### 3-Minute Technique

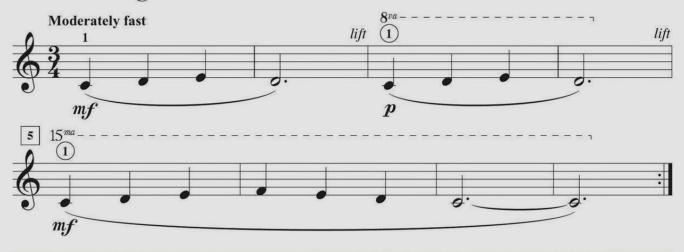
## Octave Sign (8<sup>va</sup> - Ottava)

When  $8^{va}$  is written *above* the staff, play one octave (8 notes) **higher** than written. When  $8^{va}$  is written *below* the staff, play one octave **lower** than written.  $15^{ma}$  means 2 octaves higher (or lower).

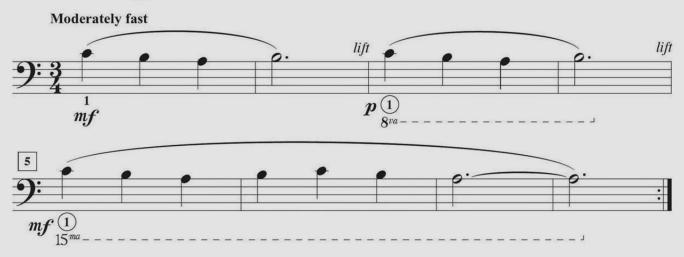
#### **Technique Hints**

- Tap the rhythm for each exercise with the correct hand. Count aloud, "1-2-3."
- Then play using a **rounded hand shape**. Balance on a *firm fingertip* as you play each key. Note: A circled finger number alerts you to a change of hand placement.

## R.H. Fingerwork



# L.H. Fingerwork



More Technique: Repeat this exercise starting on L.H. finger 2.