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It is not the purpose of this book to project any novel system of teaching dancing or to advocate any unique dances. Rather it is a painstaking effort to reduce to the simplest possible terms an authoritative method and to treat merely with those dances which have become established and standardized.

Many dance publications were examined, and while interesting in themselves appeared to present a discouraging if not formidable aspect when they moved to the avowed intention to instruct. Replete with the usual dance formulas, a headachy rotation of steps, such tanglefoot would seem to daunt the most venturesome of beginners.

Through an experience of thirty years and more in teaching dancing, I have steadily held that to learn easily one must begin to enjoy at once. So that the novice will not be asked to plunge headlong — or feet foremost — into material that might easily be depressive.

The diagrams herewith have been devised with great care to throw a more kindly light on the sometime — but not always — intricate measures of the dance; to make, at a glance, the mechanics as comprehensive as possible.

Briefly, I propose to raise your foot and place it in the correct rotation of the dance and to the beat of the music.

Moreover, I will presuppose you innocent

of the veriest rudiments of dancing, and of music too, and at the risk of being redundant will be overprecise in explanations.

Do you know what "tempo" means, or to "glide"? Of course I know you may; but I will explain them carefully and make sure!