

ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPT OF BACH'S EIGHTH INVENTION.

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Note.—It is quite probable that Bach originally intended these "Inventions" as a guide to extempore playing, since the manuscript title reads "not merely how to obtain good Inventions (ideas), but also how to develop them properly." They were written probably in 1722–23.

According to the Friedemann Bach manuscript, reproduced above, this is the Fourth Invention ("Inventio 4"), but according to the manuscript owned by Spohr it is the Eighth, and so called here.