

In playing C to E the two fingers involved must move together as one finger without movements of the wrist or hand.

In playing D to E finger 3 should remain about one quarter of an inch over its hole as finger 2 is raised and dropped.



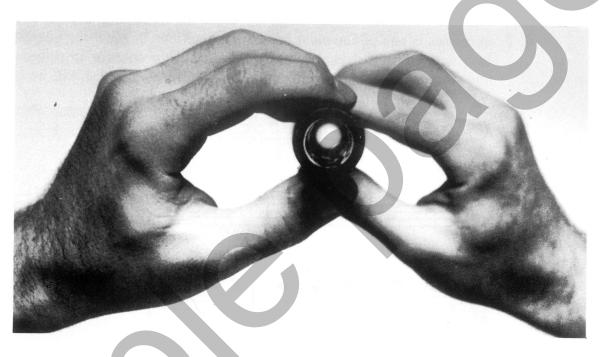
Section 4

the action of the thumb

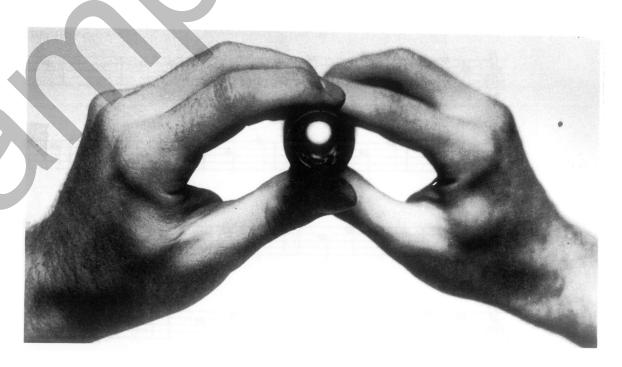
To produce the note G only one finger is left on the instrument and the thumb action in the interval F - G must be practised to ensure that only the thumb moves. The other fingers, the wrist and the arm must remain immobile. The thumb, like the fingers, should move only about one quarter of an inch and should be replaced gently on the hole without pressure and without flattening at the first joint as in photograph K. The thumb action should be from the base of the thumb only. When the thumb is returned to the instrument it should return to the position shown in photograph J, not the position shown in photograph K. Study the following photographs.

the note G





J/ correct thumb position (as seen at eye level)



K/ incorrect thumb position (thumb hole closed)

