand.

Give both Hands.

Let goe both Hands.

Strike with the Hand that is presented.

Clap both Hands together once Come three times.

Make sign with the finger three times as threatning.

Make sign with the finger once as to bid one come.

Make sign with the finger once as to bid one come.

Turning if Wrist three times.

Turning both
Wrists once
Thomas both Wrists three
times as when you
wind thread.

Bend both Knew

Rise on both Feet.

Turn to if right on both
Feet a quarter of a turn.

Turn to the left on both
Feet half a turne.

Turn to if left on both
Feet half a turn.

Turn to ye left on both
Feet half a turn.

Turn to ye left on both
Feet half a turn.

A step before you put the Foot woon the Ground, or a hopp.

Balancing with gright Foot.

Balancing with gleft Foot.

A Rigadoon step upon the line forward.

A Rigadoon step upon the line backward.

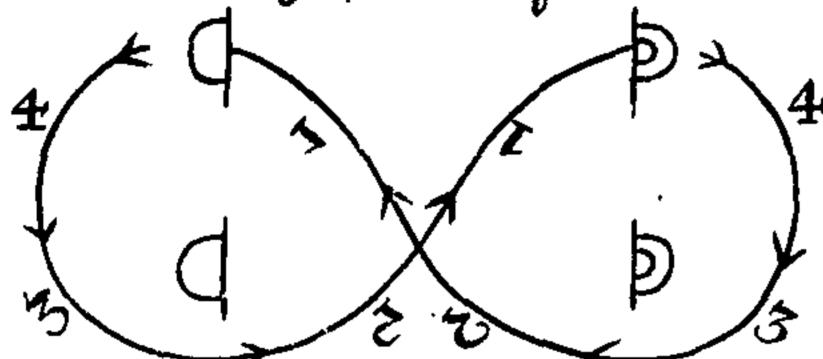
Honour to if left Viz.

Steping sideways with if left Foot & drawing the right Foot behind.

Honour to if right Viz.

Steping sideways with the right Foot and drawing the left Foot behind.

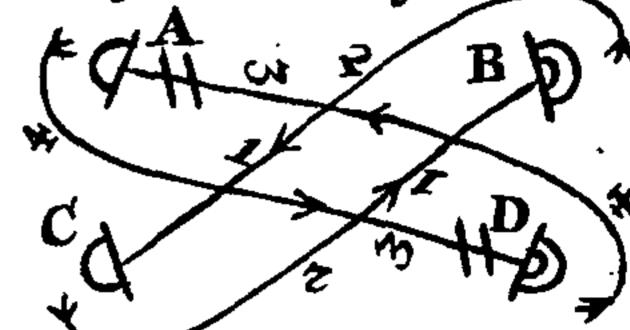
How the Measures of Dances, have relation to the Measures of Airs.



One must remember that it has been said hereto fore, that if small V. which are marked on the figures of Dances, represent not only the presence of y Body, when it moves, but that they likewise serve to mark if measures & have the same effect in Dances as bars have in Musick as may be seen by if figure above which I give for an example which figure is of 4 measures like the Aire that is set down on y top of this leaf, which is also of 4 measures the first of which has relation to the first measure, of the Dance the 2. to the 2. of the Dance the 2.

To know when you must let

To know when you must let pass some measures of the Aire with out Dancing, as when two or more persons goe one after another.

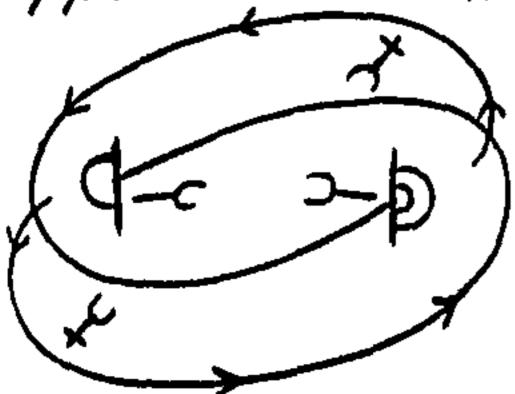


In this figure representing by four persons mark'd A.B.C.D. you must observe that y two lines A.and D. in their beginning are cut obliquely each by two small barrs, which shews that those two persons, must not begin before they have lett pass two measures of y Aire, and if there be a greater or smaler man berit must be observed in proportion.

This being thus known I fay that the two persons B. & C.who have no measures to court, must begin present by while y two other persons A&D.count

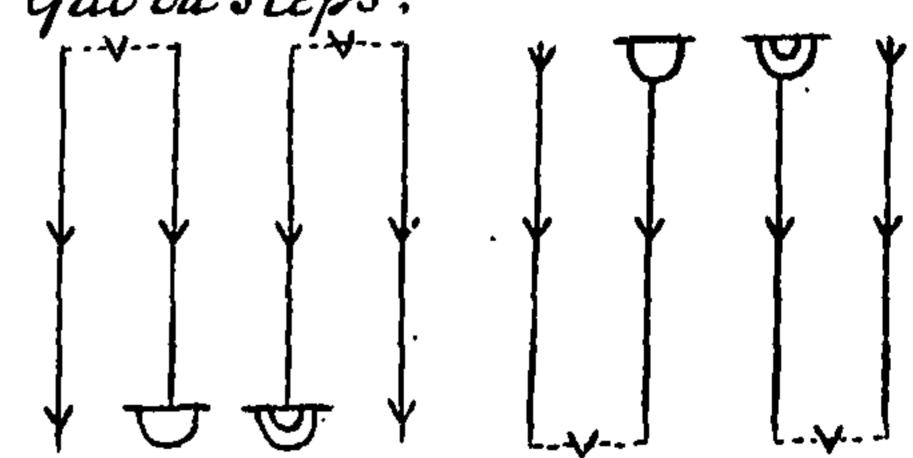
Advice concerning of steps that best sute with Country Dances.

The most ordinary steps in Country Dances (those excepted that are repon Minuet Airs) are steps of Gavot, drive sidenays Bource step and some small sumps forward of either Foot in a hopping manner; or little hopps in all round Figures as the preeceding & following are, one may make little hopps or Bource steps but little hopps are more in fashion

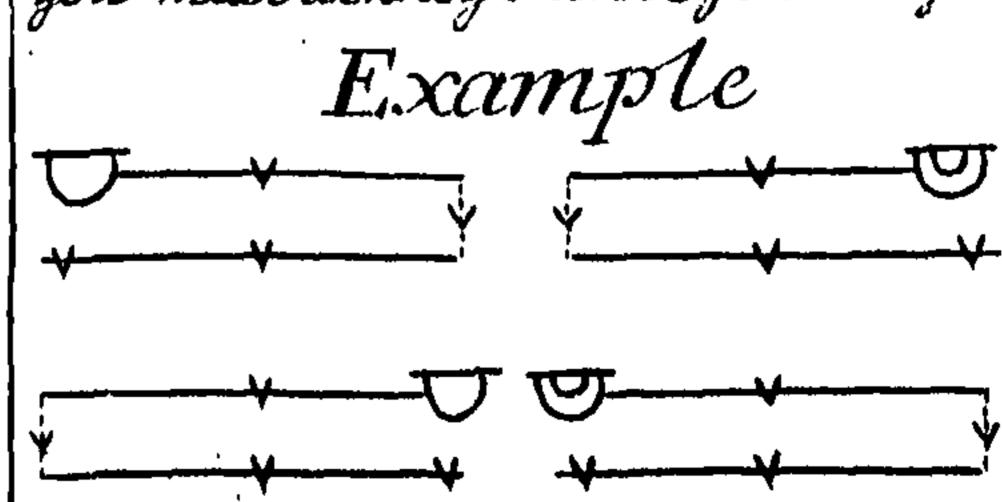


As it is ordinary that every figure of a Dance ends at every cadence or end of the Aire, it will be proper to make a small Iumpripon both Feet.

In all figures that goe forwards, and backward, or backwards, and forwards, you must always make Gavott steps.



In all figures that goe fideways you must always drive fideways.



When it will be requisite to make other steps, than them were have mention d, as Rigadoon steps, balances &c. they shall be mark digron y figures.

What Country Dances are, & how they must be performed.

A Country Dance is nothing but a Couplet or Part of a Dance, abvail repeated, first by two, by 4.6.8.10.8c. and at last by as many Couples as the mumber of People amounts too.

I call Couple the man and the Woman that figure togather.

A Couplet in Country Dances is a certain quantity of figures, that fill up the tune.

The same Country Dance may have severall Couplets or parts, white are like severall verses of Songs upon the same tune.

Each Couplet of a Country Dance is devided by figures viz.first figure 2.fig: 3. fig: 4th fig: 5th fig: & c.

The first figure is always that by which one begins, and goes on till you arrive to if last, which will be the end of it part, which is to be repeated not only by them who have begun, but also by all the other Couples.

who must follow the same way as the first, and shall likewise continue in it same order, till every Body be arrived to the same place from whence they begun and then the whole part will be intierely sinished and there every Couple make that Honour as they finish.

But if there be a fecond part, you must instead of making your Honour, goe on in the same order, as you have done in the first, and putt off making your Honour till you come to yend of the last part.

Country Dances are Doncest with as many Perfons as you pleafe, provided it be an even number, I mean as many Men as Women, placed upon two lines the Men on one fide & y Women on y other, of which all y Couples ought to be diftinguifted viz. first Couple, 2. 3. 4. 4. 5. 5. 0. th Couple & c.

As it would be very Example difficult for me to men tion all figures that Compose a Country Dance, and that it wou'd occation too! much trouble. I'le content my felf for brevity sake and to make the thing more easie, & groe one only for an Example as you may see from A. to B. wherein I suppose that ally rest is compre hended, & which I look repon as an

Dances, upon which all the different figures that may be inverted are founded.

The first design is that every person what
ever figure he makes, ends all if repetitions
to the same side, that is to say that if man
must not change his place but what is
er man, & a woman but with a woman.

There are two theif Designs of Country

abridgm to all y figures that

Compose a Country Dance.

The Second design is no hen if Men end all their repititions in if Womens places, and the Women in the Mens places.

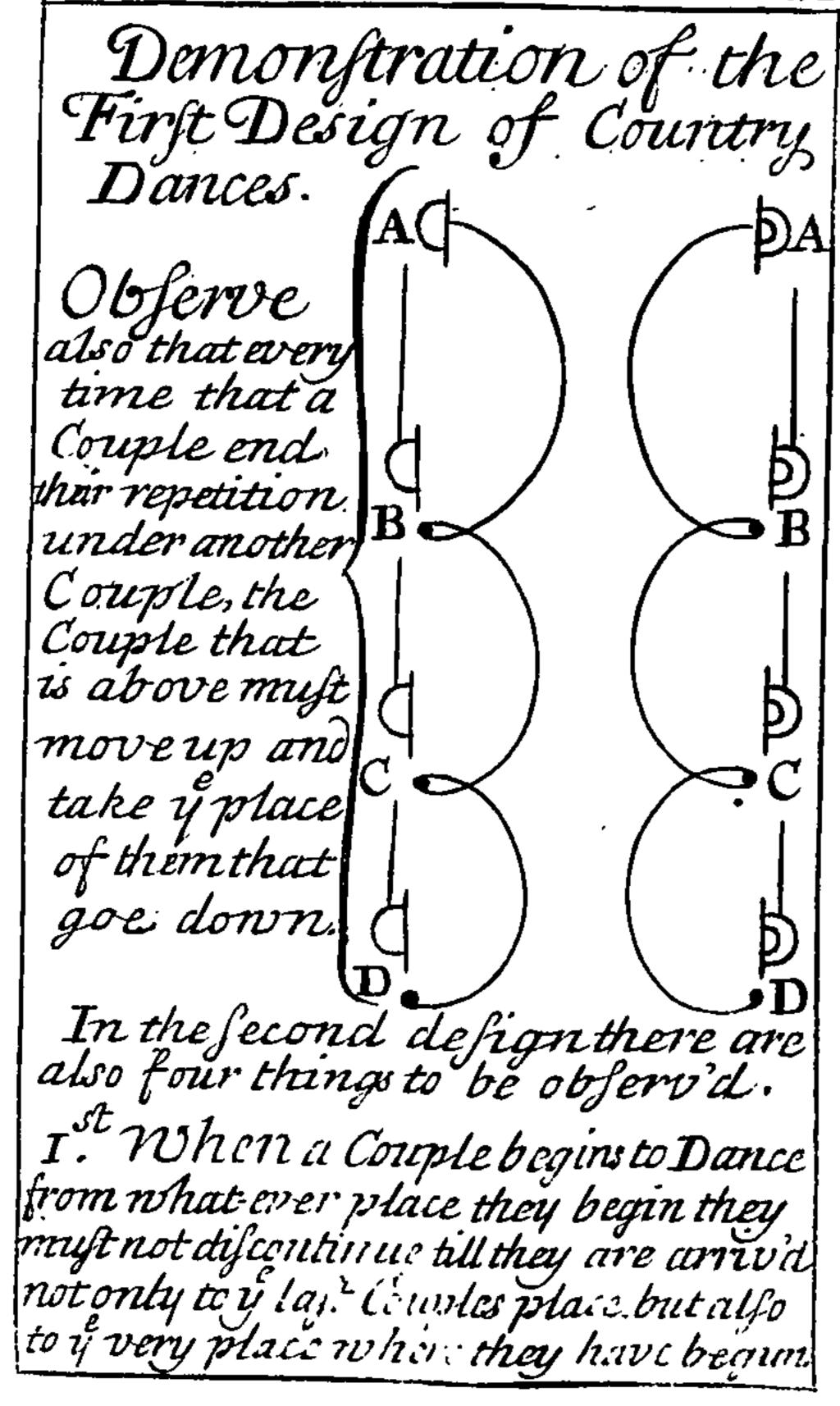
In the first design there are fourthings to be observed.

Dance, they must not give off till they are come down to the last Comples place as from A.to D.

2.4 Every repitition must begin always at the first Couple A. & end at the Second Couple B. then to the third Couple C. to the fourth D.&c. and so to come down from Couple, to Couple till you arrive to the last Couple till you arrive to the last Couple, where then all y repetitions of if last Couple are at an end, & that Couple Dances no more but when other Couples coming down in their turn they move up.

3. That a Couple ought not to begin to Dance, till they're come into the first Couples place, as in A.

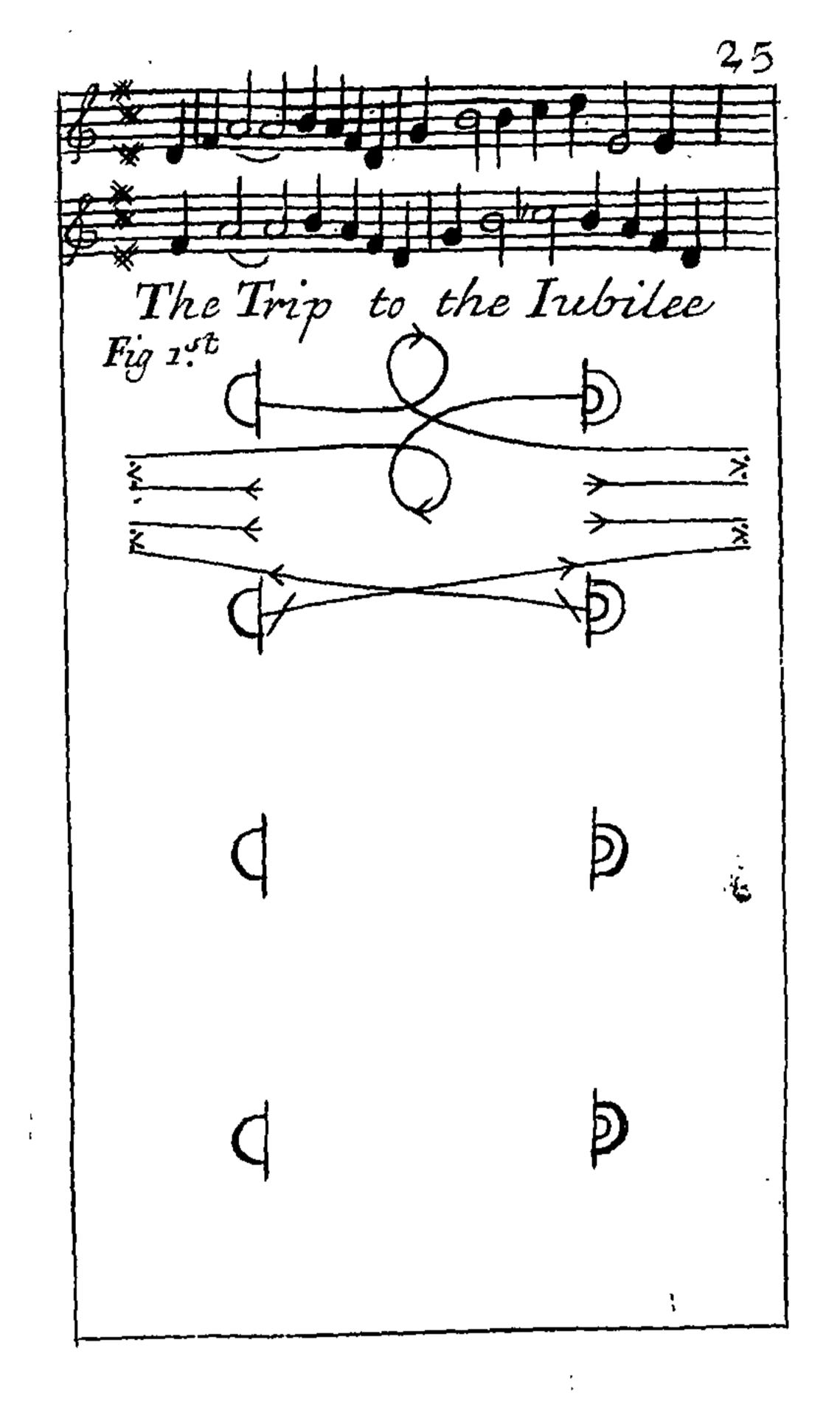
4th That a Couple that is come to y first Couples place must not begin to Dance till if precedent Couple has made two repends ons begin as from A.to C.

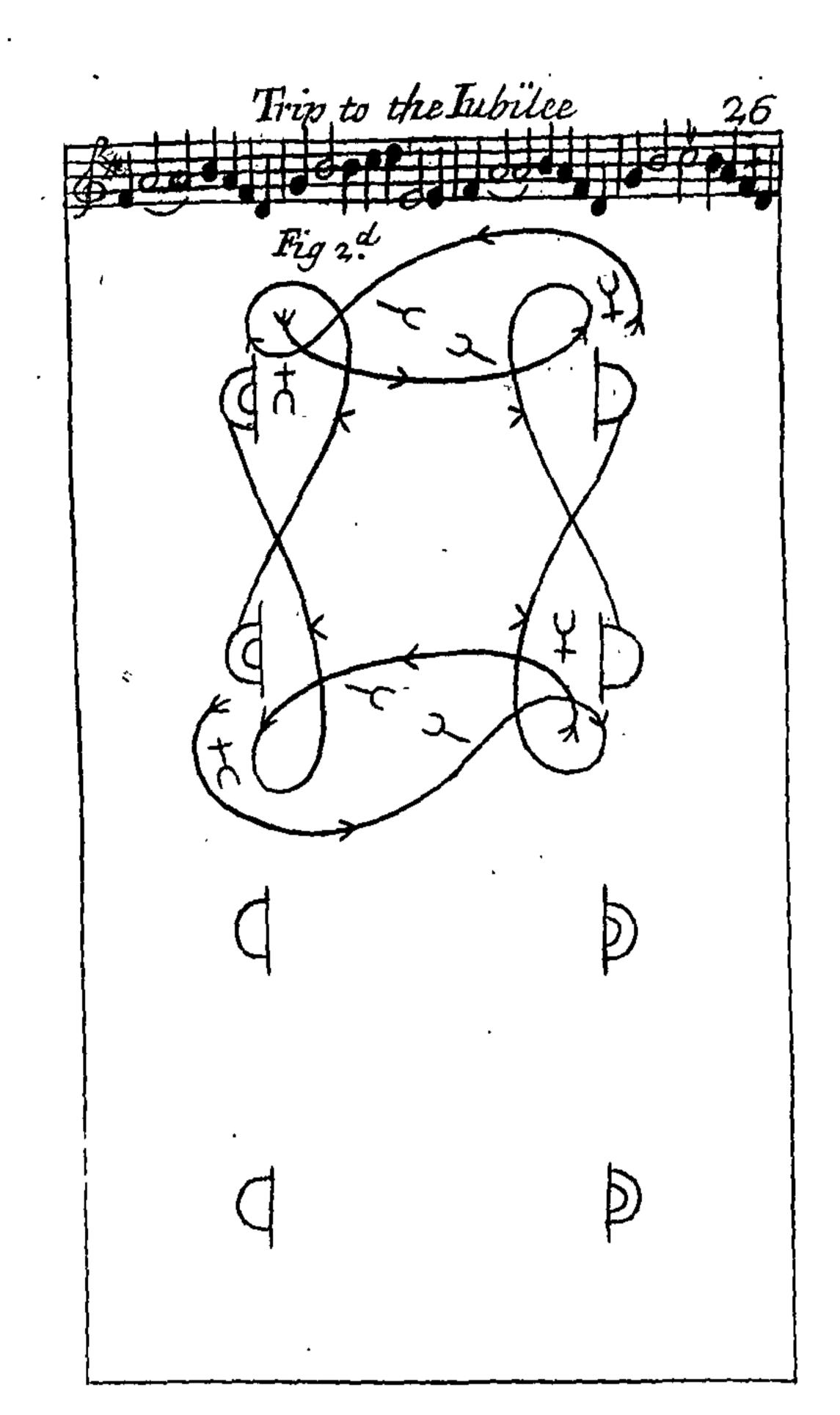


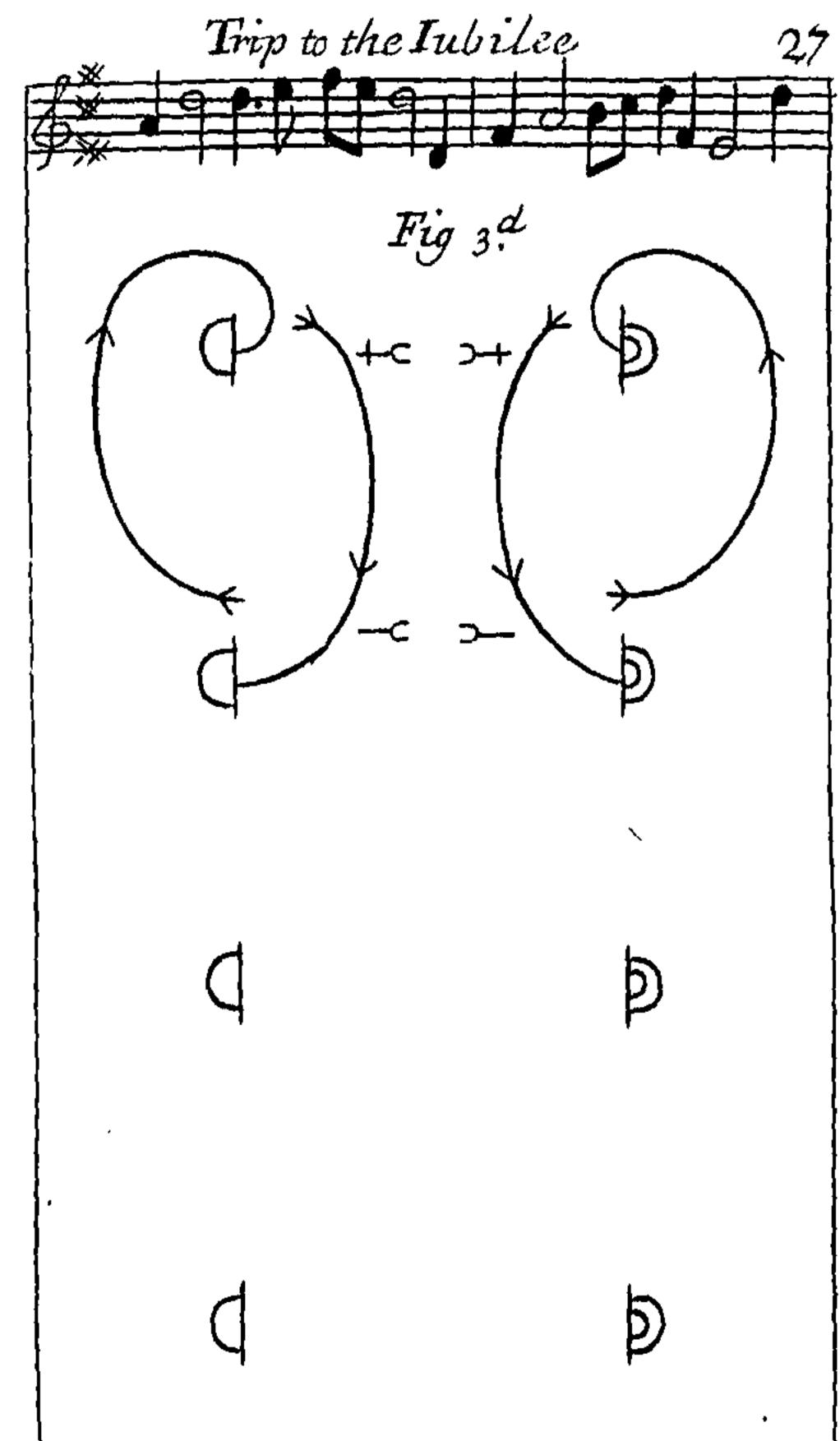
2d Every time that a repetition begins again, the Same increases always by Couples, fo that y Dance which before was but of two, coms to be of four, then of 6. of 8. 10. Sc. till every Body be in motion. 3.ª When a Couple coms into the first Couples place they must follow the fame way which the preceeding Couples have gon. 4th When a Couple is come down to the last Couple and finds there no Body more to Dance with, then that fame Couple Dances again together and afterwards moves up always Dancing, till they come to the fame place wherethey have begun. & then all the repetitions of that Couple are at an end.

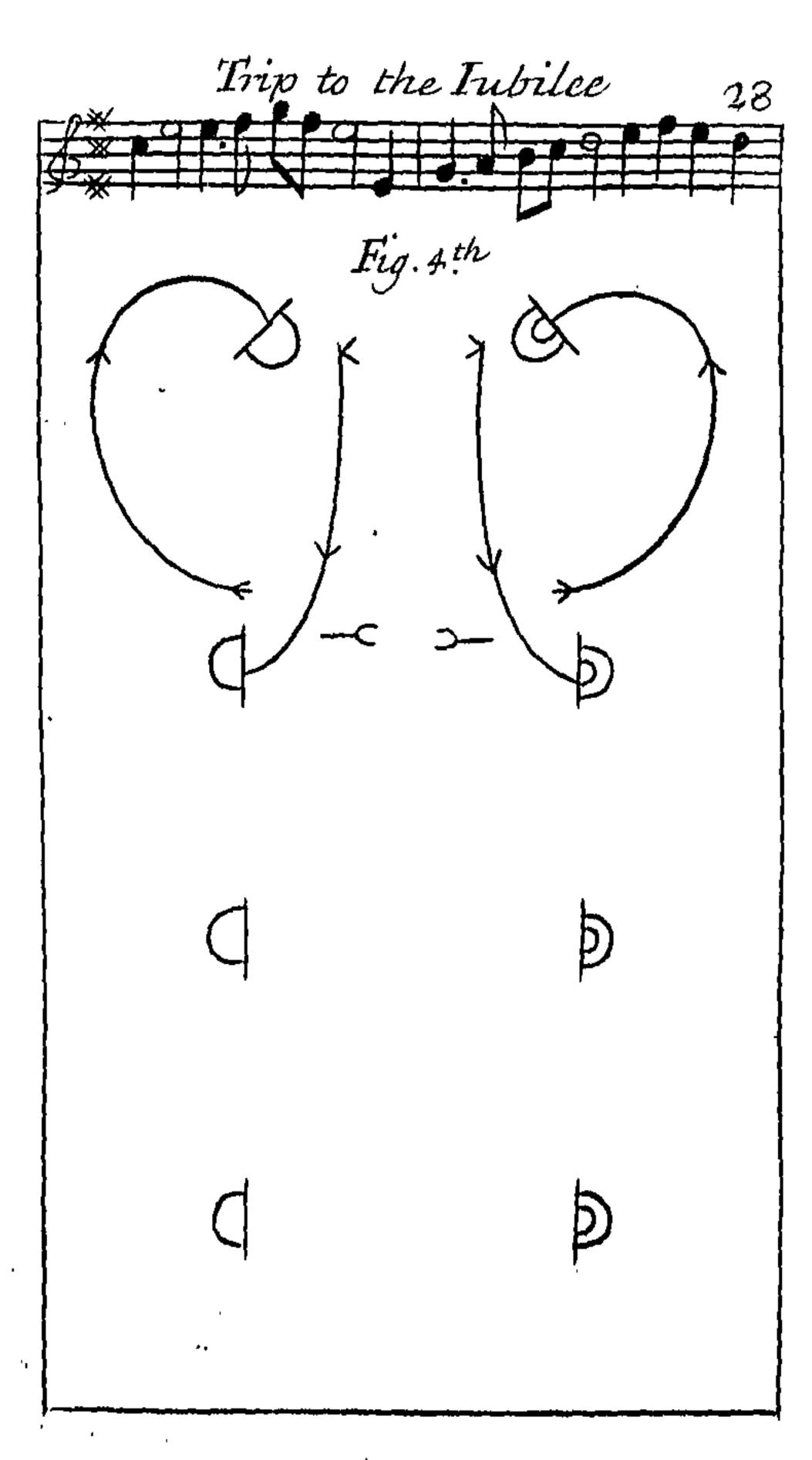
When there is two or more parts in a Country Dance, you'll find the fame mark'd one upon another and they will be devided by a barr a cross, of which y uper one shall be y first, the next y second, and the under one y third, as you may see in y Country Dance, call'd y Diligent which has two parts, & the Pantomime which has three.

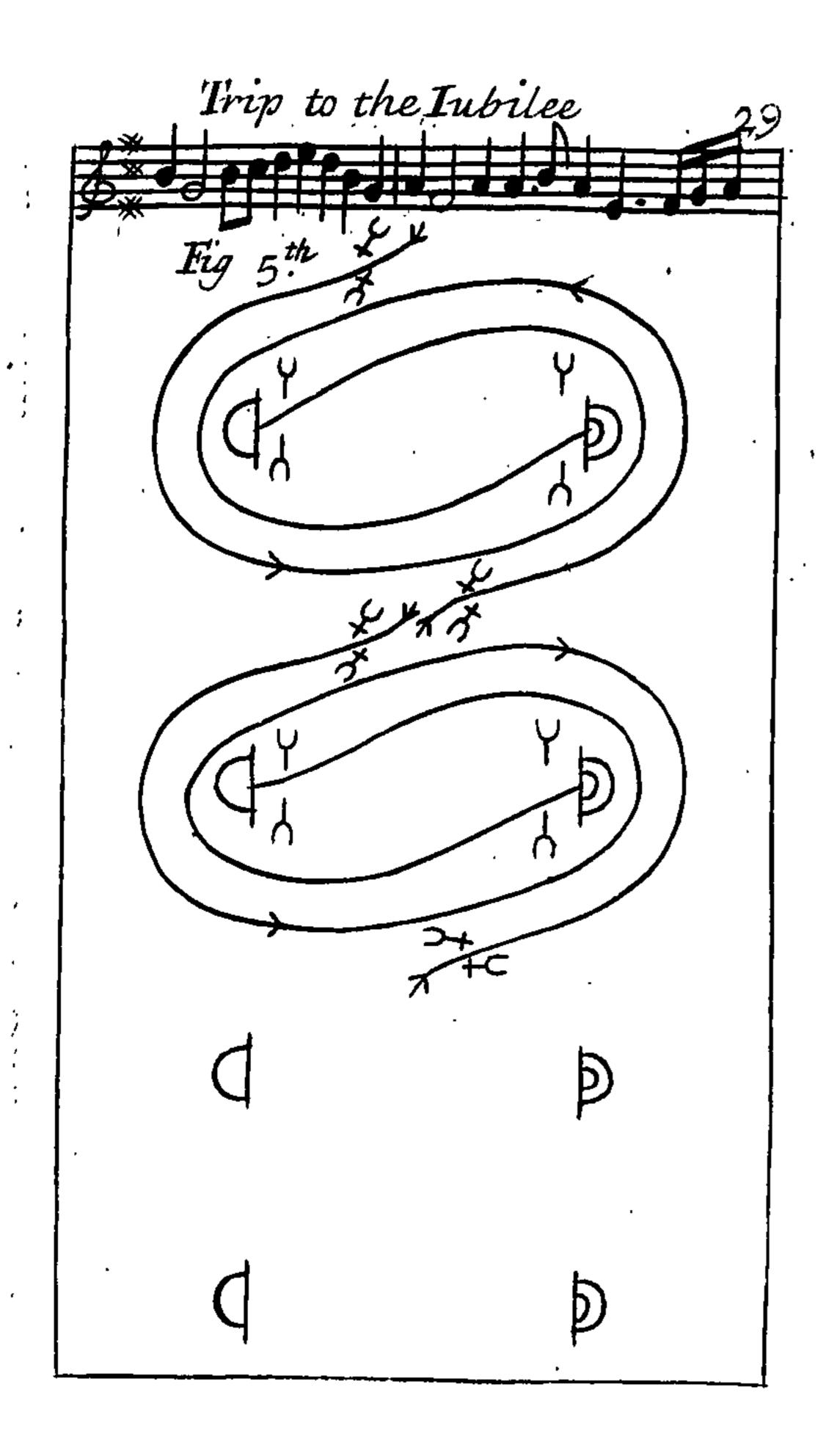
Whereas Right Hand & left being very difficult for y Reader to explain at first view, especially if it be above three quarters round, I shall (therefore) for the greater eafe of the Reader, write down in the middle of y figure, how often you ought to Right Hand, and left the figure, that is mark'd down for three quarters round, as you'l find in y Great Turk, but if Right Hand and left happen to be done once and a halfe round or more, I shall only in the Character (to avoid Confusion) write downe as before and in words specify how often you are to Right Hand and left.

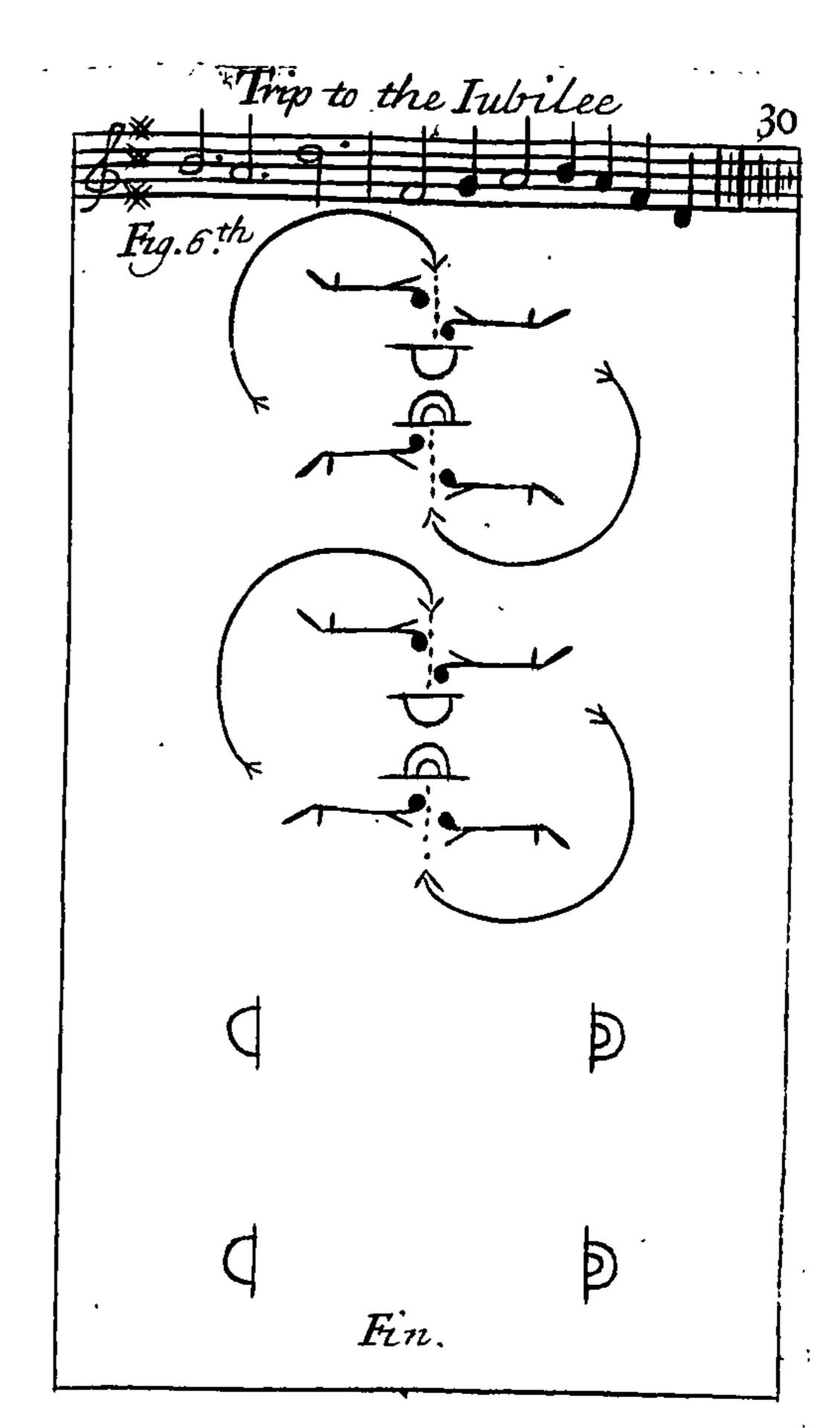


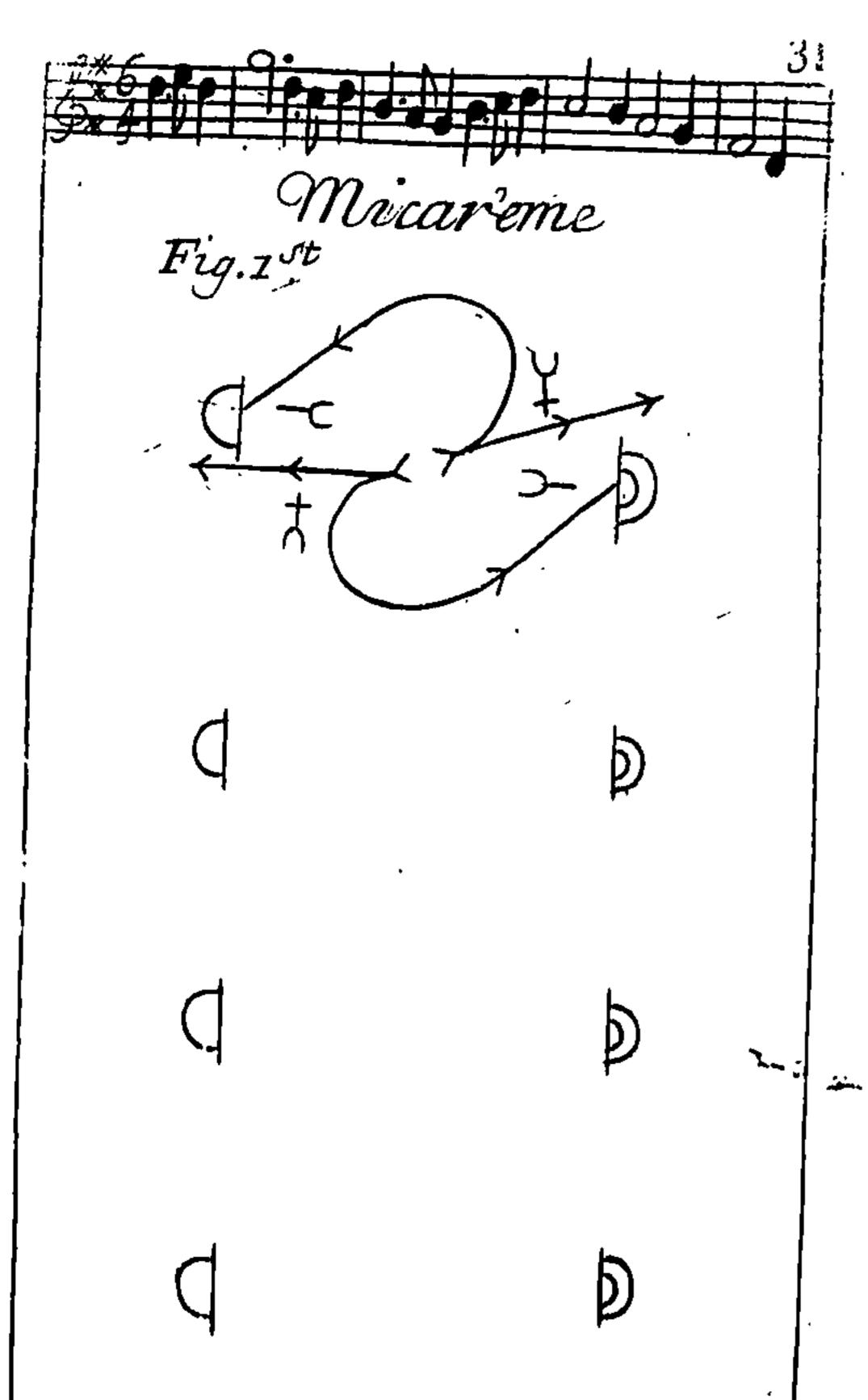


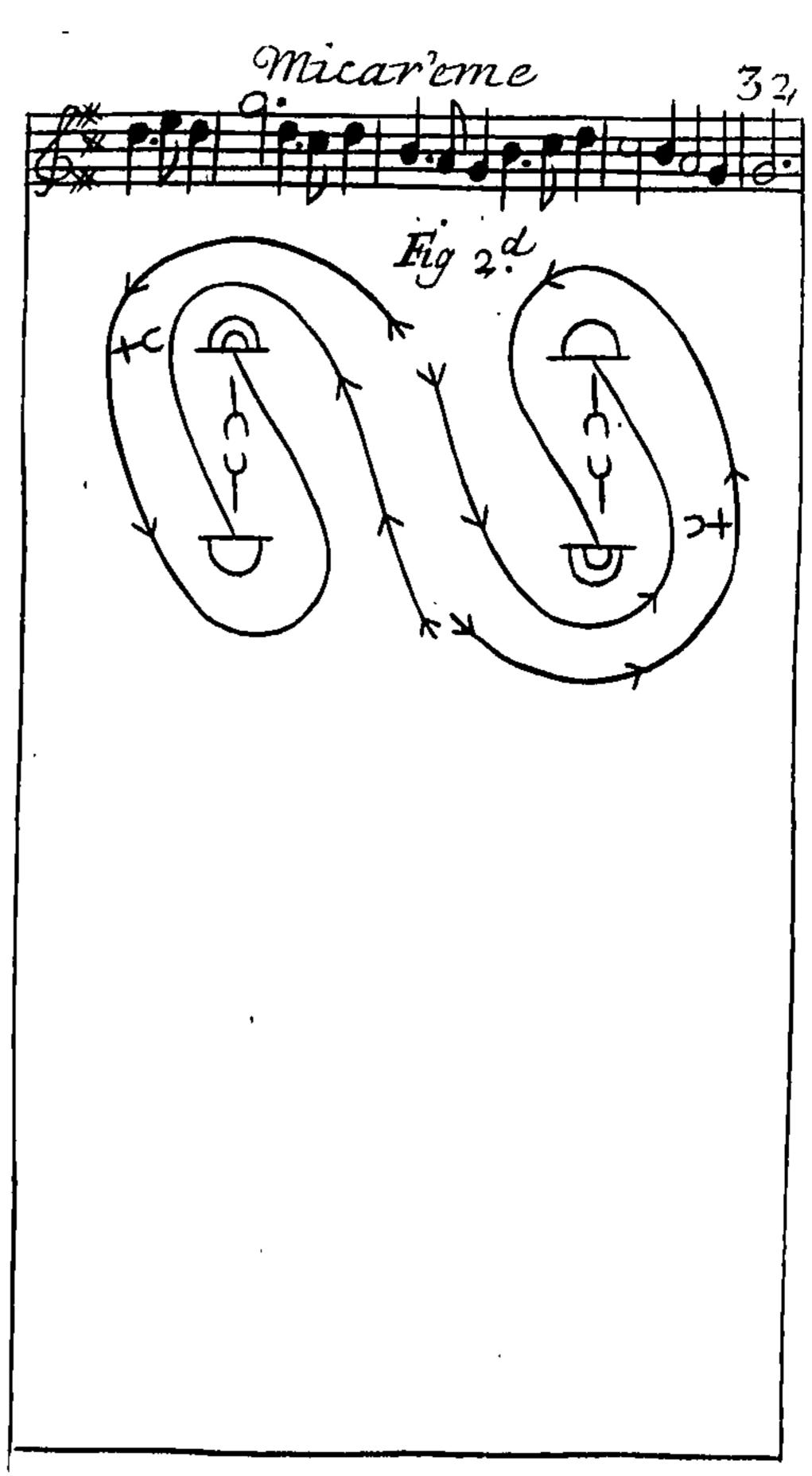


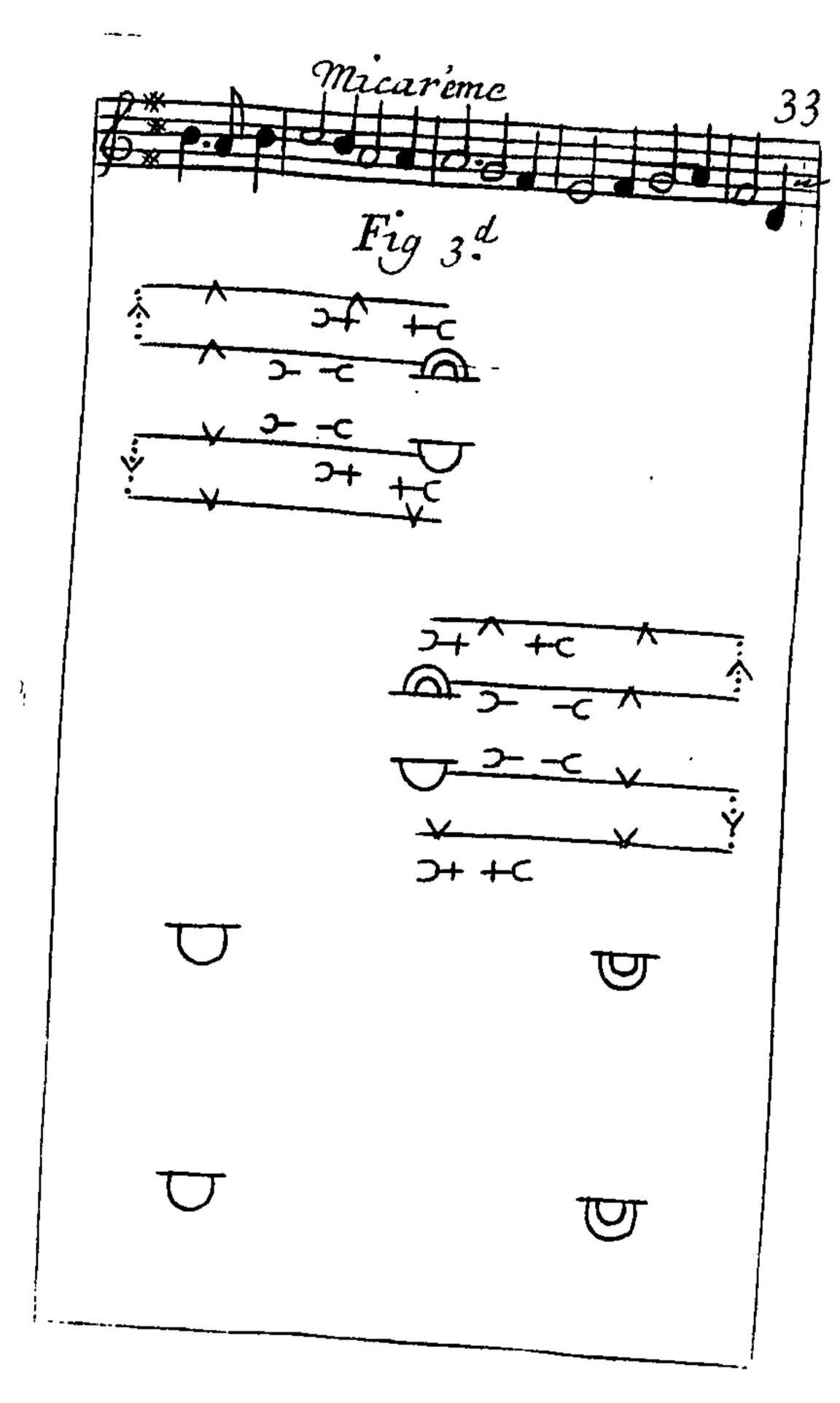


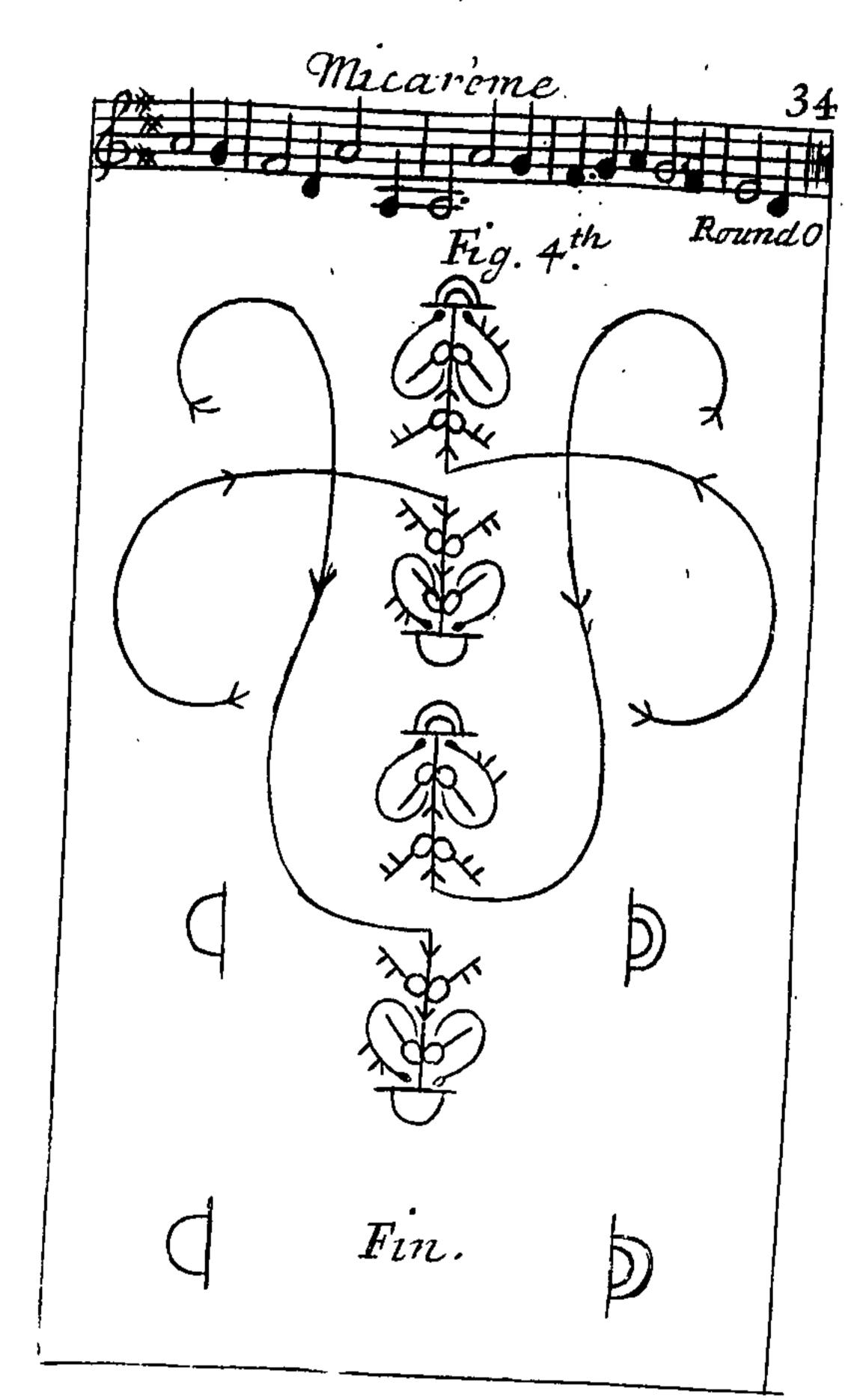


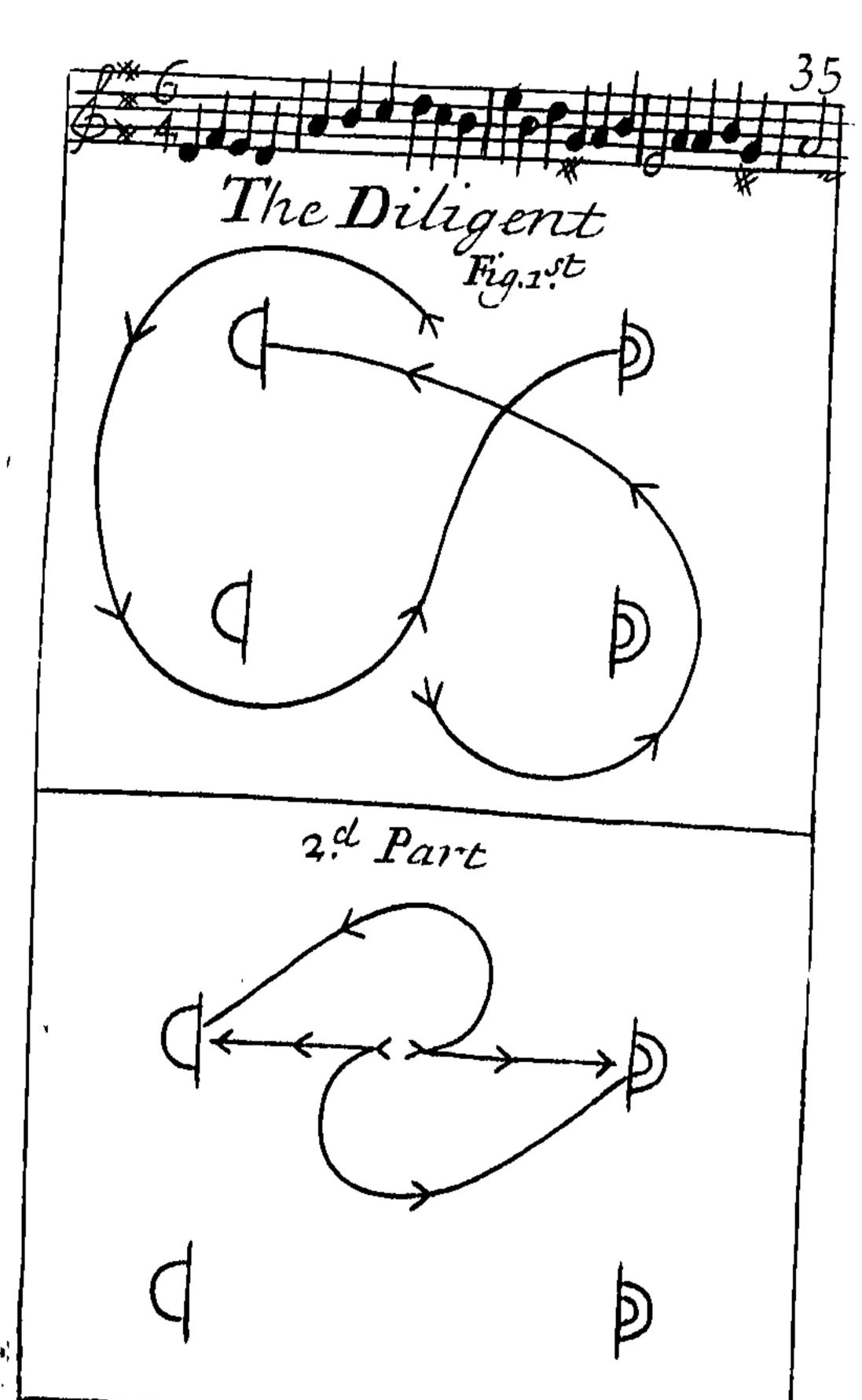


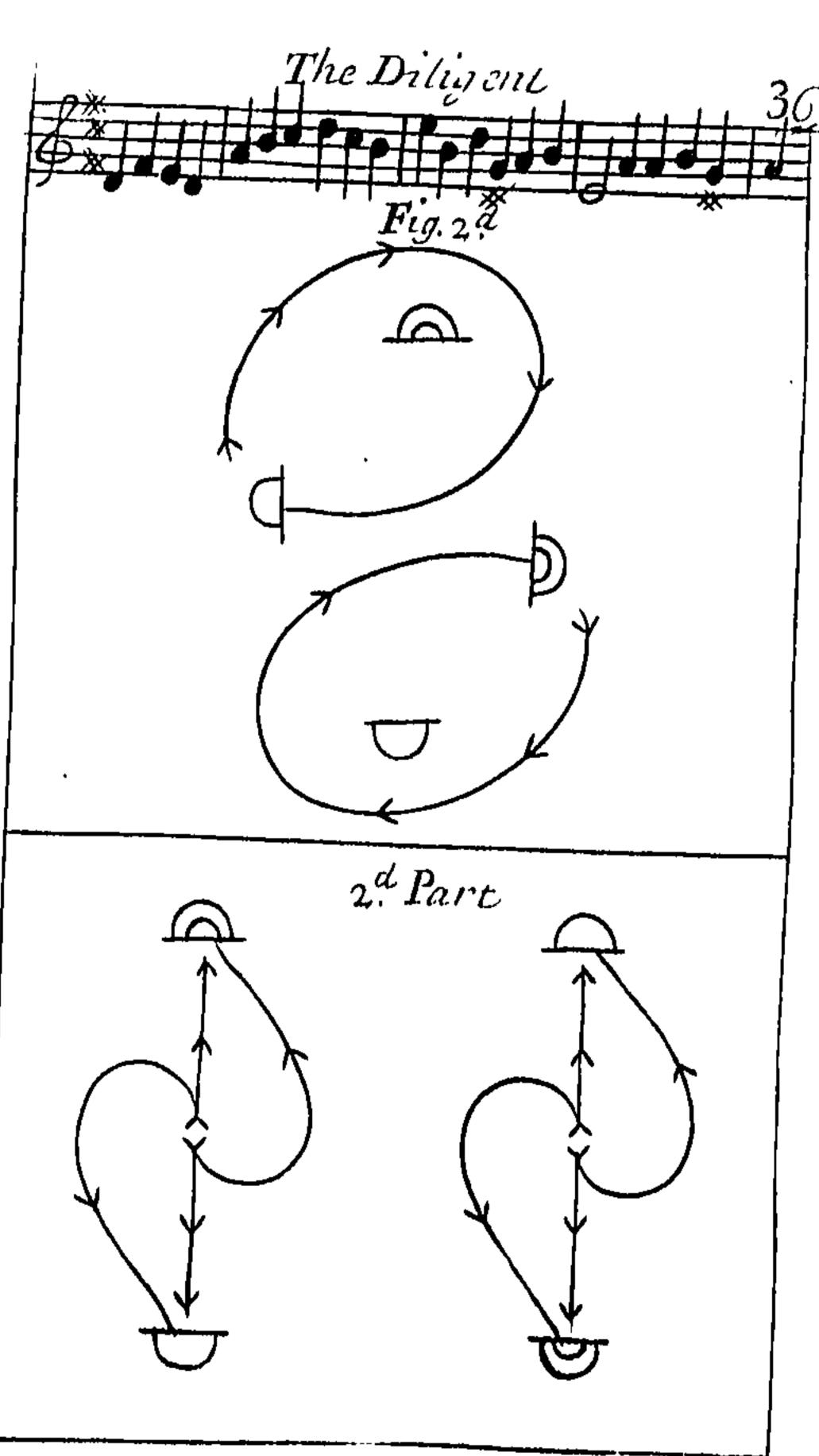


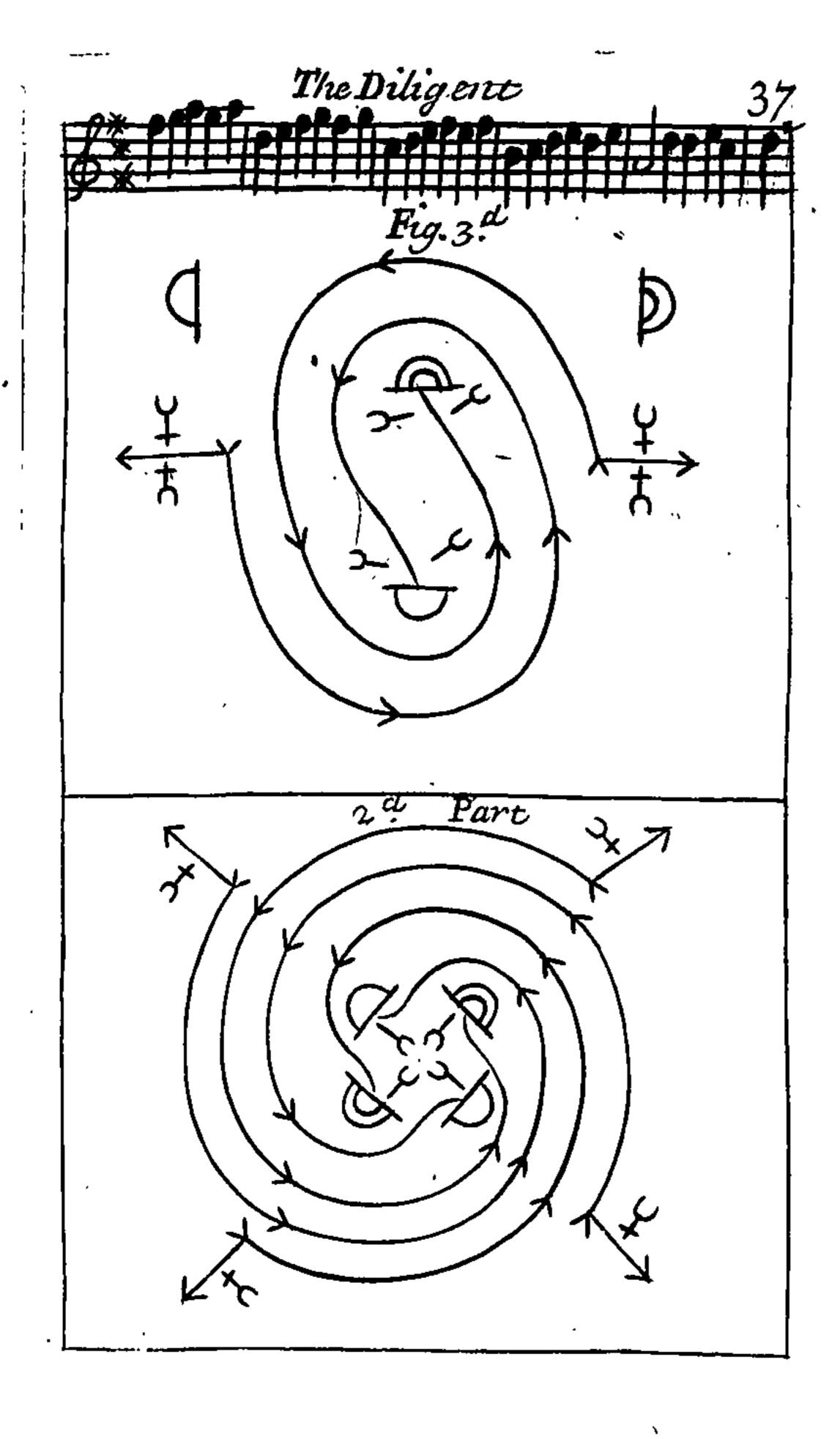


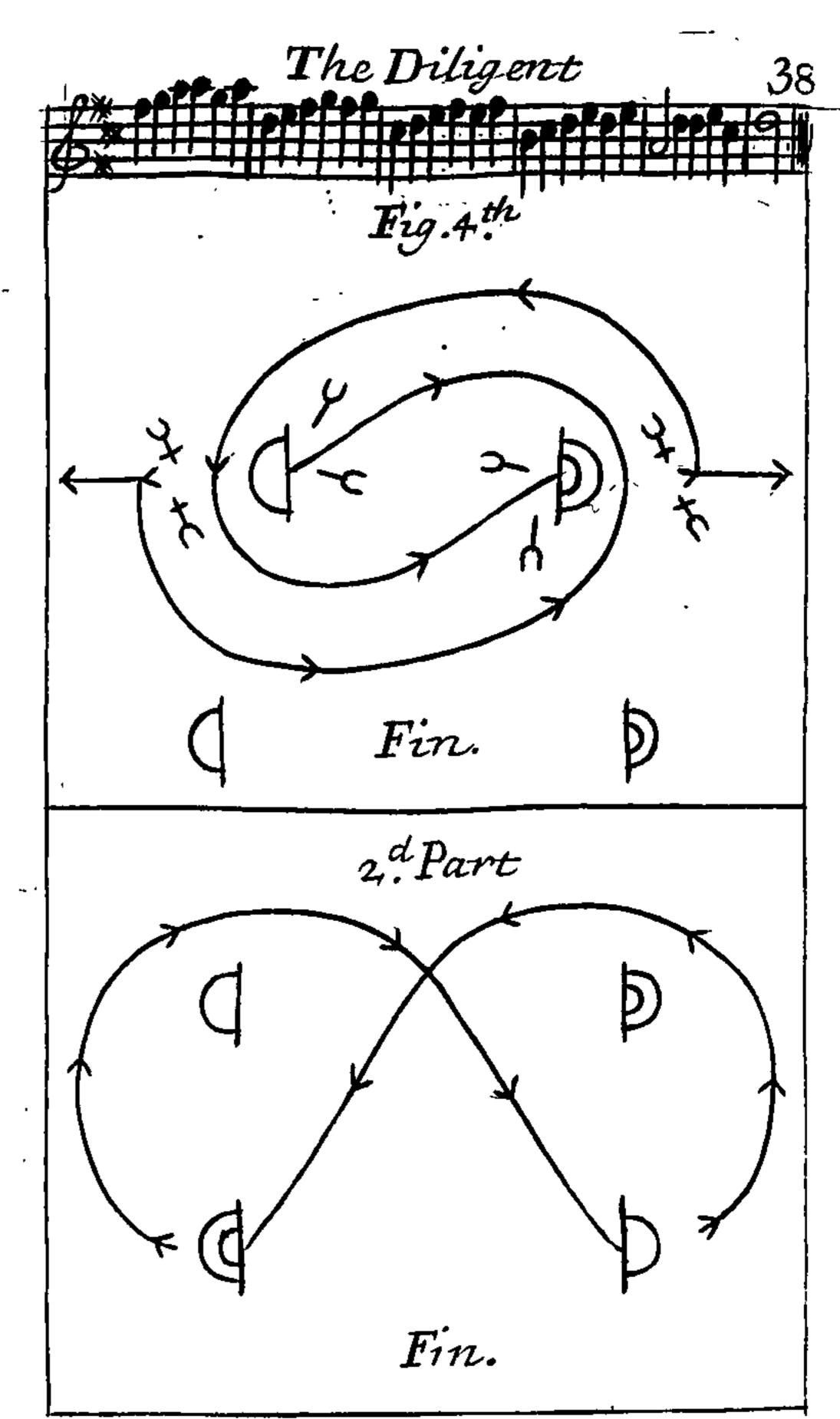


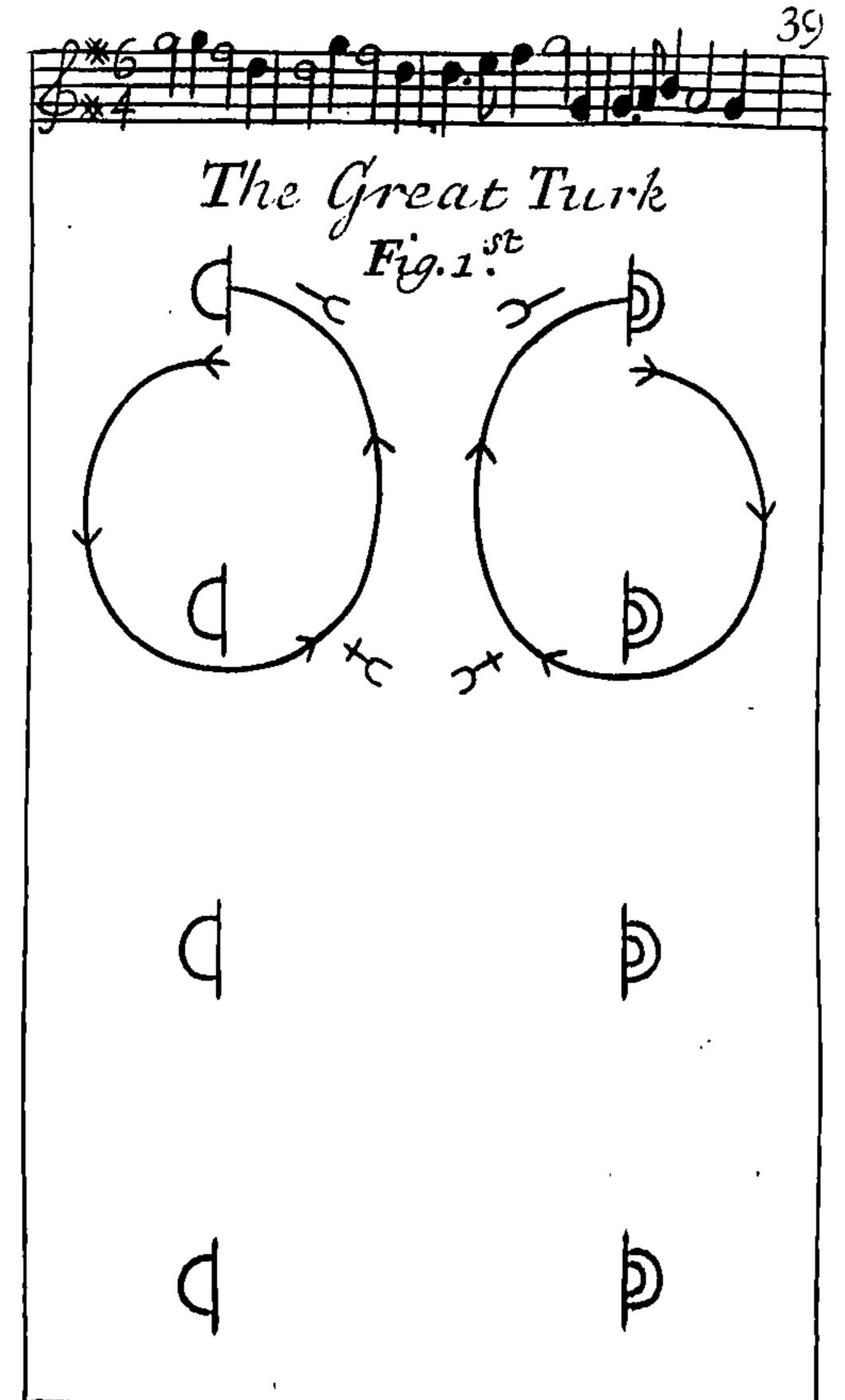


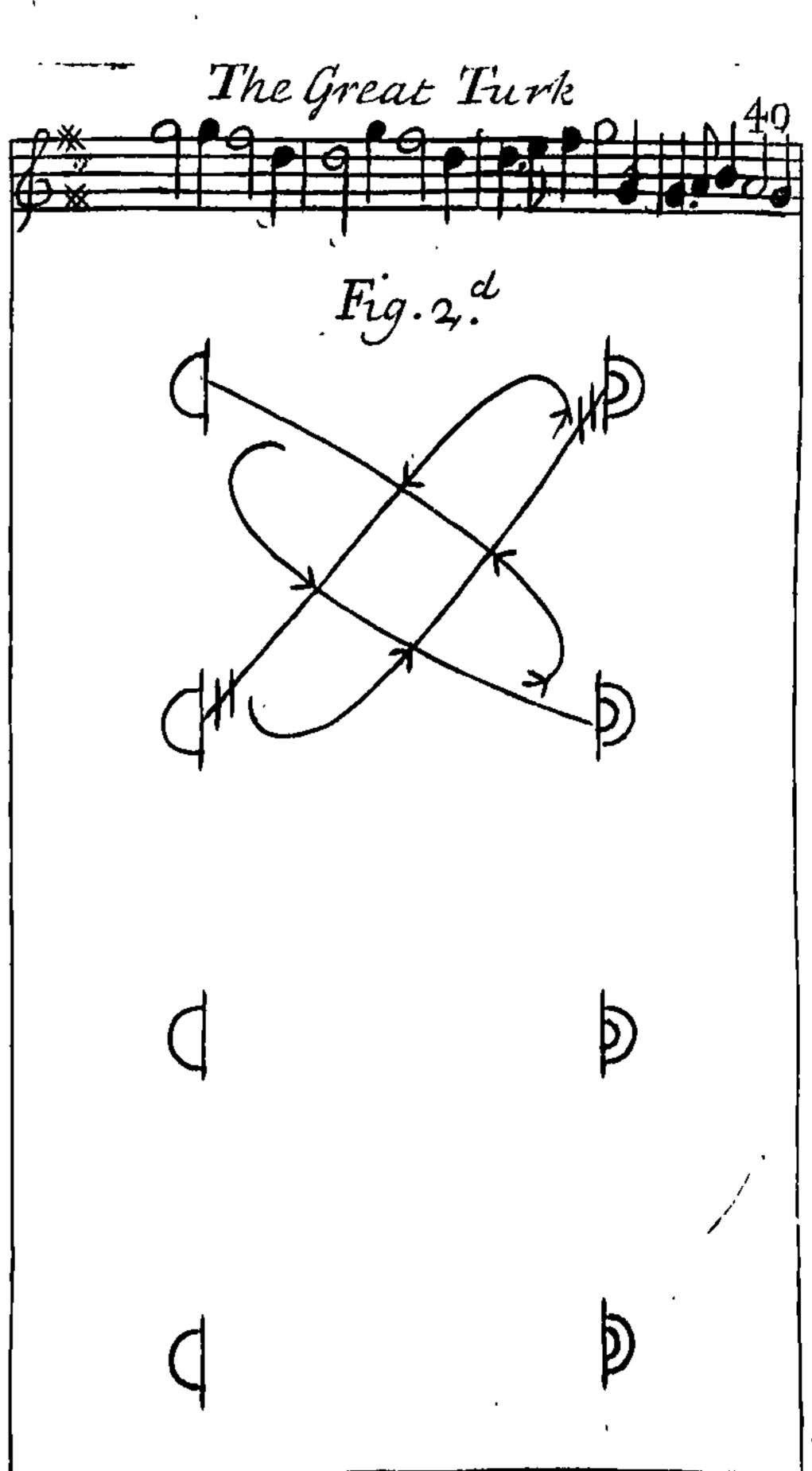


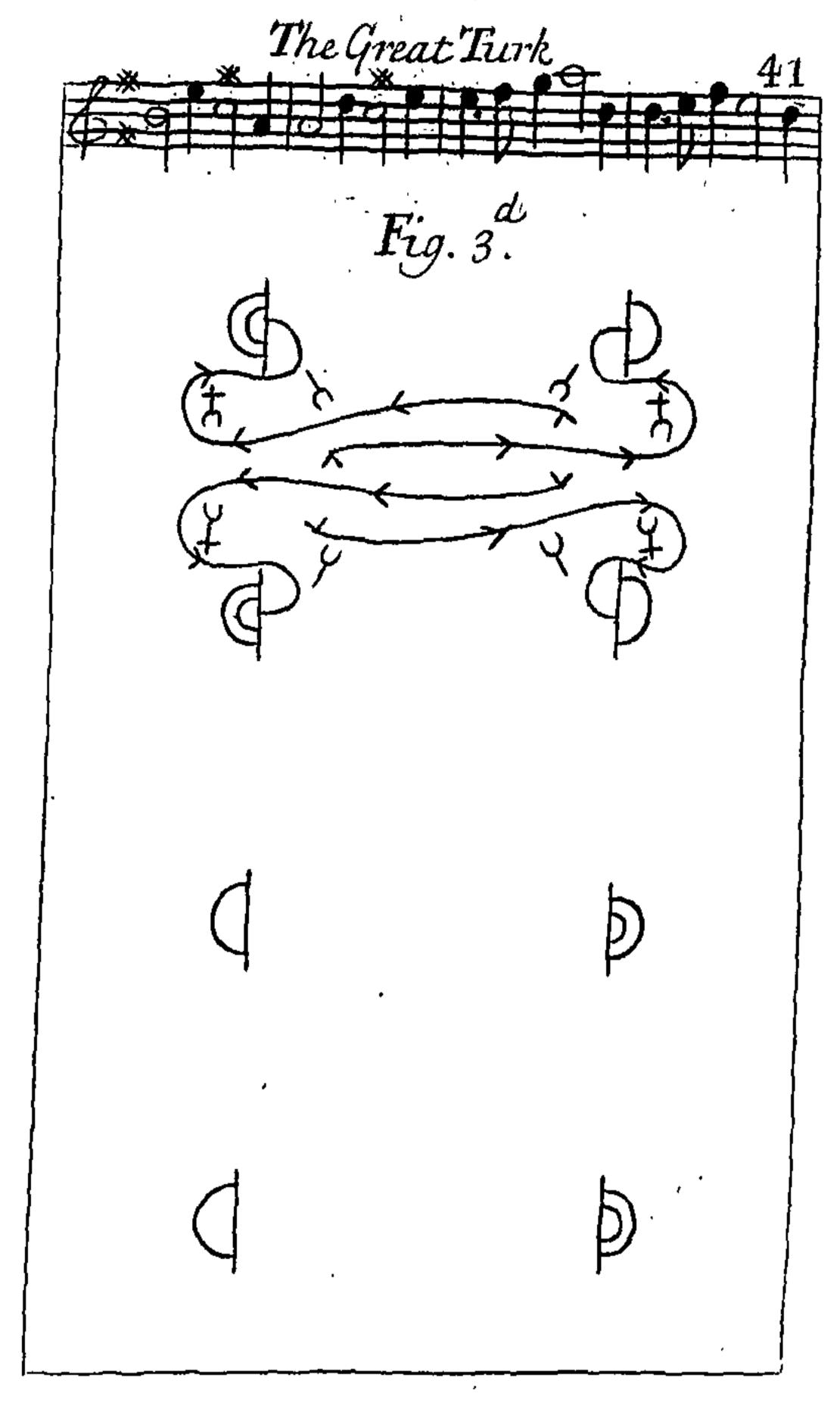


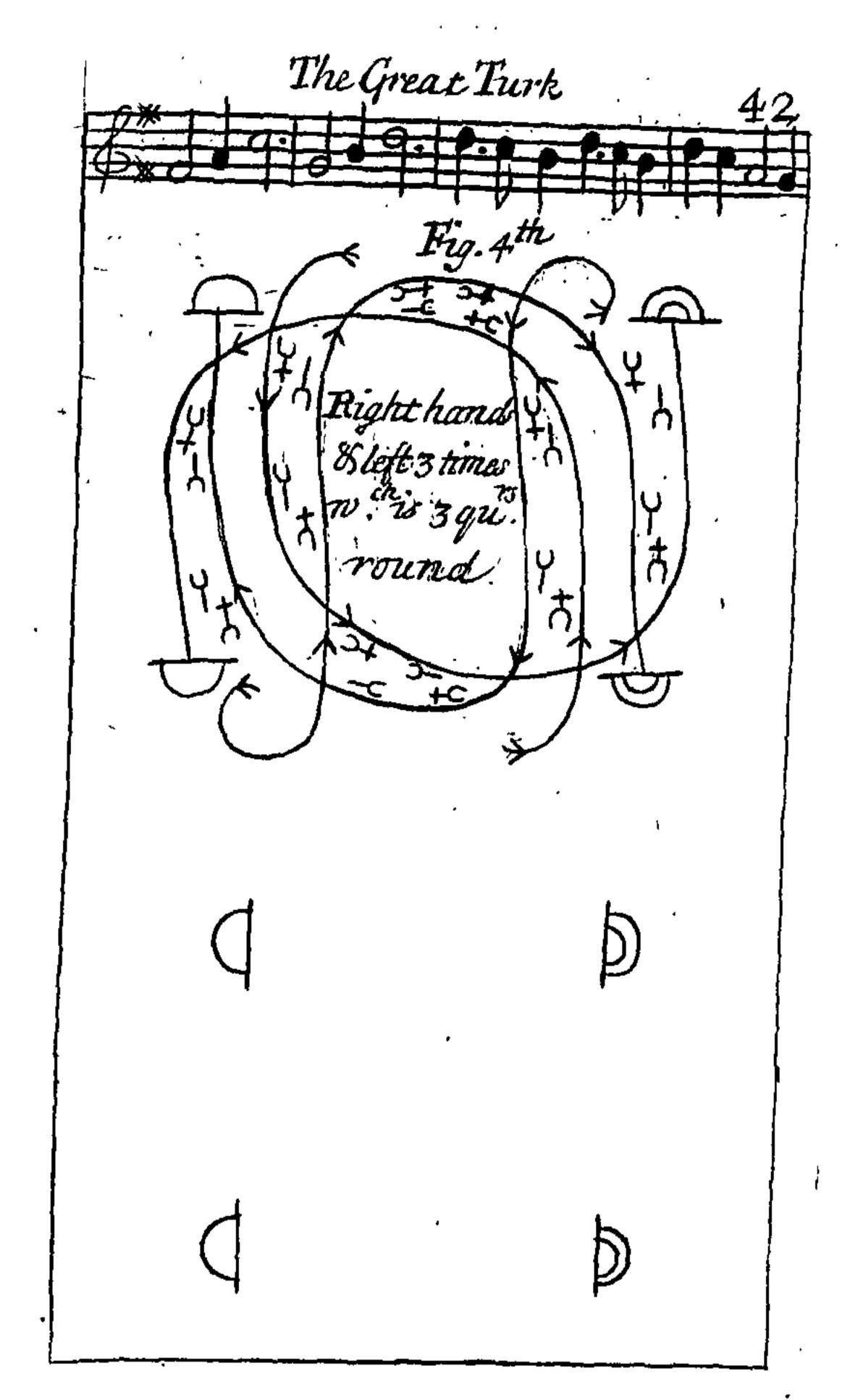


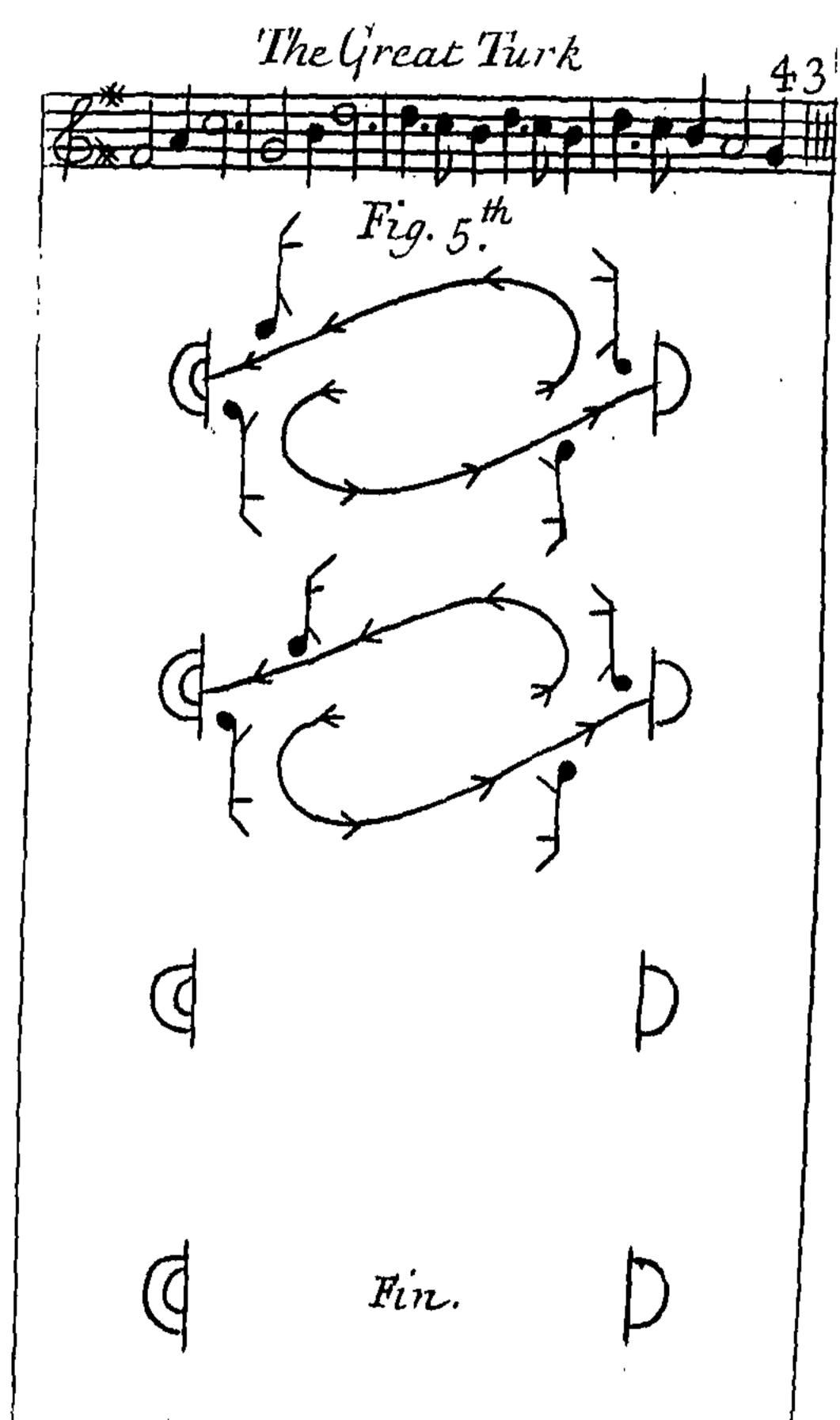


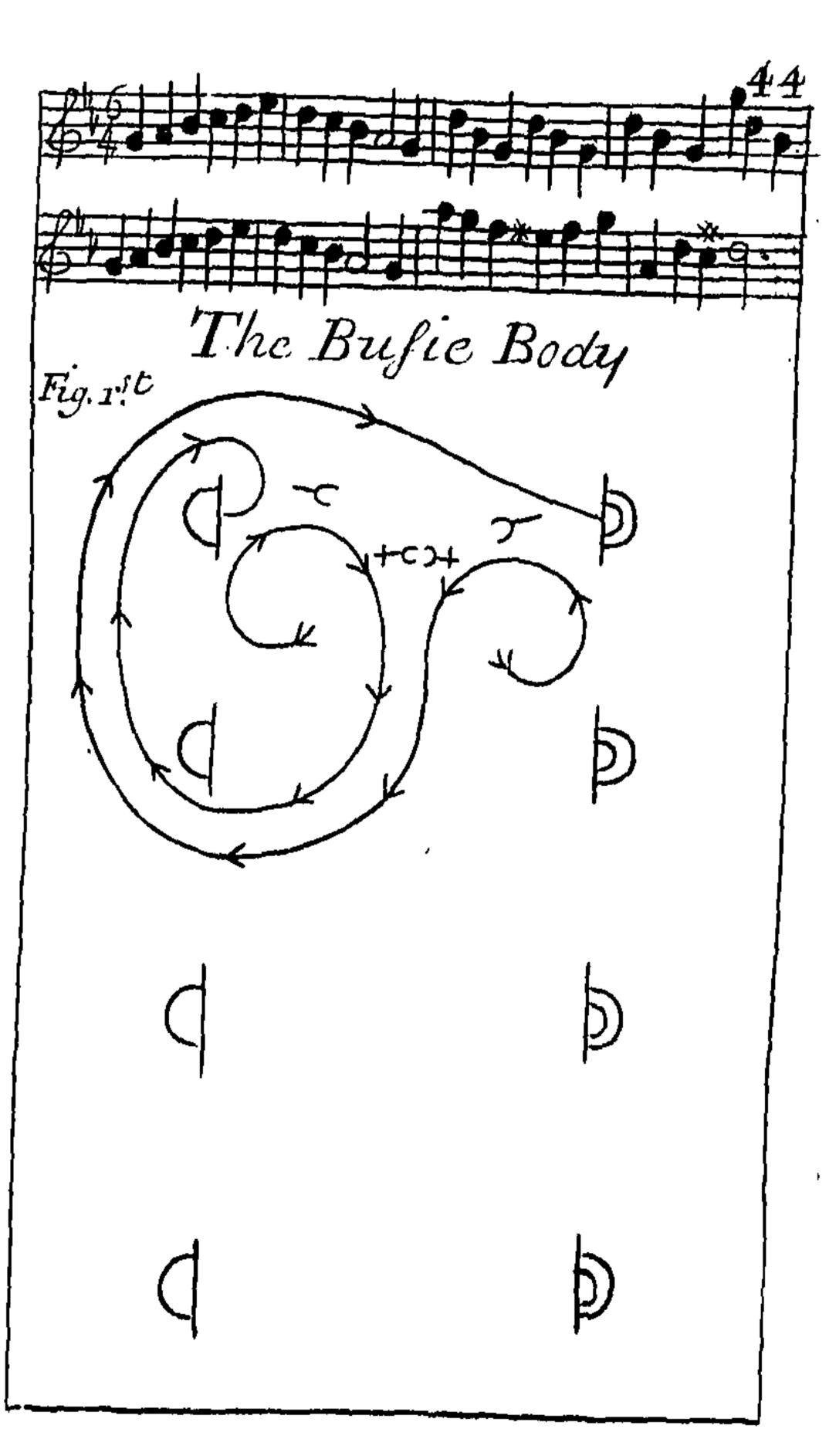


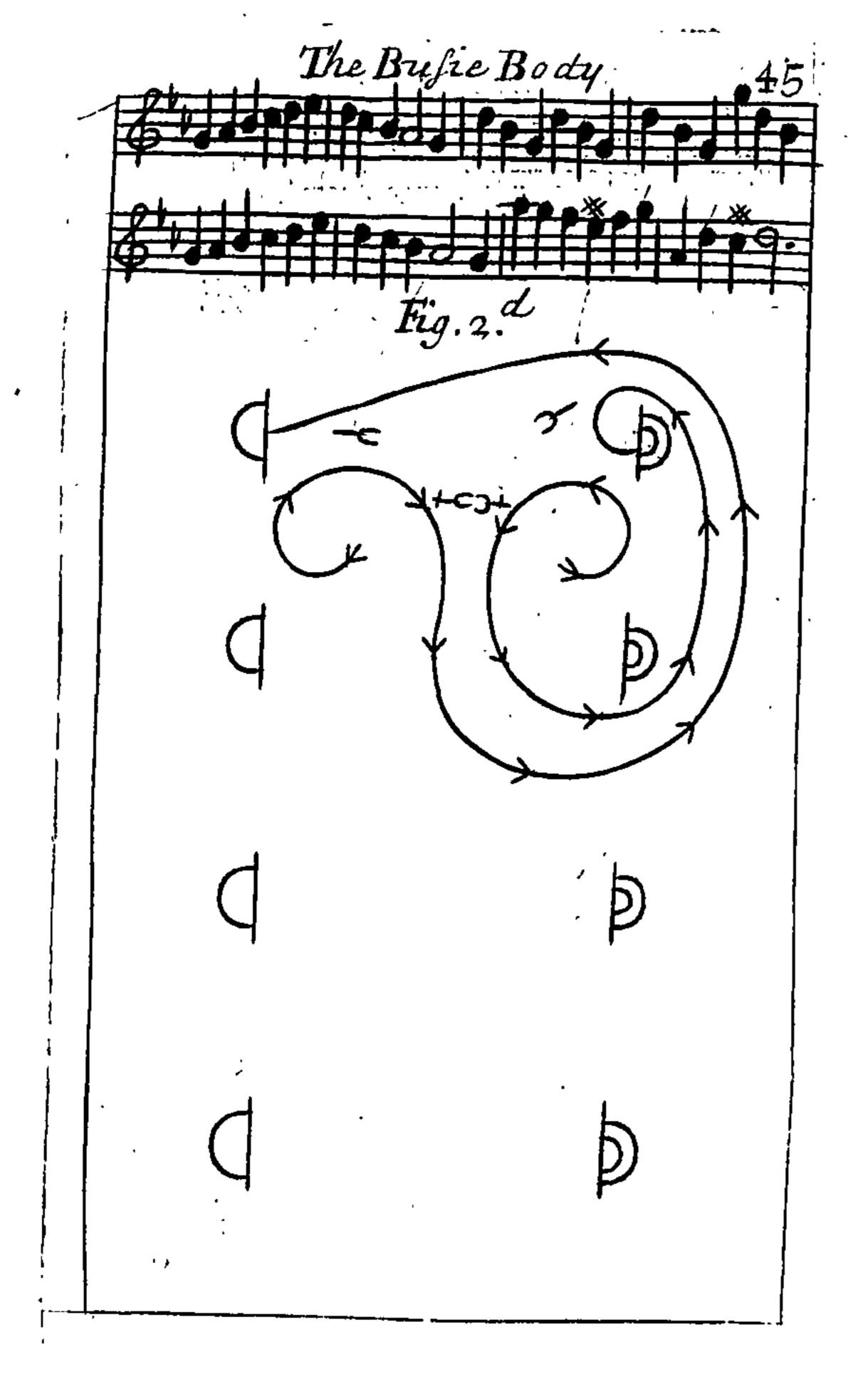


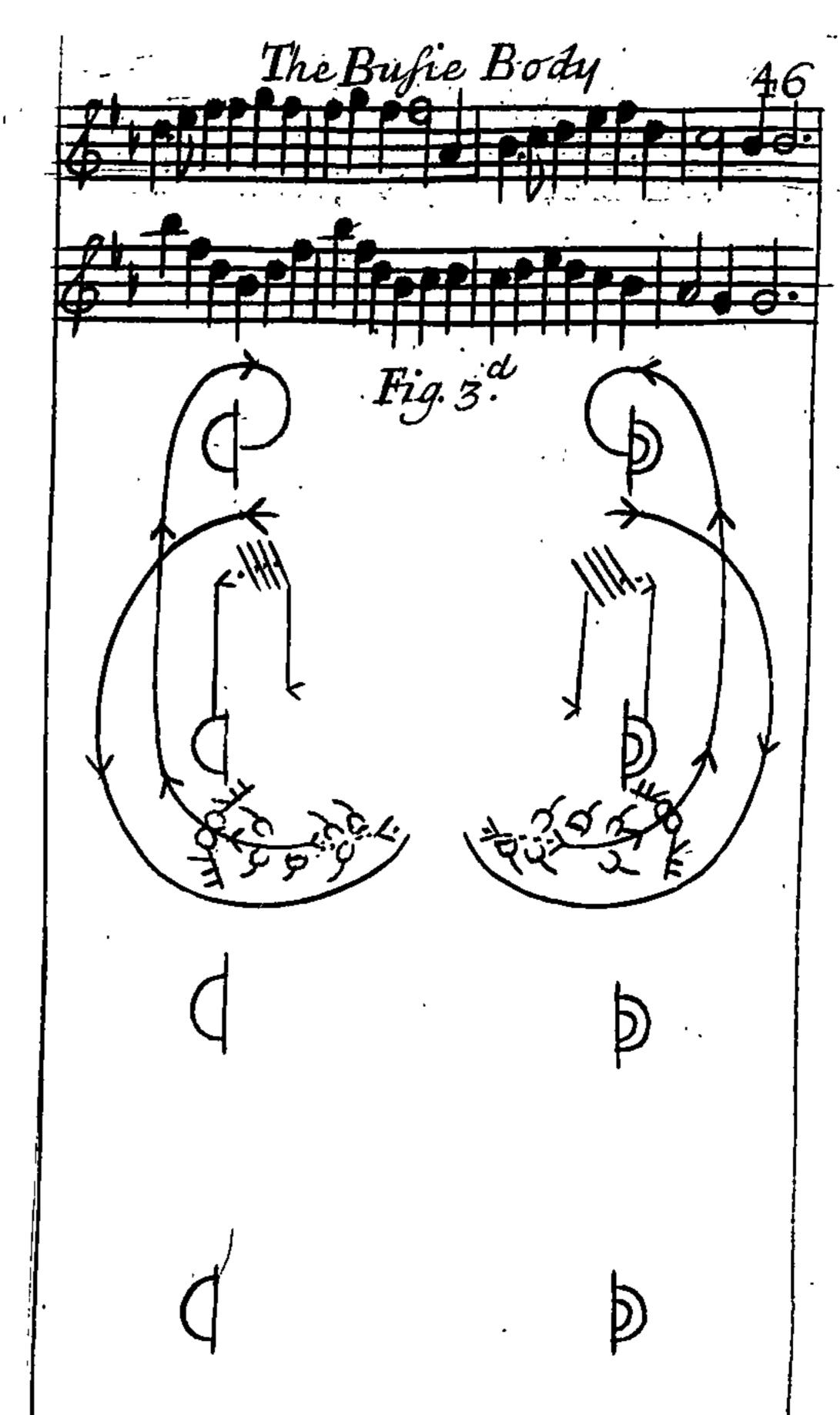


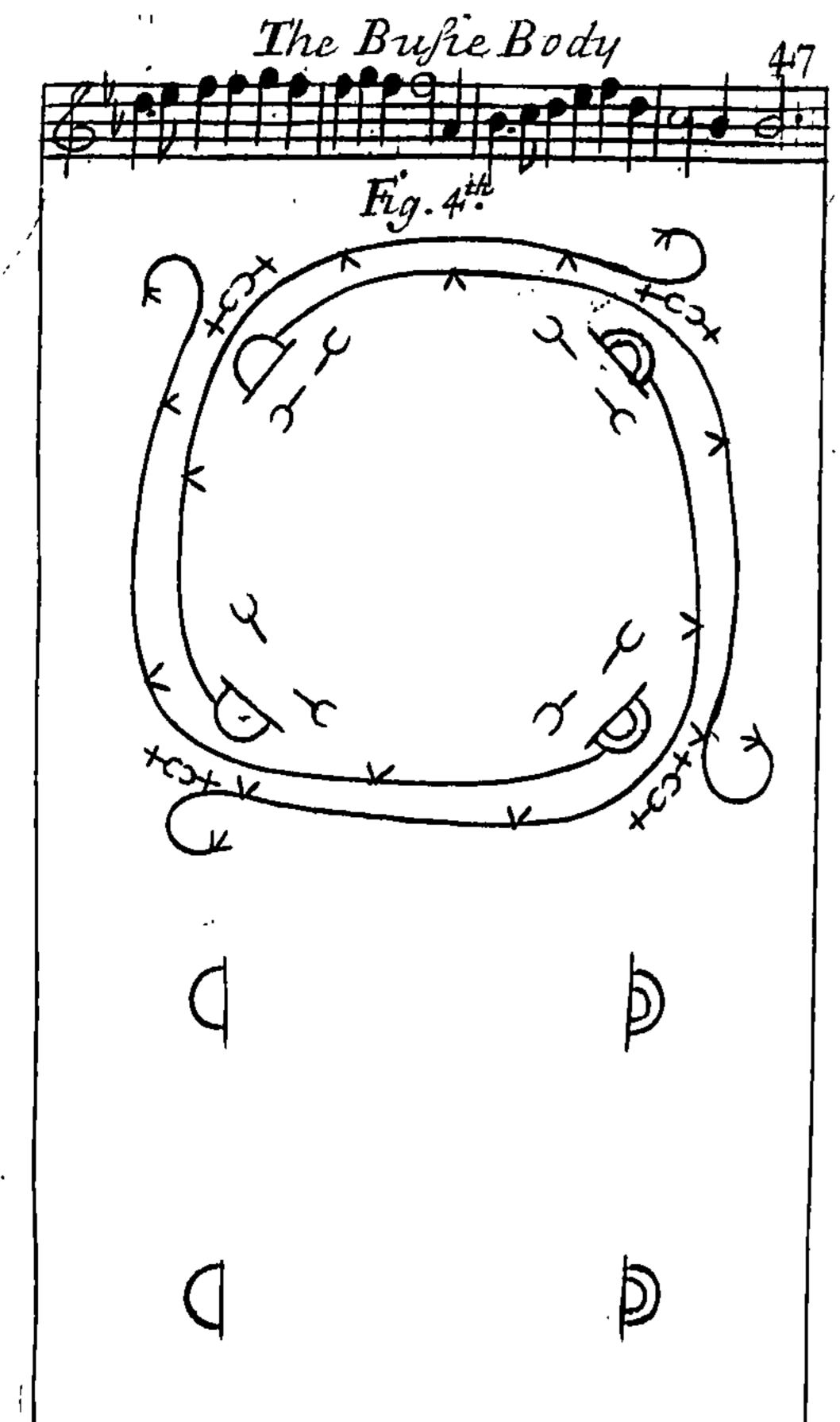


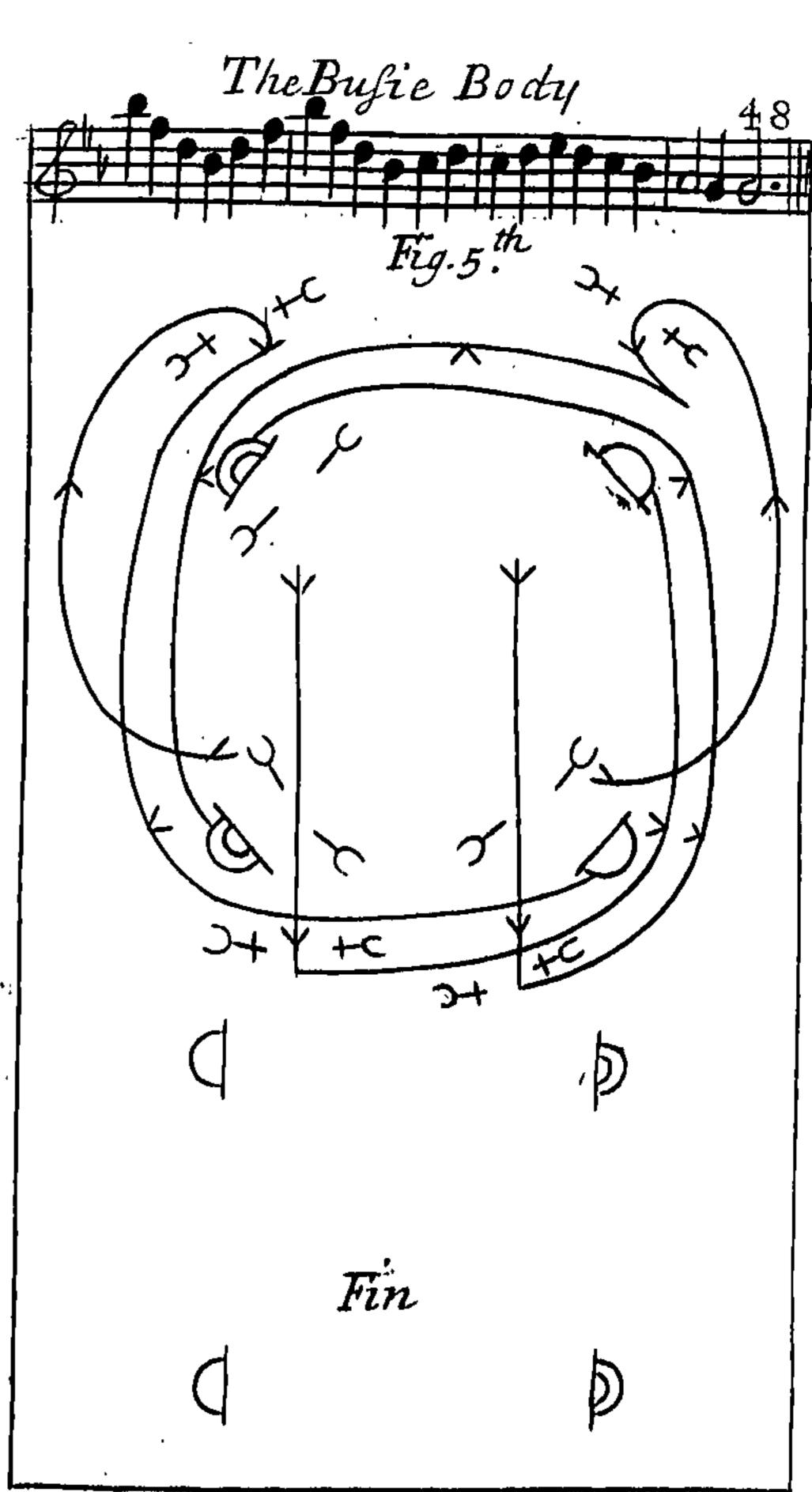


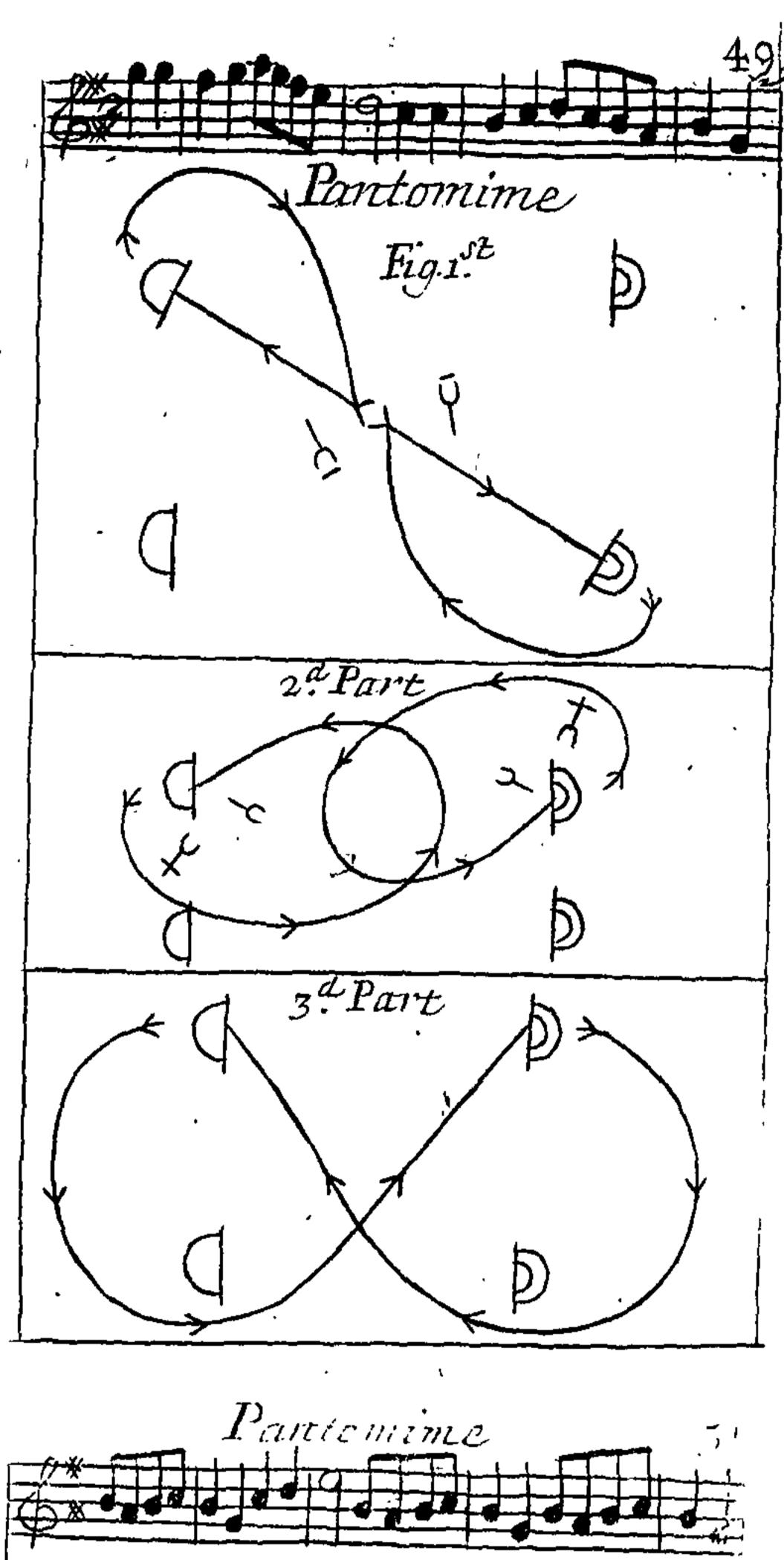


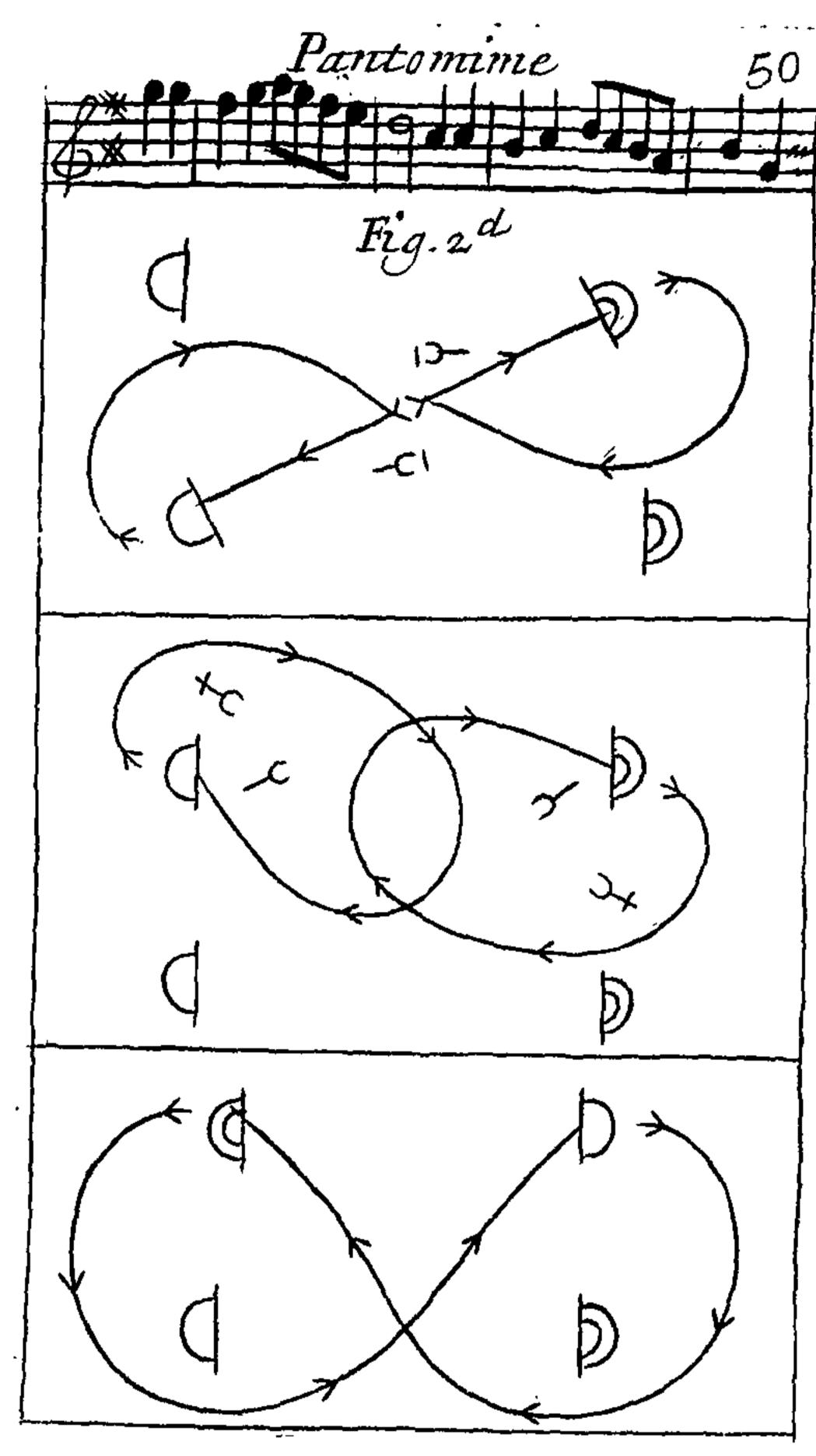


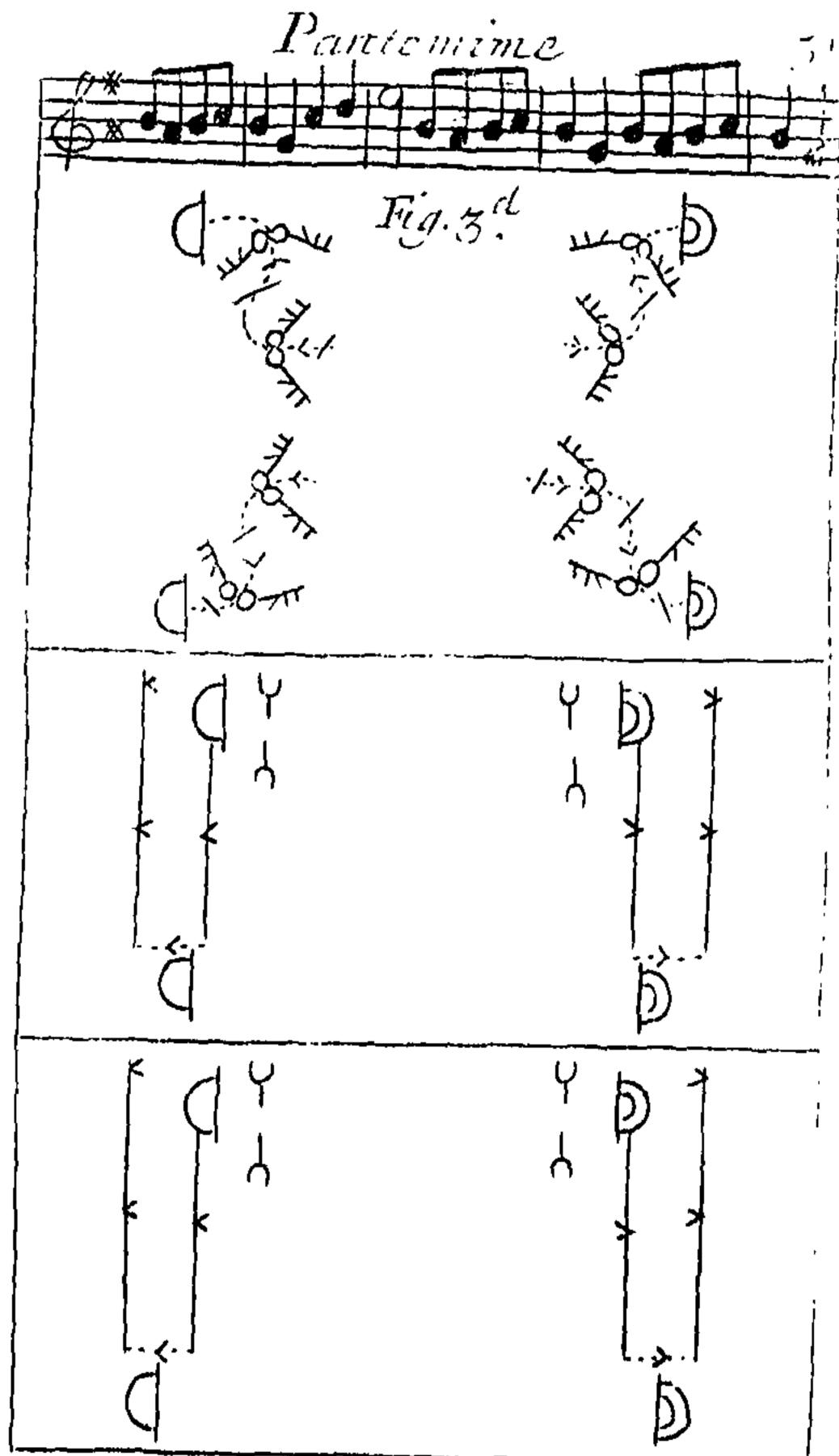


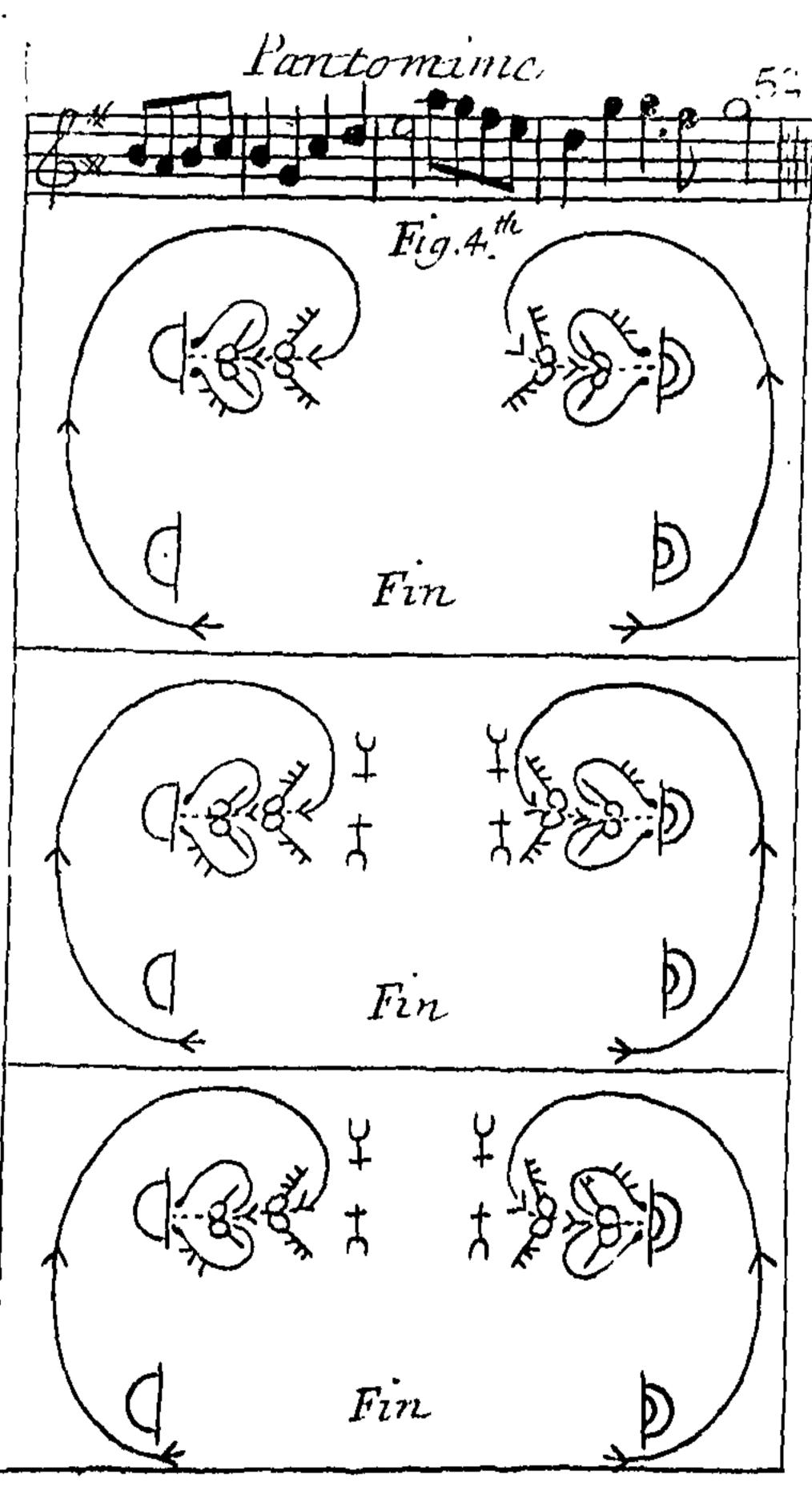


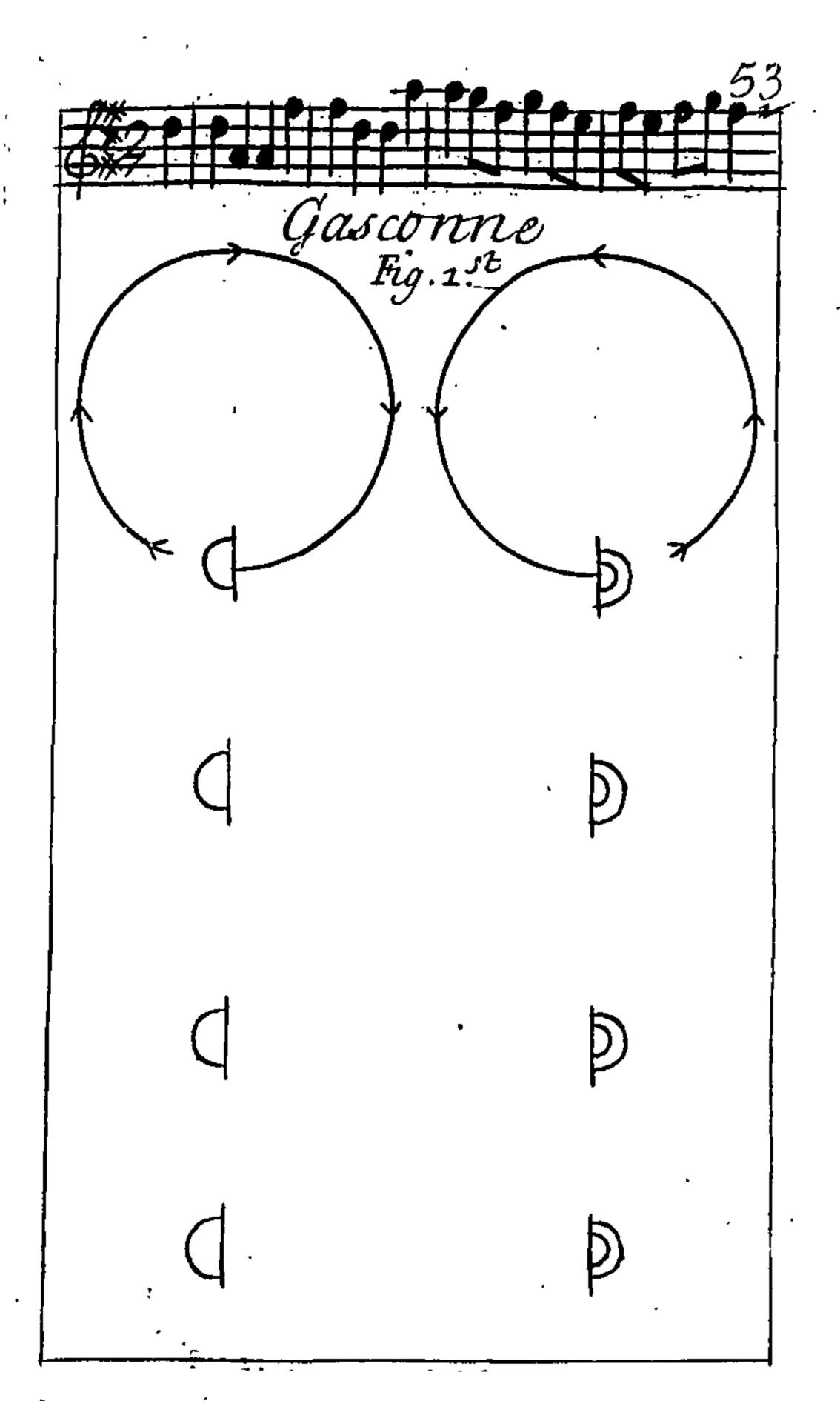


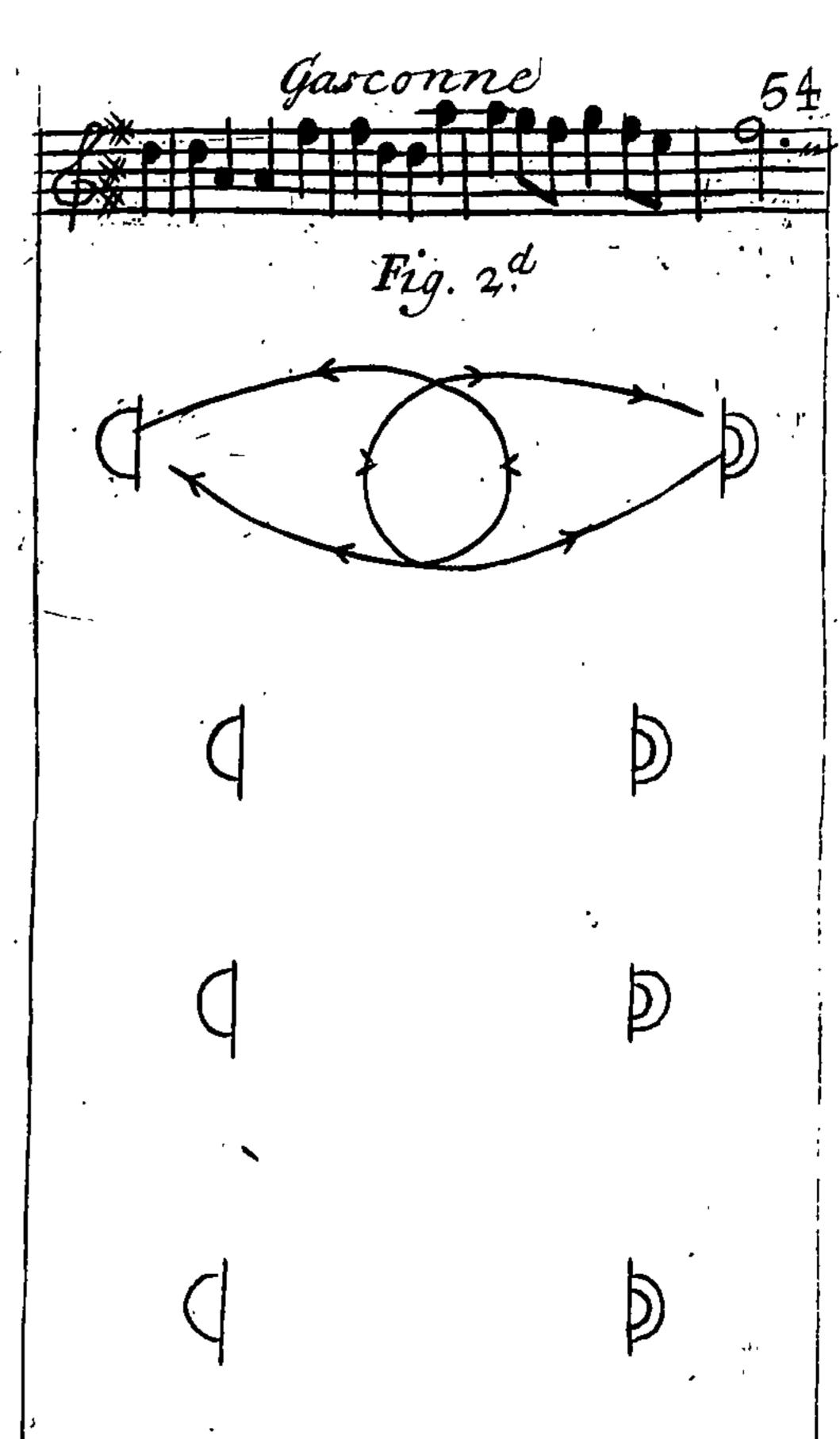


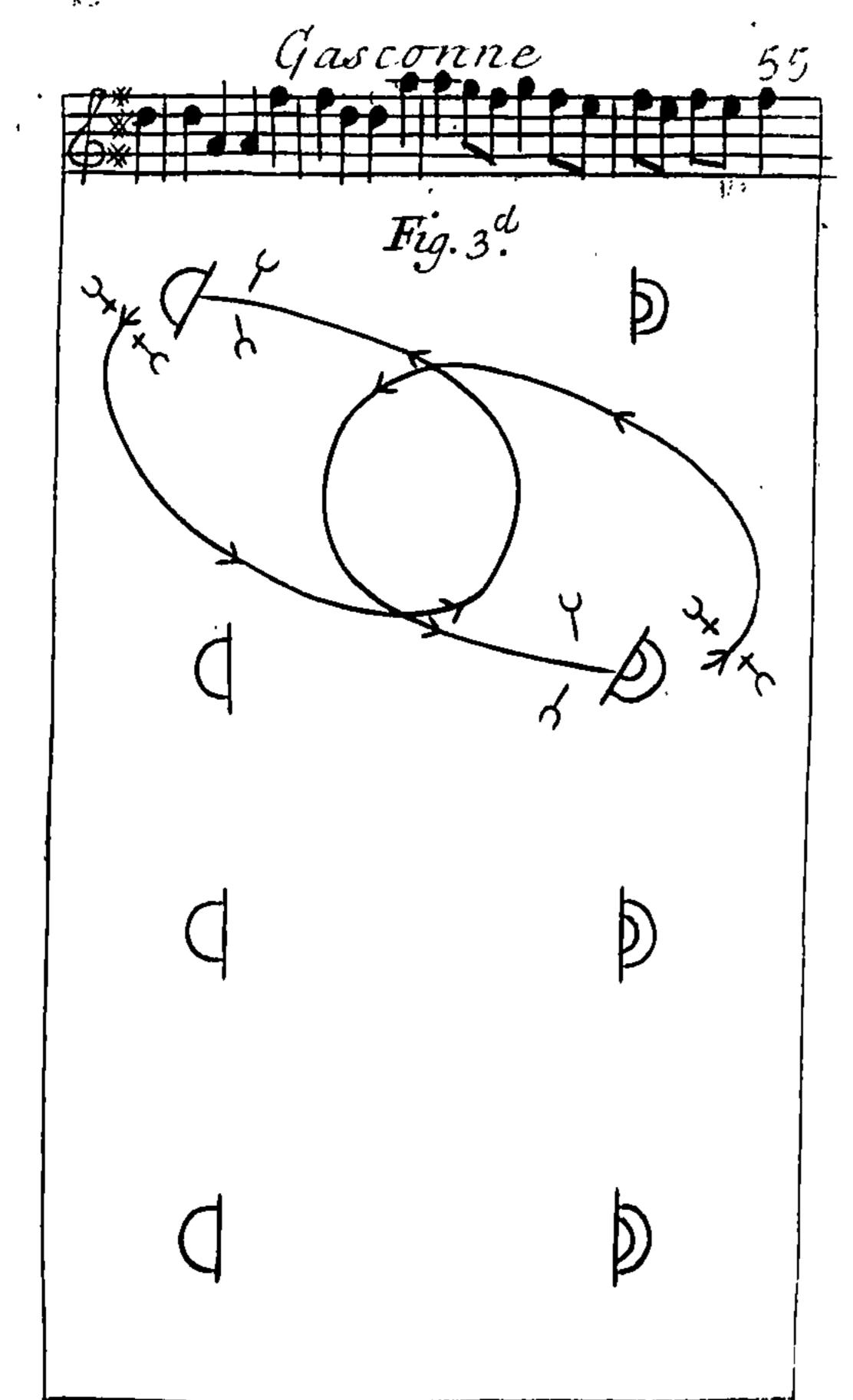


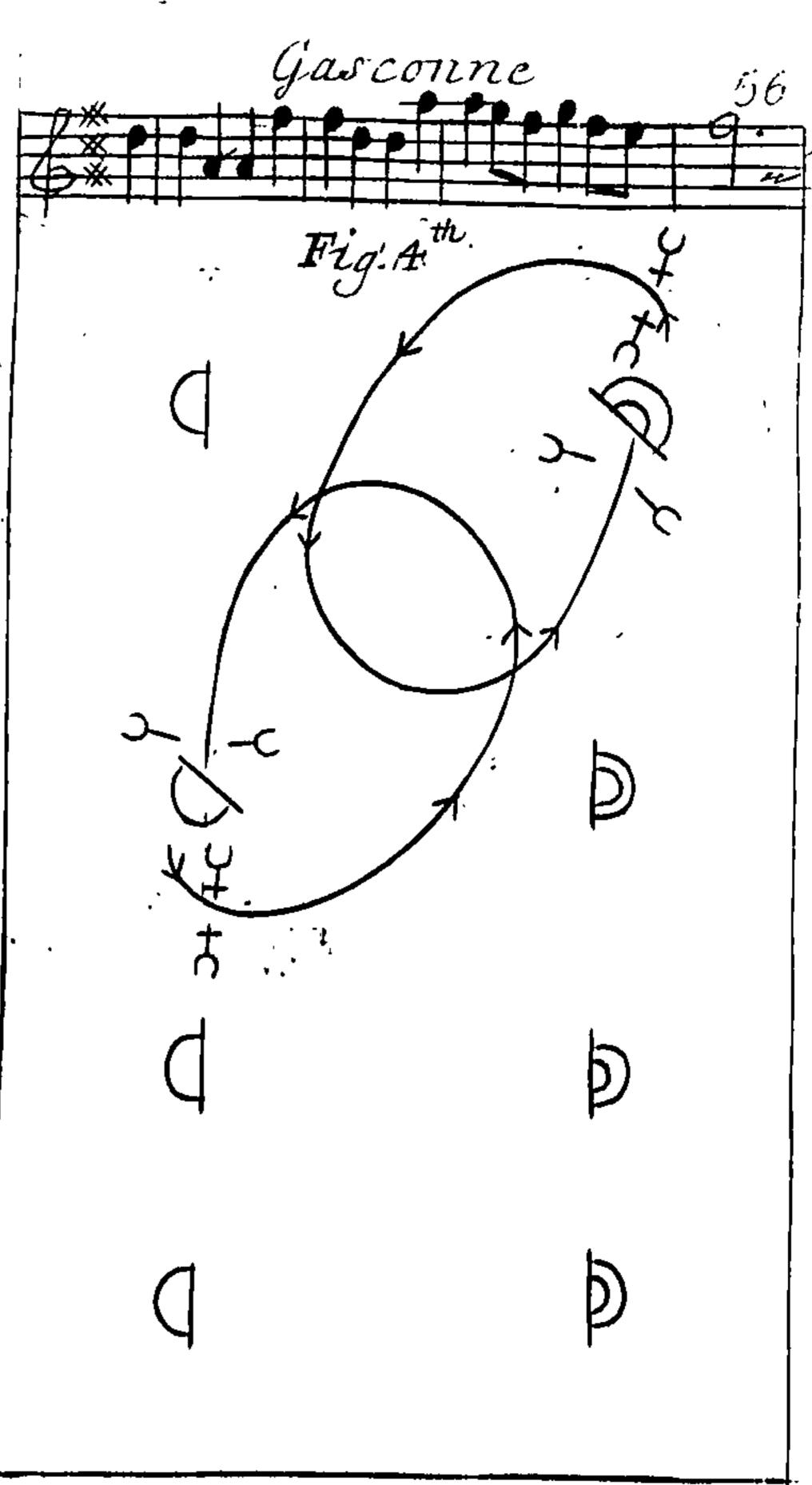


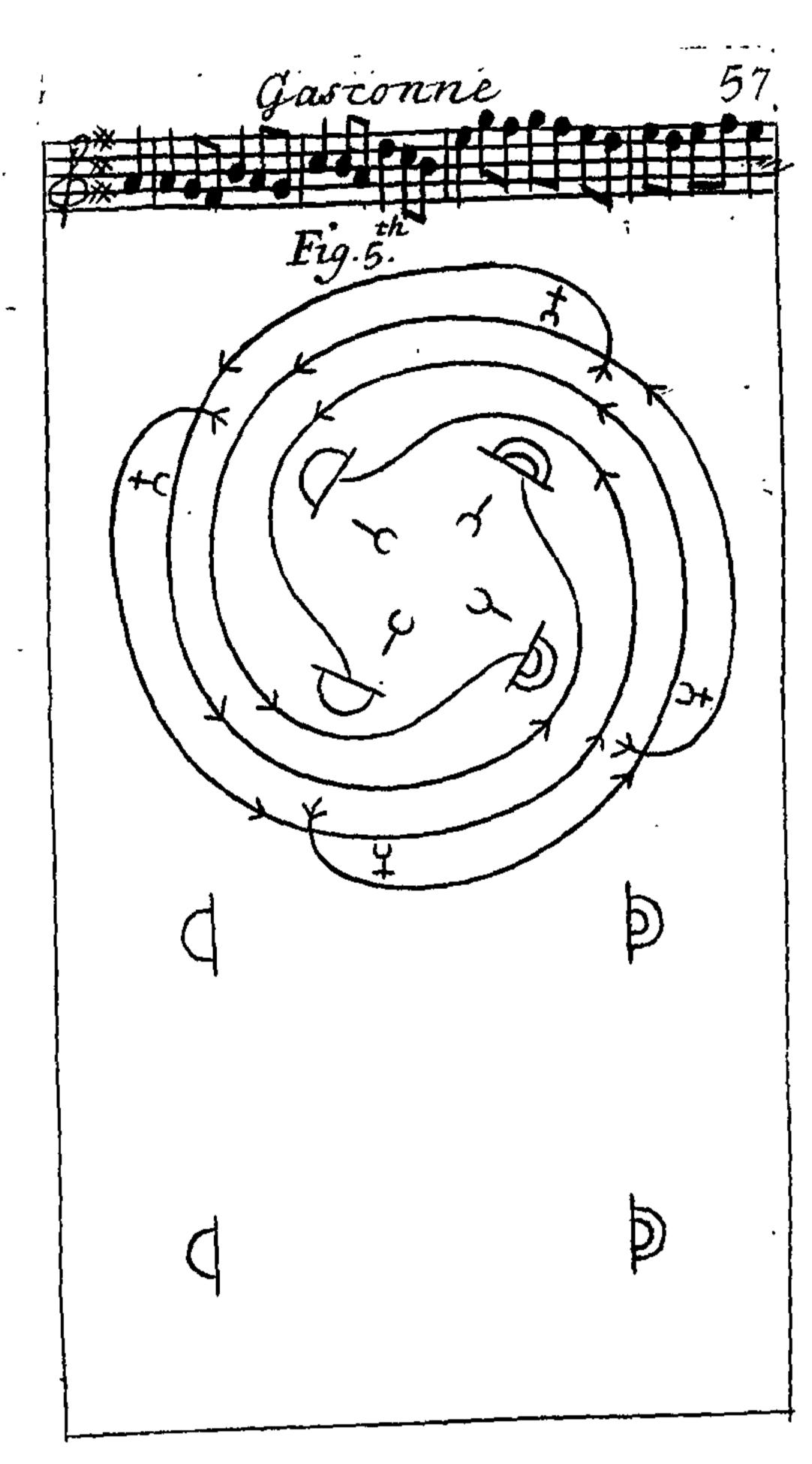


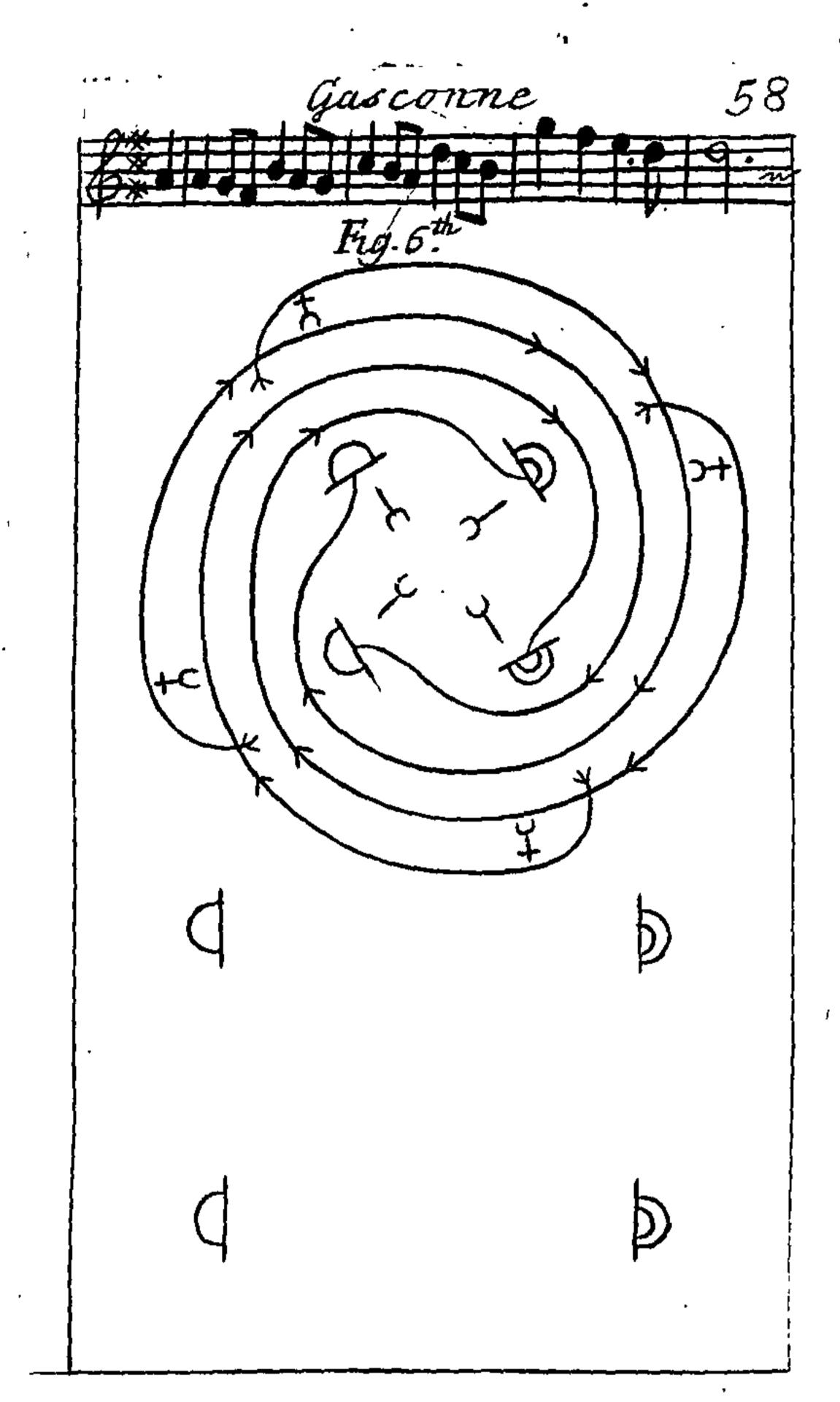


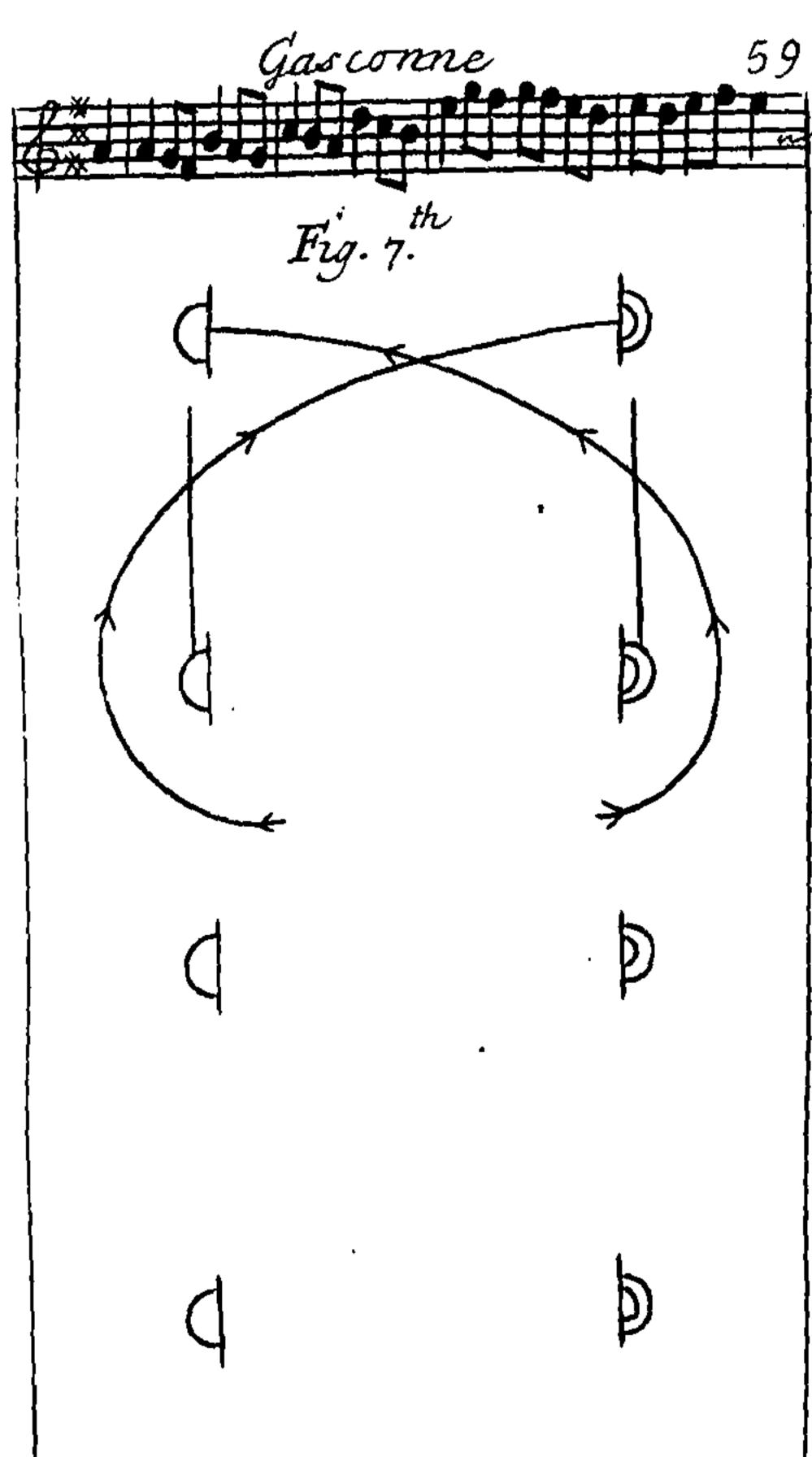


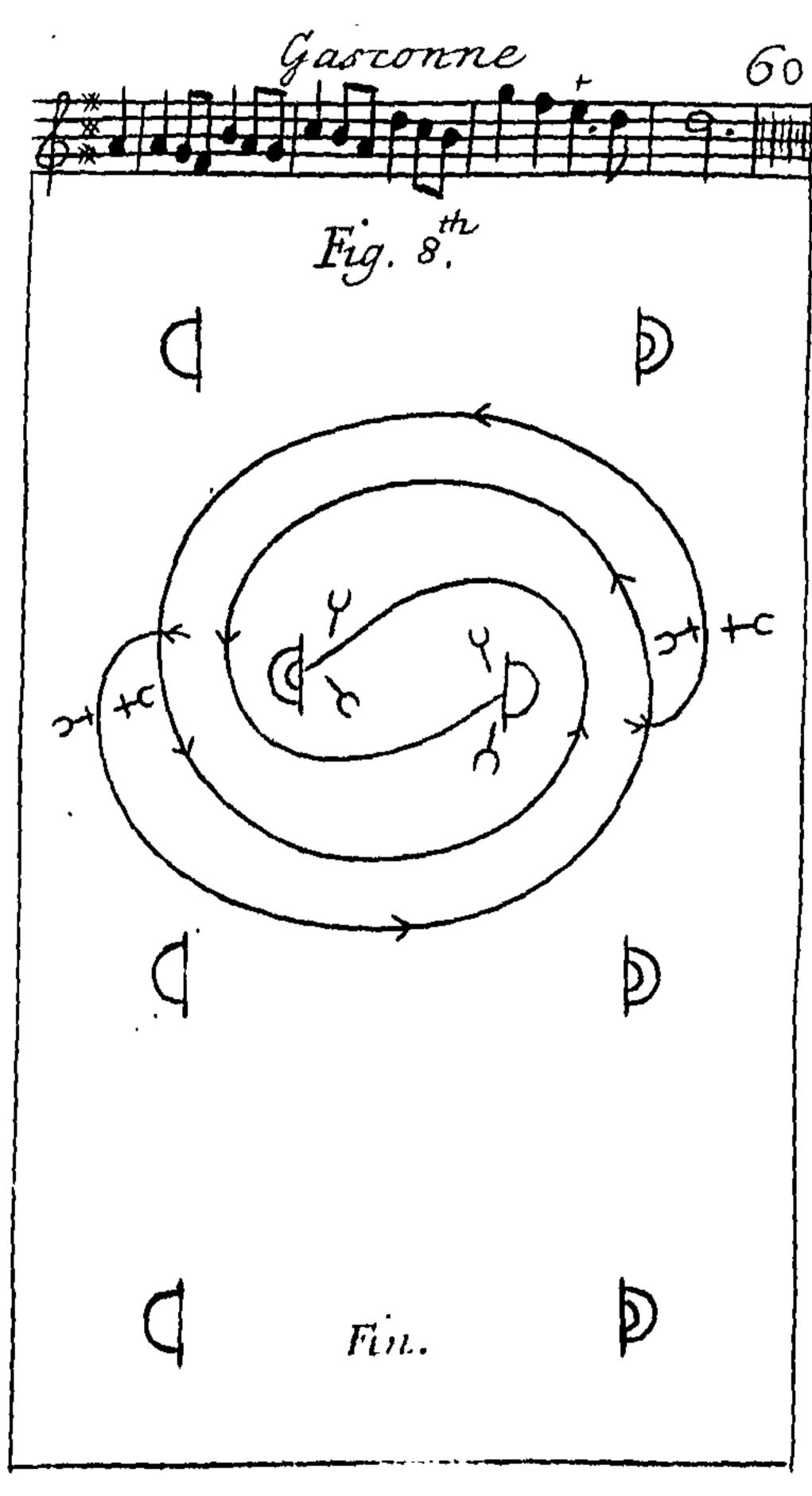


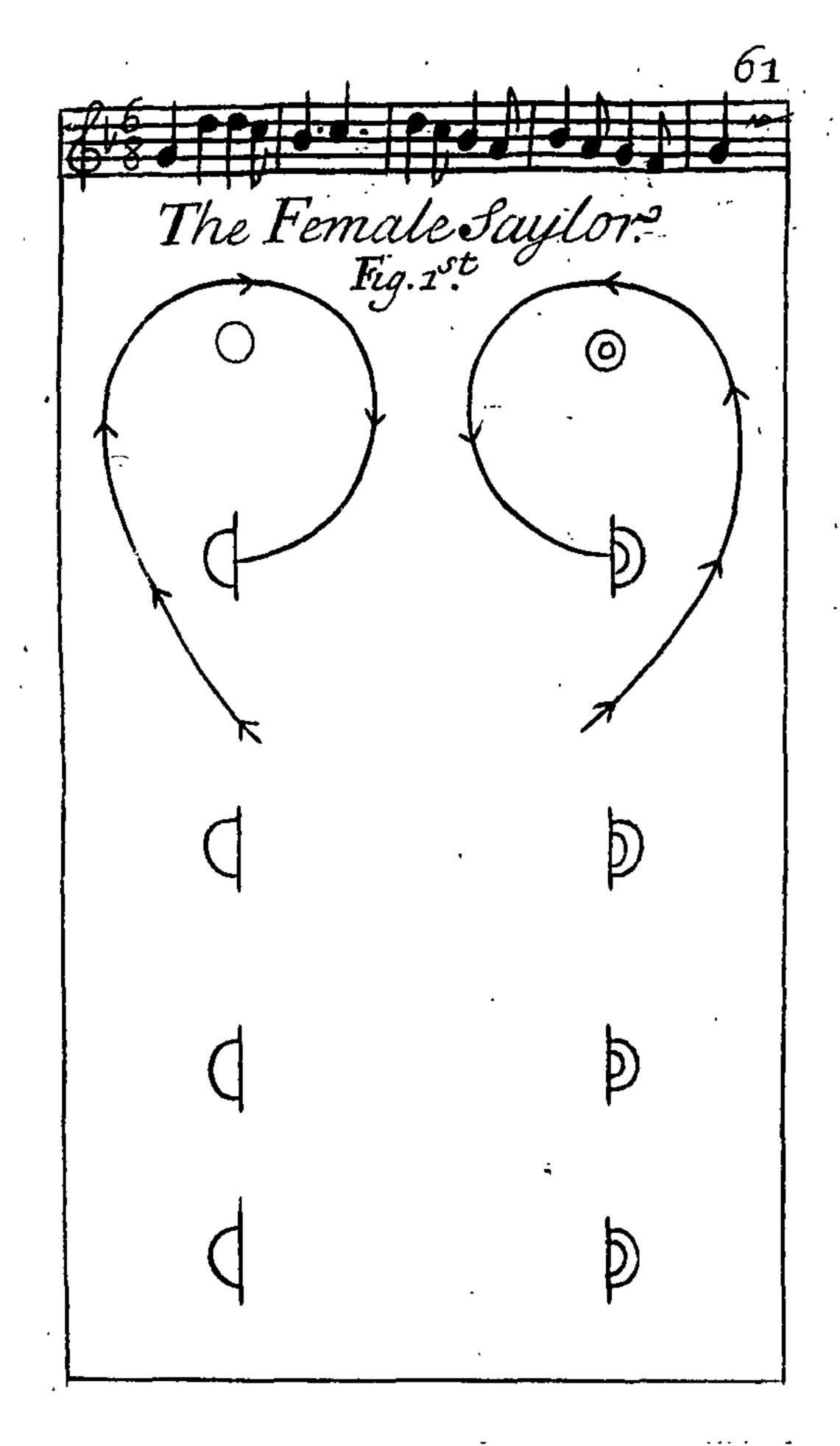


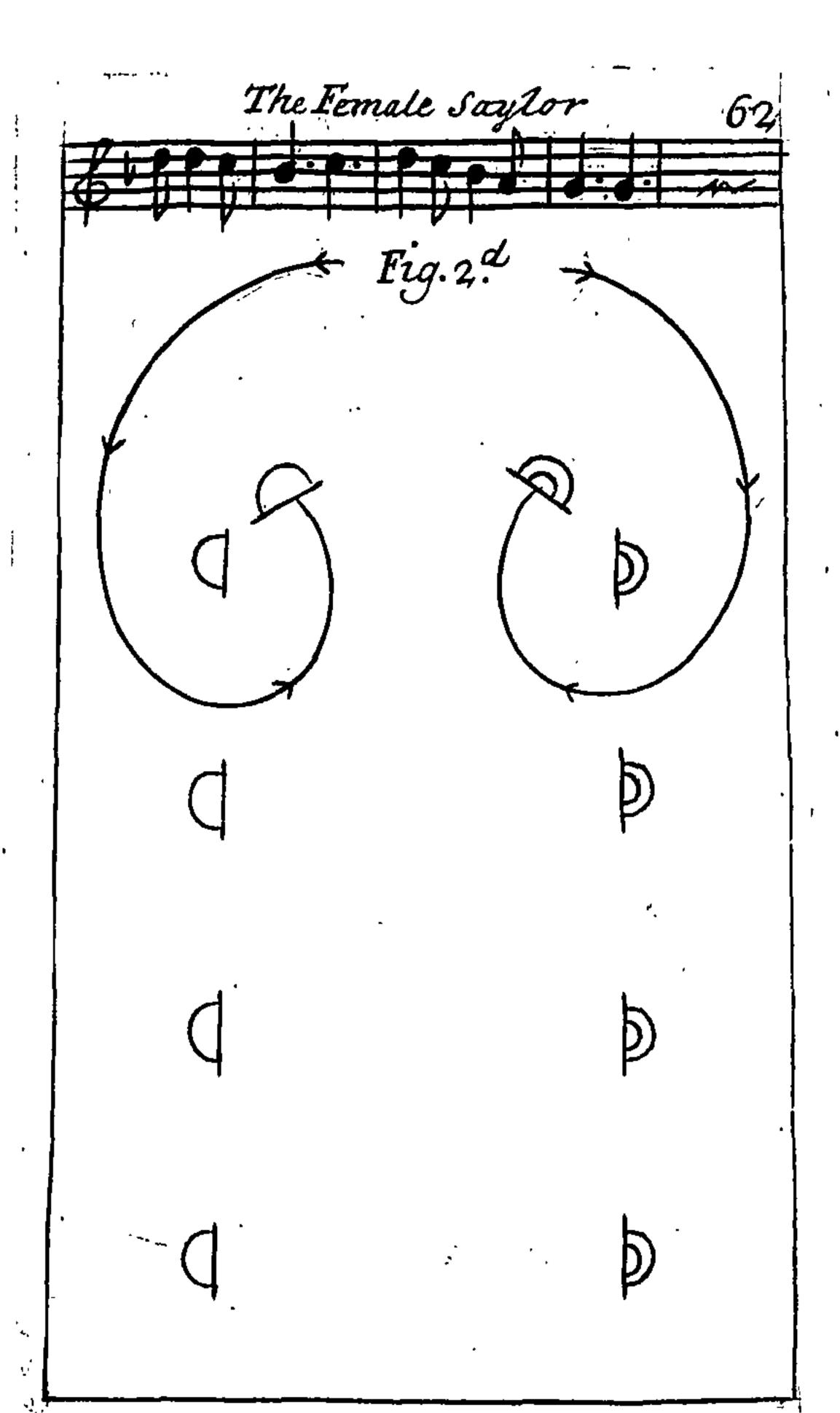


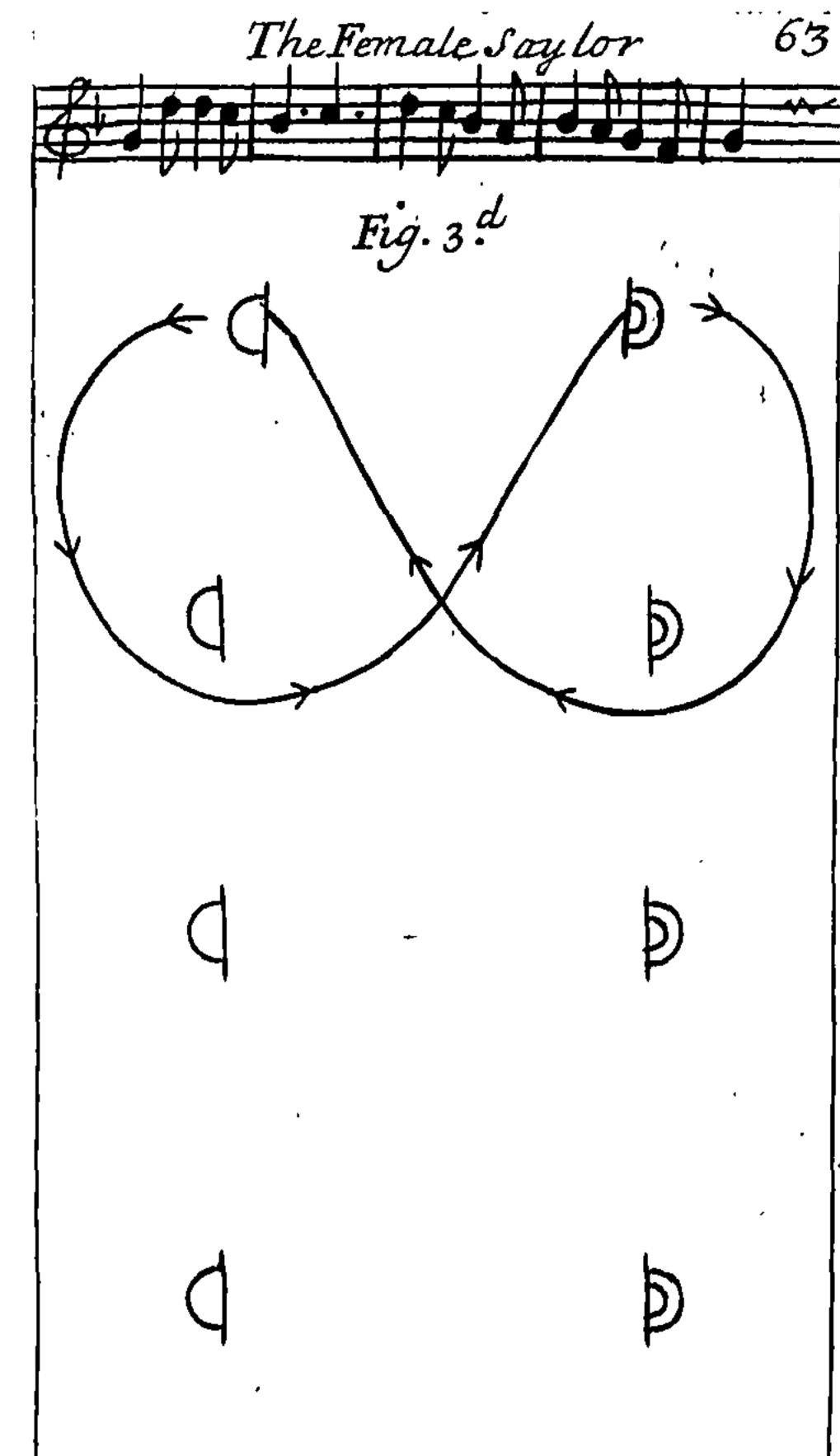


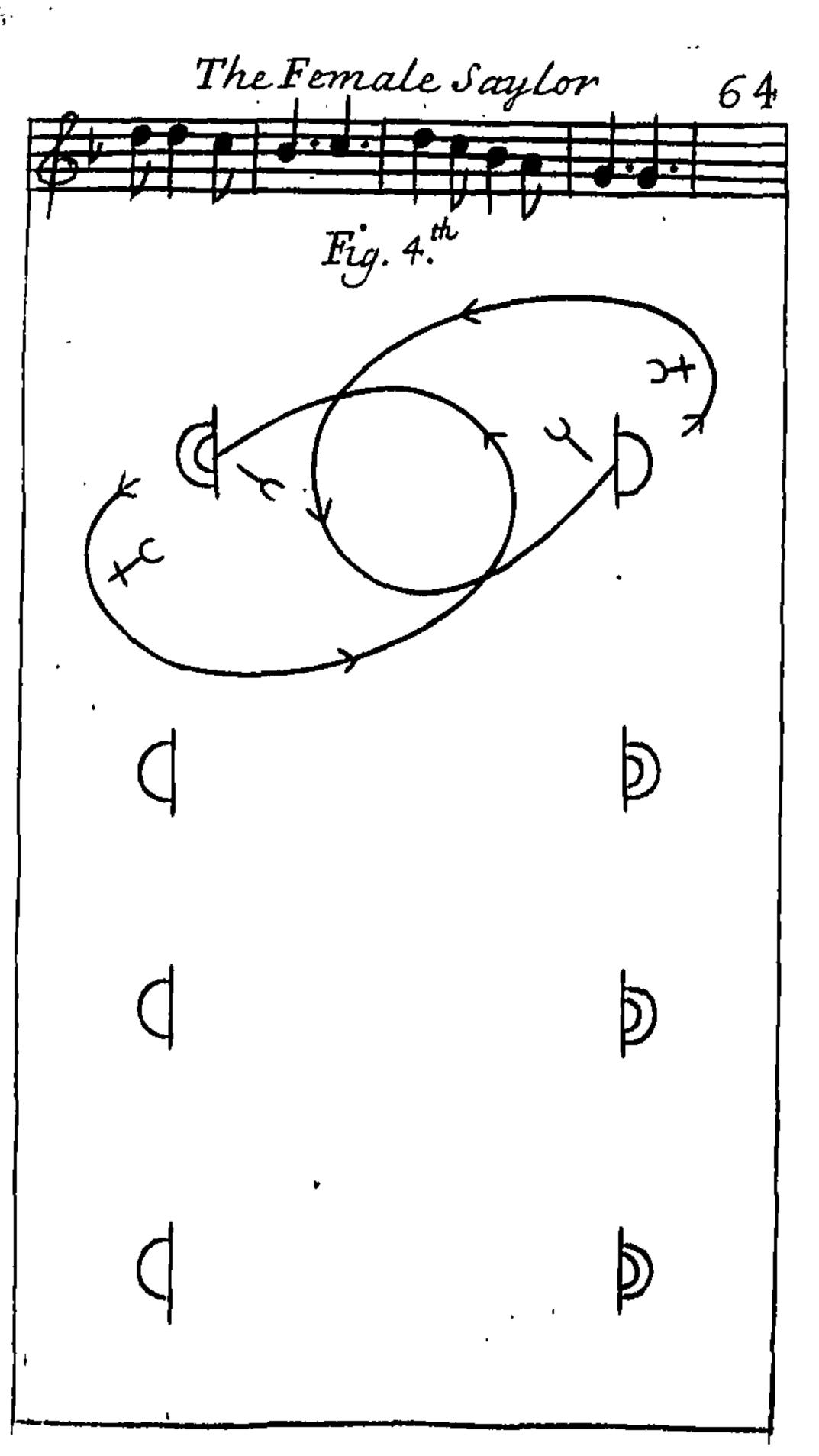


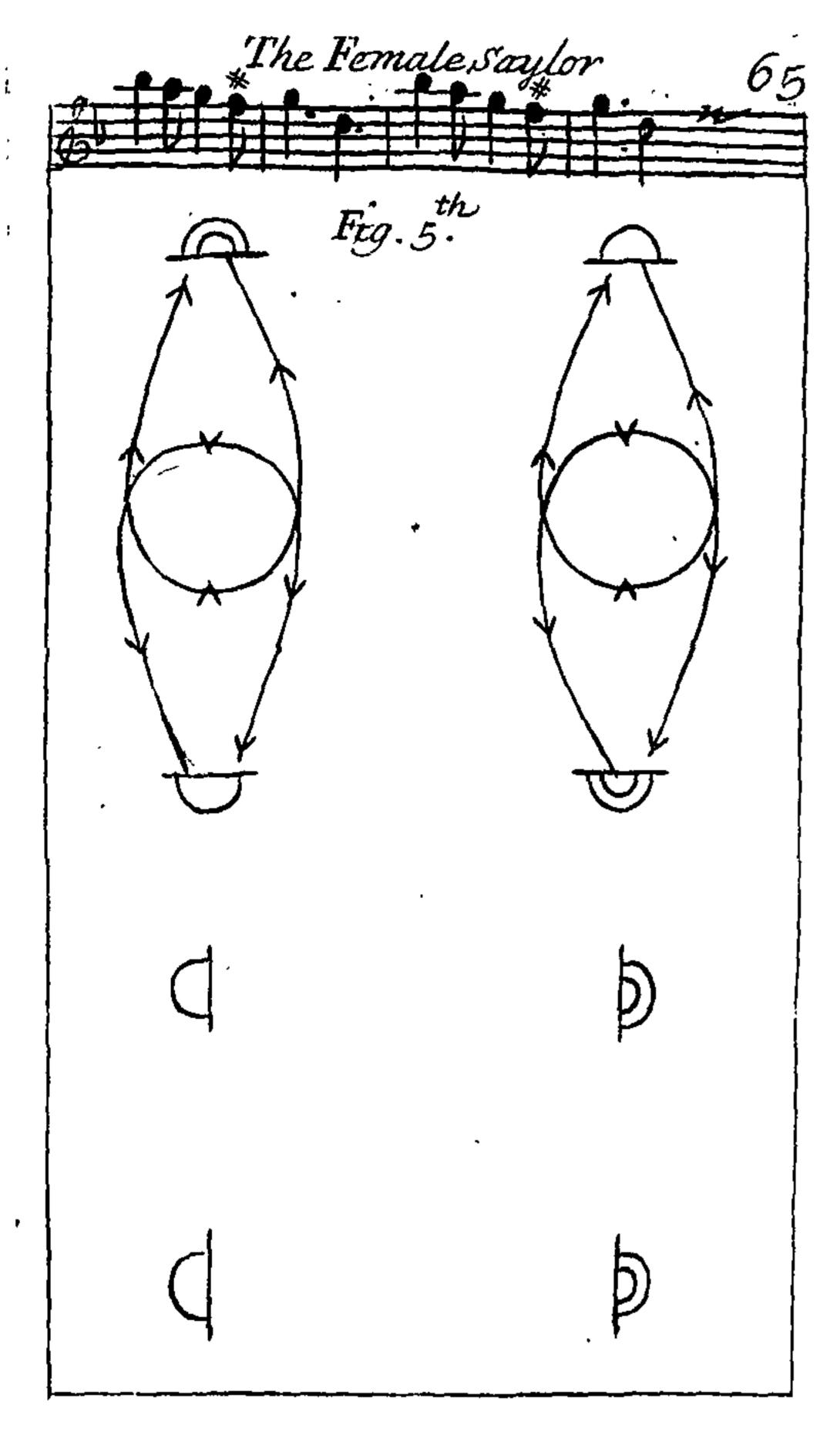


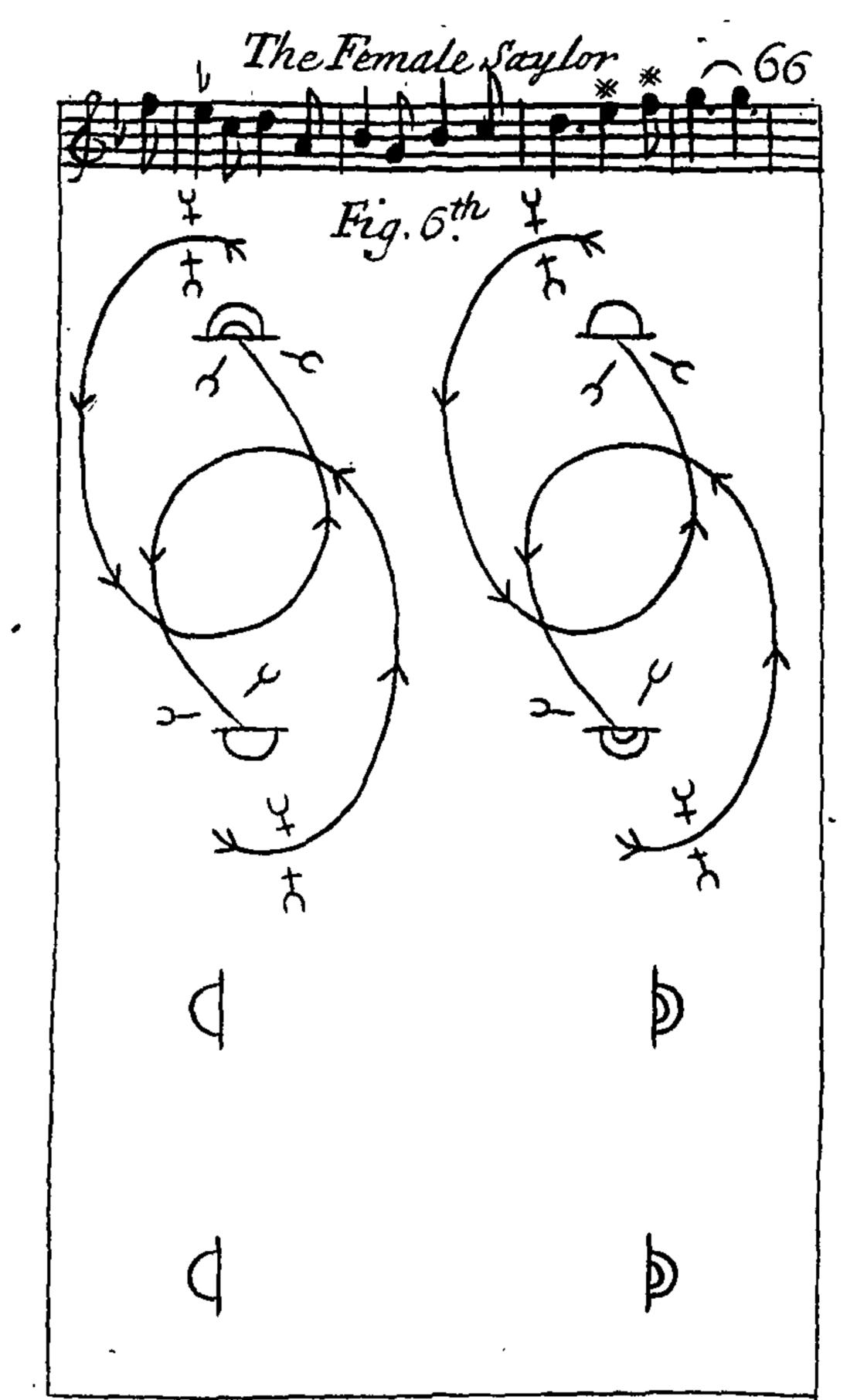


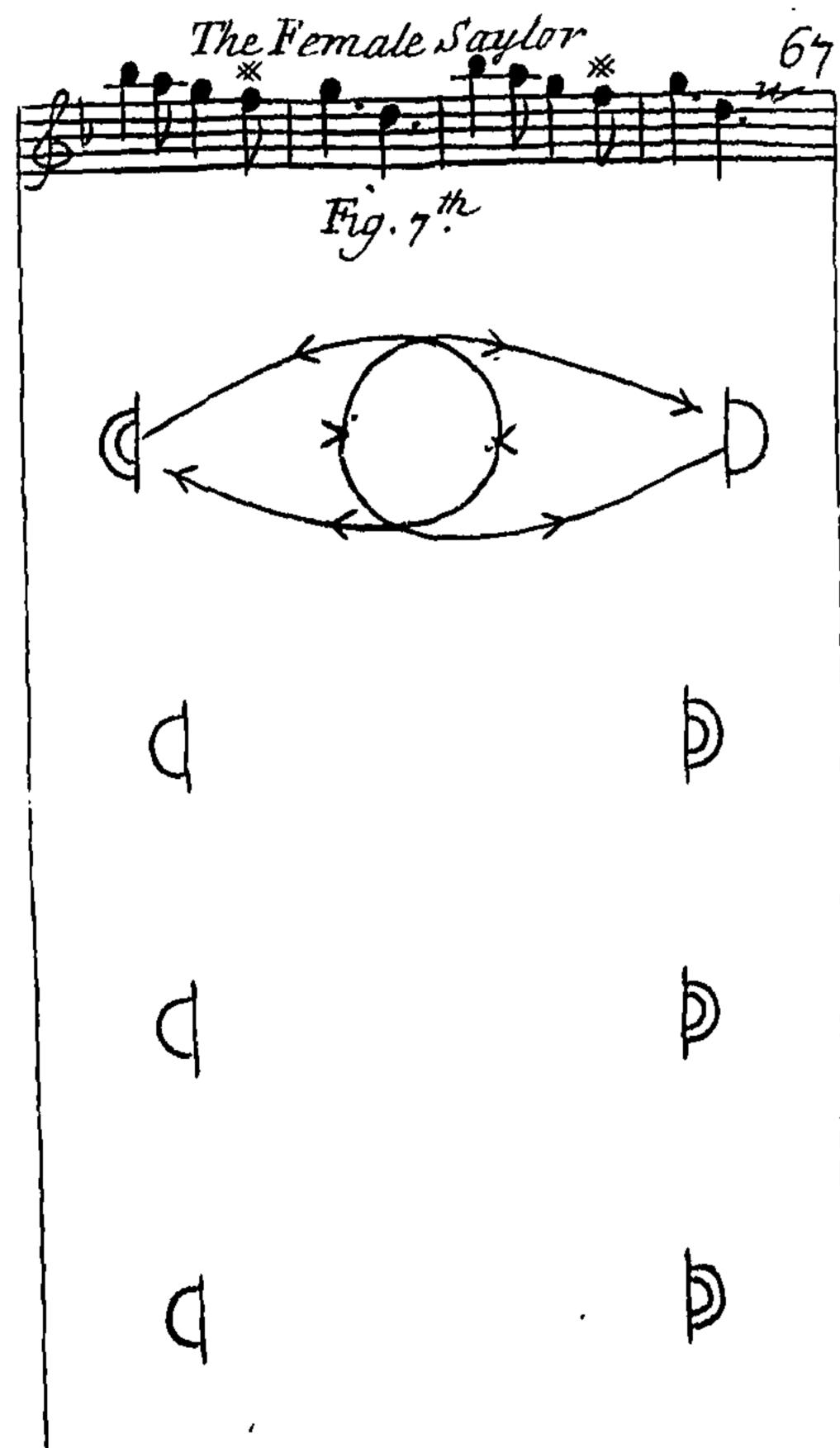


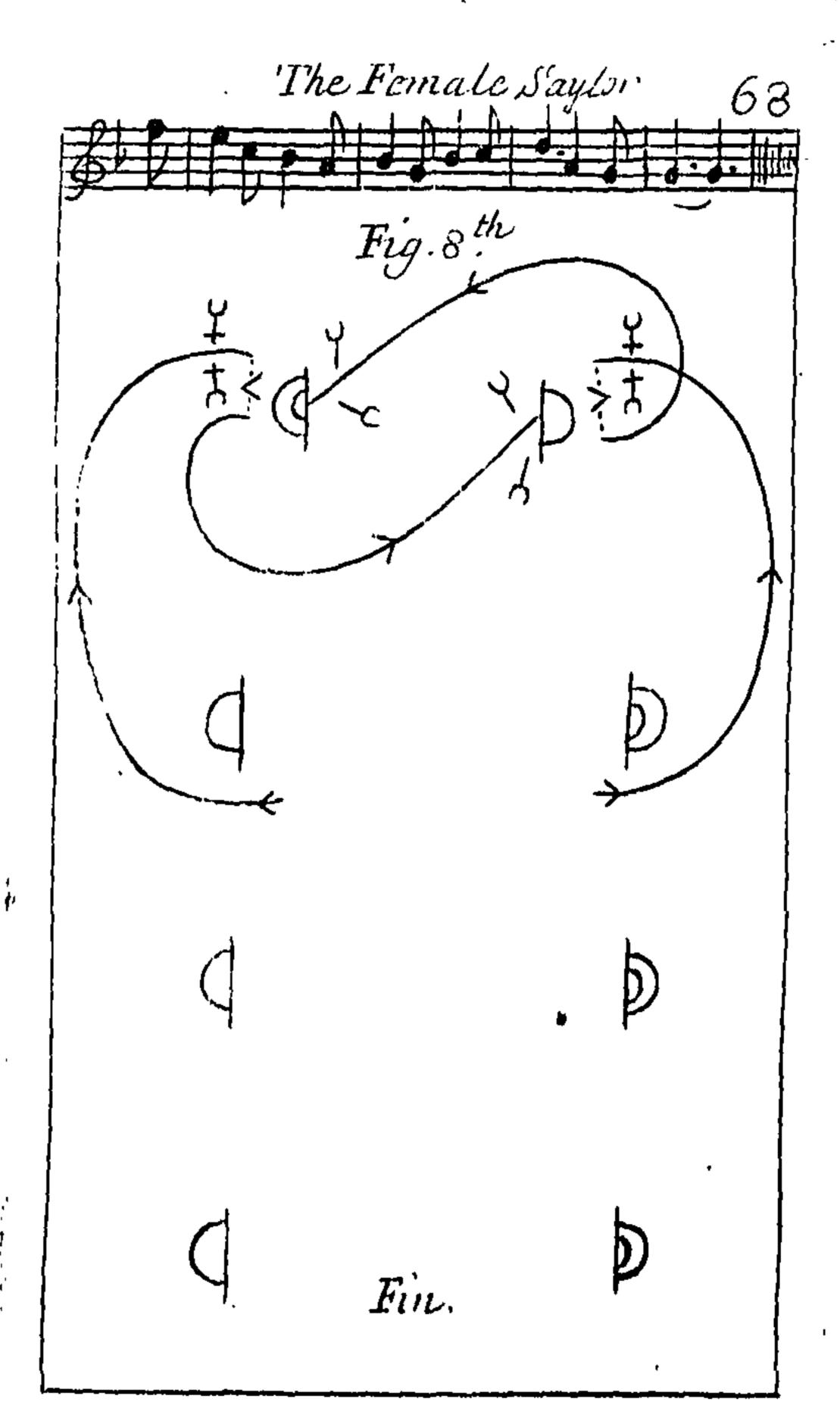


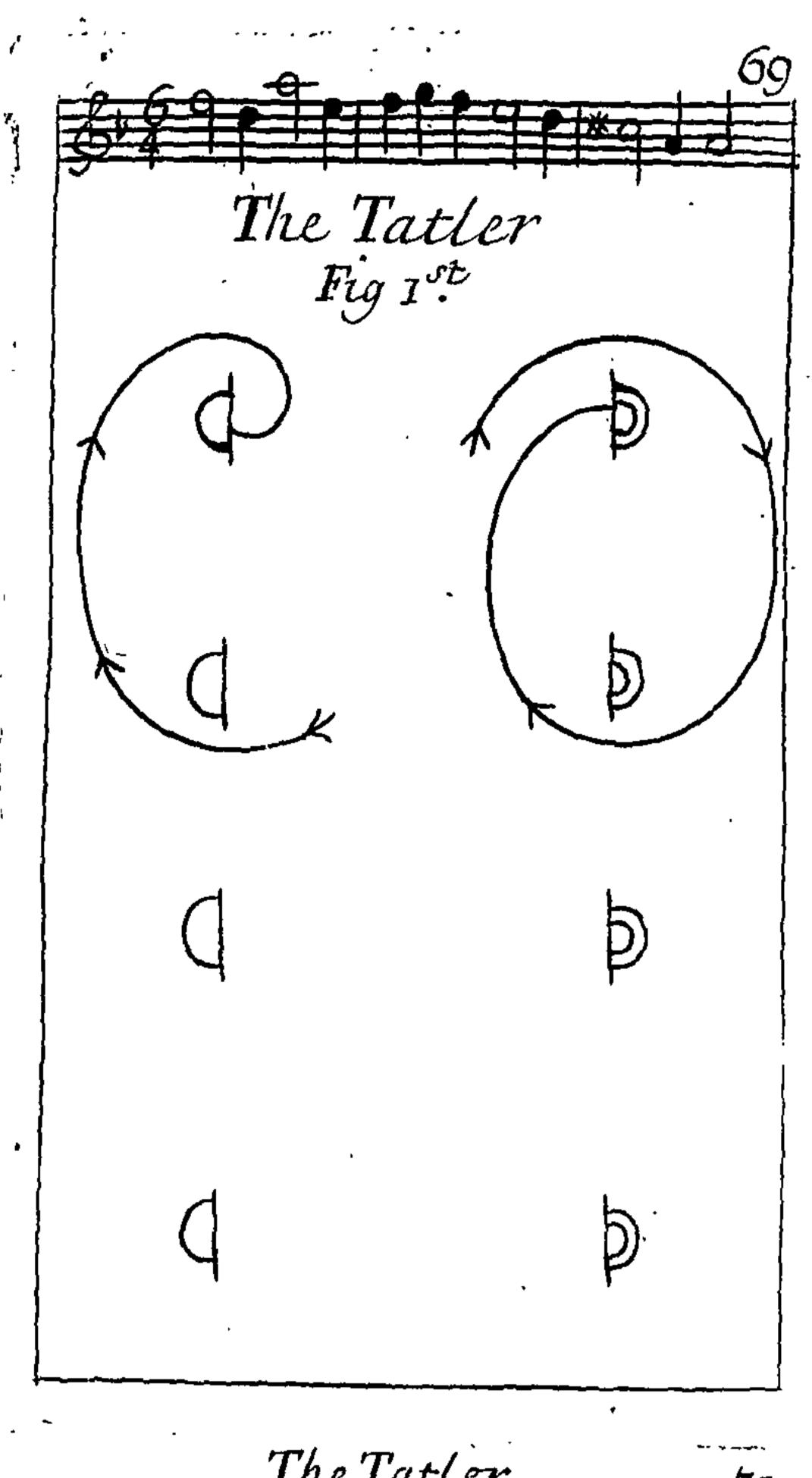


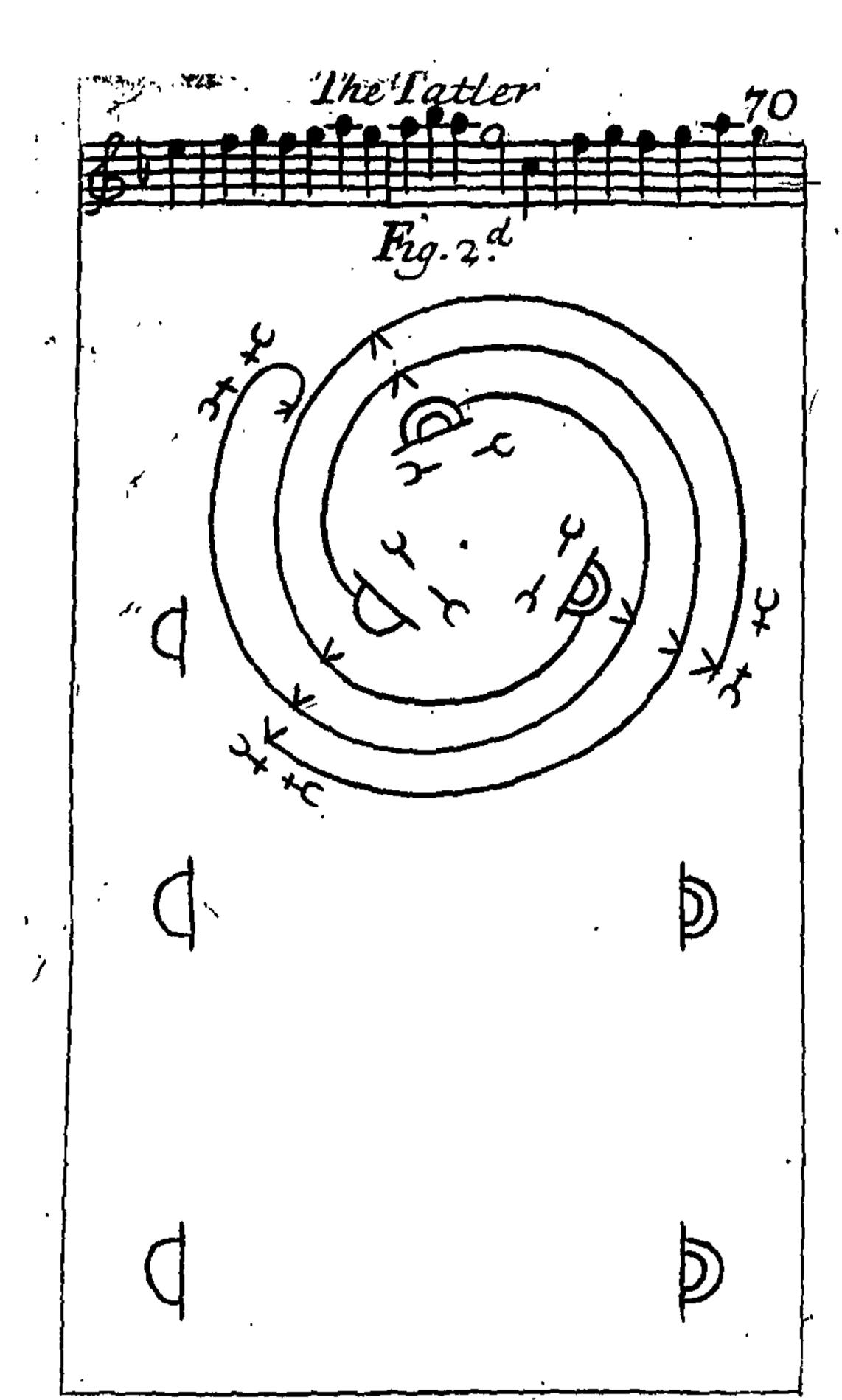


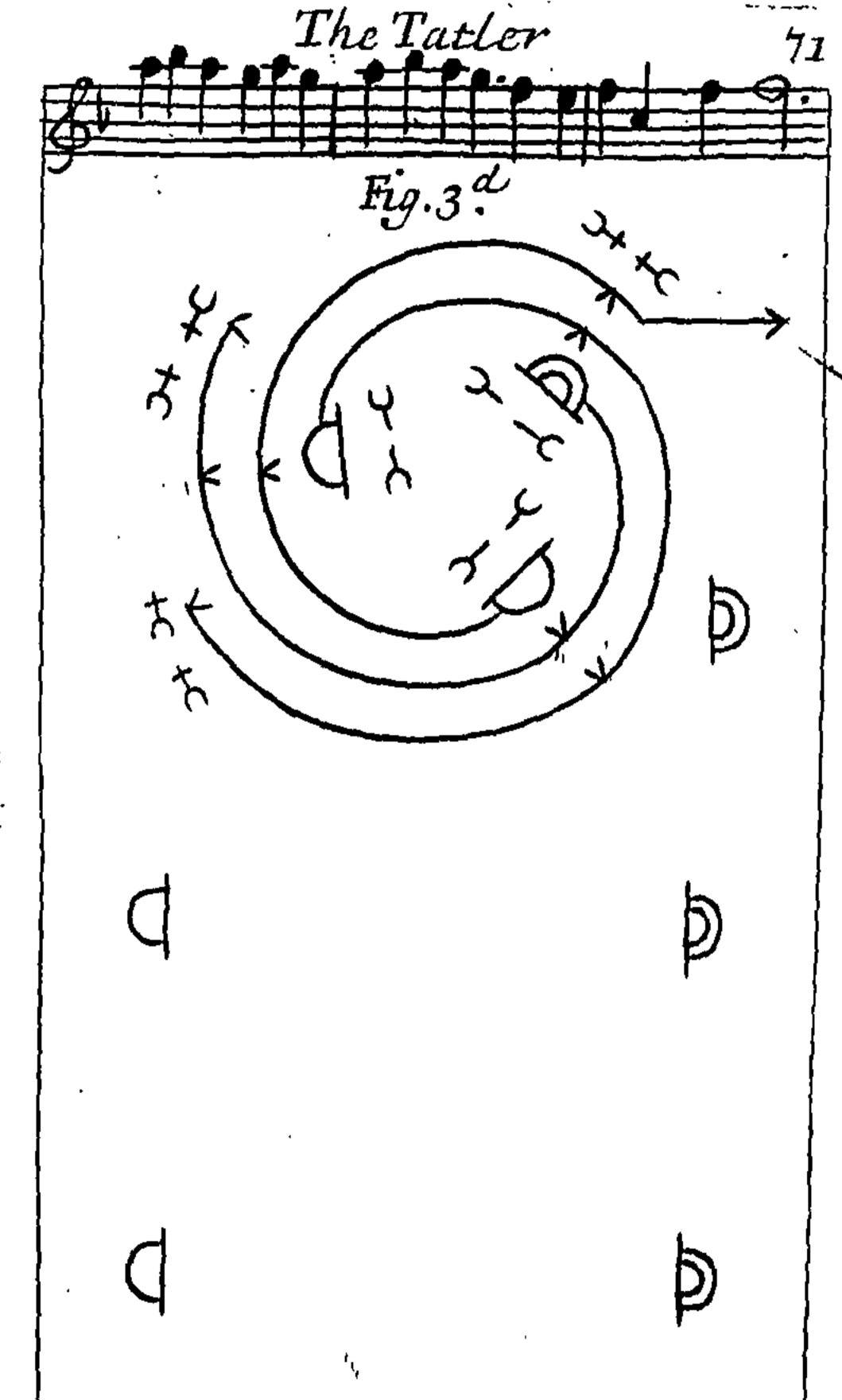


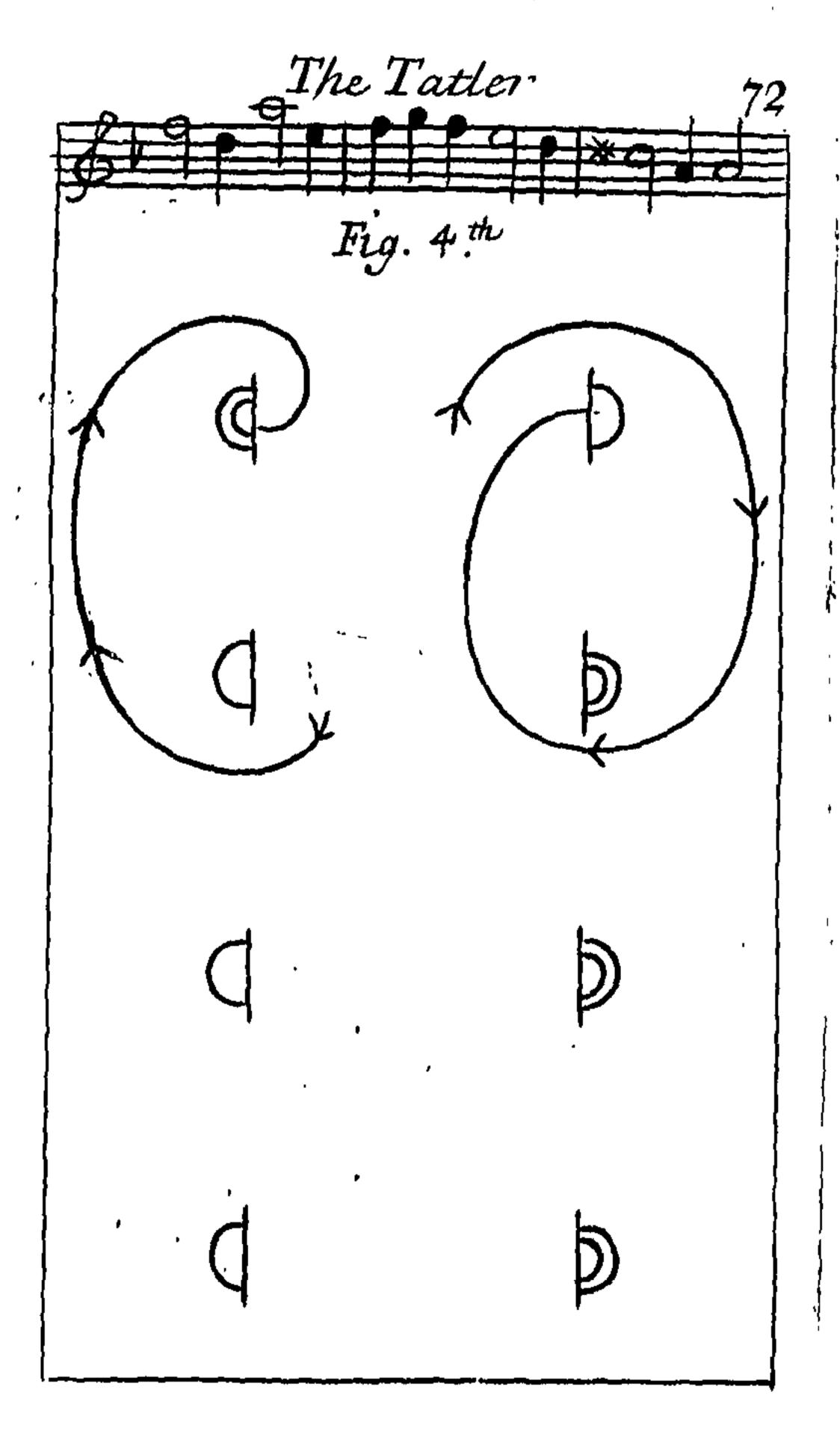


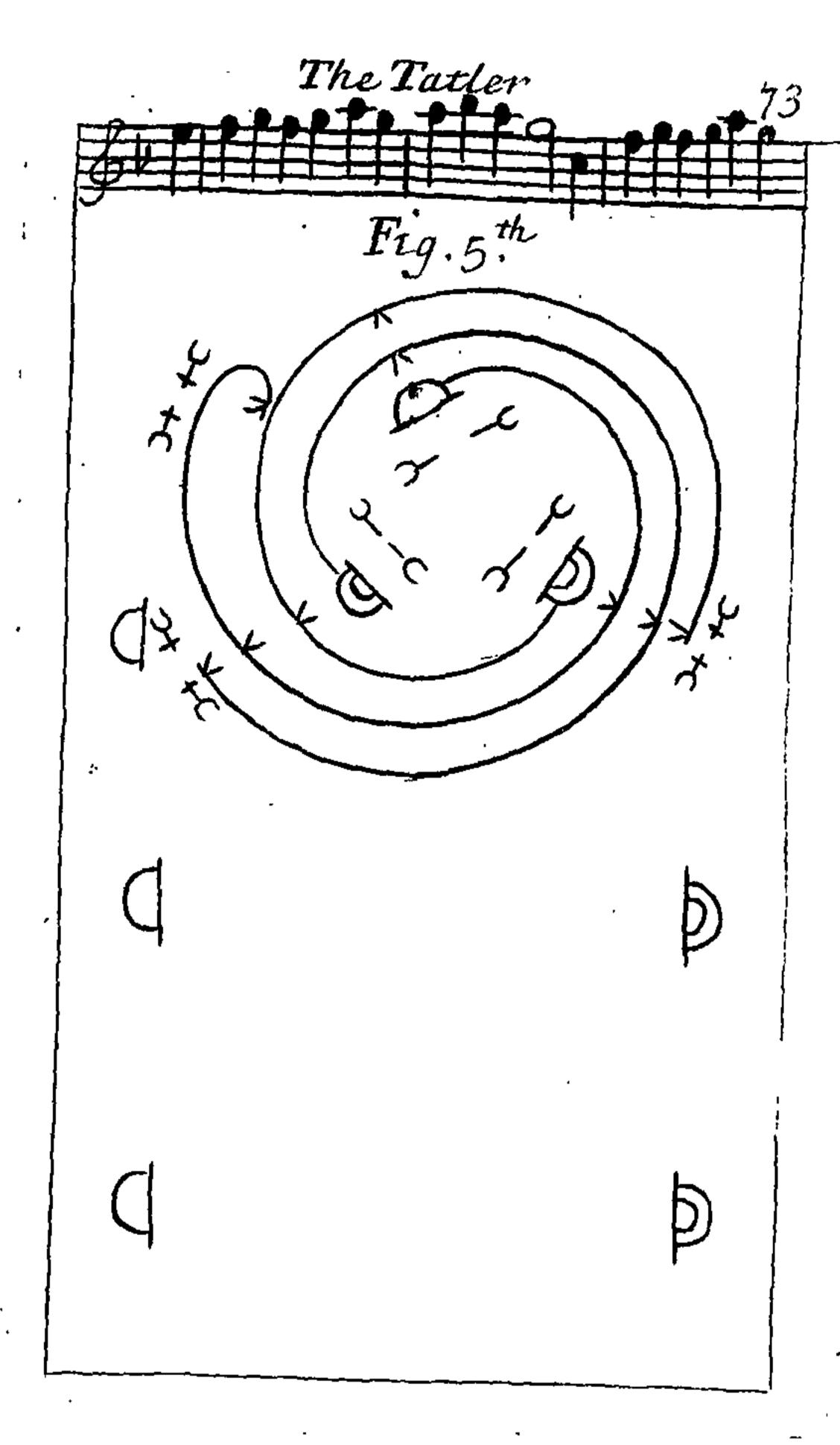


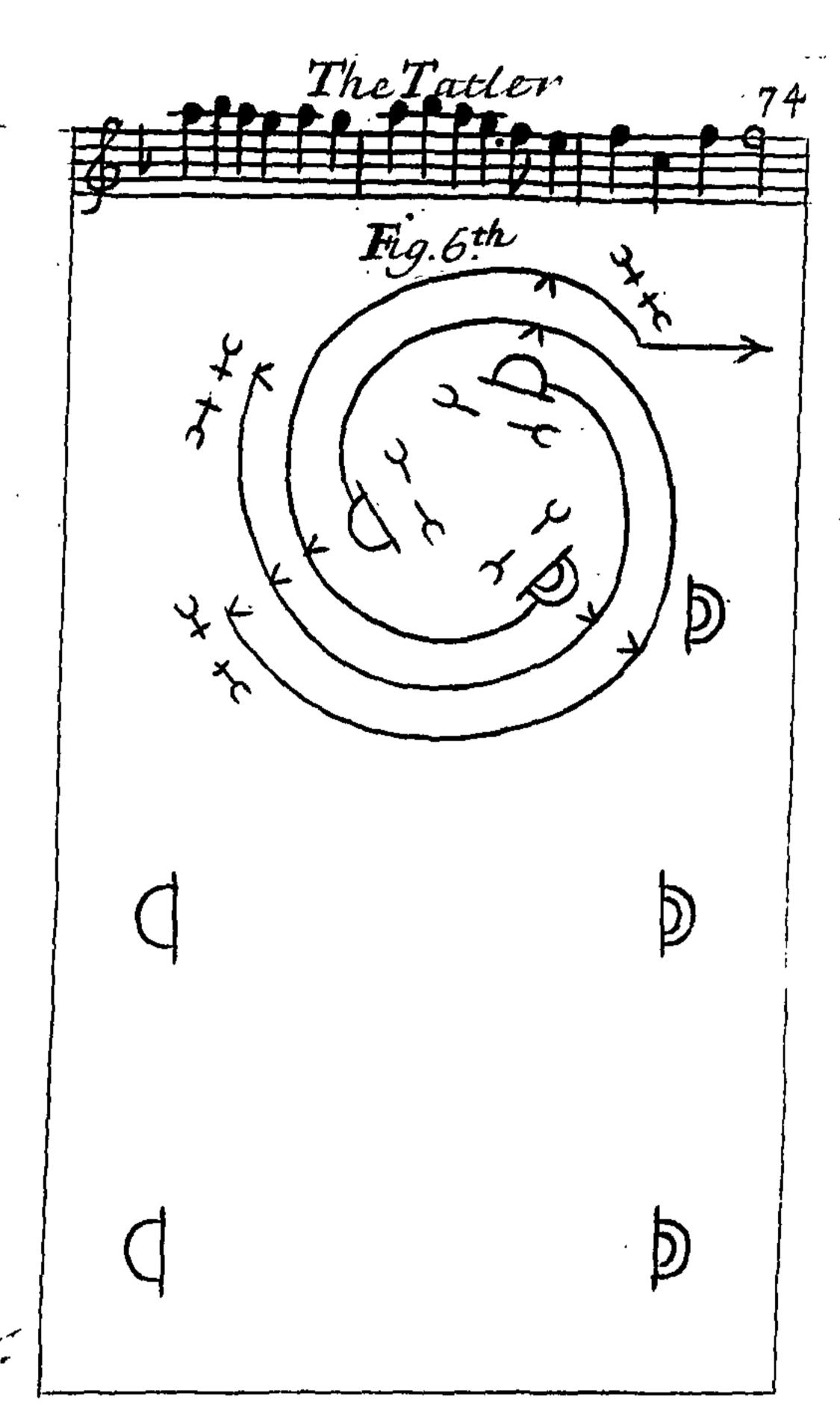


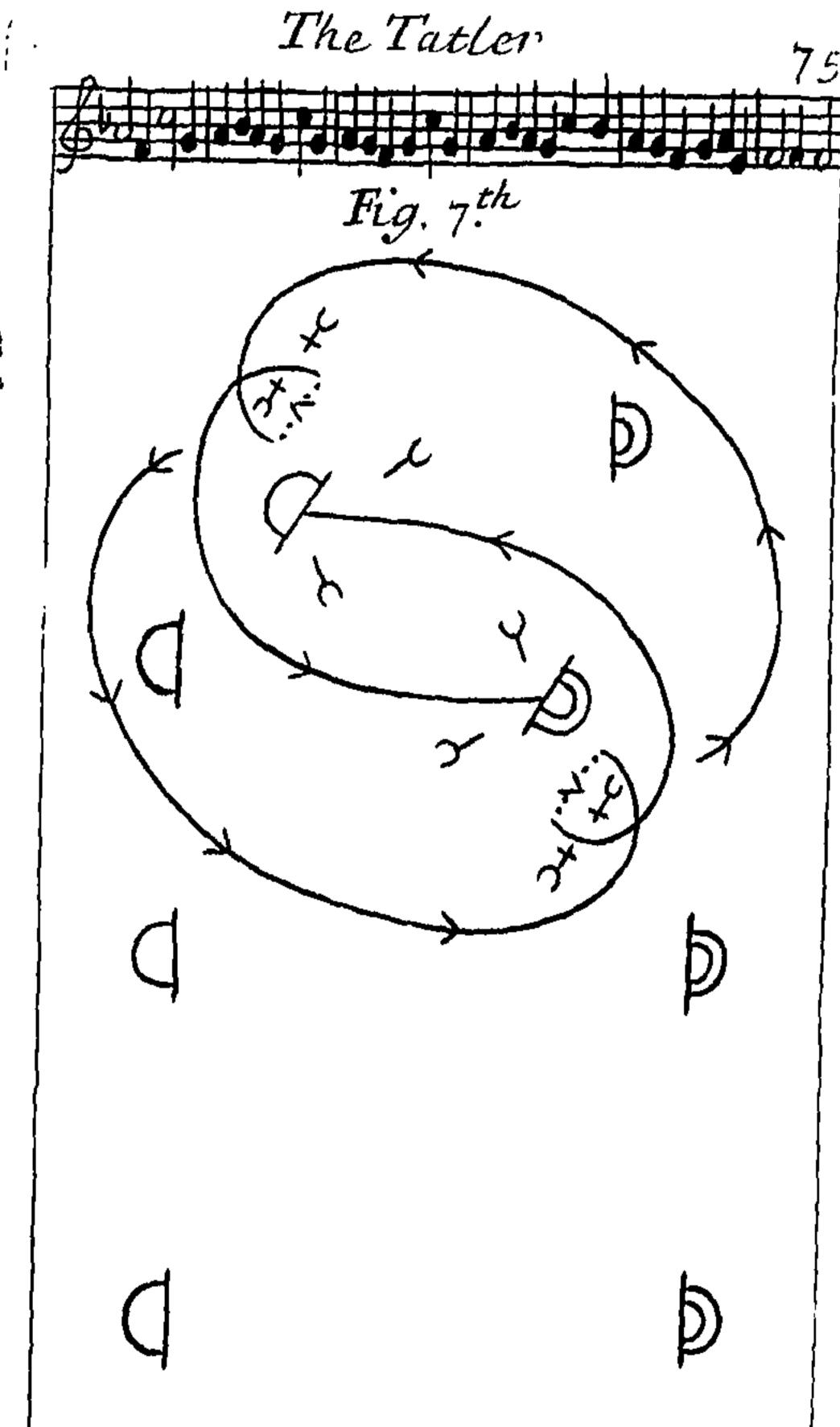


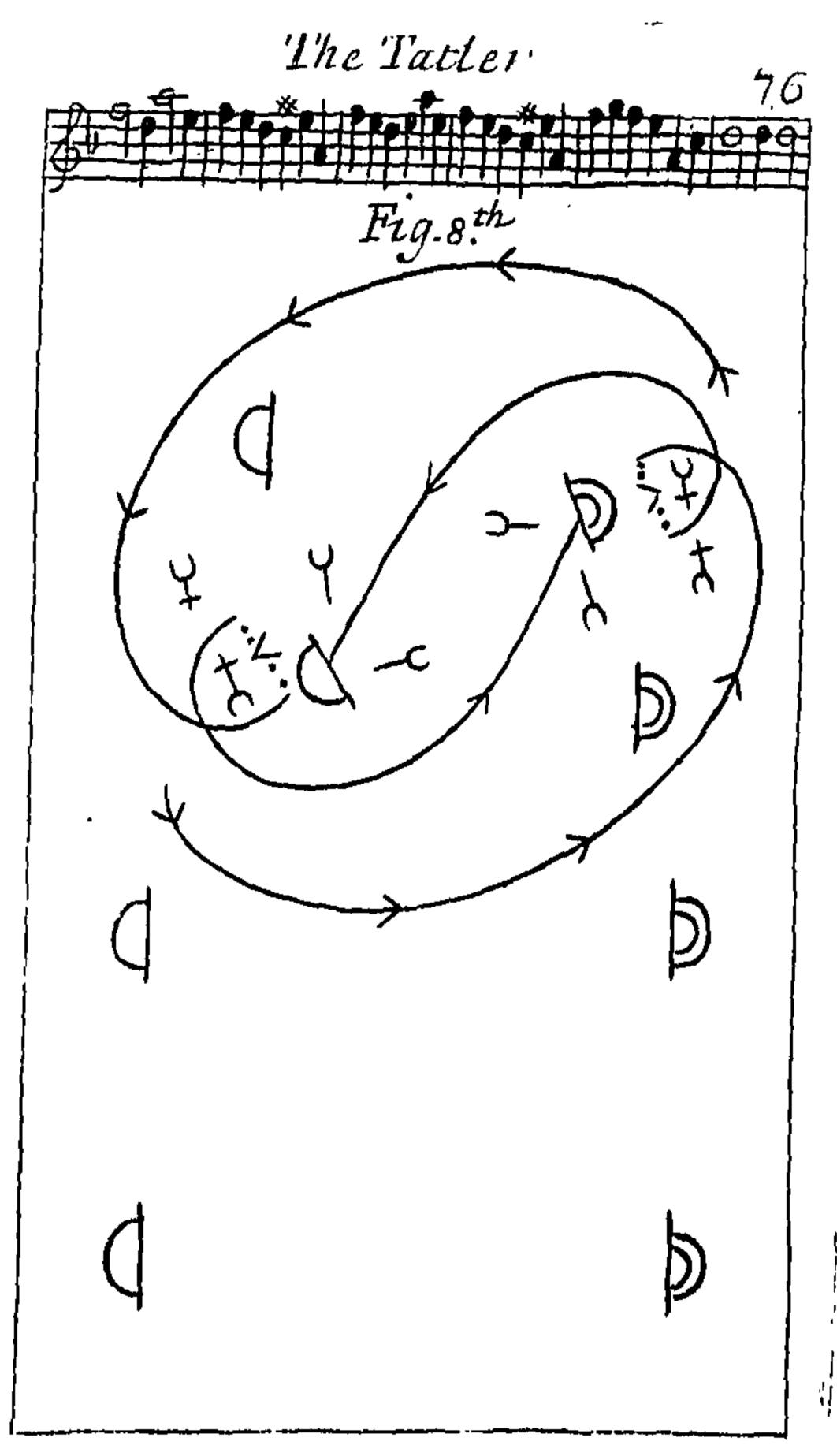


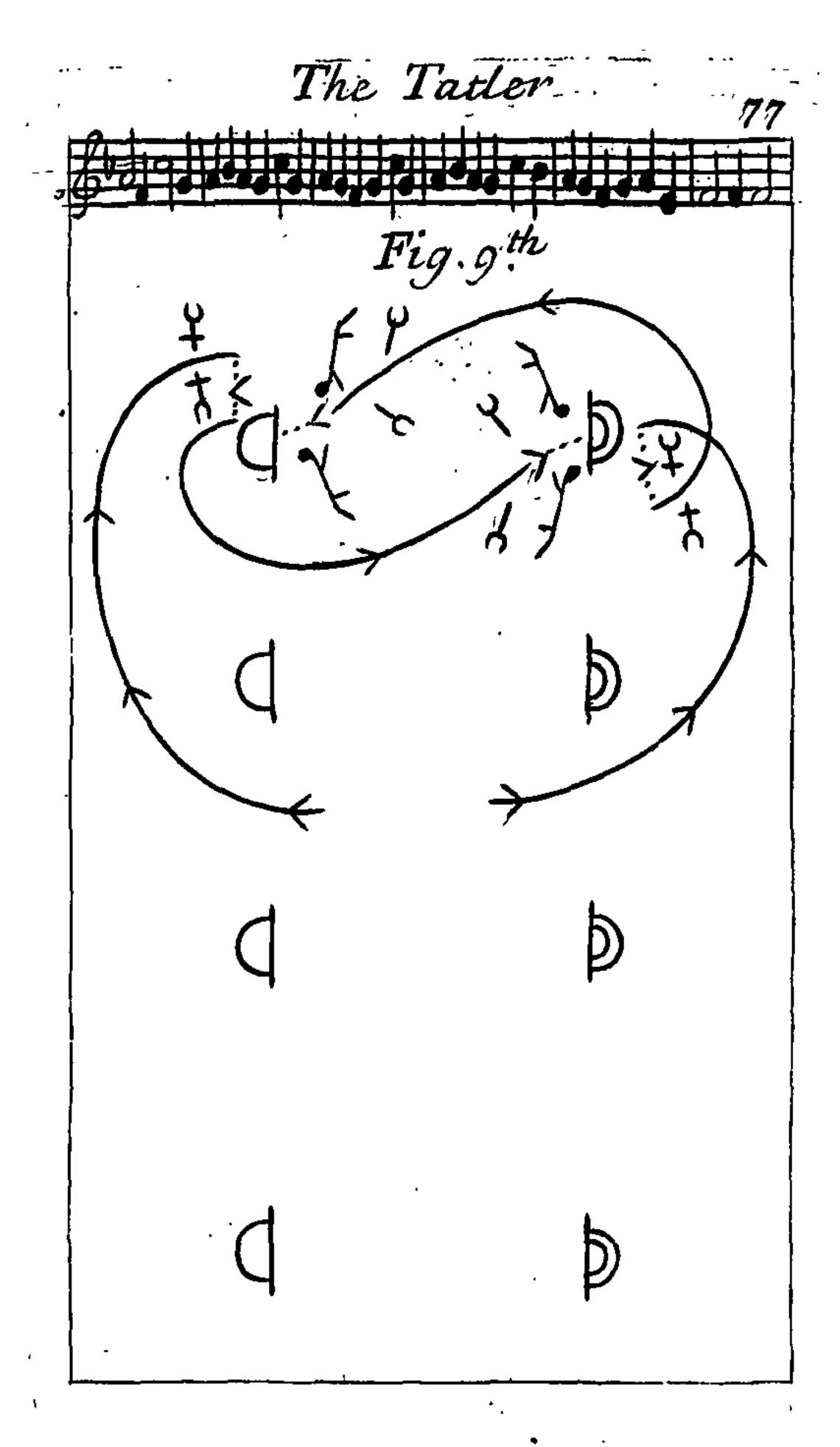


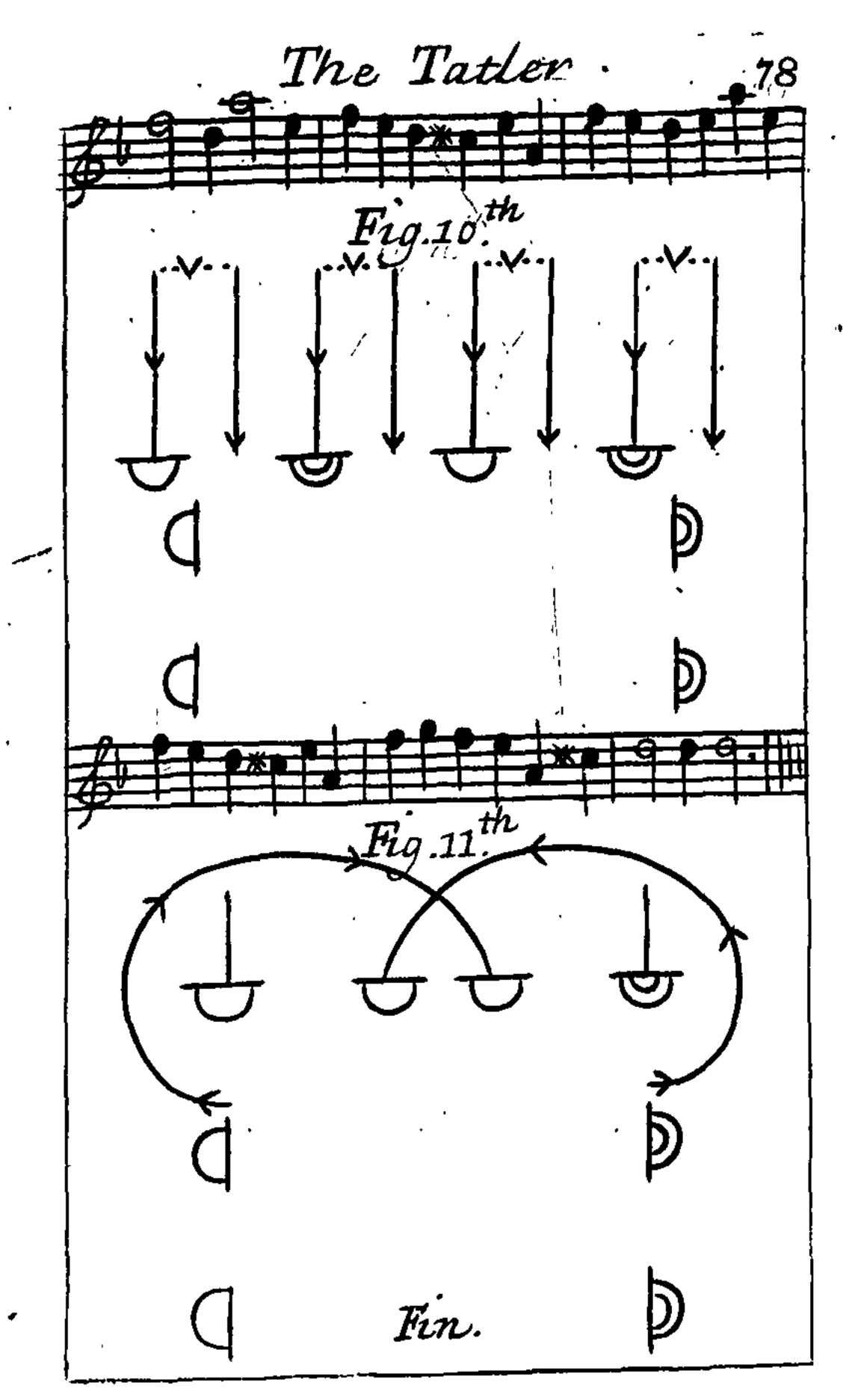


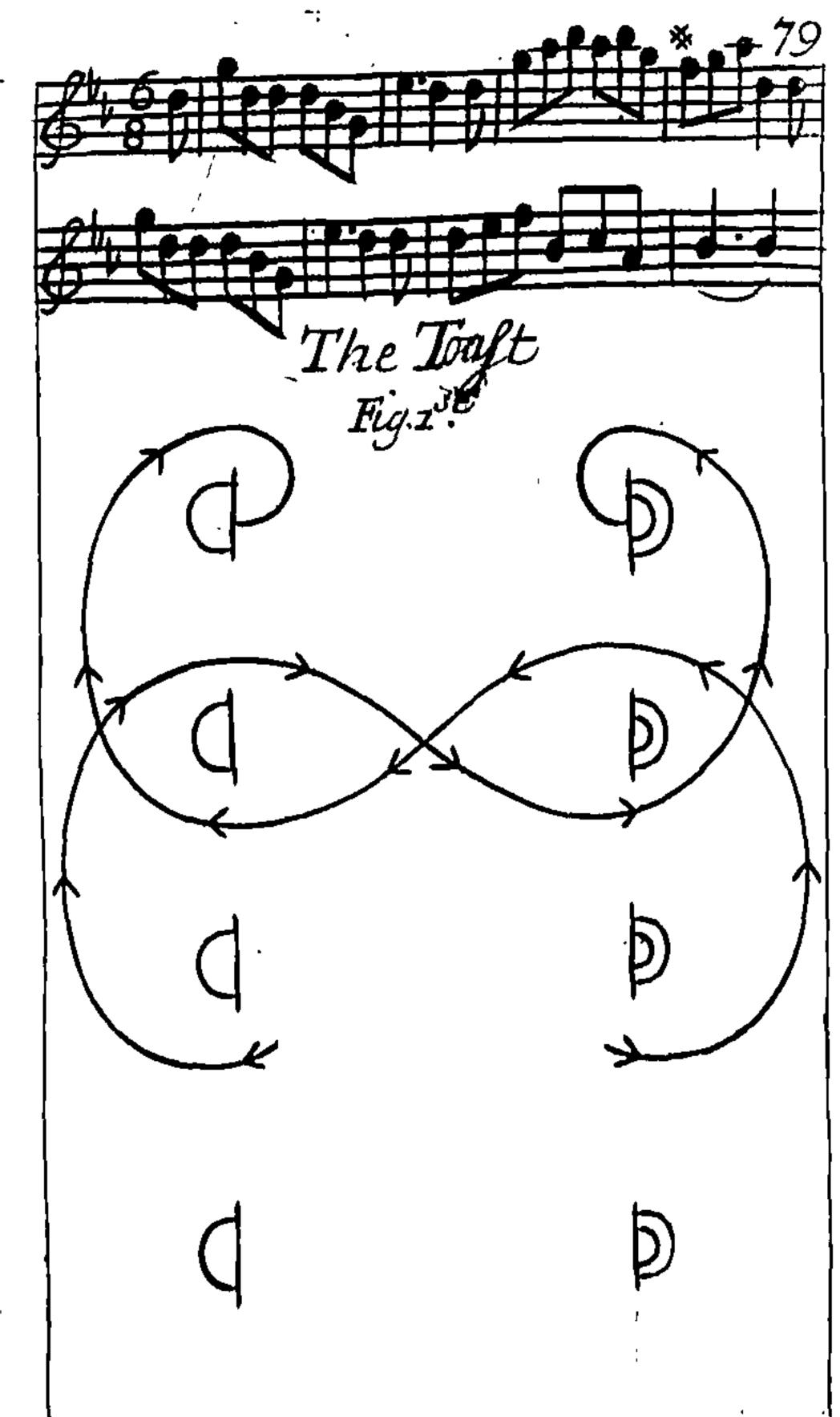


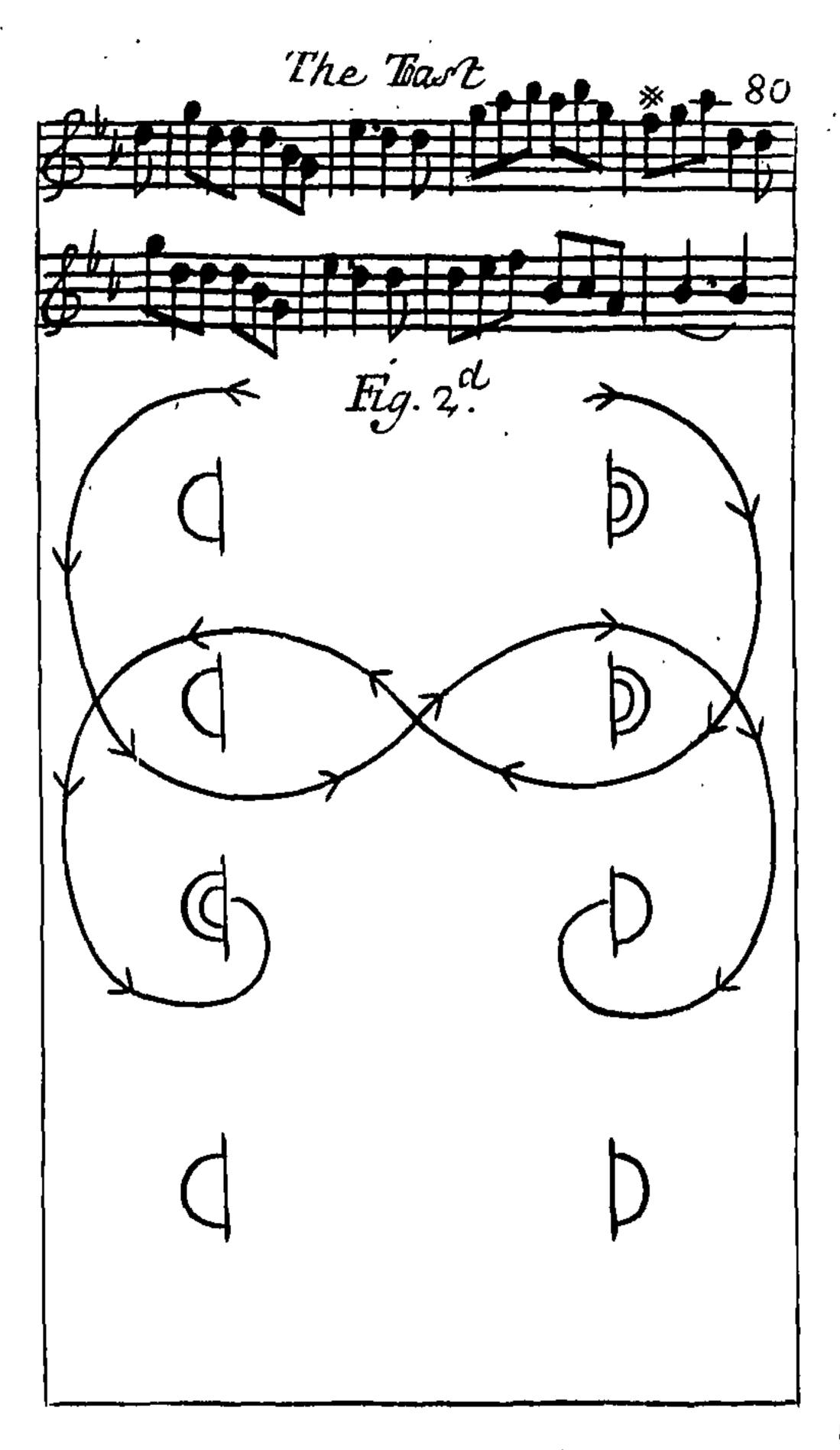


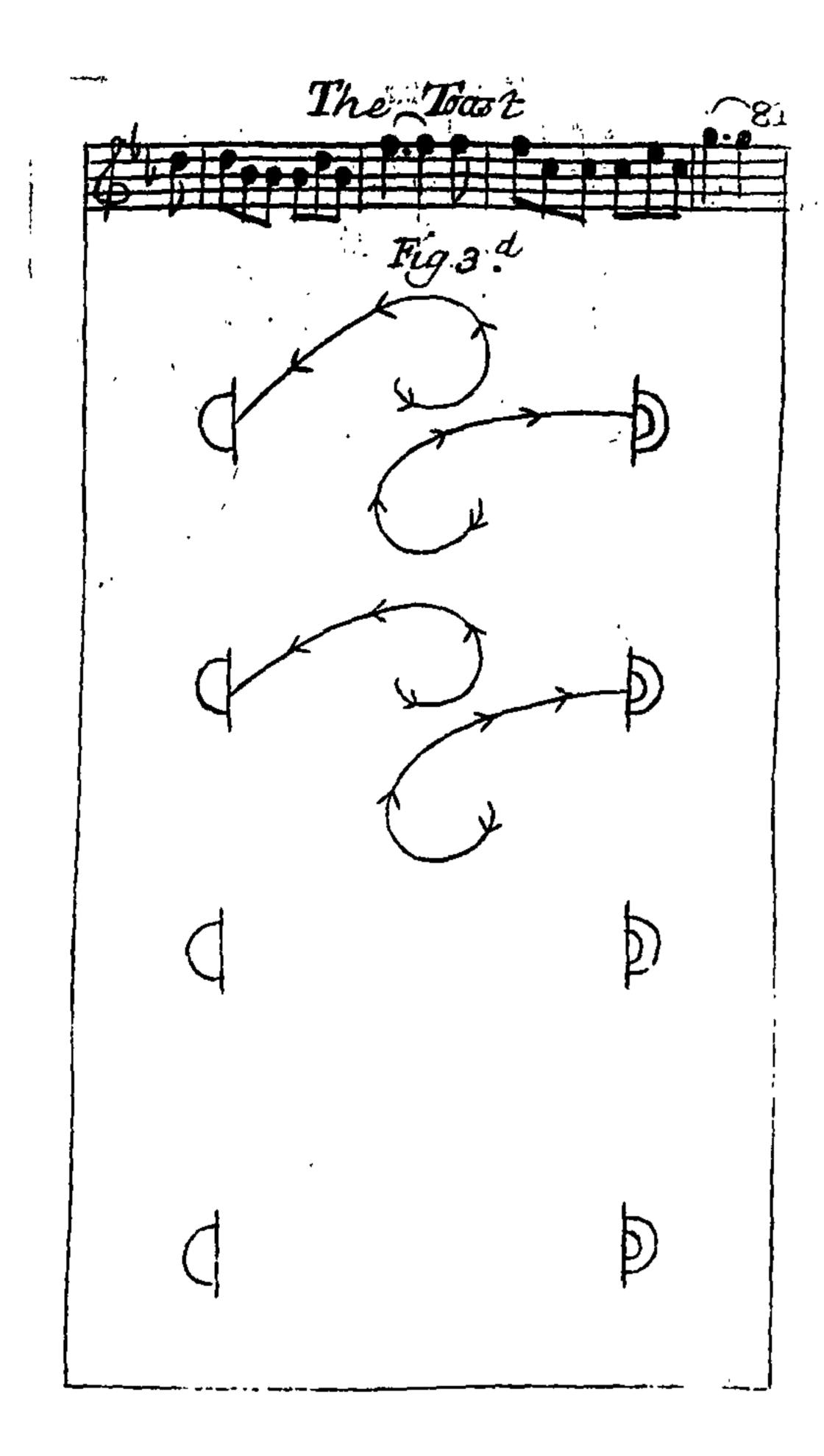


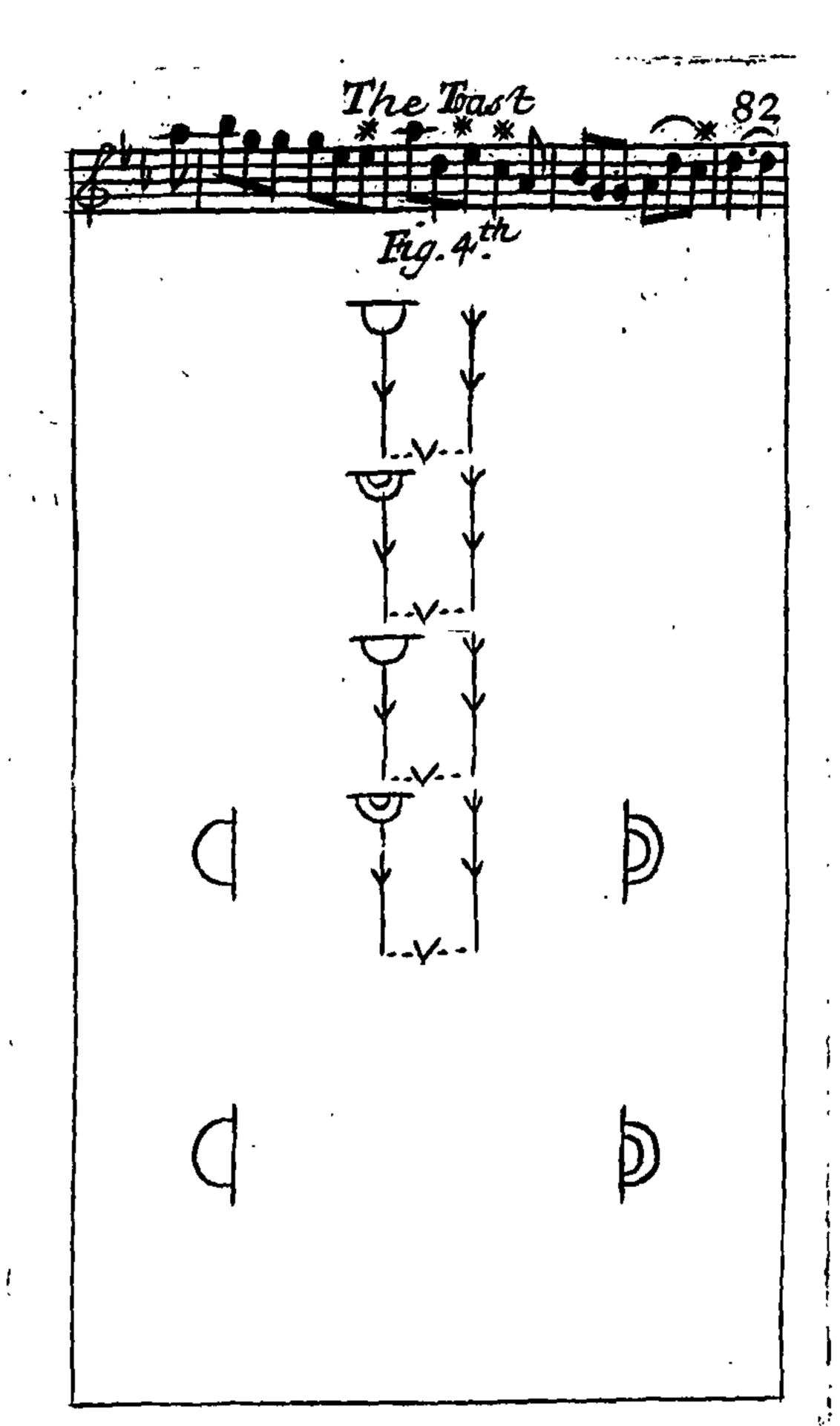


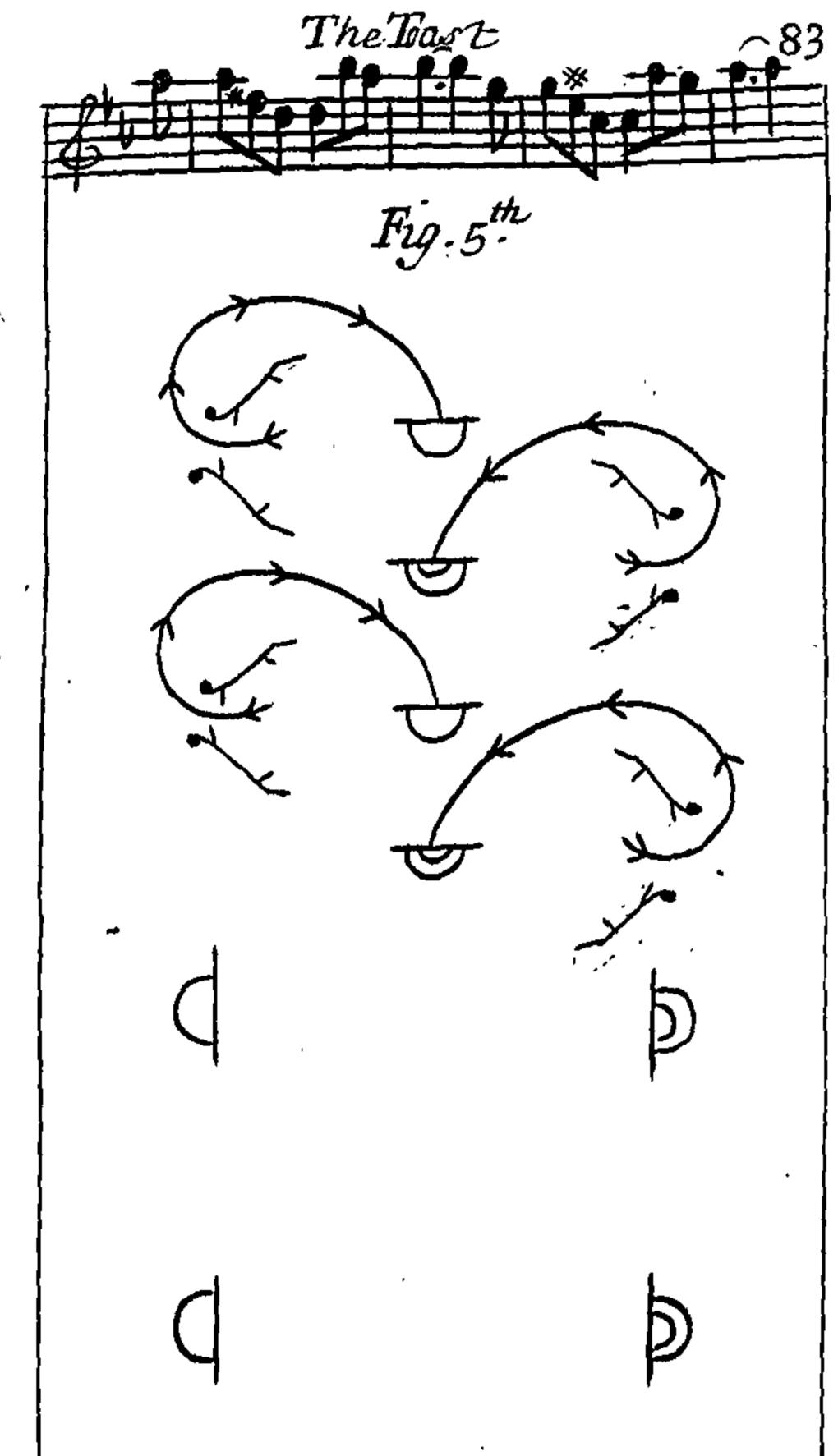


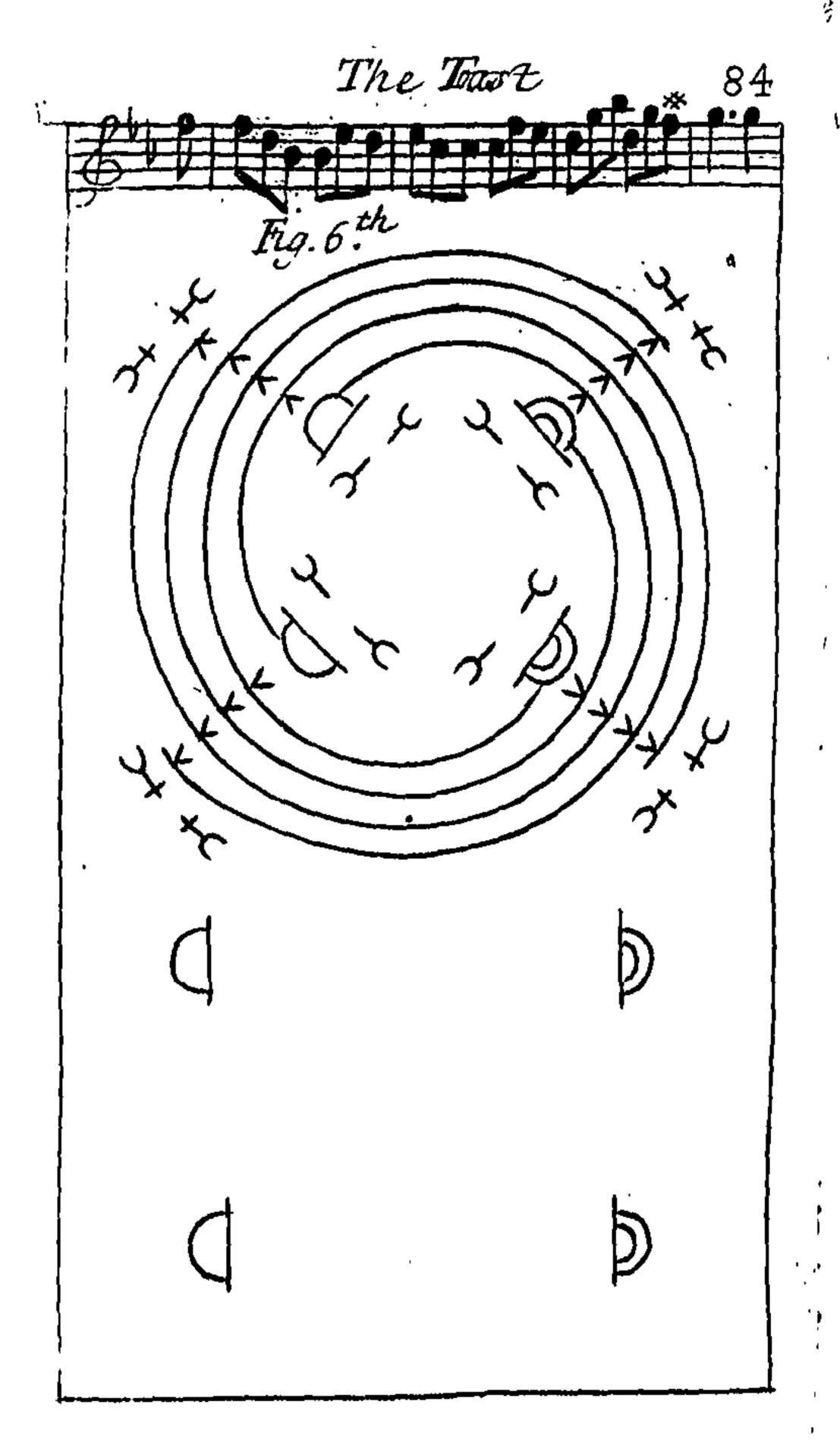


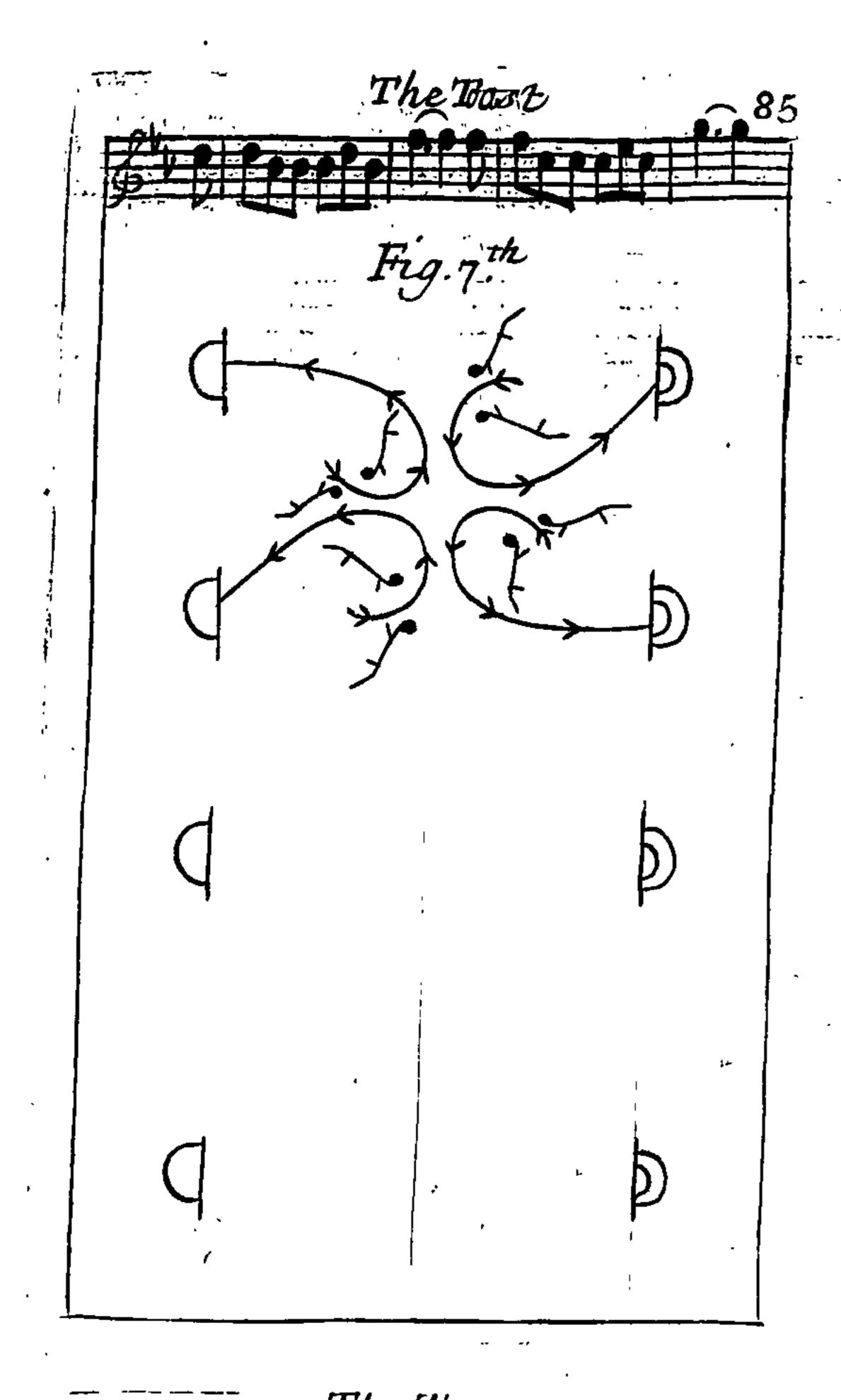


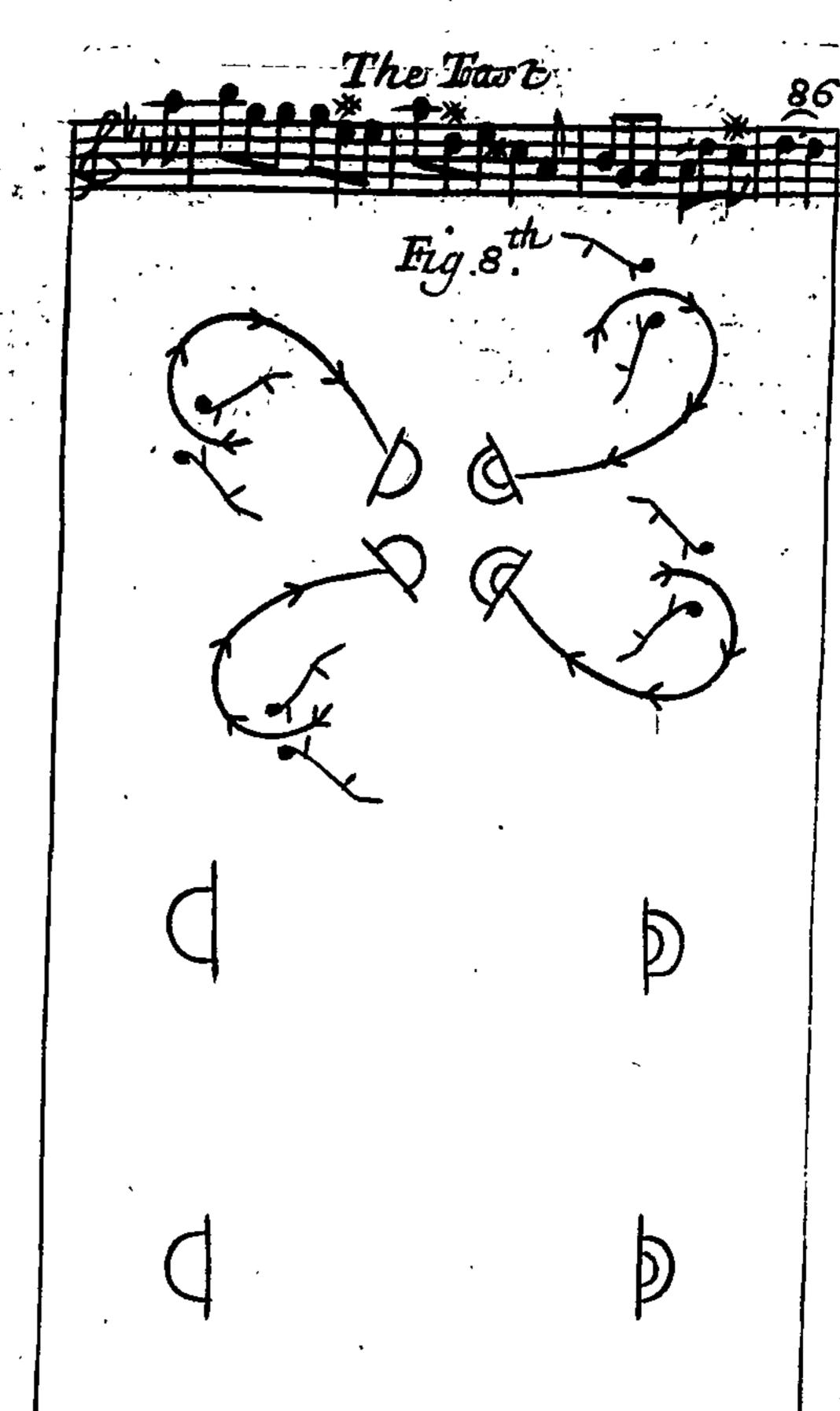


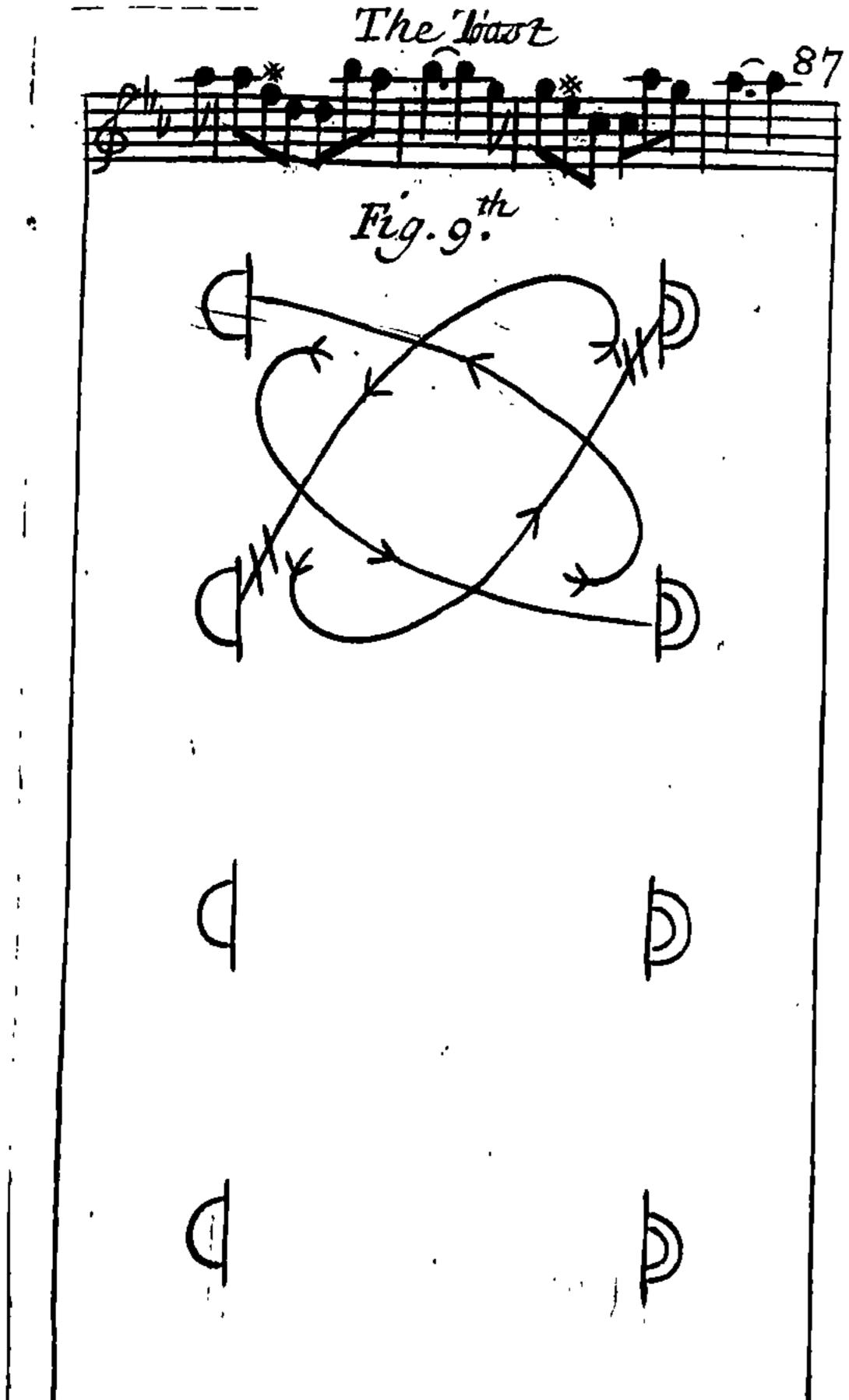


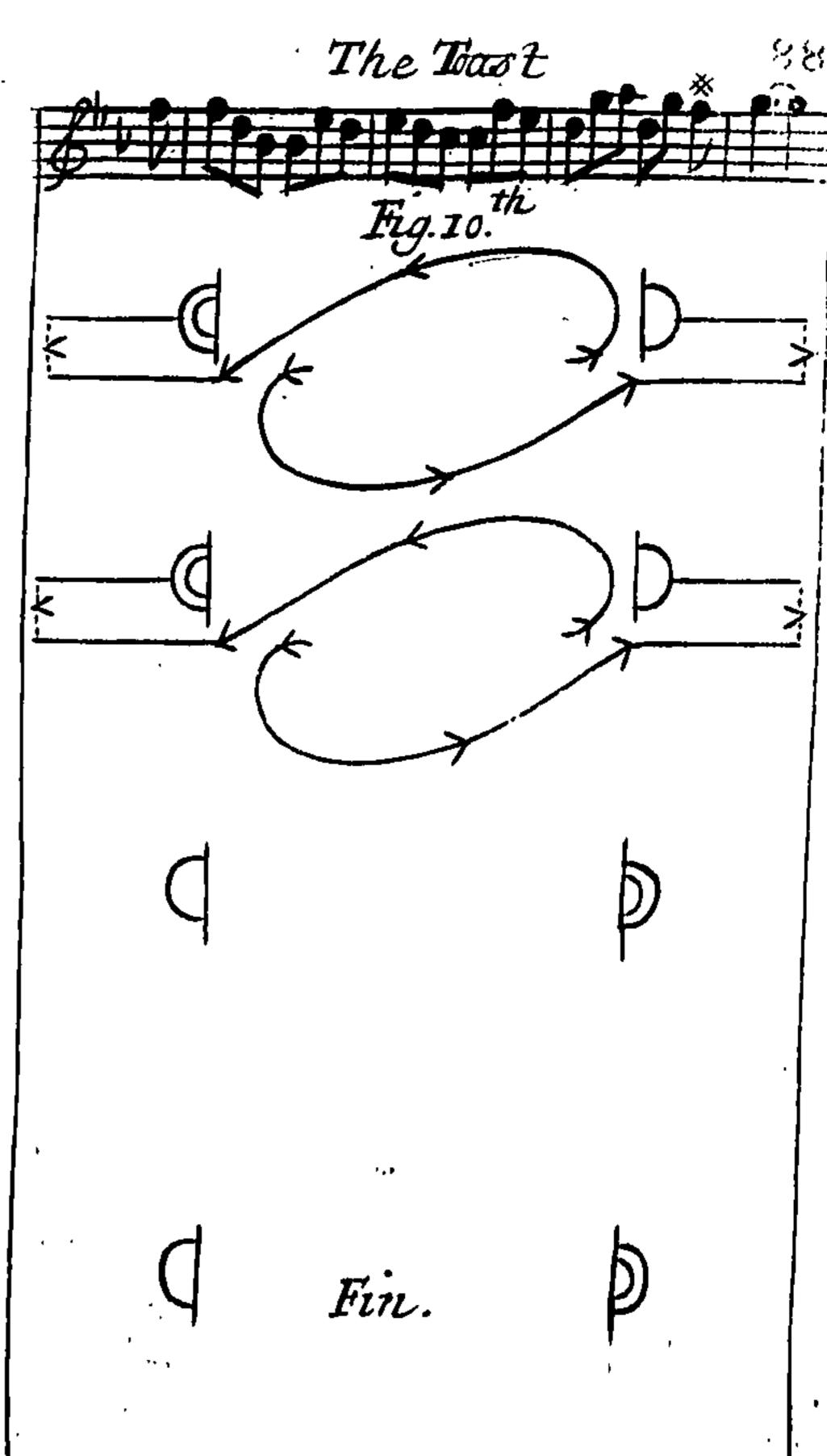


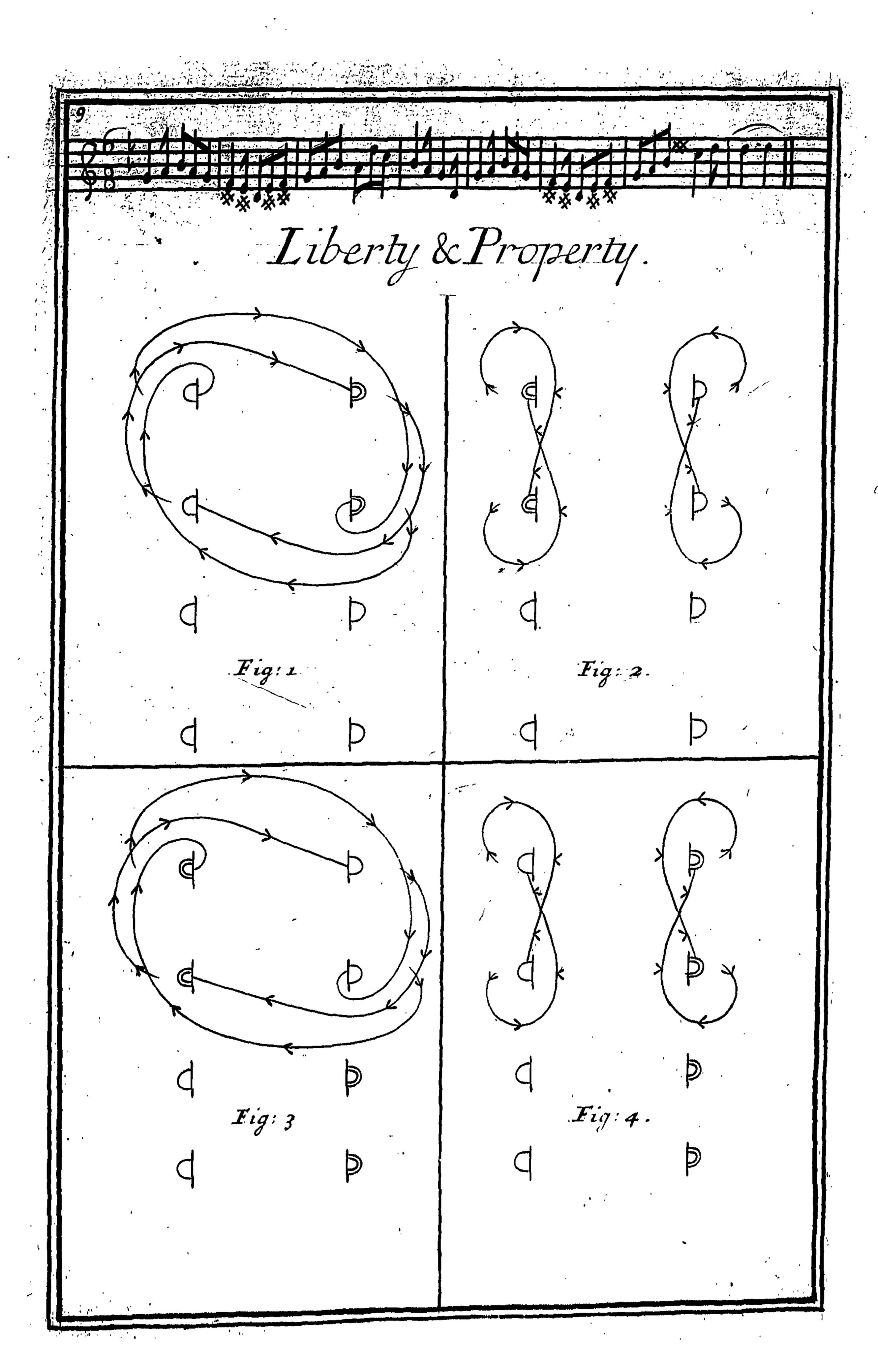


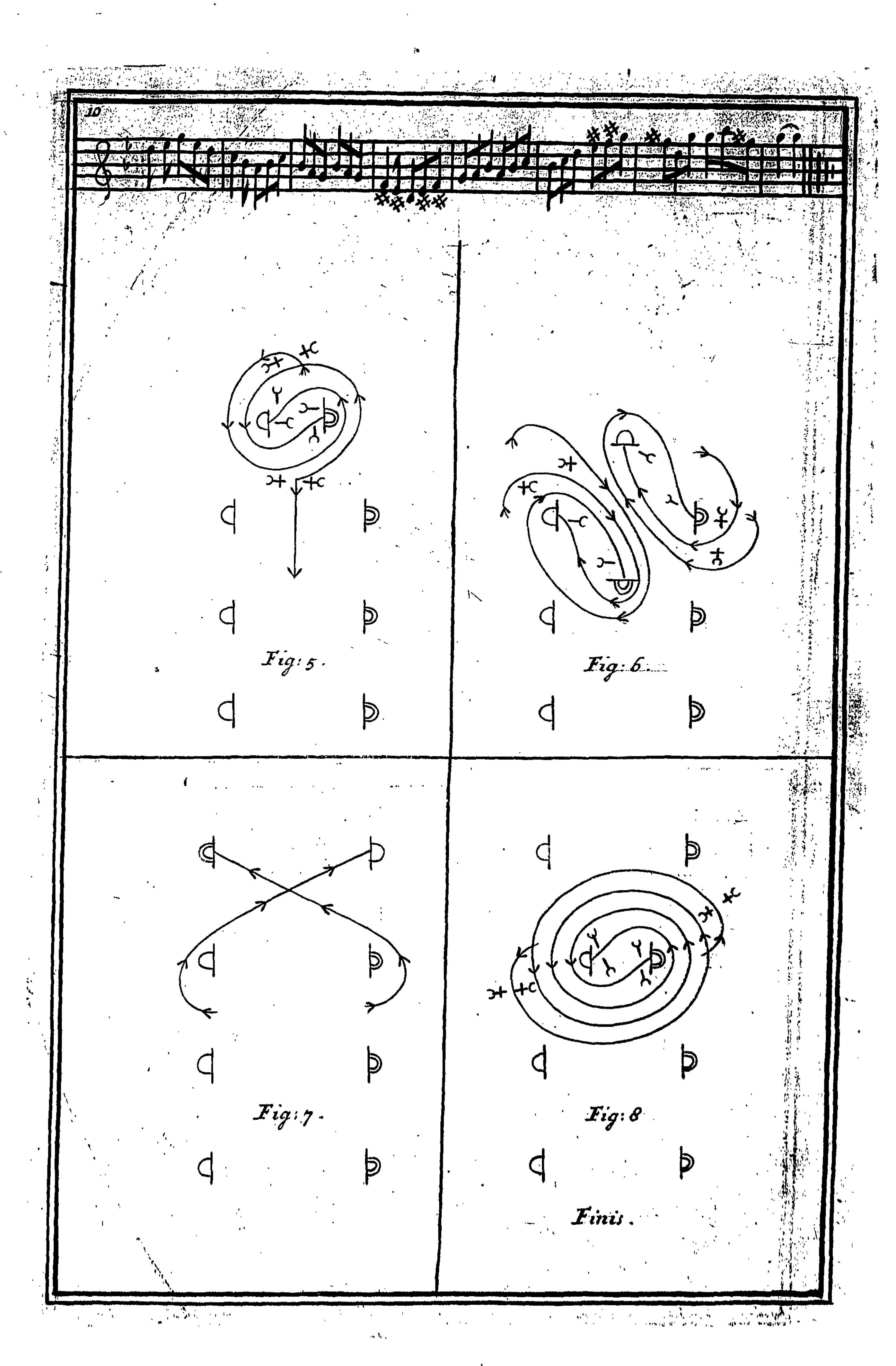


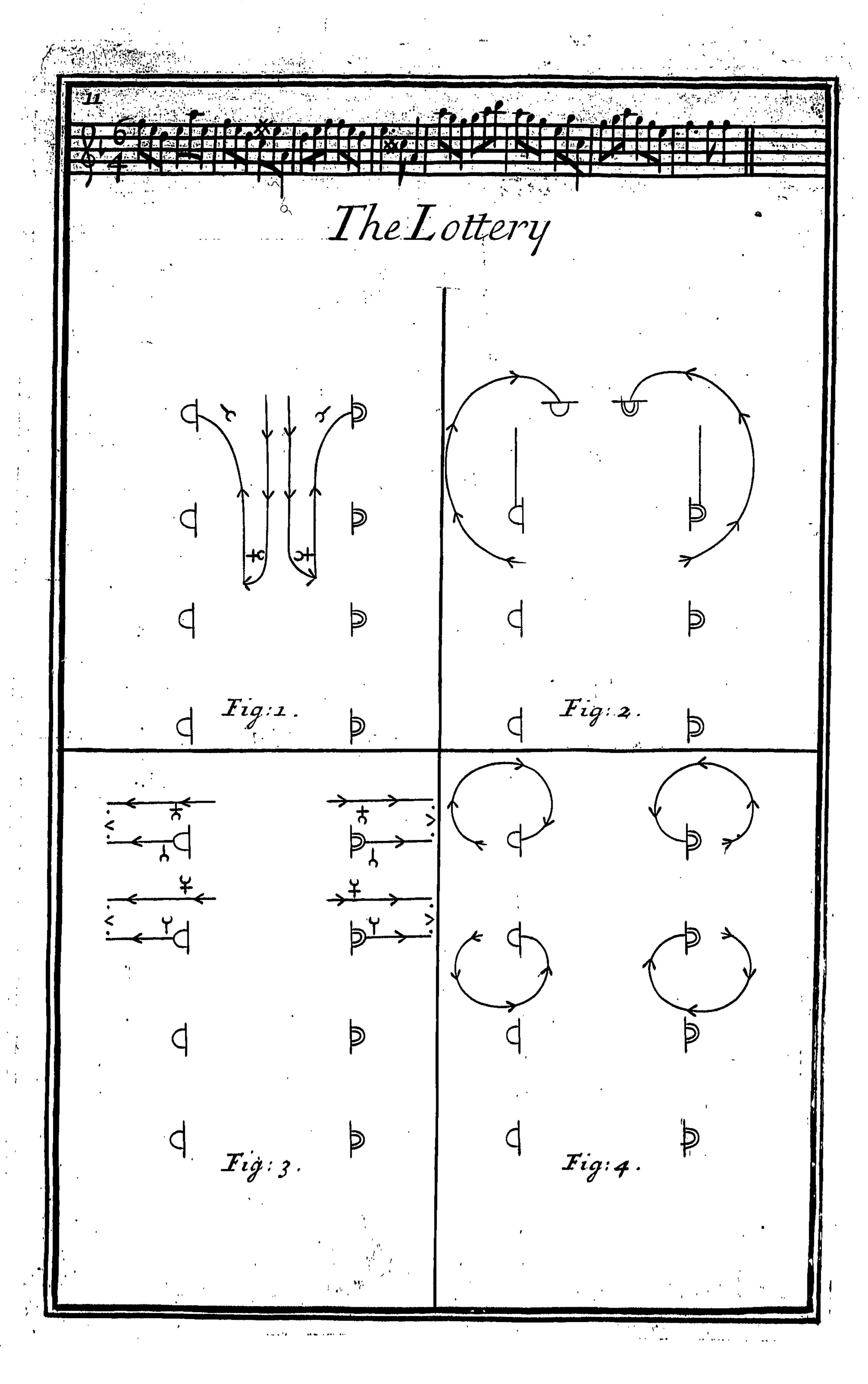


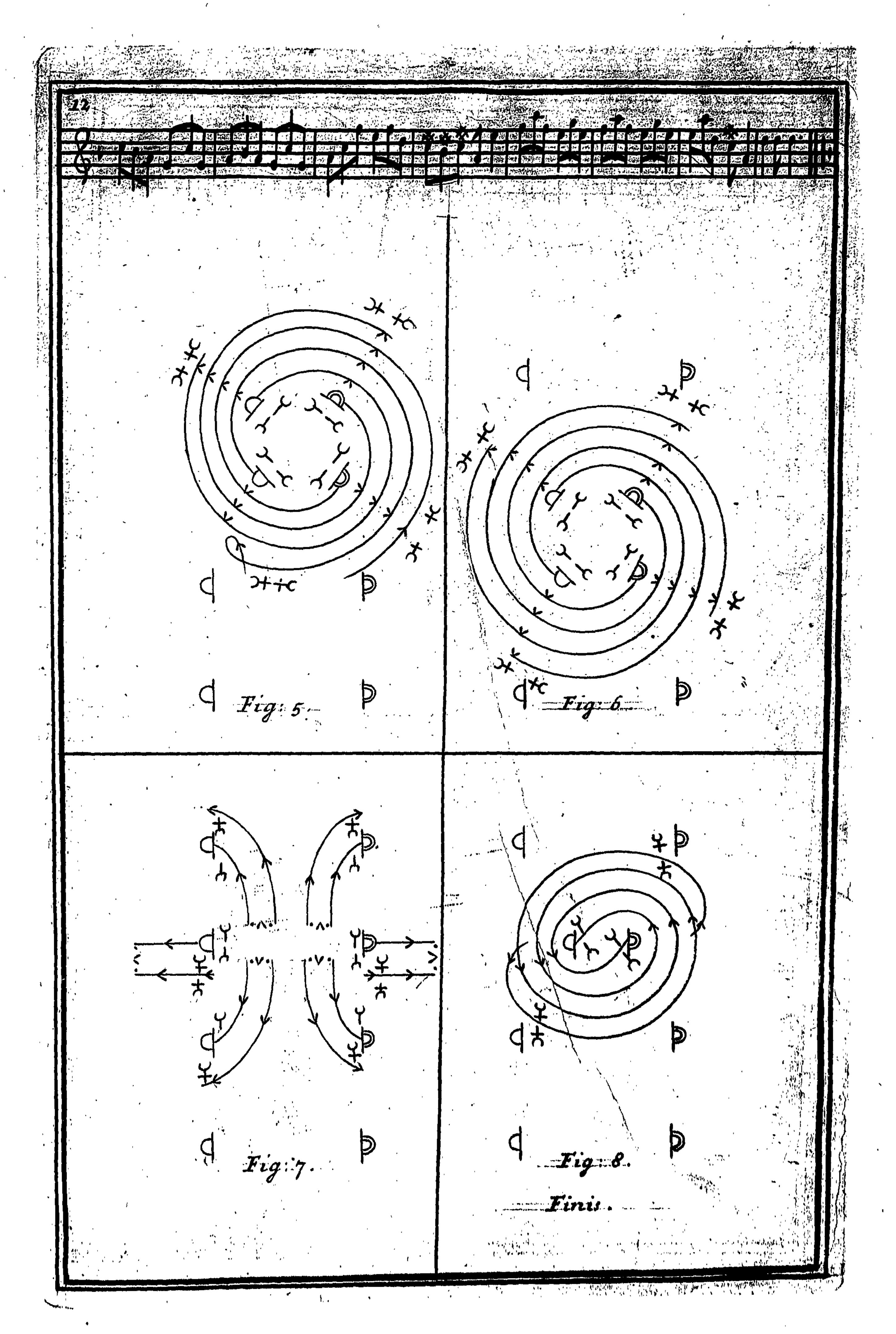










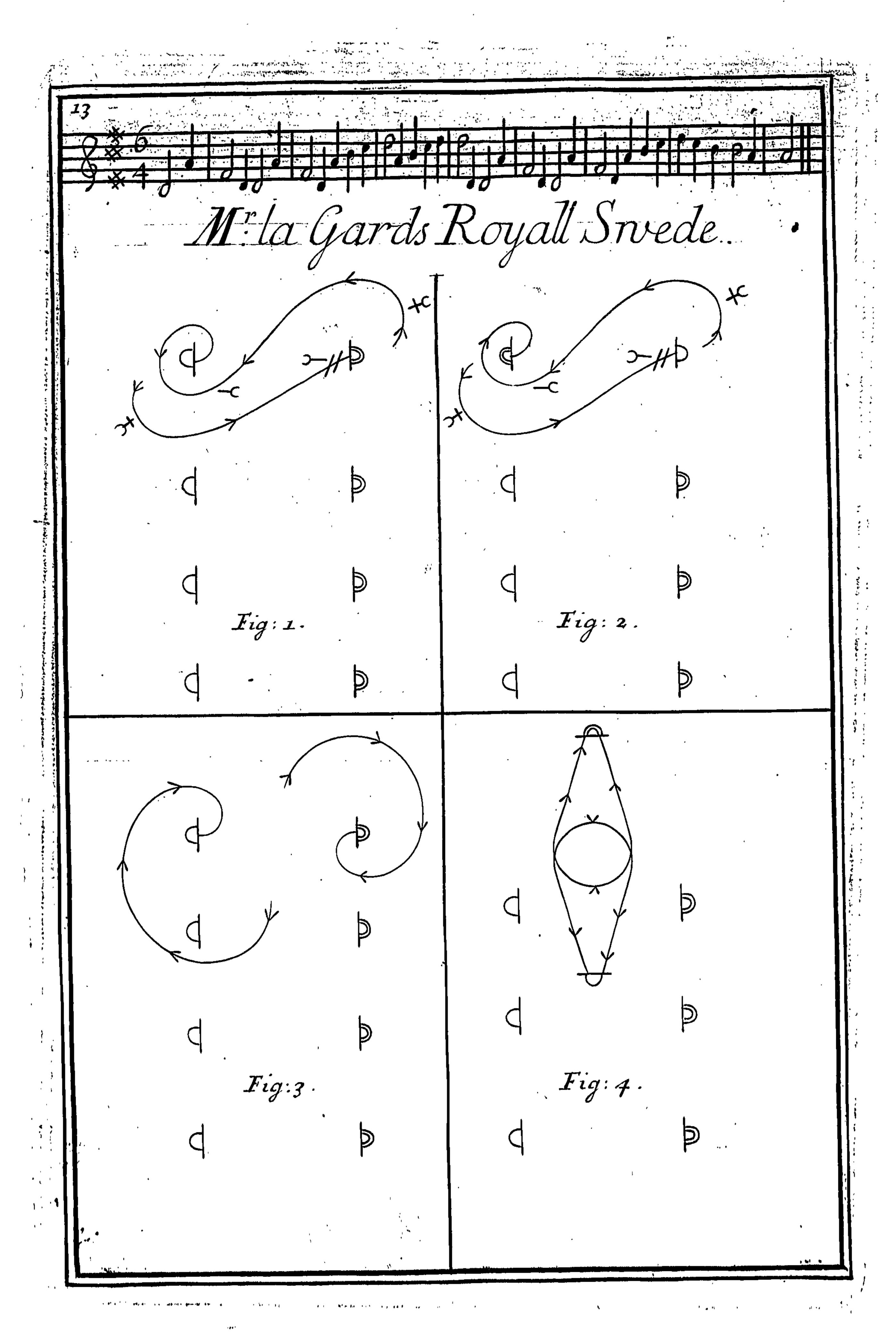


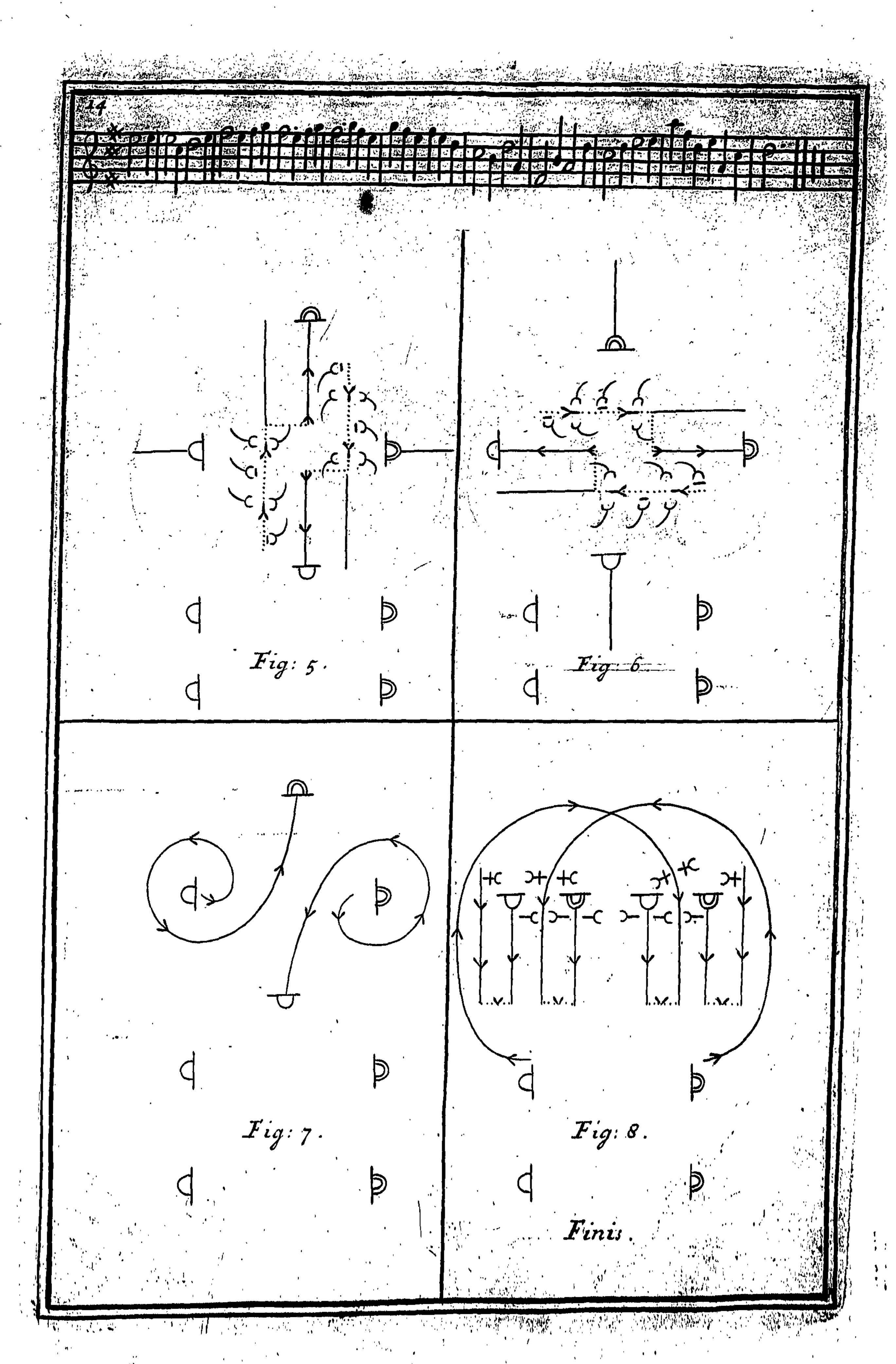
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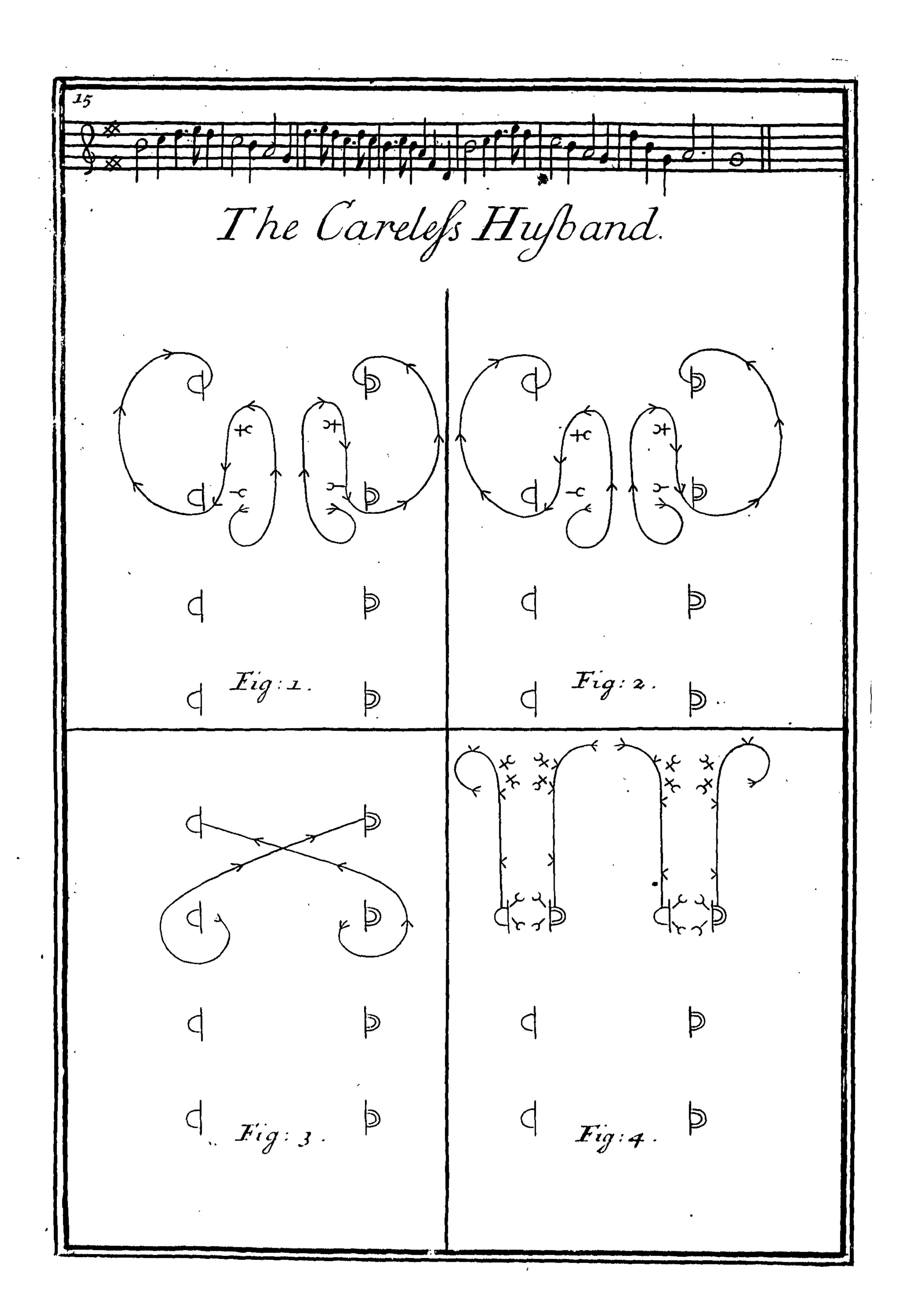
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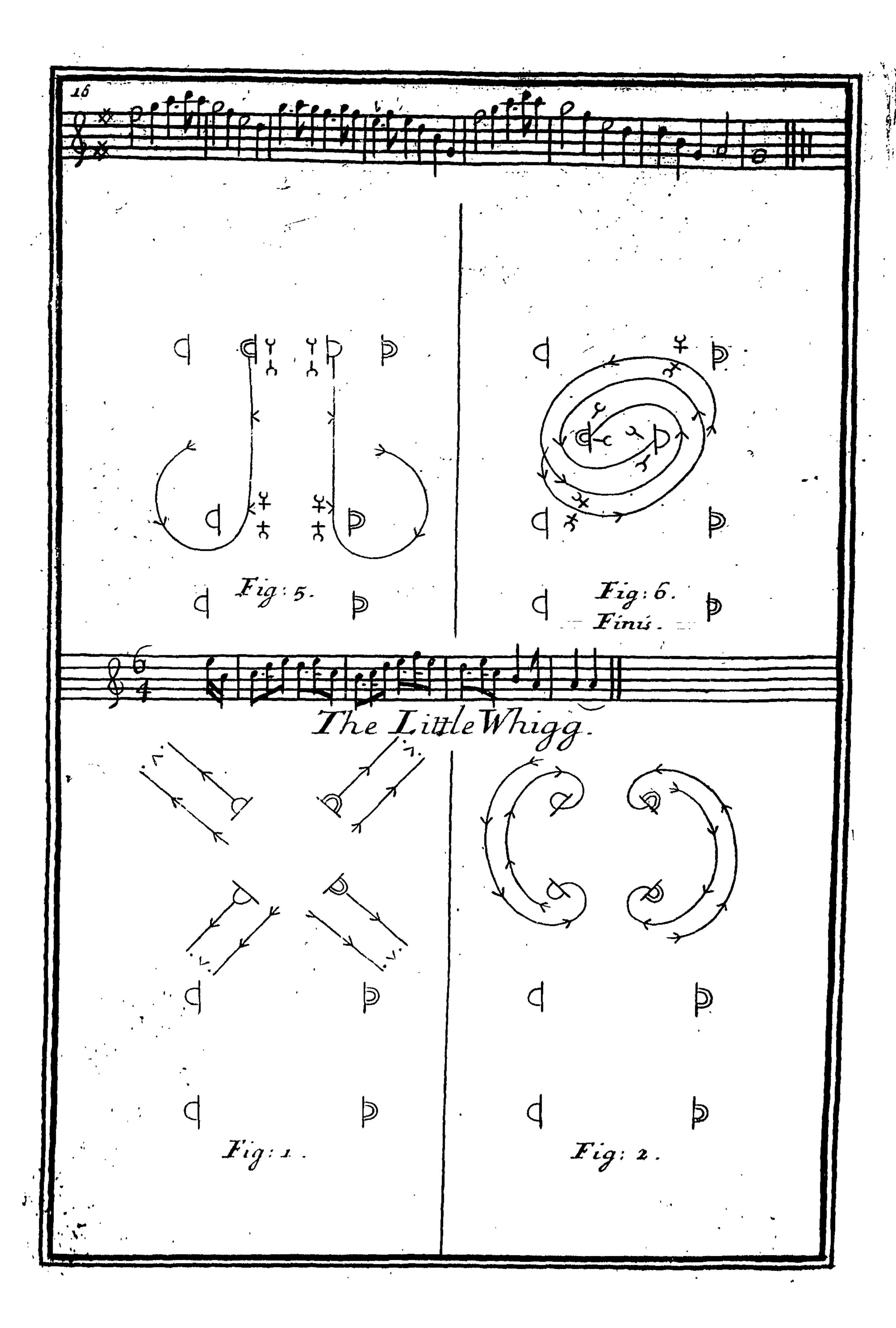
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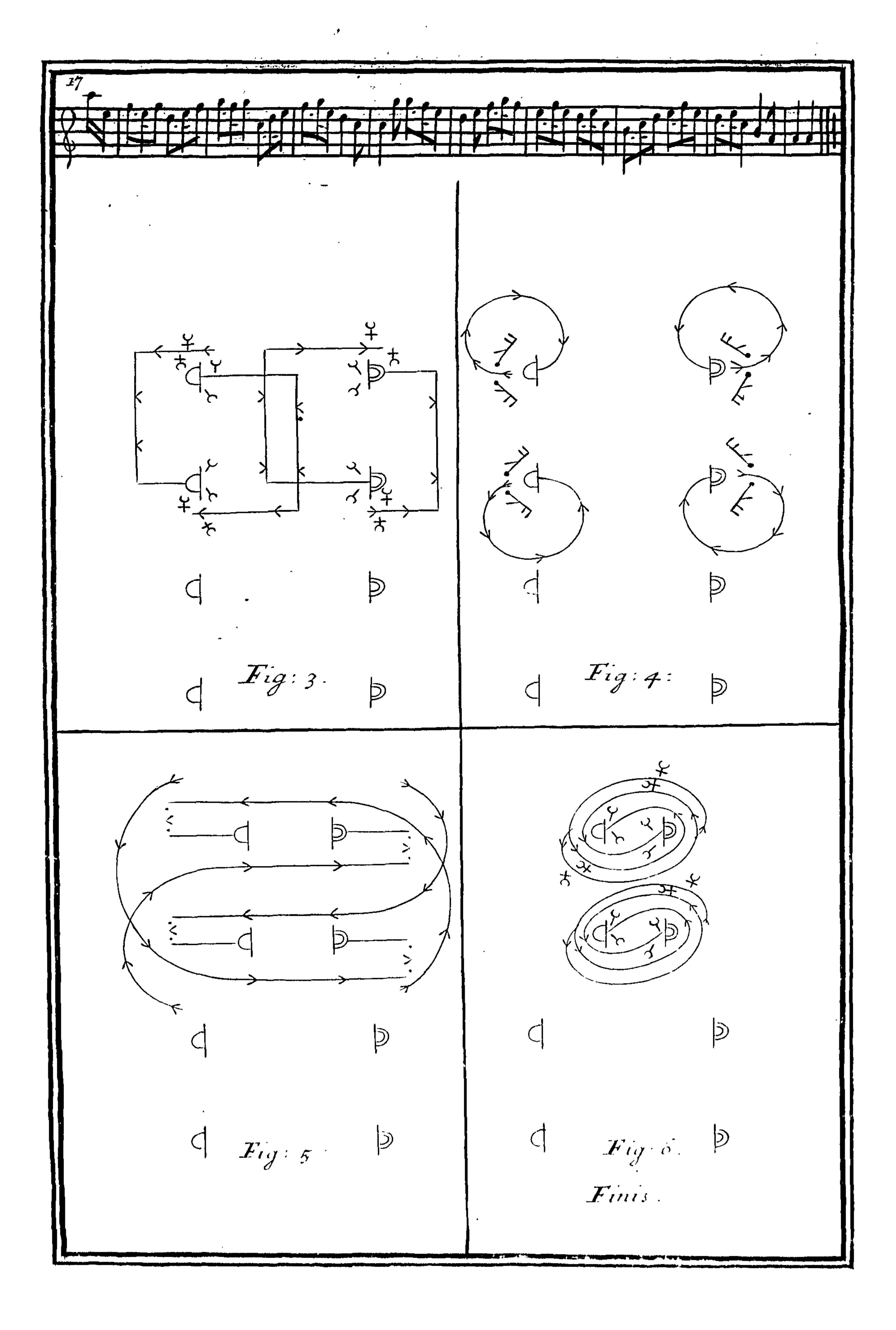
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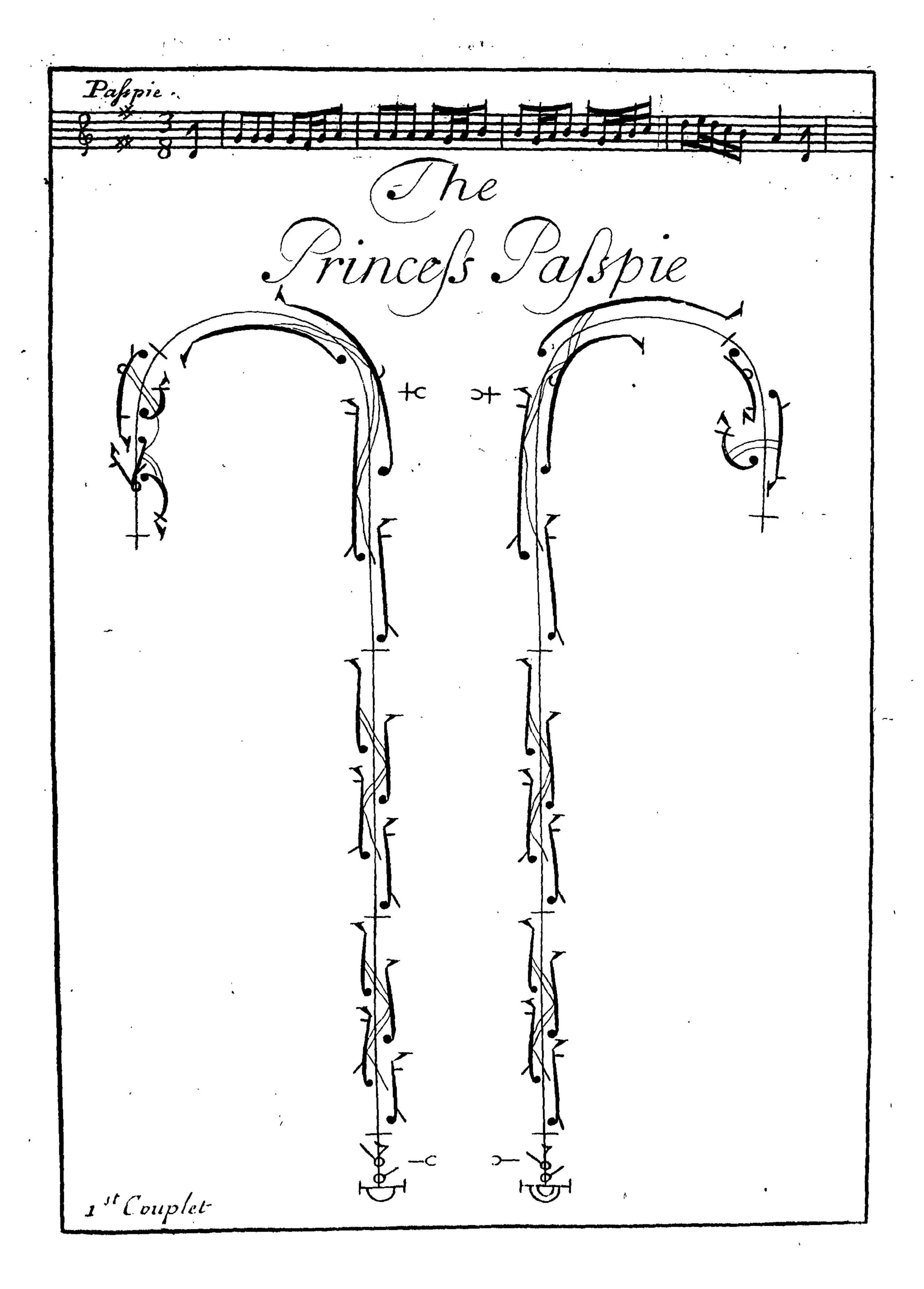


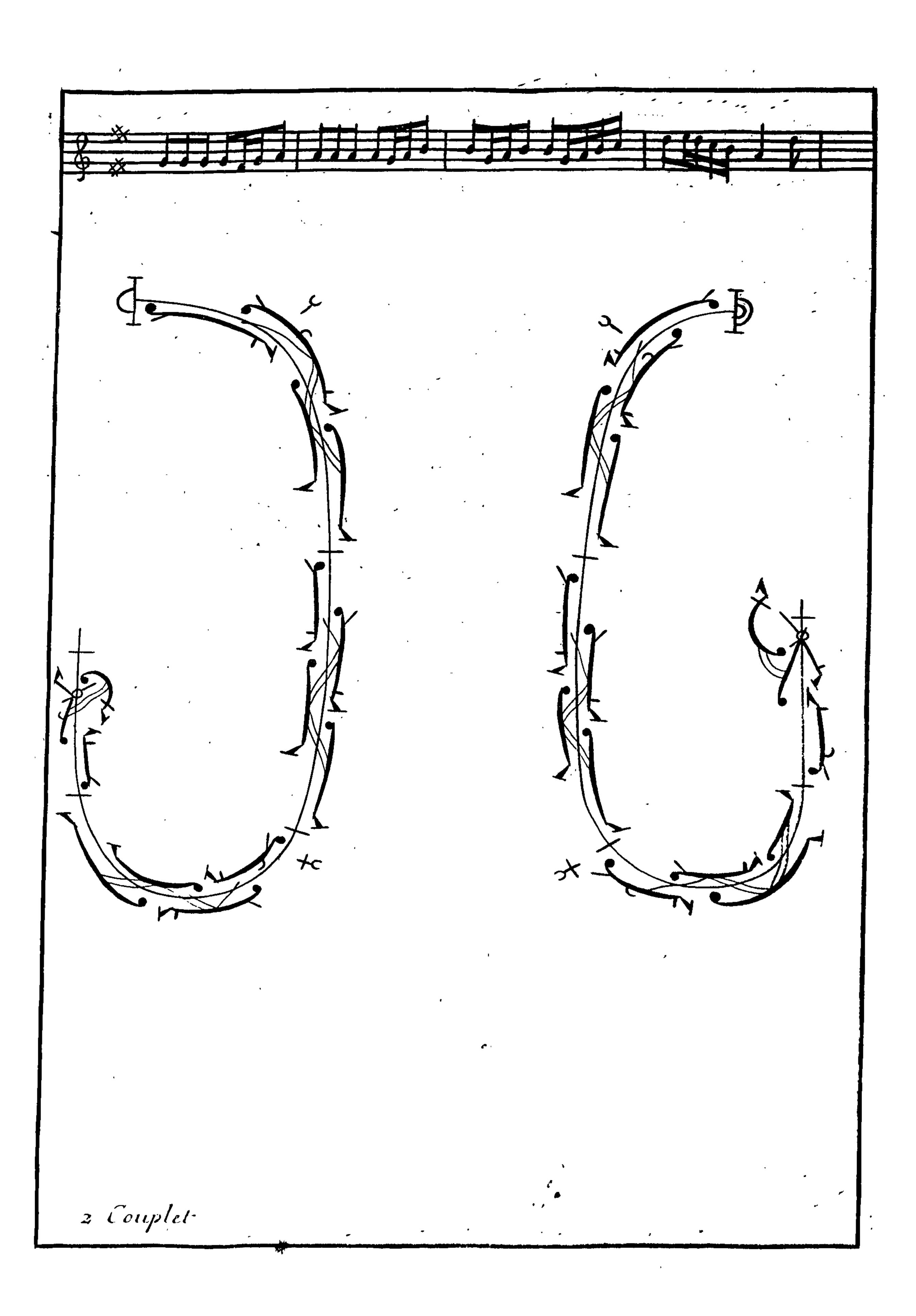


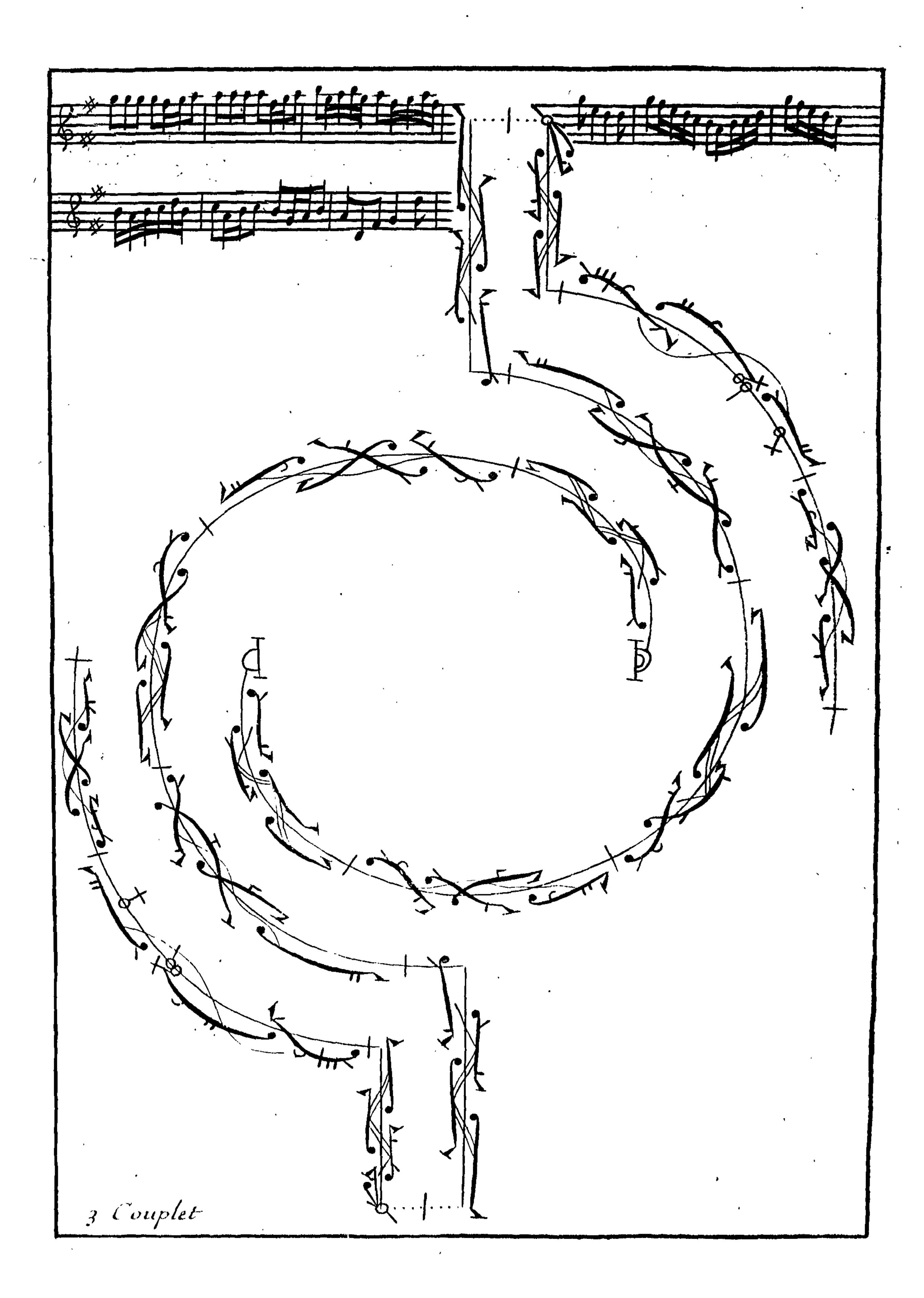


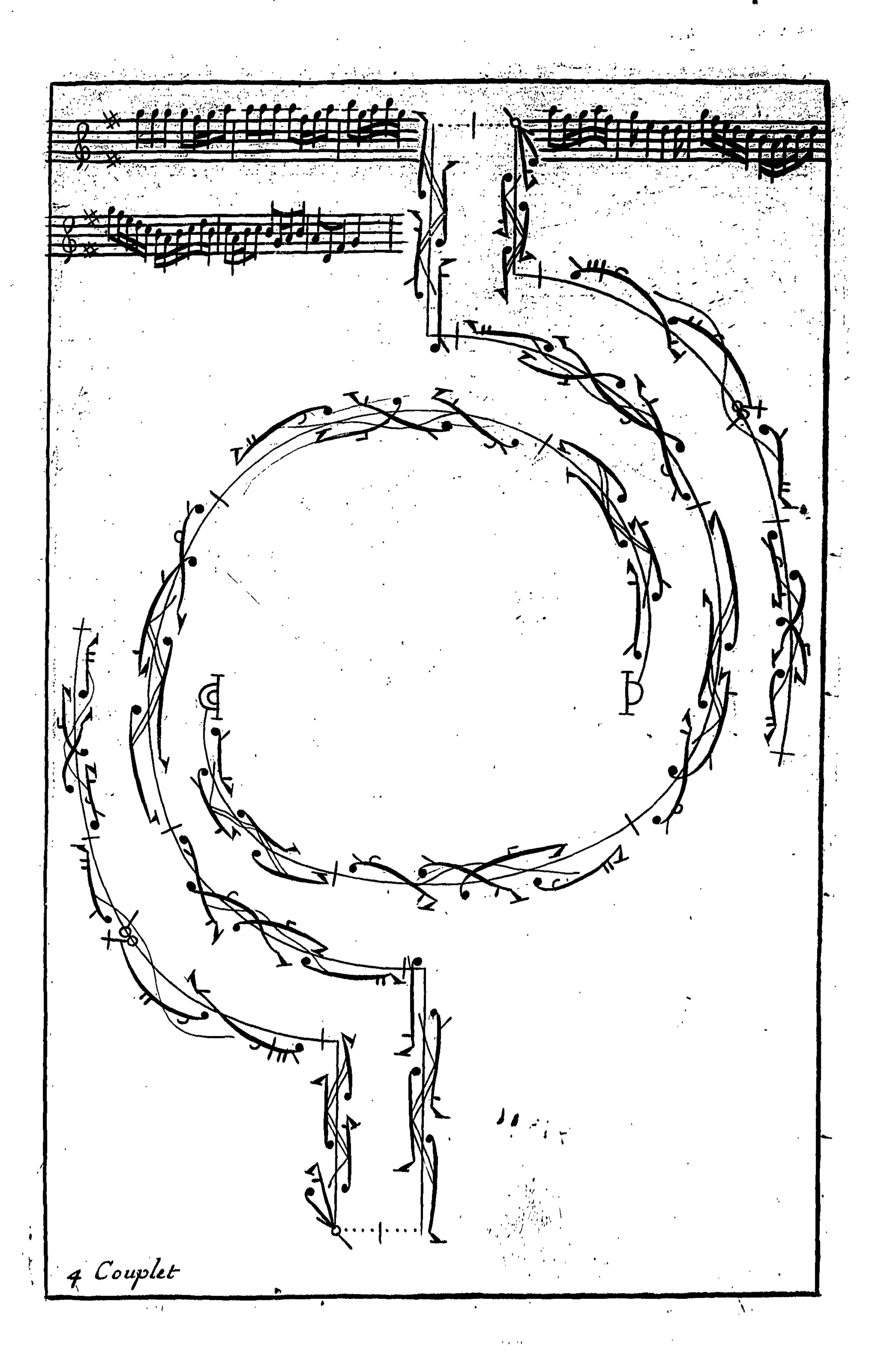


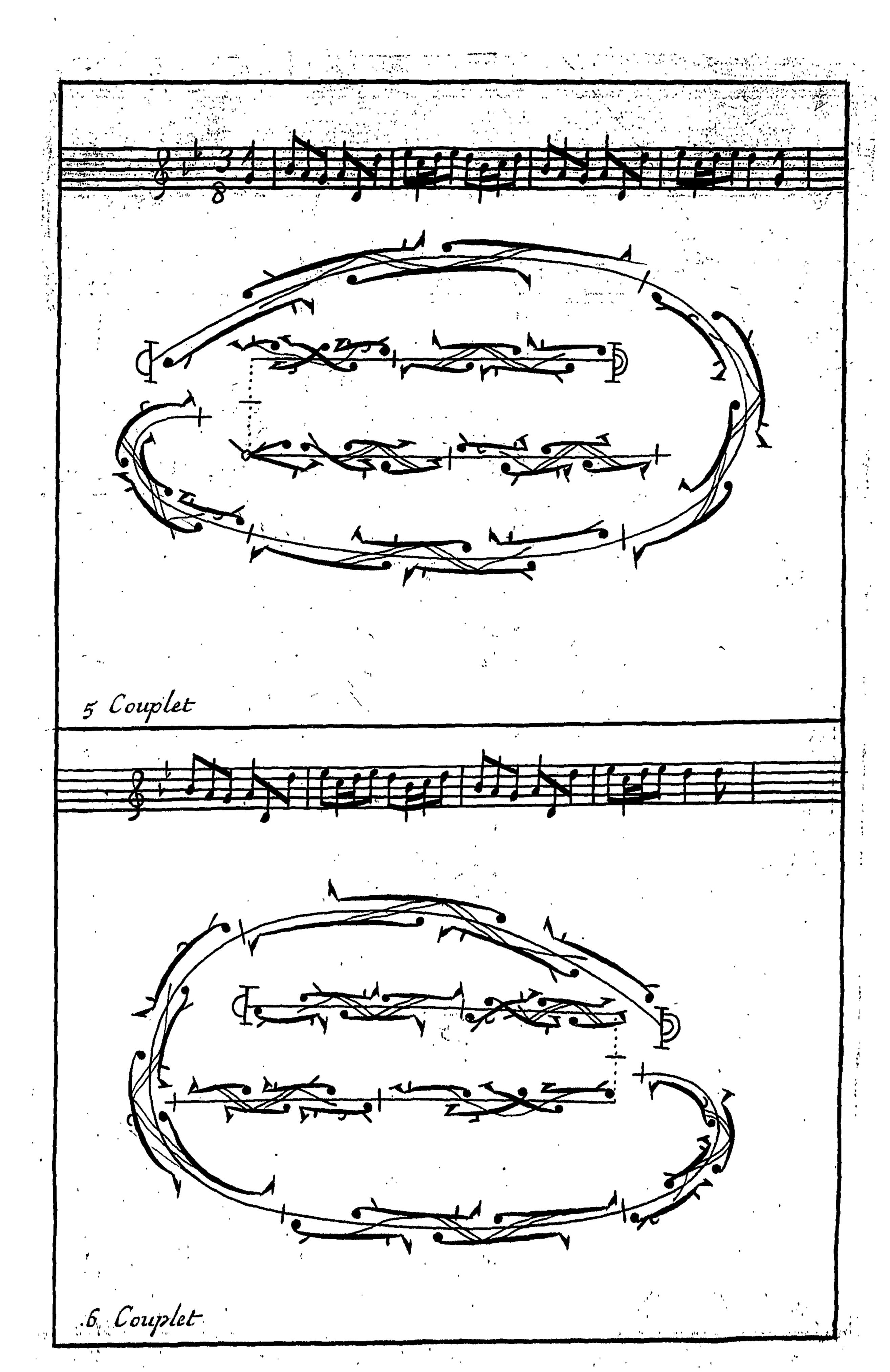


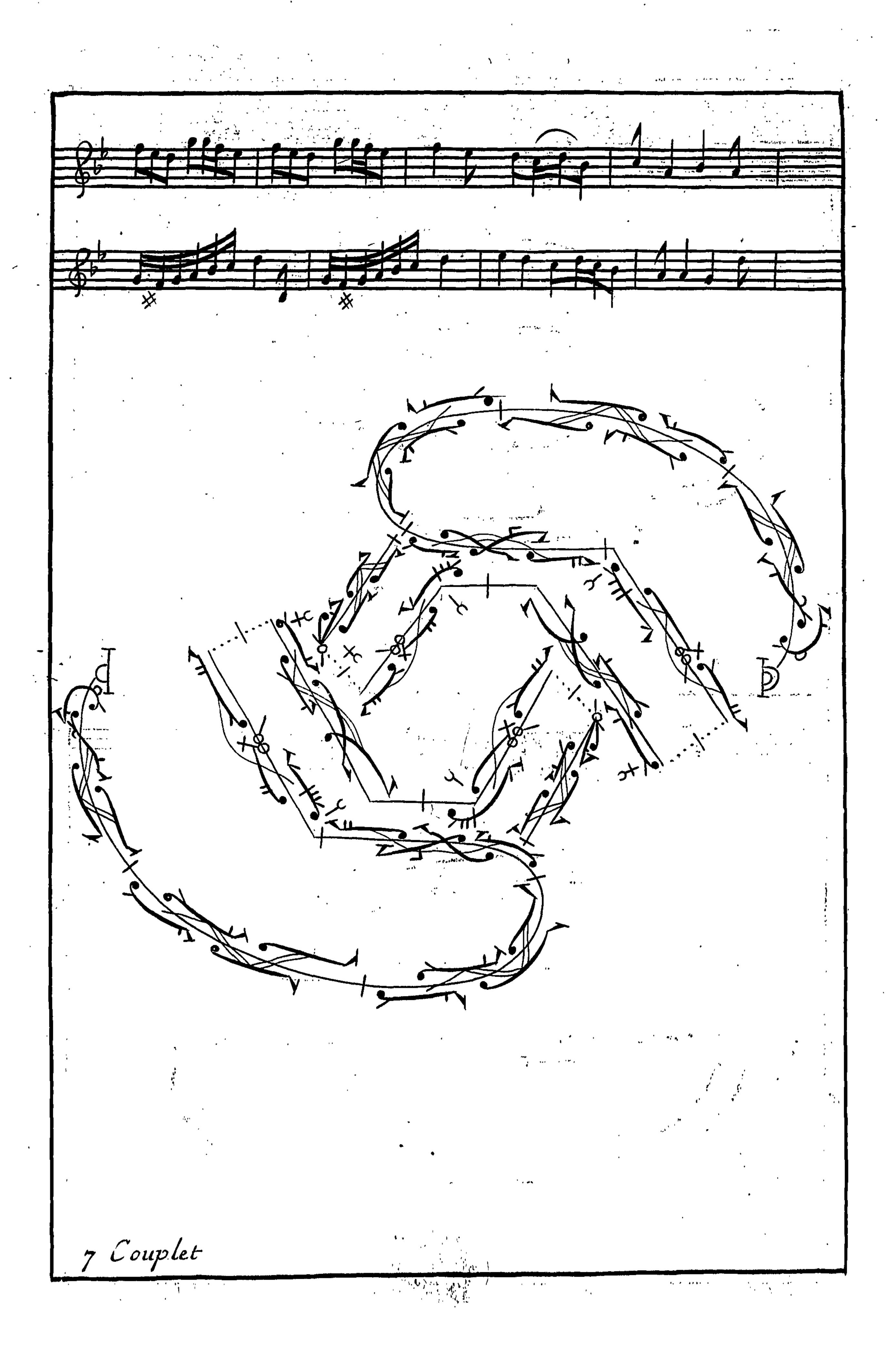


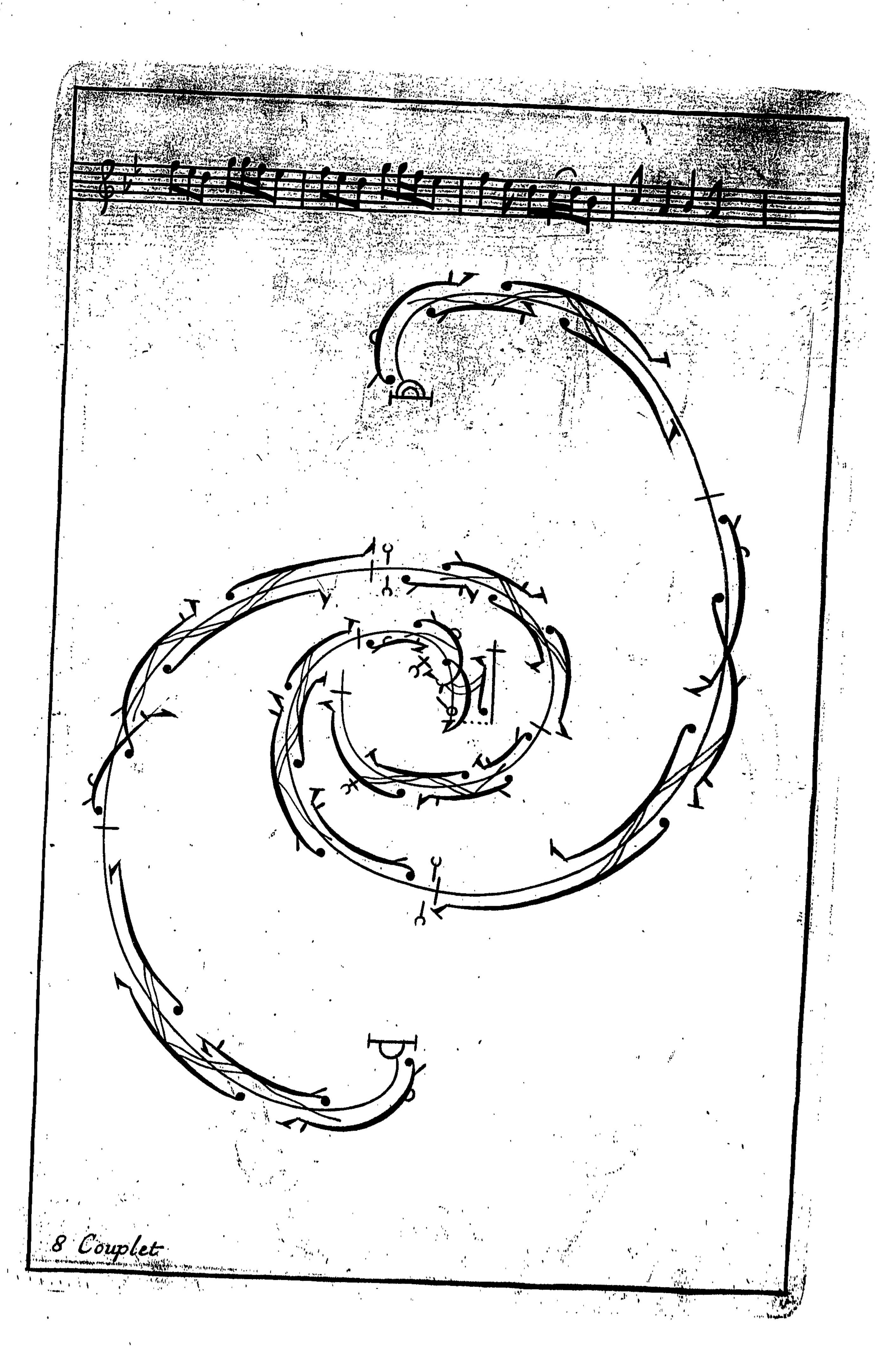


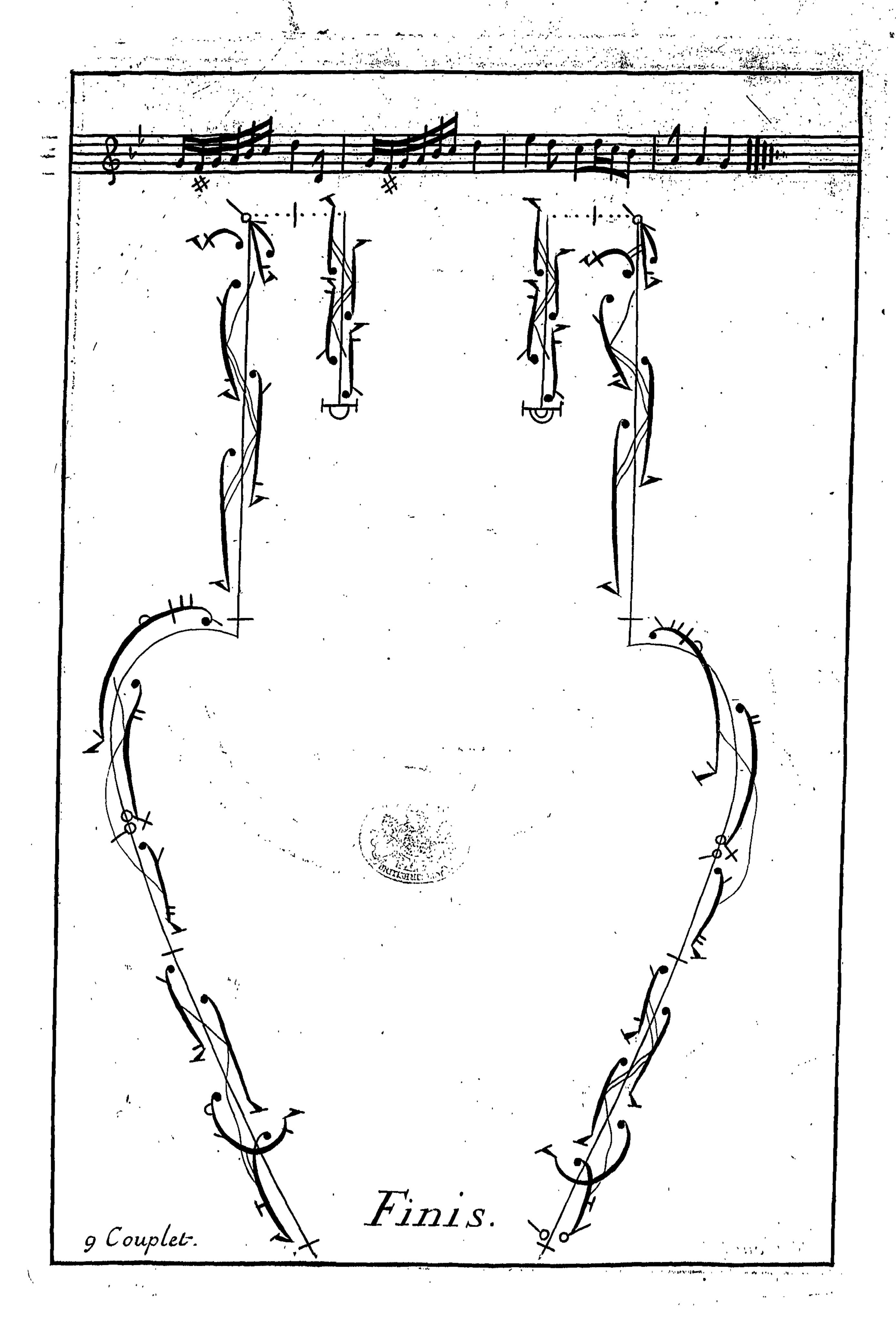


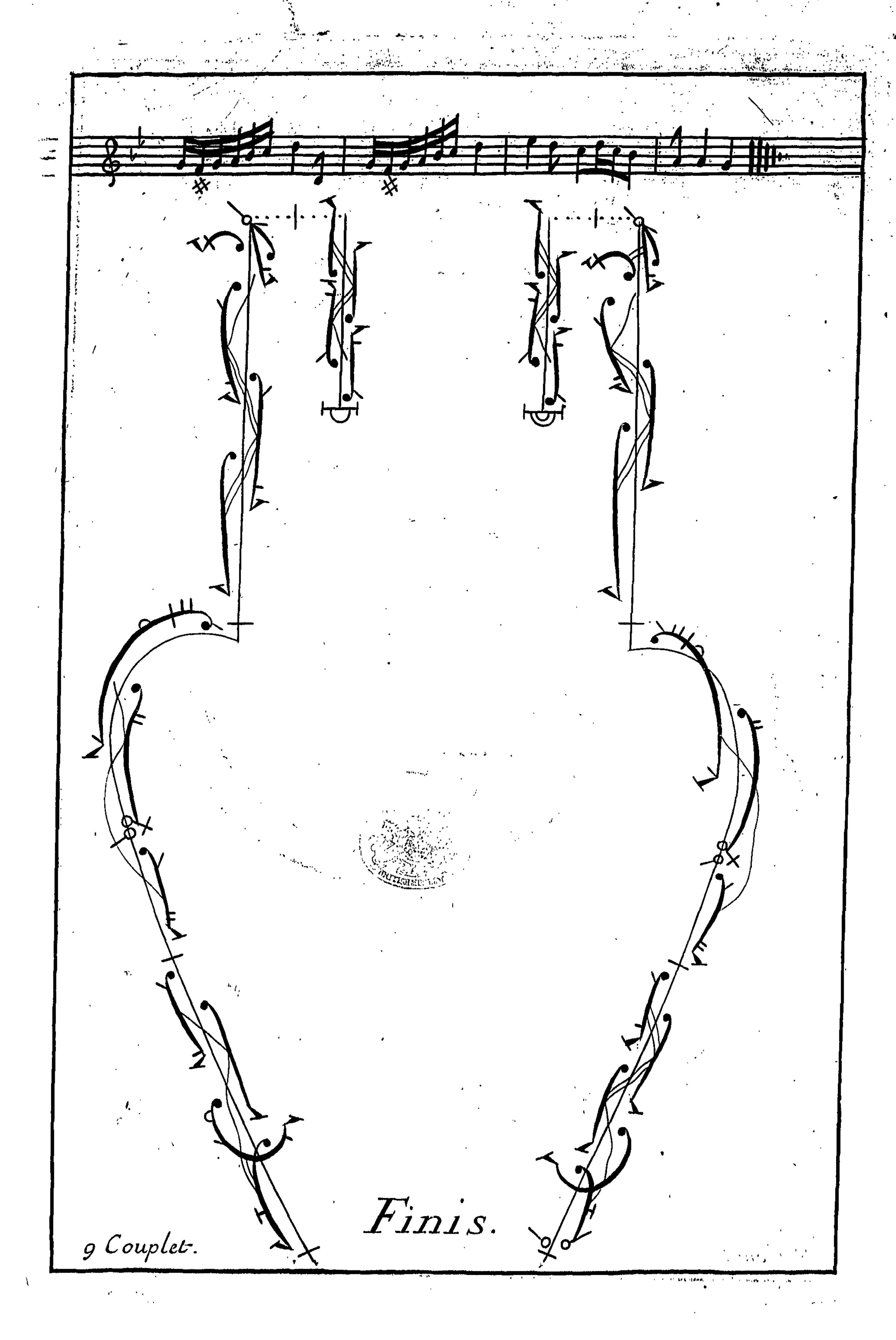












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